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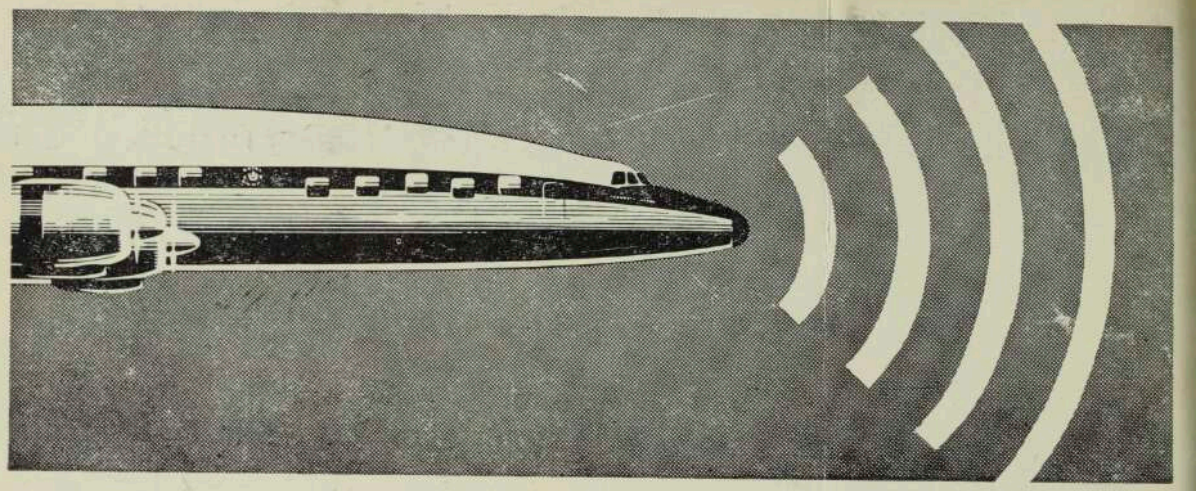


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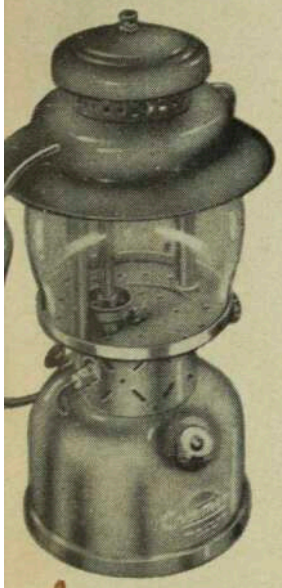
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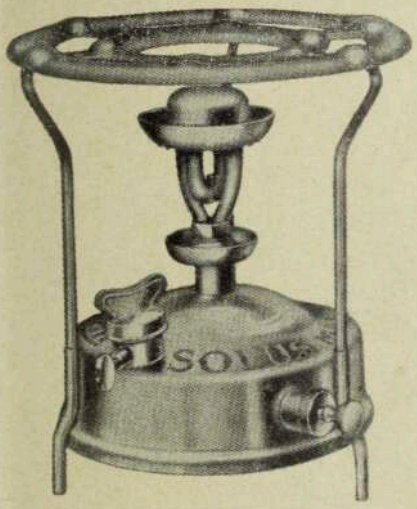
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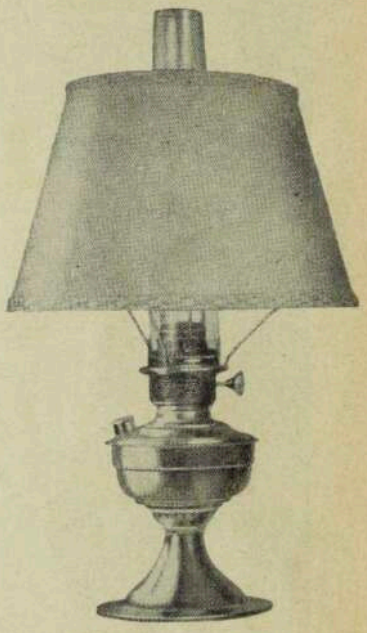
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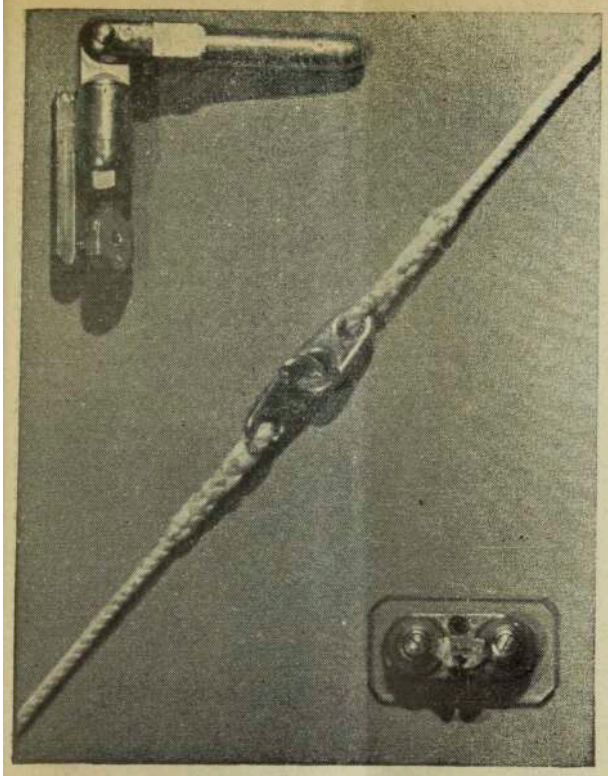
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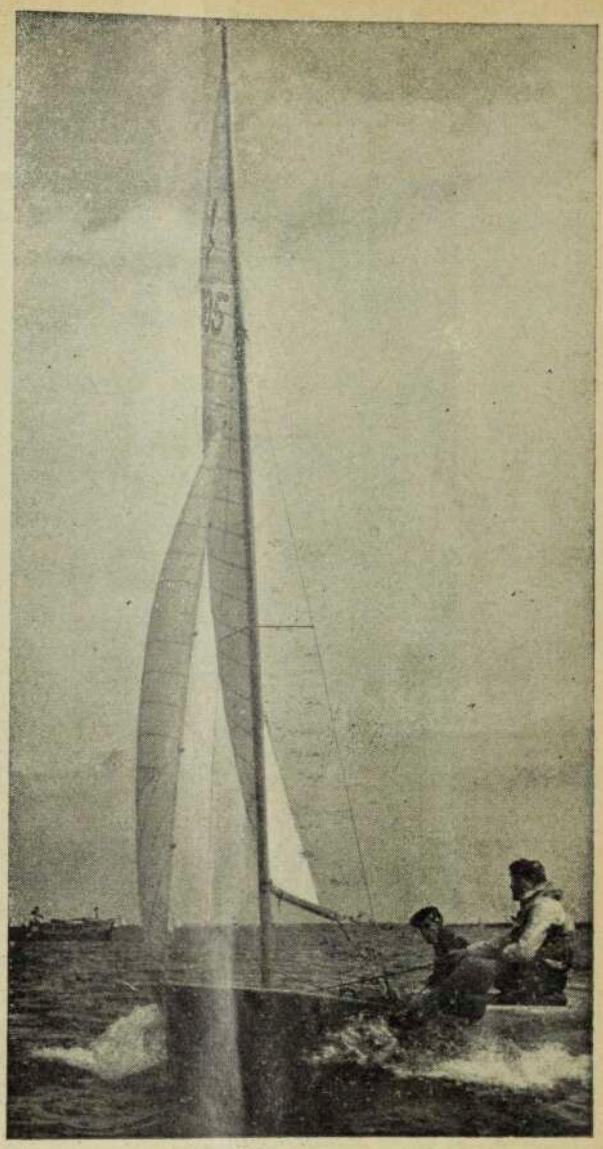


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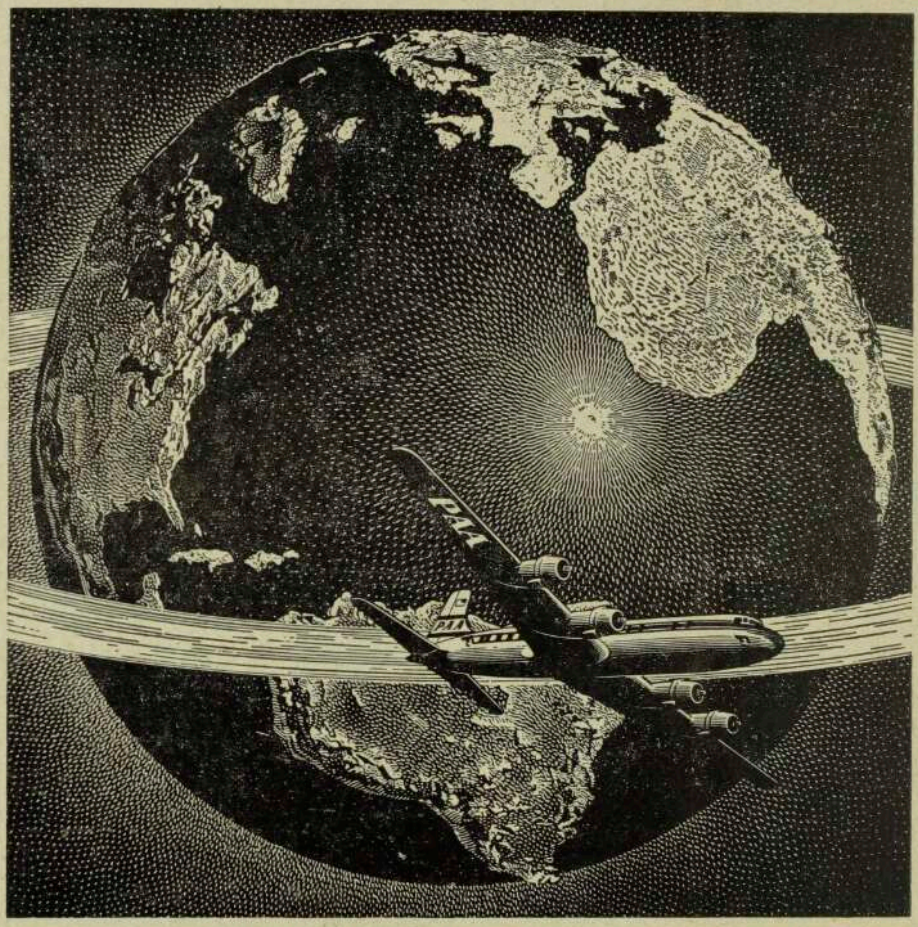
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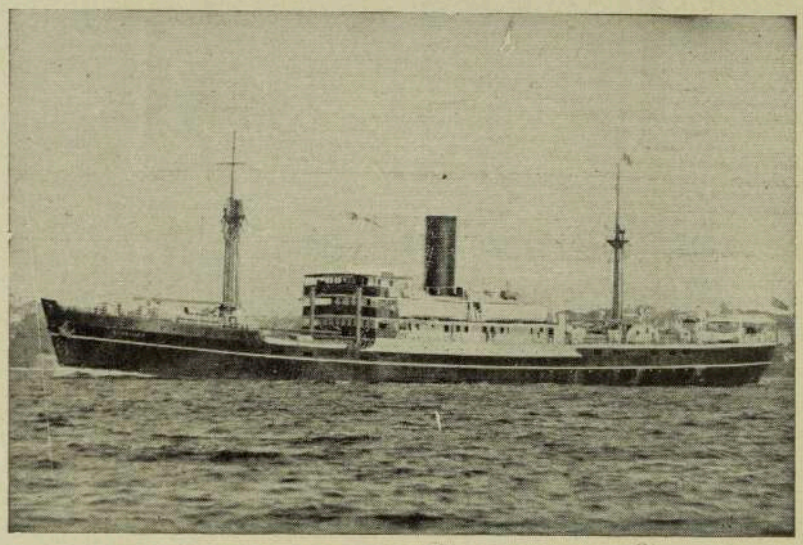
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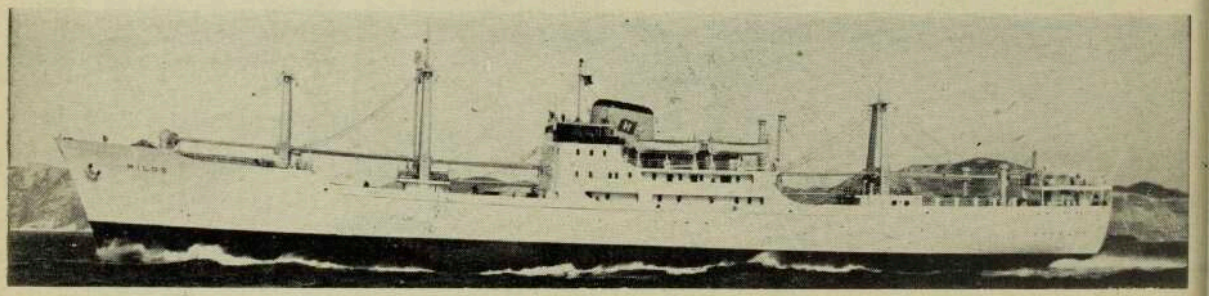
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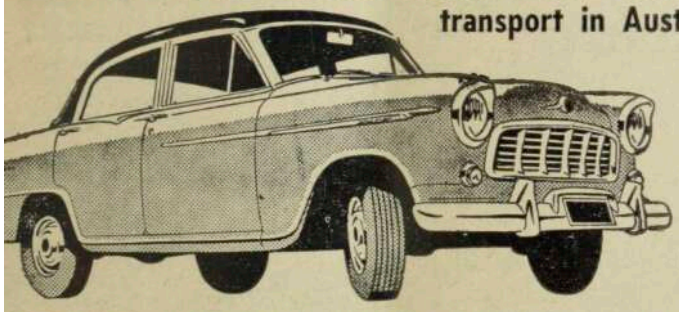
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. Sydney-New Guinea

rice by Qantas Empire Airways
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NORTHWARDS

Mon.

art: Arrive:
6.30 p.m. Brisbane, 9.10 p.m.
e, 10.10 p.m.

Tues.

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Townsville, 1.50 a.m.
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45 p.m. Pt. Moresby, 2 p.m.
esby, 2.45 p.m. Brisbane, 9.20 p.m.
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art: Arrive:
30 a.m. Pt. Moresby, 11.45 a.m.
esby, 12.30 p.m. Cairns, 3.20 p.m.
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Sydney, 12.50 a.m

P-NG Internal Services

Operated by Qantas
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(DC3)

d. (Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 19, etc.).
Departs Lae 11.00 a.m., calls at Madang and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia 3.30 p.m. Every alternative Thurs. (Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 20, etc.) departs Hollandia at 9.30 a.m., and, with calls at Wewak and Madang, arrives Lae at 3.20 p.m.

LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Alt. Wed. (Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 19, etc.).
Dep. Lae, 8.00 a.m.: Finschhafen, Hoskins, Rabaul, Kavieng, arr. Manus 3.30 p.m.
Every alt. Sat. (Jan. 25, Feb. 8, 22, etc.) departs Manus 8 a.m. and with calls at Kavieng, Rabaul and Finschhafen, arrives Lae at 3.30 p.m.

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Via Yule Is., Kerema, Vaimuru: Alt. Fri. returning same day (Jan. 31, Feb. 14, 28, etc.).

PORT MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

Via Kerema, Kikori: Alt. Fri. returning Daru-Port Moresby direct same day (Jan. 24, Feb. 7, 21, etc.).

PORT MORESBY-SAMARAI (Catalina)

Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Pt. Moresby: Alt. Tues. (Jan. 28, Feb. 11, 25, etc.).

PORT MORESBY-RABAUL (Catalina)

Alt. Tues. (Jan. 21, Feb. 4, 18, etc.) Port Moresby-Moewe Harbour-Talasea-Jacquinot Bay-Rabaul, returning via same ports (Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 20, etc.).

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Catalina)

Alt. Wed. (Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 19, etc.), Rabaul, Buka, Teopasino, Kieta, Buin. Returning same day.

LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-KAVIENG-RABAUL SERVICE (DC3)

Mon.: Dep. Lae 6.30 a.m., Madang arr. 7.35 a.m. Wewak, Manus, Kavieng, Rabaul, arr. 3.45 p.m.
Tues.: Dep. Rabaul 6.30 a.m., direct to Madang, arr. 9.25 a.m.
Thurs.: Dep. Lae 6.30 a.m., Madang, Awar, Wewak, Manus, Kavieng, Rabaul, arr. 4.05 p.m.
Fri.: Dep. Rabaul 6.30 a.m. Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, arr. 3.55 p.m.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)

Fridays: Lae (7.45 a.m.) to Wapenamunda, calling at any of: Goroka, Nondugl, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Baiyer R., Kainantu, Wapenamunda. Arrival back at Lae dependent on stops.

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Fridays: Lae (7.30 a.m.) to Goroka, calling at any of Nadzab, Kaiapit, Gusap, Aiyura, Finintegu, Rintebe, Bena Bena, Kainantu, Goroka, Arona. Arrival back at Lae depends on stops made.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (D.H. Beaver)

Dep. Lae: Mon. 7.30 a.m., Tues. 11 a.m.
Dep. Wau: Mon. 8.55 a.m., Tues., 12.25 p.m. Bulolo is omitted on return flights which take 30 minutes, Wau-Lae.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU-PT. MORESBY (DC3)

Dep. Lae Wed. and Sat. 9 a.m. via Bulolo, Wau to Port Moresby, returning via same route.

MADANG-GOROKA (DC3)

Wed.: Depart Madang 7.45 a.m., arrive Goroka 8.20 a.m., returning same day; depart Goroka 8.50 a.m., arr. Madang 9.25 a.m.

NEW GUINEA-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (DC3)

Fridays: Depart Lae 1.30 p.m., Finschhafen 2.20 p.m., arrive Rabaul 4.30 p.m.
Saturdays: Depart Rabaul 5.45 a.m., direct to Lae, arr. 8.25 a.m.
Sundays: Depart Lae 12 noon, Finschhafen 1 p.m., Rabaul 3.10 p.m.
Tuesdays: Depart Rabaul 5.45 a.m., Finschhafen 8.10 a.m., arrive Lae 8.45 a.m.
Alt. Thurs. (Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 20, etc.). Dep. Lae 8 a.m., Finschhafen, Rabaul, Buka, Rabaul, arr. 2.55 p.m.
Alt. Thurs. (Jan. 30, Feb. 13, 27, etc.). Dep. Lae 8 a.m., Finschhafen, Rabaul, arr. 11.5 a.m.
Alt. Fri. (Jan. 24, Feb. 7, 21, etc.). Dep. Rabaul 8 a.m., Madang, Goroka, Lae, arr. 1.20 p.m.
Alt. Fri. (Jan. 31, Feb. 14, 28, etc.). Dep. Rabaul 8 a.m., Madang, Goroka, Lae, arr. 1.20 p.m.

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Mon.: Depart Lae at 7.30 a.m. for Goroka, Madang, Wewak, Madang, Rabaul—remaining overnight. Depart Lae 7.30 a.m. for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae.
Tues.: Depart Rabaul at 6.30 a.m. for Madang, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae.
Wed.: Depart Lae 7 a.m. for Madang, Wewak, Momote, Kavieng, Rabaul. Depart Lae 7.30 a.m. for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae. Optional call at Goroka on this flight.
Thurs.: Depart Rabaul 7 a.m. for Kavieng, Momote, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae.
Fri.: Depart Lae at 7 a.m. for Madang, Wewak, Momote, Kavieng, Rabaul — remaining overnight. Depart Lae 7.30 a.m. for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae.
Sat.: Depart Rabaul at 7 a.m. for Kavieng, Momote, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae.

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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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Mon. (Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 24 etc.) Lae dep. 6 a.m.: Finschhafen, Rabaul, Buka, Vella Lavella, Yandina, Honiara (BSI), arriving 5.25 p.m.
Tues. (Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 25, etc.) Honiara dep. 7 a.m.: Yandina, Vella Lavella, Buka, Rabaul, Lae, arriving 3.35 p.m.

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9. Sydney-Noumea

By Qantas, with Skymasters
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Thurs.: Sydney dep. 11.45 p.m., arriving Tontouta, 7 a.m. Fridays.
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10. New Caledonia-New Hebrides

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Wednesdays: Depart Tontouta 8 a.m., arrive Santo 11.10 a.m., arrive Vila 1.45 p.m., depart Vila 2.15 p.m., arrive Tontouta 4.30 p.m.

Saturdays: Depart Tontouta 8 a.m., arrive Vila 10.20 a.m., arrive Santo 12.5 p.m., depart Santo 1.30 p.m., arrive Tontouta 4.40 p.m.

11. New Caledonia-Fiji-Wallis Is.

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12. Norfolk Is.-Auckland

TEAL, by Qantas (charter)

Alt. Sat.: Return flight Norfolk (dep. 8 a.m.) Auckland (arr. 11.45 a.m., dep. 1.15 p.m.) Norfolk (arr. 4.15 p.m.). (See Table 8 above).

13. Auckland-Sydney

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Tue., Thur., Fri.: Dep. Sydney 11.30 p.m.; arr. Auckland Wed., Fri. 6.30 a.m.

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Tues., Thurs.: Dep. Sydney 8.00 a.m., arr. Christchurch 3.10 p.m.

Sat.: Dep. Sydney 3.00 p.m., arr. Christchurch 10.10 p.m.

15A. Christchurch-Melbourne

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Sun.: Dep. Christchurch 11.30 a.m., arr. Melbourne 4.00 p.m.

Fri.: Dep. Melbourne 7.30 a.m., arr. Christchurch 3.00 p.m.

15B. Auckland-Melbourne

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 Aircraft.

Thurs.: Dep. Auckland 11.30 a.m., arr. Melbourne 4.15 p.m.

Mon.: Dep. Melbourne 7.30 a.m., arr. Auckland 3.45 p.m.

16. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Tues., Fri.: Dep. Auckland 4 p.m., arr. Nadi 9 p.m.

Wed., Sat.: Dep. Nadi 10.30 a.m., arr Auckland 3.30 p.m.

Pan-American Airways, with Skymasters

Sun., Tues., Thurs.: Dep. Auckland 3.30 p.m., arr. Nadi 10.35 p.m.

Sun., Tues., Thurs.: Dep. Nadi, 12.30 a.m., arr. Auckland 7.50 a.m.

17. Fiji-Tahiti

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent aircraft.

Service normally fortnightly, with extr flights as required.

Departs Suva Fri. 9 a.m., crosses date line, arrives Satapuala (W. Samoa Thurs 1.55 p.m., departs Fri, 2 a.m arrives Aitutaki (Cook Is.) 7.30 a.m departs 9.30 a.m., arrives Papeet (Tahiti) 2 p.m. Departs Papeete Sun 7.30 a.m., arrives Aitutaki 11 a.m departs 12.30 p.m., arrives Satapuala p.m., departs Mon. 8 a.m., crosses date line, arrives Suva Tues., 10.55 a.m.

Leaves Suva Jan. 30, Feb. 20, Mar. 20, etc. Leaves Papeete Jan. 26, Feb. 23, Mar. 9, 23.

(Note: Flight dep. Feb. 2, does not ca Apia).

18. Fiji-Samoa

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent Aircraft.

Dep. Suva 6 a.m., arr. Satapuala 11 a.m.

Dep. Satapuala 1.30 p.m., arr. Suva 4.1 p.m.

Next flights from Suva Feb. 4, 18, Ma 13, etc. Crossing International Da Line and leaving Satapuala (Jan. 2 Feb. 3, 17, Mar. 12).

19. Fiji-American Samoa

Pan American Airways With DC4 Aircraft

Alt. Fri. (Dec. 13, 27, etc.) dep. Nadi a.m., arr. Tafuna 12.30 p.m. (Thurs.

Alt. Thurs. (Dec. 12, 26, etc.) dep. Tafun 2.30 p.m., arr. Nadi 8.5 p.m. (Friday

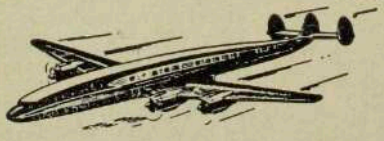
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a-Nadi-Suva: Two flights daily except Wed., Sun., one flight.
a-Nadi: Tues., Wed., Fri. (additional to the above return flights).
li-Suva: Wed., Thurs., Sat.
a-Labasa-Suva: Daily.
a-Taveuni-Suva: Fri., Sun.
a-Taveuni-Savusavu-Suva: Wed.
a-Savusavu-Taveuni-Suva: Thurs.
a - Labasa - Savusavu - Labasa - Suva: Tues., Thurs.
a-Labasa-Taveuni-Labasa-Suva: Fri.
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imea, Koumac, Noumea (with conditional call at Plaine des Gaiacs): Fri. a.m.
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Late Report: Fiji Airways and Qantas

It was freely reported in Sydney early in January that Fiji Airways had been purchased by Qantas, the big Australian Government-owned air transportation company.

The report is officially described as "premature". Qantas is one of a number of air transportation concerns which is interested in the purchase of Fiji Airways, if the latter is for sale.

But there can be no sale pending probate in the estate of the late Mr. Harold Gatty—and probate may not be granted for some time yet.

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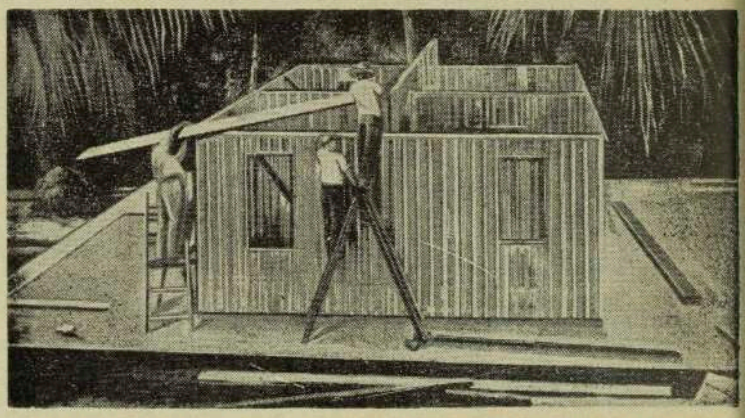
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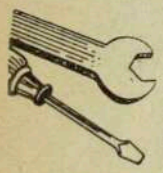
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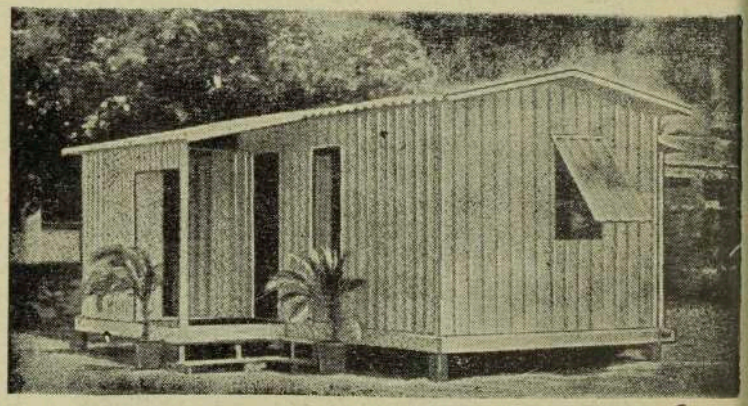


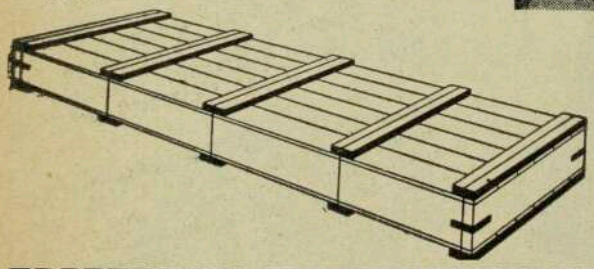
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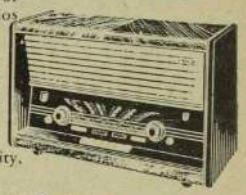
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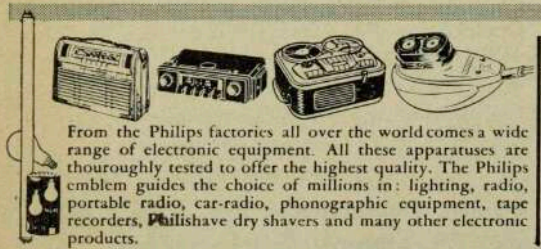


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COMMENTARY . . .

cific Federation Could l on Many Problems

ITH the birth of 1958, the whole of Britain's Carribbean Territories, hitherto administered as ozen independent units, began to ction as the West Indies Federa-, an important new country iin the British Commonwealth. hy should we not begin to plan, larly, for a South Pacific Fedion? It seems to offer the only ns by which we can attempt to e the various politico-economic blems of the South Pacific Terris.

apua and New Guinea have a elopment problem, an education blem, and a racial problem.

ne large Solomons, richly ened by nature, under-populated undeveloped, has many problems, h can be summed up in the blem of survival.

w Hebrides has a super-problem e problem of how it ever is go- to become a worthwhile home anyone under the stifling Coninium.

lbert and Ellice has the problem oo many people for too few s.

ji has a series of most acute lems—r a c i a l, developmental, ical—which grow in urgency as population grows.

estern Samoa, just now stepping into a large measure of self-rnment, could be helped greatly he sympathetic co-operation of outh Pacific neighbours.

ok Islands and Niue could be arly helped.

oner or later, a plan to solve West New Guinea-Indonesia er by adding West New Guinea ustralian New Guinea, as a Trusteeship, will be developed. might be done, simply, through uth Pacific Federation.

itain, Australia and New Zeaare primarily interested. Why ld they not get together now, endeavour to at least arrange nvention?

e South Pacific Commission has n that co-operation is possible. West Indies Federation has ed the way.

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Pattern of Cold War

free world is full of mischief; nd nearly all the mischief has common origin. It is calculated rass and weaken the Western ns. It is part of the Cold War. scow believes that if these disturbances can be maintained, at an increasing tempo, the non-Communist world will fall to pieces, leaving choice pickings for the Reds. Moscow probably is right.

Take a Sputnik view across the world, and note the trouble-spots.

• Behind the mess in Indonesia is the tireless hand of the Communist. The more confusion there, the greater the embarrassment of the West—and the more certainty of eventual Communist control.

• The Suez Canal has been taken from Anglo-French control; the Arab States are wavering; Russians, offering enormous monetary aid "without strings", dominated the Asian-African Conference in Cairo; Egypt and Syria will definitely cross the line into the Soviet bloc, the moment the Anglo-American containment of the Communist nations is weakened. This is all Moscow's planning.

• There is a challenge to British authority in Singapore, Cyprus, Malta—all places vital to Anglo-American strategy. *Something* keeps on stirring up the Leftist elements in those places.

• France, which should play a mighty part in defence of Western Europe, is torn and weakened by political unrest. Communists work ceaselessly on the industrial masses and the North African colonies.

• Venezeula has just stifled an apparently purposeless revolution.

The free world draws most of its vital oil supplies from Venezuela, the Middle East and Indonesia.

Is there a discernible pattern in all this restlessness?

In America, there is a growing body of well-informed opinion which argues that the West never can win a Cold War. "Let us cease struggling with the tentacles, and make a direct attack on the head of the octopus," they say. "That is the only way to international peace."

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WPHC TO LOSE CHIEF SECRETARY

The Chief Secretary of the Western Pacific High Commission, Mr. R. J. Minnitt, CMG, who has held the post since the WPHC was separated from Fiji in 1952, is shortly due to retire from the Colonial Service.

It is expected that he will leave Honiara, BSIP, in May for the United Kingdom.

Prior to 1952, the Governor of Fiji was also High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, and WPHC headquarters were in Suva. Sir Robert Stanley was the first High Commissioner to be so in his own right. He was also the first to have his HQ in Honiara. Mr. Minnitt was appointed to the WPHC about the same time as Sir Robert—then Mr. R. C. S. Stanley.

Most Colonial Servants will probably agree that to get a WPHC appointment these days is to get farthest out on the Colonial Service limb—but with the Empire shrinking so fast it seems that it will be only a matter of time before only the limbs are left.

Income-Tax Uneasiness In Fiji

IF the Fiji Government is wise, it will take an early opportunity to clarify its plans regarding amendments of the Income Tax laws.

To meet an unexpected situation created by the departure of Taxation Chief Drysdale, the new tax plan was introduced in November without adequate warning or explanation, and in its half-baked form it created a very bad impression.

For reasons best known to itself, Fiji has introduced Australian taxation personnel to the Colony. Fiji private enterprise, consequently, regards all new taxation plans uneasily. Australia is notorious among the nations for the iniquity and ferocity of its taxation systems.

In Australia, for example, a company's profits are double-taxed—once when the profit is disclosed, and again when the remaining profit is distributed to shareholders. To ensure that the shareholders shall not escape the second grab, by leaving the once-taxed profits undistributed in the hands of the company, the Taxation moguls introduced the undistributed profits tax—under which the moguls seize 10/- of every £ of profit that remains undistributed, less a small retention allowance.

Fiji's new taxation proposals make provision for an "undistributed profits tax"—and the very term is anathema to Australians. It is one of the most unjust and oppressive things in the Australian system. Ninety per cent. of the capital which makes Fiji tick economically was provided by Australia. Fiji wants more capital, for developmental purposes.

It has been indicated that Fiji's new tax plans are designed to catch persistent tax-evaders, and will be very limited in their application.

But so much manifest injustice

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has been manoeuvred into law and into operation by skilled tax-collectors, in defiance of Parliamentary watchdogs, that reassurances in very definite terms should be given on income-tax policy, by the Fiji Government, before that Tax Bill goes before the Legislative Council again.

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Pioneering—On Union Principles

AN Australian union executive said in December that if trade unions were established in New Guinea there would be no trouble in getting jobs filled up there. The implication was that tradesmen hesitated to go forth from Australia unless they had Union protection.

Even if there is any truth in this, most employers would consider the cure worse than the disease, believing that the heavy end of the stick is theirs already—higher wages, fares, extensive leave privileges, accommodation, etc.

Generally, people go to work in P-NG either because they feel that they will get rich quicker; or because they want to be "different" and get away from it all. Sometimes it is a combination of both.

They are individualists who want to go to the Territory; and individualists don't usually care whether they are sheltered by a trade union or not.

In the past there have been rare cases of P-NG employers victimising employees, but the boot has often been on the other foot—to the extent that a lot of people who got a job in NG immediately assumed a higher social status. It was a case of little pools in which the frogs all had considerable dimensions.

This was slightly more so before the war than since—but it still holds good as a general principle.

In moments of grandeur, Australia holds the Territory up to public gaze as "a sacred trust". The question is whether the Territory is to be developed according to the tune called by organisations like the Communist-led building workers' union. And in this connection people who say that having unions in P-NG is "OK for Europeans but not for natives", are just fooling themselves.

If trade unions are permitted to dominate the scene in P-NG to the same extent they do in Australia, it would be impossible *not* to involve and influence native people.

If the cynical view is taken—that world Socialism (or Communism) is inevitable—then Territorians can let things take their course. But if they think that the natives of P-NG should be given yet more time before Australian-type trade unionism is unleashed on them, now is the time to do something about it.

There is still a big job of pioneering to do in New Guinea. Pioneering is best done by individualists who are not hamstrung by trade union prohibitions.

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DO YOU REMEMBER? From PIM of 20 Years ago

THE Pacific, in January, 1938, had no big news to report, but things were happening nevertheless. A 23-year-old Miss Barbara Hitchins was flying to NG from Australia in her Gypsy Moth, a new Japanese company was being formed to mine iron ore in New Caledonia (and the Japanese were getting in people's hair in other ways), the Pacific was discussing malaria control, and—

History was repeating itself in Port Moresby, where rain was falling to relieve a long, dry spell. People had been carting water, which had been rationed.

* * *

The stir in Fiji was over the resignation of Sir Maynard Hedstrom from the Legislative and Executive Councils, which he had served for 29 and 20 years respectively. It started because of a statement by the Governor, Sir Arthur Richards, in the Legislative Council, which was dealing with the Estimates. Said Sir Arthur:

"I was interested to hear that archaic trinity, Sir Henry Marks, Sir Henry Scott and Sir Maynard Hedstrom quoted once more in this Council, whose views on this subject are so notoriously out of date. They have an antiquariam interest."

Sir Arthur's tone had been "contemptuous", said Sir Maynard, who resigned after some correspondence on the matter with the Governor.

The PAA flying-boat "Samoa Clipper" disappeared off the coast of American Samoa en route for Auckland. Seven abroard were lost. Wreckage and oil were later found on the sea.

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A report from the British Solomons said there "was a very strong wish that the Solomons should be brought under Australian administration". Whoever wrote the report said it was known there was much to criticise in the New Guinea Administration, but it was "still a lot better than ours".

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Copra was £12 a ton sterling, and PIM reported that market was "mysteriously quiet".

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In the worst fire in Apia for 20 years, the Burns Philp copra store was gutted, including 1,000 tons of bagged copra. Loss including plant was about £20,000, and the fire underlined the need for proper fire fighting equipment (as big Islands' fires usually do.)

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In Rarotonga, in the Cooks', native growers got word that New Zealand merchants intended to pay 5/- a case (worth 2/- to the growers) for the next shipment of Islands' bananas, so promptly went on strike, refusing to ship. But a hurried meeting of all concerned resulted in the price being advanced to 3/- to growers—and the bananas went out for Christmas.

So Khrushchev Sent New Year Greetings

THE people who know most abou world affairs—and they ar those who say the least—believ that only one factor prevente World War III in 1956 and 195 That factor is the existence of a rin of United States air bases aroun the Soviet Empire, where America and British planes, loaded wit nuclear-fission bombs, maintain 24-hours-per-day watch.

(If you want more informatio about this terrifying organisatio read the long article by James Michener, in January issue *Readers' Digest*.)

Moscow's plan, to take over th world for Communism, was read for implementation over a year ag In 12 years of brilliantly-directe "white-anting", the Reds riddle the economy and weakened the de fensive structure of most of the fre nations.

But America had moved fast. Th Reds learned in 1956-57, throug their efficient secret services, tha at the very first attack by Re planes, bombers from our bases Alaska, Okinawa, Philippines, Midd East, North Africa, Britain and Ic land would swoop upon Russia an her satellites, and cause devastatio literally beyond the imagination man.

True, the Anglo-American atta would release forces which probab would cripple or exterminate muc of the human race. But our choi was made long ago. Better shculd perish, thus, than accept th horrors of Red slavery.

The Reds paused. NATO w strengthened.

The masses of the free worl shaken by Sputniks, newspap wailings, and the Yuletide cooi of the Bulganins and Khrushche wondered why the NATO chie assembled in Paris on Xmas E made no propitiatory gesture. Th merely demanded more air bas closer to the Iron Curtain; and i sisted they would go more than hal way to meet any *genuine* Russi move towards international peace

That implacable ring of load bombers, their noses pointed ceas lessly at the heart of the Musc vite empire, is a far more dead thing than the wandering Sputni significant as the latter yet may

Khrushchev knows it. So he repli to the resolutions of top-level NA by sending New Year greetings Queen Elizabeth and the vario heads of States!

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Pacific Copra

ers New Phase

BR. PLANTERS EXPECT LOWER INCOMES WITH END OF MOF AGREEMENT

The year 1958 will be an important one for British copra producers in the South Pacific. Most of them face a considerable reduction in their incomes as copra reverts, for the first time since the war, to free marketing. But it is free marketing with a difference.

HE 9-years-old contract, under which the British Ministry of Food purchased the whole of the ilable copra output of Papua, v Guinea, Solomons, Gilbert and ce, Fiji, Western Samoa and ga, expired on December 31.

s from January 1, 1958, the in- e of the British copra producers the South Pacific will be like se of the non-British people— ilated by the world price.

he world market price has been some time below the MOF tract price; but is tending to rise use political disturbances are tting off the Indonesian supply ut one quarter of the total world luction).

l the British Territories, except have entered into an agree- t in UK with Unilever Limited big international organisation) er which Unilever will take e proportion of their output, at ice fixed, from month to month, the ruling rate for Philippines a.

his agreement is limited to 1958 early half of the Papua-New nea output, and a very large portion of the Fiji output, wil sold to the Carpenter crushing s in Rabaul and Suva. On pre- indications, the price offered the mills in both Suva and aul will be from £2 to £3 per better than the prices available where.

herefore, in 1958, the two factors y to dominate the South Pacific a market will be the average e offered in Manila for Philip- s Fair Merchantable Grade, and price offered by the Carpenter s in Suva and Rabaul. Arrange- ts have been made to quote e prices—or a reliable approx- ion of same—in each month's of *Pacific Islands Monthly*.

E following are the arrange- ments operating from January , 1958, in the various Territories:

APUA AND NEW GUINEA

copra produced must be de- ed to the P-NG Copra Board. the assumption that the pro- ion is about 100,000 tons per m, the Board proposes to dis- of the output thus:

	Tons, per annum
To Unilever, European port	20,000
To Australia (local consumption)	35,000
To Crushing Mill, Rabaul	40,000
To Open Market	5,000

The price to be paid for deliveries to Unilever will be the current price of Philippines Fair Merchantable Grade at time of delivery at British or Continental ports, on delivered weight; less 2 per cent., and plus 50/- Stg. per ton for hot-air-dried, 25/- per ton for sun-dried, 10/- per ton for smoke-dried, but no premium and a deduction of 10/- if graded No. 2 smoke-dried or less.

Deliveries by the Board to Aus-

(Continued on page 130)

NZ'S NEW ISLANDS MINISTER

New Zealand's new Minister for Islands Territories is a man of parts—and he would need to be. As well as the Islands responsibility he will be, additionally, Minister for Transport, Minister in Charge of Civil Aviation, and Minister in Charge Tourist and Health Resorts.

He is Mr. John Mathieson, a Scot, aged 56, and he gets the job, of course, as a result of the Labour Party victory at the NZ elections in November.

Formerly a spinner in a Scottish woollen mill, he went to New Zealand in 1925 and was then described as a wool worker. He later joined the staff of Christchurch tramways and was shortly president of their union until the strike of 1932.

Next feature of his career was that he was publisher of the "Christchurch Star-Sun".

That is, publisher in the NZ sense—not the American or Australian sense of owning the paper.



Divorce Acts and Matrimonial Causes Acts don't mean anything to New Guinea's Chimbus, who have always reckoned that when the little woman plays up, the good old-fashioned Cave Man Act will straighten her out. According to the hatless gentleman in the centre, who happens to be her husband, this little woman had been sleeping in the wrong village, and—would you believe it—in the wrong fellow's hut.

So he mentioned the matter to the village lululai, and what did the lululai do? Why, he went right in there and dragged her off home of course!

Among the spectators are: Right, foreground, the fellow she left home for; left, background, the fellow who was hoping somebody might come along and drag off HIS woman. Traveller Freddy Drilhon captured the incident.

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Newspapers Hamstrung Over Fiji Sugar Strike

GOVERNMENT'S HANDLING OF UGLY INDUSTRIAL TROUBLE

Although the Lautoka-Ba-Penang sugar strike—one of the worst manifestations of industrial lawlessness that Fiji has experienced—ended in December in an apparent compromise, nobody thinks that this is the end of the matter.

THE 1957-58 cane-crushing season is now over. All the circumstances indicate that there will be more trouble in the next crushing season. . .

Working conditions within this industry always have been arranged in conferences between the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. and the Fiji Sugar Industry Employees Union (Chini Mazdur Sangh).

The CSR Co. claims—and apparently with justice—that it had given to its employees the best conditions possible in view of the fact that the product of the industry has to be sold overseas in a market where Fiji sugar competes sharply with the products of cheap-labour countries.

Working conditions were revised by CSR Co. and Union during 1957, and an apparently satisfactory arrangement made for 1957-58.

But, in October, the mill-workers went on strike against the continued authority of two Sirdars (Indian foremen). This was settled when the CSR Co. said it would accept the recommendations of one of its executives, who would inquire into the union's charges against the Sirdars.

The union undertook to accept the executive's findings.

As a result, the CSR Co. decided to move one Sirdar on to other duties; but the second Sirdar remained in his job.

In spite of the union's undertakings, mill-workers again went on strike, against the Sirdars.

Out of this developed considerable lawlessness. Hoodlum elements caused riots in Lautoka and Ba. The persons and the property of the Sirdars and their relations were attacked and damaged. Men were assaulted; motor cars were burned.

At this stage, the call was for strong action. Lawless elements among the mill-workers should have been taught a lesson which neither they nor the majority of union members (who naturally are decent, law-abiding people) would not soon forget.

Instead, the Government—influenced presumably by fear that the cane-farmers and the Co. would suffer serious losses if the mills were idle for long at this stage—bargained with the strike-leaders.

The strikers returned to work, on condition that the strikers' original charges against the Sirdars, and the CSR Co.'s original inquiry into the charges, were reviewed by the Chief Justice of Fiji, Sir Ragnar Hyne.

The Chief Justice opened an inquiry in December, and adjourned it to January.

Angles Which Demand Comment

AT this stage, the situation calls for forthright comment by public men and newspapers on the following matters:

- The extent to which the control of the Sugar Workers' Union has been seized by irresponsible labour agitators.
- The extent to which those agitators are influenced by Communist techniques, the purpose of which is to embarrass employers and dislocate industry, as part of the Cold War.
- Was controversy regarding the Sirdars used merely as a cover for the extremists' plan to dislocate milling operations in the middle of the season?
- The wisdom of the Fiji Government in bargaining with the strikers, instead of using stronger measures.
- The probability that irresponsible elements within the union, encouraged by an apparent victory in this case, will cause further strikes in the next milling season.

We May Not Comment

BUT newspapers are not able to comment on these matters, because the nature and terms of the official inquiry, ordered by the Governor and undertaken by the Chief Justice, are quite obscure.

The *Fiji Times* formally asked whether the usual privileges applied to the reporting of the inquiry; but the Fiji authorities refused to give an assurance, either way. Consequently, the newspaper refused to report the inquiry—it could have laid itself open to actions for libel or contempt, or both.

Similarly, the *Pacific Islands Monthly* is handicapped.

What is the field of Sir Ragnar Hyne's inquiry?

Is the inquiry (now, presumably going on) of the same character as a court? If it is, we may not comment upon the above matters (which presumably, are within the scope of the inquiry) without risking a charge of contempt of court.

From the public viewpoint, the situation is unsatisfactory, and reflects adversely upon the capacity of the Government to handle an ugly industrial development.

New Indian Commissioner Arrives in Fiji

MR. K. D. Bhasin, the new Commissioner for the Government of India in Fiji, with his wife and children, arrived in Suva by the *Monterey* on January 10, to take up his new post.

Mr. Bhasin has been an Indian Commissioner in Afghanistan, and has had much general experience in diplomatic work.

While the retiring Commissioner, Mr. Bhatia, was waiting in Sydney for transportation to India, he went to Melbourne to see Bishop P. W. Stevenson, of Croydon, Victoria. Bishop Stevenson was Principal of the College at Peshawur, where Mr. Bhatia was educated; and a friendship then formed has lasted ever since.

RECRUIT FOR RED ARMY

Two 18-year-old youths of Suva, Nikola Umuvutia, a Fijian, and Said Hussein, an Indian, who stowed away on the Russian IGY oceanographic survey ship "Vitiaz" when she left Suva for NZ, were given one month's imprisonment when they were returned to Suva on December 19.

Hussein only wanted a cheap trip to New Zealand, but Umuvutia had bigger ambitions—he wanted to join the Red Army.

"Vitiaz" had sailed from Suva before they got in their stock of food, so they had to give themselves up sooner than expected. They said they had been treated very kindly by the Russians.

"Vitiaz" hove-to outside Suva and the boys were taken off in a police launch, late at night. They descended into the Government launch to the accompaniment of popping Russian flash-bulbs. The picture of the Fijian who wanted to join the Red Army will probably make an interesting news item back home.

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SPUTNIK WEATHER

IN Christmas week consumers were being urged to restrict their use of water—especially for washing cars, watering gardens with fixed hoses and sprinklers—and they were not consumers in Sydney in the middle of the current drought either; but consumers in Suva which expects the annual rainfall to be over 100 inches.

The appeal to the public was caused by the long, dry period and delayed arrival of the Wet this year in Fiji. Due to begin anytime from September, it proved reluctant—as it did also in Papua-New Guinea, and other parts of the SW Pacific.

Port Moresby's prolongea Dry has been accompanied by oppressive heat, which even old-timers found hard to bear. Santa did manage to give most of Papua-New Guinea rain for Christmas Day.

A couple of seasons ago, when all the Wets were being just too wet, atom-bombs were blamed. So far no one appears to be attributing the long Dry this year to the Sputniks.

Just a Crazy, Mixed Up Kid

THE PACIFIC PICTURE: DROUGHTS, HURRICANES, ERUPTING VOLCANOES

In the Pacific in December, Nature got the bit between her teeth and gave the Islands some hurry-up.

NEARLY everyone was complaining of the long spells of hot weather, hotter and longer than usual. In some islands, drought was threatening, as it was on the east coast of Australia.

In New Caledonia the drought was a problem to the cattle industry, whose position was stated to be "grave", and in the western Solomons they were saying it was as bad there as anyone could remember.

VOLCANO

THE district of Madang has more than its share of volcanoes in its 19,000 square miles of territory (half of it ocean).

Occasionally a volcano—they are mostly on the off-shore islands—will explode into life with more ferocity than usual and plans will be made to evacuate the native populations to the mainland.

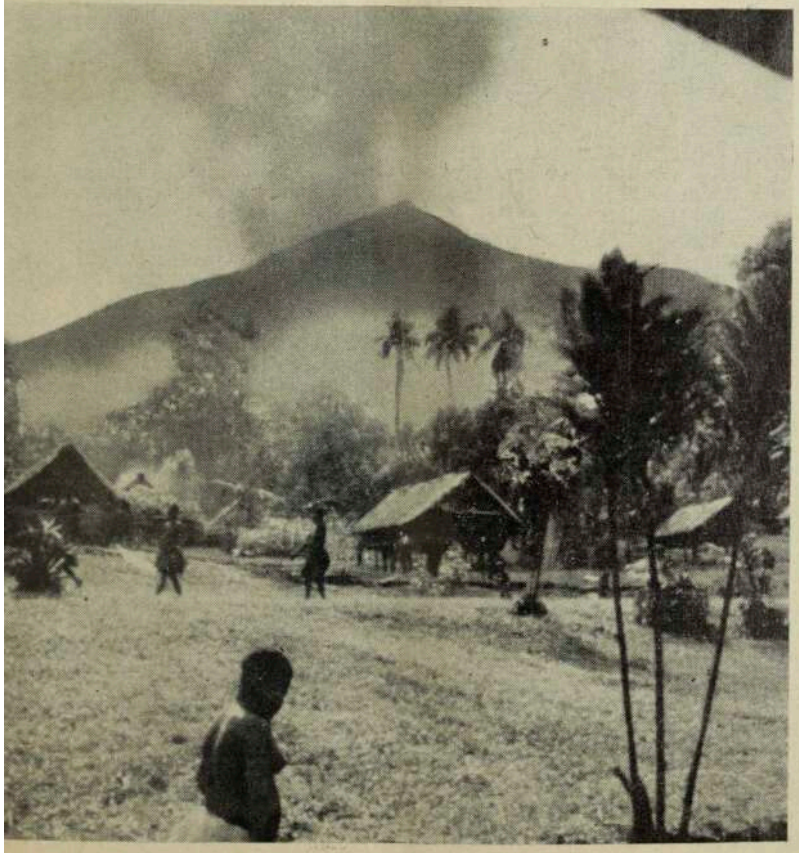
But the evacuation is seldom got under way, because the volcano has by this time settled down again.

