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THE TEMPER OF THE TERRITORY!

This photograph was secured by accident. Thus it serves to illustrate better the temper of the people of Papua-New Guinea, who are to have income tax "bulldozed" onto them by the Australian Minister for Territories, Paul Hasluck. Stuart Inder, one of PIM's editors, was on a valley-hopping aircraft in the New Guinea Highlands on May 7 when the aircraft put down, for eight minutes, at Minj township. There he was told that Mr. Ian Downs, MLC, was holding a public meeting on income tax in a hall nearby.

Inder interrupted the meeting, invited the audience to come on to the verandah for a PIM photograph—which they cheerfully did—and was off again on the aircraft a few minutes later. It is thus only through this fluke of timing that the sentiments expressed at this small indignation meeting in the middle of New Guinea are now given a wider audience.

STOP PRESS—*FINAL PLEA FAILS*—In Canberra, May 14, 4-man deputation pleaded with A/Prime Minister for postponement new tax plan. Refused. Tax operates from July 1.

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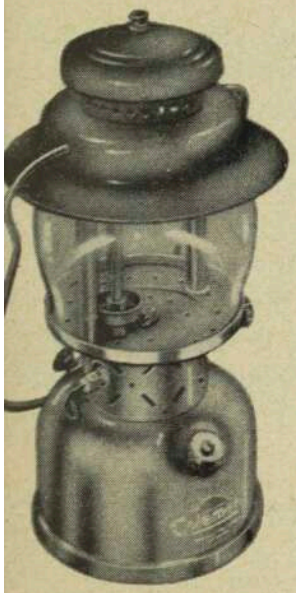

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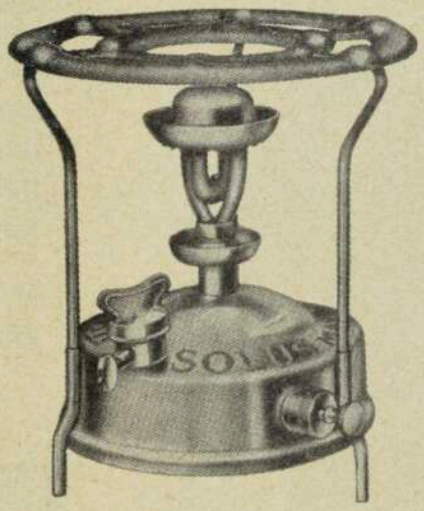

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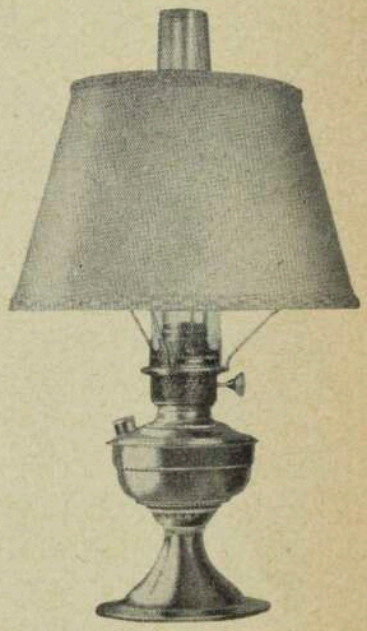

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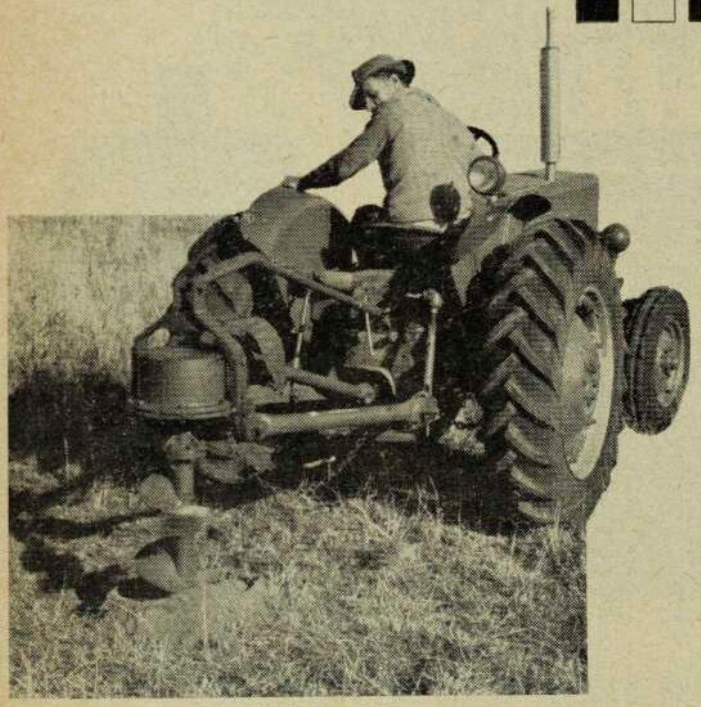

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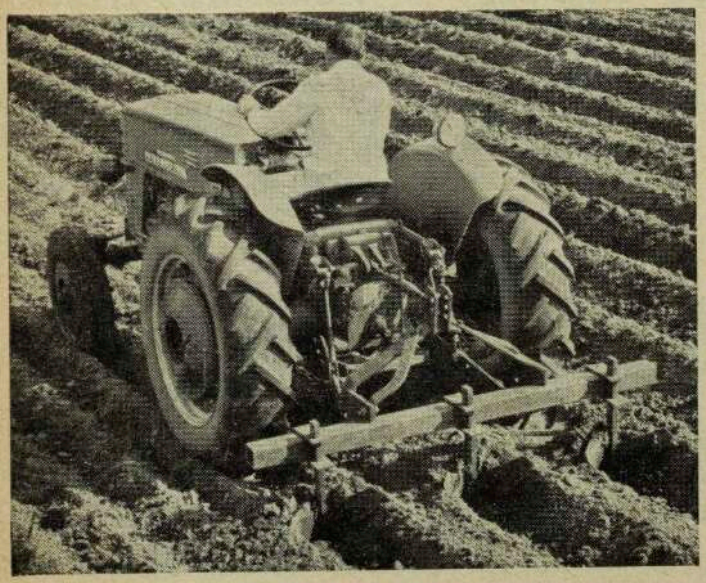

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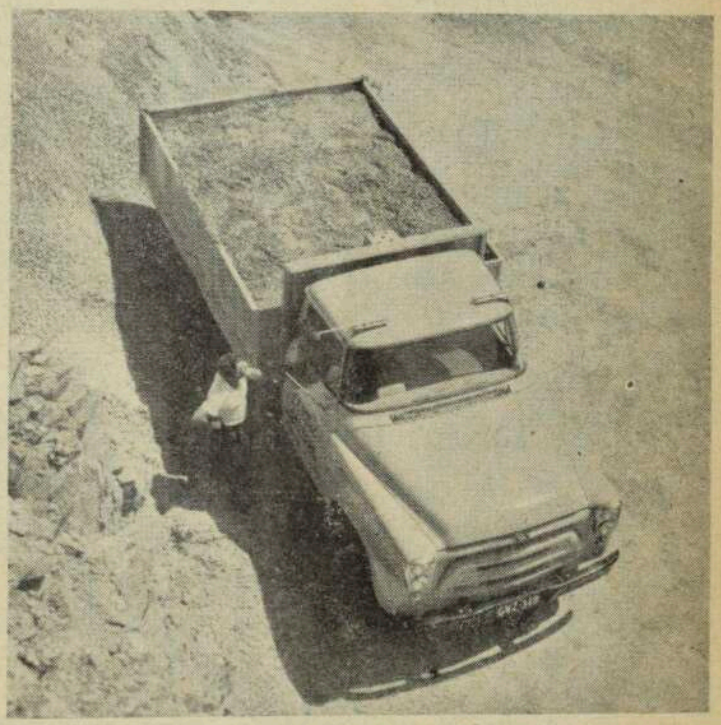

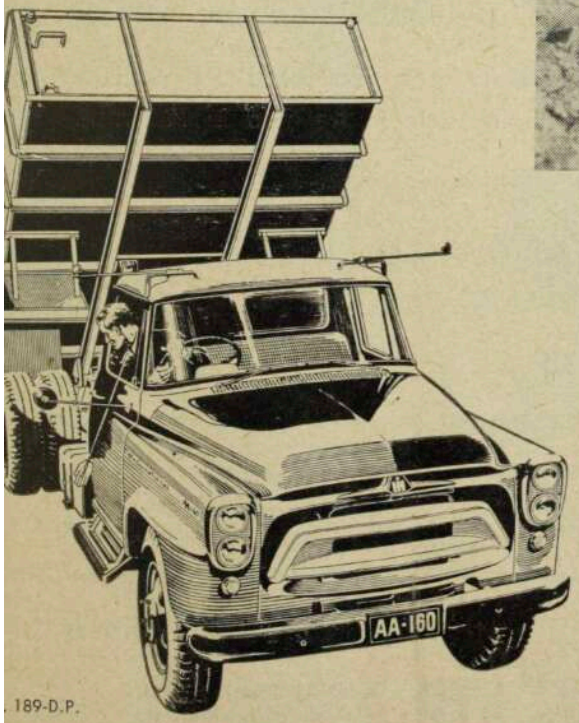

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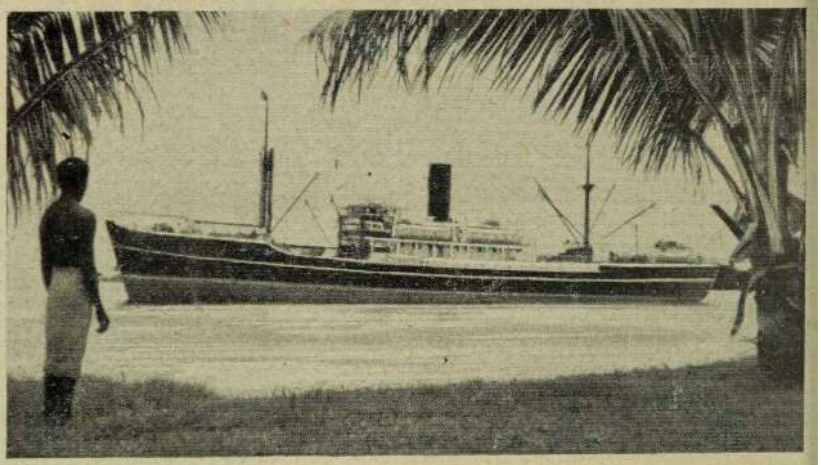

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PEOPLE

r. Claude Champion, with 32 s in the P-NG Public Service nd him, is the new Director of Affairs, in place of Mr. Steve rgan, who retired last month. -two years old, he joined the Papuan Public Service as a clerk 927, then went into the field patrol officer and assistant lent magistrate, carrying out a ber of exploratory patrols. He ed in World War II, from -45, ending with the rank of r. Going back to P-NG with Provisional Administration in he was Assistant District er, Assistant Director of District ices and Native Affairs, Assist- Government Secretary, then d in charge of the Civil Affairs rtment.

is Niall, the charming young daughter rict Commissioner and Mrs. H. R. L. f Lae, New Guinea, whose engagement Frank Johnson of Dregerhafen, NG, was announced recently.

F. Reece, of Seligson & Clare Ltd., spent a couple of weeks ia in late April installing a -type Heidelberg automatic printing-press at the Gov- nt Printing Office. The West- Samoa Administration estab- the printing office at Apia a of years ago and is gradually ling its capacity.

William R. Suttie, for many in the Queensland Forestry e, before going to New Guinea 6 as chief of the Division of lture, succeeds the late Mr. McAdam as Director of Forests. g World War II, he was in of a forestry company in NG as responsible for some im- t New Britain forests surveys.

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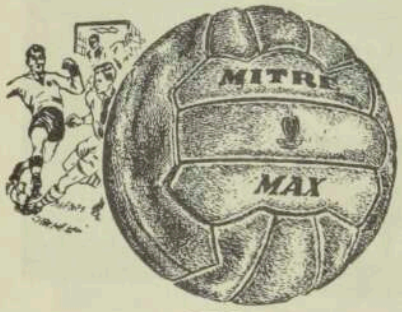

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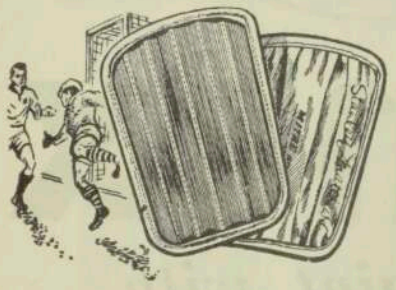

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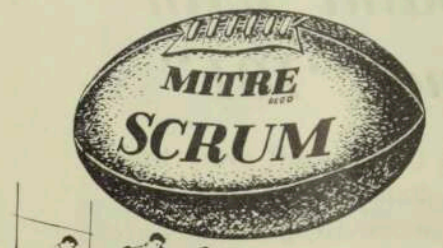

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Mr. Syd Cockle, of the She Company, Apia, returned to Weste Samoa recently after three and half months' furlough. His relie Mr. F. D. Porter, now has returne to Sydney.

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Mr. John O'Grady, author (i Nino Colotta) of the best-sell "They're a Weird Mob", togeth with his wife and son (Denis, wh was the prototype of the bricklayer the story) spent a few days in Suv in April-May before departing f Europe aboard the *Laganban* In England and Italy, Mr. O'Grad will collect material for a sequ to The Mob.

Mr. Jacques Kosciusko-Morizet, representa for France on the Trusteeship Council of and a member of the delegation visit Western Samoa in April, photographed at S as he hurried back to Europe on instructi from General de Gaulle.

Professor J. Watson, chairman the Department of Anthropolo Washington University, USA, w carried out culture-contact stu at Kainantu, Eastern Highlan New Guinea, in 1953-55, was ba in the district in April doing furth anthropological work for the National Science Foundation.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Colahan left for Lae on "Malekula" after three month's leave in Mr. Colahan has been working as a cus agent with the Bulolo Gold Dredging Co NG for the past five years.

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rian C. Swire, great-great grandson of nder of the China Navigation Co. who n spending some months in the Pacific company's business. He left Sydney for weeks in New Guinea in late April, will back to the UK via Fiji for leave, returning to headquarters in Hongkong.

Randolph Stow, a Westralian, a patrol officer in Papua-New a, has won the 1958 Miles lin literary award of £500 for ovel "To the Islands". His book, it deals with an ageing nary's life on an aboriginal n station in the far north- f Australia.

Mrs. W. A. Donald, returning to Auck- n a visit to Tahiti in April, were met la Bay, Suva, by Mrs. Harold Gatty Mr. Donald is a principal of the well- land trading firm of A. B. Donald and Co., Ltd., Auckland.