In December, the 4,000-ft volcano on small, fertile Manam Island refused to settle down after showering the island with stones, pumice and ash, destroying the native food gardens.

Result: The 3,800 islanders were moved off in a fleet of small boats, and set up in villages up and down a 45-mile stretch of mainland coast. They look like staying there for a few months.

A traveller, Madame Ingeberg de Beausacq, who took this photograph of the volcano not long before the evacuation, said: "The villagers told me they would die if they had to move from their happy home."

But the Manam people, although not happy, began to settle in well enough, and as the volcano continued to throw out pumice, it seemed there was a possibility they would have died if they *hadn't* moved.



HURRICANE

FIJI's worst hurricane for six years lashed the eastern islands of the Group on January 7. It may be days, or even weeks, before a full picture of the damage is revealed, but it is expected to be considerable.

The depression formed NE of Fiji about January 1 and began to move slowly south-west. On January 6 it deepened and as a fully-fledged hurricane by January 7 took a SSW path roughly to the eastwards of the two main Fiji Islands, with the Lau Islands of Naitauba, Mango and Totoya directly in its path as it headed slightly west of south.

The wind is reported to have reached velocities about 100 miles an hour at the storm's centre, and native villages and coconuts in the areas directly in its path will have suffered greatly.

Big coconut plantations on Mango, Naitauba and on Kanacea are known to be badly affected. Not only is hurricane damage to a coconut plantation immediate—but once

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Some Still
Unconvinced, but

FIJI'S OPEN-GO BEER LEGISLATION PASSED

From February 1 it will be legal for Fijians and Indians to drink beer without a permit. The bill, covering amendments to liquor ordinances, has been on the stocks for a couple of years and was finally pushed through the Fiji Legislative Council after a two days' debate in early December.

From Our Fiji Correspondent

THE official members who voted for the amendments in a solid block, apparently based their views on a statement by the Attorney-General, A. M. Greenwood, who must be credited with 1957's most peculiar utterance by an official.

• *Mr. Greenwood, in replying to arguments that over-indulgence in liquor would lead to abuse, asked: "Because there is over-indulgence in sex, would you ban women?"*

It was certain from the start that the bill would go through—the Government official majority would have seen to that. The final voting was 22 to six, an overwhelming majority on the face of it.

An analysis of the voting shows that there was an almost even division among the unofficial members. Eight unofficial members voted in favour of the amendments which do away with the permit system; and six against.

The six "antis" were made up of four elected members and two nominated members. The four probably represented about 80 per cent. of the voting strength of the Colony—Mr. Maurice Scott, European Member for the North-Western Division; Mr. Vishnu Deo, Indian Member for the Southern Division; Mr. J. Madhavan, Indian Member for the Eastern Division; and Mr. Adjodha Prasad, Indian Member for the Western Division.

The other two "antis" were the Rev. D. I. Telfer, temporarily replacing the Rev. S. G. Cowled as a European Member; and Dr. A. H. Sahu Khan, an Indian nominated Member.

The two elected "fors" were Messrs. J. N. Falvey, European Southern Division, and H. B. Gibson, European, Eastern Division, each of whom represents only a handful of voters.

The five Fijian members voted solidly in favour of the new measure, although Semesa Sikivou wavered because he was not happy about one clause. Semesa, a schoolmaster, thought that this clause would allow children to go to school in a drunken state, and the masters would be able to do nothing about it.

The five Fijians, four of them chiefs, also represent a big proportion of the population, so on an overall estimate opinion was divided.

One of the most amusing features of the debate, which was generally of a high standard, was to see a succession of official members rise to their feet and speak in favour of the measure. It could have been that they were coached beforehand.

Two official members said outside the House that had they been given a free hand they would have voted against the measure. Others probably would also have done so.

It was scarcely democracy at work but then Fiji is not democratic—rather a benevolent autocracy.

Mr. W. G. Johnson did not speak on the bill and abstained from voting. He made it clear at the outset that because of his interest in the liquor trade (as managing director of W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji) Ltd. and Carlton Brewery (Fiji) Ltd.) that he would be nothing more than a spectator.

Generally, the debate was of a high standard. Easily the best speaker, who had all his arguments logically marshalled (although one did not have to agree with him), was the Rev. D. I. Telfer.

Another who spoke well was Dr. Sahu Khan, although he appealed more to the emotions than to logic.

Dr. P. W. Dill-Russell, Director of Medical Services, was easily the best speaker on the official side. His logic was as sound as that of Mr. Telfer, but his delivery was not as good.

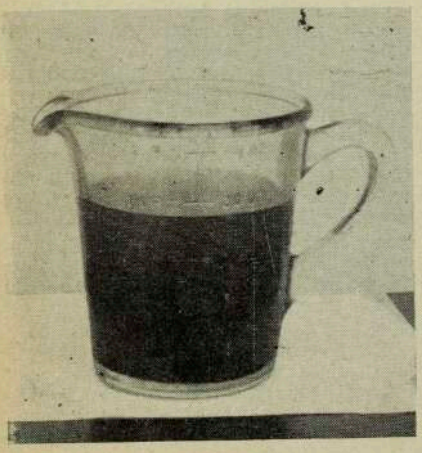
Two Government speakers who were not impressive were the Financial Secretary, Mr. H. W. Davidson, who piloted the bill through; and the Attorney-General, Mr. A. M. Greenwood. Neither is a convincing speaker. Some of the analogies quoted by Mr. Greenwood were ludicrous to say the least—although he was probably being facetious.

Now Fiji awaits for February 1 to see what happens. Perhaps the Fijian can be educated to become a sensible drinker, but the old hands shake their heads.

a coconut tree has lost fronds it will not bear again until these are made good. Loss of production from hurricane-damaged plantations lasts months and sometimes years.

Winds of 50 miles an hour were felt in Suva; an Orient cruise ship had to take shelter to the west of Viti Levu; RNZAF flying-boats went to New Zealand for safety and international airlines suspended services until the storm had passed to the southward. But Viti Levu—including Suva, which with the Yasawas took the brunt of the last hurricane in 1952, missed the worst of the latest blow.

Meanwhile, Apia, Western Samoa, appears to be having trouble with TOO MUCH water, and of the wrong kind. A correspondent says, "Believe it or not, this jug contains water that the people of Apia are expected to drink. Most of the time we have only specks of foreign matter visible in the water, but after recent heavy rains the water was filthy. Presumably the Health Department considers the water safe to drink, but one wonders whether 'enteritis' among infants may not be attributed to the water".



Just Name It And You Can Have It

New Guinea's habit of producing brand new islands from the seas occasionally, brought about a complication in December.

Territory Lands' Title Commissioner, Mr. C. P. McCubbery, announced he was having surveys made to find out whether the right owners were occupying land which came out of the sea near Vulcan Island, Rabaul, in the big 1937 eruption.

The new spit of land joined Vulcan to the mainland. The Administration suspects that natives who own the foreshore land may also be making use of the newly-born land, which is now Administration property.

The problem to be solved is: Where is the dividing line?

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ıpua-New Guinea's Celebrated Court Case

'AN'T LOSE SIGHT OF INDIVIDUAL", AYS HIGH COURT, FREEING ANDERSON

A series of criminal court proceedings which have caused great controversy in Papua-New Guinea, ended in late December when the High Court of Australia dealt with an appeal by Frederic Anderson, a former assistant district officer stationed at Tapini, in Papua.

HE High Court held that gaol sentences totalling 21 months, which had been imposed on derson by the Chief Justice of NG, Mr. Justice Mann, last Sepıber, were too severe.

t ordered that Anderson be re-ed immediately—after having ved two months of his sentences hich, it said, was a term as great as any of the convictions could justify.

The High Court was composed of the Chief Justice, Sir Owen Dixon, Mr. Justice McTiernan, Mr. Justice Webb, Mr. Justice Kitto and Mr. Justice Taylor. Their decision was unanimous.

Counsel for Anderson, leading Sydney Queen's Counsel, Mr. J. E. Cassidy, assisted by Mr. A. H. Conlon, had appealed against the severity of sentence and conviction on each of the five charges, and had also asked that the Court set aside Anderson's plea of guilty on the fifth charge.

Hearing of the appeal, which was heard in Sydney, took two days. Anderson was in court, released on bail from Bomana prison, Port Moresby, where he had been serving his sentences.

The following is a summary of the judgment, and of the main points made by counsel for Anderson and for the Crown, together with relevant comments made by the judges during progress of the appeal.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT

In September, 1956, Frederic Anderson, now 33, was assistant district officer at Tapini, in the Goilala area of Papua.

He had recently come in from patrol and been told that while he had been absent a native named Avila, accompanied by a native named Koupa, had shot and wounded a native woman, Koupa's wife, and had been put in gaol.

Anderson had both natives brought before him and they told him that Avila had shot the woman in mistake for a cassowary. Anderson thought this statement absurd, struck each native and ordered that both should be handcuffed to the station's flagpole.

At sunset, a few hours later, he freed both natives and sent Avila back to gaol. Avila remained in gaol until January, 1957, without a charge having been laid against him.

The P-NG Administration later arrested Anderson and charged him with having assaulted each of the two natives, with having deprived them of their liberty by fastening them to a flagpole and with having unlawfully confined Avila to Tapini prison from September 1956 to January, 1957.

He was committed for trial, and in Port Moresby in September, 1957, the Chief Justice of P-NG, Mr. Justice Mann, heard four of the charges—the two of assault and the two concerned with the flagpole—to which Anderson pleaded not guilty.

He convicted Anderson, and sentenced him to six months' gaol on each of the assault charges, and 18 months on each charge of fastening the natives to a flagpole.

The next day Anderson pleaded guilty to having confined Avila to prison and was sentenced to 21 months gaol. All the sentences were to be served concurrently.

Anderson in November was given leave by the High Court in Australia to appeal, and the appeal was heard in December.

WHAT ANDERSON SAID:

Mr. J. E. Cassidy, QC, made these points:

- Anderson had pleaded guilty to having unlawfully detained Avila because he had been shocked at the court's decision on the other four charges against him. He had felt a plea of guilty was then the best course open to him.
- Mr. Justice Mann had thought Anderson had acted as a magistrate, and had thus abused his position as a magistrate, and he had taken this as an aggravating matter. But Mr. Justice Mann had clearly been in error in adopting this view.

"Many Misconceptions"

- Avila had already been in confinement when Anderson returned from patrol, and Anderson had merely continued the confinement, failing to give a proper remand. This was not criminal, as Mr. Justice Mann apparently found it was.
- Mr. Justice Mann had had many misconceptions. He had had the idea that Avila would have been left in jail indefinitely by Anderson, but this wasn't right. Anderson had made no effort to conceal Avila's presence in gaol. His name had been in the gaol book.
- The nature of Avila's confinement had not been as Mr. Justice Mann pictured it. Avila had worked about the area, and even been on patrol, and the inference that should have been drawn was that Avila was acquiescing in the confinement.
- Avila had, in fact, gone into voluntary protective custody to avoid a payback from his fellow natives. Anderson was preventing a breach of the peace.
- Both indictments of having deprived Avila of liberty by fastening him to a flagpole, and of having unlawfully detained him in gaol, could not stand, because the way the charges were made out, Anderson would be twice punished for the same offence.

Mr. Justice McTiernan asked at this stage whether a native would regard gaol as a punishment.

"Gaol is Nothing"

Mr. Cassidy: Not always, by any means.

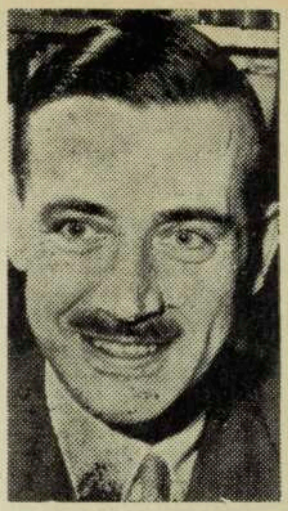
Mr. Cassidy read an Administration report about a Goilala native who had returned home from a gaol sentence in Port Moresby and told his friends that he had been well fed and housed, and that "gaol is nothing. They did not kill us."

Sir Owen Dixon said he understood about protective custody, but asked what was done legally when that course was to be adopted.

Mr. Cassidy replied that in Anderson's mind it would not have been illegal, because it had been a practice long in operation in the Territory, and it was still in operation.

- Mr. Justice Mann should have

(over)



Mr. Justice Mann

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"OUT OF GAOL MORE OFTEN THAN IN IT!"

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given greater weight to the fact that it was customary in some cases to detain people for their protection, and he shouldn't have given such a heavy penalty.

• Mr. Justice Mann had not taken Anderson's character fully into account when fixing the sentences. Anderson was respected by the natives (who had given him a big farewell) and the Administration had had a high opinion of his administrative ability.

He had been 17 months in Tapini under cumulative pressure of work and domestic worry because of his wife's health. The picture was really one of a man who had lost his control and temper, which was insignificant.

"Was No Malice"

• After the first day, there had never been a repetition of the assault, or any malice or unfair dealings towards Avila, and these matters should have been taken into account.

Mr. Justice Webb asked if it would be correct to say that Mr. Justice Mann based punishment on the fact that he thought Anderson had shown too much zeal and ambition.

Mr. Cassidy said he based it on that, plus the fact that he thought Anderson had abused his magisterial powers. Mr. Justice Mann had been unfamiliar with the north. He had been in the Territory since June, 1957, and the Anderson case had occurred only three months later.

Mr. Justice Taylor: He already had a confession.

Mr. Shannon: No, he didn't. Anderson has already said he was seeking to get one.

"Close Confinement"

Mr. Justice Taylor replied that there could be no dispute about the point. The two natives had said they shot the woman because they thought she was a cassowary, and "that wasn't a bad sort of confession."

• The whole picture had to be looked at. Anderson had been frustrated because he couldn't get Avila to confess.

• Avila had been kept in close confinement, "according to the Crown's instructions."

Mr. Justice Taylor: He seems to have been out of gaol more often than in it! Yet the charge says he was unlawfully confined to Tapini gaol against his will.

Mr. Shannon: In a legal sense he was confined.

Mr. Justice Taylor: But we don't knew what he was doing.

Judge Experienced

Sir Owen Dixon commented that he still had difficulty in understanding why Mr. Justice Mann thought Anderson's detaining of Avila in gaol was the more serious offence. Anderson may have acted in a way that could not be justified, but he had done irregularly something that he could have done lawfully anyhow, by remanding Avila. He did not understand why the Chief Justic took such a serious view of it.

The Administration, naturally, ha to be firm in safeguarding th natives against miscontrol, but th criminal law and the administratio of natives were different things. Th sentences imposed seemed to be ver severe when looked at from th point of view of administration.

The High Court seldom interfere with sentences and liked to giv effect to local knowledge but, o course, the effect on the individu had to be taken into account, S Owen Dixon added.

• There could be no question o the Chief Justice being exper enced. He had done more than or circuit of the Territory.

Sir Owen Dixon said he did n want to hear the Crown on th question of the withdrawal of th guilty plea. The plea had to stand

WHAT THE HIGH COURT SAID

In giving its judgment, the Fu High Court made these points:

• There were no circumstanc which would justify Anderson bein allowed to withdraw his plea guilty on the fifth charge.

• The real question was th severity of the sentences, which we considerably severe. The eight week already served by Anderson was great as any of the convictions cou justify, and many might think t great a punishment.

• Anderson's assault on th Papuans, including his handcuffin of them to a flagpole, was u lawful, but no great harm was don to the natives.

• In detaining Avila in ga

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WHAT THE CROWN SAID:

These points were made by Mr. C. Shannon, for the Crown, in his reply to the appellant's case:

• The prosecution had not alleged that Anderson had been acting as a magistrate. It had said Anderson had been a police officer who had acted unlawfully.

• Nor had it been the basis of Mr. Justice Mann's judgment that Anderson was acting as a magistrate. The Chief Justice had not convicted because of that, but he had had in mind that Anderson had a threefold function and that the natives would not know what particular function he was performing. Anderson was a police officer and magistrate, using his position as administrator to procure a confession that would be used in committal proceedings.

• Anderson at no time had indicated he was arresting the men handcuffed to the flagpole. He had chained them there as a way of securing a confession by improper means.

AWARDS FOR P-NG PATROL OFFICERS

CERTIFICATES won by students of the Australian School of Pacific Administration, who had undertaken the Course for Papua and New Guinea Patrol Officers in 1957, were formally presented at the School on December 13 by Mr. J. B. Howse, MP, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Territories. Mr. J. R. Willoughby, of the Territories Department, presided; and addresses were delivered by Mr. Willoughby and the School's principal, Mr. C. D. Rowley.

Certificates were awarded to:

BATTERSBY, John Bryan.
BROWN, Gordon Harry.
BURGE, Bruce William Peter.
CALCUTT, Robin Alexander. Credits in Government and History.
CLELAND, Robert David Mackinnon.
COCHRANE, John Raymond.
COTTLE, Allan Thomas.
DWYER, Terence.
GALL, Peter Stuart.
GIFFARD, Colin Charles. Credits in Law and Government.
GOODGER, David Raphael. Credits in Law, G ernment, Geography, History, Anthropolo
HARRIS, John (B.A.). Credits in Law, Gove ment, Anthropology, History.
HAYES, John Francis.
HEARNE, Richard Fosser.
HOLLOWAY, Barry Blyth.
HOOK, David John.
JENSEN-MUIR, Gerald Peter. Credits in La Government, Geography, Anthropology, History.
MARTYN, Joseph Francis.
MACKELLAR, Malcolm Lamont.
PENHALE, Darrell James.
RYAN, Barry Allen (M.Sc.). Credit in Anthropology.
THISTLETHWAITE, Ian Wallis.
WEARNE, John Mowat.
WOLSEY, John Roland. Credits in Law, Government, Anthropology, History.

The R. W. Robson Prize f General Proficiency was awarded Mr. D. R. Goodger, and the R. Robson Prize for Law was divid between Mr. Goodger and Mr. C. Giffard.

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IR HAS A OST WEEKEND

Papua-New Guinea's Pacific ands Regiment lost most of its ory one lost weekend in De- nber.

ONG regarded as a disciplined regiment of well-trained, spick- and-span native troops that ld be called on in an emergency, regiment made a sudden about- n to involve itself in vicious riot- with native civilians.

he next day, members of the iment again became a howling b and took charge of a court- m where some of their fellow ops were being dealt with for the vious day's rioting. They over- ned a table, hurled a bottle, ng their belts and threw ches.

ort Moresby had seen nothing it before, and fearful that it ht see something like it again, quickly passed a resolution rough the Town Advisory Coun- demanding the regiment be got of town permanently.

eople from all over the Terri- added their condemnation. ry, bristling criticism was aimed everybody on hand. The troops e "mutinous, arrogant, rabble", r Australian officers were "weak, perienced", the Administration "to be condemned", the police "stood by and done nothing".

ajor-General T. Daly, GOC hern Command, who was quoted Brisbane as saying the troops rioted in court because the court being held in "their beloved se of learning, or education n," was quickly shot down for ing "hypocritical nonsense, an lt to the intelligence of terri- ns."

he rioting was supposed to have ed after a PIR soldier had in- d two Kerema women, a few before. In retaliation, other mas attacked PIR men, who in rn retaliated by arriving at Koki kets by the truckload and start- a free-for-all.

n Sunday, December 15, 200 PIR went out looking for Keremas, aging property before more than of them accepted orders and rned to barracks. But another fused, and another, wilder, brawl ed with Keremas and PIR using s and makeshift weapons be- they were broken up.

total of 20 natives and a Euro- were hurt in the brawls. dreds of natives, Kerema and were arrested.

ere were some, although not , who had earlier been ready to pass off the trouble as "just a brawl" between native factions, but when the troops took charge of the court room, and refused to obey their officers, general condemnation was swift.

Quite rightly, the court episode was regarded as a different matter.

The PIR obviously needed, and clearly would get, a big shake-up—even though it was true that one company of the regiment did not have even one of its men involved in the sorry business.

Hi Ho, Hi Ho! As Off To Gaol We Go!

LED by native police—more or less—this party of Keremas marches off to the Port Moresby lock-up after their arrest in the Koki riots. In the background, native canoes stream out of their Koki anchorages after being ordered to put to sea.

Photo: Papuan Prints.



THE PACIFIC'S NEW YEAR HONOURS

THE following awards to residents of Fiji and Papua-New Guinea were included in the New Year Honours:

In Fiji

ORDER OF BRITISH EMPIRE

Commandler—Mr. W. W. Lewis-Jones, who was Director of Education in Fiji for four years, and who left the Colony in late 1957 to be Director of Education in Tanganyika.

Member—Mr. Reginald Phelps Little, who has been a manager of pastoral stations in Fiji for nearly 40 years and has contributed much to the success of agriculture and animal husbandry in the Colony. He had a distinguished record in World War I.

Member—Mr. W. F. Stevenson, who served as a field officer with the CSR Company from 1911 to 1948 and has since given much public service, especially in servicemen's organisations.

CERTIFICATE OF HONOUR

Bsala Delana Kama, head teacher of Draiba Fijian School, Suva, and prominent in education organisation.

Wiliame Makasiale Wainiqulo, who is Roko Tui at Lau.

Emele Makrava, a Rotuman, who has given good service over many years as a trained nurse at Navesi.

In Papua-New Guinea

ORDER OF ST. MICHAEL AND ST. GEORGE

Companion: The Right Rev. Philip Nigel Strong, Anglican Bishop of New Guinea since 1936.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Commander: Horace Lionel Richard Niall, District Commissioner Morobe District, New Guinea.

Member: Stanley Hinton Christian, principal of the Malaria Control School, Minj, Western Highlands New Guinea.

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SMAL PICTURE OF
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uture of South Pacific Countries

PRIVATE letter from London to *Pacific Islands Monthly* says that there has been "a good deal activity in the British Colonial fice lately in relation to South cific affairs". But the only recent dence of any pending new move s the report, published in Noember in an obscure Sydney newsper, that "Britain is about to ndon her interests in the New brides Condominium to France".

Probably, there is something afoot relation to the British Terries in the South Pacific (Fiji, lomon Islands, Gilbert and Ellice, d the British side of the New brides).

But Ministers and Governors wadays are extremely wary in king any statement covering obabilities". One word suggesting interesting change—and the ole press pack is off, presenting ir fantastic imaginings as facts.

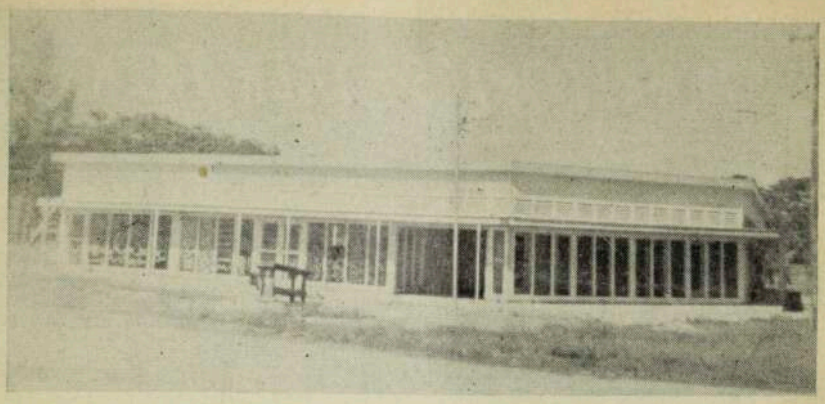
The rapid shrinkage in the tish Colonial Empire since 1945 s created many embarrassments Britain. There is not enough onial Empire now for the large ff of trained administrative cials and technicians; and there not enough money.

Colonies and dependencies like the omons, Gilbert and Ellice and w Hebrides are so undeveloped nomically that they are not able pay for their own administrative chinery; and Britain would be d to be rid of them. They are worth holding even as a unit in tish overseas trade.

HERE are a few realists among the people who direct British Colonial Office affairs; and it is sible that these people already giving some urgent attention to future of the British High Comsion for the Western Pacific lomons, New Hebrides and bert and Ellice).

Our London correspondent, writin December, said: "The Conative Council here has formed 'Australasian Branch' for the dy of South Pacific affairs, with Keith Officer as chairman. He red from the post of Australian bassador to France in 1955, and s in England. I am not impressed h the possibilities of the new anch'.

It is the same everywhere. Everyng connected with our old Em- now seems to be in the hands politicians, bureaucrats, academic hbrows and dawdling nobodies—



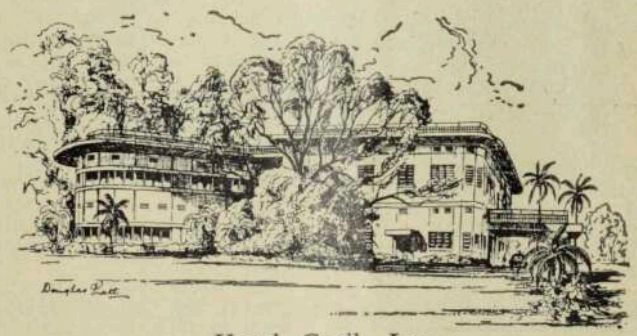
and the sands are running out. The really strong and practical men who built the Empire, and who could hold it, are completely cynical, and don't care any more—they are leaving it all to the idealists and dreamers, and concentrating their attention on money-making. For the time being!"

Hostage to Fortune . . .

This newly completed block of shops in Honiara, BSIP, helps give the town a new look. There are 10 shops in the block—which could be regarded as an indication of the owners' faith in the Solomons' small capital.

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

Queen Emma

FOLLOWING on Toaguba's remarks in The Editor's Mailbag (Oct. *PIM*, p. 14), on Memories of Queen Emma, I received a note from Mrs. Louisa Miller, of Vuvu, Rabaul, enclosing the Toaguba clipping with which she enclosed a note: "When Queen Emma came back to Rabaul in 1912 she came to say 'Good-bye'. Those two young girls came up with her for a trip, and returned with her; one was Miss Hyland, the other Miss Williams. Queen Emma had a daughter, but she died at the age of ten years, in Samoa."

The Jovial Bishop Again

The yarn about Bishop Wade in December "Tropicalities" reminds me of another story this kindly, jovial missionary head tells against himself. It happened before he had been consecrated as the ecclesiastical RC governor of the Northern Solomons, and he was starting to unravel the mysteries of the written word to a crowd of small boys on the island of Pororan (Buka).

Writing his own name on a blackboard in the native school-house he explained the characters stood for "Thomas Capital J. Wade".

Returning a few weeks later to the island, one bright-eyed youngster, instead of greeting him with the usual title of "Pater", remarked: "Good-day Thomas Capital J. Wade."

I have known a good many missionaries in NG, but Bishop Tom Wade heads the list of practical Christian do-gooders of my experience.

The Cloud On The Horizon

The regrettable fracas, as it has been described, which occurred in Moresby on December 15, cannot be allowed to pass without some comment; although anything that may be said of a constructive nature is at least ten years too late and I, for one, feel very much inclined to utter the cliche, "I told you so."

Divested of all its complicities, the riot of the PIR is merely a manifestation of native reaction to lack of discipline being exercised by the government throughout the Territory in its administrative policy in dealing with the indigenes.

That such demonstration occurred amongst the ranks of a reputable section of the Army only emphasises how this lack of discipline has been followed, by more or less forceful measures, by every section of the community.

What surprises me more than anything else is that such a breach of the peace and flagrant disregard for law and order has not taken place before.

In some ways the incident is reminiscent of the Rabaul strike back in 1929, only that "first vague stirring of group consciousness"—as that incident was described by an eminent sociologist—was more adequately organised by the ringleaders, so much so that not an indication of such a movement was given to the Europeans until they awoke to find all native labour employees were absent from their duties.

It's easy enough to close the stable door after the horse is stolen, but the Administration cannot deny that it has been warned that its policy of bringing primitives into line with modern life must also be accompanied by certain disciplinary rules.

Through political influences—both Party and international—pressure has been brought to bear on giving the native his head. This same policy, naturally, has been a condition of enlistment for the members of the PIR and whether the appointment of officers to the Regiment, who know little of handling the natives, was a contributing factor to the mid-December fracas is best left to the public to decide.

Personally speaking, I could not imagine such a debacle occurring in the PIR ranks with such original members as "Bluey" Allan or Jack Mullaly. But then comparisons are always odious. Save in this respect: The remarks of the GOC



The wedding took place at the Methodist Church, Rabaul, recently, of Mr. D. Vet to Miss Billie Hinckfuss of the Rabaul European Hospital. The bridal couple are here shown signing the register. Photo: C. H. Mee

Northern Command to me appears to be pomposity personified in an endeavour to save military face or display a die-hard *esprit de corps* for troops of whom he shows an alarming amount of ignorance.

For a GOC to attempt to whitewash an outstanding breach of military discipline indeed appears to be not only alarming for the future life of the Regiment, but a dereliction of duty which calls for official explanation.

Be Prepared!

That is the old Boy Scouts' motto and a very worthy one. It is a pity that our present army heads do not signify their awareness of such necessity with "Indonesia" just across the border, threatening all kinds of things, with one eye on the Colombo Plan and the other on the

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One aspect of this *dolce far niente* itude which passed my compre- nsion was a paragraph in the *uth Pacific Post*, describing the R riots:

The Administrator, Mr. D. M. Cleland, going on leave had to drive through the rioters to get to the air-strip.

No comment, save to say it seems ange for a Brigadier to be so red to lack of discipline amongst ops that he could go blithely on way. I can hardly imagine Hubert Murray *not* delaying his day under such unusual condi- is existing in the capital of the ritory, of which he was the re- nsible head.

et's hope there is some deep- l security measure planned to be into operation when, and if, northern neighbours decide to ch out with their red talons. herwise the sad events of 1942 y well be repeated.

e Perennial diman

rom old-timer Hans Mannsfeld es an interesting screed on the iman derivation question. Says "After I had been in touch with eral old-timers I want to revise first explanation (as appearing *PIM*, Nov. 1956, p. 22), as fol- s: As surmised by the first cor- ondent who raised the question, word is perhaps derived from name of an old German and likely from the name Rudolph: r Rudolph was once in charge he Botanical Gardens in Rabaul Master Gardener, and his pre- essor, Herr Zwanzger (later on —Kaiserlicher Stationsleiter—of engau, Manus) confirmed to that Rudolph was greeted in Rabaul Club during those days the nick-name Radidiman. e usual abbreviation of Rudolph Rudi: Rudi- Radi- Radidiman). My first explanation (Radi abbre- ion for radish), may have in- ed the club members to form nick-name. Zwanzger also re- ed me to Herr Barschdorff, in e days headmaster of the Ger- school at Namanula who, in nzger's opinion, would be able ouch for his explanation."

e then quotes at length, the of Herr Barschdorff, who in -War I days was a recognised lent of Pidgin and the Tolai ect, and who thinks the name iman was the native designation the Lloyd Quelle (Lloyd Spring)

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a freshwater spring in the hills hind the Botanic Gardens—and gives recognised native suffixes d prefixes to account for "Radidi-n." But he is still at a loss to plain the stem of the word idim" and suggests some of the -time missionaries might be able help.

The Lloyd Spring was well-known the old German days. Water from was piped by the Nord Deutcher yd shipping company to its Big harf at the end of Namanula eet (later burnt in 1923) for the rpose of supplying shipping. I ve an old town map of Rabaul, ed June, 1913, and it shows the yd Quelle located some 800 metres th of the intersection of Mango d Malaguna Road.

Hans Mannsfeld, I discovered from letter, was managing Arawa ntation, down in Bougainville, in 0-21, where I met him, when the proboard took over control, and man who relieved him was none er than Arthur Richards, the l-knwon plantation expert who still going strong in the Terri-y.

Welcome eeting

t this time of year we all realise have had a surfeit of highly decorative seasonal greeting cards, embellished with snow, reindeers, carol-singers and such-like; most of them wholly inappropriate to the southern hemisphere. Therefore I was particularly pleased to receive a greeting from Rabaul in the typical Douglas Pratt style, than whose sketchings of Australiana there is none better.

This year, after his visit to NG, he has caught the true island atmosphere and his "Rabaul from the Observatory" was a delight with Mount Mother towering above the Rabalanakaia crater, the South Daughter in the distance with Tavuvur in its foreground. A pleasing memento of the town that is twined around my heart and I am grateful to Douglas Pratt for the creation of this thoughtful reminder —and the sender for remembering me.

A Popular Reduction

Few people will disagree with the Full High Court's decision to reduce the Anderson sentence, which Sir Owen Dixon described as being "extremely severe," unless it be a few Canberra Jacks-in-Office who are always leaning over backwards in an effort to prove how extensive the native welfare policy is being implemented, irrespective of the cost or who has to suffer.

To me the Anderson affair stank from start to finish, and was but yet another crucifixion of the P-NG Field Staff on the Canberra Calvary; another burnt offering to propitiate the political demi-gods.

Coming down to the personal level I should say that the most important matter for ex-ADO Anderson at the moment is rehabilitating himself, his wife and newly-arrived Prudence (a name every field officer should paste in his hat), and it is hoped that he will find no great difficulties in obtaining a suitable position.

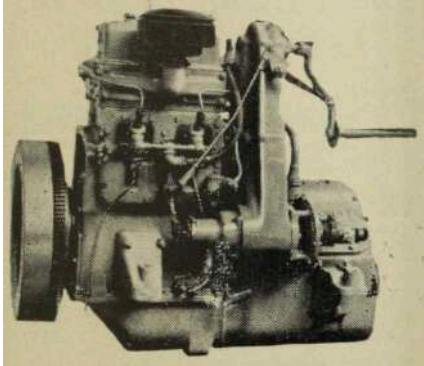
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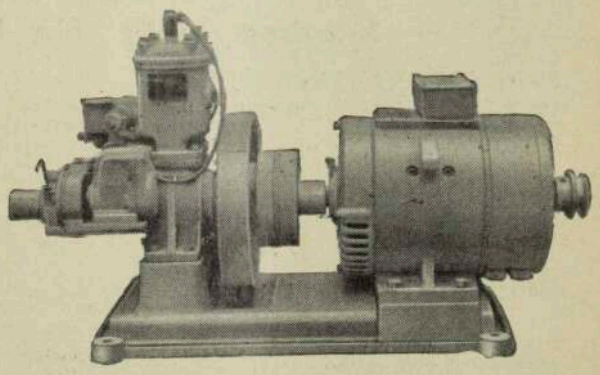
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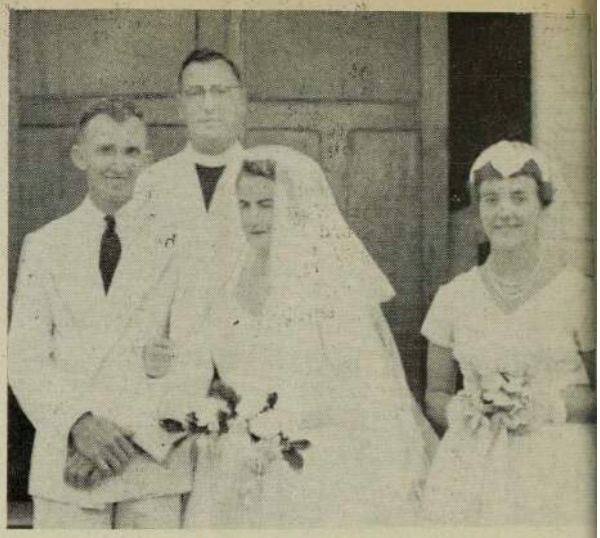
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New Guinea Wedding

Shown here are Mr. and Mrs. P. Rodway after their marriage at the Methodist Church, Rabaul. With them are the Rev. W. Lutton who performed the ceremony; and Miss Merl Alexander, bridesmaid. The bride was formerly Miss Dorothy Hobran.

Photo: C. H. Meen.



Other Days Other Ways

With Soerkano and his mob grabbing Dutch assets in "Indonesia" and banishing Dutch nationals from the country there comes to mind the days of 1921-22 in old Mandated New Guinea when German estates were being expropriated and their owners repatriated to Germany by the Australian government.

There is really no true analogy between the two cases; Soerkano is making his own laws; Australia was acting according to the Treaty of Versailles, but the same suffering was experienced, individual cases of hardship were the same and the same demonstration of man's inhumanity to man has been enacted.

The ultimate end has been the same, and it makes one wonder if there be such a document as the much-vaunted Bill of Human Rights.

¶ The Governor of Fiji (Sir Ronald Garvey), Sir Hugh Ragg, Mr. Wilbur Donovan and Dr. Beckett (Superintendent at Makogai)—all representing Fiji—visited Christchurch, New Zealand, in December, to attend the annual conference on the administration of the Leper Hospitals in the South Pacific. The annual survey of conditions at Fiji's famous institution at Mokagai Island was completely satisfactory.

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n the Cook Islands, where fines bush-beer brewing and drinking vide a steady revenue, the matter ne up again at the recent meet- of the Legislative Council, when elect committee which has been up, submitted its report on a posed licensed hotel for Raro- ga.

he main points of the report e as follows:—

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The committee recommended that amended legislation should provide for the following:—

• The abolition of the present prohibition laws which apply to part of the population only, and their replacement with laws granting the right to purchase and consume alcoholic liquors to all persons aged 21, regardless of race.

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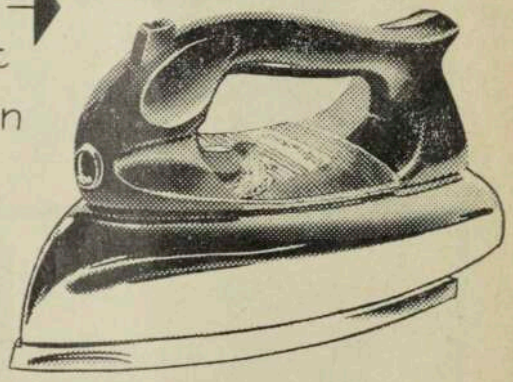
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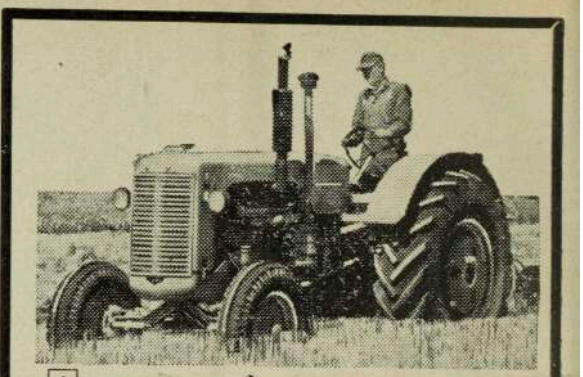
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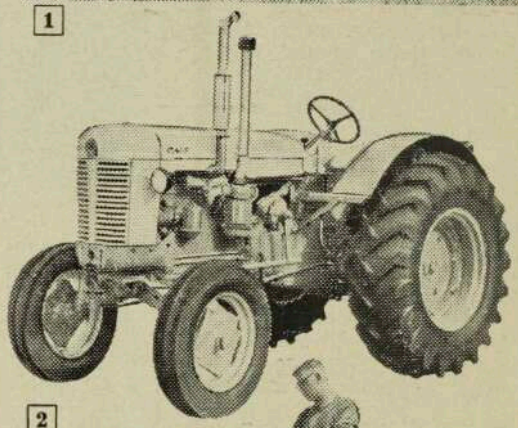
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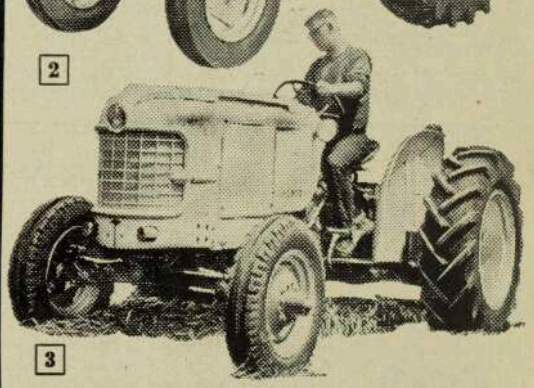
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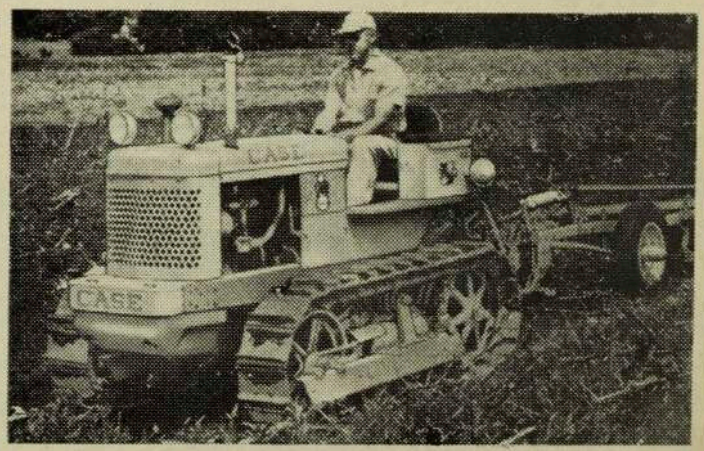


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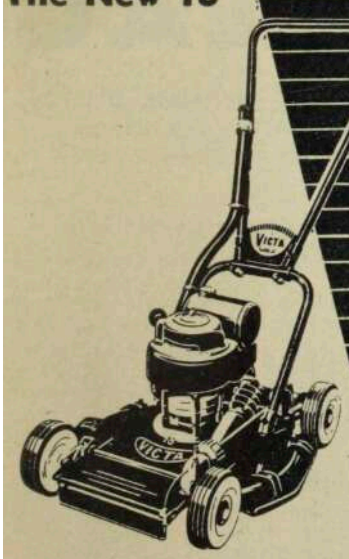
• That it be made legal for parents to offer mildly intoxicating table wines and beers to children or guests under 21 years of age.

• That the Legislative Assembly be empowered to impose customs or excise duties upon intoxicating liquors, the revenue thus obtained to be placed at the disposal of the Legislative Assembly, or in the local revenue account.

SEVERAL of these recommendations proved acceptable to Council, but others were controversial. It was agreed that the issuing of liquor permits should be the responsibility of either the police or a civic committee appointed for that purpose, and that control of importation and sale of liquor should remain with the Administration.

The motion that the sale of liquor in the Cooks be investigated by a NZ Commission of Inquiry was carried.

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Dr. Don Marshall Revisits Cooks

DR. D. S. MARSHALL brought his wife and three children with him when he returned to the Cook Islands in early November. Dr. Marshall, an American anthropologist and student of Polynesian languages, arrived at Rarotonga by the yacht *Mareva*, on November 10.

Marshall is an associate of Harvard University and is attached to the Peabody Museum at Salem, Mass. He has made a comparative study of 60 Polynesian dialects through which he has elicited information on the great Polynesi migrations and the Polynesia length of residence in some Islan

He left the Cook Islands America about two years ago.

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Dr. Eric Bridgman

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In reporting its decision to confer his honour, the French Government spoke of "the remarkable work Dr. Bridgman has been doing".

Dr. Bridgman has been in contact with lepers for many years—as far back as 1926, when he was district officer on Lomaiviti, Fiji, and medical superintendent of Levuka Hospital.

His interest in the Tahiti lepers has been responsible for some of the allocation of money that has been made to them by the Lepers' Trust Board of New Zealand. The Board has allocated £7,000 since 1940, to supply such amenities as buildings, medical equipment and gifts to the patients.

A rehabilitation scheme, planned by Dr. Bridgman and now working successfully, is assisting an ever-increasing number of patients discharged from leper colonies.

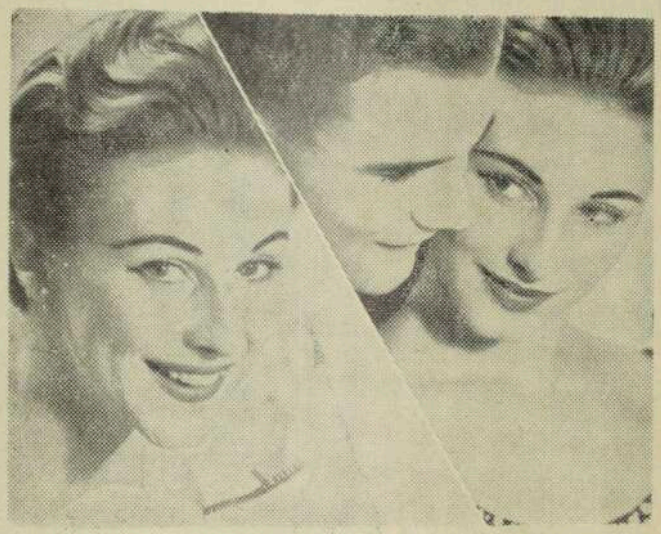
The Legion d'Honneur is not Dr. Bridgman's first grateful recognition for services rendered. In 1949, he was given an OBE for medical services in New Zealand, in particular for work among the Maori people.

Seventeen boys and three girls from P-NG were recently granted native scholarships for secondary education in Australia.

Leave for Australian Consul to N. Caledonia

DR. JOHN CUMPSTON, who has been Australian Consul in New Caledonia since 1953, leaves Noumea on long leave this month. He has taken a keen interest in South Pacific affairs and, with his specialised knowledge of Pacific geography and history, he has been a very useful representative of Australia at the sittings, in Noumea, of the South Pacific Commission. Before 1953, he was stationed in Chili and in New Zealand.

Many people in New Caledonia hope that he will return there; but it is presumed that he is due for a more important posting in the Australian Consular Service.



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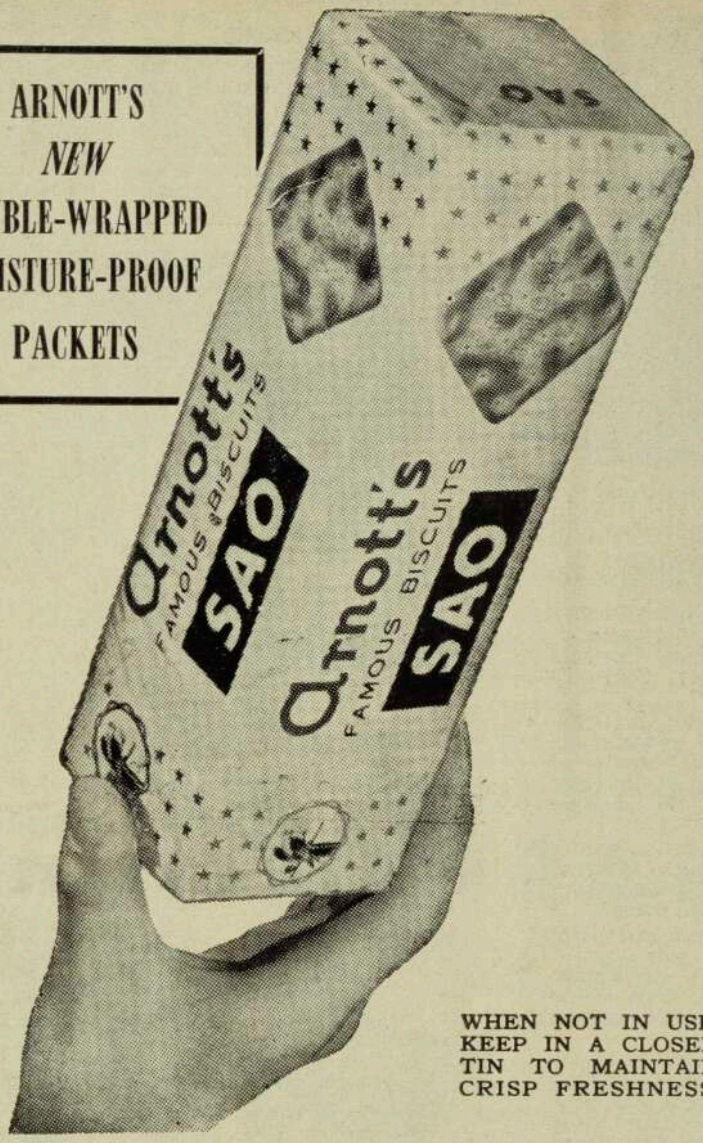
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It marks the site where Marist missionaries stayed for a few months in 1849, when they had been driven out of Balade, on the north-east coast, by hostile natives. Their stay on the banks of the Yate was short as they were driven out again within a few months.

They finally were able to establish themselves on the Ile des Pins and later returned to Balade.

Research showed where the first chapel was erected—on land owned by the photographer of the accompanying picture, who ceded the land to the church.

The photograph shows the Bishop (right) with the Mayor of Yate (left) inspecting the old well that the missionaries dug more than 100 years ago.

Photo: F. E. Dunn.

† An RAF DC3 aircraft with eleven servicemen aboard visited Rarotonga from Christmas Island, via Penrhyn, late in November. The aircraft brought Mr. Ron Powell back from Penrhyn, where he had been stationed as an observer during the second series of British H-bomb tests in the area.

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They're Singing The Songs of Burl Ives

From an AAP-Reuter Correspondent

TOO old to go to school, but keen to learn, the native women of Sohano, Bougainville, recently urged the wife of the District Commissioner, Mrs. K. C. Atkinson, to form a women's club.

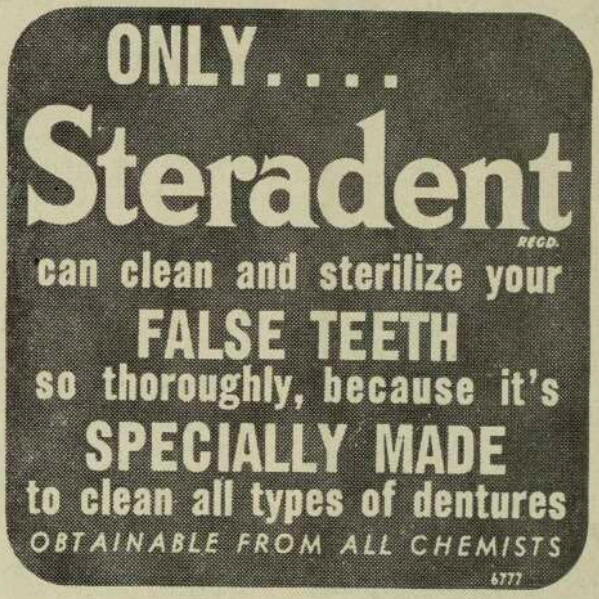
As with other women's clubs throughout the Territory, the Sohano Club's activities include the teaching of written and spoken English, the instructors being members of the club who can already read and write; and demonstrations in handcrafts, hygiene and cooking.