D. D. McCarthy, of the NZ l Research Council, is visit- tiu Island, Cook Group, to an anti-filariasis campaign. largest of the Cooks in size, as a third of its male popu- and one in nine of the s infected.

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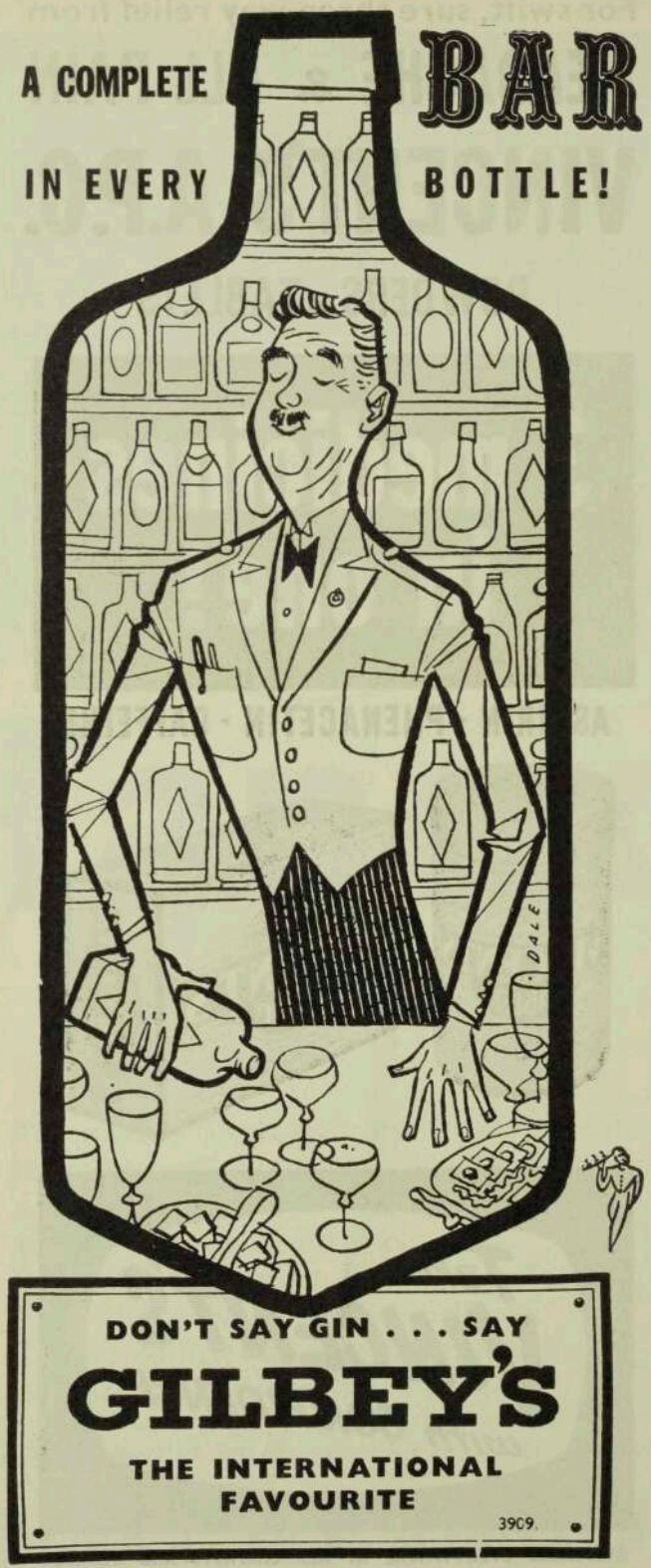

Two Fiji-Indian students, Deo Narayah Sahey and Miss Sa Nabi, were married at We Church, Hobart, on April 18, will return to Suva shortly aft honeymoon in Australian St and NZ. Mr. Sahey, who stu law in Tasmania, was admitte the Bar at Hobart in April, after his bride completed secretarial course.

Mr. G. Ellingworth, manager of the Sy office of Alfred Lawrence and Co., Ltd., will leave Sydney by air on May 30, companied by his wife, on a business tr Papua-New Guinea.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Hooley, mem of the Summer Institute Linguistics and Wycliffe B Translators, with their t months' old baby, have settled d in a village in the Buang a Morobe District, NG, to the one task of making the Buang pe literate in their own language. job will take a number of ye first to learn the native langu secondly, to reduce it to wri form, then to make the Bua literate—as a bridge to literac English. Ultimate aim is to tr late the Bible into the Bu language for them to read.

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Miss Dorothy Amy Weaver Suva 10 years ago to join a l firm in Melbourne, Australia. first the law interested her, t fascinated her and she began l studies. Early in April she admitted to the Victorian Ba a barrister and solicitor, mother, Mrs. C. C. Weaver (wi of Captain E. S. Weaver) atten the ceremony.

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Mr. Stan McCosker, formerly New Guinea (Matala and Ma plantations) has changed coco for pineapples—he now is a p apple planter in a big way Nambour, Queensland. His daughters, Robin and Anne (B in NG) left Sydney by the A Strathnaver for London. Ro who gained her Diploma of Edu

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at Qld. University, will take a UK teaching post; while e, who won a Commonwealth larship in last year's Qld. or Public Examinations, in- s furthering her studies in t at the Phyllis Bedell Ballet lemy.

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. Steven Barber of the San cisco trading firm of Atkins, and Co., visited Fiji and ern Samoa briefly in April. firm has traded for many with American territories in Pacific and Mr. Barber hopes sume business with the British s, particularly Fiji, now that r restrictions have been eased le.

e Yew, one of the directors of Cathay Ltd., who has gone to Suva to super- nge-over of management of the Grand cific Hotel. (See story page 69.)

mander A. V. Bunyan, DSC, r many years harbourmaster katea Island, French Poly- for the Compagnie Francaise hosphates de l'Oceania, was

F. Kennedy, who has been at the Christ Mission Hospital, Aoba, New for the past 11 years, left Sydney as er on the April "Tulagi", after six months Australian leave.

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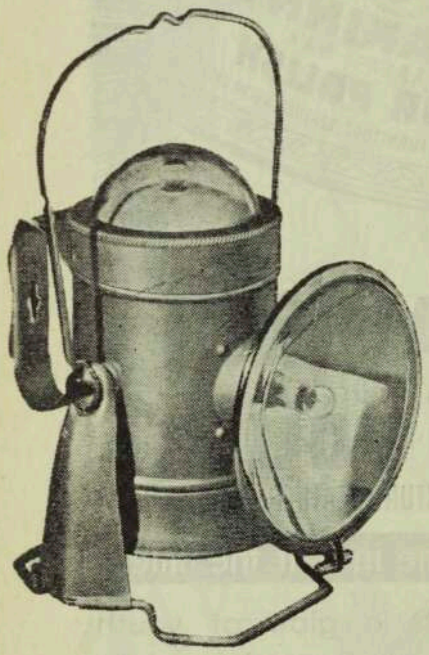

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in Sydney from Tahiti on a sh holiday in mid-April. Before Wo War II, he served as officer master with the British Phosph Commissioners, and during the was in command of several R ships, including HMAS *Kanim Swan* and *Bathurst* (the first A tralian-built corvette). Serving v *Kanimbla*, Commander Bun took part in assault landings Morotoi, Layte, Lingayen, Bru and Balikpapan.

Bishop Pearce, of Western Samoa, shows bride, formerly Imeleta Mulitauaopele, American Samoa, where to sign the re after her marriage, in April, to Mr. Sagato Ching, of Apia, Western Samoa. The B travelled from Apia to the American territo perform the ceremony.
—Pan American P

Macu Salato, Fijian Senior A tant Medical Officer, leader of teams now working on a full-s tuberculosis immunisation c paign, will go to England later year to undertake a special n months' course leading to the Diploma of Health Education. was in the Solomon Islands in and conducted a TB survey was singled out for praise by Secretary of State for the Colo It will not be his first overseas —he was in London in 1946 Fiji's Victory Contingent (ha served as Chief Petty Officer in

Mrs. Ann Griffen, Social Secretary of Sydney Polynesian Association, with Mr Rogers, formerly of Fiji, now of Melbourn a recent meeting of the Association
—Tele

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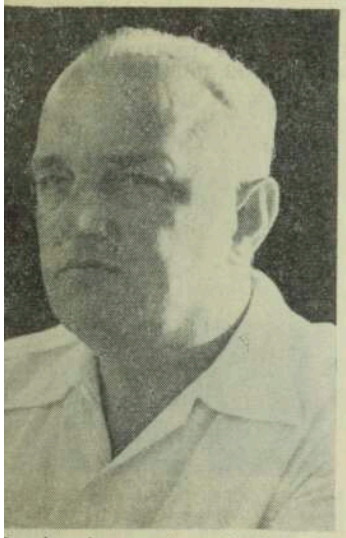

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Keith Noblet, manager of
obertson Pty. Ltd.'s 1,250-acre
plantation, Wanaru, six miles
Lae, New Guinea, made a
business visit to Melbourne
pril to confer with his
als.

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Rev. D. Stuyvenberg, SM, is
w Marist Mission Bishop of
uthern Solomon Islands, re-
Rt. Rev. J. M. Aubin, who
d at the end of 1958. The
ishop was consecrated by
hop Carboni in Sydney
, at a ceremony attended by
Doggett, OFM, of Aitape,
nd Bishop Foley, SM, of
Fiji, and a number of
rs from the Marist Seminary,
bbie, NSW. A Dutchman,
v. Stuyvenberg has been in
lomons since 1937 and, as a
was stationed at Buma, on
, in recent years.

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Garnet Malley, of Nabavatu
ion, Vanua Balavu, Northern
up, returned to Fiji in April
holiday visit with friends
berra and Sydney.

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W. J. B. Clapham, manager
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Fiji, will retire next month,
years in the banking busi-
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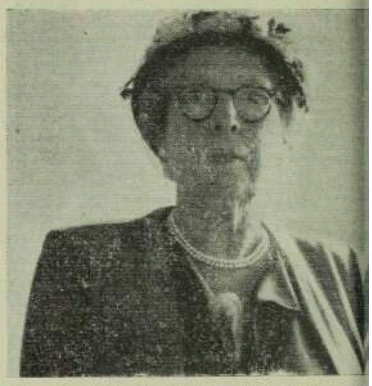
three years at Epworth Hosp Melbourne, passed the Victo State registered nurses' f examination in April. She no a fully qualified nursing sister after two months' holiday with parents at Kwato Mission, Eas Papua, will return to Victoria another 12 months' experience.



Mrs. E. Gaskell, widow of the late M Gaskell, a well-known identity in the Solo left Sydney on the April "Malekula" Rabaul, where she will join her son.

Dr. Wharton B. Mather, se lecturer in zoology at Queens University, will spend May June in Papua-New Guinea ca ing out research work.

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Miss Val Nobbs, of Norfolk Isl who is at present holidaying Europe, had the unique experi recently of taking tea with Majesty the Queen Mother Clarence House, London. When Queen Mother was in Australia, met the then-Administr (Brigadier Norman) and, in versation, asked him if there still members of the Nobbs fa on Norfolk, saying that her bro Michael Bowes-Lyon had m friends with one while a priso of-war in Germany. Briga Norman passed on the informa that Miss Nobbs was to England with her sister, Ivy; in due course the ladies receive invitation to call at Clarence H

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Dr. Emile Massal, who headed Health Section of the South Pa Commission for 12 years, Noumea by air late in April t turn to France, having termin his appointment. A large c gathered at Tontouta aerodrom wish him *bon voyage*, for he m quite a name for himself in Caledonia, not only through excellent SPC work but also bec of his pleasant personality.

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Mr. Russell Foreman, author painter of note, with beard, ar in Sydney by air from Fiji on 23. His book "Long Pig", published in USA, will be issue Australia in July.

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Malcolm Broadhurst, manager
lup plantation, Madang, NG,
ed Miss Shirley Sampson,
g sister, at St. Michael's
h, Alexishafen, last month.
p Nosser, of the Catholic
n of the Holy Ghost, per-
d the ceremony.

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er M. Rosanne, SMSM, of
, USA, who has been
ed to mission stations in
n and Western Samoa for
ast eight years, was in New
d in May on furlough.

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J. H. Hohnen, managing
r of New Guinea Goldfields
Wau, is on holidays in Mel-
with Mrs. Hohnen. Before
ing to NG, he will visit min-
ases in Western and Central
lia. Mr. F. J. Leydin is in
at NGG Ltd. during his
e.

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J. N. Roberts, *National*
phic Magazine, USA, who
a short time recently on
Island capturing a series
otographs to illustrate a
article by Mr. T. C. Roughley
r NSW Director of Fisheries)
turn soon to NI from Sydney,
plete his assignment.

Smith, from Palmerston, NZ, a mis-
ith the South Sea Evangelical Mission,
for the BSIP on April "Tulagi".

Alec Haworth, who retired
Robt. Gillespie Pty. Ltd.,
early in 1957 and went off
iti to live the quiet life,
hat things turned out differ-
rom what he anticipated.
just settled down outside
, when he contracted
tiasis; followed a long period
rt treatment and then re-
He went then to Fiji but
e coronary illness put him
ospital for some months.
ally, he returned, a little
len, to Sydney; but time
eavily on his hands and, in
y last, with health re-
he rejoined Gillespies
at 66 and only a little less
and jaunty after his ex-
s, he is renewing old busi-
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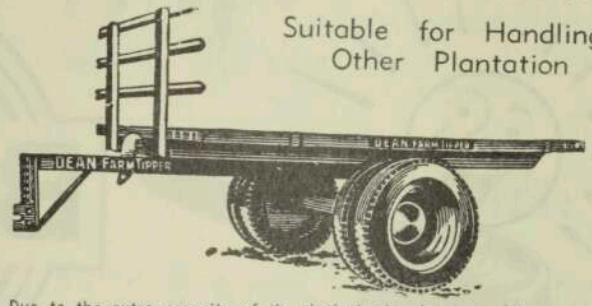

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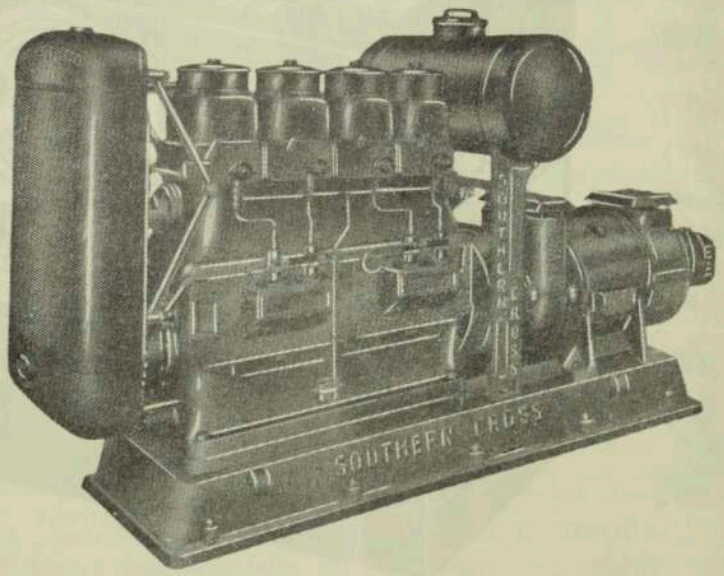

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"Advice Only" From Europeans

ıth Pacific Natives Think ey Know Where They're Going

From STUART INDER, in Rabaul.