Now the 40 members of the club are singing the songs of Bing Crosby and Burl Ives instead of the traditional church songs learned from the missions. The women are learning the songs from records played on the gramophone the club has bought.

The women, from different districts and tribes, meet once a month. Finance for club activities is raised from the annual membership fee of 5/- and the sale of basketware and prepared sea shells.

A club competition in housekeeping and home hygiene is raising the standards of living among the members.

The competition is not only for the best-kept house, but for the best provided for as well—so that a hou with a chance of winning must well stocked with food and oth necessities, as well as being order and clean.





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CIENTISTS OF FOUR ATIONS ON JOB

OME of the most isolated islands of the South Pacific will become important for sixteen seconds in ctober this year—when the only tal eclipse of the IGY period takes ace.

Mr. F. M. Bateson, a Rarotonga sinessman and amateur astron-ner of international repute, gave me details of international plans r the observation of the eclipse the sun from Islands locations nen he returned to the Cook lands from a lecture tour of nada and the United States in cember.

This eclipse of the sun will be of rticular interest to science, as the ual observations will coincide th observations of many related enomena being made in all parts the world.

As the path of totality of the lipse (where the sun's disc is com-etely obscured by the moon) will restricted to a narrow belt across part of the South Pacific and e only islands within the zone m which observations can be ade are the Tokelau atolls (north Samoa), Pukapuka, Nassau, and warrow in the Cooks, and Mopelia French Polynesia.

To better the prospects of obtain-g observations unobscured by cloud ring the 16 critical seconds of tality, astronomers will set up escopes on four of these islands Atafu, northernmost of the kelaus; Pukapuka and nearby ssau in the Northern Cooks; and pelia.

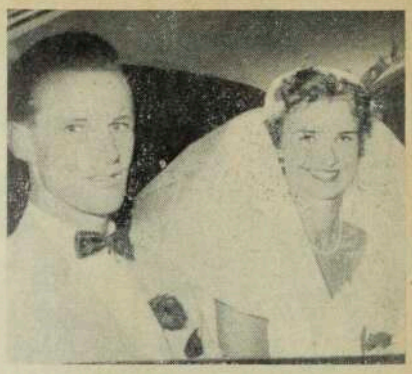
The Atafu unit will be mainly itish but with one or more New aland astronomers. Pukapuka and ssau will be shared by American tional Academy of Sciences and panese astronomers; and Mopelia the site selected by the Cali-nia Academy of Sciences' team. her international groups may join the effort between now and E-y.

Mr. Bateson briefed the American ronomers on various aspects of e field situation at the intended es at a conference in Colorado. e Americans will probably be ded at their selected sites by a naval vessel.

Other arrangements were being rked out for the transport of the itish-NZ team to Atafu from ia. This might be by RNZAF ing-boat or by an RNZN vessel.

Atafu and the other atoll es mentioned may seem solid ough pieces of terra firma the local residents, but the ronomers are reported to be less an happy about their stability.

Heavy surf beating against the shores of these coral pinnacles, which rise steeply from very deep water, could cause troublesome vibration to the telescopes sufficient to blur photographic exposures of the event and to disturb sensitive instruments.

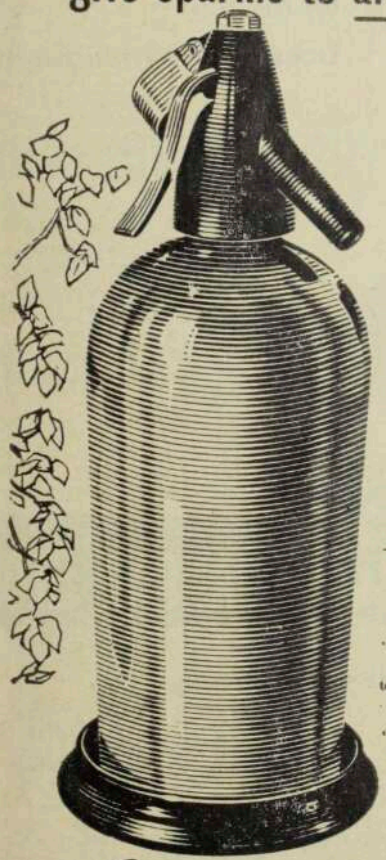


This beautiful bride was formerly Miss Maureen Shorthouse, daughter of an old Port Moresby family. Photograph shows her with Mr. George O'Rourke, after their wedding at the Port Moresby Roman Catholic Church on November 23. Couple went to Sydney for their honeymoon.

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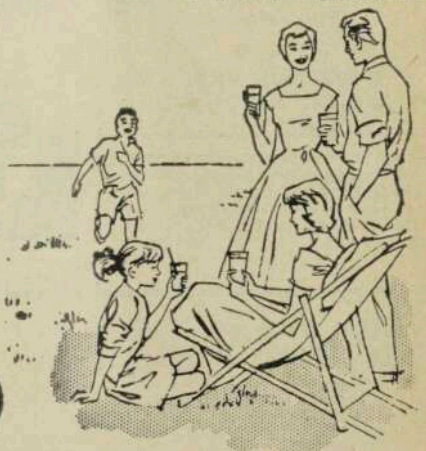
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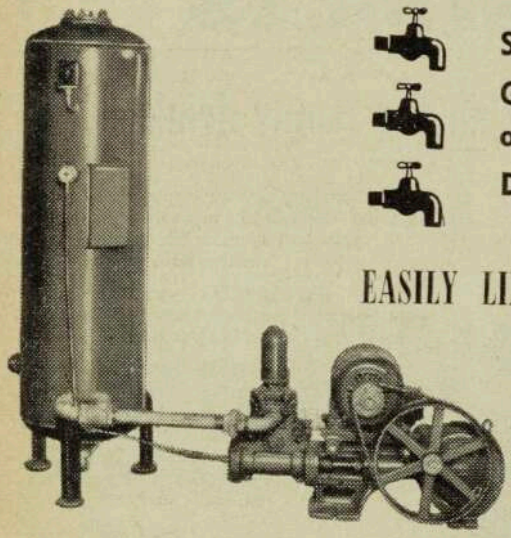
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• *Another company interested in investing in the future of New Guinea's highlands coffee is expected to begin operations in the new year.*

THE name of the company—Goroka Coffee Pty. Ltd.—probably won't mean as much to New Guinea planters as the news that the company's Sydney address, and the names of two of its directors, are the same as those for Arabica Coffee Pty. Ltd.

Arabica Coffee created interest in New Guinea last year when it bought from Mr. Colin Toole 123 acres of land near Banz, 34 acres of it planted to coffee, and embarked on an extensive selling campaign in Australian newspapers, offering 369 quarter-acre units to investors at £200 each, with promise of most attractive returns.

Some aspects of a brochure issued by the company during the year were the subject of comments in the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council, and also by the Finance Editor in the Sydney *Sun*.

The *Sun's* comment suggested that would-be investors should first secure extra information not supplied in the brochure, including an independent valuation of the property, along with an independent expert assessment of its coffee-growing potential, and a forecast on the likely future trend in coffee prices.

Public Relations Officer of Arabica Coffee is a man named Frank Powell.

Offers

Goroka Coffee Pty. Ltd. are Australian agents for Goroka Coffee (Holdings) Ltd., Incorporated in New Guinea.

General manager of Goroka Coffee Pty. Ltd., according to a letter received by a potential investor in December, is Mr. Frank Powell. The letter, signed in the name of Mr. Powell, said Mr. Powell expected to go to New Guinea in late December, and continued:

"I have been successful in having under offer to Goroka Coffee Pty. Ltd. several of the best plantations in the Highlands of New Guinea. Kindi plantation, the largest in the Territory, is one under offer and this plantation has 100 acres under coffee and will reach 4 year maturity next year. It will yield between £40,000 and £50,000 next year, and full maturity in the following year. It has its own 'airstrip' capable of taking a DC3, and its own wireless station — factory and everything that is necessary for a first-class plantation.

"Norikori plantation has 38 acres under coffee and a further 100 acres ready to plant and with a total of 350 acres of good coffee land and all the necessary amenities, including European house.

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Directors

"These properties between them could yield 136 tons of coffee next year worth a minimum of £600 a ton to the growers, equal to £81,600.

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"The Directors so far are: A. T. Martin, Solicitor; J. L. Cameron, Retired Bank Manager; P. Portroni, coffee expert and investor; and two New Guinea planters and agronomists will be added to the Board when I get to New Guinea.

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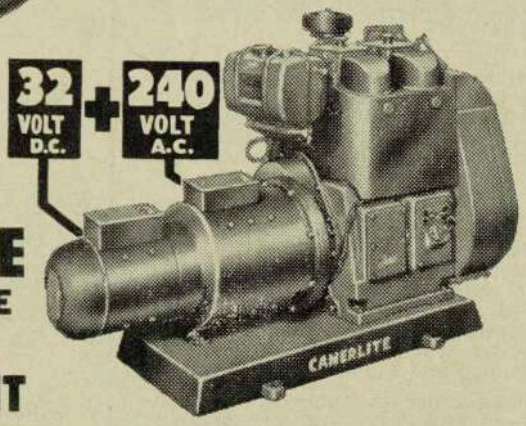


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STILL LITTLE LIGHT ON THE MYSTERIOUS PROBLEMS OF KURU

Although the band of medica experts who have studied it i growing every month, there is sti no answer to the problem o kuru, the mystery disease whic is killing members of the For population in New Guinea's Eas tern Highlands.

AMONG the latest experts t study various aspects of th disease is a group of Adelaid doctors, including Professor H. N Robson, Professor of Medicine a Adelaide University; Professor J. B Cleland, the University's Emeritu Professor of Pathology; Dr. H Lander, of the University's medica department; and Dr. Donald Simpson, of the neurology department o the Royal Adelaide Hospital.

Prof. Robson is currently making his second trip to Okapa.

Meanwhile, a clinical picture o kuru, written by Dr. V. Zigas and Dr. D. Gajdusek, who were the first to make a medical investigation of the disease, has been published in a recent issue of the *Medical Journal of Australia.*

Their report is based on a study of 154 cases, which they believe are most of the cases in the region, and shows that kuru is predominantly a disease of women.

Of the 154 cases studied, only 23 were men. The age and sex distribution of the 154 was: Aged 5-9 years, 8 males, 21 females; aged 10-14, 3 males, 4 females; aged 15-19, 7 males, 6 females; aged 20-29, 5 males, 28 females; aged 30-39, 1 male, 48 females; aged over 40, no males, 23 females.

Disease Extends

The report says that since over three-quarters of the cases were among adults, the full impact of kuru is among the young adult and middle-aged women, and it is evident kuru has been a major factor in producing the current male preponderance in the Fore population.

Every Fore village and hamlet has a history of recent kuru deaths.

The disease occurs in the entire region inhabited by the Fore cultural and linguistic group and extends into the neighbouring groups of the Kimi, Auiana, Usurufa, Kanite and Keiagana peoples.

It has also affected a small group of 700 people in the Iagaria linguistic group, whose tribal grounds

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the Roman Catholic Church in Port esby on November 23, Mr. A. Hollsorth married to Miss Mitzi Evans, daughter of ell known resident of long standing, Mr. Evans. Photo: Papuan Prints.

on the western slopes of Mt. hael, but who migrated to this ion east of Mt. Michael several erations ago and have exten- ly intermarried with the Fore. n each of these neighbouring ips, Kuru affects only the portion the population immediately ad- ent to the Fore. The more re- e settlements, who do not inter- ry with the Fore, are free of it.

11,000 Fore

otal population of all these ages and hamlets affected with u is 16,000, about 11,000 of them g the Fore people themselves. bout one per cent. of the total ulation is affected with kuru, at nservative estimate, although in e Fore clans and tribes the ent incidence reaches 5 to 10 per . of the population, and over 50 cent. of all deaths in some of e communities over the past five s have been from kuru.

he disease is unrelentingly pro- sive, and in the villages it ally runs its course in six to e months, and rarely lasts over ear. Occasionally, patients die in three to six months of the t.

here have been a few cases of very, but the doctors say that believe the disease is uniformly l and that the recoveries are s of hysterical mimicry.

hey say it would not be surpris- to find such cases because kuru pies a significant place in ent Fore culture, in which it is ved to be a malady induced by ery, all recoveries being at- uted to counter-sorcery or to re- al of the kuru-inducing charm.

he doctors report they have also two cases of congenitial tremors, h could not be confused with l.

Referring to one of the many symptoms of kuru (the one that has earned for the disease the popular name of "Laughing Death") the doctors' report says:

"Laughing Death"

"As the disease progresses, but still in the early months of illness, marked emotionalism appears; inappropriate excessive laughter and slowly relaxed smile or paroxysmal hilarity alternate at times with moods of depression and, occasionally, of moderately belligerent and aggressive behaviour.

"This moodiness, more usually that of excessive euphoria [sense of health, cheerfulness] than of depression, settles later in a gradual pattern of withdrawal."

After outlining the various investigations into the cause of kuru, which so far have been in vain, and the various drugs used in an attempt to control it, again in vain, the report says that slight similarities to kuru found in some other rare diseases due to metal poisoning, makes a continued quest for a possible mineral or organic poisoning "mandatory".

† An inquest into the deaths of three men killed by a runaway torpedo in Rabaul in November has returned a verdict of death by misadventure.

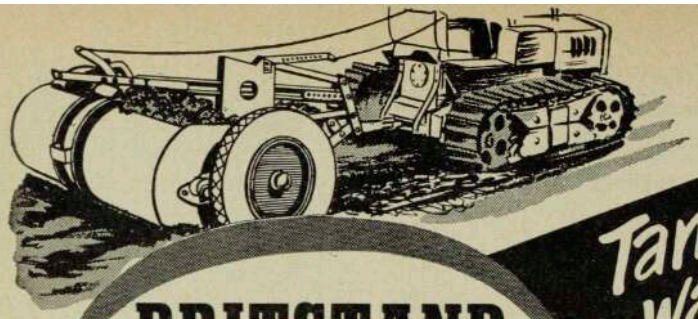
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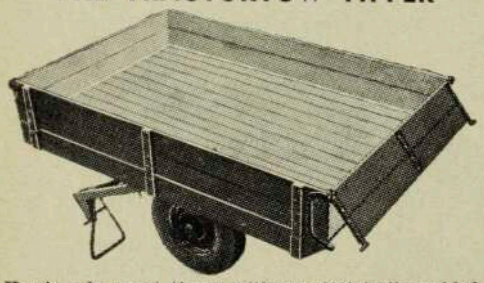
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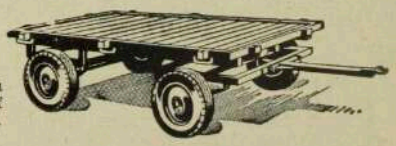
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HE "WHY" OF
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eportation Queried in ritish Parliament

S was expected, the tireless Mr. Jack Thornton (who was deported from Fiji in November, d transported by air from Nadi London, at the Fiji Government's pense) caused a question to be ked in the House of Commons.

Why was Thornton's visitor's permit (to remain for four months in ji) not renewed? What were the asons for his deportation?

A reply on behalf of the Colonial ffice said that Thornton entered Fiji a visitor's permit (four months) August, 1955; was allowed nother eight months "in order that might complete a book"; was fused permission to remain another ar, but was allowed to remain hile he petitioned the Colonial ffice; in December, 1956, his petition as refused; was ordered to leave e Colony in January, 1957. As he iled to depart, he was charged d convicted under the Immigran Ordinance in March, 1957, and deportation order was made ainst him; and an appeal he made the Supreme Court was dismissed October, 1957.

CTUALLY, Thornton is a harmless and inconspicuous person, who probably would have been lowed to remain in Fiji, had he t attracted unfavourable attenn to himself through certain urnalistic activities, and through wise friends.

The Fiji Government is not nearly strict in the application of its migration laws as the details of hornton's case suggest. Wellhaved persons, with visible means support, are not hounded out of e Colony unless the official eye is rced to observe them, and examine eir credentials.

Thornton, a wandering scribbler, s in and out of Fiji once or twice lor to 1955. When he returned in 55, he got a job with a small Suva ekly (now defunct), and he might ve been left alone had he not come involved with the "mystery the *Joyita*".

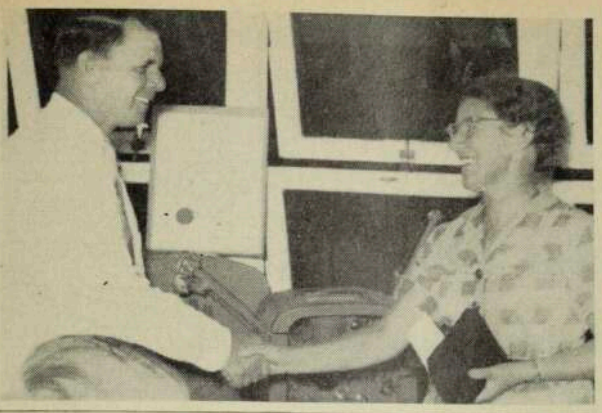
HORNTON was living in Western Samoa, briefly, while the *Joyita* was at Apia, and he had a yage on her. When *Joyita* dispeared between Samoa and the kelaus, Thornton (now back in ji) insisted that something of a rk and sinister nature had curred. As 1955 drew to a close, d the *Joyita* was discovered drift- helplessly, all her company parently lost for ever, sensational journalism built the incident up to a screeching climax.

There came one famous Saturday when a report, distributed from Suva, was blazoned across Australia's newspapers, that the *Joyita* actually had been attacked, and her company removed or destroyed, by the Japanese; and—horror of horrors!—it was suggested that this was the official view of the Government of Fiji.

A denial of the whole silly story—and especially of the Fiji Government's association with it—followed within a few hours; but it was too late—sensational journalism's rabbit already was loose, and careering across half the world's newspapers.

Rightly or wrongly, Thornton was blamed for much of that lunacy. There is no doubt that he was extremely active in trying to solve the *Joyita* mystery, and in feeding lively reports on the subject to newspapers in New Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

(Over)



Natives Given Movie Projector

Mr. Nigel Nichlason, President of the Apex Club in Port Moresby, is here shown presenting a movie projector to Matron Leighton, of Gemo Hospital, on behalf of the native TB and Hansenide Colony on the Island.
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IT is probable that it was at th stage that highest Fiji officia dom began examining th Thornton credentials with a co and unfriendly eye.

If he had remained in his week newspaper job, he might have g by. But he returned to "free-lan ing"; and even free-lancers of hig degree have difficulty sometimes providing assurances of an adequa income.

Thornton, legally, had no perm to remain beyond August, 1956; ar the guardians of Fiji law and ord set the machine working, accor ingly.

Thornton's case was not helped b his friends. One of them wrote a article for a popular Sydney journa wherein was presented a picture a lotus-eating Thornton at ease am tropical pleasures, and amusing him self at intervals by twisting th beard of Fiji officialdom.

It was suggested that he had in geniously defied every effort to de port him. One almost could hea the resentful snort of high officia dom.

From that moment, Thornton fate was clear. The machine groun slowly and inexorably to his de portation.

He made himself even more con spicuous by engaging in litigatio over an alleged libel—a *Sydne Bulletin* reference to "irresponsibl journalists" which, even if it ha been proven, was of so little con sequence as scarcely to merit notic The case occupied Fiji's Chie Justice and a jury of eight, in Fiji Supreme Court, for two weeks.

Small, inconspicuous and harm less, Thornton might have bee allowed to remain in Fiji, withou economic or social damage to th Colony. But, by criticising govern mental machinery, insisting on som odd angles in the *Joyita* story, defy ing the immigration machinery an engaging in unnecessary litigatio he attracted so much unfavourabl notice from the Immigration Offic that there was only one thing t be done with him.

But it cost the Fiji taxpayers man hundreds of pounds. A steam hammer to get rid of a mosquito!

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† The Governor of New Caledonia M. Aime Grimald, together with M Maurice Lenormand, New Caledonia Deputy and leader of the majorit party in the New Caledonian As sembly Territoriale, together wit M. Ohlen, New Caledonian Senato were called to Paris in Novembe to confer with the French Ministe of Colonies. It is thought that thi summons is to smooth out certain difficulties that have arisen in th application of the new "Loi Cadre".

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To Keep Their Memories Green

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA ASSOCIATION FORMED IN AUST.

A big group of former Papua-New Guinea residents now living in Australia has formed a new organisation called the Papua-New Guinea Association.

THE organisation will have its first initial general meeting in Melbourne late in January, when it hopes to work out a constitution and put itself on an official footing. Interest already shown in the association indicates that it will get off to a fast start—which is not surprising, because no other association with a similar membership exists.

It has been proposed that full membership will be open to men who have lived for a reasonable period in Papua or New Guinea, and that their wives or women residents of the Territory be given associate membership.

Idea for the association started 12 months ago, when Tom Drury and Gene Mann, both formerly with DCA in the Territory, and now working in Melbourne, discussed it over a few drinks.

Quickly Spread

They spread the idea around, and later about 30 men interested met in a Melbourne hotel and decided to take the scheme further by arranging an official function.

The function—a smoko—eventually took place at the Sabloniere Hotel, where it was decided to see how a club would progress for six to 12 months or so.

The last few months have seen the idea snow-ball, which is why a general meeting to properly constitute the club has now been arranged. A Buffet Tea, held at the Hotel Cecil, Melbourne, on November 29, was attended by more than 70 people, and the investigating committee for the pilot association has a mailing list of 150 people, all of whom are interested.

Objects

Some of these include a former director of DCA in P-NG, John Arthur; Don Williams, of Vacuum Oil; Colonel Bill Young, Colonel Bert Sabin, Major Laurie Sheedy, and a wide representation of the business world.

The aims and objects of the new association will be: 1. To further interest in the Territory of P-NG. 2. To maintain good fellowship with present and past residents of the Territory. 3. To, when practical, assist any worthy cause in the Territory.

The organisers have already had several talks with members of the New Guinea Women's Association, which has done a tremendous lot of work for the Territory in the last few years, and has been promised support.

Anyone wanting to get on the mailing list of the new Association should contact Gene Mann, at 382 Latrobe St., Melbourne, CI.

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Monowai will sail from Auckland next July 1, following her usual annual refit. She will divert to pass Norfolk Island—and presumably land passengers briefly if weather permits—en route to Suva, where she will spend one day. Next will be for two days at Apia, then two days at Pago Pago, a day at Vavau (Tonga) another day at Nukualofa, a day at Raoul Island, in the Kermadecs, on the run south, and finally a call at Port Fitzroy, on Great Barrier Island, where the whaling station is located, before reaching Auckland again on July 18.

Though this 11,037-ton vessel carries 396 passengers on her normal trans-Tasman run, she will book only 300 for the Island cruise to avoid overcrowding.

An indication of the company's expectations on the bookings is seen in the fact that inquiries in Auckland indicate that no advertising literature on the cruise is being prepared. Rates vary from £NZ90 to £NZ145, depending on cabin.

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Mass Movement

GILBERTESE ENTERING THE SOLOMONS

What amounts to a mass movement of population is taking place in the western Solomons. Gilbertese from the now over-populated Phoenix group are being transported by the Government to the under-populated west Solomons.

OVER 160 Gilbertese natives have been settled on Titiana Island recently, in a model village; and the migration movement is continuing with up to £25,000 being offered for islands suitable for settlement.

The Gilbertese (accustomed always to atoll life) are reported to be settling down fairly well, in spite of some dietary differences. The Gilbertese are basically eaters of taro, fish and coconuts, and difficulty has been experienced in providing a sufficient supply of coconuts. They require a minimum intake of 5 per day per head.

They are suffering considerably from malaria—they come from a malaria-free country.

They are, too, highly susceptible to the minor European ailments, particularly influenza, and 80 per cent. of hospital admissions are from the immigrants.

Lever Bros. Ltd. is disposing of some of its properties, and further waves of Gilbertese immigrants are expected.

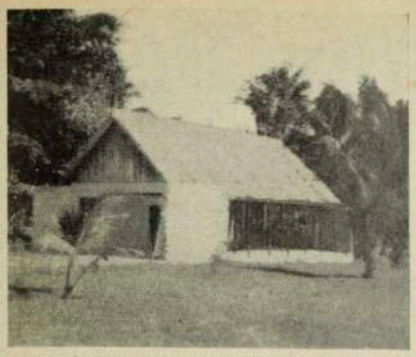
"Diet Trouble"

Mr. R. Hill, retiring Director of Agriculture for the West Solomons, who is on his way back to England after completing a two-year-term of office, thinks that the main trouble with Gilbertese migrants is their introduction to the "white man's diet"—white flour, white sugar, polished rice and tinned meats. Their natural diet is upset, he says; they become susceptible to disease; and the ease with which they can procure the prepared foods makes them lazy.

An additional factor is the relative scarcity of taro in the Solomon Islands.

It was practically wiped out on Choiseul, the Shortlands and Vella La Vella by a disease introduced from Japan in sweet potatoes; and, although the Gilbertese brought their own variety of taro with them, enough is not being produced for their full requirements.

However, he said, taro is being slowly reintroduced into those islands and should eventually take its former important place in the native diet.



This building, a combination of native and European architecture, is the meeting house in Honiara, BSIP, of the Guadalcanal Council. Members of the council are natives.

Flying-Boat Alighting Areas for Tokelaus

SINCE an RNZAF flying-boat struck an unmarked coral head in Nukunono lagoon and was almost lost, the lagoons at the three Tokelau atolls of Fakaofo, Nukunono, and Atafu have all been properly surveyed and the alighting areas buoyed and beaconed.

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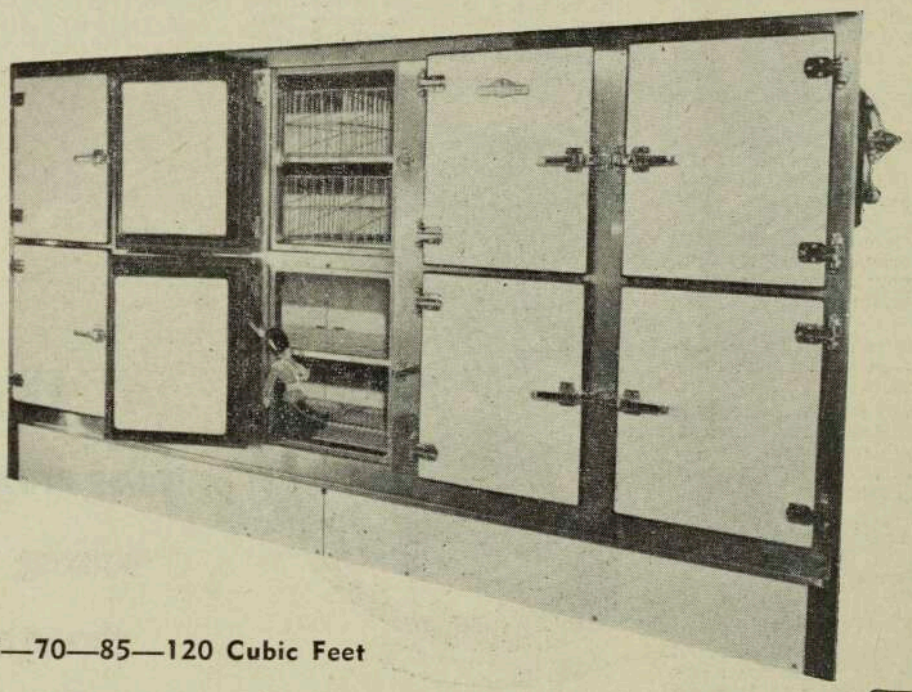
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f Fiji Can Get It

There's Big Money Offering in the US Flower Market

BY J. P. SHORTALL

Is Fiji missing out on a valuable dollar industry in cut flowers? If any are exported at present, the quantities must be insignificant—they rate no mention in the Colony's annual trade returns. Yet Fiji would seem to have all the attributes for the establishment of this industry.

ANTASTIC? For an answer to that we need only take a look at what is going on at present. For years, Australia has been exorting substantial quantities of cut owers to the United States and sewhere. New Zealand is only just vakening to the possibilities. Four ars ago, a man at Whakatane—hich is a long way from the main r-freight outlet at Auckland—took the business full-time.

He has been air-freighhting owards of 10,000 cymbidium orchid ems each year during the September-November Northern hemisiere off-season, and the American nporters have been paying him in e vicinity of a dollar a stem—hich leaves plenty of profit after r-freight has been paid.

Now some Auckland growers are alising the possibilities of this particular orchid, which will last up to six weeks from time of cutting if properly handled.

The Whakatane man has been landing his produce in San Francisco about 30 hours after harvesting. Fiji could deliver flowers in half that time and at a fraction of the production costs.

Enough Varieties?

The airlines are encouraging the trade from New Zealand by offering special bulk freight rates, which Fiji would also receive, and which would in any case be substantially lower than those from Auckland or Sydney.

Can the marketable varieties of flowers be satisfactorily produced in the tropics? For the answer to that we need only to look at Hawaii. Details of exports by ship are not available, but over the past seven years the average quantity of cut flowers sent by air annually has been 364,715 lbs, including cut foliage, cut flowers and orchids. The value has been in the vicinity of a million dollars a year in recent years—quite apart from a substantial local home trade to Honolulu consumers.

The Hawaiian industry is very

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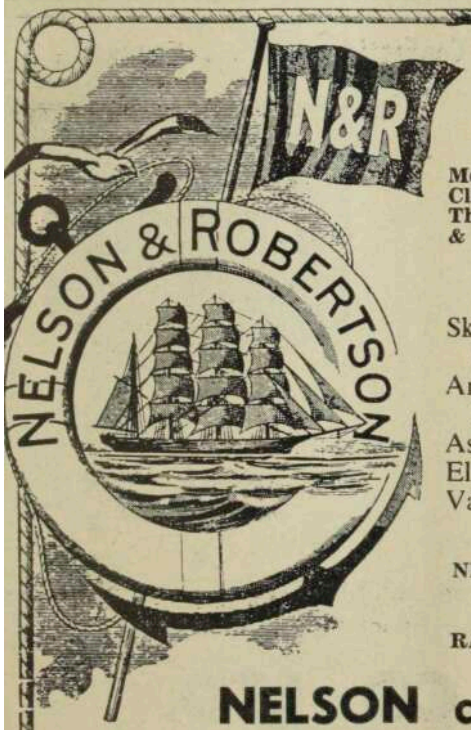
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thoroughly surveyed in an interesting publication of the University of Hawaii, *Agricultural Economics Bulletin 10*, recently issued. Its contents should be of great value to anyone contemplating entering the industry.

Detailing exports in 1955-56, it lists the main varieties shipped, their f.o.b. values in Honolulu and the wholesale prices on the US West Coast.

Average prices are misleading, as demand—and price—vary considerably through the year. The American market appears to be at its slackest in mid-summer and mid-winter.

Retail Prices

An indication of what Americans are prepared to pay for flowers is seen in the range of retail prices in the United States for Hawaii's principal export variety, anthuriums, which bring about six dollars per dozen for the poorest, up to 24 dollars for the best. Foliage brings from 40 to 60 cents per dozen pieces.

There is no market for rubbish or for a poorly packed product, but there appears to be a thriving market for top quality material.

Exploiting the experience of Hawaiian exporters, a Fiji industry could have certain advantages if, from the very beginning growers and exporters established a high standard of export quality and of packing.

Carelessness in this direction could ruin the industry before it got under way, and some system of policing the produce to maintain such standards would be highly desirable, on the basis of Hawaiian experience.

Packing varies greatly with the type of bloom. Certain varieties require individual treatment for each stem—a plastic or glass test-tube type of water container being attached. Where the size is right, empty beer cartons or similar standardised cartons can be used.

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United States and some of these are mentioned in the US publication.

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XMAS PARTY

Generous Gifts to NG Children

THE New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney held its Christmas party for children in December and as usual it was a great success. Generous donations made by many friends helped the Club to entertain its small guests.

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Mr. Les Clark and Miss Grant made donations of dolls; and Nestles Ltd. made a donation of sweets.

† A December *PIM* report on the Tongan royal children now at school in Auckland, was in error in that only Prince Taufa'ahau is Prince Tungi's child. Princess Mele Sui-ilikutapu is the daughter of Prince Tu'ipelehake, brother of Prince Tungi.

W. Samoan Comings and Goings

THE High Commissioner of Western Samoa, Mr. G. R. Powles, left Apia for New Zealand on December 9 for discussions with the new Minister of Island Territories in the recently elected New Zealand Labour Government.

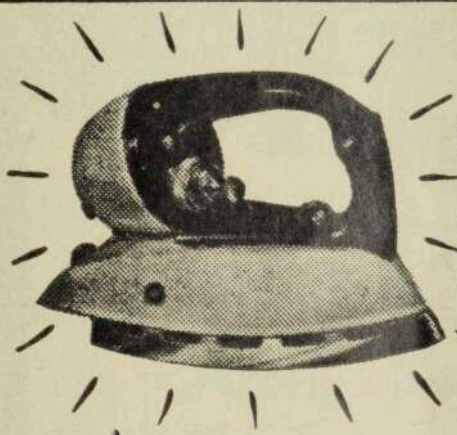
The Secretary to the Government, Mr. T. R. Smith, who has been appointed Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission left Samoa on December 29 for Noumea.

Mr. J. R. Martin, of the New Zealand Island Territories Dept. has been temporarily transferred to the Samoan Government Service and has been appointed Secretary of Economic Development to assist the new Minister of Economic Development, the Hon. E. F. Paul.

MOROBE DC RETURNS

MR. J. PRESTON WHITE, District Commissioner for Morobe, New Guinea, in the absence abroad of Mr. Horrie Niall, on long leave, left Lae in December for Australia on leave himself. Mr. Niall has meanwhile returned to Lae.

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Teal Makes History And a Rescue

IT is not often that travellers benefit through a transport breakdown—but that was the case early December when TEAL's Coral Route Solent flying-boat, west-bound from Papeete to Suva, suffered a propeller mishap to one engine.

Aboard the aircraft were 35 passengers bound for the US, 11 for New Zealand, and five for Apia. As no spare propeller was held at Aitutaki, it appeared certain that the through passengers would miss their air connections at Nadi.

As soon as word was received in Auckland, TEAL's Head Office went into action, and within five hours of the mishap a DC6, with spare propeller, three engineers, a spare air crew, and equipment for refuelling the DC6, was airborne from Whenuapai direct for Aitutaki.

That was at 8 p.m., on December . The 1983-mile flight was estimated to take eight hours but conditions were favourable and the flight was completed in 6 hours 50 minutes.

Engineers and spare propeller were landed, the aircraft refuelled, the passengers taken aboard, and the DC6 was in the air again within four hours to deliver the US-bound passengers at Nadi two hours earlier than would have been the case if the journey had been completed normally by flying-boat.

The New Zealand-bound passengers were landed in Auckland 18 hours ahead of schedule. Only the five passengers bound for Samoa were delayed. They remained at Aitutaki to go on with the Solent.

The DC6 was airborn for 18 of the 24 hours that the entire operation took to complete. A round-trip distance of 4,800 miles was involved.

The mishap coincided with unfavourable NZ press publicity given to sharp criticism of TEAL's trans-Tasman operations made by the well-known author Nevil Shute, who had suffered some hold-ups in a flight from Nadi to Australia via New Zealand.

This, combined with the fact that one of the passengers in the Solent was the French film star, Martine Carol may have influenced TEAL to carry out this financially unprofitable but highly efficient rescue operation.

History was made on the flight in that this was the first occasion that a TEAL DC6 had landed at Aitutaki. This was also probably the largest civil airliner to use Aitutaki, but it is believed that a larger American military aircraft landed there about five years ago.





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Some News From Norfolk Island

NORFOLK ISLAND has had a falling off in tourist traffic in the last two months—despite the beautiful dry weather.

However, there is generally something of a lull before Christmas, and bookings are certainly heavy from now on.

The weather has probably been a bit too dry for cattle, and as a result there has been a move to conserve feed for the many cows at large.

In the past it's been the custom on Norfolk to grant pasturage rights on the roads and commons to practically all horses—their owners paying a few shillings a year.

But because of the need for feed conservation, about 30 unregistered horses were rounded up and impounded recently, and destroyed.

The whaling station put its plant into operation to turn the carcases into tallow and meal, but the result was not worth the trouble of further operations.

Pasturage rights, which expire at the end of the year, are not to be renewed except under exceptional circumstances, and it is anticipated that many owners will not be able to take back all their horses on to their properties, and many more will therefore have to be destroyed.

† Mr. Ward Price, correspondent of the London *Daily Mail*, who is well known in the South Pacific Islands—he covered the visit of the Queen to Fiji and Tonga in 1954—left Australia for England in the *Dominion Monarch* in December. He was far from well—making a slow recovery from a stroke suffered late in 1957.

† During 1957, the New Zealand artist, Charles McPhee, abandoned his plan to reside permanently in Tahiti, and returned to Auckland with his wife (who is Tahiti-born). A card from him advises that they now plan to return soon to the Islands, and hope to reside permanently in Rarotonga.

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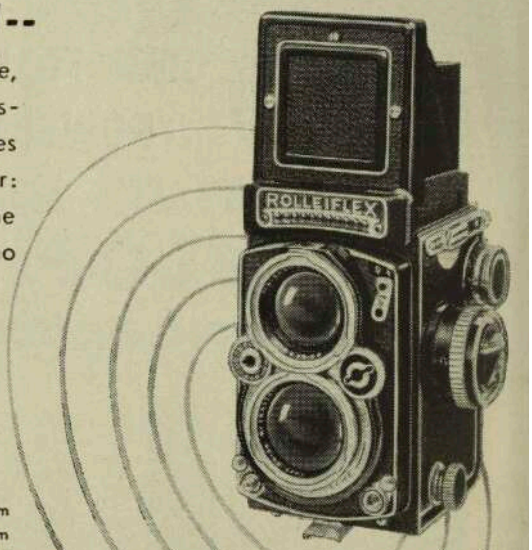
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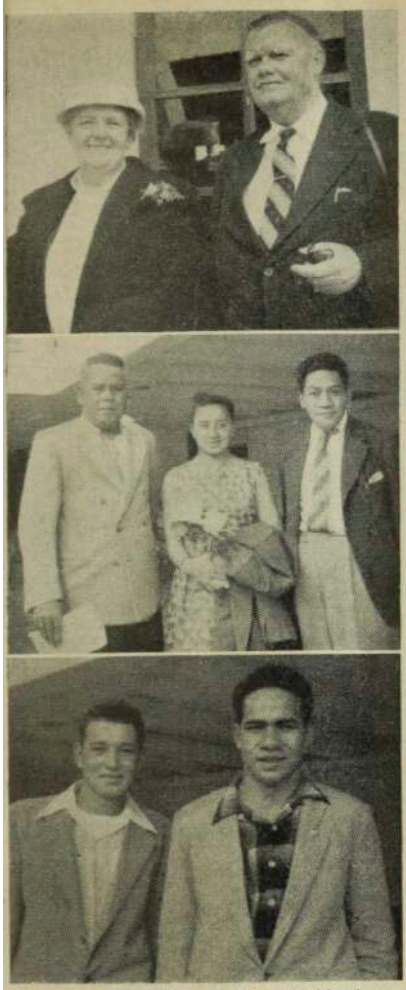


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Passengers north-bound from Auckland per "Tofua" in December included (top to bottom):

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Willoughby returning home to Suva following an air-and-sea visit to the United Kingdom.

Mr. T. Tonga, magistrate of Nukualofa, and his daughter, Miss T. T. Tonga, who has just completed a course at an Auckland teachers' training college, were farewelled by Mr. Ilolahia, now of Auckland.

Mr. R. Denny and Mr. K. Pulotu returned home to Nukualofa after five years training in carpentry in New Zealand.

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FROM TONGA

NZ Gets Waxed Bananas

IN an experiment to improve the quality of bananas arriving in New Zealand, usually about 14 days after picking, the Tonga Produce Board sent a trial shipment of two cases of wax-dipped bananas to Auckland in November.

Experiments overseas have shown that fruit so treated is retarded in ripening. The special wax dip also acts as a fungicide.

Tongan Experiments With Housing

A DEMONSTRATION house, erected by the Government of Tonga, at Sopu, Tongatapu, has been causing much interest recently.

Measuring 20 ft by 16 ft and with 5½ ft walls and a thatched roof, the building is largely of local sun-dried bricks made from ten parts earth and one part cement, with the outer walls plastered.

In an effort to discourage the use of coconut leaf as house thatching —which results in damage to coconut palms and reduced copra production — the house has been thatched with grass.

On one side the thatching is in the Tongan style with grass heads downward, and the other side in the English style with cut ends downward, in a test to see which method stands the weather best.

Tongans Look for Minerals

SAMPLES of most of the mineral ores likely to be found in Tonga, have now been received from overseas.

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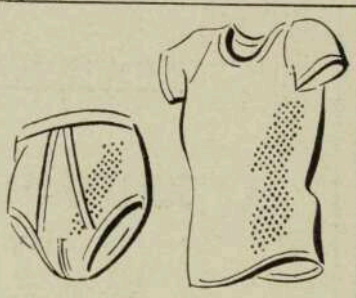
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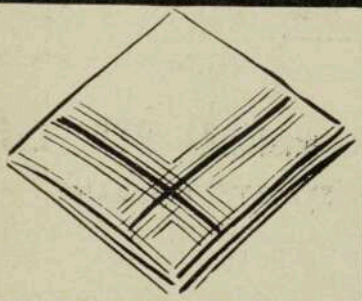
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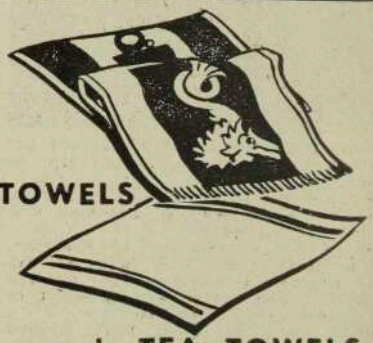
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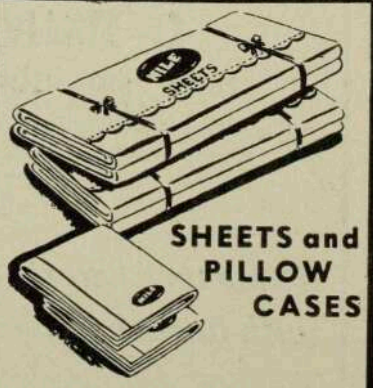
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Initiative and Enterprise Needed

SOLOMONS COULD GROW "ALL ITS OWN RICE"

"Two thousand acres of the Guadalcanal plain could produce enough rice to supply the whole of the Solomons," said Mr. R. Hill, in Sydney in December.

MR. HILL, who has been Agricultural Director in the western section of the British Solomon Islands for two years, returned to England on the *Dominion Monarch*.

Approximately 1,400 tons of rice are imported into the Solomons each year and Mr. Hill says this could be produced there. "What is needed", he said, "is initiative and enterprise and, above all, 'know how' ". There was an opening for private enterprise in this field.

There has been a slight increase in copra production, Mr. Hill said. The normal production is about 20,000 tons per annum.

More and more natives are turning to hot-air drying and he considered there would be very little smoked copra produced in future. One of the main reasons was the introduction of a cheap hot-air drier which could be part erected by the natives, and cost in the vicinity of £20.

> In common with a number of other Pacific possessions, and parts of the Australian mainland, the western Solomons are in the grip of a drought.
>
> Among other things, some fish ponds have practically dried up and fish have had to be moved into larger ponds.

On standards of quality, Mr. Hill said that the inspections were becoming tougher, with heavier rejections, in an effort to improve quality; but, as things stood at pre-

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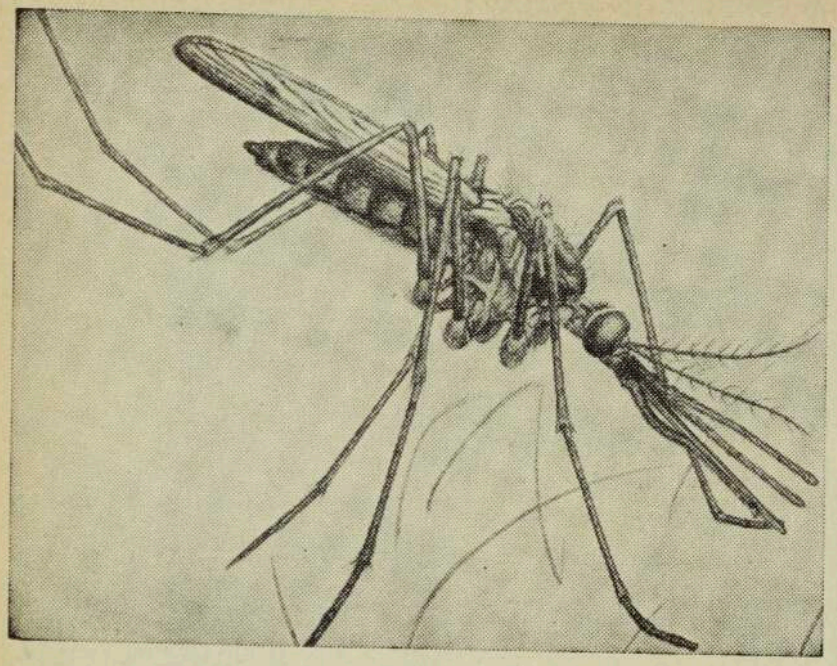
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sent, a good 90 per cent. of copra could be cooked a little more.

He said that, while the Malaita natives were the best workers, the immigrant Gilbertese had a community life superior to the majority of the Solomon Islanders.

So far as the Chinese population was concerned, he saw little evidence of any great increase other than the natural increase of Chinese already living in the west Solomons.

Many of their chillren eventually went to Australia for education and did not appear to return to the Islands.

And here is news of other developments in the western Solomons:

Cocoa Enterprise

AN ex-Naval man, Commander Scott Elliott, who has carved a property out of the jungle at Rendova Harbour during the past three years, has planted about 100 acres of cocoa and expects to start bean fermentation in 1960.

He took over an abandoned plantation in 1954 and, by enterprise and industry, has brought the property well on the way to profitable production.

Two other Europeans in this area are also planning to develop cocoa as a main product.

Fish, Pigs and Peanuts

FOLLOWING the visit of Mr. Van Pel (fisheries expert of the South Pacific Commission) to the western Solomons, the natives are showing more interest in both catching and preserving fish.

Mr. Van Pel carried out a survey of fishing resources, and instructed the natives in the construction of fish ponds and in the preservation of surplus fish by smoking and curing.

He suggested that the diameter of trochus should be increased from 2½ to 3 inches and that a closed season be declared, to give a longer breeding-life and allow the shell population to build up.

He also suggested that surplus fish could be turned into fish meal for pigs and poultry and so help the establishment of another minor industry.

Ilu farm, on the Guadalcanal plain, has been taken over by Mr. Dethridge. He is growing pigs and peanuts; but, it is reported, is striking trouble with kidney-worm in the pigs and difficulty in finding a market for the peanuts.

Crocodile skins are returning about £5,000 a year to two people who are hunting crocodiles in the west Solomons—the only persons engaged in this trade in the area.

Health Problems

PLANS are being made for a new hospital at Gizo (western Solomons) but there seems to be

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o provision for European patients. he present hospital has no Euro- ean rooms.

Mrs. R. Hill, in Sydney on her way ack to England after two years in ie Solomons with her husband, aid there was a definite need for European nurse in the area.

At the present time there is one uropean doctor, with two native ssistants and one Gilbertese nurse. Vhen there is an accident or illness) any of the twelve Europeans on izo, they are nursed at home.

Mrs. Hill is a trained nurse and herited the job of nursing the uropeans. "What is going to happen ow that I have left", she said, "I o not know".

Local residents are trying hard to ave provision made in the new ospital for two European rooms nd for a trained European nurse) supervise hospital nursing and ake care of the Europeans.

When Mr. Don Scott (acting man- ger of the Trading Corporation) ell and fractured his hip bone, he onducted his business from a bed n his office, while Mrs. Hill gave im what nursing attention he re- uired.

Mrs. Hill added that tuberculosis ill is one of the major health roblems of the area; but the BCG noculaton programme (for the ontrol of the disease) had been ractically completed in the western olomons.

Loga Island (opposite Gizo) has een bought by the Dominican athers. Of about 100 acres in area, ie island will be used for the estab- shment of a school and a hospital nd other amenities.

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IG IMPROVEMENT IN NFANT HEALTH

IGURES recently published show a very marked fall in the Cook Islands infant mortality rate.

They are striking evidence that a reat deal has been done in clean- ng up the particularly serious tuation that has existed in recent ears.

It is evident that the Govern- ient and the Cook Islands Health ervice were stung into effective ction by the report of the New ealand Medical Research Council hich revealed an appalling state f affairs, especially in the northern roup.

In recent years, the infant ortality rates, per 1,000 live births, or children up to 12 months old, ave been as follows: 1952, 137.6; 953, 123.5; 1954, 131.2, and 1955, 49.9.

The figure has now fallen to 92.6 or the 1956-57 year, and suggests hat the situation should be well under control by next year, especi- ally as a European public health nurse has lately been appointed to Manihiki (which has a mortality figure far above the average figures given above).

There is also a drive in progress to encourage better housing which, overall, has sunk to slum level on some islands and in certain villages in post-war years. This drive is backed by a limited Government plan of housing finance which has been put into action this year. A more extensive plan is understood to be in preparation.

Figures for infant mortality for the individual islands do not appear in the annual reports, but the latest report states that the biggest im- provement last year was on the main island of Rarotonga, where most of the health services are con- centrated and where staffing and supervision is less of a problem.

Former WPHC on Visit to Pacific

SIR HARRY LUKE, former High Commissioner for the Western Pacific and Governor of Fiji, was paying a visit to the South Pacific in December.

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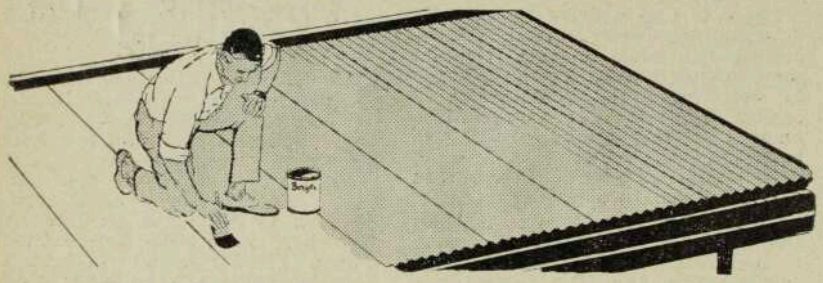
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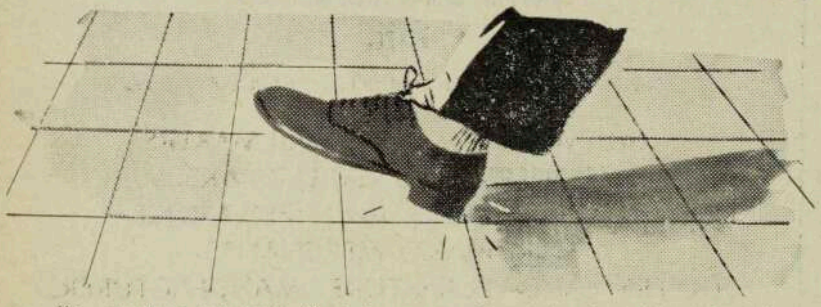
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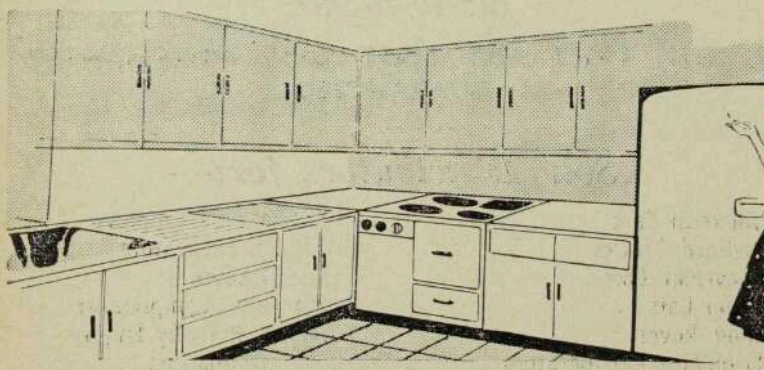
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TROOPS WERE "NEVER MEANT" TO HOLD RABAUL IN 1942

The story of the loss of Rabaul and New Britain to the Japanese in 1942 has now been told officially—and the official version won't put any more minds at ease than have any of the several unofficial accounts already published.

THE unhappy story is told in *The Japanese Thrust*, by Lionel Wigmore, volume four in the rmy series of Australia's official ar history, which covers the events ading up to the war with Japan, ie debacle in Malaya, stories of arious Pacific garrisons and a sep- rate history of the experience of ar prisoners.

The New Britain story is one of ie stories of the small garrisons, hich for the general reader is ershadowed by the greater tragedy Singapore.

But the things that went wrong n New Britain are deserving of nsure no less than those in Malaya. ossibly more, because there was ss excuse for them to have hap- ened.

The official story does not give a new version of how the Japanese got their first foothold in New Guinea, but it fills in many details, and underlines others. Its main points are:

Main Points

- Rabaul was considered by the Chiefs-of-Staff to be expendable. Even before the battle started they were prepared for its loss.
- The Americans had offered to provide a mass of equipment, including minefields, nets and anti-aircraft equipment and radar for expanding Rabaul as an anchorage for British and American fleets, but the scheme was not implemented.
- A Service Corps officer had placed a plan before New Guinea Area Headquarters for hiding part of the force's two years' food supply in the mountains, where it would have been of vital use, but the plan was neglected.

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The historian in *The Japanese Thrust* has a cryptic comment to make on one incident involving Australian and American wartime methods.

He tells of how one weary party of nine Australians had escaped from Rabaul and many months later had got as far as Bena Bena, in the New Guinea highlands, where they had been told they would be evacuated.

But at Bena Bena they were informed that only Americans (survivors of a Mitchell bomber which had made a forced landing in the area), were to be flown out, and that the Australians had to keep walking. They did.

The historian remarks, in a footnote: "Evidently a higher estimate was held of the value of these relatively fit American aircrew than of the weary survivors from New Britain. Four aircraft—two Boston A-24's, a DH-86, and a Spartan Moth—were lost attempting to rescue the Americans from Bena Bena".

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• When word came that a Japanese naval force was on its way to Rabaul, troops were ordered to prepare for movement "as an exercise only", with the result that some went to battle stations lacking rations, quinine and other essentials they needed later.

• The number of men who eventually escaped from Rabaul, despite all the handicaps and lack of organisation, was "an indication of what might have been done had an organised withdrawal and evacuation scheme been planned before the invasion", says the history.

• A group of armed natives from the NG Constabulary had got ahead of troops retreating down the coast, had plundered the villages, stirred up the natives and was responsible "for much of the desolation encountered by the Australians on their journey".

Small Force

The history records that the strength of the Rabaul Army force when the Japanese attacked in January, 1942, was 1,396. Of these, 400 escaped and 800 became prisoners. In addition, about 120 members of the air force were taken off in flying boats.

The military prisoners, together with about 200 civilians, were embarked by the Japanese on the *Montevideo Maru* within a few months, but the ship was torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine off Luzon, on July 1, and all prisoners were lost—including many of the men who had been responsible for the development of New Guinea in the last two decades.

The history takes another look at the opportunities that had been available to evacuate these civilians before it was too late.

It records that on January 16, the Acting Administrator, having learned invasion was believed imminent, sent an urgent cable to the Commonwealth Government asking for action to evacuate the civil population.

On the 21st, the Prime Minister's Department in Canberra replied asking the Administration at Lae to supply the numbers and whereabouts





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of unessential civilians "so the question could be considered".

"It was then too late", says the history. "Attempts by the Administration at Lae to gain wireless touch with Rabaul on the 22nd failed; Rabaul had been attacked that morning, and the *Herstein*, in which [Acting Administrator] Page hoped all civilians might be embarked lay burning in the harbour".

A Mystery

The war history gives no further information on the vexed question of just who in Canberra had been responsible for that fatal delay.

However, the historian says it would have been doubtful whether, even if given the opportunity for this last moment escape, all civilians would have taken it. Many were reluctant to abandon their life's work in the plantations, he says, others were swayed by responsibility to their native labourers; some underestimated the dangers of remaining; some were elderly; some of the Administration officials felt it their duty to stay.

Dealing more fully with the Chiefs-of-Staff view on the importance of the Rabaul garrison, the history has this to say:

"The Australian Chiefs-of-Staff reported in December, after the outbreak of war, that the project [the American offer to provide equipment, made a few months earlier] was unlikely to be implemented. They said it was important to maintain the garrison at Rabaul as an 'advance observation line', but its reinforcement was not possible because of the hazard of transporting a force from the mainland and of maintaining it; account should be taken of the psychological effect which a voluntary withdrawal would have on the minds of the Dutch in the Netherlands.

Astonishing

"The Chiefs-of-Staff concluded that though the scale of attack which could be brought against Rabaul from bases in the Japanese mandated islands was beyond the capacity of the small garrison to repel, the enemy should be made to fight for the island, rather than it should be abandoned at the first threat."

In view of that attitude, it is all the more astonishing why no organised withdrawal plan had not been prepared.

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† Some press excitement was caused in New Zealand early December when a group of Japanese vessels was sighted close off-shore in the Cook Strait area and were believed to be tuna fishing vessels. A Government announcement disclosed that this was a whaling fleet bound for the Antarctic, and that permission had been given them by radio to transfer fuel oil and supplies from a factory ship to the chasers in a sheltered bay. The factory ship was *Nisshin Maru*, which once aided the German raider which shelled Nauru during the war.

WHO WAS THE MYSTERY MAN?

Who was the mysterious European who helped the Japanese during the infamous Tol plantation massacre on New Britain in 1942, when more than 150 captured soldiers and civilians were bayonetted or shot?

The Japanese Thrust recalls a statement by one of the survivors of the massacre, Gnr. M. Hazelgrove, who said he and his mates were taken to a house near the beach, where the party met an interpreter with the Japanese, "dressed in shirt and shorts, who appeared to be English".

As they arrived, the interpreter said, "All right boys, you can put your hands down now".

He spoke like an Australian, said Hazelgrove, later.

There was never any War Crimes trial over the Tol massacre, although two of the suspected principals—a lieutenant-colonel and a doctor—later committed suicide. No others were identified.

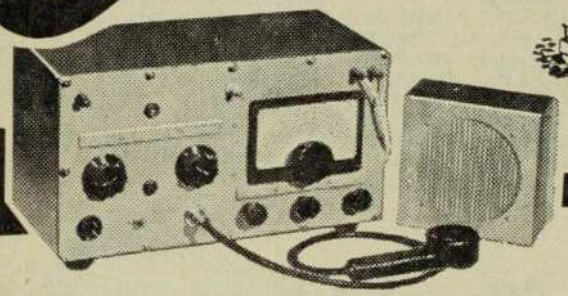


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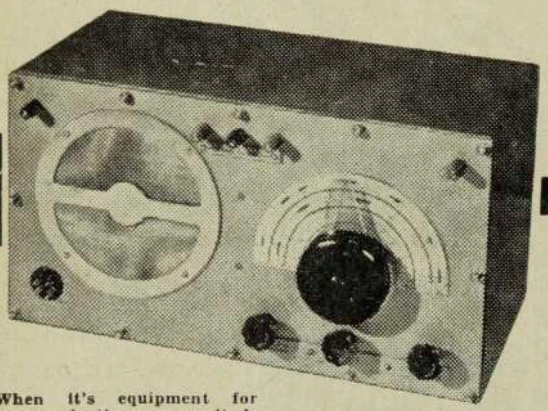
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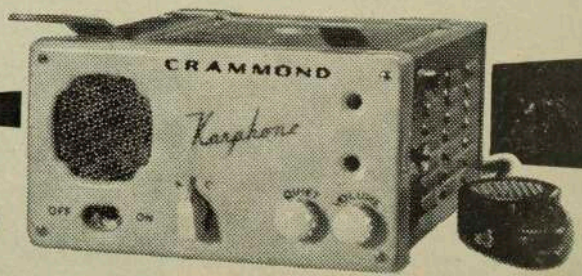
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OPINION

This is how editorial writers in the Australian Press viewed the Indonesian situation in December:

THE Hobart *Mercury*: Likely results of the disorder in Java are increased hardship for the people, and the emergence of the Communist Party in a stronger role. This inevitably will widen the gulf between the central Government in Java and the anti-Communist and semi-autonomous provinces in the outer islands. A civil war is quite possible.

It seems a queer procedure for any Government deliberately to disrupt its own economy and accept the risk of disintegration of its own territories. The campaign for West New Guinea could eventually result in the collapse of Indonesia itself. But this kind of policy is characteristic of the immaturity which has made such a mess of the East Indies.

THE Brisbane *Courier Mail*: The Indonesian Republic could be plunged into chaos if energies needed to establish a rule of law, security, and justice for all Indonesia's people are wasted in clamour and agitation for more territory to govern and more people to rule.

THE Melbourne *Age*: America's neutrality on Indonesia's claim to Dutch New Guinea can, unfortunately, be construed as support. America is so closely tied with Australia and Holland in Western alliances that her refusal to back their argument over West New Guinea will naturally be assumed by the world to represent some sympathy with the Indonesian viewpoint.

THE Perth *West Australian*: By wreaking spite on the Dutch, Soekarno's Government is not only fouling its own economic nest but is deterring other outside capital and commercial assistance. It is simultaneously encouraging the growth of internal Communist strength which is already causing so much external distrust.

The Australian position is clear. Our only point of difference with Indonesia is the Commonwealth Government's recognition and rightful support of Dutch sovereignty over West New Guinea. There is nothing else in the way of friendly and co-operative relations with our nearest Asian neighbour.

THE *Sydney Morning Herald*: It is the Communists, and the Communists alone, who stand to profit from current Indonesian irresponsibility. . . The most sensible

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thing for Indonesia to do would be, as Mr. Casey urged, to reconsider the ill-judged and self-damaging measures which are being taken against Dutch commercial interests.

THE Sydney *Financial Review*: It is a pity we have a few Danegeld advocates in Australia, who question our support for the Dutch stand. Last week-end, some of them said, "Should our resistance to Indonesian demands for control of West New Guinea be carried to the extent of creating ill-feeling with the Asian countries?" What an attitude! Does your resistance to a thug create ill-feeling among his cronies?

THE Brisbane *Truth*: It would undoubtedly be a good thing for Australia if certain parties in Indonesia were trying to get the Communists under control; but Australia will not be able to feel at ease until it is made abundantly clear that all predatory ideas about Dutch New Guinea have been abandoned.

Australia would have reason to feel happier, too, if the Indonesian Government went back to its original pledge, to permit all parts of Indonesia to determine their own future. This would mean, for one thing, that the unhappy people of the South Moluccas—at present blockaded and oppressed—would be permitted to pursue their own independent existence.

What hypocrisy it is for Indonesia to talk glibly about self-determination and independence and liberation when it keeps one of its own territories in subjection and terror.

What nonsense it is for Indonesian politicians to prate about imperialism and colonialism when they want to take forcibly West New Guinea, a territory to which they have neither moral nor ethical rights, without consulting the inhabitants.

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There Was No Colour Bar!

The columnist of the Henty, NSW, "Observer", commented on December 13:

"After all the trouble there was in America over the colour question at Little Rock High School, it was refreshing that at the Wagga Teachers' College graduation ceremony the only coloured student, Leon Raselala, of Fiji, received the LARGEST ovation of any of the 146 students who graduated".

MISSION HEAD CRITICAL OF CONDOMINIUM

PRINCIPAL of the Presbyterian Mission in the New Hebrides, Rev. E. J. Owen, had a few critical things to say about life in the New Hebrides when he was in Australia in December.

Speaking in St. John's Church, Hobart, one Sunday, he said the British-French condominium government was a failure, and the French administration was not interested in native welfare.

Australian Government suggestions that New Hebrides natives should be taken to New Guinea for instruction in running their own co-operatives had been turned down because the commissioners had failed to agree.

Mr. Owen said he thought native co-operatives were the only solution to the New Hebrides economic problems.

He said in some ways if it were not for the church the position would be impossible.

More than once, missionaries had entered forbidden territory to prevent warring cannibals from slaying and eating one another after petitions to the authorities asking for action had failed.

On one occasion a missionary had pleaded non-stop for 15 hours, finally persuading two fighting tribes to drop their arms and to build "a house of eternal peace".

Mr. Owen said Government action could long ago have wiped out cannibalism in the islands, but its "when in doubt, do nothing" policy had allowed evil to survive.

† Members of the Boys' Brigade from many South Pacific Territories were meeting in Auckland in December-January for the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Boys' Brigade movement.

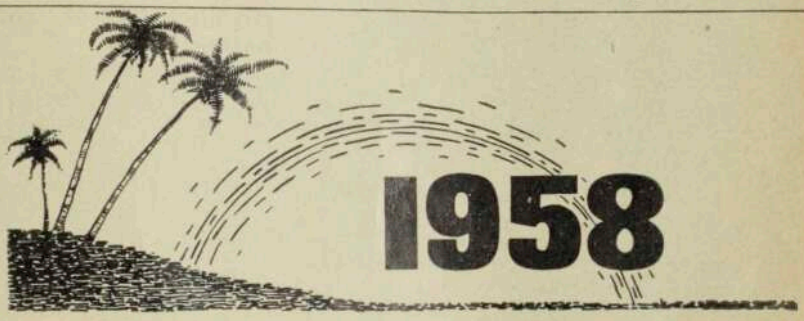
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THE one redeeming feature in a gloomy W. Samoa financial situation is the improvement in the banana industry and the welcome increase in banana shipment during the past few months. The *Matua* took some 22,000 cases of Samoan bananas on November 30 and it is confidently expected that, if space is available up to 30,000 cases per steamer can be exported in future.

Many Samoan districts in Upolu and Savaii have greatly increased their banana deliveries. The largest increases were recorded in the Aana Alofi, Falealili and Safata districts of Upolu and the Salega district of Savaii. The total exports for October and November of this year were 90,870 cases and to the end of November a total of 289,297 cases were exported during 1957 with two more shipments to come during December.

In future it is intended to relate the banana production to population figures in the various districts so as to show a basis of comparison for the industry.

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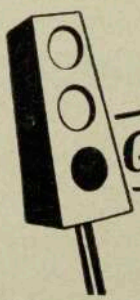
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Letter to the Editor

The Role of the Chinese in N. Guinea

RECENT items in the *PIM* touch on the subject of the displacement of Europeans by Chinese in New Guinea, and on the status of the Chinese themselves.

In fairness to the latter, it seems that much has been left unsaid.

In the first place, the harrowing picture is drawn of the Old Hand planter leaving New Guinea because he feels that he cannot live there any longer under the present conditions. So he has sold his plantation to a Chinese and is leaving for the South with more money in his bank account than he thougnt there was in the world when he first went to New Guinea.

To me he seems a subject for congratulation rather than for commiseration and I cannot raise one salt tear on his behalf. Not that I begrudge him his fortune. He deserves it. Unless conditions are such that a man who works hard in NG can make enough to retire at a reasonably early age, no one of any ability will go there. In particular, pioneers deserve a good reward.

Now it is held against the Chinese that they did no pioneering.

What was pioneering? Back in the twenties, it was the opening up of new areas by Government patrols; the bringing in of new natives to labour; the prospecting of unknown areas for minerals; the development of plantations and, in a lesser degree, living in the small settlements of the country where life was hard and amenities few.

It is only in the last category that the Chinese were found.

Why weren't they in the other, harsher, types of pioneering?

Firstly, they could not be in the Government type because none of them were in the District Services, and one can imagine the howl of protest there would have been from the *PIM* if the Government had appointed a few Chinese Patrol Officers.

Nor could they recruit in the partly controlled areas as Chinese were issued Recruiter's Licences only to recruit labour for themselves, a need they could fulfil quite well in the settlements.

Nor could they go prospecting as they were not issued with Miners' Rights, and if they found payable ground, could not get a title to it. Finally, they were not granted Agricultural Leases, though a few had land which they had obtained from the German Administration. So they kept trade stores, and such like, as they could not do anything else.

This, of course, does not prove that the Chinese would have welcomed the hardship and loneliness of true pioneering, even if they had had equal opportunities with the Europeans. The young Chinese of the thirties looked for the soft jobs, mainly, and I remember that in the worst of the depression when I

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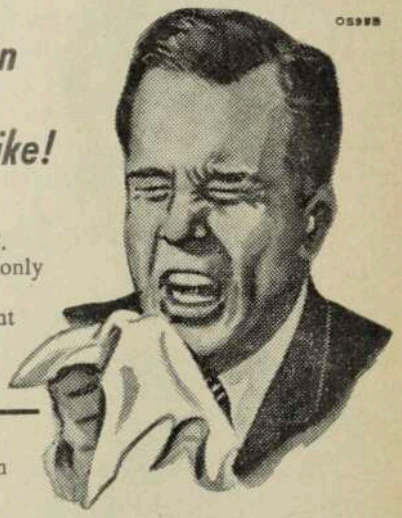
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wanted a carpenter's apprentice, only a half-caste Chinese would take the job on. However, on the facts, we cannot hold it against the Chinese that they were not true pioneers back in those years.

Yet we expect, even demand, their loyalty, though they were treated as an inferior people, no land, no mining, no recruiting and not much respect for them—though personal relationships between Europeans and Chinese were generally good. But when the Japanese invaded Rabaul, we left them there with their women and children when we had already evacuated our own. It was not that any Australian wanted to deny them refuge but that the immigration regulations made no provision for Asiatics to shelter in Australia.

Though this act was not wanton or deliberate (and I think the Chinese themselves recognise this) it was a piece of careless disregard for others of which we cannot be proud. So, if we still demand their loyalty, even against their fellow Chinese, it is up to us to give them full status, which the recent laws have provided.

Lastly, there is the fear expressed in some publications that New Guinea will become completely Chinese. The reasoning is that the Chinese have less overhead expenses, a lower living standard and a greater tolerance for the climate than Europeans and this will allow them to displace the latter in all walks of life. If this reasoning is correct, then the Chinese tenure will be very short, for those factors apply even more to the *Tolais* and they will, then, drive out the Chinese. I do not subscribe to this point of view; life is not nearly so simple and Marxian as that.

I am, etc.,
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The re-established Matson Line service is now providing Tahiti with the opportunity to develop a fresh-fruit trade to New Zealand. Grapefruit and mangoes have been coming in recently from that source. The *Mariposa* also brought 15,000 cartons of lemons from California on her early-December voyage.

EASTERN SAMOA

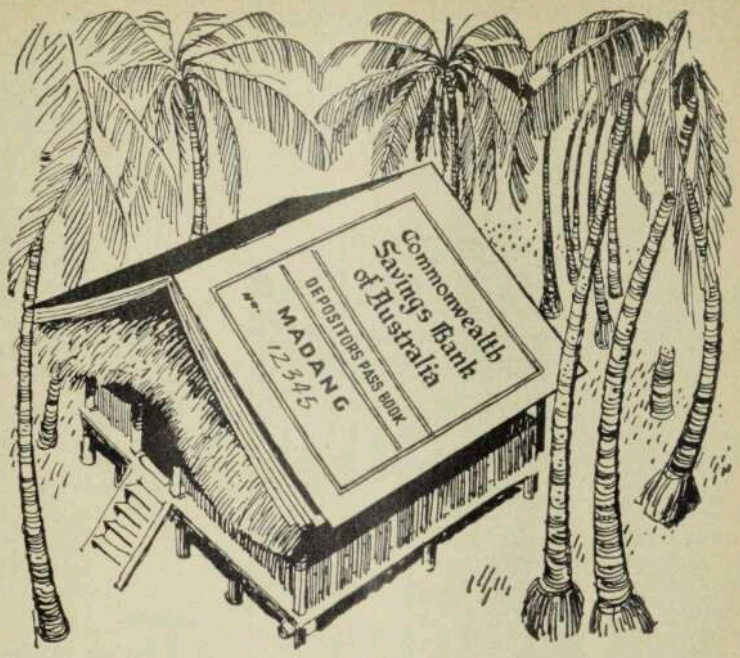
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Tropicalities

ATAFU'S swarming rat population is looking sleeker and hungrier this season—thanks to an effective programme of coconut-palm banding.

Upwards of 40 per cent. of the coconuts on the main islet of this Tokelau atoll have been lost to rats in recent years, and to counter them a project was put in hand a couple of years ago to eventually place broad aluminium bands round every palm on the islet. Some 4,000 palms had been thus banded at the end of the last financial year, when a further three tons of aluminium sheeting was en route to the scene.

It is hoped that eventually rat will eat rat.

Already the copra output has increased. The rat problem exists on the other two Tokelau atolls, but to a less serious extent.—*J.P.S.*

MAN WHO TAMED A FIRE EXTINGUISHER

THE justifiable insistence of the Samarai harbour master on fire extinguishers being carried by all boats, irrespective of size, will probably produce some humourous incidents. One happening pre-war will be remembered by many.

On the wharf in those days was a large cargo shed and hanging outside were several large fire extinguishers. On boat days the locals gathered to greet the travellers and one trip of the *Macdhui* had rather a larger crowd than usual to see it pull out. All except the stern line had been thrown off when a surge of the crowd knocked one of the fire extinguishers down, and it went off like a rocket, shooting out clouds of vapour and foam.

As the crowd surged back rapidly, one man threw himself on the container and wrestled it like a Roman gladiator, rolling round on the wharf, to the shrieks and cheers of the crowd. Finally, the chemical exhausted, he managed to stagger to his feet waving it triumphantly and looking like something from another planet. His triumph was short lived. Booming through a megaphone came a voice, "If some one does not throw that line off I'll tow your b—— wharf away"!

Then the crowd woke up that the ship was moving off steadily and the stern line was still looped over a bollard. The gladiator, being the only person on the wharf at the moment, staggered over and cast it loose. And when later he was asked to pay for damages to the fire extinguisher, he countered with an account for *services rendered* to the ship!—*DAIKA.*

HOUSE ON THE HOLE OF TONGA

A Cook Islands meeting house which was officially opened recently has the distinction of being the first to be built in Rarotonga for 36 years. And a bit of history goes with it. Over 600 guests attended the opening feast, for which 200 pigs and large quantities of native vegetables were provided. The following day teams of dancers from five districts performed non-stop for eight hours, and traffic on the busy coastal road was blocked by dancers and spectators.

Few of the people who saw the celebrations were aware of the significance of the name of the meeting house, *Te-Rua-o-te-Tonga*, or of the dance in which gaily dressed performers simulated the crews of ocean-going canoes.

According to a legend of the Au-o-Tonga tribe, an early ancestor of theirs left his home island of Raiatea, near Tahiti, and arrived at Rarotonga. He landed at Avatiu, close to the spot where the meeting house now stands. He had left Raiatea because he distrusted and feared his brothers, and he brought the tribe's four chief gods with him.

He hid the gods in a hole in the Avatiu reef, and the hiding place was called *Te-Rua-o-te-Tonga*, the hole of Tonga. Tonga was the name of one of the gods.

Most Cook Islands meeting houses are given Biblical names, but in this case it was decided to use the name to commemorate this incident of ancient tribal history.

The building took seven years to construct, and funds were raised from public entertainments and voluntary subscriptions. This was a notable effort, as the community responsible is one of the smallest on Rarotonga, numbering about 60 households.

Cook Islands meeting houses are used on week-days for village council debates, and on Sunday evenings, for religious discussions. —W. H. PERCIVAL.

FROM SHIPS TO FIRES

SOLOMON ISLANDS hands of the old days learned to be tough.

Walter Buckley who skippered schooners round the group for thirty years or more is now living in retirement in Faulconbridge, NSW—which was the very centre of recent big Blue Mountains bush-fires. Buck's house wasn't one of the 180 buildings that were reduced to ashes, but he had a narrow shave, and has had other close shaves, and helped others avoid close shaves for many years now.

Buck moved to the Mountains when he retired from his last job as bosun of the pilot steamer Captain Cook and he becomes involved in bushfires each summer. A few years ago he distinguished himself by helping to evacuate aged women from their burning home and a picture of his efforts made the front pages of Sydney's news-papers. Thirty years work in a climate which brash modern writers are apt to refer to as "white man's grave" and "green hell" have not affected his health. He is in excellent condition and spirits and would welcome a word from any Solomon Islands hand of the old days.

Buck skippered the Sideia, Rogeia, Royal Endeavour, Kobiloko, Vella, Mascot and other schooners and steamers for Levers, Burns Philp, W. R. Carpenter and other Solomon Islands concerns. Before leaving for Sydney he was trading in Santa Cruz.—*W.B.*

PANDANUS RESEARCH

RESEARCH into the uses of pandanus is at present being carried out in the West Solomons by a graduate of the University of Hawaii, Mr. Benjamin Stone. This survey is the basis of a thesis for a doctorate; but Mr. Stone wants to continue his survey and widen it to cover the greater part of the Pacific.

MISSION IN THE MUD

MR. HARRIE STANDEN — one-half of the Mission in the Mud —was in NSW for Christmas, from the Bamu River Mission in Papua. The other half of the mission —his wife Eva— was carrying-on, back home. The Standens, who practise a practical kind of Christi-anity in the muddy delta, are unique in missionary endeavour—even the crustiest Territorian can't find any-thing but good to say about them.

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A Wheeley-Wheeley Built For Ten

EVER since the world began—when the first caveman traded his stone axe for a woman—the instinct to trade has been inherent in man. And the instinct is buried deep in the simple New Guinea native.

A native of Buin, living in Lae, saved enough funds to purchase a bicycle—or wheeley-wheeley as it is known—and so became a man of affluence.

To further augment his income, and to realise on his investment, he now lets out the bicycle to would-be riders at 2/- for two hours. With an old bomb table as a step, the customers wait their turn for their two bobs' worth. And there are plenty of customers, which makes the owner happy—for the time being at any rate. For there could be a problem ahead.

Many of the riders are curious as to just how the machine works, and occasionally one of them gets full value for his two bob by pulling part of the bike to pieces. One of these days there is going to be some pieces left over—and *then* the feuding will start.—*PAT.*

THEY'RE SHIFTING HOUSE

ONE of the curiosities of the Tokelau atolls, north of Samoa, is the way in which the entire population has become crowded onto one tiny islet, despite the fact there is plenty of room apparently on nearby islets.

This crowding has become particularly bad at Fakaofo, southern-most of the three New Zealand atolls. Reasons given are availability of existing fresh water supplies, and also a heritage of the black-birding days when there was safety in concentration of forces.

Last year, however, a re-settlement scheme was put into progress on Fakaofo, and over 40 families have now been transferred from the old village site on Fakaofo islet—from which the entire atoll takes its name—to Fanuafala islet a mile along the reef to the north-west at the extreme western corner of the atoll.

Joyita was carrying materials north from Apia to the Tokelaus as part of this re-settlement scheme when she went missing in October, 1955. The officer in charge of Tokelau administration was one of those lost from that vessel.

CROSSQUIZ

(Solution on page 89)

— ACROSS —

1.—Which British chieftain fought the Romans but was finally taken to Rome as a prisoner?

6.—What garment is an anagram of a goat?

8.—What does the stoat become in winter?

9.—What was the name of the statue Pygmalion breathed life into?

10.—In Greek mythology, who was the mother of Achilles?

11.—In fencing, what is a quick thrust after a parry?

12.—What is the Aral?

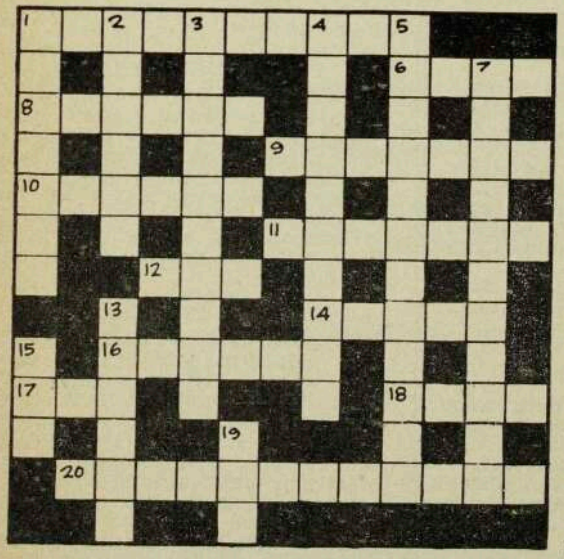
14.—What kingdom lies between India and Tibet?

16.—Where did Wolfe defeat Montcalm?

17.—What three letters acknowledge a debt?

18.—What are units of work?

20.—Who was the fourth wife of Henry VIII?



— DOWN —

1.—What is the worlds' fastest animal?

2.—Who became famous because of his portraits of Lady Hamilton?

3.—What type of beam is only fastened at one end?

4.—Who was the boy who stood on the burning deck?

5.—What is the outer layer of the atmosphere?

7.—What disaster struck London in 1665?

13.—What does one with strabism do?

15.—Which Kipling character spent his early life as a vagabond in Lahore?

19.—What was Dickens' nom-de-plume?

The Battle's Ended—After 35 Years!

THE name of John Nixonwestwood has been added to those of World War I veterans, inscribed on the memorial stone in Port Moresby. Thus ends a long battle.

(From here on, NW means Nixonwestwood; HO means High Officialdom.)

NW was in an Administration post at Daru, Western Papua, and wanted to enlist. HO was unfavourable—that Daru post was essential, even in wartime, and very hard to fill. Thereupon NW went to war with HO.

NW was asked by Messrs. Wally Maidment, D. C. Harmon and W. H. Luff, of Daru, to go to Thursday Island for foodstuffs, then in desperately short supply. The District Officer forbade the expedition.

NW defied the DO and left on "Goodwill", carrying outwards mail. Among the mail was a letter to the TI storekeeper from the DO, asking for certain supplies. NW knew that the DO already had ample supplies. When the "Goodwill" got back to Daru with the food, it was found that the DO's order had most unaccountably been short-shipped. NW thenceforward was further out of favour with HO.

NW eventually got away to the war—he served with the New Zealand Engineers on Gallipoli. But when the names of Papua's volunteers were assembled on the memorial stone, NW's was conspicuously missing. NW always insisted that the omission was a deliberate act on the part of outraged HO.

NW, 35 years ago, started the argument; he insisted that his name be added to those on the stone. HO was equally insistent that it had no proof that NW ever joined up or went overseas. NW has lived in many parts of the South-Pacific, but now is retired and resides in England. He is a tireless letter-writer.

A few months ago, "PIM" heard of the marathon correspondence, and brought the matter formally under the notice of the Secretary of the RSS & A League at Lae. An inquiry was made, and the name at last was added to the honoured list.

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Once the missionaries were shocked . . . but "narrow-minded, barren prudishness" is being defeated as . . .

The Tahitian Dance Moves Towards a Renaissance

By Mme. TEROROHEIARII MOUA, of Tahiti.

FROM time immemorial, dancing has been the life and soul of the Tahitian people. It drew its inspiration from the worship of gods and kings, from the respect due to chiefs, and above all, from the love of beauty which, in Tahiti, pervades the bold mountains, the sweet-smelling valleys, the simmering lagoons and the dazzling sky; from a child's smile, from a mother's tenderness, from the natural charm of woman and the proud strength of man, and lastly, from the "joie de vivre" of a people who are its soul.

To the "Ariois", lavishers of joy, tireless and magnificent troubadors, dancing was the highlight of all feasts, plays, heroic ballads and comedies.

To some enthusiasts to-day, the spell of dancing is in the joy of creation, in living their own composition and performing it through co-ordination of mind and body, thus identifying themselves with nature and life.

To the ever-dreaming Tahitian, dancing is also a means of expressing his personality through the skilful use of choreographic movements and attitudes combined with sumptuous costumes whose accessories are an enhancement to beauty. The Tahitian finds beauty only in the beautiful and therefore never burdens himself with masks, paint or distortions in the expression of his feelings.

In lovely Tahiti, everything seems an enticement to dance.

"Shocked"

But why, you may inquire, the litheness, the movement of the hips so distinctive of the Tahitian dance, whereas the torso remains still? Old wives might answer emphatically "Mai Te reira i hoa" (that is the way it is); inborn in the Tahitian people, dancing is a gift of the gods and remains what it is—an enigma, a problem insoluble as the origin of our race . . . a mystery.

Yet this feature, so typically Polynesian of our dancing, shocked the modesty of the first missionaries, who found it difficult to reconcile their vocation, admirable in itself, with a naturistic approach to choreographic expression. Through them and their disapproval, dancing fell into disrepute, and, from Monsieur de Pritchard, to contemporary times, the art was at a standstill.

Poor, beloved dance, so noble and so pure! Whether in sole or in group performances, it expresses the entire soul of a healthy people who see no immodesty, no lewdness in its gestures. One cannot claim to know, let alone form an opinion on Tahitian dancing, unless it has been performed by normal and sober people and not by depraved characters gorged with liquor, who reduce this folklore art to the level of pornography.

Dance in Secret

Sorry years, sorry stages, redeemed only by the folklore festivals of the Fourteenth of July which enabled the people of Tahiti, temporarily released from their inhibitions, to give way to the lure of rhythm.

And I wish here to pay tribute to the Mayor of Papeete, Mr. A. Poroi, who, shortly after taking up office, reacted energetically against the smothering atmosphere described above, by appointing a competent and strict Folklore Committee. One of its first tasks was to free the men from the modest shorts, hanging well below the lithe "more" made of glistening grass, and the women from their ridiculous Mother Hubbard dresses.

Thus was restored the freedom of movement required for Tahitian dancing. Narrow-minded, barren prudishness had been defeated.

However, most young girls still hide to dance, and many women, in fear of their husbands or family gossip, conceal their evolutions—to the tune of a miserly gramophone—between four sordid walls. Numerous are the Tahitians—both male and female—who love dancing but refrain from heeding to its ancestral call to avoid their reputation being sullied. "E Mea haa ma" (it is shameful).

And yet, throughout the world, races and countries proudly retain their ways and customs. Why not Tahiti? We need no foreign imports to perpetuate the integrity of our dancing which is the reflection of the Tahitian soul, slumbering perhaps, but certainly not dead. The Tahitian people alone can revive this, their heirloom, and to do so they will have to reconsider that part of their folklore in the light of tradition, with minds as clear and unimpeded as those of their ancestors who certainly saw nothing shameful in the choreographic art.

Indeed, it will be no easy task to bring pressure to bear on families and religious opinions. One will meet with those who will not be convinced, with the excuses of the defeatists and the waverings of the timorous, but psychology and persuasion will break down these barriers, for every true Tahitian is born with the melody of the guitar in his brain and rhythm in all his body.

Timid Start

Also, the intelligentsia and the public-spirited members of the island will help to revive this aspect of the local folklore without which Tahiti would no longer be the gem of the South Pacific. And this is of importance when one ponders on the influence that a rebirth of folklore in French Polynesia may have on the development of tourism.

A timid start in this work of renovation was made in Tahiti in June, 1956, and through rough and smooth, a folklore group was born in Papeete, and two others, in Moorea and Bora-Bora respectively. It is only a first move, but in spite of the work and concentration required during rehearsals, the enthusiasm and stimulus aroused are such that every hope can be entertained for the future of Tahitian dancing.

Any efforts made to dispel the feeling of sin which attaches to dancing are laudable, re-setting this art along its traditional lines is better, but perfection will be attained with the creation of an Academy of Polynesian Dance and Music.

Monsoon Season

The little ships, the small ships
Go out in all the weather
The little ships, the small ships
(Some barely hold together).

But Bill and Joe and Frederic
Not easily put to doubt
Brave winds to bring the copra in
Or take the cargo out.

We roundly curse the small ships
Whenever they are late—
For food, and Christmas cargo
We do not like to wait.

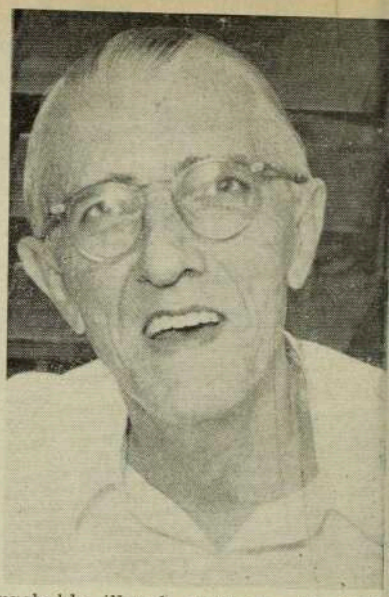
But little ships and small ships
Don't hesitate for weather
And Joe and Charles and Freddy
We thank you "altogether".

—NOELLE MASON

Bougainville

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One of Papua's pioneers, Mr. E. A. James, announced in Port Moresby in December that he was retiring from his active business interests. He will, however, continue as member for Papua in the P-NG Legislative Council, a seat he has held since the council was inaugurated in 1951; and with his long association with the Papuan Planters' Association, of which he is secretary, and the Port Moresby Town Advisory Council, of which he is chairman. Before the war, Mr. James conducted the **Papuan Courier,** whose sudden end is recalled here.



THE DAY "THE COURIER" DIED

IF E. A. James were a man who accepted the bureaucrat easily, then the name of Papua's newspaper to-day would no doubt still be the *Papuan Courier*, and not the *South Pacific Post*.

But "Jimmy" James has always spoken up when something has needed to be said, and consequently the *Papuan Courier* has been dead for 15 years—felled by a sudden blow from behind.

James ran the *Courier* in the years between the two wars. He produced it once a week from a tin shed in Port Moresby, not far from where the imposing, two-storied James' Arcade stands now.

He had got it in an unusual way.

He had set up as a public accountant in Port Moresby in 1924, and soon after was appointed managing agent for the *Courier* company, which then had a number of local residents as shareholders.

But with staff shortages and one thing and another, managing agent James within the year found himself with the title of editor, too. After that, it was probably inevitable that he should buy out the rest of the shareholders and become sole proprietor, which he did about 1935.

Native Compositors

Typographically, the *Courier* was not exactly a thing of beauty, but it was much better than its loyal readers could have expected, considering that it had no linotypes, no engraving equipment, and all of it had to be laboriously hand-set. Most of the native compositors couldn't understand the words they were setting, but they did know the alphabet and set by letters only.

There were native comps, however, who quickly learned to hand-set as fast as a European, despite the handicaps, and native foremen even took charge in emergencies.

In the circumstances, it was natural that the *Courier* never went in for smart and eye-catching headlines, or odd tricks of display; yet no gilding was needed when James wanted to make his point. He simply made it, and there was no doubt as to what he meant.

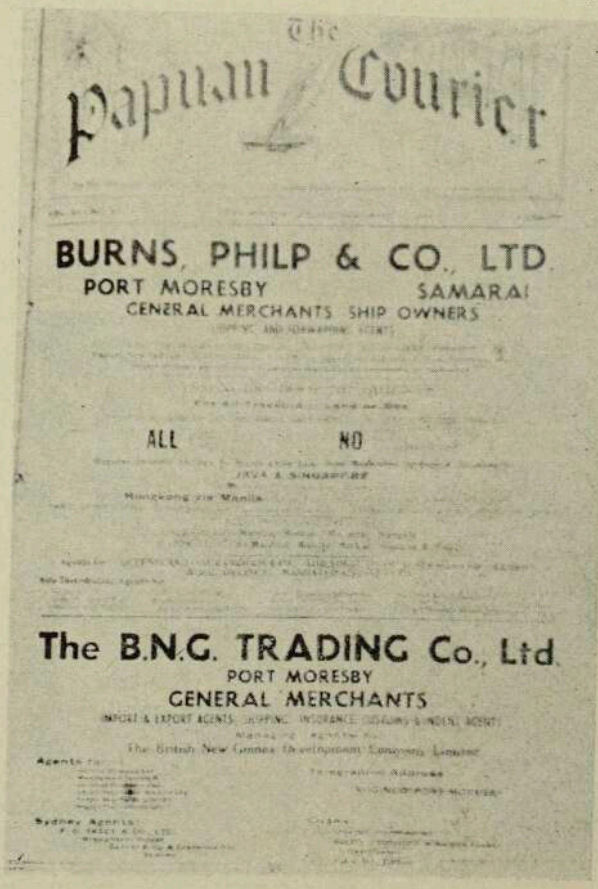
The fact that the *Courier* was not normally a campaigning newspaper, but took up the rally only when something had to be fought, perhaps made its bugle calls sound out even louder.

There was, for instance, the incident in 1934, when the Commonwealth Government began to press Papua residents for radio listening fees, a thing it had done on occasions before — although the Territory had no radio station, could hear mainland stations only three months of the year, at night, and usually poorly at that.

The *Courier* said the collection of fees was an absurdity because it was hardly worth the cost of collection in Papua, and it was probably illegal, anyhow. In fact, said the *Courier*, it had decided to settle the matter once and for all, in court, and added:

"We do not admit the right of the Commonwealth Government to collect moneys from the people of Papua, under any pretext whatever, which are placed in the consolidated revenue fund of the Commonwealth, and over the spending of which residents have not the slightest say. In other words, we do not admit the right of any country to tax the residents of Papua and at the same time, treat them as foreigners.

"Secondly, the *Papuan Courier* is opposed to the alarming spread of extra-parliamentary or bureaucratic government, which in the last few years has increased not only in Australia, but in practically



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every country in the world, not excluding Papua.

"Government by commissions, committees, ministers, Government departments, civil servants, dictators, and by bluff and ignorance—they are all the same, usurping the right of the chosen members of the people from making the laws. In the case of these wireless listeners' licences, it appears very much as though the PMG has decided they shall be collected in Papua, and ipso facto, it becomes the law!"

The Challenge

The court challenge came in December, 1935, when editor James pleaded not guilty to having unlawfully used an unlicensed wireless, and argued that the Commonwealth had no jurisdiction in the matter, and that there was no law in existence to compel Papuan residents to hold a licence.

He won his point. The Commonwealth was ordered to pay £3 costs. Territorians to-day still pay no listening fee, although they have long had their own station.

Maybe it was inevitable that it should have been the same kind of dictatorship that felled the *Courier* eight years later.

It was January, 1942, with the Pacific war only a month old, and the Australian Army was in control of Port Moresby—or claimed it was. But Army authorities seemed unable to prevent some of their troops brawling, breaking into houses and stores, stealing from the wharves.

Moresby in peace-time had been a quiet law-abiding town, and the new type of lawlessness was not welcome. The *Courier* reported each incident as it came to hand, to the annoyance of the Army, which was at that time suffering from growing pains.

Troops who were brought into the civilian court had their names recorded in the paper—to the further annoyance of the Army.

But the Army was really shaken to its batman-polished boots when on January 9, 1942, the *Courier*, in an editorial headed, "An Altar to Incompetence", had this to say:

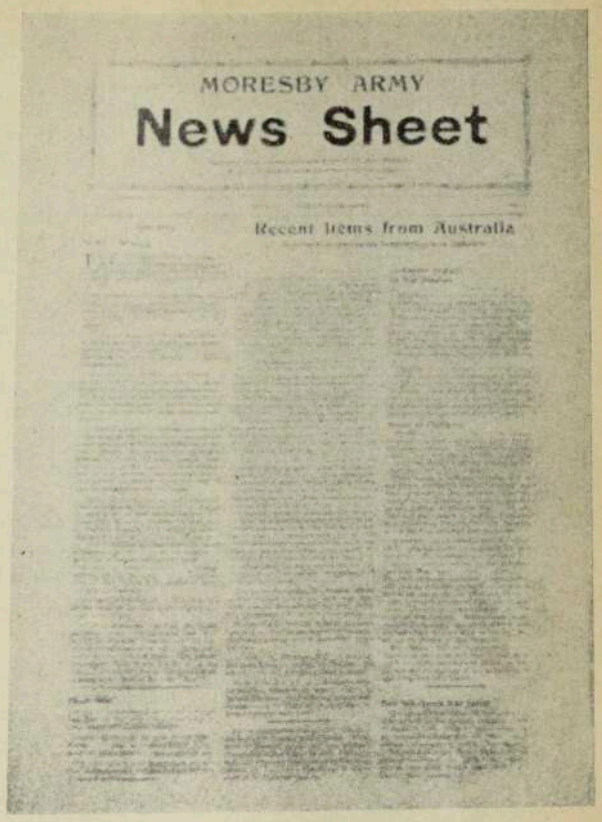
"Somewhere on top of a high ridge at Port Moresby there is a square pile of cement in bags. It is some 20 or 30 ft square, and about 12 ft high. How many tons are there we do not know. It is unprotected. There are a few sheets of iron draped on it here and there, and one small tarpaulin. The first gubu, and it is now overdue, will whirl away the flimsy protection and the pile of cement will be ruined. It will have to stay there, and for years it will be a white altar high above the town.

"If we do not relapse into barbarism, we hope and trust that the first victims who will have their hearts torn from them on this strange altar will be the incompetents who stored the stuff in this strange place. The people of Moresby have seen all manner of incompetencies of late.

"We do not know who is responsible or where the fault lies, but we can say that of late weeks something has broken within us and we feel that something savage, something barbaric is necessary to compel men who are earning good wages to earn them.

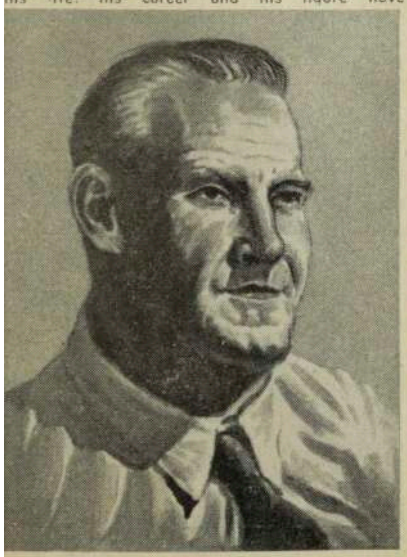
"Someone must have known that this cement was coming. Someone could have thought ahead and realised it was arriving in the wet season, and someone surely could have made a plan of some kind.

"We are told the people in charge are at their wits' end. We doubt it. We doubt whether even a half wit would have been quite at the end of his resources before he stored cement in such an exposed position. All we can hope is that when this startling monument to incompetence has effectually hardened it will be an



Ralph Ormsby: A Most Solid Magistrate

SINCE the time in 1913 when Ralph Ormsby was born at Randwick, NSW, the bulk of his life, his career and his figure have



been developed in the Territory of New Guinea. He first landed at Salamaua in 1935, going to the Upper Ramu patrol post, since better known as Kainantu. He was also at Bulolo and Gasmata and spent six years in the Sepik River district, and Morobe.

With the advent of the Pacific war, Ralph was on leave in Australia. The Government released him to join ANGAU, in which he reached the rank of Acting-Major, after serving at Lae, Bougainville and Nissan. He was appointed District Officer for the Sepik at the end of the war. After his discharge he reverted to Civil Administration and was appointed ADO at Angoram, where he served until 1951.

Soon after being appointed District Commissioner of Bougainville, he was taken seriously ill and spent some time in hospital. Ralph was then made a District Officer Magistrate, serving first at Lae, and then at Madang, the position which he still holds.

Ralph is a massive man and a very solid Magistrate. During the last six years his weight has varied from a moderate 13 stone to a colossal maximum of 32 stone 7 pounds! He is now down to the comparatively miserable figure of 21 stone, and efforts are being made to reduce this still further. Friends who have known Ralph's former capacity for liquid fuel are warned that his present limited beverage is ginger-beer and bitters, or alternatively, tomato juice!—BRETT HILDER.

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object lesson, and people in high places will then be obliged to use even the small wits the gods have given them."

Although the following week the *Courier* ran another critical story, this time on the high incidence of breaking and entering which, it said, had apparently become a popular pastime, the damage had been done. The *Courier* didn't know it, but its issue of January 23 was to be its last.

The Army walked into Jimmy James' tin shed, announced that it was summarily commandeering the *Courier's* printing press and newsprint supply, for military purposes. And did.

Despite Mr. James' retirement from active business, the firm of E. A. James and Co., started nearly 34 years ago, is to continue under the remaining partner, Mr. S. Fox. Mr. James will also remain as consultant to the firm, and as a director of a number of local companies.

Suva's Smells

They've taken all the odour out of Suva—
At least, a lot that we could do without.
We now have sewers, and a dhoti'd Indian sweeper
To push the dirt and bits of peel about.

They've built posh banks and purified the cafes;
The taxi drivers wash and clean their cars;
The household refuse is collected daily;
They've got hot water in the public bars!

Some smells remain—the copra in the go-downs
Wavers richly on the evening air;
The lazy, muddy, winding tidal water.
At low tide hints of garbage lying there.

The rich perfume of creamy frangipani
Mingles with curry and chuppati at day's end—
There's the biting tang of freshly-uncapped lager—
Which makes the heat a temporary friend.

They've taken all the odour out of Suva,
But practiced nostrils even now can tell
The homely, earthy, sweaty tropic magic
That sweeps the memory with an old, familiar smell.