What has been going on here at the Fourth South Pacific nference in the last week has proved, finally, that whatever ght happen to the South Pacific Commission itself — whether hanges its name or changes its activities one day — these etings of native peoples will have to continue.

ODY expected that this urth South Pacific Conferce would fail, but I doubt if ly realised just how successful ld be.

he man on the movies says, ing down the heroine's neck, fight this, baby! This is than both of us!"

first conference in 1950 l something of the promise as ahead, but the conference rrounded by politics, publicity gimmicks, and the native for whom the show was were hardly aware of what all about.

second conference, in 1953, l the indigenes to feel their rough some of the European ces that were directing them; 1956, with a new system of tees operating, they were be- to take over completely, and t out, correctly and without assment, that the Europeans erhaps attempting to influings more than they should, at they really ought to pull eads in.

here in Rabaul at this Conference the Europeans ulled their heads in. And the ınt fact is that the indigenes lves have largely been re- le for seeing that they have

l Fellows Who Shove Off

is perhaps even more exıary in a South Pacific which ɔming increasingly nationis that the moves against ropeans have not been made ıy idea of antagonism, but in the spirit which says, "Now look, you'll understand is is our show, and we really dy to take it over. So you nind shoving off like good do you?"

time is probably not far distant when the Europeans will find themselves shoving off in areas of the South Pacific other than the meeting halls of the South Pacific Conference; thus it is probably something that they should be asked to do it like good fellows.

There are other less polite epithets that are being used by the indigenes in other parts of the world.

Nobody with sense fools himself that the behaviour of the indigenes in this conference is a guarantee that all will continue to work harmoniously in the home territories; for there are vastly greater influences at work for good or ill outside of the Rabaul conference hall.

But only an idiot would deny that these conferences are a very valuable indication of the temper of the Pacific peoples; of their willingness and even eagerness to work out their own destinies *in partnership* with the Europeans.

The people have themselves been able to grow in stature with the

West Samoan delegates at the con- From left, High Chief Leiato, of Samoa; Miss Tiresa Hunter, who was airman of the Social Committee, and ene, both of West Samoa; and Talking apaga and Talking Chief Tuato'o, of Samoa. Talking Chief Saleapaga is giant kava root which the American egation presented to Brigadier D. M. eland, Administrator of P-NG.

PACIFIC REPORT

Turn to these inside pages for more highlights of the month's news:

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Watching the Royal Papua-New Guinea Constabulary parading at the Conference opening, Mrs. Teupokoina Morgan, of the Cook Islands, and Prince Tu'ipelehake, of Tonga. Mrs. Morgan is a school teacher in Rarotonga.

conferences, just as the stature of the conferences has grown; and any European who fails to take the hint deserves what is coming to him.

None of this is to decry the efforts of those Europeans who have helped to make this conference a success. At the same time, it is most noticeable that the most successful Europeans have been those with the closest connections with the indigenes.

One example is Mr. J. K. McCarthy, adviser to the P-NG delegation, who has been so long in the Territory in connection with native affairs that, like Viri Vokotini (alias Scotsman Willie Watson, of the Cook Islands) he would probably win an election on the native vote, if he—or they—were ever given the chance.

The P-NG delegation has leaned heavily on McCarthy for support—but for support only of decisions they have themselves wanted to make. This is the kind of partnership that is so vital to the future.

Criticism of Fiji Delegation

On the other hand, it would have been better if Mr. H. B. Gibson, leader of the three-man Fiji delegation, had not come. This is not to decry the efforts of Mr. Gibson, whose period of time in Fiji is almost as long as that of Mr. McCarthy in New Guinea.

But the Fijians and Indians are quite capable of presenting Fiji's views at these conferences, which are not political, and if a European had to come then he could have come, like McCarthy, in the role of *adviser*, and done his pushing from the rear.

Many conference delegates gained the impression that Fiji had picked its three delegates, a European, an Indian and a Fijian, all MLC's, merely so they could watch each other—which is hardly in the spirit of the conference.

As it was, Dr. Sahu Khan and Semesa Siki Vou did a creditable job—the Fijian being elected Deputy Chairman of the Social Committee—but Mr. Gibson got himself involved in something that turned out to be too big for him. And this was all because, being a European, he should not have made himself so prominent, but stayed in the background.

Mr. Gibson got himself elected as Chairman of the Economics Committee—despite some rather audible suggestions by the indigenes themselves, before the election, that an indigene would be the best man for the job.

There was also some confusion about who was who, and who was entitled to vote.

The result was that a full day of the conference's time was wasted before the indigenes were able to muster their forces and work out a set of tactics that cleverly disposed of Mr. Gibson.

But they did it, be it noted, with the kind of incomparable Polynesian charm and courtesy that saved everybody's face, including that of their European protagonist.

Can anybody seriously doubt that the South Pacific peoples know where they are going, and that the South Pacific Conferences have pointed the way?

Mr. Gibson Defeated By Tactics

Fiji lawyer and MLC, Mr. H. Gibson, made news when he w elected chairman of the Economi Committee of the South Pacific Co ference in Rabaul. Many people h hoped that an indigene would elected as committee chairman. M Gibson was nominated by the G bertese delegates, supported by t BSIP.

Another group sought to have Ma 'Uli'uli Tupouniua, Acting- Treasurer Tonga, elected; but this was defeat because Mahe 'Uli'uli didn't vote i himself, and Mr. Gibson did. T ballot resulted 5-6 in Mr. Gibso favour.

Taking the chair, Mr. Gibson t the meeting that he wasn't an digene, but he had lived most of life in Fiji and this was "almost good as being one". He would, said, be very sympathetic.

Not everyone was happy, thou Somebody suggested that voting m have been too much along natio lines (which wasn't quite right; French voted for Mr. Gibson). A way, there were second thoughts som where, with the result that Ma 'Uli'uli was appointed deputy chairm and on the resolution of the America the chairman and the depu chairman were to take charge of meetings on alternate days.

The next day, however, Mr. Gib found himself in more strife. Af some argument about voting rights became clear that some people thought Mr. Gibson shouldn't be th at all. So Mahe 'Uli'uli and Mr. G son both resigned their posts for re-election, which resulted in Tongan becoming chairman and R mond Gadabu, of Nauru, depu chairman.

Fourth South Pacific Conference

Local Natives Stared In Wond

From AAP-Reuter

RABAUL, April

The khaki, red and blue uniforms of native army cadets, scou police and girl guides dotted the sports ground at the Malagu Technical Training Centre, near Rabaul, today for the opening of t Fourth South Pacific Conference.

AS the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, arrived to open the Conference officially an army cadets and police guard of honour presented arms with fine precision.

Behind them, scouts and guides snapped to attention and a native honour presented arms with fine Anthem.