—GWEN MATTHEWS

The Million-To-One Chance

HOW A PAIR OF WAU SOCKS FOUND GEORGE CLARK

I WAS sitting recently in that lounge of the Hotel Cecil, at Lae, with three other men, and over a glass of beer; and the conversation came round to racehorses and long-shot winners. The reference to long odds took my memory back over many years.

Back in 1931, I was prospecting for gold on the Morobe field near Wau, and I decided to have a weekend at the old Hotel Bulolo, in Wau, owned and managed by that fine woman, Mrs. F. S. Stewart. After dinner, I wandered along to the lounge, and was invited to sit into a game of poker, by a man named Jim Wright.

The game ended in the early hours of morning; and I then discovered that Jim was my room-mate. We had a number of drinks that weekend, and we sort of took to each other and became fast friends.

Jim Wright was working a claim at that time on Edie Creek, at a place near Golden Ridges. He was an Englishman, well educated, charming manners—a very fine type of man. I always said that the more rum Jim drank the more polite he got. He was married, later, and set up a little trading-post as a side-line to his claim.

Over the years our friendship grew, and I had many happy evenings with Jim and his wife.

CAME 1939, Word War II. In March or April 1940, I enlisted for active service at Salamaua, then our port of entry, and headquarters of the goldfield. About 35 other local chaps enlisted with me.

We were drafted into the 2/25th Battalion, and sent to Port Darwin for solid training. How many of my old cobbers of the 25th Battalion will forget Vesteys Barracks, the torrential rains, the terrible food, the heat and mosquitoes!

After five months' hard training we returned to Brisbane (Redbank Camp), and thence to Sydney and embarkation on the *Queen Mary*.

AFTER the Syrian campaign—fast and fierce—our brigade moved to Tripoli for the winter. En route to that place, per trucks, we camped one night at Beirut, in a vineyard. I got very sick there with dysentery—grapes, I suppose—and, with others, I was sent back to Haifa, per ambulance, to an Australian Hospital.

After four weeks' treatment I was sent to an Australian Infantry Training Battalion at a place name Dimra, near Gaza, Palestine. Ther were several of these camps in th country. However, this camp re ceived and took on strength a reinforcements from Australia, in cluding personnel from hospitals schools, detention camps, etc.

During this period (while I was a Dimra) the whole 7th Brigade (in cluding my battalion) was recalle to Australia. I felt lonely. However I was cross-posted to the 2/ Machine Gun Company, commande by the great soldier and gran man, MacArthur Onslow.

Now, have I made it clear that was sent hither and yon, about the Middle East, and that what happened was sheer coincidence?

Before I left Dimra, per truck, t join the machine gunners, the orderly corporal came along the lines of tents and called, "A Red Cross issue will be made at the orderly room at 3.30 p.m. There will be no parade".

So, when the time came I wandered down to the orderly room. There were 500 men in that camp. When my turn came, I filed past an officer and a sergeant, sitting at a table. I signed a book, and was handed a tin of Log Cabin tobacco, and a pair of knitted socks.

But in my tent, I pushed the socks into the old black kit-bag. Next day, I moved to my new regiment, and was given two days' leave in Telaviv. I searched the kitbag for clean clothes, and I put on the new socks.

On the inside of those socks was pinned a little card which read: "Good luck, Soldier! From Mr. & Mrs. Jim Wright, Golden Ridges, Wau, New Guinea".

AT that time, there were 90,000 Australian troops in the Middle East, 12,000 in England, 8,000 in Malaya and thousands in Port Darwin.

I found out, afterwards, that socks and other garments were knitted in Wau, sent to a pool in Rabaul, forwarded to Sydney, re-pooled among tens of thousands of socks, and finally sent overseas to England, Malaya and Middle East.

I related the incident to our Staff Major and, when I saw him again a few days later, he told me that it was almost impossible to work out the odds against my getting those socks.

Mr. George G. Clark can add another coincidence to these he writes about here. In November Tolala asked for the address of Clark (p. 28), but before November "PIM" had time to get into circulation we had received this story from the man himself. His address is PO Box 67, Bulolo, New Guinea.

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THE European starling, a bird usually addicted to fruits in season, but otherwise innocuous, was recently responsible for a gunshot wound, a sea voyage, and two flights by RNZAF Sunderlands to the eastern-most island of the Fiji Group.

The starlings were first noticed on the island of Ono-i-lau, 222 miles to the east and south of Suva, in 1951. As it was feared the birds would spread to other islands of the group, causing havoc amongst the fruit crops, a team of Fijian shooters were landed at the island a few weeks ago with the object of wiping out the entire starling population there.

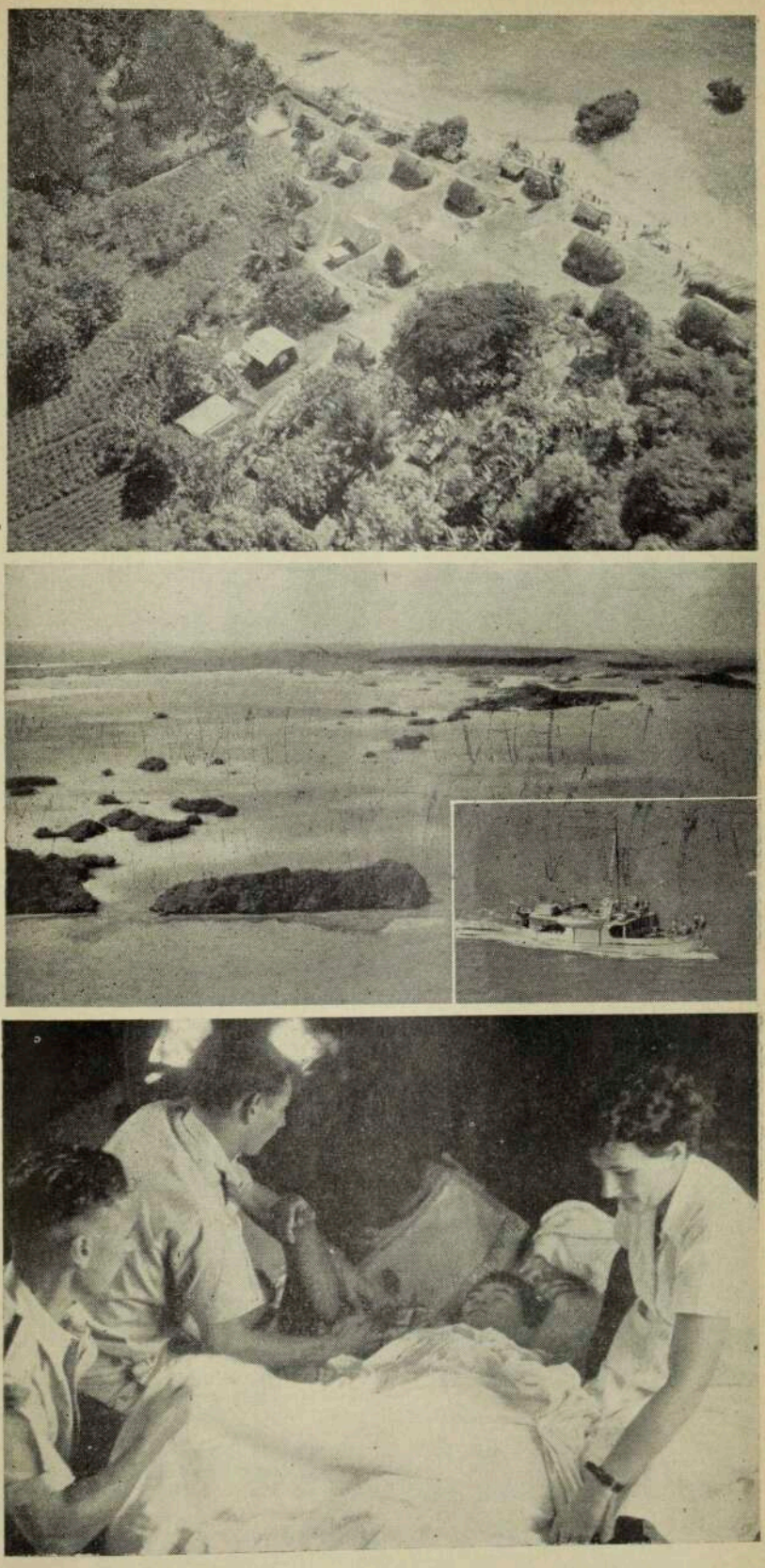
The inevitable happened. A Fijian storekeeper, to whom the actions of a twelve gauge shotgun were being demonstrated, received a gunshot wound in the thigh.

The Assistant Medical Practitioner on the island did all he could for the wounded man, but without proper drugs and equipment, thought his condition would deteriorate. The AMP put through an R-T call to the Director of Medical Services at Suva, who contacted the RNZAF at Laucala Bay.

A Sunderland flying-boat was despatched for Ono-i-lau to pick up the patient, but due to coral heads and shallow water, it was not possible to alight in the lagoon. Emergency medical supplies were dropped, but the aircraft returned to base.

It was then found that on the following day, *Yatu Lau* the provinical ship, would be calling at Ono-i-lau to discharge supplies at the island, so word was sent to the captain to embark the wounded man and take him to the island of Fulaga, 40 miles away, where landing conditions were known to be reasonably good.

A second flying-boat was despatched from Laucala Bay, a successful landing was made at Fulaga, the patient transferred from ship to plane, and taken to Suva and admitted to hospital where his condition immediately improved.—*ROB WRIGHT.*



THE STORY IN PICTURES: One of the two great villages on Fulaga Island, where the wounded man was taken by ship for air evacuation. People can be seen on the beach waving to the Sunderland. Centre picture shows the lagoon at Fulaga, as it looked when the flying-boat was searching for a landing area among those nightmare coral reefs. Inset, "Yatu Lau", with the patient aboard. Bottom picture shows RNZAF doctor, medical orderly and nursing sister attending the rescued patient as plane heads for Suva.

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This Month's New Reading

Conducted by J.T.

A BUMPER HOLIDAY SELECTION

Take a Bow, Mr. Porteous

IT is a matter of opinion whether better books have been written since someone discovered that Australian culture does not consist entirely of blue-gums and large, open spaces. As about 60 per cent. of Australians live in large cities, it was not a surprising discovery, anyhow.

But as it is the remaining 40 per cent. who set Australians apart from other people, these are the ones still worth writing about. Who expects a tale of South Africa to be about city life in Johannesburg?

R. S. Porteous, in his recently published *Brigalow*, confines his attention to some of the 40 per-centers and produces a truly Australian novel as refreshing as a brew of billy-tea after a hot day on the road.

Probably to ensure the necessary serenity, the period is the early between-wars. The location, a Queensland cattle station. The story is told in the first person by Bob Anders, who gets the job of pulling the place together—not from the owner, Joe Carson, but from Carson's Brisbane bank-manager, who seems more worried about the overdraft than Joe.

Bob has problems — including Carson's ulcer, Carson's schoolgirl daughter, prickly-pear, drought and incompetent station-hands. But what he has to say makes the thing look like good wholesome fun and it was probably the kind of way Bob looked at it that made our fathers go West—even if the present generation prefers something a little more secure and less sweaty.

Porteous' characters are real, breathing individuals; they are delightfully Australian and they don't speak like Wooloomooloo comedians. The station men live hard on the job and drink too much beer in town. The boss grouses like a lunatic, swears like a bullockey, and always turns up trumps in the end. There is a simple love story running through the narrative that—after the strong diet of Bangkok and Hongkong brothels we have been having lately—brings us back with a jerk to the realisation that most people manage to have a comparatively uncomplicated love life.

Good characterisation, good writing combine to make this the most pleasant book that has come this way for a long time . . . the sort of story that leaves a warm glow of satisfaction long after it is read and tucked away on the bookshelf.

(Published by Angus and Robertson. Australian price, 17/-.)



Hospitals were never meant for young fellows—not real, red-blooded young fellows, anyhow, who would be better off kicking an old ball around, or racing along the beach. Yet here a fellow is, sitting up here in this great bed in this hospital in Honiara. A fellow sure is down on his luck.

Photo: Freddy Drilhon.

Nursing Natives

MARJORIE GARTRELL spent a year at a government station in the MacDonnell Ranges, north of Alice Springs. She has now written a book about it called *Dear Primitive*, which is an interesting enough account of nursing aborigines —although it is unlikely to break any records in the best-seller class.

In the last decade, Australians have become aware of the interior of their continent and the books on this subject now emerge at the rate of about one per week. There are few new angles that can be presented—the so-called dead heart having been ridden over, walked over, gone over in broken down jalopies, and flown over—by airborne doctors and others — with something written from every aspect.

Miss Gartrell's book presents the nursing angle, and from that point can be said to cover less trodden ground.

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

Bony in the Dead Heart

ARTHUR UPFIELD'S 25th novel —*Bony Buys a Woman*—was a Christmas offering.

This is up to the high standard set by *Death Of a Lake*, the 195- model; and makes up for No. 24 which appeared earlier this year (*Man Of Two Tribes*) and stretched credulity to the limit.

Number 25 is also about a lake—Lake Eyre—at a time when floods in the island rivers were beginning to reach and fill it.

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LEO WHITE GIVES US SOUTHLAND

THE advent of the air age has given us a new conception of photography—and something completely new in aerial pictorial mapping. Aerial photographic surveys are well known now, but they are usually done for governments and John Citizen rarely sees the results.

Leo White is the first person in this part of the world to exploit commercially the possibilities of air-photography of whole areas. A couple of years ago he brought out a pictorial reference book of the whole of New Zealand. He has only recently followed this successful effort with a similar Pictorial Reference of Southland province. We do not know, but we hope that this is the first volume of a series that will cover the whole of New Zealand.

The book consists of large aerial pictures of startling clarity. These cover most of the towns and villages, rivers, lakes, mountains, etc. There are, for example, 32 11-in. by 7-in. photographs of Invercargill, so detailed that any local householder should be able to pick out his own residence with ease.

About 180 photographs cover this whole South-Western corner of NZ's South Island, including Stewart Island. There is a good index to subject matter and other statistical information. The book is handsomely bound and beautifully produced. It costs £NZ3/3/-.

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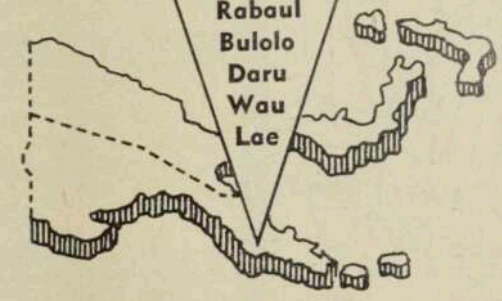
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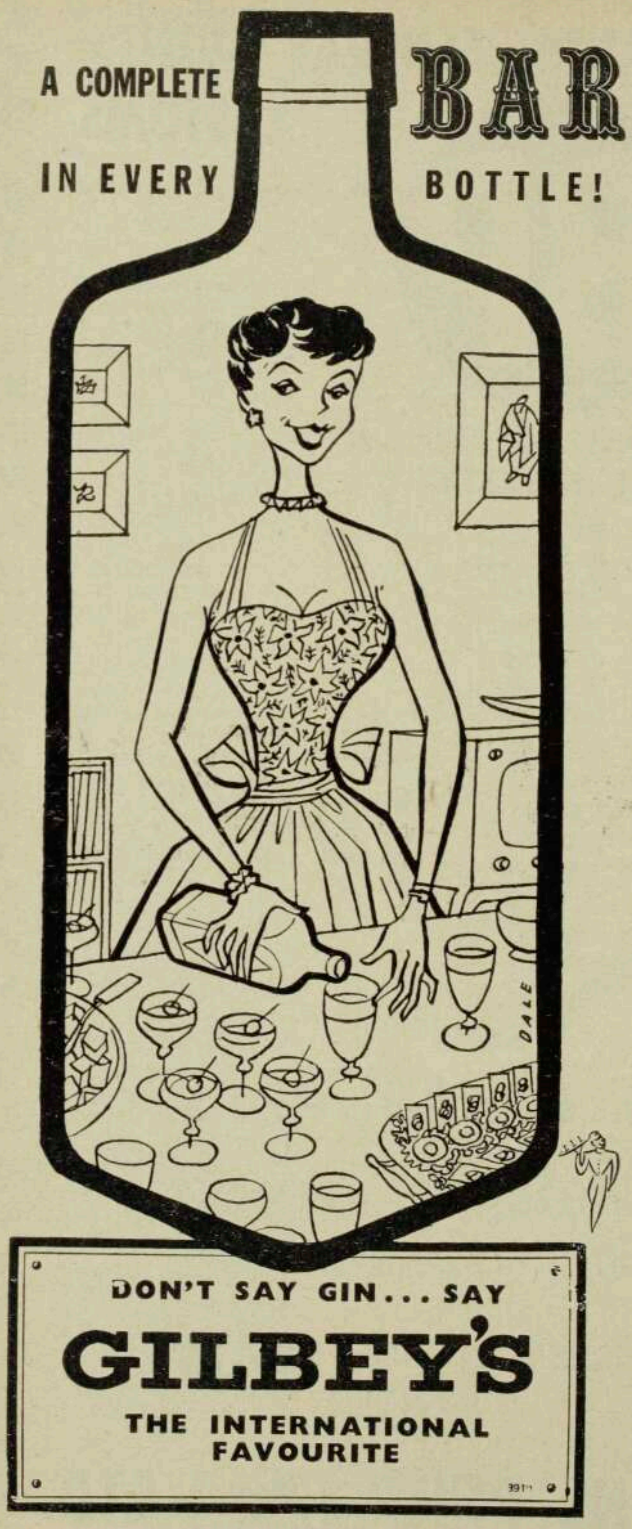
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The respectable female cook on a station near the shore of the lake is murdered in mysterious circumstances and her 10-year-old daughter Linda disappears without a trace. Detective-Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte is called in and there are doings with the station aborigines and the slightly wilder variety camped near by. Although what Upfield has to write about aborigines does not seem to jell with everything that Sydney professors of anthropology taught yours truly, there is no doubt about it that Upfield makes them sound far more entertaining.

The part that Australia's mysterious Lake Eyre is made to play in the story is ingenious and provides all the suspense necessary for the climax of the thriller.

Upfield has the rare gift of being able to produce Australiana acceptable equally to the home market and foreign consumption.

A few weeks after this latest Bony epic got into circulation, a real murder mystery developed in the Centre. The wife of a station owner, their 14-years-old daughter and a young man, driving south to Adelaide, disappeared. A week later their murdered bodies were discovered hidden under sleeping-bags covered with scrub. Soon black-trackers, Territory police, CIB men from Adelaide were converging on the spot. But it looked like a clear job for Bony.

Some of Upfield's earlier books were founded on actual fact; this seems like a ready-made plot for his particular talents.

(Published by Heinemann. Australian price, 13/6.)

Founders of the AIF

MAJOR-GENERAL William Bridges and General Cyril White are not names well-known to the public, but in the annals of Australian military history they deserve more than a short chapter.

And in *Two Men I Knew* they get more than a chapter—a book on their lives, written by the man most qualified to tell their story, C. E. W. Bean, Australia's historian of World War I. He knew them personally, and in this book he brings them to life—quietly, without fanfare (as they had lived)—but in a fascinating form.

Bridges was the man responsible for establishing Australia's miliary college, and raised, trained and led the Australian division on Gallipoli, where he was killed by a sniper's bullet within three weeks.

White's influence, happily, lasted longer. After being able to develop the First AIF he continued to influence it between the wars and to the beginning of the second, when he was appointed Chief of the

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General Staff. He was killed in an air crash in 1940.

Both were the founders of the AIF and this tribute by Dr. Bean is an important one, giving, as it does, glimpses into the actions of many other World War I personalities, some of whom are still on the world stage.

Dr. Bean writes with a quiet enthusiasm that makes his book far from stuffy—as it might have been in less experienced hands.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd. Australian price, 25/-.)

Colourful Story of Early Australian Aviation

A FEW years ago this reviewer found himself among a relaxed group of flying identities enjoying a good dinner at a pub near the Pillaga scrub country of NSW.

Included were Arthur Butler, head of Australia's Butler Airways, and Norman Ellison, a public relations man specialising on aircraft matters, who has been mixed up with the flying industry for so long, that he long ago became a part of it. When the cigars came out, Ellison began egging Butler on to tell some stories of his early barnstorming days. Butler soon obliged, and within 10 minutes the group were rolling about in their chairs, tears streaming from their eyes—for Arthur Butler can tell some very funny stories.

One story that day told of the first aircraft to visit Pillaga—a barnstorming Avro piloted by Butler, who first shot up the town to attract attention, and then landed on a dirt road a mile away, to await the arrival of the citizens. But they were a long time coming.

When, finally, Butler was about to give up hope he and his engineer saw a dust cloud in the distance. It could be, they thought, a mob of sheep, but after another long wait it turned out to be a marching column of schoolchildren being led with precision by a military looking schoolteacher.

The flyers watched with fascinated interest. As the column came up to the aircraft, the schoolteacher snapped out orders to halt, gave a snappy right turn, and commanded, "Children, three cheers for the aeronauts!"

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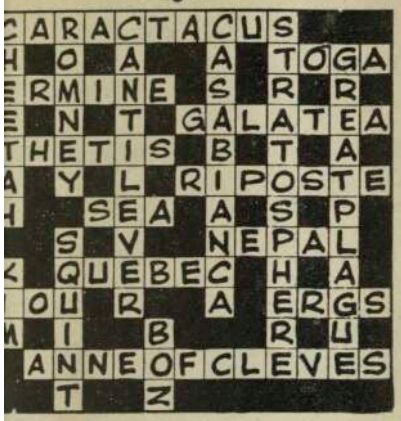


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ook, on the early days of Aus-ralian aviation, a book which is lled with the excitement and avour of a more lusty era of viation.

Ellison is personally acquainted ith the aviation greats—he knew Smithy" and Ulm and many others hat have gone, and he knows the arly histories of others still on the cene.

There are many anecdotes of the arly days of New Guinea flying, tories of "Jerry" Pentland and Ray 'arer.

Half the book is devoted to "Smithy", with many facts about him published for the first time. Ellison collected them from many sources, some from several hundreds of his letters made available by "Smithy's" mother before she died.

(Published by Angus and Robertson. Australian price, 27/6.)

Dukes Before Income-tax

GEORGETTE HEYER comes in two varieties—Regency romances and detective fiction—with the romances far outnumbering the Whodunnits. Those who have enjoyed the latter, feel that this is a pity.

Sylvester, the latest in a long line of books from the agile Heyer pen, is in the romantic mood—with high-stepping aristocrats, Dukes, Lords, Ladies and so forth—pursuing their privileged way across 330 pages. There probably is a moral in the fact that these stories of a way of life that now seems a great deal more remote than the moon, should be best sellers in an age dedicated to reducing society to just plain unromantic average.

It appears that a great many people enjoy reading about arrogant blue-bloods—particularly if one can cast oneself into the role of upper crust dandy. And there is no doubt about it—the Regency period was a fine one in which to be a Duke. Sad to reflect that the heirs of these exalted beings are now reduced to showing tourists round ancestral homes at two bob a time.

Anyhow, it is not a bad idea to throw off the cares of this Sputnik age once in a while and dally in a

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make believe world where outer space was beyond comprehension. *Sylvester* is by far the best of the Heyer romantic brew for a long time and should find a place in the hearts of the writer's fans along with the first famous effort, *These Old Shades*.

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

Agatha and the Xmas Spirit

THE Whodunnit reader who gets an Agatha Christie in his Christmas stocking counts himself well-served by friends and relatives.

Doubtless with the gift-giving season in view, *4.50 From Paddington* was produced simultaneously in Australia and the UK—and gives every indication that the author was pushed a little bit by Santa, towards the end.

With 250 of the 255 pages gone in inimitable Christie manner, the author evidently decides to have done with it and finished it up in a half-page *denouement* that is completely shattering, to say the least. We'll go further, Agatha, and say it was close to a complete ring-in. And almost unethical, old girl.

This is a Miss Marple mystery—Hercule Poirot apparently being on Christmas vacation.

Mrs. McGillicuddy, going for a pre-Christmas visit to Miss Marple, takes the 4:50 from Paddington. She relaxes happily; then dozes. As she awakes she finds that her train has come abreast of another, going in the same direction. A blind in the second train flies up, and in a lighted carriage, Mrs. McGillicuddy sees a tall man strangling a woman.

We leave you, dear reader, to take it from there, with Agatha C.

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honestly be said to be "suitable for children of all ages".

Piccaninny Walkabout, by Axel Poignant, a handsome volume on good paper, is a book anyone would like to own—not only the five to 10-year-olds for which the publishers say it is suitable.

The book is in the form of a photographic story of the daily lives of two aboriginal children in Arnhem Land. They go goanna and crab hunting, search for the tastier grubs and generally enjoy themselves. The book would make an attractive gift.

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

Aussies and Yanks at Mille Miglia

THERE is probably no reason why Jon Cleary, who hitherto has written about war in New Guinea and life in outback Australia, should not go abroard and produce a story about professional car racing. It is just that to a Scotsbyterian mind, professional race-car drivers are about as essential as professional tennis players or jockeys.

This book—*The Green Helmet*—will probably have considerable appeal to those who have not passed far beyond the hot-rod stage; all the characters talk the jargon.

The psychological effects—the mental suffering of the women who belong to these death-darers—although perhaps designed for more mature readers do not get beyond very minor counterpoint to the main melody.

This isn't to say that the book does not improve vastly towards the end in the sequences that deal with the famous Italian road race, Mille Miglia. This is when Mr. Cleary gets over his Colonial's Dream of Home, and has finished dragging in every place-name in the London Home counties.

Ham Rafferty is an ace racing-driver. He is also the son of a racing-driver who killed himself in the Mille Miglia, and he himself has cracked up at Le Mans.

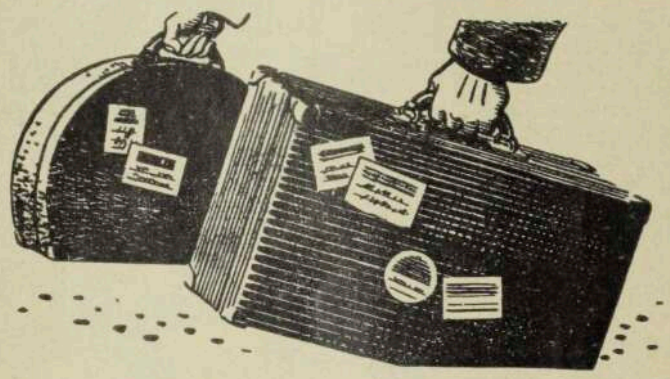
He is on the point of losing his nerve when an American millionaire tyre manufacturer offers to sponsor him in two more international races; for these events they choose a car designed by an Australian.

Ham has a brother, Taz, who also wants to be a racing driver but has promised their mother he will not until Ham gets out of the business. The tyre manufacturer has a beautiful daughter with whom Ham falls in love.

The Australian car designer speaks like a refugee from the Woolloomooloo waterfront; the American is not so easy to place linguistically, but when these two get together and speak their separate lingos, the result really is something. This is a gimmick we have never seen tried out in a novel before.

Most of the characters in this story act like a lot of ageing child-delinquents and although they and their setting are probably authentic enough, readers of early Cleary novels will wonder why he had to travel 15,000 miles to the other side of the world to produce a novel about a section of international society so completely unimportant.

There is sufficient competence in the novel, however, to suggest that one of these days he will burst through with something worthwhile. This, we might add, is the feeling left by the other Cleary novels, too. He has never yet given the complete satisfaction that his contemporary



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ustralian writer—T. A. G. Hunger-ord—has managed so easily. Not our very humble estimation, any-ay.

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uth Park v. 'Arcy Niland

T was inevitable that the oppor-tunity would one day arise for a comparison of the writing bility of Ruth Park and her usband, D'Arcy Niland.

Angus and Robertson have now ublished at the same time, *One--Pecker, Two-a-Pecker*, written by uth Park and dedicated to Mr. iland, and *Call Me When the Cross urns Over*, by Mr. Niland, dedicated Miss Park—so now the oppor-nity is here.

Ruth Park's excellent novel tells ne story of New Zealand's Otago old rush of 1863. She bases her ory on fact—even, she says, to the ind or weather on certain days—ut there are none of the usual immicks one has, unfortunately, ome to expect with historical ovels.

Miss Park is a very smooth writer -smoother now than in her earliest ovels which were set in Sydney's lums. In this story, whose central character is Currency MacQueen, a pretty unspoilt girl who finds her-self, in tragic circumstances, alone on the fields at 18, Miss Park creates, and then overcomes, some technical problems of plot structure in a way which must make any would-be novelist envious.

But the reader who reads merely for his entertainment would not be conscious of this—but only of the fact that Miss Park writes a most entertaining and pleasing story.

The underlying vein of humour which runs through this novel con-veys skilfully the character of the diggers themselves, but also gives the reader the impression that the novelist herself sees the humour of life, and is unable to prevent it shining through her work, enriching it.

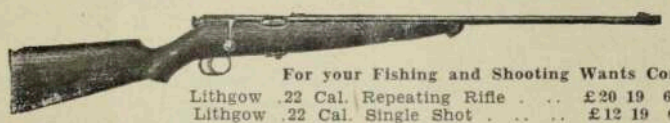
Call Me When The Cross Turns Over, will be a disappointing work to some—to those especially who expected something better from the author of *The Shiralee*, to which this new book seems to be some kind of sequel.

The girl is now grown up, and her life is, as one would expect, far more complicated.

But at times it is hardly worth following the complications, for there is no sense of realism in the book. You can never fully believe that these things are happening. Mr. Niland seems to be writing to a formula, and the formula shows through the story. Gum trees, opal fields, bush characters, are all in the mixture, as usual.

This, in fact, seems to be the real difference between Miss Park and Mr. Niland as novelists. Both once earned a living the hard way, as freelance contributors and hack writers. That is a tough school of

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writing, and anyone who can make money at it—and move on to greater things without having shattered his soul on the way up — deserves credit.

But both the Nilands having got there, through application and guts, Miss Park is revealed as a writer true—and Mr. Niland merely as a capable tradesman.

(Both published by Angus and Robertson. Australian price, 17/6.)

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IN October, 1940, a convoy of 36 ships in charge of an armed merchant cruiser, *Jervis Bay*, moved out from Nova Scotia across the Atlantic. With half the voyage behind it, the convoy was attacked by the German battleship *Admiral Scheer*. The escort vessel and five other ships were sunk, and the tanker *San Demetrio* was set on fire.

The crew abandoned her, expecting her to explode as she drifted away into the gloom of a North Atlantic gale. Thirty-six hours later, a handful of her men in a lifeboat sighted her again. She was still burning but by now seemed a better refuge than the lifeboat at the mercy of the sea.

They reboarded her, put out the fire, got the engines and the electric generating plant functioning. The bridge gear, radio, compasses, steering charts, cabins and signalling flags had all been destroyed in the fire. An ingenious system of signal lights was rigged to communicate between emergency aft steering gear and the engine room. The compass was soon found to be useless, having with its binnacle, dropped through two decks.

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ade of it, also—but this par-
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llow what is going on. Australia's
Woomera rocket range gets frequent
ention—it seems it will be a busy
lace in another 10 years or so.
(Published by Hodder and Stoughton. Aus-
alian price, 15/6.)

New Pocket Books

POCKET books which became available in the last month included the following:

THE SUN ALSO RISES, the Ernest Hemingway story about the girl who fell in love with Spanish bull-fighter. Lately it was filmed with Ava Gardner and Tyrone Power in the leading roles. (Great Pan).

JUMP FOR IT: Gerald Bowman tells a series of stories about the people who belong to the Caterpillar Club—those who have saved their lives by taking to a parachute—and incidentally gives a lot of information about parachutes in general. (Great Pan).

THE PERFECTIONIST: By Lane Kauffmann. A thriller of the perfect murder that wasn't quite. (Pan).

THE LONG HAUL: by Mervyn Mills. American type crime but set in the United Kingdom. Also recently made into a film with Diana Dors and Victor Mature as the stars. (Great Pan).

A DRAGON APPARENT: by Norman Lewis. Travel-adventure, in a country little written about since the French bowed out. Indo-China then, it is now divided between Viet Nam and Viet Minh. Lewis visited there in 1950 when the confusion and the results of the confusion can only be described as fabulous. (Pan Giant).

BOY ON A DOLPHIN: by David Divine, the story of Greece that when filmed was supposed to do as much for that country as "Three Coins in the Fountain" had done for Rome. The book is, however, far better than the picture (which starred Sophia Loren, Alan Ladd and Clifton Webb). It is an excellent piece of fiction entertainment. (Great Pan).

THE GOLDEN HORSESHOE in which Terence Robertson gives us a story from the other side—the story of one of Germany's most successful U-boat captains, Otto Kretschmer, Captain of U-99. (Great Pan).

LIVE AND LET LIVE: By Ian Fleming. A thriller in which Britain's key Secret Service agent James Bond gets entangled with a Russian counter-espionage organisation. Most of the action takes place in the US hemisphere. (Great Pan).

GUIDE TO THE PLANETS: Patrick Moore, FRAS, has followed Guide to the Moon (also published in Comet Books) by an equally easily assimilated study on the planets. In these days of approaching space travel it is as well to know where we are going, and Mr. Moore can tell you. (Comet Book).

HELEN KELLER, an account of this famous woman's triumph over deafness and blindness by Van Wyck Brooks, who has known her well for 20 years (Comet Book).

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THE STORY OF OUR CIVILISATION: By Philip Lee Ralph. This study of the history of the Western peoples starts about 10,000 BC and ends in the present looking into the future. If you have done any thinking along the lines of Why and Whither, this will probably help sort out your ideas. Highly recommended. (Comet Book).

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Giblin-Garner Wedding

The wedding took place at the Methodist Church, Butt St., Suva, Fiji, in October, of Miss Lydia Aluma Giblin, to Mr. Ian Samuel Garner, of Wanganui, New Zealand.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Giblin, of Suva, Fiji, and is the descendant of John Beaumont Giblin, an early pioneer of Fiji.

The photograph shows (l. to r.): Miss N. Williams, chief bridesmaid; Mr. K. W. Giblin, best man; the bridegroom and bride; Miss P. Giblin, bridesmaid; Mr. J. Powell, groomsman; and Miss O. Cricket, flower-girl.

Miss N. Williams and Mr. J. Powell are also members of an old Fiji family.

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UNLIKE the Marine Dept. circular (*PIM*, Dec., p. 123), there was no social advancement by gulation in Lae, New Guinea, in ecember when native schoolboys turning from Australia for the olidays were accommodated in the dministration mess with Euro-eans.

Only a few of the Europeans had elings about eating with the boys most of them accepted the situa-on without comment.

A total of 17 native students passed rough Lae in the school holidays. he two girls, Lenga and Fide, from ie Finschhafen area, stayed at the utheran Mission in Lae while aiting transport home. Lenga at-nds the Blackheath College, at ownsville, and Fide, St. Gabriels chool at Charters Towers.

The weakest link in the Australian overnment scheme of sending lected natives to school in Aus-alia (which few Territorians like uch) is the periodical return of the oungsters to their natural environ-ent. It might be kinder all round they were removed entirely from eir native villages and during olidays were accommodated in oliday camps in the Territory.

Whichever way the experiment viewed, it seems inevitable that will result in unhappiness and ustration for many of these oungsters.

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They Want to Grow Bananas For NZ Market

THE desirability (or otherwise) of growing bananas in the outer islands of the Cooks came up for heated discussion at the end-of-the-year session of the local Legislative Council.

Generally, outer-island members were in favour of growing this fruit for the NZ market; while officialdom turned thumbs down.

Member for Mangaia, Pokino Aberahama, moved:

"That in view of the fact that Fruit Distributors Ltd. have shown no valid reason why they cannot accept bananas from the outer islands, the New Zealand Government be asked to bring pressure to bear on them to ensure that bananas produced in the outer islands, particularly in Aitutaki and Mangaia, be purchased; to take effect when the new vessel is in service". [The new vessel the member referred to was that proposed to replace the aged *Maui Pomare*. The latest news concerning the new ship is that the NZ Cabinet has approved the calling of tenders—which means that it is still some way off].

The motion was put and carried, with the Director of Agriculture dissenting.

Last May, Mr. Ross Walker, General Manager for Fruit Distributors Ltd., visited the Cooks. He said that Fruit Distributors were not in favour of exporting bananas from the outer Cooks owing to loading and shipping difficulties.

The attitude of the Administration is that it cannot support any scheme for banana planting in the outer islands, as these islands are not likely to produce enough to warrant monthly shipping calls throughout the year, and they would be better advised to concentrate in the production of non-perishable crops, such as copra, coffee and peanuts.

During his visit, Mr. Walker said that although his company was opposed to encouraging banana growing in the outer islands, it was anxious to see a revival of banana growing in Rarotonga.—WHP.

TB Problem at Niue

DURING the last financial year, 117 TB cases were on the register at Niue—2½ per cent. of the island's population. Twenty-four new cases were diagnosed. The anti-TB campaign involved BCG preventive injections to 291 children found to be Mantoux-negative and therefore susceptible to TB infection. Chest X-ray examinations during the year totalled 743. A new TB ward was opened at the hospital.

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Four of the five European members of W. noa's new Legislative Council (left to ht): Mr. E. F. Paul, who becomes Minister Economic Development; Mr. G. F. D. ham, who was re-elected and is the only ependent, the other four members belong- to the Progressive League; Mr. H. Keil; Mr. F. C. F. Nelson, who becomes Min- r of Public Works. Mr. P. Plowman, also member of the Progressive League is not wn. Photos: Fosgren's Studio.

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UAFATASAGA KALAPU, 52- year-old chief interpreter of the Samoan Government, was elected e first Speaker of the Western moan Assembly of November 28. The Honourable Luafatasaga lapu can look back on a long and stinguished career in the Govern- nt service, which he entered first 1921, and intermittently served o for ten years in the legal firm Klinkmueller and Kronfeldt, at ia. He rejoined the Government moan Affairs Department in 1947, d since then has on four occasions companied Samoan official legations on trips overseas as cretary-Interpreter.

The appointment has met with neral approval.

The following Members of the new gislative Assembly were elected as embers of the Executive Council th Ministerial duties:

Hon. Faalavaau Galu (Post Office d Radio).
Hon. Fiame Mataafa (Agriculture).
Hon. F. C. F. Nelson (Public orks and Road Transport).
Hon. Eugene F. Paul (Economic velopment—including Marine and rport).
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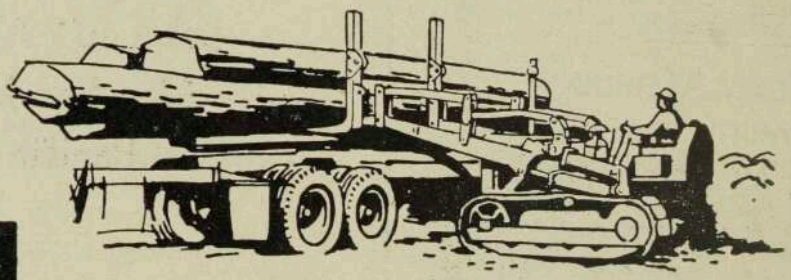
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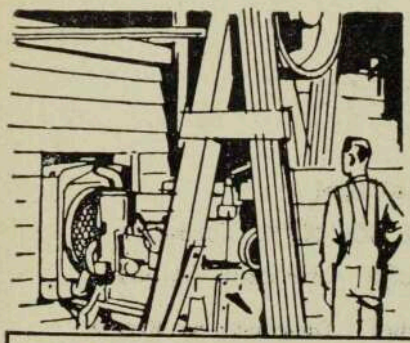
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revious Executive Council. Mr. E. F. aul, well known Apia businessman, as a member of two previous As-emblies.

The appointment of a Leader of overnment Business, for which osition a secret ballot was con-ucted by the Legislative Assembly, as been postponed.

The official Ministers will be the inancial Secretary, the Attorney-eneral and the Secretary to the overnment (as long as the latter responsible for Internal Affairs nd Health).

A new Ministry of Internal Affairs ill be constituted to include District ffairs, Local Government, Co-peratives and Police and Prisons. nternal Affairs and Health will be dministered by the Secretary to he Government.

The new Minister of Economic evelopment will be responsible for roducing and carrying out of plans that connection in conjuction ith other Ministers. The new Min-ters were sworn in on December 2.

E. F. Paul, Fiame Mataafa, ualaulelei and the Financial Secre-ary, L. M. Cook, together with the wo Fautua, High Chiefs Tamasese nd Malietoa, were appointed to the inance Commitee of the Executive ouncil.

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Now, in the latest Annual Report on the Tokelaus, there is an item credited to those islands—£200 for sale of LORAN base equipment. This would suggest that the American Government finally gave the base to the Tokelau people.

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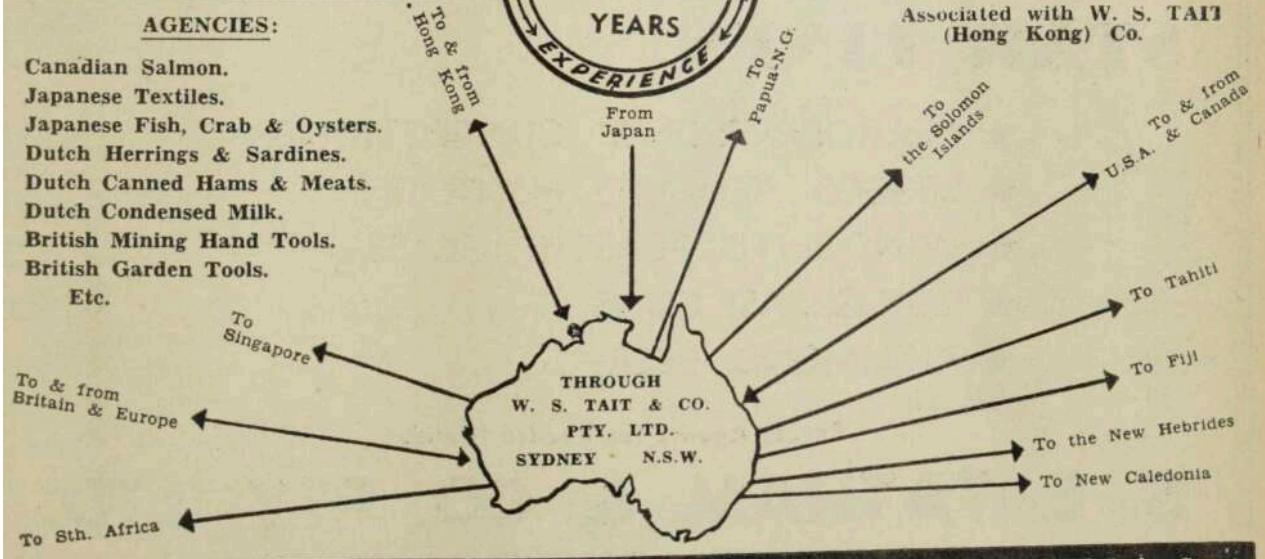
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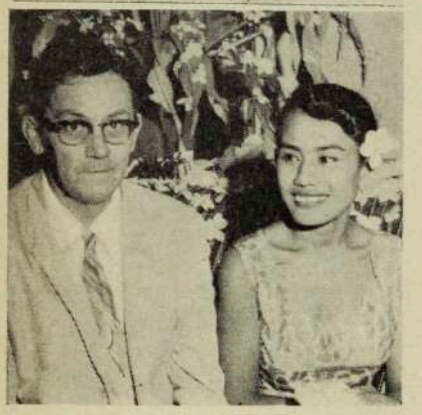
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PACIFIC BRIDES

All brides are beautiful, but there could be no doubt about these two. Top picture, taken in Port Moresby, Papua, is of the former Miss J. Rissman after her marriage to Mr. J. Walker, on November 27. Below, the bride was formerly Miss Asofitu Mata'afa, of Apia, Western Samoa, photographed at the reception following her marriage in Pago Pago, American Samoa, to Mr. Arthur Wisner, of Montana, USA. Mr. Wisner is Vocational School instructor, American Samoa.

Photos: Papuan Prints and Pan American Prints.

NIUE HEAD-TAX WAS INCREASE

HEAD tax, levied on all males between the ages of 18 and 60 o Niue Island, was increased fro 10/- to £1 during the financial yea just ended.

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knot Monster that illed Launches

Credit for the best fish story of 7 must surely go to Capt. J. rley, of the New Hebrides Con- ninium vessel "Don Quijote". He s it in the last British Newsletter, m Vila, thus:

I. BOUVIER, my engineer, and I were in the Burns Philp launch, *Elaine*, with stores for *n Quijote*.

On approaching Georges Philippe ss from the Segond Channel we iced a small launch with 4 per- is aboard about a quarter-of-a- le off our starboard bow and velling in the opposite direction.

The people on this launch peared to be trying to attract our ention but we thought they were ly giving us a friendly wave.

They did not seem to be in any uble, for their launch was travel- g at a fair speed towards the gond Channel, and we continued our way. As we altered course d drew away from them they ved frantically and it seemed as their steering was out of control ce they kept heading off in dif- ent directions every couple of nutes.

We turned about to investigate, d on approaching found the other it to be M. Douyere's 21-foot, half- pin launch. He told us that he d anchored off the west coast of ilo Island to do some fishing and mysterious fish had grabbed the chor and had been pulling them 2½ hours—first towards the open and then towards Bruat Channel, d, finally into Georges Philippe ss, where we found them.

We pulled alongside and took M. uyere and his friends on board *Elaine* and made his launch fast ours. The three members of the w of the *Elaine*, together with Bouvier and M. Douyere at- npted to heave up the anchor (at- ched to four fathoms of 5/16ths ain) but the chain was pulled so ht that it would not give one h of slack. The chain felt as ough the anchor had fouled the ttom of the sea bed, and yet the launches were being towed at a te of three to four knots, still ading for the Channel.

"We tried to tow it to shallow ter at full speed in the hope that might dive down and see what range creature could be strong ough to pull the two launches ng at this speed. Even the 100-hp horyncroft diesel in the *Elaine* did not make any impression on the monster when it decided to zig-zag towards Luganville, at the same time tugging the 21-footer almost underwater, and giving the *Elaine* a frightening list. This decided us to release the anchor chain as we feared that both the *Elaine* and the smaller launch could quite possibly be pulled under.

The unknown creature did not further manifest its presence and we went on our way thankful that we had been able to extricate M. Douyere from a dangerous predicament, but disappointed that the mystery had not been solved.

It was suggested locally that the monster that was hooked was a giant ray.

NZ May Furnish Samoan Assembly Hall

THE High Commissioner of Western Samoa, Mr. G. R. Powles, has suggested to New Zealand municipalities that they provide the 50 table-and-chair sets required for the new Western Samoa Legislative Assembly hall, which will be officially opened in 1958.

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Mr. Powles' suggestion has been favourably received by the Municipal Association of New Zealand.

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PACIFIC SHIPPING AND CRUISING YACHTS

TONGA'S WEATHER: To our ovember summary of Pacific voice eather broadcasts, compiled from st information to hand, we must w add that Nukualofa Radio ould be included amongst those ations making regular weather oadcasts—at 0740 and 1940 GMT ily on 2080 or 2095 kc/s. The oadcasts normally consist of de- ils of actual prevailing weather roughout the Group, with no fore- st of future weather unless a storm rning has been issued by Nadi eather Centre for the Tonga area. There are slight discrepancies in r summary of times of weather oadcasts from Fiji Broadcasting mmission stations, but these will readily revised by interested teners.

USSR's INTERESTING SHIPS: terest in the Soviet Union's assive IGY research programme ust inevitably be dimmed by the rtain knowledge that all this is signed first to serve world Com- unism rather than the cause of re science for the general good. But there is no denying that in e field of oceanography alone their rk and the equipment employed is of great interest to seafarers. *Vityaz*, claimed to be the largest research ship in the world, which was in Rabaul in July-August and in Suva in mid-December, has—as mentioned before in *PIM*—the capacity to anchor in very deep water. From scientific journals it is noted that *Vityaz* (also spelled Vitiaz) did in fact establish a record by anchoring in a depth of nearly 6 miles some time after calling at Rabaul, though the exact position was not given in the reports sighted.

The operation of dropping anchor and heaving up again a while later took almost seven hours. The ship's cable is almost eight miles long.

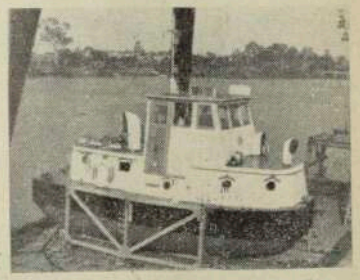
Previous deep anchoring record was established by a German vessel 35 years ago, the depth being only about three miles. *Vityaz*' record is likely to again be broken by another Russian vessel lately commissioned, *Mikhail Lomonosov*, which has a cable 9½ miles long. She, too, will probably be seen in Islands ports during 1958.

In a way more interesting than these vessels will be *Zarya*, a schooner of 580 tons, which will also be showing up soon. Since *Carnegie* was destroyed by explosion and fire in Apia, on November 29, 1929, *Zarya* is the first and only non-magnetic vessel to sail the seas.

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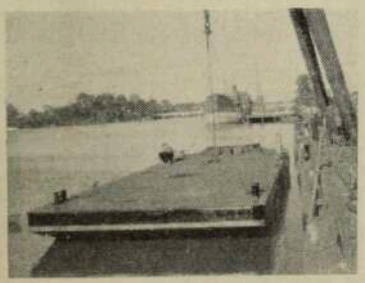
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The above vessels are three of the twelve Soviet ships engaged in IGY work. The others will probably not be seen in the South Pacific, though some are attached to the Russian Antarctic project.

NAMING NAMES: The precise name of a ship may not greatly interest the man in the street, but it is of interest to mariners and historians. The latter gentlemen of a century hence may well be sidetracked by some recent press reports.

There was, for example, the report from Rarotonga of the stranding of the Japanese tuna-vessel *Taikomaru 16*. Overlooking the fact that *Maru* is a separate word, there are very good grounds for believing that the vessel was actually *Taiyo Maru No. 16*—which is a very different kettle of fish when we study Lloyds Register.

Next came an amusing conference aboard a small Japanese vessel at Gisborne, NZ, where acute language problems arose. Perhaps the name was not painted on the vessel—she was reported as a fishing vessel but proved later to have been a whale-chaser, one of a fleet heading for the Antarctic — but whatever the cause, while the Gisborne newspaper reported that she was *Koyo Maru No. 5*, the Auckland and Wellington dailies stuck firmly to *Ahihiro Tsushime*—no *Maru*, no appendages.