On the fringes of the ground, under the shadow of volcanoes Matupi and Vulcan looming over Rabaul, thousands of local natives looked on in wonder.

Opening the Conference of 70 indigenous delegates of 16 South Pacific territories and the Kingdom of Tonga, Brigadier Cleland read a personal message from Austr Ministers for External Affairs Territories, Messrs. R. G. Casey Paul Hasluck.

"On behalf of the Australian ernment we convey most co greetings to the Fourth South Pa Conference and best wishes f successful meeting.

"The Australian Governme very appreciative of the fact the honour of acting as hos such a distinguished gatherin representatives of peoples of Territories of the South Pa region has, on this occasion, f to an Australian territory", Ministers' message said.

This is the first time Australia been host nation to the Confer

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ıates begin to arrive, and their luggage is up ready to be moved to their quarters.

rious Conferences have been held e in Fiji and once in New edonia.

Prince, an editor, doctors, olteachers and University gradu- in a variety of faculties, house- s are amongst the 70 delegates nding the Conference.

elegates of Polynesian, Melanesi- and Micronesian races of the h Pacific are all from Pacific itories within the sphere of ience of the South Pacific Com- ion, of which the Conference is uxiliary.

In Tapa Cloth

r the opening ceremony, many gates wore ceremonial native s. The most impressive of the gates were members of the itian and Samoan delegations Prince Tu'ipelehake, of Tonga. me. Jacquemin, from Tahiti, a toga-like garment of light i-coloured material stretching her neck to her toes.

veral of the American Samoan gation wore traditional tapa lava-lavas.

lking Chief Tuato'o, who pre- ed the kava roots to Brigadier and and the Secretary General, T. R. Smith, also wore the ftains' insignia of red painted ianas nuts and carried a fibre- n "fue" resembling a fly whisk.

ndreds of Rabaul natives ded around the Conference when the presentation was e, and gaped in wonder. Many ted with glee as they watched kava root presentation. A oan chief walked along both s of the room and then back e centre, at each pause emitting rill cry.

ter the opening ceremonies, the ference split into two committees cial and Economic—and divided topics listed for discussion. bjects to be discussed by the Conference include the effect of customs and beliefs in relation to infant and maternal welfare, tourism, broadcasting, recreation, training of local leaders for participation in self-help schemes and the impact of the technical and industrial world on the life of the South Pacific islands.

The Conference, which will end on May 13, is being held at Malaguna Technical Training College, built by native students and European trade instructors at a cost of about £700,000.

The estimated value of the whole property is £2,000,000.

Samoan Woman Guides Committee

Attractive Miss Tiresa Hunter, of Western Samoa, was elected chairman of the social committee when it got down to work on April 30.

Miss Hunter, was chosen from five candidates, amongst them was Prince Tu'ipelehake, of Tonga, and High Chief Lietao, of Eastern Samoa.

Miss Hunter, who is 35, is a graduate of Victoria University, Wellington, New Zealand, and a lecturer at the Teachers' Training College at Apia, Western Samoa.

Who Was Who at the Conference

Delegates, alternates, advisers and observers were as follows:

AMERICAN SAMOA: High Chief Leiato (delegate), High Chief Sotoa (delegate), Talking Chief Tuato'o (alternate), Talking Chief Saleapaga (alternate), Mulitauaopele (interpreter).

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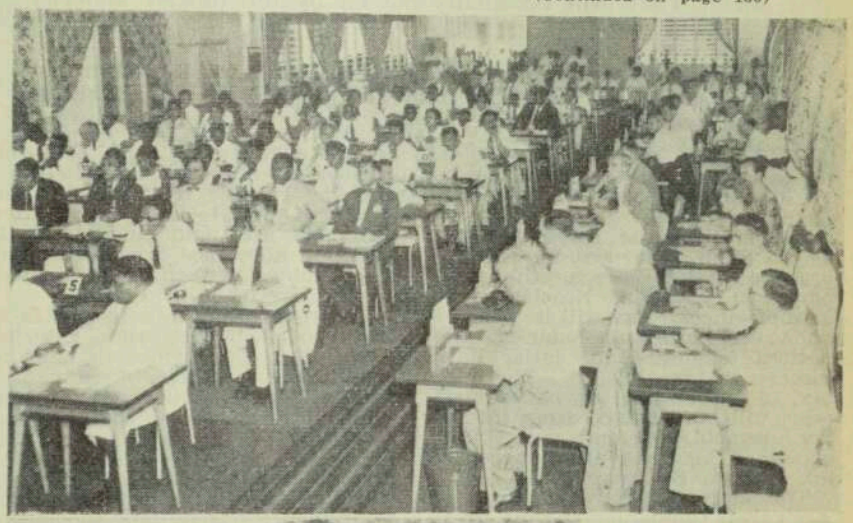

Above, top to bottom: A general view of the conference hall. Cook Islands delegates: Mrs. Teupokoina Morgan, the Hon. Tuakeu Puna, and the Hon. Margaret Ariki. A leading Conference personality, charming Frenchwoman Mme. Jeanne Jacquemin, of Papeete, vice-chairman of the Information and Visitors Bureau of Tahiti.

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The End of An Era

Aust'n Income Tax System Extended To New Guinea

Residents of Papua and New Guinea now have some idea of what faces them. The new taxation Bills came before the Legislative Council on April 20. No important amendment is likely. They will be finally passed by the official majority in Legco in June.

All taxation of exports ends on June 30. There will be "substantial" reduction in import duties as from July 1—but no details will be published until the end of June.

TAXATION of the incomes of persons and corporations in Papua and New Guinea will commence on July 1, 1959.

Except that the rates will not be so high, the system will be practically the same as that employed in Australia. No classes are exempt—income tax will be paid by public servants, missionaries, and natives (assuming the latter have incomes of taxable size). The head tax, £2 per annum, introduced last year, will be deducted from income tax payable. [Commercial enterprises of Missions are apparently tax exempt. See page 135.]

The more oppressive features of Australian companies' income taxation will be applied in P-NG, namely—

• Double taxation (the company's profit is taxed, and then the shareholder's dividend is taxed again, as part of his income).

• Any balance remaining in the hands of private companies after dividends are paid and a small retention allowance is provided for, will be subjected to an "undistributed profits" tax of 10/- in the £.

Two regulations new to Australia are introduced. Any company with fewer than 20 members may be classified as a private company; and all individual traders and companies—as well as individuals—must pay provisional tax. In the first taxation year (1959-60) the persons and corporations concerned will make a declaration setting out what they consider their income to be, and they will pay provisional tax on that; and such payments will be adjusted to their assessments at the end of the tax year; and thereafter their provisional tax will ha to be paid at the rate disclosed their first year's taxation return

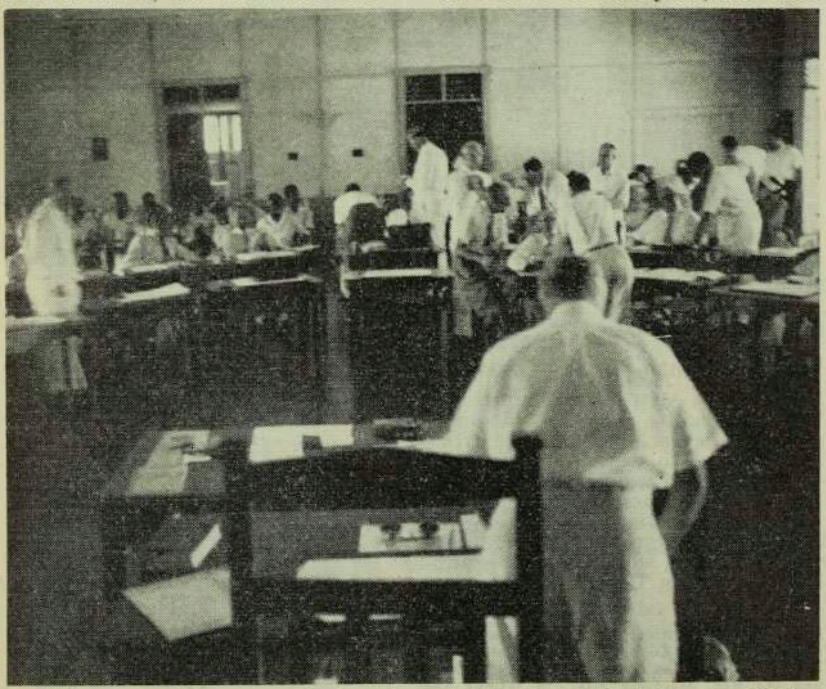
As in Australia, employers w be compelled to collect pay-as-yo go tax from employees, issue t stamps or group certificates them, and then regularly remit t taxes so collected to the Admi stration.

At the end of the first y (June 30, 1960) all income earn must send in a taxation retu with stamps or certificate showi what they have paid in provisio tax; and then they will either p a bit more, or get a refund, cording to the tax collector's asse ment.

The new Taxation Bill conta 182 quarto pages, and 360 sectio and it seems to provide for ev conceivable contingency. F example—

"Native bodies" are exempt fr income tax — which apparen means that native co-operat societies will not be taxed.

There is an elaborate set of ru covering the activities of compan dealing in insurance, and the pa ment of interest by companies persons overseas.



The Legislative Council chamber, just before Administrator Cleland opened proceedings. Within minutes the three elected members had walked out.

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Page 57: The Fight for Democratic Rights Not Over Yet.
Page 135: Some Lae residents meet Treasurer; more don't.
Page 137: Minister's Figures Show Iniquity of Tax.

As this issue went to press, revolt against the Canberra dictatorship was growing. Members of Rabaul Town Advisory Council threatened to resign; protest meetings were being held all over P-NG. It's not a fight against tax; it's now a revolt against Canberra's refusal to give Territorians even the most elementary of Democratic privileges.

Overseas Shipping Slugged

Where overseas-owned ships tra in the Territory, five per cent. the revenues they earn in the Ter tory is to be regarded as taxa income; and the responsibility putting in the return and payi the money is on the master of t ship.

Where businesses operating in t

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itory are owned by persons seas, and in the opinion of the collector the business is not lucing a sufficient taxable in-e, he can arbitrarily demand me tax on what he considers uitable proportion of the total ipts.

in Australia, no person after 1 will be allowed to leave Territory unless he or she has ncome tax "clearance".

l persons carrying on business to keep sufficient records in the ish language to enable the Tax ctor to assess his income and ax.

l companies are to pay taxation profits at the rate of 4/- in hich is about two-thirds of Aus-an rate.

e rates of tax to be paid by iduals, compared with rates in ralia, can be shown by taking case of a taxpayer, with wife

ed	After deductions*	In P-NG	In Australia
	£	£	£
	84	nil	
	184	2	
	284	4	
	484	14	80
	684	26	
	884	43	
	1,084	63	
	1,284	85	
	1,484	110	330
	1,884	167	
	2,284	234	
	2,484	271	695
	4,484	721	1,627

luctions allowed are: Personal, £286; £230; child, £130; student child, medical expenses, up to £150; in-es, etc., up to £300; education ex-up to £150; medical and hospital full.

Call for Tax Experts

npany tax is going to change of things in Papua and New ea when it starts in July. Not least of them are the book-ng habits of hundreds of small esses.

h no income tax operating in

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ime is Running Short!

tice for any amendments to the tory Income Tax Bill must reach dministrator by May 22. Amend-s for the Rates Bill (part of the ation) must be in by May 8.

early May, unofficial members up to their ears in paper work in discussions on the proposals—te the fact that they fully ex-d that nothing of importance will llowed to bypass the Administra-steamroller in June.

one nominated member said: "We really babes in the wood. We n't much time, and we haven't knowledge to be able to properly a complicated and vital Bill like

Ice Breaker To Aid Niue

When this helicopter dropped in from the US Navy Ice-breaker "Staten Island", one day last March, the people of Niue could not have been more surprised if it had been a flying-saucer. It was Niue's first sight of this type of aircraft and (top photograph), some of the people can be seen examining it while Captain Blake Lewis had tea with the Resident Commissioner.

Lower photo shows the platform on "Staten Island" where the helicopter comes down to roost.

An ice-breaker in Niue waters is unusual enough of itself. But it was in Wellington, NZ, in March, when the severe hurricane struck Niue, 1,600 miles away but on the ice-breaker's route home from Antarctic duty. US authorities immediately placed "Staten Island" at the disposal of NZ and five tons of canned food and a quarter-ton bale of clothing were loaded for distressed Niue.

At end of April, NZ hurricane relief fund for Niue was £NZ30,000.

Fiji's Social and Economic Future

Burns Commission Is Assembling

ACCORDING to the published preliminary agenda of the Burns Commission of Inquiry into economic conditions and possible constitutional changes in Fiji, Sir Alan Burns is to leave the United Kingdom for Fiji in the *Oronsay* on May 20; and Mr. T. Y. Watson, another member of the Commission, will arrive in the Colony by air on June 24.

The third member, Professor A. T. Peacock, will arrive by air on July 1.

The formal opening of the inquiry will take place in the Legislative Council Chamber, Suva, on July 3.

Thereafter, the group will travel very widely throughout the Colony. Their Fiji itinerary, up to August 19, has been published, though this is subject to alterations, according to the circumstances.

The Secretary of the Burns Commission is Mr. R. G. C. Strick; and the Commission's Fiji headquarters will be in the Government Buildings, Suva.

A number of reports, covering surveys of social, economic and political conditions, made by experts, have been prepared for submission to the Commission, late in June.

The terms of reference of the Commission are wide and simple:

"To examine the surveys of the Colony's natural resources and population trends and, having regard to the need to ensure the maintenance of a good standard of living for all sections of the community, to recommend how the development of the Colony and its resources should proceed."

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Jet Age Begins in Pacific

New Planes, New Routes And Always New Negotiations

• *With the Pacific jet-age now less than six weeks away, great changes will be taking place in the Pacific in what remains of 1959. Important route changes—and some entirely new ones—are also under discussion in high places.*

FRENCH and Australian civil aviation officials are to meet in Paris shortly, probably July, to discuss reciprocal rights.

The initiative for these talks came from the French, who are still battling away trying to get landing rights for Transports Aeriens Intercontinentaux in Sydney—at present TAI has "rights" in Darwin and Brisbane only, on the way from Europe to New Caledonia. For years they have been trying to trade-in their Brisbane rights for others in Sydney.

In the normal course of events, as the French are doing the asking, the talks would take place in Australia—but as there are to be general international airline discussions at The Hague shortly, it is convenient for the Australian and French authorities to make Paris the venue for the talks.

Opportunity will be taken, say Australian aviation authorities, to discuss matters other than TAI's Sydney rights—but they will not say what.