It is a fairly safe guess that this was the Master's name, as it appears to be a firm rule that (a) Japanese ship-namers never use two words proceding the *Maru*, and (b) the *Maru* invariably *is* attached to the names of all fishing a merchant vessels and is *not* used the case of warships and certa other Government-owned vesse However, to add to the Gisbor confusion, there appears to be strong possibility that the ves concerned was in fact not *Ko*

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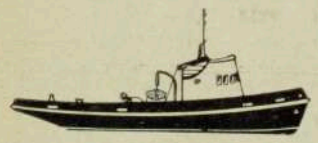
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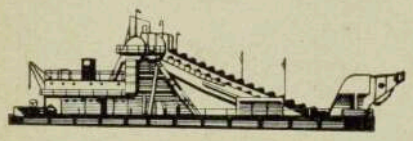
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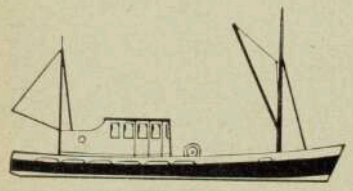
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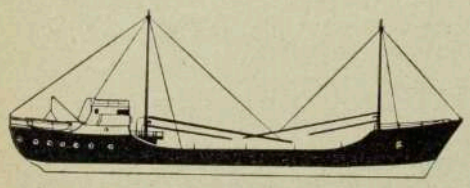
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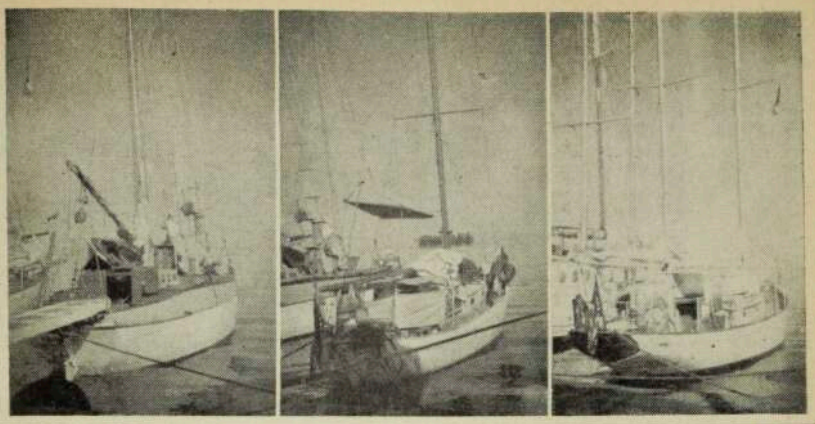
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YACHTS IN PAPEETE

Overseas yachts which were recently in Papeete, Tahiti, included these (left to right) "Vaireva", owned by D. Robinson and M. Manager; "Salmo", owned by Peter and Jill Hamilton; and "Staghound", owned by Paul Frost. (See Cruising Yachts for stories).
Photos: John O'Donnell.



Maru No. 5 but *Kyo Maru No. 5*, ted in Lloyds Register as a whale-aser

Still pondering these conflicting ies, *PIM's* researcher was not ught off-guard when Suva news rces cabled to the world that *tiaz* was in port—for whatever iggles may appear on her bows, scientific world is firmly agreed at this vessel's name is spelt *yaz* when recorded in our Western habet.

UNUSUAL CARGO: Customs thorities are used to unusual rgoes, but San Francisco Customs n probably looked twice at an try in the manifest of the Matson er *Monterey*, in December, when at vessel arrived there with a nsignment of 16 drums of fire-lking stones from Suva. The nes were for use by a film com-ny arranging a "mock-up" of a ji fire-walking ceremony. (See *M*, December).

Why US-brand rocks could not be ed for the job was far from clear, no real fire-walking was to be ne which would call for the special rous rocks. This was not the first ne that such cargoes have been ported from Suva—fire-walking rties have on at least two occa-ns taken their own stones to New aland.

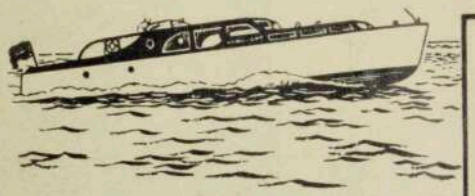
SOMETHING WRONG SOME-HERE: Though some of the rld's meteorologists have utterly jected the idea that nuclear bomb plosions could affect the weather yond the immediate area of the plosion, others are less certain. So may be certain that the ristmas Island bomb testers are ing to be blamed by some for the ocking events of November when hurricane, virtually unknown in e area, rampaged through the awaiian Islands.

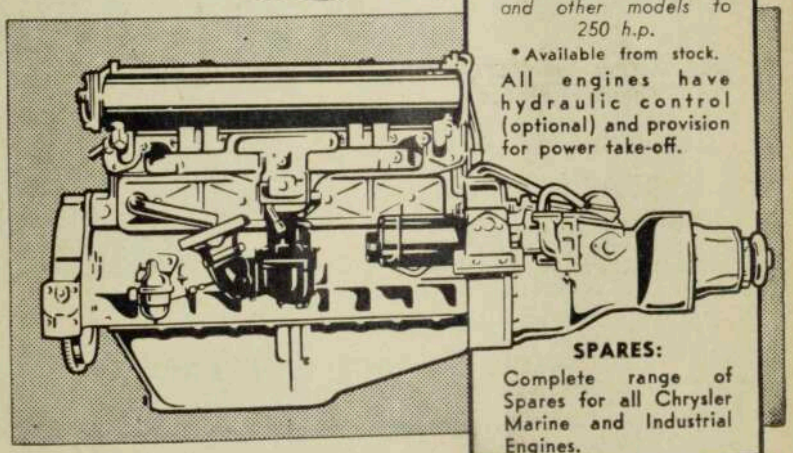
One of the strong points of awaiian tourist publicity has ways been the perfection of its mate—and even if hurricanes did rike occasionally, they would cer-inly not be anticipated in No-mber, which is equivalent to the uth Pacific's May.

Local vessels made for cover but e 5,401-ton, 37-year-old Greek amp *Margarita Chandris*, south of e group, was heard sending dis-ess signals and was badly battered, ough she survived.

NOT WANTED ON VOYAGE: As *aui Pomare*, two days out of Auck-nd, headed for the Cooks late No-mber, Chief Officer Thomson, off ity and reclining on his bunk, radually became aware of a highly

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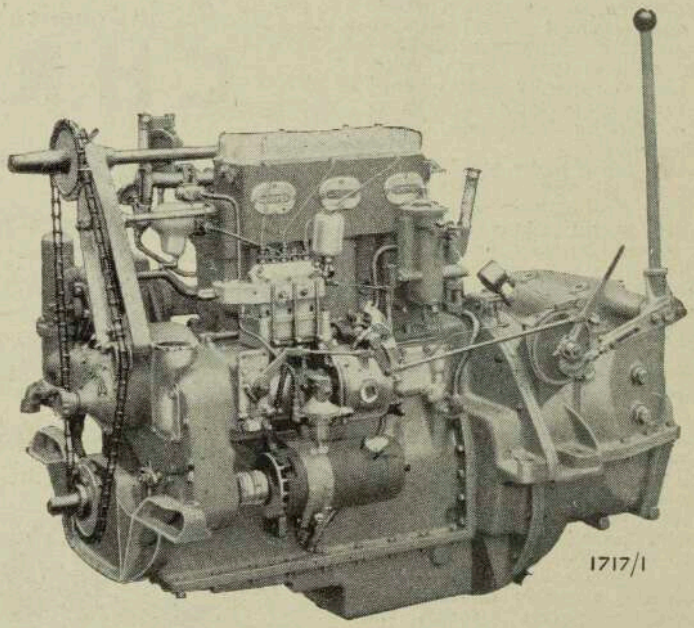
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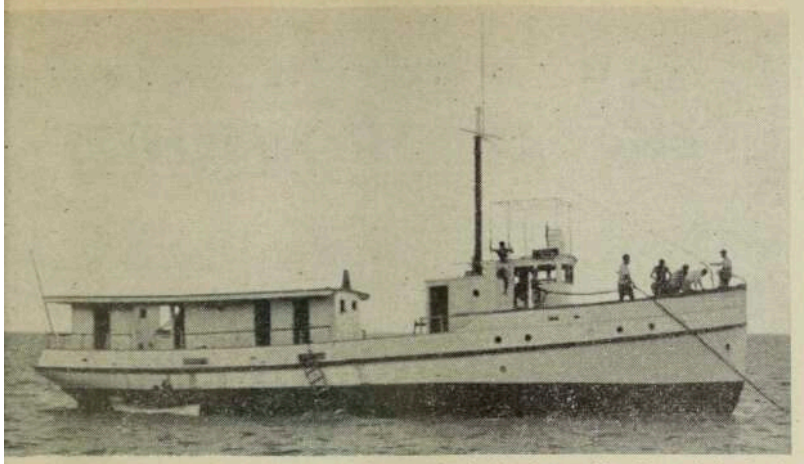
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loyita" shortly after she was refloated by Mr. Jack Morris at his shipyard in Levuka, lovember. The vessel is now in Suva—see story, page 111.

Photo: H. Franklin.

ectionable odour seeping in ough the port-hole. A moment r there was the rumble of the ering gear as the ship changed rse.

tepping out on deck the cause the trouble was quickly fixed— ship was about to pass a large very dead whale, floating with eavy list, its body well encrusted h barnacles—which infest even whales.

erhaps Jap whalers, lately heading south through this general area, had lost this one—but there were no votes for a close investigation. Mate Thomson speculated on what a horrible situation it would be for a yacht which happened to strand itself on such an odiforous "shoal" on some dark night, as could very well happen.

It would be a marine disaster of more than routine interest!

FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY: French Oceania readers would certainly identify the attractive brigantine whose photo appeared in an advertisement in *PIM* of last September, as Ernest K. Gann's *Albatros*, which visited Papeete just a year earlier.

Under command of Captain George Atcheson, the Panamanian registered yacht arrived at San Francisco on November 30 under contract to a film company shooting Gann's best-seller, *Twilight for the Gods*, most of which has been shot in Hawaii in recent months.

Film contract ended, this attractive riveted-steel former Dutch pilot vessel will be available to any purchaser, through the *PIM* advertiser. She would make an ideal sail-training craft for a well-endowed Sea Scout organisation or similar body. She measures 96 ft x 75½ ft x 206 ft x 10¾ ft and has a U-boat engine and a considerable spread of canvas.

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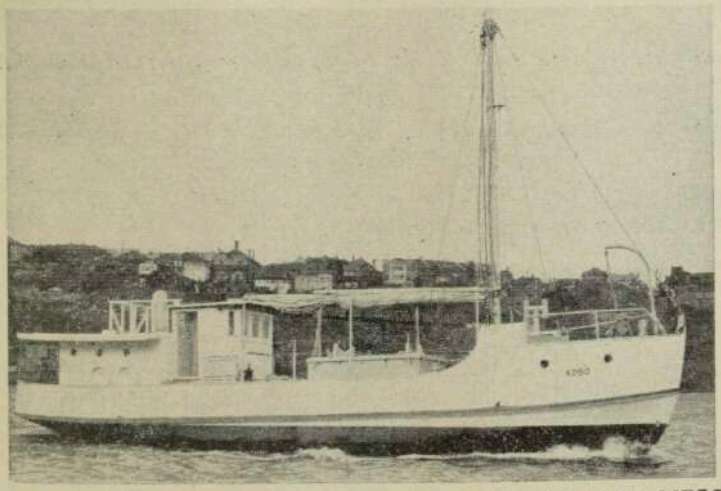


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ORDERED OFF: Because she was classed as "a disfigurement to the view" and a "nuisance", the ageing 35-ton, 60 ft x 17 ft hold-scow *Scot*, only vessel of her type in Fiji waters, was ordered by the authorities to be removed from her laying-up anchorage near Mosquito Island, Bay of Islands, Suva, in November.

Built at Omaha, north of Auckland, by the famous scow builder, David Darroch, for years she worked the North Island's East Coast beaches with a two-man crew. During or after the Second War, *Scot* became club-boat for the Auckland Coastguard Service, a sort of Sea Scout organisation, until purchased by Mr. Lew Graham, one of the present owners of the trans-Tasman freighter *Babinda*.

Scot sailed for Suva in July, 1952, under command of Captain J. McKenzie Arnot, now Master of another Fiji vessel but then only recently arrived by yacht *Kimbala* from England. At Suva, Mr. Graham sold the scow to Mr. J. B. Turner and since that time she has suffered various minor mishaps.

She has also persistently had her correct, registered name, misspelt *Scott*.

For a scow she has rather pleasing lines and it would not be realised at first sight that this vessel, when down to her marks, draws only 3¼ ft.

LATER: *Scot* changed hands twice in recent weeks and left Suva under tow for Savusavu on January 4, for newest owner Mr Ross Denney.

ANOTHER FOR DAVY JONES: Following the loss of the American-owned *Ve Tega*, by explosion, fire, and sinking last month, yet another New Hebrides vessel went to the bottom in November. This was the locally built, 15-ton cutter *Helvetia*, owned by a local Swiss trader, Mr. Jean Urben. This vessel apparently struck some floating object off Aesi Island, near Undine Passage, south-east coast of Santo.

There was just time for the crew to take to a dinghy before *Helvetia* went down. The vessel was insured and represented the fourth recent loss in these waters by the same insurance company.

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Ve Tega now lies in about four thoms at Hog Harbour. Extent of r damage and whether she is orth salvaging were matters under vestigation late November. Owner ob Grant was progressing satisctorily from his burns.

A THORN IN THE THORN: One the causes of the sale of the Cook lands trader *Melva* was excessive mpetition since American Walter Johnson brought his Bahama-gistered schooner *Tiare Maori* to ose waters. Just as prospects emed brighter for that vessel she ffered a gear-box breakdown hich has temporarily removed her om the trade. The mishap occurred uthbound from Penrhyn to Raronga in November.

The schooner has substantial sailea, however, so had no trouble in aking port. On discharge she iled the 620 miles to windward the nearest dockyard at Papeete r repairs.

Tiare Maori has an ample reigerator and owner Johnson knows w to make it pay. Fish caught sea have been on sale in recent eeks on arrival at port at 2/3 per ound—which is a fair indication the absence of consumer supplies the Cooks, though there unoubtedly are plenty of fish in those as.

RADAR MAY NOT FIND YOU: s time goes by the evidence mounts at radar is far from being the all-eing eye that some would have us elieve. One of the clearest demonrations of radar's limitations was en in the air search for *Joyita* o years ago. Radar equipment the RNZAF Sunderlands was said, rior to that event, to be capable detecting even tiny objects on e sea's surface.

Later, with *Joyita* under tow, tests owed that a wooden vessel as large *Joyita* could not be satisfactorily etected at quite short range. Condence in radar as an infallible inrument of detection was further aken and its limitations again mphasised in November when a a-and-air search, said to be the rgest ever organised, and employg the best of America's airborne nd ship-based radar and submarine etection gear, failed to locate reckage of a PAA airliner down the sea north-east of Hawaii. The reckage, which covered an area 11 iles by three, was eventually cated visually by a carrier plane.

The wreckage, which included nine odies, some strapped in seats, had ndoubtedly been overflown by dar-equipped aircraft many times efore visual location. As in the se of *Joyita*, the wreckage was ound just where the known inormation on point of breakdown nd speed of drift would have stimated it to be.

For radar to give satisfactory reults the sought object must have small expanse of metal a few feet above sea-level—and even then results are dependent upon the shape of the metal parts. These are details worth remembering.

JOYITA BACK IN SUVA: The *Joyita*, in December, was in Suva after an absence of 11 months, but there is no knowing when she will go to sea again. She went on to Horseshoe Reef in the Koro Sea on January 8, 1957, and after she floated off she was taken to Levuka for repairs to enable her to get back to the Government slip in Suva.

She was at Levuka much longer than expected, mainly because of labour troubles and private disputes among the owners.

Her future plans are uncertain. She has not yet gone on to the slip (December 24), again because of disputes among the owners. All that is required to make her seaworthy again are repairs to one of the engines.

It will be remembered that after the *Joyita* was discovered, mysteriously crew-less, northwest of Fiji, in 1955, she was taken to Suva, and later sold to Mr. D. Simpson, of Suva. She then was taken over by the Hurley Shipping Agency, and put into commission in the inter-Island copra trade. On her second voyage, the luckless ship ran onto Horseshoe Reef, and was badly



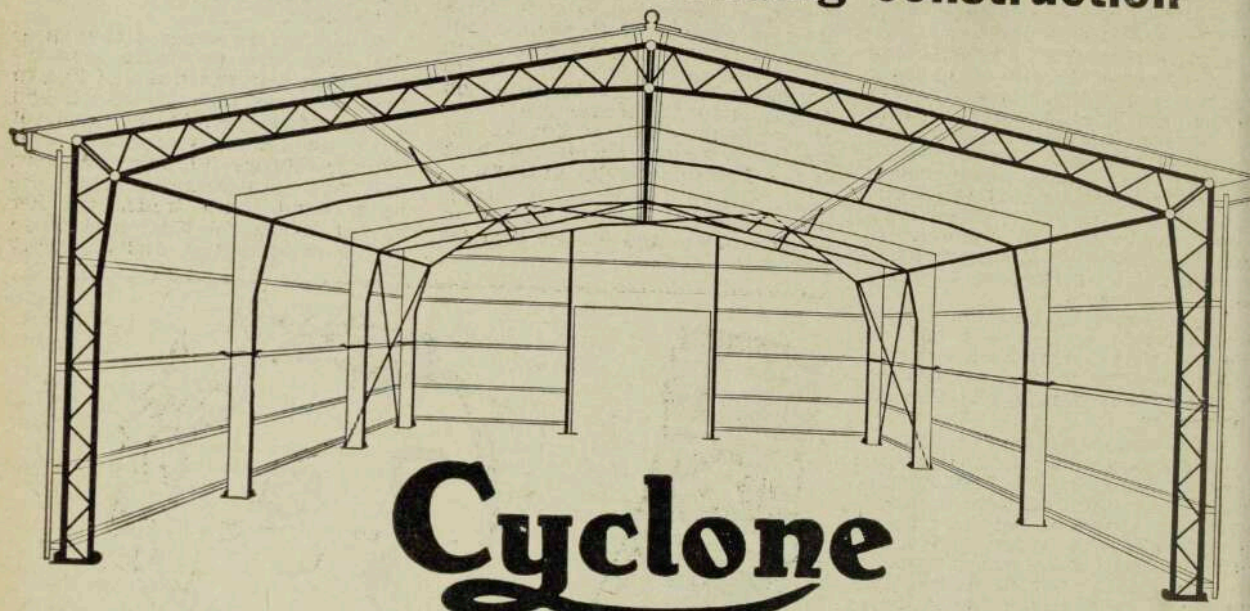
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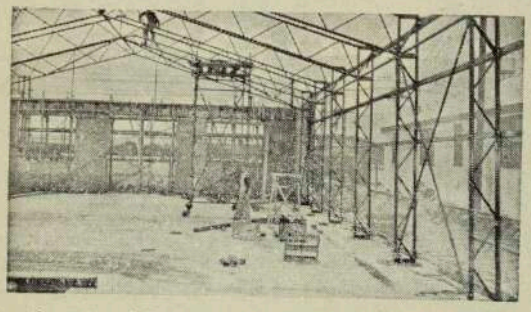
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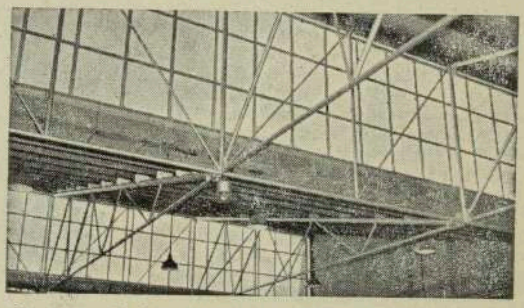


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amaged. Repairs probably will cost ot less than £6,000 by the time ey are completed.

Meanwhile, Mr. T. Hurley has urchased from Captain Cliffe the rmer mission ship *Melanesia* (reorted price, £6,000). The *Melanesia* as quite a history. She was used r years by the Seventh Day dventist people in their Islands ission Work; and then she was ld to Captain Hugh Frewen, of iji. She was operated as an exrsion vessel by Captain Frewen. e sold her a couple of years ago, Captain Cliffe; and he used her trading and for pleasure. He now as sold her to the Hurley Agency, r use in the development of the anana industry.

MELVA CHANGES CREW: In ydney, just before Christmas, were kipper Hugh Williams, his engineer, es Livingstone and eight Cook landers, aboard 243-ton *Melva* fter a 9-days crossing of the Tasan from Auckland. Business: to and the vessel over to her new wner, a Hongkong shipping firm hich will use the vessel to trade etween Darwin and Timor, where l prospecting it currently proceedg.

It is understood that the price aid for *Melva* was £NZ14,000.

There was considerable general nterest in the new ownership in ustralia, due to the fact that a ew of Bathurst Islanders took over

END OF A LANDMARK

This old Japanese transport which has been a landmark on the beach not far from Honiara, BSIP, for about 14 years was recently being cut up for scrap. A team of Chinese workers was doing the job—but the scrap will go to Japan.
Photo: F. Drilhon.



in Sydney from the Cook Islanders. This is the first time that Australian aboriginies have come so far south to crew a vessel.

The Cook Islands crew (with Williams and Livingstone) flew back to New Zealand just before Christmas. Most of the Cook Islanders will stay there in new jobs. Skipper Williams, however, will return to Rarotonga, where he will indulge in a little citrus and tomato growing. He has finished with the sea; or so he says.

ITEMS FROM TAHITI: MV *Benecia* seems to be dogged by bad fortune. Following her reconstruction after the burning of a year ago the vessel has been operating on the Tuamoti run, and on November 27, while in this group, she broke her rudder post. Temporary repairs have been effected and she is, at present, returning to Papeete. This is the third occasion this mishap has occurred.

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Auxiliary schooner *Te Vega* is expected to clear Papeete bound for Rarotonga on January 18 with a charter party of twelve aboard.

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Oiseau de Iles I has (reportedly) been sold to Mexican interests and

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was expected to leave Papeete on delivery early December.

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TRIUMPH FOR JAPANESE SALVAGE: The Japanese freighter *Eifuku Maru*, which went up on Wreck Reef off the North Queensland coast on October 11, was refloated on December 28—due to the vigorous efforts of Captain M. Hatono, Japanese salvage expert. A tug left Brisbane on December 29 took the vessel in tow on New Year's Eve for the return trip to Brisbane. The tow was completed successfully early January.

Eifuku Maru, a new vessel, was carrying a cargo of wool when she hit the reef. Cargo salvaged and taken to Brisbane is already estimated at £500,000.

It was believed at first that the vessel and her cargo would be a total write-off. The Japanese salvage experts thought differently, and after flying over the wreck, Captain Hatono was smartly on the job with *Wakashio Maru*, which vessel has unloaded and transported to Brisbane the cargo that has been salvaged.

The salvage effort has been assisted by the fact that an almost unbroken spell of good weather has been experienced in the wreck areas since the vessel went up. But with the wet season and its attendant cyclones imminent, the salvage team had not a moment to lose.

JAPS WERE BROKE: After a four-day period in Port Moresby Harbour, made difficult by the language barrier, the Japanese tuna fishing boat *Daikoku Maru 18* left on December 30 without the extra fuel she wanted, only to be recalled to port.

When the *Daikoku Maru* arrived in PM on December 27 to pick up a sick crew member who had been put ashore about a fortnight earlier her captain indicated he needed 4,400 gallons of fuel oil and extra

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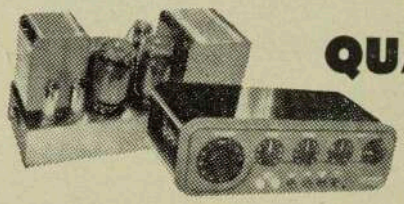
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od to get him back to Japan, but ad no money to pay for it.
Negotiations were difficult, because one of the Japanese spoke English. Interpreting was done by an employee of an oil company, who had een a Japanese prisoner-of-war nd who was able to make himself nderstood with the aid of an Engsh-Japanese phrase book.
The Japanese apparently held a tarpaulin muster", and on December 30 had enough yen to buy bout £A50 worth of food and pay arbour dues.
After a bank had agreed to change ne money, the captain said he had nough fuel to rejoin his mothership, and the *Daikoku Maru* left arbour.
Shortly after she left her moorngs, Burns Philp (NG) Ltd. reeived a cable from its head office n Sydney announcing the Japanese 'onsul had given authority for an xtension of credit so the ship could e fuelled for the homeward journey.
A launch chased the *Daikoku Maru* and she was brought in to 'ort Moresby wharf to take oil board.

SANDBANK UNFOUND: There as no great comfort for navigators esulting from a recent search made y HMS *Cook* for a supposed navi ational hazard in Fiji waters. The azard, of unknown nature, was breakers" reported by a French essel in 1924, about 20 miles off he Great Sea Reef in Bligh Water, orth of Viti Levu. Another vessel ad reported discoloured water in he same area in 1927.
HMS *Cook*, survey vessel, has ound 1,000 fathoms in the immedite vicinity, proving that the supposed position was free of dangers. The early navigation may well have been inaccurate and the reef or hoal may exist at some other point n the general area—or, like so nany other supposed reefs and hoals, this may simply have been a shoal of fish.
FIRST VISIT UNDER NEW NAME: Now wearing her new ame of *Tiare*, the vessel which vas formerly named *Petunia*, was naking her first patrol to Fiji, Wallis, and the Loyalties in November.
As *Petunia*, this 320-ton vessel, larger than her now de-commissioned predecessor, called at Suva last August en route to her station from France. The old *Tiare*, which came to Suva for refit each year, now lies idle at Noumea. As a new slipway has recently been commissioned at Noumea it is probable that the new vessel will be able to refit at her base port.
JAPANESE IGY SURVEY: As part of Japan's IGY effort, four oceanographic research vessels have now commenced soundings and seawater samplings in a triangular area between Wake, Midway, and Kamchatka. The survey will be similar to that being undertaken by the Russian *Vityaz* and by American vessels.

News of Cruising Yachts

● **AUCKLAND-SUVA YACHT RACE:** The second Auckland-Suva Yacht Race, which yachtsmen hope will become a biennial event, is scheduled to take place next winter according to plan. Royal Akarana Yacht Club, sponsors of the event, announced in Auckland early December that the race will commence on May 3, 1958. Interested yachtsmen should contact the club. Entries will close February 1, except in certain circumstances.

● **NEWS WANTED:** News is sought of the 31½-ft steel yacht TULAK, German flag, in which Joroslav Novy and his wife Bozena cleared Papeete last April 27, for Suva and Brisbane. Reports from any en-route islands, with approximate dates, would be appreciated. The yacht may well be at Brisbane. Advice is also sought from England of the yacht WAPY, unknown to PIM, but last heard of at Panama Canal Zone last July. We have had no mention of this craft, owned and manned by Mr. C. R. Sarel, from our regular Balboa correspondent, Max Hart, who would normally only report departures from there for Polynesia. WAPY'S destination was originally Australia

● **DIANA** of England, now making Auckland her home base, was back there November 30 after a six months loop north to Fiji. With owner N. E. Young on his latest cruise were Michael Henderson of England, David Morgan of Australia, Brian Ferraz of South Africa, and Fred Undsted of England. The yacht will cruise coastwise through the summer.

● **KIWI**, 28-ft ketch of MARCO POLO type—the latter yacht recently completed a world cruise—cleared Auckland for Lord Howe Island

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Sydney on commencement of a no-plan
ld cruise on December 4—an unusual time
the year for departure. With owners Tom
and Tom Sharples are Graeme Hooper and
Jenkins. The latter crew member has
e Island cruises in other craft. The yacht
built by the owners, and has a 10 hp
iliary.

TREKKA's John Guzzwell, last reported as

ember of the crew of TZU HANG, arrived
in New Zealand in November from South
rica, where TZU HANG is still refitting after
dismasting and damage in the Roaring
ies bound from Australia to the Horn. Guzz-
's TREKKA has meanwhile been hauled out
northern NZ port.

SWALLOW, 48-ft sloop, left Vancouver on
vorld cruise August 31 and will probably
ntually be seen in the Islands. Aboard were
srs. Richardson and Quail, and two brothers
ens.

MERIDIAN, and the Staffords, have not
reported to PIM since the 44-ft cutter
ed from Borabora for Suwarrow and Pago
o in mid-September. Friends are inquiring.

NOENA of unknown dimensions, with
re du Montet lone-handing, was reported
from Naples in October on a round-the-
ld cruise.

TRES DAMAS, Chilean-flag motor-sailer of
vely lines, which Arturo Prieto Urioste
ght to Papeete in November, 1955, with
n companions, and later sold there as a
k-boat, was renamed POPOUA—just to keep
record straight. She now maintains con-
between Papeete and the lonely atolls of
line and Flint for lessee Tony Bambridge.

TARASS BOULBA, 31-ft gaff ketch, with
e Zavialoff lone-handing, cleared Ostend
April 20 for Panama and round the world
might be the first yacht to bring the
ian flag to Pacific, at least in post-War II
s. The owner, Ukrainian-born, is evidently
naturalised Belgian. The yacht is a con-
ed lifeboat.

FLYING WALRUS and NOVIA are, for the
being, holed-up at Whangarei, northern
though the crews have quietly slipped in
Auckland by land transport, we hear.

SOLQUEST of Tasmania, which cleared
eete September 24 bound for the US was
rted in November to have been wrecked
the Hawaiian Islands—no details.

RAIREVA (ex RENEGADE), 36' x 10' x
", owned by Doug Robinson (Canadian) and
hel Fromager (Channel Islander) arrived
eete November 24 after 42 days out from
kland. Accompanying them were Karl Teppo
nish) and Robert Van Duyne (Dutch)—all in
a veritable cruising United Nations. The
wners bought the boat in Port Moresby
sailed her to Sydney where they fitted out.
REVA is a staysail schooner equipped with
2 hp Petters diesel as auxiliary and has
ty of "adapted" equipment aboard—ex-
les being aircraft blister tanks as auxiliary
er tanks and a petrol station filling pump
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AIREVA was built in New Zealand to an
teur design and, at the time, caused criti-
owing to her unusual construction. Com-
ts by the yachting magazine "Seacraft"
e, "Three craft of similar size could be
t with the materials used if normal con-
ction methods were followed", and "OK for
as a light ship—guaranteed to bob
and down in the same place".
wners planned to stay in Papeete for
weeks and then proceed to Honolulu via
Societies and Marquesas.

SALMO, 24' 6", 21' 6" x 7' x 5' 10",
er of Poole, England, owned by Peter and
Hamilton, arrived Papeete November 24.
r Hamilton (ex Royal Navy) sailed SALMO
le-handed to Canada, returned home and
ried Jill, then both of them returned to
ada by normal means to continue a world
se aboard SALMO. After leaving Panama
Hamilton's called at the Galapagos, Pit-
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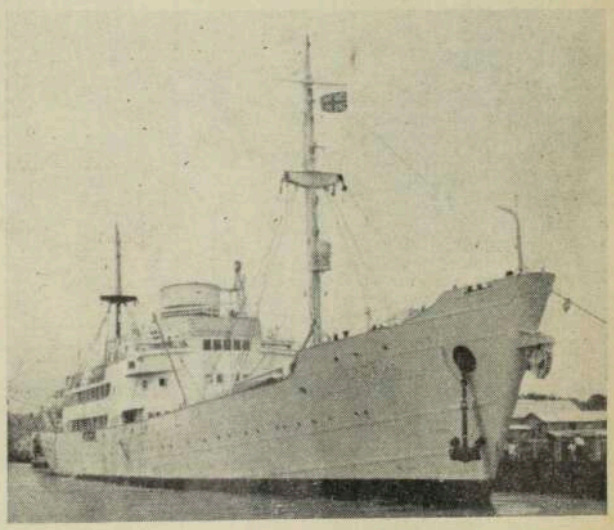


FROM TONGA AND THE SOVIET

The Tonga Copra Board's new 52 ft tug, "Fonualei", photographed in Suva after it had been unloaded from the "Papanui", in December. It weighs 18 tons, has a beam of 13 ft 3 in. and a draught of 9 ft. She later sailed from Suva for Tonga under her own power. She will engage in copra and general trading round that group.

Right: The Soviet survey ship "Vityaz" or "Vitiaz", which visited Suva in December. Stories elsewhere this issue.

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ruary when, after visiting the rest of the Society Group, they will sail for Suva in continuation of world cruise.

● STAGHOUND, 39' 8" x 10' 10" x 6' 1", of Santa Barbara, California, arrived Papeete November 25. The vessel is ketch rigged with a 25 hp Mercedes Benz diesel as auxiliary. STAGHOUND is owned by Paul Hurst who will be remembered as the owner of PRIMAVERA which arrived in Papeete from Honolulu in June, 1954, and stayed there until late last year when she was sold to a Californian buyer. Mr. Hurst is at present in Japan and hopes to join the boat in Papeete within a month or so. Skipper for the trip down was Bill Weir of Maui and with him as crew are Phil Schroder (ex TAHITI) and Kerry Teeble (ex CELEBES). Skipper Bill Weir is well known having been on QUEEN MAB, PRIMAVERA, and navigator of JADA, winner of last year's Los Angeles-Tahiti race. STAGHOUND is quite a notable craft among ocean racers. Under the ownership of Brent Fulmor she has been in the trans-Pacific race on three occasions for two firsts ('53 and '55) and a second ('51). She also won the Honolulu-Kauai race in '55. Present intention is to remain in Tahiti until the end of the hurricane season and then cruise via the Societies, Cook's, Samoa, Tonga and Fiji to New Zealand.

● TAK-O-AUTAHI, of Poole, England, with owner Bill Morgan and Rick Mohun aboard cleared Papeete December 11 bound for Moorea. On the agenda were plans to visit the rest of the Society group during the hurricane season before heading west through the islands to New Zealand. Owner Morgan hopes to build a larger boat (a 38' double ender) in New Zealand.

● TAHOE, 36' x 10' 6" x 5' 6", staysail schooner of Vancouver, BC, arrived Papeete December 19. The co-owners Reg Blake (Aust.) and Fred Shepherd (Canadian) are accompanied by John Lewis (Canadian), Bob Drude (US) and Herbert Knopf (German). The vessel (amateur built) is designed after the style of a Rio de Janiero coastal sand-barge. Auxiliary is a 100 hp Kermath gasoline engine. TAHOE sailed direct from San Francisco to Taiohae Bay, Marquesas, in 48 days and then called at Ua Pou and Rangiroa on the way to Papeete. The owners intend to weather out the hurricane season in Papeete doing necessary repairs to the boat and then proceed through the Societies to the Cooks, Samoa, Tonga, New Zealand and on to Sydney which is the proposed terminus of the cruise.

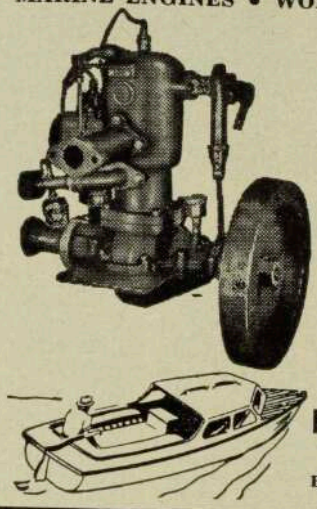
● UTOPIA, owner Fred Petersen departed Papeete by TEAL aircraft on December 22. He is returning home to Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, for business reasons and while in the States hopes to recruit some more crew to assist hi continue his world cruise.

● HAVFRUEN III of England, Group Capta T. H. Carr's 71-ton ketch, arrived at Russe NZ, in mid-December from Nukualofa and w expected at Auckland later in the month.

● TE RAPUNGA, which cleared Hobart f Auckland December 1, finished her tran Tasman passage on a beach near Greymout west coast of the South Island of NZ, c December 21 and a local resident lost his li in rescue operations.

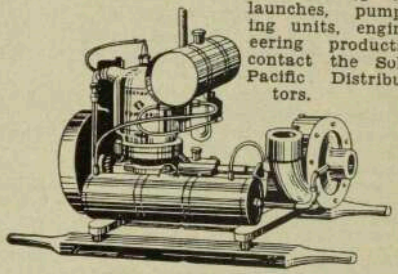
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They are now testing the Cook Islands fish for radio-activity.

Mr. Ronald Powell, Fisheries Officer for the Cook Islands, and Ioaba Marsters, his assistant, were flown from Rarotonga to Christmas Island on November 1 and underwent a short course there on elementary physics and the use of the geiger counter. They then flew to Penrhyn where they spent almost a month collecting various specimens of reef fish and seabirds which were preserved and tested for signs of radio activity.

Air samples at Penrhyn were also taken, and three employees of the Meteorological Department, stationed at Penrhyn, were trained to carry out tests for radio activity. The data obtained will be forwarded to the Health Physics Department at Christmas Island at regular intervals, and similar checks for radio activity will be made at Rarotonga.

Powell and Marsters returned to Rarotonga at end of November, taking their geiger counter with them.—W.H.P.

art. The voyage proceeded under jury rig when the South Island was sighted on ember 12 the diesel auxiliary was started end the passage on the limited fuel avail- e.

lowever a shaft bearing burnt out some e later. A fresh southerly sprang up but yacht was unable to make to windward or nouvre under jury rig so it was impossible make Greymouth.

nstead, the anchor was dropped in the lee a shingle bank eight miles north of that t. Local residents could see that the yacht in distress and in a precarious position in deteriorating weather so efforts were made take the five men off. In this operation ocal man was drowned.

hen TE RAPUNGA parted her cable and e ashore on a shingle beach, undamaged with all aboard safe. With Dibbern were ssrs. R. Vincent, D. Haley, W. Pearton, and Jones. Jones had suffered a broken cheek- e when the vessel was dismasted. He was en hospital treatment. It is expected that yacht will be refloated and brought to bour, but Dibbern and his crew are out of ds and will take local employment until y can afford to refit and continue the age to the Islands via Auckland. Dibbern, o sailed the yacht from Germany in pre- r 11 days, is 69.

As a result of the retirement of r. R. M. Gladney, the position of sident Agent, Aitutaki, Cook lands, was advertised in New aland in December. The salary "up to £NZ1,115, according to erit". The job is one of the most sponsible in the Cook Islands der the present programme of cial Development. The Coral oute air service also involves a od deal of work not called for on e other islands at present.

Drifting Boat Mystery

NEW CALEDONIAN police are fascinated by the mystery of a rowing boat found in November on a reef at Uvea atoll, in the Loyalty Islands group.

Painted white, with a quarter-inch rope around the exterior, the boat contained nothing but a pair of oars and a pair of Japanese sandals.

The boat was made by a Sydney firm of boat builders, but the police say there is little chance that it drifted from Australia. But it may have come from the New Hebrides, or Suva. They are trying to find out.

Five-Day Week Extended

THE five-day working week which is now in effect for European officers of the Administration at Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul, was extended in December to some of the native, Asian and mixed race staff at the three centres.

The new extension involves those engaged as artisans, clerks or in allied occupations, except those who are employed in essential services.

The five-day week will not apply to labourers employed by the Administration.

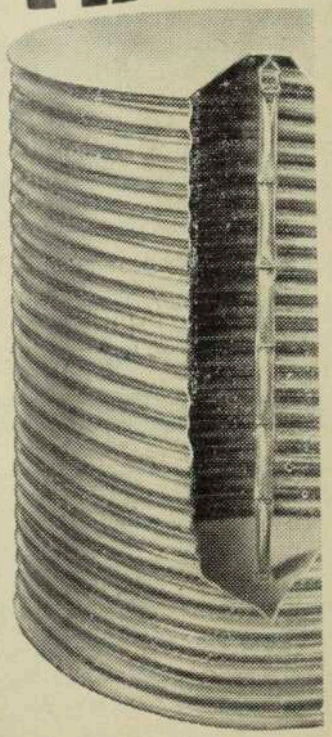
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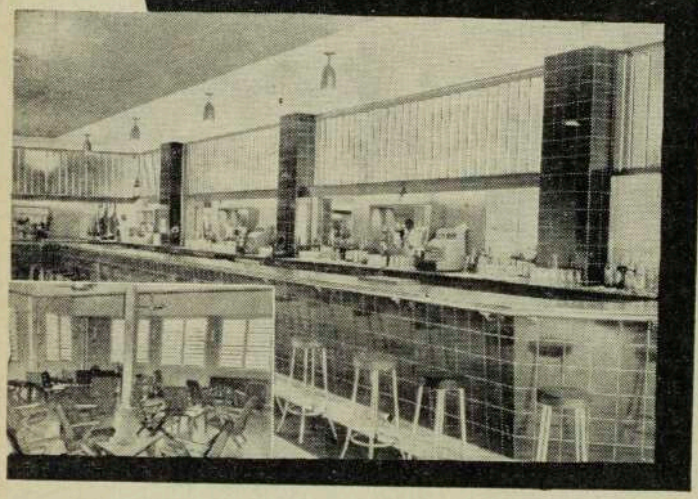


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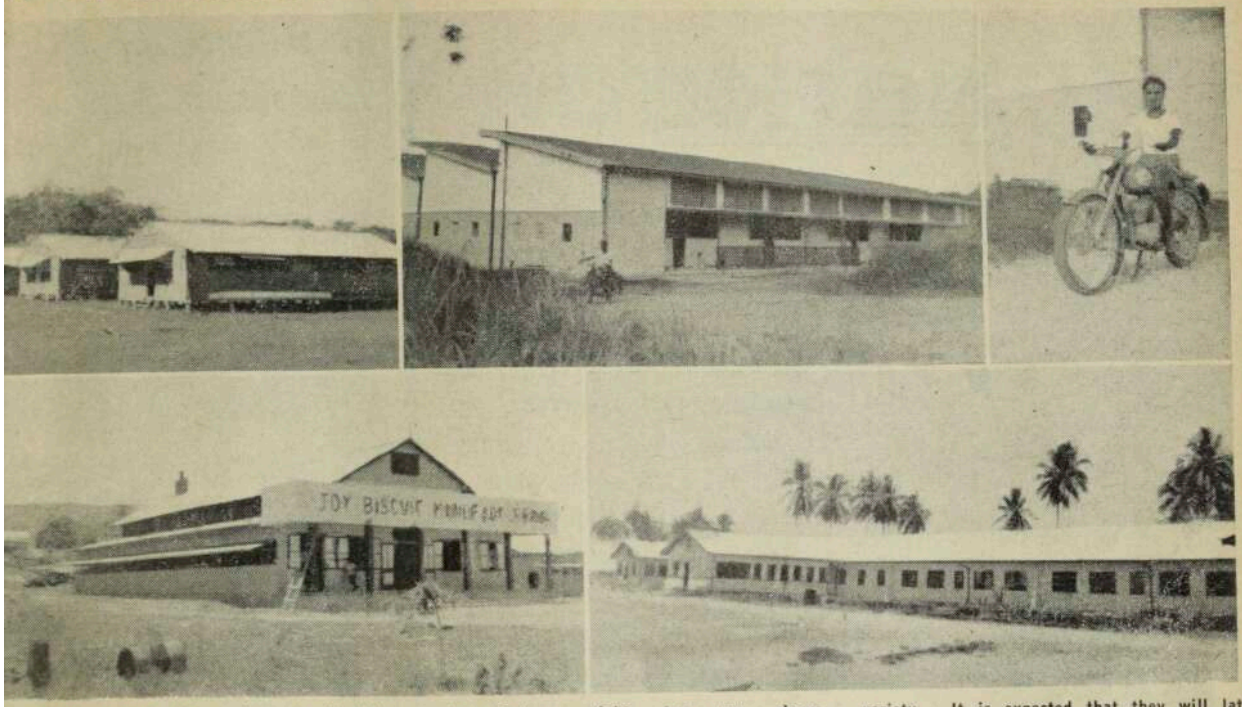
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ce Lift for Honiara . . .



These photographs show that considerable ogress is being made in Honiara, BSIP. e top row of photographs shows the old d the new variety of Government offices. e new version, centre, looks rather like factory, but is regarded as palatial in mparison with the army-type hutments xtreme left) that have done duty up until w—and still are in use by some departments. Extreme right, top row, shows that Europeans are not alone in forward-thinking. At native clerk is shown on his own form of modern transport.

Bottom row: At left, the new biscuit factory which has recently gone into operation in Honiara. It can produce three tons of ration biscuits per day, and these will sell at 3d per lb cheaper than the imported variety. It is expected that they will later be exported to the Hebrides and Gilbert and Ellice Islands. Extreme right, the main wing of the new hospital. Most of the construction is in cement-brick, and spacious verandahs look out on the beach. It was built with funds from the Colonial Development Fund.

Photos: A. de Theye.

all In Nickel Exports lits New Cal.

T the opening of the New Caledonian Territorial Assembly's budget session re-ently, the Governor, M. Aime rimald, again warned New aledonians of the vulnerability of heir country's economy. He said he time had come to economise; he alternative would inevitably be period of austerity.

Although the drastic reduction f nickel exports to Japan did not istify saying that an economic risis had arrived, one could cer-ainly say that the nickel boom had nded. No grave damage had been one as yet to the country's economy y the slight "depression" and one ould envisage the future with con-dence.

M. Grimald spoke also of the uropean Common market which is xpected to come into operation dur-ng 1958. New Caledonia, as part of he French Union, would benefit onsiderably by the Common market s there would be a ready market or its products. New Caledonia re-ained the right, of course, of im-osing duties to protect her economy ut any application of Customs duties must be made without discrimination to all the countries, including France, who are members of the European Common market.

In conclusion, the Governor said that every effort must be made to develop New Caledonian industries and especially agriculture.

Particular attention must be paid to the cattle industry, which is in a grave position because of the disastrous drought.



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In Defence of NG Trusteeship

YOUR Editorial Note, "UNO Influence in P-NG Affairs" (*PIM* Nov., p. 58), states:

"This journal does not care two hoots whether UNO and its Trusteeship Council are offended by anything that happens in the Pacific, or not".

But I still wonder that the *PIM* should have considered that the Tapini affair would have been "More ammunition for UNO"—particularly as I have said, as Tapini is in Papua.

I also wonder if it is universally understood that the Trusteeship Council has absolutely no authority whatsoever with regard to New Guinea Administration affairs. Article 2 of the Trusteeship Agreement states:—

> The Government of Australia (hereinafter called the Administering Authority) is hereby designated as the sole authority which shall exercise the administration of the territory.

I have lost count of the number of times the Australian representative has had occasion to draw the attention of certain TC members to that section.

The position of Australia is quite clear. She entered into an agreement with the UN to administer New Guinea in such a manner as to achieve the basic objectives of the International Trusteeship System as set forth in Article 76 of the Charter; and it must be accepted that this agreement was concluded in good faith.

Australia will submit to the UN an annual account of her stewardship (Annual Report) and she will arrange, at times suitable to Australia and to the Council, for a Visiting Mission to tour where it will in New Guinea.

Australia would be glad of helpful suggestions concerning administration in any of its branches; and is always willing to give due consideration to any serious and genuine criticism. What Australia will *not* do—and she has made it plain beyond all doubt—is to, in any way, share her responsibility for the administration of New Guinea either with the Trusteeship Council as a whole, or with any members or member thereof.

Although a number of members of the Council, from its inception until now, have uttered criticisms of administrative policy in New Guinea (the Administrative Union with Papua, for instance) only one member of the Council has accused Aus-

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lia of lack of good faith in carry- out of the trusteeship agree- nt—and that was the USSR. One ıer has implied it: that being ssia's SS. (In UN-ese, "Syrian ıtnik".)

Neither can be taken seriously.

• *May I now state that I DO elieve that the actions of the -NG Administration ARE in- luenced by the UNO. And may I ay further that until such time s Australia declares that a rusteeship over New Guinea is o longer necessary (the objectives f the International Trusteeship ystem, as applicable to New Guinea, being substantially chieved) I trust her administra- ion of the Territory will be in- luenced by UN opinion. And I elieve that Australia, as a mem- er of the UN will spare no effort o contribute to the formation of hat opinion.*

To try and put it another way— annot visualise Australia in these atters as other than a member the UN, a member who does not ek to dominate and, equally, can- t be dominated by other members. e is entirely free to accept or to ject any suggestions or advice fered her regarding her adminis- ations of trust territories and I ust express my personal opinion at one or more of the other 81 embers of UN should be able to me up with a suggestion which of us might accept.

Has the International Trusteeship ystem achieved anything?

May I quote the United Nations ay Message to Trust Territories nt out on October 24, 1957, by Mr. D. L. Hood, the Trusteeship ouncil President. Mr. Hood is a asmanian.

On the twelfth anniversary of the United tions, I am privileged in my capacity of esident of the Trusteeship Council, to tend to the peoples of the governments the Trust Territories the greetings of the uncil.

The International Trusteeship System tablished by the United Nations has now erated for almost 11 years and, it is atifying to note, has operated well. At e beginning of this year, the Trusteeship greement for Togoland under British dministration was terminated, the objectives the International Trusteeship System having en achieved in that territory. Great ogress has also been made in the other ust Territories in the political as well as e economic, social and educational fields.

I wish to take this opportunity to point the unfailing interest which the United ations attaches to the well-being of the oples of the Trust Territories and to sure them that the United Nations in -operation with the administering authorities ncerned, will spare no effort in promoting eir progressive development toward the ble objectives of the International Trustee- ip System.

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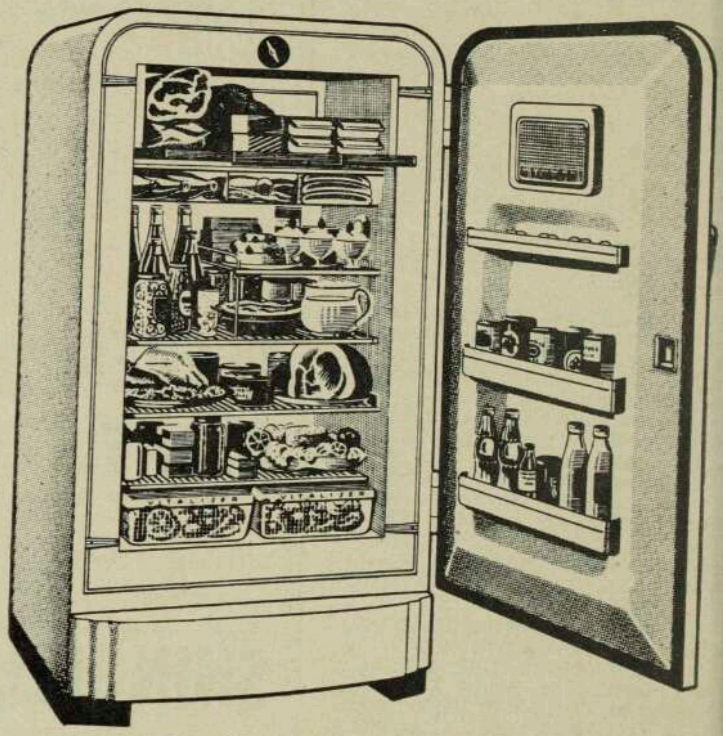
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ATIVE APPRENTICES
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Dirty Hands v. White Collars

A scheme for training natives s qualified tradesmen appears to e overcoming the preference of nany natives of Papua-New Guinea for "white collar" jobs.

THIS is one of several important problems which the infant scheme is meeting in its formtive years.

One member of the Native pprenticeship Board said recently hat he thought that as more natives ook up apprenticeships, the idea f being a tradesman would become nore popular.

Already, he said, he was receiving nany inquiries from boys eager to ecome skilled artisans.

The scheme for apprenticing atives came into being only in 1955, ut by 1957 there were 150 apprentices erving their time at various trades hroughout the Territory. Early in 958, the number will be about 200.

Chairman of the Apprenticeship oard, Mr. J. Hohnen, who is genral manager of New Guinea Goldields Ltd., and an MLC, said the oard is now looking for ways of roadening the scheme.

Against Dirty Hands

It was studying the possibility of dding such avenues of employment s planter's assistant and technical toreman to the list of trades to hich boys could become apprenticed.

"The greatest danger I see is the ative who has been educated at chool and then thinks he should ot get his hands dirty", said Mr. Hohnen.

"These types of people have aused problems in other countries."

In some parts of Africa, such atives were "churned out" by Missions and Government schools.

They had flooded the market beause they had not been prepared o accept a trade.

"I don't believe in the over-production of literates unless they can it into the economy of the country," he said.

"What we have to stress to the natives is pride in craftsmanship and show them that they don't have to be 'white collar' workers to get good money. We must emphasise the dignity of trade training."

Mr. W. C. Gee, chief engineer of the Posts and Telegraph Department and a member of the Native Apprenticeship Board, said he thought the problem of natives seeking "white collar" jobs was already working itself out.

He said the problem arose because in the immediate post-war years clerks and office workers were needed by the administration and there were plenty of opportunities for natives to take up that kind of work.

"Not a Problem"

He found that apprentices who were satisfied with their jobs talked about the scheme to their young friends and interested them in becoming tradesmen.

"I don't think native interest in white collar work will be a big problem in the future," he said.

On another question, Mr. Hohnen said that European tradesmen in the Territory should not fear that native apprentices would displace them.

He said that for some years to come there would be ample room for native tradesmen—more so than for clerks.

When the time came that there were sufficient native tradesmen to do the work, Europeans would be needed to oversee as foremen and leading hands.

"If a European tradesman, with his background and educational advantages, is frightened that a native, starting from scratch, will take over his job he shouldn't be here.

"If he can't grade up when the time comes he should grade out," Mr. Hohnen added.—*AAP-REUTER.*



New Building in Apia

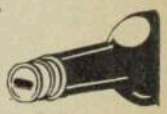
A new building, belonging to Angus MacDonald and Co. Ltd., at Savalalo, is a handsome addition to the growing business area of Apia, W. Samoa. The corner shop is now occupied by the newly formed Public Service Co-operative Store, which with over 800 public-servant members, has had a very promising beginning. Photo: Forsgren's Studio



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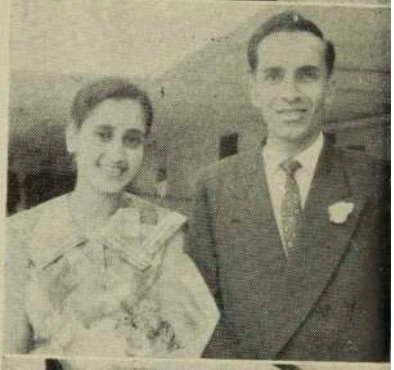


In its move towards self-government, Western Samoa, in October, lost one of its old-established institutions—the Fono of Faipule, or Samoan Parliament. This photograph of the 41 members and official staff was taken outside the meeting house.

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PASSENGERS ON TOFUA







Amongst passengers from Auckland on December "Tofua" were:

Messrs. E. and K. Tuinukuafe and Miss A. Fakalata, returning to Tonga after teacher-training in NZ.

Miss S. Samlal and her brother Mr. D. C. Samlal, teacher trainees in Auckland, were homeward bound for Lautoka, Fiji.

A. Huni, B. Finau, N. J. Ngalu Kalaniuvalu, and J. Foliaki, all of Tonga, and M. Fenn of Fiji, who were on vacation from the Marist Seminary at Greenmeadow, NZ.

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† A set of three postage stamps will be issued in Western Samoa in March to commemorate the opening of the new Parliament. The denominations will be 4d, 6d, and 1/-. The first two will carry the design of the present 1d and 2d stamps. The 1/- will be a new design. The inscriptions will, however be in Samoan, "Samoa i Sisifo" replacing "Western Samoa", and with the special inscription "Fono Fou 1958".



NIUEANS FLOURISH IN W. SAMOA

he number of Niueans in Western Samoa indicated by this photograph (right) which ws a group outside the store of a oo- rative society which they have formed. h them is the Resident Commissioner of e, who was visiting Apia when the photo- ph was taken. Photo: Forsgrens' Studio



Exchange Students Do Very Well

USTRALIA'S system of accord- ing scholarships to overseas students is paying dividends— New Caledonia at least.

One student has just returned to umea after studying at the Syd- y University as an electrical gineer.

Another studying at the same iiversity will shortly complete his idies as an industrial chemist.

On the other side of the ledger, ss Mariane Norbonne, of Adelaide, rking on a bursary offered by the w Caledonian Government, has st passed the second part of her chalaureat—the first Australian er to do so in New Caledonia. ie now has the right of entry into ench Universities.

Miss Norbonne is a brilliant ident from Adelaide.

Mr. and Mrs. Noel Levy, old sidents of Fiji—they now live in tirement near Korolevu, on the autiful southwest coast of Viti evu—passed through Sydney in ecember. They were en route for e Far East, on a holiday planned extend over three months.



Mr. Jack Reid, well-known Territorian, was arried to Miss Lucy Hamilton in the Roman atholic Church, Port Moresby, on December 4. Miss Hamilton has been a Health Dept. ietitian for a number of years.
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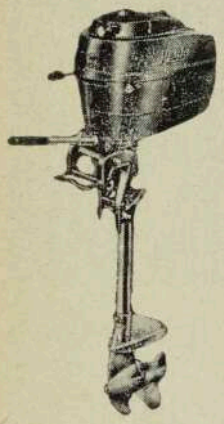
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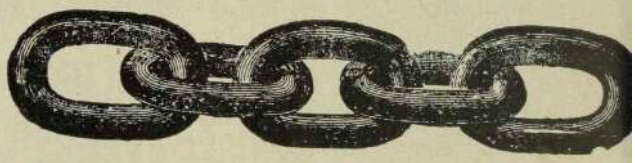
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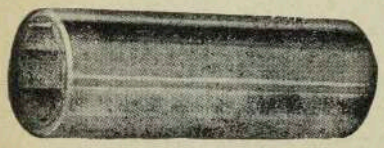
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Anderson Case

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ierson acted irregularly, but that all.

Mr. Justice Mann's view that re had been insufficient evidence put Avila on his trial (so that would thus be kept in custody) not the view of the High Court. la could have been committed trial.

Anderson had kept Avila only a loose kind of arrest.

Dangerous Territory

On a question of punishment, case of the individual had to be en into account. Anderson had n a trusted servant of the Crown, h a creditable record, working a dangerous territory with little and great responsibility. His ions had brought him to disaster, l his life must appear to him be in ruins. These were matters be considered.

Anderson's total gaol sentences 21 months would therefore be owed to expire on the date he d been allowed bail to attend the peal.

Editorial Comment

NYONE who heard the High Court consider the Anderson appeal would have been left in le doubt that the court was are of the dangers in confusing e ordinary processes of law with e job of administering New Guinea tives.

One of the dangers, the Court arly felt, was that the rights of e individual could be overlooked.

The Chief Justice, Sir Owen kon, put into words what appeared be the general feeling of the urt when he commented at one ge of proceedings:

"I can quite understand that the iministration must be very firm d very definite in repressing all tempts to exercise a personal thority outside the law—it must otect the natives.

"But there are, of course, two stinct things—there is the admin- rative authority over the officer d the manner in which he is dealt th administratively, and there is e criminal law. And the criminal w is, of course, a very different atter, and it is that which we ve to consider."

To this comment, Mr. Shannon, r the Crown, made this reply: do concede that you can't, as it ere, punish merely from a view- oint of creating a situation for her members, without taking into count the individual as well."

These comments, and some others ke them, were made because the High Court judges obviously felt they were relevant to what Sir Owen Dixon at one stage referred to as the "extraordinary" Anderson case.

They were not meant to suggest that Mr. Justice Mann had dealt with Anderson on the basis of what would be best for the Administration.

There cannot be any doubt that Mr. Justice Mann, as one would expect, dealt with the matter purely on the basis of the law.

The High Court's main criticism of his judgment was that in some respects it may have misinterpreted the evidence.

On the question of the severity of the punishment, Sir Owen Dixon himself pointed out that this was a matter always open to wide interpretation by the judiciary everywhere, with different judges adopting different attitudes.

But the result of it all has justified the indignant public outburst that followed Anderson's original arrest, and the wide support he got after his conviction.

And the main lesson in it all must now be absorbed not by the judiciary, but by the P-NG Administration.

The lesson is that it is possible for the Administration to move too fast, to rely too closely on matters of policy, and to forget that the people who have to carry out the work are individuals first, and instruments of policy only second.

The field staff have been asked to do too much, for too long, while the going has been tough. Now that it is easing up, it is not good psychology, or good manners, to begin treating them like the common hired help, owed nothing—not even a little understanding in their efforts to understand the changing circumstances of the last year or two.

New Guinea has not yet quite finished being a pioneering country, and if the Administration talked a little less about its wondrous partnership of black and white, and did something to repair the mess it is making of the partnership of white and white, the Territory would advance a lot more smoothly.—S.I.

HE PLANS TO RETURN

Anderson, dismissed from his tax-free £1,740-a-year job following his conviction, is currently living with his wife and their newly-born first child, Prudence, in Newcastle, NSW.

But he plans to return to Papua to work on his own account, possibly as a coffee planter in the Goilala area.

Deputy High Commissioner in Micronesia

BY "slow boat from Guam" the May-June issue of the US Trust Territory official journal *Micronesian Reporter*, just to hand, reports the appointment of a new Deputy High Commissioner for Micronesia.

The appointee, Mr. Eugene R. Gilmartin, reached Guam headquarters from the US coincident with the departure of High Commissioner Delmas H. Nucker for hospital treatment there.

Mr. Gilmartin, a lawyer, has recently been Civilian Aide to Secretary of the Navy at Washington. He served with the US Navy from 1942 to 1947, having earlier been in law practice in Rhode Island from 1928. He is a married man with two children, a married daughter and a son who has recently graduated from George Washington University.

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Copra Enters New Phase

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tralia and to the Rabaul mill w be on prices subject to negotiati —and such prices presumably w be regulated by the Unilever pri which in turn is regulated by t free world market.

For provisional price, paid on wha Rabaul, in January, see page 160.

SOLOMONS AND GILBERT AN ELLICE

The copra output will be deliver to a Copra Marketing Board whic in turn, has made arrangements dispose of the bulk of its copra, du ing 1958, to Unilever, on an arrang ment similar to that made for Papu and New Guinea.

FIJI

There is no official marketing in strumentality—producers now ma sell where they please.

The chief factor here regulatin the market is the price at whic copra will be purchased by th Carpenter mill in Suva, whic henceforth is broadcast from Suv once a week. The first broadcast b the mill (Island Industries Ltd. made on Wednesday, January offered the following prices in Fijia currency, on wharf in Suva:

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(To convert to Australian currency add approximately one-eighth.)

The Suva mill's price in earl January appeared to be about £ less than the MOF contract pric which ruled until December 31, bu about £2 better than the worl market price, cif, European port Comparisons are difficult, however— being complicated by currency ex change differences, and by the cost of transportation (freight, insur ance, handling, shrinkage) betwee Fiji and Europe.

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For latest Philippines' prices, see page 160.

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. LES LAWLOR

One of Fiji's most popular and pected merchants, Mr. Ledwedge thur Lawlor (known always as es" Lawlor), died in Suva on De- nber 14, aged 66. He had suffered ich illness in recent years.

He was a Melbournite, and in his ns he entered the service of the JSN Company, and became an sistant purser, and later a purser, some of the well known liners the Australian coast. His service the ships introduced him to Fiji; d, in 1914, when only 23, he settled Suva as secretary of the Fiji ipping Co. Ltd.

Within a year, however, Mr. wlor had gone to World War I as member of the Second Fiji Con- igent; and he was gassed once d wounded twice in the fighting the Western Front.

He returned to the Fiji Shipping 's secretaryship, and remained ere until the Co. was absorbed by orris Hedstrom Ltd. in 1924, when became the big firm's shipping anager. He joined Mr. A. E. Pearce forming Pearce & Co. Ltd., in 30; and in 1949 he bought out r. Pearce's interests, and carried the company as managing irector. He semi-retired, and avelled extensively, in the early ifties.

Mr. Lawlor was keenly interested sports—especially football—and ok an active part in the com- ittees controlling various organisa- ons and clubs, and in the Service- en's Associations.

"Les" was a famous host, and ved convivial company. He had iends and well-wishers all around e world.

In 1919, Mr. Lawlor married Miss ileen Nicholson, a member of a ell known Fiji pioneer family, and ey had two children—Mrs. W. J. alley and Mr. B. D. G. Lawlor, now esidents of Suva.

MR. RAY GALLOWAY

The death occurred in Rabaul, ew Guinea, on December 21 of Mr. ay Galloway, one of the town's est-known and hardest working itizens.

Mr. Galloway was manager of obert Gillespie (NG) Ltd., joining he firm when the parent Sydney ompany opened its New Guinea ubsidiary company in Rabaul in 948, but he had had a long career n the Territory before that.

He went to New Guinea in the nid-twenties for the Ex-Propriation Board and after some years went to he British Solomons. He was in North Queensland when war broke ut. He enlisted from there, later transferring to the YMCA Field Unit and seeing service in the Solomons Campaign and in Bougain- ville. In Port Moresby, in early 1946, he joined the then Production Control Board.

After he settled in Rabaul he be- gan to take a prominent part in the community life of the district. He was the first post-war secretary of the New Guinea Club, and a mem- ber of the New Britain Advisory Council until his death. He was a trustee of the P-NG Museum and of the Queen Elizabeth Park, but probably the work to which he de- voted most of his free time and enthusiasm was that done on behalf of the Boy Scouts' Association. He was Commissioner of Scouts in the NB District and the strength of the present membership is a tribute to his work.

Scouts and Sea Scouts of all races formed a guard of honour at his funeral—at which there were three services. Two ministers of the Methodist Church conducted a re- ligious service; Major Don Barrett conducted an Ex-Serviceman's ser- vice; and Mr. T. M. Wilson con- ducted a service on behalf of the local Masonic Lodge.

Many tributes were paid to Mr. Galloway by leading citizens.

At the time of his death be was believed to be in his early 50's. He was unmarried.

CAPT. JOSEPH COSTE

A shocking accident on November 30 caused the death of Captain Joseph Coste, 30, Army doctor of the Noumea hospital. Dr. Coste was swimming 100 yards from the shore when he was struck by a speed boat which inflicted terrible wounds from which he died.

The speed boat was driven by a boy of 13 and was towing a youthful aquaplaner.

The doctor was very popular, and had arrived from France in Sep- tember; he was not married.

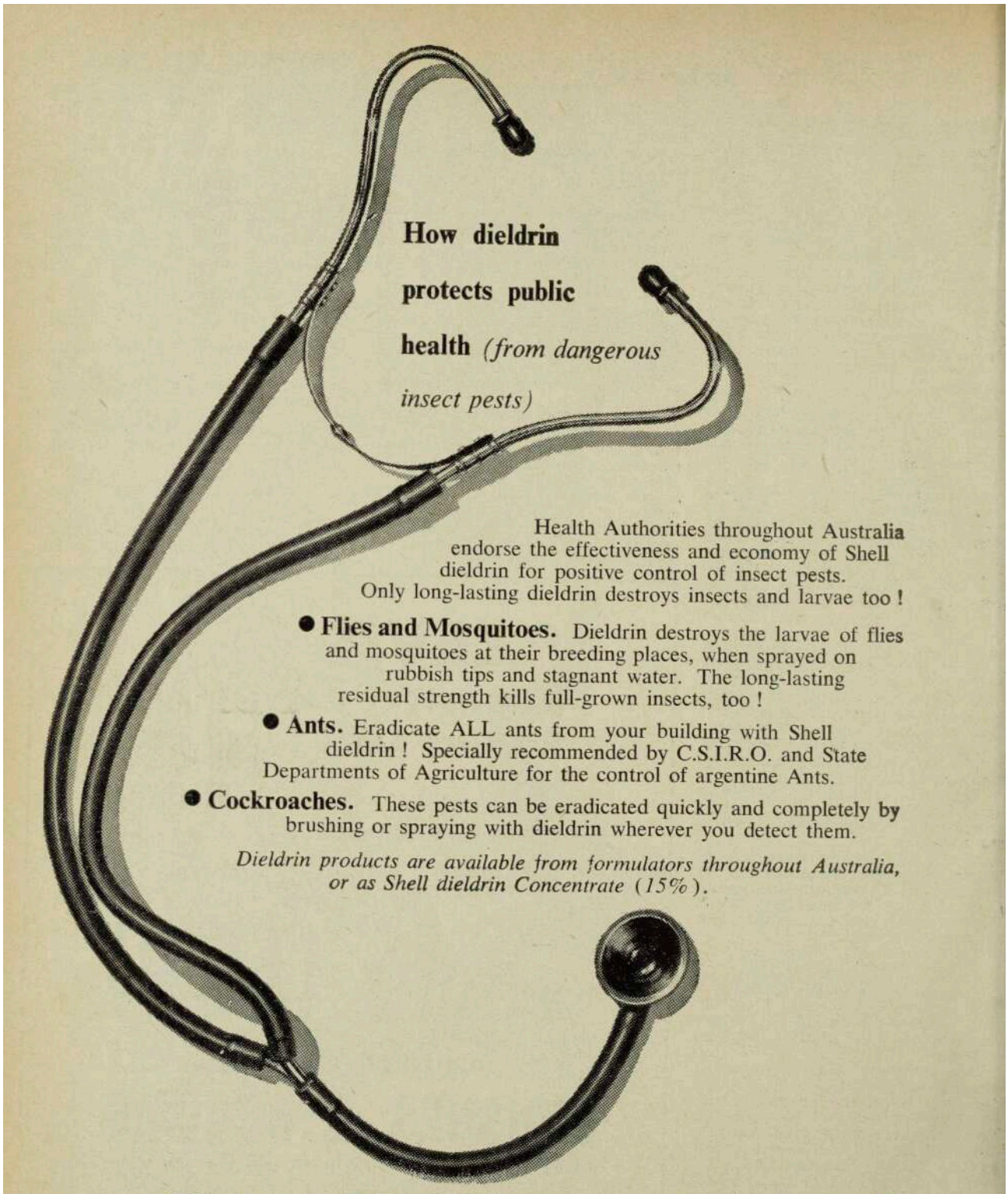
The accident has shocked Noumea and it is hoped that overdue action will be taken to prevent people from using the public beaches for their gyrations.

M. RENE PETRE

M. Rene Petre, member of an old and respected New Caledonian family, died in Noumea in December.



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n 1940, M. Petre was quick to swer the call of General de Gaulle d throughout the war he was in thick of the fighting. He won Legion D'Honneur, the Medaille litaire and the Resistance Medal d ended his military service as a utenant of Reserve.
At the time of his death he was irector of a large Noumea estab-ment, Societe Havraise Cale-nienne.

MR. C. D. BARFORD

During his seven years' residence Fiji as manager of the Bank New Zealand, Mr. C. D. Barford k a keen interest in public affairs, d made many friends; and they re shocked when he died suddenly December 21, from a coronary clusion.
He had been under hospital treat-nt, but apparently was making a od recovery.
Mr. Barford was aged 58, and was se to retirement. He had had 43 ars' service with the Bank—all of except for one year in Suva—in New d seven years in Suva—in New aland.
Mrs. Barford, well known and pular in Suva, survives him.

MR. W. P. (WILLIE) BROWNE

Mr. William Parau Browne, a ll known Rarotonga resident, died ere on November 14, aged 73 years.
Mr. Browne is best remembered visitors to the island as the gnified figure sitting in the open ont seat of an ancient truck, whose ay bore a typical Cook Islands nd dispensing rousing hula music, the truck swept round the island "picture days" shedding hand-lls en route.
Mr. Browne's Royal Hall was for a ng period, until recent years, the ly public hall and picture theatre on the island. He was also associated with the retail trade and was probably at one time the leading figure in the Cook Islands business world if the New Zealand-owned firms are excepted.
His Nikao home was the centre of much of the island's gay life and hospitality, and many a stranger from overseas has attended some island feast there.
Mr. Browne was a member of the Island Council from the First World War until 1947, and was again elected in 1950, when he was also elected to the Cook Islands Legislative Council.
He represented the Cook Islands at the Second South Pacific Conference in 1953.
On the death of his first wife several years ago, Mr. Browne again married and is survived by his second wife and by many children.

M. PAUL BERTON

The death occurred in Noumea, New Caledonia, in early December, of M. Paul Berton.
M. Berton had just recently retired from the Nickel Co., where he was an engineer for 32 years. During his service with the company he was responsible for many of the improvements at the smelters in Noumea and also at the mining centre at Thio.

MR. JOSEPH MICHAEL

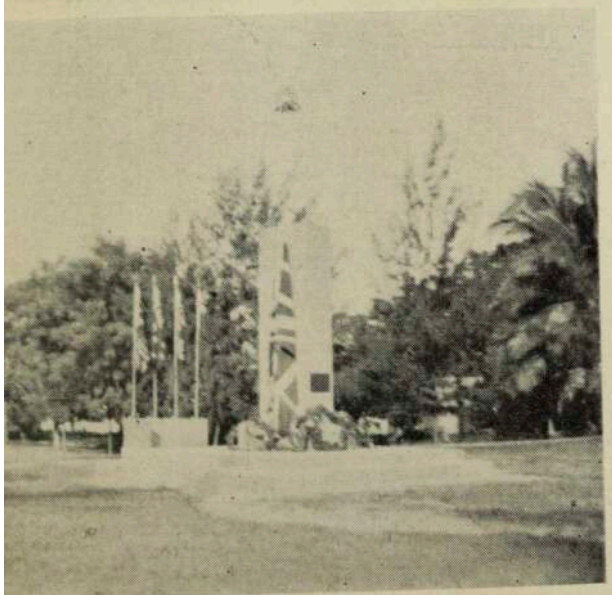
Mr. Joseph Michael, who served with distinction in the Fijian First Battalion in the Solomons in World War II, with rank as Company Sergeant Major, was killed in an accident at Penang, in Fiji, on December 27. He was employed by the CSR Company, and fell off a bridge, and died from severe head injuries. He was well known and esteemed. He was 48, and unmarried.

REV. FATHER BENJAMIN BRIAND, SM

The Rev. Father Briand, veteran Marist missionary of Western Samoa, died suddenly in Auckland, where he had been receiving medical treatment, on December 6, aged 70 years.
Father Briand went to the Samoan Mission from France in 1911 and had worked there ever since. At the time of his death he was in charge of the training college for Samoan catechists, and editor of a Samoan Catholic monthly magazine.
The Requiem Mass in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, was attended by large numbers of Samoans resident in Auckland.
Fr. Briand's body was sent back to Samoa for burial.

MRS. G. H. MASSY-BAKER

We have received advice that Mrs. G. H. Massy-Baker, aged about 70, died in Nuriootpa, South Australia, last August.
She was the widow of a one-time Resident Magistrate of the Gulf Division of Papua and she herself kept a trade store for many years on the beach not far from the Kerema Government Station.
Mrs. Massy-Baker left Papua in the evacuation at the end of 1941



Allied War Memorial

One of the first duties performed by the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Sir John Gutch, after his return to Honiara, BSIP, in November, was the unveiling of the recently completed Allied War Memorial. The memorial, which was designed by the BSIP Government architect, Mr. H. S. Barnes, is a 12 ft. high rectangular column, faced with pebbled concrete, and flanked by the flags of Great Britain, Australia, BSIP, Fiji, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, New Zealand and the United States, all of whose soldiers fought and died in the liberation of the Solomons.
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and has since been living with relative in South Australia. She we to Papua about 1925.

MR. A. R. PECHOTSCH

The death occurred in Lae, Ne Guinea, on December 18, of M Albert Raimund Pechotsch, who residence in Papua-New Guin dates back to 1912. He was 80.

After he first arrived in Po Moresby he was employed on t technical staff of the Departme of Public Works. Later he resigne and joined the BNG Company manufacture trade tobacco fro local leaf grown at Katea, just ou side the town. The venture faile the factory closed down and he wer to Oro Bay to manage a plantatio for the company until recalled Moresby to be BNG shipping mar ager.

His next venture was gol prospecting around Milne Bay, an after this a radio repair shop i Port Moresby, where he remaine until the outbreak of the Pacifi War.

He joined the Allied Works Coun cil and travelled all over Australi analysing soil for emergency land ing strips. After the war he remaine on in Queensland doing a simila job, this time for the Main Road Commission.

He retired three years ago an for the last year has been livin with a son-in-law and daughter i Lae.

He is survived by three marrie daughters (Claire, who lives in Aus tralia; Norris, wife of Mr. Denni Cahell, Lae, NG; and Eileen, wif of Mr. Clarence Healy, Weste Papua), 12 grandchildren and si great-grandchildren.

DR. G. KROENING

The death occurred in Decembe of Dr. G. Kroening, of Tobero Bougainville, who had been in poo health for some time.

Dr. Kroening was Governmen Medical Officer at Kieta during th German regime and married Mis Frances Highley in 1914. He ha been resident at Toberoi for over 4 years.

(Details of Dr. Kroening's caree will appear in the February issu of *PIM*).

† Madame Ingeborg de Beausacq, famous New York photographer an traveller, returned to USA, via Syd ney, in December. In the course o a leisurely tour in the South Pacific she spent some time in Fiji, the New Hebrides and New Guinea. She wa in the Sepik area of New Guine between July and December, an she spent a fortnight on Manan Island, leaving just before th volcano's last big eruption.

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At left, Lady Garvey, wife of the Governor Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, looks apprehensive ile Sir Ronald looks thoughtful at some- ing Russian scientist Professor Benjamin gorov has to say to them about the Thing the Bottle. The occasion was the un- icial visit of Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey the Russian survey ship "Vitiaz" when visited Suva in December.

At right, Captain Sirgeer of "Vitiaz", and ofessor Bogorov speaking with members of Fiji Legislative Council. (Left to right) tu K. Mara, Captain Sirgeer, Professor gorov, Ratu Penaia Ganilau, D.S.O., Ratu ward Cakobau, O.B.E., M.C., and Dr. Sahu an—the latter being an Indian member of Council.

For photograph of the ship, see page 117.

—Fiji PRO Photos.

UVA GREETS OVIET SHIP

THE Soviet scientific ship *Vitiaz* visited Fiji in December, making some kind of history as the rst Soviet ship to do so.

The ship visited Rabaul, New uinea, last year.

The *Vitiaz*, a ship built especially r ocean study and owned by the nstitute of Oceanology at Moscow, a floating scientific institution ontaining 12 laboratories in which 0 scientists work. It is Russia's ontribution to the International eophysical Year, and is claimed to e the largest survey ship of its ind in the world.

The captain of the ship, Captain irgeer, has been in command of he ship on many occasions.

Of the 75 scientists, 15 are vomen. One of the most prominent s Miss Filatova, a Doctor of Science, nd head of the Bentos laboratory or the study of marine life.

They are studying geology of the eabed, chemistry of seawater, iology of the sea from bacteria to ish, and physics of oceanology, among other things.

During the ship's five-day stay in Suva, members of the expedition visited the coral reefs, played against local sports teams and shopped.

Almost every member of the ship's company carried a camera.



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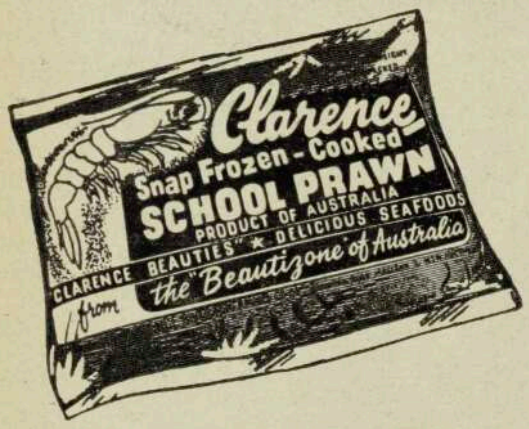
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The new course is intended to able competent seamen to sit for e examination for their Certificate Masters of vessels of under 50 ns. The Administration Superin-ndent of Marine has offered full -operation in conducting the urse.

The trustees of the educational ntre are sponsoring the course, as hough this type of training is not ictly related to co-operative activ-es, the lack of sufficient ships' asters for coastal vessels is a seri-s handicap to the co-operative ganisation, and also many ships e, or could, be operated by native mmunities to the ultimate benefit agricultural production.

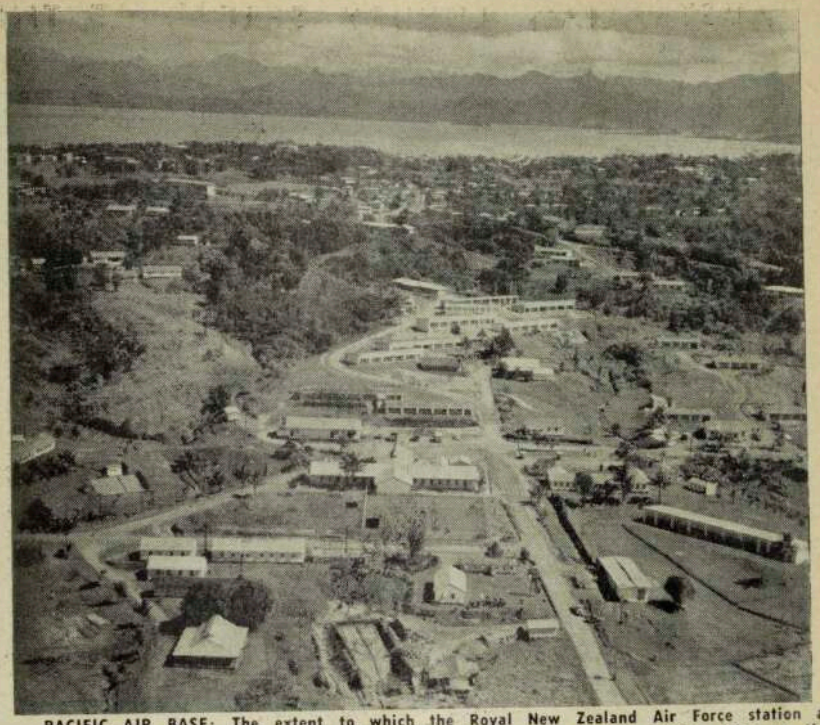
Therefore, the course will be open all qualified men and not re-ricted to those employed by co-eratives.

The Co-operative Educational ntre has classroom, dormitory and essing accommodation for 40 udents, and since it first opened March, 1956, six courses have en conducted and 107 young men ained for positions with co-erative organisations. Teaching aff and general supervision of the ntre is provided by the Adminis-ation.

All capital and maintenance ex-enses are financed from funds sub-ribed by the co-operative groups roughout the Territory, with the riginal capital expenditure having een greatly assisted by grants from he Commonwealth Bank.

In the Territory now, there are 14 co-operative societies, 12 ssociations of societies and one fed-ration of native associations, all of hich have given financial support o the educational centre, and have eceived benefits from it through the raining of their officials and em-loyees.

Cook Islands police were, in anuary, investigating the death of Tutai Ma Ua, male, aged 20, said o have been killed in a "bush-beer"-arty fight on Christmas Eve at Atiu Island.



PACIFIC AIR BASE: The extent to which the Royal New Zealand Air Force station at Laucala Bay, Suva, has grown, is shown in this aerial photograph. The station takes up the whole foreground of the picture; Suva harbour is shown in the background.

Fiji Has Thieves and Hooligans

AN extraordinary amount of petty thieving has been reported in Fiji in recent weeks.

The police are active and alert, and quite a number of thieves—youths mostly—have been picked up and gaoled; but the trouble lies in the number of newcomers who seem to be drifting into crime.

A young Fijian who was sent to prison for several weeks had apparently just grabbed at anything lying around loose—articles in stores, bits of equipment in kitchens, clothing left lying beside swimming pools.

Ram Jag, of Lautoka, awakened on New Year's Eve to find that his two cows had been taken away overnight.

Pastor P. D. R. Wenker, a Latter Day Saints missionary, went for a swim on New Year's Day, at Wainiyabia Beach. When he returned to his clothes his travelling money (£35 Fijian, £5 Tongan, and 50 US dollars) had disappeared.

There may be more in this than just an epidemic of sneak-thieving.

Old residents of Fiji fear that present-day conditions in the bigger towns—especially Suva and Lautoka—are breeding a race of young hooligans among Fijians and Indians. The first sign of this kind of social degeneracy is lack of respect for other people's property.

There was evidence of this undesirable element in the behaviour of the sugarmill strikers in Lautoka and Ba last month.

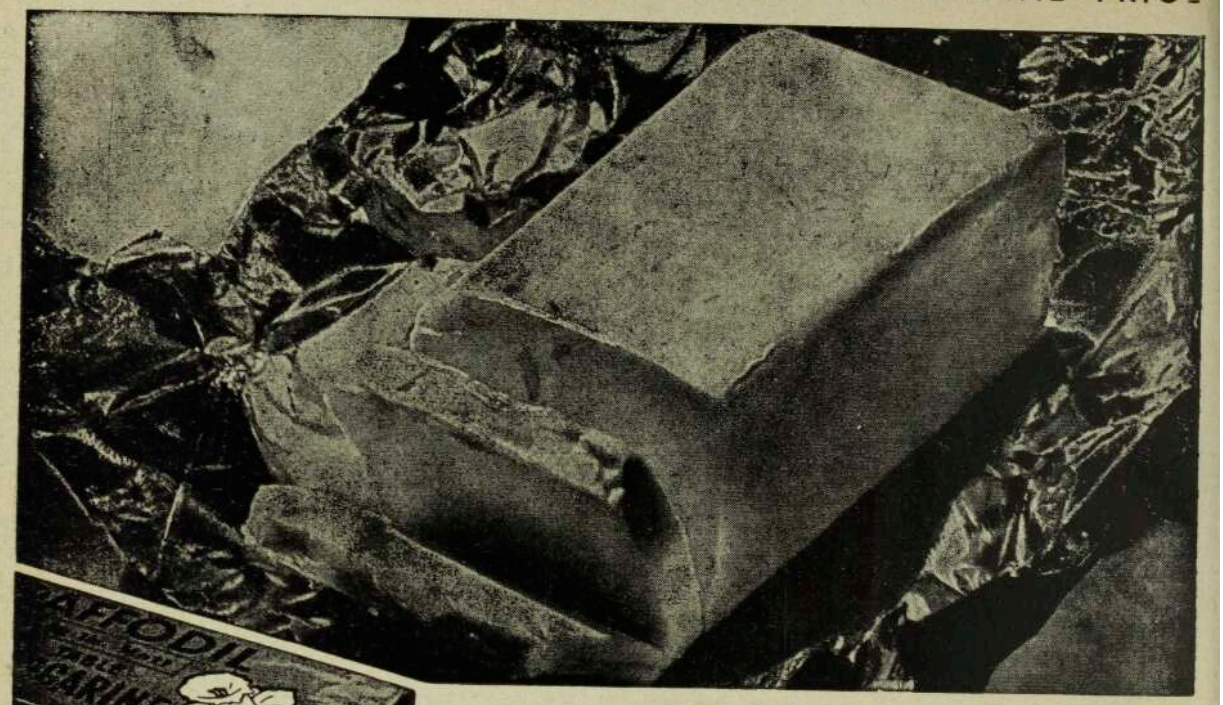
Miss Ginette Retard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ratard, of Santo, New Hebrides, will be married in St. Patrick's Church, Sydney, on February 8, to Mr. Frederick J. Clark. There will be a reception, later, at the Starlight Room of the Hotel Australia.

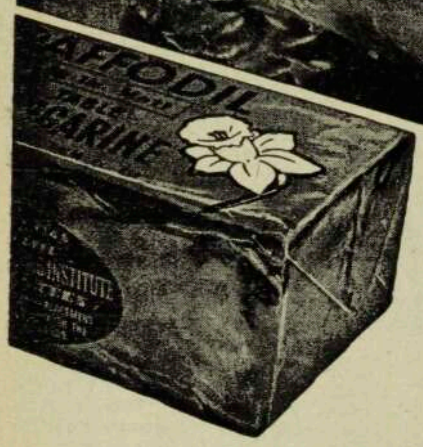
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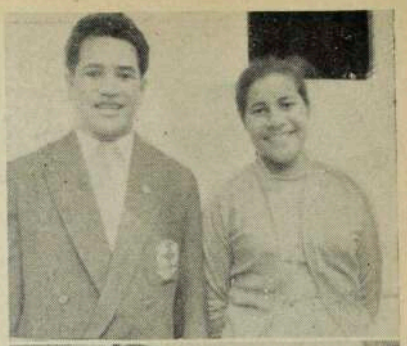
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ABOVE: Miss Marie Ah Leong and Mr. Neil Johansson, who were recently married at the itholic Cathedral, Mulivai, W. Samoa. In the picture also are Mr. A. Adams, Miss E. Krause, . R. Stowers, Miss Ah Leong, Mr. H. Gentles, Miss L. Crawley. Pictured at RIGHT: Amongst anders who returned home from New Zealand by the December "Tofua" were, Mr. Y. Vivian d Miss M. Matagi, who have been studying in New Zealand, and returned to Niue for the lidays; Mr. and Mrs. V. Toma, who were homeward bound for Apia, and Miss Pesi, who was urning to Niue and was being farewelled by her brother Togalea.

Photos: Forsgren's Studio, and J. P. Shortall.

JI MINE HAS NOTHING
OR THE TAX MAN

mperor And Loloma

MPEROR Gold Mining Co. Ltd., of Fiji, disclosed no profit in the year ended June 30 last. But it covered 61,430 ounces of gold from 4,000 tons of ore treated, which is out its usual average. It has about 0,000 tons or ore in sight, for eatment.

All the returns from gold, plus a od deal taken from reserves, was ent during the year on mine de-lopment—about £122,000.

The Emperor has been a mighty oney-spinner, and has accumu-ted large reserves. Its directors do t like paying out, to tax-gatherers, y more taxes than seem reason-le. Most of the shareholders are Australia. The Co. may not ject to paying to the Fiji Govern-ent a tax on the profits it makes Fiji; but it naturally resents Aus-alian taxation methods, which eats the dividends as new income, nd taxes them again.

So, for the year ended last June, here is no dividend at all for Em-eror shareholders; but, through ine development, there is a large crease in the value of the share-olders' property.

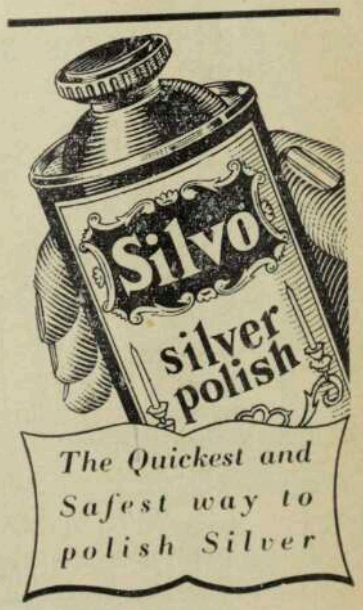
Loloma Gold Mines Ltd. (Emperor's sister, also a famous money-spinner) now derives no profit from mining (it has ceased mining operations entirely) but it made a profit for the year of £97,318. This came from "investments" — accumulated profits made in 20 years total about £1¾ million.

HIGHLAND NATIVES JOIN F&S ASSN.

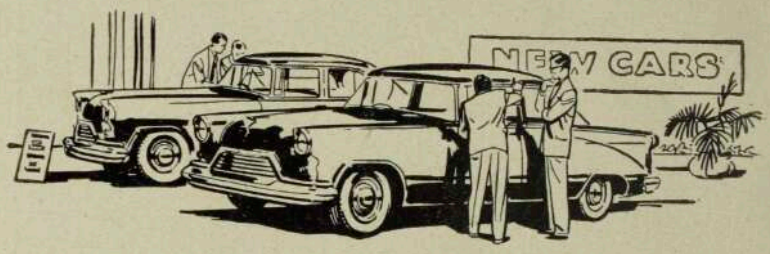
At a General Meeting of the Highlands Farmers' and Settlers' Association at Goroka, New Guinea, in December, it was decided to go ahead with a scheme of admitting local native farmers as members of the Association.

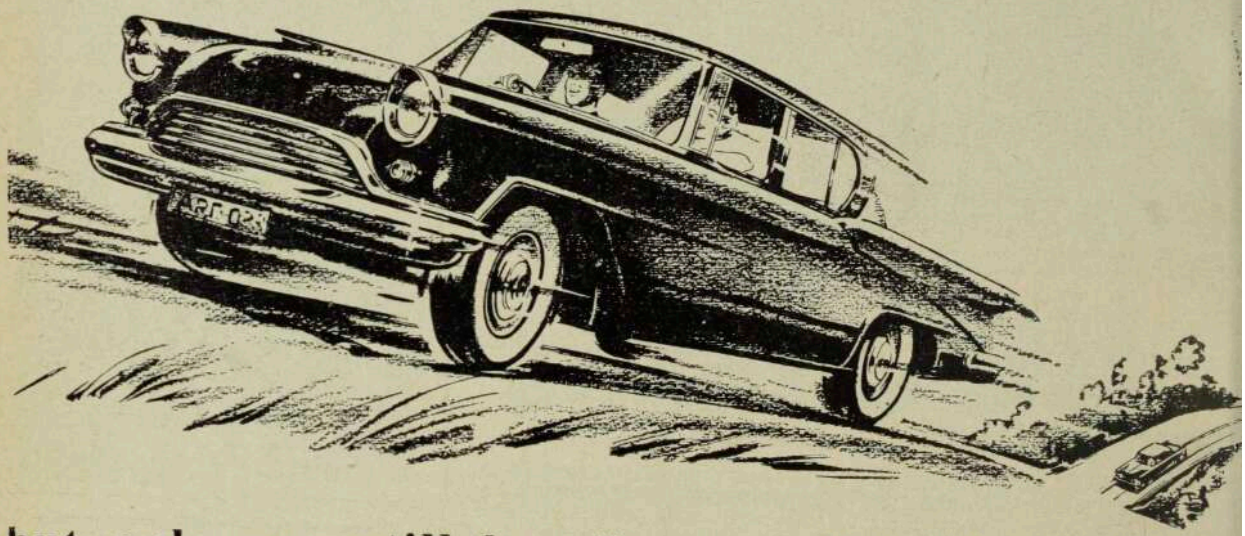
Details have yet to be worked out, but this is being left to the Executive Committee.

The Association has been leased a block of land in the business section of Goroka and it was decided to erect an office building on it. It was decided also to make further enquiries relating to a visit to Netherlands New Guinea to examine agricultural development in that Territory.

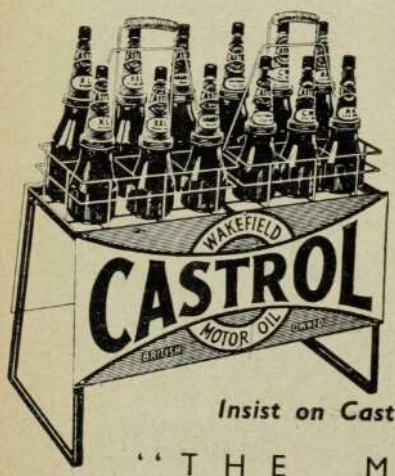


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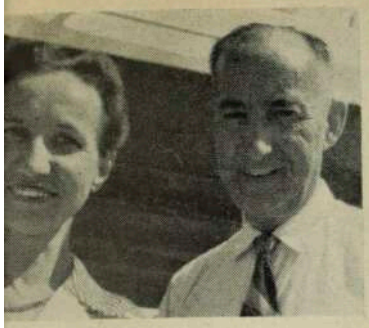
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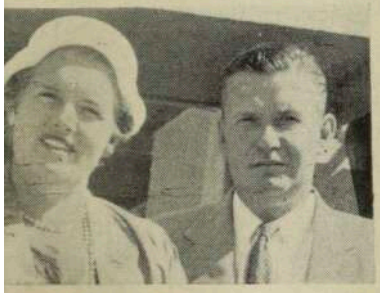
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Sailing from Sydney for P-NG on "Malaita", st before Christmas were the following:—

Mr. and Mrs. A. Zuwerra-Glutz who re-rned to Lae at the end of an 18-month liday taking in the West Indies, Panama d Europe. Mr. Zuwerra-Glutz has been in e Islands since 1938 and for the last years has been with the Administration.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Donald returned on the Malaita" to Madang, where Mr. Donald orks with Burns Philp and Co. Mr. onald had just completed five months leave Sydney. Also pictured is Miss Shirley ilson, sister of Mrs. Donald, who returned Rabaul.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Emannuel (who returned Rabaul with their two children) after months leave in Sydney. Mr. Emannuel an Assistant District Officer with the dministration.

Mrs. B. McDade who returned to Madang rejoin her husband and two children after n absence of six months. Also pictured is Irs. L. Williamson, of Sydney.

Cattle for Fiji

ON January 7, while Fiji was surrounded with hurricane warnings, the *Navua* was due in Suva, with 158 well-bred dairy cattle, mostly from the Waikato, New Zealand.

Of these, the CSR Company imported 98 Jerseys, as part of its plan to help establish a dairying industry in the rich Rewa district. The Rewa area is being re-planned, to take care of the closing of the Nausori sugar-mill at the end of next year.

Another lot of 58 stud dairy cattle were imported for the Methodist Mission's Agricultural School at Navuso.



Recently married at the L.M.S. Church Moto'otua, W. Samoa, were S.M.P. Fale Faleto'ese and Thelma, daughter of S.M.P. and Mrs. Togamau. Shown (l. to r.) L. Eves, Miss E. Samuelu, groom and bride, Miss K. Tofaeono and M. Fa'amau. Photo: Forsgren's Studio.

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Fijians Get Their Gift Islands Back

A GROUP of four limestone islands referred to as the Yagasa Cluster in Southern Lau, Fiji, which were given away by the Fijians 77 years ago, have now reverted to the descendants of the original owners.

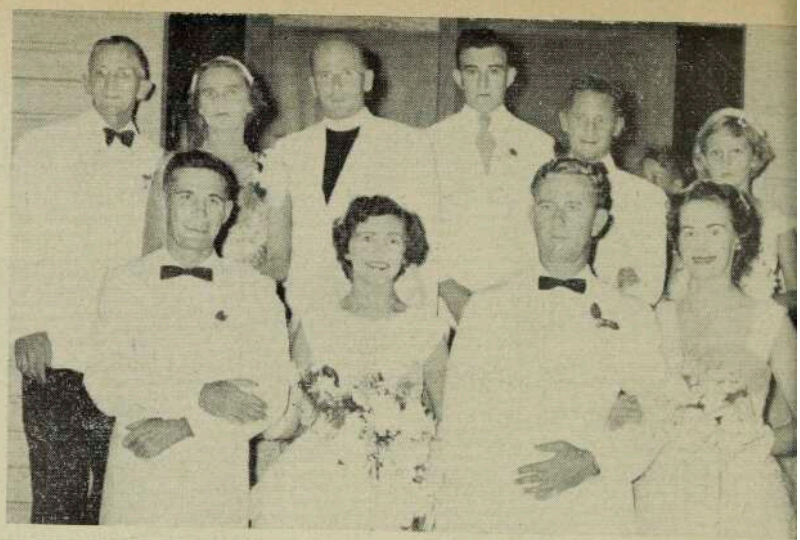
The Fijians disposed of them in a more expansive age: They went as a token of esteem to Sir Arthur Gordon (later Lord Stanmore) who was Governor for about six years from 1875.

In a note to what he has to say about the Cluster, in his excellent book, *The Fiji Islands*, R. A. Derrick says that the group "is still owned by Lord Stanmore's successors". That was in 1951; the islands were actually bought by the Fiji Land Trust Board for £F2,780 in 1953—the idea being that they should be allocated to local Fijians, who would buy them from the Board.

Evidently there were no takers; the Fiji Government has now bought them from the Board for the price the Board paid and will "give them to the descendants of the original Fijian owners".

There is no record of the Cluster having done Lord Stanmore or his heirs much good—apart from the £F2,870 in 1953; and the people of Moce have traditionally gathered coconuts from two of the islets, so it is understandable if they were not interested in paying some thousands of pounds for something they have always had for nothing.

Derrick describes the islands "without permanent inhabitants". And they are, in fact, almost uninhabitable. Their shores are precipitous and undercut and it is impossible to land on the largest of them, Yagasa Levu, except in very calm weather, from canoes.

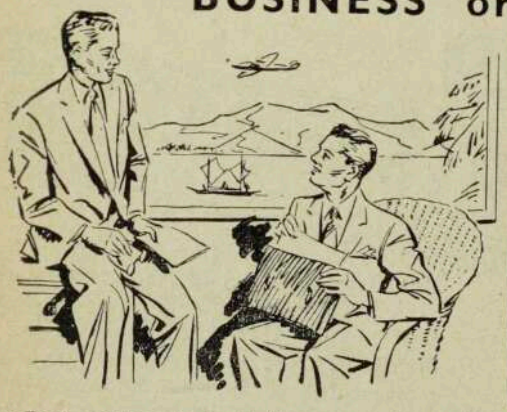


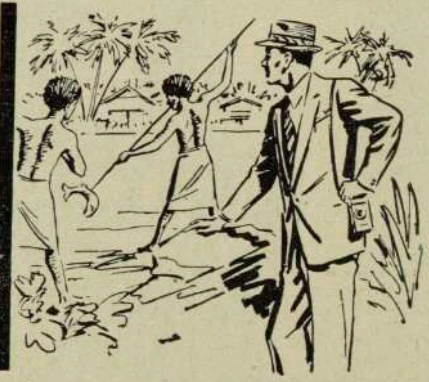
Rabaul Wedding

Mr. Alan Stanley Filer and Miss Janic Convary were married recently at Raba Methodist Church. Picture shows, left right, front, the bridegroom and bride; M Jim Castle; Mrs. Val Morrison. At rea Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Convary (parents of th bride); the Rev. Ian Fardon; Mr. Peter Childs Mr. Lionel Quick; and Miss Gay Convary.
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ji To Become roducer Of Cocoa

HE Colony of Fiji will begin exporting cocoa before the end of 1958.

About 30 villages have areas of acres or more planted under oa. The Agriculture Department w reports that 1,356 acres are der cocoa, owned by 526 farmers. ropeans are interested—one comny has planted up 200 acres. Fijians represent 93 per cent. of oa-growers.

The Fijians are showing a lively erest in the new crop. The Dertment is supplying seedlings to em from 10 nurseries, scattered ound the main islands of Viti vu, Vanua Levu and Taveuni.

The Indians do not seem interested—Indian agriculture is conrned more with sugar-cane and e.

The two South Pacific Territories hich now produce cocoa on a large ale, and profitably, are Western moa and New Guinea; and it has en noted that the best cocoa in th countries comes from areas hich carry much "volcanic" soil. ji has no history of recent volcanic tivity; but the experts say that e soil, in some parts, is very suitble.

HE cocoa production of Samoa and New Guinea, before World ar II, was modest. There was a arket, but it was not exciting—nfectionary manufacturers everyhere based their buying on rmulae which called mostly for est African cocoa beans.

World War II, and developments hich followed, upset all that. amoa, which seldom sold more han £50,000 worth of cocoa per nnum prior to 1940, had a revenue f one million pounds per annum rom cocoa by the mid-fifties. New uinea's cocoa output was worth round £10,000 p.a. before the war; y the mid-fifties it was around 250,000, and increasing.

Under the stimulus of high prices, he world's production of cocoa has ept on growing. The price in very ecent years slumped from around 500 per ton to about £225; but even t £225 it was profitable. It now as climbed back to over £300 per on, and is improving.

Cocoa-growing is a pleasant as well as a profitable occupation; so, while the price remains at over 250 per ton, production must increase—until, some day, it may overtake demand.

But that day is not in sight, yet; and meanwhile cocoa has over cocoanuts the advantages that it can be brought to production in half the time of coconuts; it can be easily handled with virtually unskilled labour; and the world demand shows no sign of petering out.

Cocoa production may become an important political as well as an economic factor in Fiji.

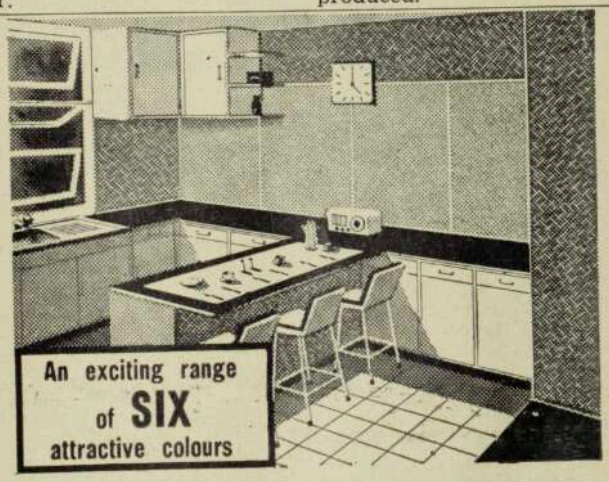
Much Governmental thought and energy now is being concentrated on a quick change-over in Fijian community life—from the present communal village system to an individualistic system calculated to stand up against the thrust of the rapidly growing Indian population. The cultivation of bananas (now a big industry) and of cocoa by the Fijian village landowners may be the answer.

HIGH COST OF BEETLES

IN the four years after Rhinoceros Beetles were found in Fiji in March, 1953, the Colony expended £F217,000 on its campaign of restricting the spread of this coconut pest.

At first it was hoped to eradicate the beetle altogether, but this has not been achieved. The best that can be said is that it has been confined to Viti Levu—where there are no large plantations—and has been kept out of the copra growing areas of the Colony such as Taveuni, Vanua Levu and the Lau Islands.

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JSTRALIAN UNIONS MAND ENTRY THE ISLANDS

After years of toying about h the possibility of establishing lf in Papua-New Guinea, stralian trade unionism has ided to take up the question iously.

IE Australian Council of Trade Unions, the combined voice of Australian unions, will ask the mmonwealth Government for on right of entry into P-NG.

o make this possible, it wants ur laws, "at least comparable those in Australia", to be ex-ied to P-NG—and in fact to all tralian external territories.

he ACTU demand is being made behalf of the building union p, and follows a dispute be-en employees and management Port Moresby building firm in November, which resulted in loyees asking their unions in tralia for union representation -NG.

he Federal building unions—the IU, the Plumbers', the Painters' the Builders Labourers' unions acted by referring the matter to ACTU, and by putting out a bined statement pointing out re were no labour laws in the rnal territories, and that em-ers could draw up their own loyment contracts, "and be the interpreters".

he statement added, "Usually se contracts are made very at-tive on paper, but in fact are vily weighted against the work-This practice has time and in been condemned by the ons, but the Commonwealth vernment has not corrected the ition".

hould the ACTU achieve its ective, union spokesmen say it ld be unlikely the unions would ve into P-NG in full strength ially. The number of union mem-s available would not warrant loyment of full-time officials for ry union.

robably as a first step, full-time retaries would look after the ivities of several unions, with a our council co-ordinating.

his organisation is similar to t operating in the Australian ital Territory and some NSW vincial centres.

lowever, the unions have yet to n entry. What the latest ACTU ve brings, will be interesting.

(See comment, p. 18)



Friendship between New Guinea and Dutch New Guinea was the keynote when Rabaul recently welcomed the Governor of Dutch New Guinea, Dr. J. Van Baal, during Dr. Van Baal's official tour of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea. Picture shows Dr. Van Baal addressing a dinner in his honour. With him are the TPNG Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland; and the wife of the acting New Britain District Commissioner, Mrs, M. B. Orken.

—Photo C. H. Meen

W. Samoan Headaches

FINANCIAL CRISIS CONTINUES

IT has been known for a long time that the Samoan Government has been in a precarious and most unsatisfactory financial position and that revenue is barely sufficient to cover expenditure.

The wasteful and unrealistic financial policy of the Government was severely criticised by the last Legislative Assembly, particularly by European members—but their warnings were disregarded.

The position is now critical, a fact disclosed by the Statement of Receipts and Payments for the nine months ended 30/9/57 recently published by the Samoan Treasury.

The Statement shows a balance of £205,448 on hand in the General Treasury Fund. Receipts for the period were £693,952 and expenditure £932,922, leaving a deficit of £238,970. The amount remaining in the Treasury is sufficient for only two months at past rate.

Only by the most stringent economy can the Government avoid complete insolvency.

It is clear that the financial difficulties of the Government, whatever happens, will continue right through 1958, and that the Government set-up will be faced with difficult and unpopular decisions.

Already the High Commissioner has indicated the need for additional taxation and for a severe pruning of Government expenditure, though the proposed reduction of Departmental Expenditure by 20 per cent. has already been found to be impossible without reduction of essential social services, particularly in health and education fields.

Though the unavailability of the grants by the Western Samoa Trust Estates Corporation has undoubtedly contributed to the present difficulties of the Government, it cannot be considered the sole reason.

The previous assembly, which passed the Estimates were not financial experts and had to rely on the advice and knowledge of the Government experts, particularly of the Financial Secretary, who drew up and submitted the Estimates.

—W. Samoa Correspondent.

MAN OF PARTS

Mr. L. J. Lockie, an Australian, has been appointed secretary accountant to the Western Samoa Trust Estates Corporation. (This is the £1 million concern which the NZ Government has been running as New Zealand Reparation Estates since the end of World War I—they were former German estates. The establishment was handed over to the Samoans in 1957).

Mr. Lockie, apart from his other qualifications, holds a master's certificate for sea-going vessels under 100 tons and was master of a trading vessel in New Guinea waters.

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The Award Went to Darkest Africa

One disconcerting thing about residents of the South Pacific is that they never seem to be in one place for any length of time.

We found this out last year when we made some photographic awards. Mr. Eric C. Adams, who took a photograph of a lifeboat being lowered away from *Matua* when that vessel went on a reef about a year ago, has never been located. Apparently he was a passenger on *Matua,* who deposited his roll of film with a Suva processor and was then lost to sight.

The cover award, which went to Mrs. R. C. Short, then of Gizo, BSIP, we felt was to suffer the same fate, but in December we received a cheery letter from Mr. Short, from Natal, South Africa, to say that the cheque had finally caught up with them.

He writes:

"We have not given up photography and have, in fact, had some success with local magazines—but my wife is temporarily out of the picture business as she has just given birth to a 7½ lb son—both doing well. He looks like being photogenic, but it is a bit early to be sure. This is one of the reasons for our return to Darkest Africa, but once this and some other business has been settled we hope to renew our acquaintance with the Pacific."

We hope so, too. Marjorie Short has supplied us with some excellent cover material—including the one on this month's issue, Ata's mother.

Happy Days Recalled

"I wonder how many remember these old-timers of the Solomons," writes Mr. Frank M. Street, now of Springfield Avenue, Potts Point, Sydney , and lists the following names:

Norman Wheatley; Joe Buskin; Sam and Willie Atkinson; Captain Voy; "Bunny" Hug ("who had one blue eye, one grey"); "Billy Boy" Bennett; Dick Laycock and his brother; Jock Cromer and his Maggie; Captain Robinson; and Symington, of Lever Bros.

Mr. Street says that he went to the Solomons in 1912, for Burns Philp and Co., and was stationed at the Gizo branch. Later he was for many years supercargo on the old *Mindini.* "In those days," he writes, "the traders' boat-day dress was a pair of immaculate pyja which they donned to go as from their schooners to do t business at the stores and to lu on the Sydney steamer. . . I n many friends amongst BSI reside and spent the happiest days of life there".

The Pine Forests of Buin

Well-known Methodist Mission the Rev. A. H. Voyce, of B TNG, has something exceedingly teresting to say about Klinkii p which, as reported in Septem "PIM" (p. 71), is exceedingly ficult to establish as seedling pl in its natural habitat, the W Bulolo area of New Guinea.

He writes:

I thought it might interest to know that at the time of Coronation of Queen Elizabeth, made application to the Fore Department in Lae, New Guinea, suitable trees for ceremonial pla ing on that day, and, amo others, they sent us a quantity Klinkii Pine seedlings. These h made amazing growth in the sh period since, and are 20 feet hi some have trunks eight inches diameter already.

About 18 months ago, an off of the Department of Forests round this way, and he was ama at their growth, and carefully no and measured each one, and recor them, stating that they would checked again whenever anot officer came this way.

He then pointed out the gr difficulty that was being experien in growing them at 2,000 to 3 feet, which is their natural envir ment, but here at sea level and ri on the coast they were flourishi

Could it be that the vast B Flats might be a suitable area grow Klinkii Pine Forests?

The Breathless Army of BSIP

A correspondent at Mandolia BSIP, gives us some amus additions to the account of Malaita expedition of 1927 (*P* October, p. 86), whose intention to capture the native murderers two European government offic and their native police.

Our correspondent says that would have been more fitting if heading read, "Commercials Do When Officialdom Fails." He s the punitive expedition was inspi

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AMATEUR ARMY

is the "Breath- Army" of BSIP ng at Tulagi (and ed in the letter . Their hats were sly built for t, not beauty.



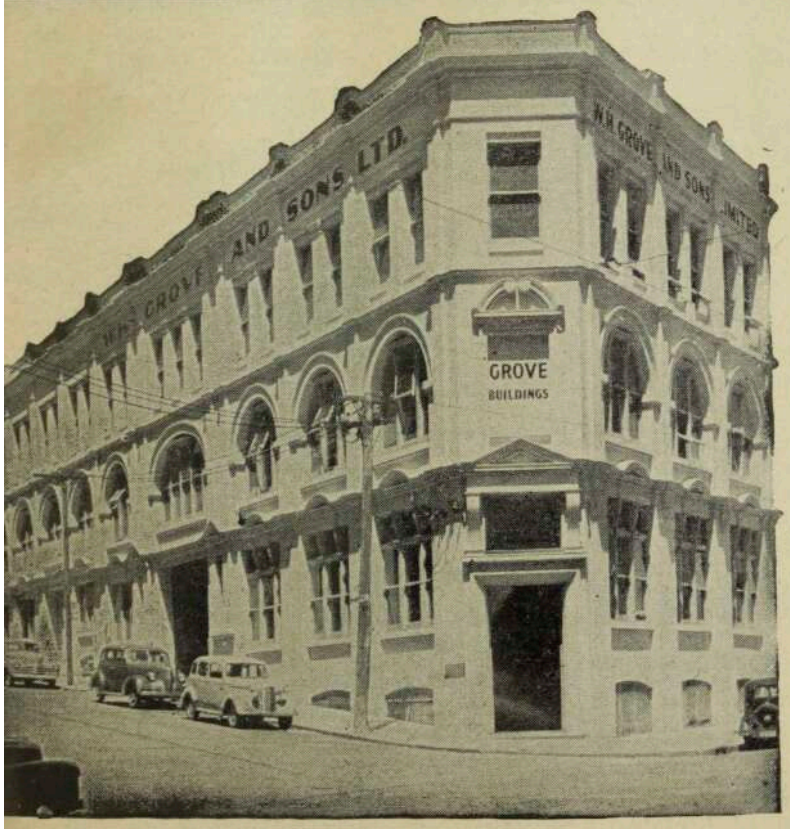
ned and com- led entirely n o n-govern- t personnel. Government he says—fear- mass native ing, had dis- d the native i c e, thinking would join nd then sent de for help. e the arrival MAS *Adelaide* the Marines, but by the time arrived, the Commercial Con- nt had infused some sense of ity into Tulagi by "parading selves into shape around the ."

r friend continues:

las, the expedition to Malaita ved very little. Basiana and his v assassins simply stayed put in their mountain hide-outs till finally brought down to the coast for surrender by their own tribesmen. After a lengthy trial, at which they had the best of legal defence, Basiana and others were hanged at Tulagi whilst others received long-term gaol sentences.

"The accompanying photograph shows the CC's parading at Tulagi. The CC's will always be remembered by the last few of us oldtimers, as 'The Breathless Army'—self-named after their first day's climb up the steep hills of Malaita."

† A native prisoner who escaped from the Oomsis Gaol, near Lae, NG, in December, is believed to have drowned.



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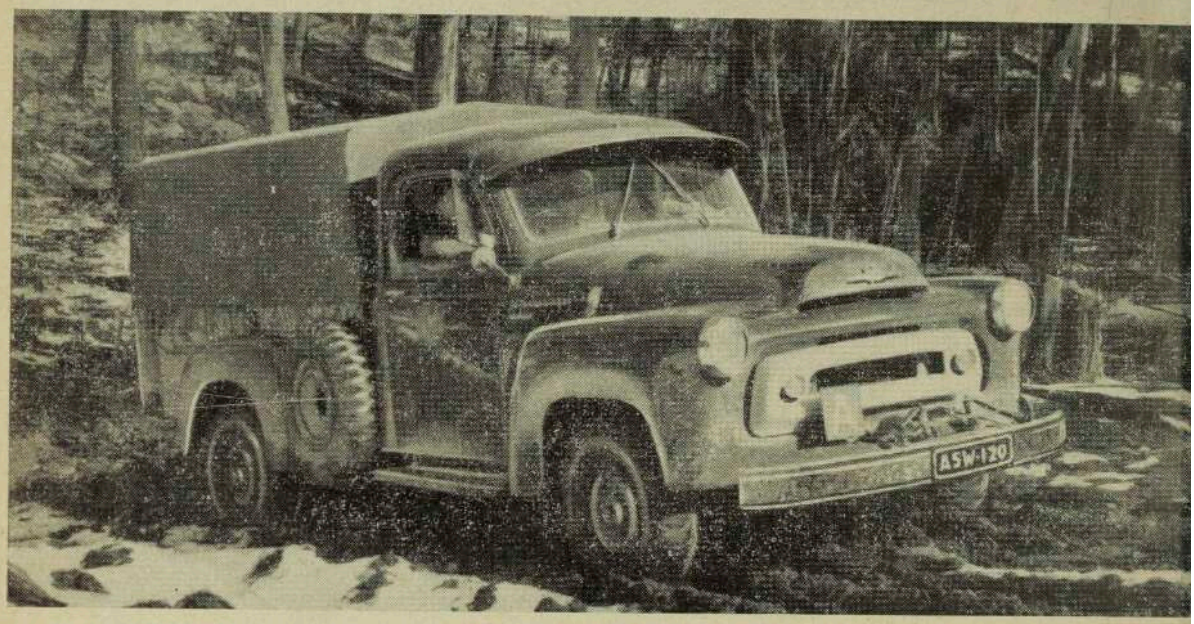
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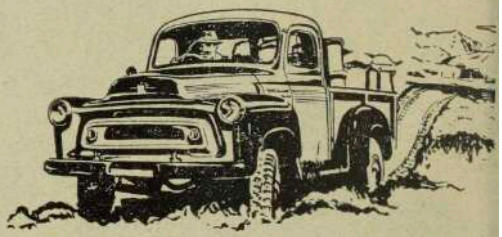


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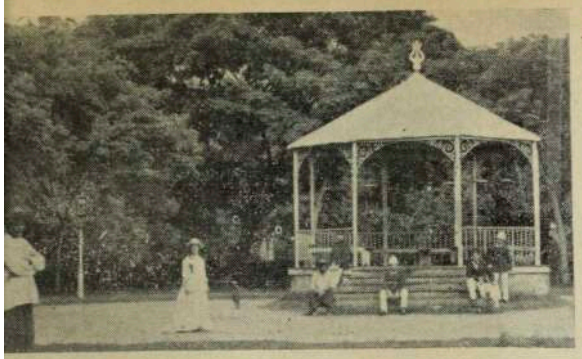
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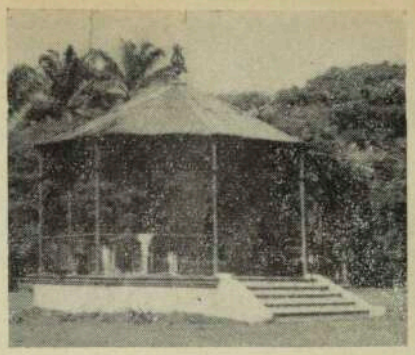
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In the 1880's, when brass bands were more popular than they are to-day, this band Rotunda had a place in the social life of Papeete, Tahiti. The larger photo shows how the Rotunda looked in its youth; the smaller photo, as it is to-day, aged around 70. The Rotunda has been declared an historic monument, but is to be moved back about 80 feet to make more room in the park.

)W MOVE TOWARDS
)DERN CONTROLS

Fiji to Get a Port Authority

NOTHER of the slow steps towards more efficient control of Fiji's ports has been taken.

The Governor, in mid-December, eived a report on the subject m Mr. A. C. Clarke, general man- r of the Auckland Harbour ard. He was commissioned by the vernor in 1956 to make the re- t, and he inspected Fiji's ports t February.

Fiji's ports, for many decades, ve been under the control of the stoms Department. The system ved when Fiji's shipping needs re limited; but Fiji outgrew the tem long ago, and merchants and powners for long have been cry- out for greater efficiency and re modern methods in both port tallations and the movements of ds across the wharves.

Sir Ronald Garvey made the first ve towards modernisation in 5. Two years have been absorbed finding an expert to report, and getting his report.

Mr. Clarke, of course, has recom- nded the creation of a Port thority, to assume control of the rts of Suva and Lautoka, and to e charge of other Fiji ports as uired.

Organisation and machinery are uired to (a) reduce the time ten up in the unloading of goods d their transfer from the wharves; made provision that wharf sheds all not be used for indefinite rage; (c) shorten the turn- ound of ships; (d) make provision adequate finance for both capital eeds (installations) and the icient management of the ports.

The report makes it clear that he charges at present levied are t adequate to cover capital and erating expenditure at present- y levels". In the past, the short- e has been bridged by Govern- nt grant. Mr. Clarke apparently inks that port operations should self-supporting. Thus merchants and shipowners may expect bigger charges in Suva and Lautoka.

So far, there is only a report. This must now be studied; a plan developed for the creation of a branch of the Government which will provide a Port Authority; another plan developed for providing finance; another plan made whereunder the port organisation and installations now operated by the Customs Department may be transferred smoothly to the new Authority; and then the whole thing must go through the Legislative Council for discussion, re-shaping where necessary, and final approval.

It's a slow business—but it's progress.

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† Mr. I. R. Anderson, aged 49, Town Clerk of Otahuhu, NZ, during the past six years, has been appointed Secretary-Accountant to the Gilbert and Ellice Is. Government at Tarawa. He was to take up his appointment in January, and was to be accompanied by his wife and two young daughters. His four sons will remain in New Zealand.

TO EUROPE VIA JAPAN, NORTH POLE

A quite new variation of flying to Europe will be available to Australian and Papua-New Guinea travellers this year when KLM Royal Dutch Airlines introduce their Polar route service from Amsterdam via Iceland, Greenland, Alaska, Aleutians, Tokio and Biak (Netherlands New Guinea).

There are now several airline routes over the North Pole, but KLM's is the first proposal to include Japan in the route. This should be of particular interest to P-NG residents who usually want to visit the East at least once in their lives.

KLM's present aircraft will be used until 1960, when DC-8 jet airliners will take their place.

Your World of Stamps.—XVI.

Atomic Energy is a New Year Subject

FIRST of the United Nations commemoration stamps for 1958 will relate to the International Atomic Energy Agency, recently set up by the UNO. To symbolise the peaceful use of atomic energy, the stamp featured the UN badge spreading light on an atom. In late years atomic energy has been the subject of stamps from the USA, Russia, Japan, Belgium, Germany, to name but a few contributions.

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A new form of education and entertainment, Television, has been symbolised on a set of stamps put out by Czechoslovakia, showing a TV transmitter, aerial and receiver, with TV viewers. Not long ago other TV stamps issued in Germany, Italy, France and Luxembourg.

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The Bird of Paradise appearing on the Netherlands New Guinea stamps is a more graceful and animated rendering of the unusual bird than those seen on the stamps of Papua and New Guinea. "Life" has been added in a realistic way on the former printing.

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RABAUL BASEBALL PLAYERS

Two of the teams who played in the 1957 premiership series in Rabaul, New Guinea. On the right is the CYO team which emerged as premiers (with Mustangs as runners-up); and on the left, the Norths, who also played in the series. Photo: C. H. Meen

G PACIFIC CLEAN-UP

SCRAP MEN INTEND TO GET WHAT'S LEFT

HOUGH not much is heard of it, an active search of the South Pacific for old ship-wrecks, war-ie military dumps, and abandoned gineering enterprises of past years, s been under way over the past ar or so.

Scrap merchants are scanning arts, war histories, maritime pub-ations dealing with wrecks, and ery other publication likely to eld clues; and likely Island sidents, appearing in places like rdney and Auckland, are being ntly wined and dined in the pro-ss of extracting information which ight lead to some forgotten hoard.

The wonder of it is that, with all e picking-over that the Pacific lands have had since the World ar II dumps were first raided, ere is still scrap to be found.

Part of the answer to this is that tter prices have made some of the ss accessible material and some the smaller dumps an economic oposition. That there still is war rap, including non-ferrous metals, be found, even in main ports, as evidenced recently when a large ipment of metal left Pago Pago r Japan on behalf of a New aland buyer. The same buyer is ortly sending a representative to ahiti to organise the loading of a ipment there.

This consignment will probably clude much old sugar-mill achinery from the once famous timaono Plantation at the south the island, and possibly portions the wreck of the iron sailing ssel *La France* on a French olynesia reef.

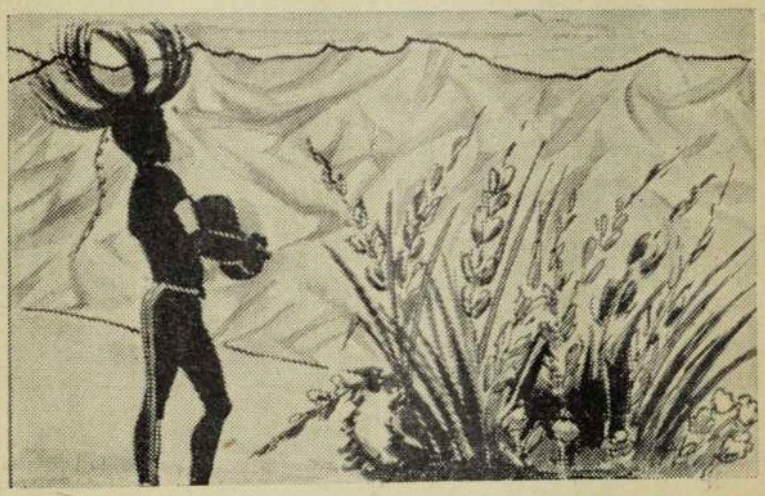
A tiny item in October *PIM* men-oned the purchase of a number of recks in New Caledonian waters by New Zealand company. The ships volved are *Anton*, of about 4,500 ns; *Snark*, of about 5,000 tons; *St. uis*, of 1,300 tons, and the follow-g hulks or laid-up craft at oumea: *Antoine*, of 800 tons; the g *Tayo II*, and the vessels *Pax*, *ontravel*, and *Port Bouquet*.

Scrap merchants' representatives are quietly visiting every South Pacific group in the big search while the prices are right.

Suspected Nukualofa Killing

TWO Tonga boys were arrested early December following the discovery of the body of a third boy on the roadside near Nukualofa.

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• R. W. ROBSON dips into his memory and comes up with the story of . . .

THE LADY WHO WAS ASKED TO DANCE

ON January 31, at 3 p.m.—weather and air-gremlins permitting—a charming and smiling woman will step off a large plane at Nadi, Fiji, and will be greeted by a big, smiling man in ceremonial uniform. All Royal protocol will be rigidly observed, as is proper and necessary when Her Majesty the Queen Mother —the former Queen Elizabeth— meets His Excellency the Governor of Fiji.

But they will not meet as strangers, or even as official acquaintances. Nor will they be meeting in Fiji for the first time. Both may remember another occasion when they met, away back in 1927.

She then was young and very pretty, and she had been married to the King's son, Albert, for only four years. Before that, she was Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, daughter of the famous old Strathmore family of Scotland.

He then was Ronald Garvey, fresh from Cambridge, a gay and popular young man in the service of the British Pacific Colonial Administration.

The Duke and Duchess of York had been sent out by George V to open the new Commonwealth Capital at Canberra. The Duke was not then the Heir to the Throne; but he was the King's second son and, of course, he was received in Australia, New Zealand and Fiji as a Royal visitor.

The Governor of Fiji, Sir Eyre Hutson, was host to the Royal couple, and Suva organised the usual round of ceremonies and glittering social functions.

QUEEN MOTHER IN FIJI ON JAN 31

The only visit to the South Pacific Islands, to be made by the Queen Mother—now about to undertake a formal tour in New Zealand and Australia—will be in Fiji, and it will have a duration of only a few hours.

Queen-Mother Elizabeth will arrive by plane at Nadi at 3 pm. on January 31. She will be met at the airport by the Governor of Fiji, (Sir Ronald Garvey) and Lady Garvey. She will inspect a guard of honour provided by the Fiji Military Forces, and will meet some of the leading residents, presented by the Governor.

The Queen Mother then will go immediately to the Governor's "bure", near Lautoka; and at 5 pm., after a rest, she will proceed to Churchill Park, Lautoka, to witness some Fijian ceremonies of welcome. She will spend the night at the Governor's "bure", and will make a short tour of Lautoka in the morning of February 1, before rejoining the plane at Nadi, for New Zealand.

At the Ball

There was an official ball. It was a social success, and a very pleasant occasion. Among those present was young Ronald Garvey.

The rest of this is rumour—and 31-years-old rumour—and rumour is notoriously a lying old jade.

It is said that Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon and Ronald Garvey had kno each other slightly, a few ye previously, as teen-agers; and th on this happy Suva occasion, th renewed the acquaintance. Nothi more natural than that the goo looking young Administration offic should ask the very attractive you Duchess to dance with him; a dance together they did.

But (so says that lying old jad rumour) the incident was view with horror by certain stiff-neck folk, steeped in protocol a tradition. How dare young Garv ask her to dance! Did he not kn that she was a Royal personage, a that the invitation to dance mu come from her? One imagines th young Garvey neither knew n cared.

But, when I visited Suva in t 'Thirties, a few years later, the were folk still sniffing and quacki over the memory of it. They told that, by his effrontery, young Garv had "utterly ruined his career".

30 Years Passed

Thirty years have passed. Muc water has flowed under mar bridges. George V died; Edwa VIII abdicated; the Duke of Yo became George VI; the the Duchess of York became Britai well-beloved Queen Elizabeth; a now she is the Queen Mother, tha whom there is none in the Empi more highly esteemed.

No blight fell upon the career Ronald Garvey. He went steadi up the ladder, and in 1941 he wa Gilbert and Ellice Administrator Ocean Island. He got away fro the Japs, about April, 1942, by th skin of his teeth and the spee of the Free French destroye *Triomphant*. Via Nyassaland, th West Indies and British Hondura he came back to Fiji in 1952 a Governor, complete with the KCM title. It is anticipated that, befo 1958 ends, he will move on to British Governorship of still highe rank.

In 1953, Sir Ronald and Lad Garvey entertained the forme Duchess of York's daughter, Quee Elizabeth II, at Government Hous Suva. She was exactly one year ol when her mother met young Ronal Garvey at Suva in 1927.

(My colleagues say that I shoul not have written this article fo publication—that it has within it th germs of "lese majeste", or some thing. But that's the story as first heard it 25 years ago, in Suva I had forgotten it, these many years The announcement that the Quee Mother would meet the Governo at Nadi brought it back to memory I re-tell it, because—even if it isn' true—we all like to think tha Royalty and Vice-Royalty ar human, after all.—R.)

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ULOLO GOLD DREDGING LTD.: Report sub-ed to shareholders at the annual general ting in Vancouver, BC, on November 29 ved that the company made a net profit $966,500 for the year ending May 31, —about $500,000 more than the previous . The increase was due to the increased all recovery per cubic yard as the two ges then in operation traversed high e ground. Shareholders were warned that one dredge left operating in the current will probably strike poorer ground. An nated $250,000 profit is expected from e operations this year. In the year under ew, BGD received £A44,000 ($96,000) its investment in Commonwealth New ea Timbers. The company's new purchase th Pacific Timbers, at Lae) was expected return a reasonable profit on investment. e of the veneers will be sold to C-NG bers, the rest exported, mainly to Aus-a. During the year two dividends, each 25 cents, was paid per BGD share.

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HOISEUL PLANTATIONS LTD.: At an extra-nary general meeting on January 30 it is osed that this company will divide its 0 shares into £1 units; and increase the inal capital from £150,000 to £500,000. seul earned £97,000 last year but dividend held at 30 per cent, for the fourth suc-ive year. Reserves are over £400,000— ut three times the capital. The £100 es are around £310—which would mean 3 for a £1 share. This company is one a Burns Philp group, BP holding a large proportion of the shares. It owns a string of very profitable plantations along the Bougainville Coast—and the name Choiseul (the most northern island in the British Solomons) is confusing. Obviously, the issued capital of £150,000 has no relation to present-day values.

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COMMONWEALTH NEW GUINEA TIMBERS LTD.: The company (in which the Australian Government holds 51 per cent. of shares, and Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., 49 per cent.) made a net profit of £162,343 for the year ending June 30, 1957. This was an increase of £21,000 over 1955-56. A dividend of 6 per cent. was recommended by the directors.

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EMPEROR MINES LTD.: A full report of this company appears in a separate article elsewhere this issue.

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ENTERPRISE OF NEW GUINEA GOLD AND DEVELOPMENT.: The survey team engaged in oil search in the Upper Sepik River, NG, was moving out of the area early December for the duration of the Wet season which is expected to last till about April. The survey party (10 Europeans and some natives) had spent six months in the permit area, but the 1957 Dry season was phenomenally wet and drilling and other work was hampered. Examination of gravity data, cores and other information collected in the field will be examined by experts in the next few months.

The annual meeting of the company was held on December 23 and the above information was given in a report to shareholders. A report of mining activity at the company's Morobe leases was also submitted. In a separate report, the Manager in New Guinea, stated that in his opinion mining operations will prove profitable.

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NEW GUINEA GOLDFIELDS LTD.: During November 966 ozs. fine gold were recovered from 3,646 tons of ore treated at Golden Ridges mill; 1,316 ozs. silver were also recovered. Tributes produced 75 ozs. fine gold; and timber production was 273,640 super feet.

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OIL SEARCH LTD.: A proposal to vote £10,000 retiring allowance to Mr. E. F. Griffin, former managing director of the company made by the Board of the company, was withdrawn following discussion at the company's annual general meeting in Sydney on December 17. This was done in deference to Mr. Griffin who insisted that the payment be made only with complete approval of shareholders at the meeting.

Directors reported that the company was in a satisfactory financial position, the balance sheet disclosing over £500,000 in liquid assets. It was expected that the present cash resources will be sufficient to meet commitments until late this year.

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PAPUAN APINAIPI PETROLEUM CO.: This company (in which Associated Australian Oilfields NL and Associated Freney Oil Fields NL hold a substantial interest) announces that its KAUFANA No. 1 Well reached a depth of 3,220 feet on January 7 and the electric log was run from 3,210 feet to the surface casing. Coring is at 3,220 feet.

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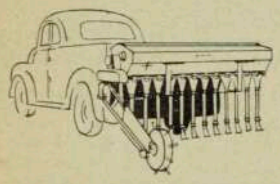
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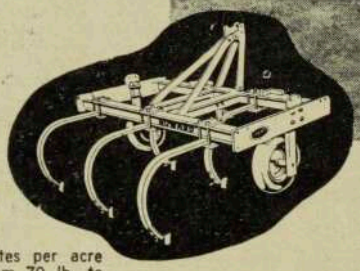
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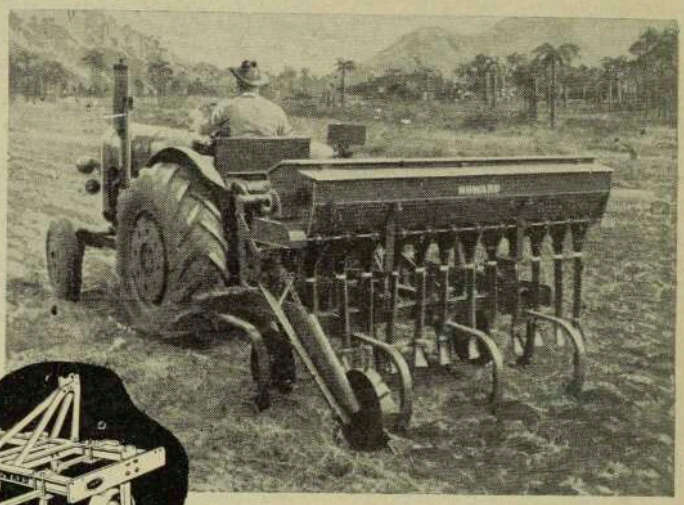
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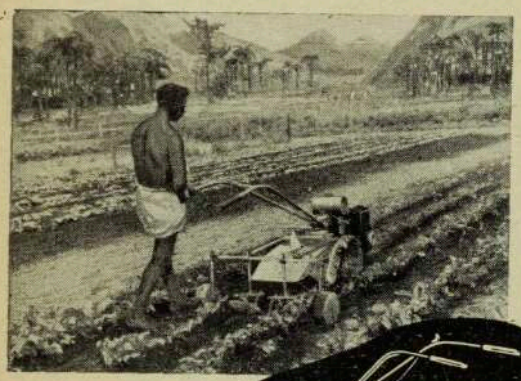
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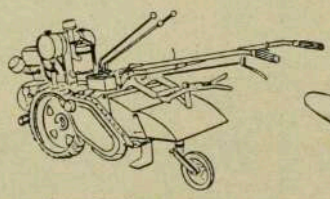
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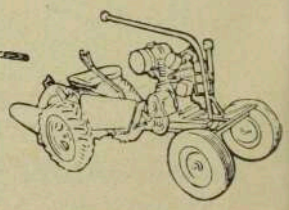
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ash Shortage Problem For the Fijians

From Norman Baxter, in Suva

OOTBALL and cricket bodies in the United Kingdom are interested in Fiji, and negotiations e in hand for teams representing ose sports to tour the UK within e next two or three years.

But the big question mark is iance, for there are no wealthy orting bodies in Fiji. They have to pend on the goodwill of other intries to pay touring expenses.

Of course, any tour the Fijians ike will be a financial success, for ey are the most entertaining footllers and cricketers in the world. They play for the sheer love of aying—and to win, if they can. owds would fill the grounds to their unorthodox rugby and eezy cricket.

Meanwhile, the New Zealand gby union has "bitten" at sugstions by members of the Fiji gby union that the Dominion body s "miserable". The reason for the i attitude was that it received grant of only £1,500 from more than),000 New Zealand made out of 1957 tour.

The NZ Union, one of the althiest rugby bodies in the world, used to act the fairy godmother its poor relation, and Fiji was noyed.

And it does seem a bit poor that , with bulging coffers, will not more to help foster the code in i. Fiji supplied the machine for w Zealand to make the money.

Question: Why Not a N. Guinea Tour?

By Peter Hall

SN'T it about time that a representative P-NG sporting team went on a short tour of Australia or New Zealand?

Something on a much bigger and tter scale than the recent NSW ir of a combined Rabaul baseball m, which Australian baseball fans, alone the rest of the sporting blic, didn't appear to have heard

Fiji has already set the pace. If sports-minded New Guinea sn't got a combined team of play- good enough to trounce anybody anything, it shouldn't worry.

The team would probably have nty of enthusiasm, anyhow, and beside the point if it happened lose every match.

Look at the drubbing that Philipnes tennis team got on its recent



Jimmy Carruthers: "Keen, needs help".

Davis Cup jaunt—but it went home a much improved side, and what team wouldn't after clashing with some of the world's top players?

As a suggestion for New Guinea, it shouldn't be long now before soccer Stanley Matthews will be bringing the topnotch Blackpool side to Australia. It might perhaps cross the mind of some enterprising NG promoter to suggest to Matthews that he play a couple of matches there.

I think Matthews would be interested in looking at some of those Papuan boys and, of course, the Chinese.

Worth a try, anyhow.

New Guinea "Keen" But Needs Help

"THEY'RE keen, but lack of facilities is the main drawback". This is how Jimmy Carruthers, former bantamweight boxing champion of the world, sums up the sporting situation in Papua-New Guinea.

According to Carruthers, the Territory ought to keep working hard at getting more sporting equipment, at getting more facilities like clubhouses and sporting arenas, where fans and players can indulge their enthusiasms—and their talents.

Carruthers said the staging of the Woolley-Cross fight in Port Moresby in November (which Carruthers went to New Guinea to referee) was an example of the way to get ahead. The bout was the first inter-Territory championship, and was arranged by the Papuan Rugby League, with proceeds towards acquiring a new ground.

Another series of bouts is planned for early 1958, and Carruthers says there's a possibility that he and his wife, Myra, will be there . . . this time on holiday.

"I liked New Guinea", explains the ex-champ.

Lave All Set to Fight Missionary

TONGAN heavyweight, Kitione Lave has agreed to meet the American Mormon missionary, Chuck Woodworth, in Auckland. The fight is fixed for February 25.

Lave is still in Britain, where the offer was sent to him by the Auckland Boxing Association. Terms have not been disclosed, but the Tongan will get a substantial guarantee.

Woodworth has been doing a term as a missionary on Niue Island, and hasn't had a fight for two years. But he's had a first rate ring record in the USA.

Wants to Play League —And For Money

THE wish of a Fijian rugby union footballer to play the league code in Australia is likely to cause raised eyebrows in the Colony, where professional sport of any description has only the slightest hold.

The footballer is a pretty good one, too—Orisi Dawai—captain of the 1957 tourists in New Zealand, a member of the 1954 Fijian team in Australia, a 1st Battalion player in Malaya, and a sprinter of more than the ordinary ability. He was a member of the Fijian Empire Games team at Auckland in 1950.

Orisi reasons that at 27 he has three years of top-class football in him. He wants to take a leaf out of the book of numerous amateur sportsmen who have joined the monied ranks to secure their future.

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hristmas holidays a time for youth, this happy photo- ph shows. New Cale- ian secondary school lents flood off the raft that has just ught them to Sydney tart a tour of NSW. W schoolchildren d a similar visit to Caledonia in De- ber. Meanwhile, as story below shows, Guinea school- dren, too, are ing a busy time.



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UAL JUNIOR LIFT

E WAS GAY FOR XMAS

From Our Lae Correspondent

NTAS Airways performed its annual chore again this year and brought about 700 students to New Guinea without losing hild—or a parent.

lthough school-children and versity students started to seep to the Territory from Aus- ia in November, the airlift got ly into its stride in the early ks of December and by Christmas the customers were home with and Mum.

pecial DC3 flights were made n North Queensland, and special master services were run from ney.

late January, the process will put into reverse and approx- tely the same number of chil- n go back to schools in Australia. espite the Sydney wharf hold-up re Christmas, the shops in Lae good stocks of food, gifts and .

y now Territorians are wise in ways of Australian wharf and ping hold-ups, having been left n and dry on previous istmases, and alert shoppers ted early this year.

hips from the East were arriv- in New Guinea in November and ember and the Chinese shops e full of novelties.

ocal groups arranged charter hts out of Lae to other districts r the holidays and hotels every- ere were booked out. All Lae bs had Christmas Tree parties.

MORE NATIVE STUDENTS FOR AUSTRALIA

Seventeen native boys and three native girls from Papua-New Guinea have won scholarships to Australian secondary schools this year.

Since the scheme was inaugurated in 1954, about 20 natives per year have been chosen to go to Australian schools — most of them in Queensland but a few in NSW and Victoria.

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(Continued from page 160)

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Fiji's University Students in NZ

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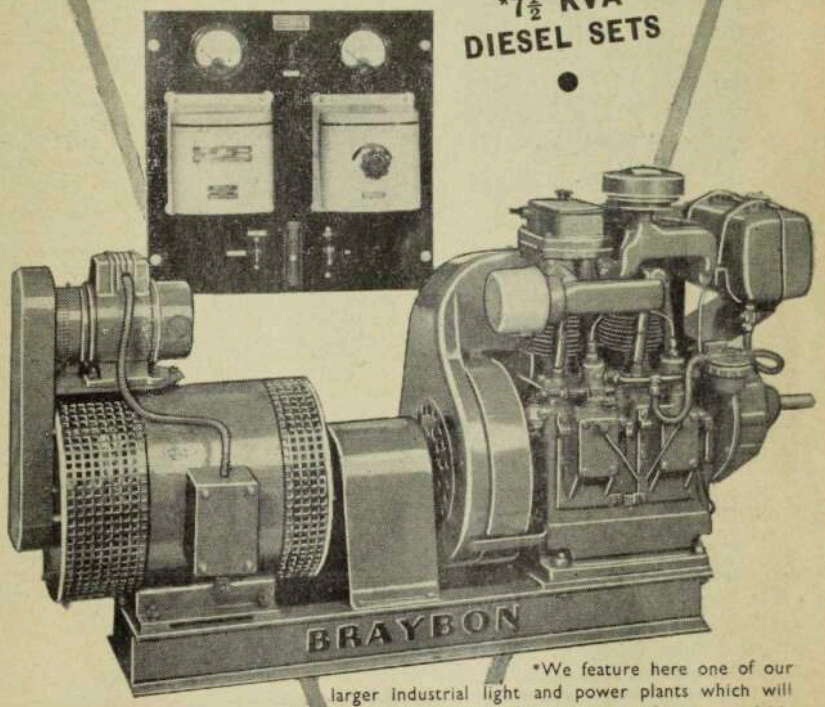
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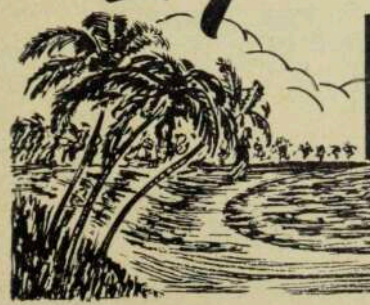
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(Unless otherwise stated, quotations are in Australian currency. Aust. £ equals approximately 16/- Stg., NZ, or W. Samoa; 18/- Fiji; 20/- Tonga, Solomons & WPHC areas; 168 Pac. Frs.; $US 2.20-2.30.)

COPRA

The British Ministry of Food 9-years Contract, which governed Copra prices in Papua and New Guinea, Fiji, Western Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Gilbert and Ellice Colony (and, to some extent, in Tonga and Cook Islands) expired on December 31, 1957; since when each Territory has made its own arrangements for collection and marketing of copra.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA:—All production is delivered to Copra Marketing Board, controlled by Government; and the Board directs distribution and sales, and makes payments to the producers. Production goes mainly to (a) Unilever (under contract covering 1958), (b) Australia (for local consumption) and (c) crushing-mill in Rabaul. Prices generally arranged in accordance with ruling rate in Philippines market. Unilever price: Manila FM grade rates, with premiums up to £3A per ton for hot-air dried.

"Tentative" Price For New Guinea

In January, P-NG Copra Board announced "Tentative Prices", from January 1, for copra delivered at main ports: Hot-Air-Dried, £A47 per ton; FM Standard, £46; Smoke-Dried, £45/7/6.

It is presumed that, as stated, all copra goes into P-NG pool, from which Rabaul mill, Unilever, Australia and General Market will be supplied; and that final adjustments with producers will come later. (See Philippines quotation, below).

FIJI:—No Government control—producers sell where they wish. Bulk of copra goes to crushing-mill in Suva, whose price on wharf, Suva, is announced each week.

WESTERN SAMOA:—official Copra Board receives all production, and sells same and makes payments to producers. Large proportion goes to Unilever, at Philippines FM grade rates, plus premiums up to 50/- Stg. per ton for hot-air dried.

TONGA:—Sales are under Government control. Part of production goes to Europe, under arrangement with Unilever controlled by Philippines prices, and part on to open market.

SOLOMONS and GILBERT AND ELLICE:—All production marketed through official Copra Board, at prices based on Philippines market.

F. SAMOA:—Producers receive 4 cents lb. ($US89.6 or £A40 approx. per long ton). Periodic bonus, if average proceeds exceed Govt. buying price and expenses.

NEW HEBRIDES:—Jan. 9: 7,450 Pac. francs (about £A43/11/4) delivered Vila/Santo.

COOK ISLANDS:—Local price is based on £Stg.54 (£NZ54/4/1) per ton, f.o.b., with premium of 30/- (NZ) for top grade kiln dried. Shipping, handling, shrinkage and storage charges reduce the outer islands price to about £NZ30 per ton, basic rate.

COCOA:—Islands prices are based on the rate for Ghana cocoa which on Jan was £Stg.305 per ton, c.i.f. Lon (Market expected to fall).

P.-N.G.:—Jan. 9. Situation in stat flux following falling London prices. N inal quote £A350 (and falling).

W. SAMOA:—Jan. 9. No sales s Christmas period; Nominal unchange £Stg.310.

COFFEE:—P.-NG.: Jan. 9: Top gr 5/- to 5/6 per lb., but hard to sell; plies of overseas coffee plentiful s recent easing of Aust. import restrict on coffee.

PEANUTS:—P.-N.G., Jan. 9: Ker 1/10; Virginia bunch, in shell, la well cleaned, 1/3 per lb. del. Sydney

RUBBER:—P.-N.G. price is based Singapore rate, which on Jan. 8 No. 1 RSS, spot, 81.12 Straits ce (28.16d Aust. approx.) per lb.

VANILLA BEANS: Victor Karp, Tull Co., Sydney, reported on Jan. 9: crop, c.i.f., Sydney, Tahiti White Yellow label, processed standard p 61/9, Green 59/9 per lb.

RICE (Australian):—Price from May 1957—**P.-N.G.:** Dry brown and dres 112 lb bags, 5 tons and over, £61 ton, f.o.w.; under 5 tons £61/10/- ton. Vitamised and enriched white, lb bags, 5 tons and over, £67/10/- ton, f.o.w.; under 5 tons, £68 per **Other Pac. Islands:** Dry, brown, etc., per ton, f.o.w., Sydney or Melbourne.

PEARL SHELL.—Jan. 9, 1958, quota by independent pearlers: Sound, £A D, £A585; E, £A405; EE, £A (in store Sydney). **Cook Is.-Manihiki:** 9: Export price, £Stg.725 f.o.b. Ra tonga.

TROCHUS:—Market still very we and tending to weaken further. Qu nominal, NG, £A325; BSI, £A315; Hebrides, agent reports "No busi during past month". Prices are less jects and based on Sydney weights.

GREEN SNAIL:—Difficult to nominal price £A280.

London and US Quotations

Copra:—London, Jan. 7: Philippines bulk Jan.-Feb. $189 (seller) Straits/Bor fair merchantable del. weight, c. UK/Nts European port, Dec.-Jan., £St (nominal). New York Jan. 7: Philippi c.i.f. US Pac. port, per ton $180 ask

On January 13, the quotation for Philippines copra, FM grade, $US190.50, CIF, British or European p

(On January 13, £1 Australian about equal to 2.31 US Dollars. $US190 therefore was equal to £A84/13/9, wh is £37 more than the amount allo provisionally by the P-NG Copra Bo The deductions from that would be frei (£13/10/- per ton), insurance, handli shrinkage, export duty, and stabilisat fund tax—perhaps £25 per ton. Th is no indication yet of how the Bo will market the copra, and when fi adjustments will be made.)

Coconut Oil:—London, Jan. 9: Stra crude, bulk c.i.f. Jan.-Feb. £Stg.101 (no inal), Ceylon in bulk, c.i.f., fair UK-E Euro. ports, Jan.-Feb. £Stg.110 per t

Rubber:—London, Jan. 8: RSS No. Spot, 237/8d. to 24d. Stg. Dec. 1958, 2 to 23⅞d. per lb.

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SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. A tralia on Samoa, basis £100 Sam B. £A123/12/6; S. £124/10/9. Sam

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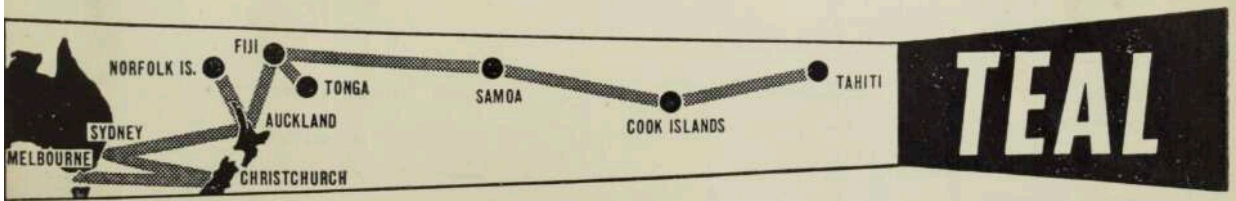
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