Filling the Gap

It has been suggested that Australia is interested in rights to fly from Fiji to New Guinea via New Caledonia and the Solomons, thus completing the Pacific gap.

At present Qantas has services to Honiara, BSIP, through Lae, Rabaul and Bougainville in New Guinea. It also runs a stop-gap, dead-end service with Skymasters once fortnightly from Sydney to Tontouta, New Caledonia. TAI operates services from Noumea to Vila and Santo, New Hebrides—but no one at all has closed that gap of less than 600 miles between Santo and Honiara.

One ship—Burns Philp's *Tulagi*, in course of a round voyage from Sydney via Norfolk Is., Vila, Santo, Honiara, BSIP ports, Bougainville ports and back to Sydney, provides communication from Santo to Honiara—but there is no service, sea or air, in the reverse direction.

The ridiculous position, therefore, exists that if a traveller wants to go from Honiara to the New Hebrides, he has to make a complete voyage, by sea or by air, back through New Guinea to Sydney and then start off again from there to the Hebrides.

Qantas surveyed the route that closes the Honiara-Santo gap early in 1958 and at the time it was hinted that an air service might begin by "August, 1958".

Nothing has been heard of it since although the need is as great as ever. If this service were extended from New Caledonia to Fiji, it would be logical, as it would give Fiji direct connection with New Hebrides, Solomons and New Guinea, and through New Guinea (at Port Moresby) with Hongkong. The important section, however, from the Pacific traveller's point of view is the infuriating missing link between Santo and Honiara.

At present the dead-end Sydney-Tontouta service can be of no great importance to Qantas—except as a beginning to better arrangements in the future.

SUVA IN HALF THE TIME

Millions of people who have grown up with the air-age still find it possible to be amazed at the extraordinary changes that the jet-age will bring. For the Pacific, the jet-age begins on July 29, when Qantas jet services begin from Sydney across the Pacific to USA and on to London. The whole journey will take 27 hours flying time—the exact time that Kingsford-Smith and Ulm, in the old "Southern Cross", in 1928, took to fly from California to Honolulu.

Flying-time, Sydney-Nadi in the new Boeings will be three hours and 50 minutes—about half the time it now takes to cover the distance in piston aircraft. In 1928 the "Southern Cross' took 21½ hours to fly from Suva to Brisbane—an average of less than 100 miles per hour.

Qantas is naming its seven Boeing 707's after Australian capital cities—"City of Canberra" — Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, Adelaide and Hobart.

The biggest difficulty in the tension of the Lae-Honiara serv to New Caledonia will, of cou be the old one of aircraft airstrips. The present Qan service is with DC3's—and noth larger would be possible on intermediate stops on the ro Rabaul and Buka.

Last year Henderson airfi Honiara, was brought up to I standard and put into service. few months later New Year sto almost destroyed the bridge o the Lunga River between Honi and Henderson Field, and t weekly Qantas service is now us Kukum airfield.

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Second Coffee Conference

This Time Some Results

THERE were few qualificati about the success of second conference between p ties interested in New Gui coffee — held in Sydney in m April. It was well attended Australian coffee process who, between them, guarant producers that they would take all New Guinea coffee the 1959 period; and (b) p a minimum of 4/- per pou for a f.a.q. product.

THE second conference was logical development of t Goroka coffee conference, h January 20-22, which was only qualified success in that only t of the five merchants invited tended.

That conference, however, allow growers to air their side of problem, and showed conclusiv that if there were not more operation from the purchasing e in Australia, the New Guinea dustry could come to an unha finish.

It was shown—and it came a shock to a good many people and out of the industry—that the 400 tons of coffee produced P-NG in 1958, 50 tons were s abroad, and 160 tons remained sold at the end of the year. A tralia took the rest.

At that stage growers were ing offered 3/8 and 3/9, c.i.f. S ney for their dried coffee bean

Help Was Vital

This year (1959), production coffee in Papua-New Guinea is pected to be around 900 tons, ris

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Boom Continues

opra Highest Since 1951

ere is still no sign of a break ie long period of boom copra s—and during April the London et touched a high of over 99 c.i.f.

IS is not the record price for London — that having been ecorded in early 1951 when the ge over a three months period £Stg.108. However, it is the st price that British South ic territories have been con- d with, as in 1951 they were by the MOF Copra Agreement n was operating on £Stg.53/15/- Island ports.

e average London c.i.f. price g April was £97/10/- per ton, this is the price upon which ents to Papua-New Guinea icers will ultimately be based. e meantime, it has been calcu- that for that month, the sed values upon which export are to be calculated are 10/- for Hot air; £107 for and £106 for Smoke.

s means that planters are at nt paying something between nd £15 per ton export duty h contains £1 for Copra Stab- on Fund).

Fiji, on May 4, the price for was declared for that week 87 per ton for first grade, and 7/6 and £F84/12/6 for the two grades—which is probably a ecord, or so close to it that esn't matter.

rt supplies plus assorted dis- to alternate oils are the is for the immediate position. ires issued recently show that ts for 1958 in the Philippines down to 780,000 tons in com- n with 1,100,000 tons in 1957; Indonesian copra exports fell 320,000 tons in 1957 to 150,000 ast year.

Papua-New Guinea Copra announced at beginning of hat undistributed funds in the Trading account at end of amounted to £A794,197. Dur- ebruary, a distribution of £3 n was made and the balance unting to £520,031 in all—will id out during May.

s means that the final price by the Board during 1958 will 2/6 for Hot air; £62/11/1 for and £61/12/4 for Smoke. Over eriod, Fiji planters probably little better—mostly because is no export duty on copra.

ing April, the copra crushing in Rabaul, which was shut in February, began operating on a part-time basis. W. R. nter and Co. in Sydney could n early May, state when the would be operating again to apacity.

HOME BASE

By Sydneysider

Sydney is the hub of the South Pacific, and its news is your news. Here are some of the things that made April-May headlines.

Sinful Sydney is repenting in a big way for Dr. Billy Graham, now in his Last Big Week at the Showground. Over 75,000 attended the rally on the first Sunday in May, bringing the total attendances to that date to 670,000. They're hoping to do better than the Royal Easter Show and top the million before the Crusade ends, May 10.

About 50,000 have come out in the open at meetings and made Decisions for Christ; 100 prisoners in the State's gaols have not come out in the open, but have also made Decisions—by remote control, as they heard the Dr. on radio.

Cost of the Sydney campaign, £77,000, was met from collections after 19 of the 26 meetings.

STOP PRESS: Final attendance figure was 983,000.

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VIA STINKO: Mascot international air terminal is a disgrace, according to Sydney Lord Mayor and his Councillors. They are annoyed, too, that the Department of Civil Aviation is spending £500,000 on an international terminal for Melbourne (which has only five international flights per week), while facilities at Mascot (60-70 international flights a week) remain "like a country airport".

Aromas along the route into the city (boiling down works, hides and skin curers, fertiliser factories) don't create a good impression on overseas visitors either, they think. A new, glamour route is suggested. However, Sydney airport and the route thereto and from has got something few overseas airports have got—a short 3½ miles separating it from the heart of the city. For busy people, that's worth any amount of stinks by the wayside.

LONELY HEARTS: US Heavy Cruiser *Bremerton*, in Sydney for Coral Sea Week, which coincides with University Commemoration Week, was lit up like Times Square during her stay, and Water Police patrolled a few yards off in their launch, with search-lights full on. All to keep off Uni. pranksters who in recent other Coral Sea Week visits have penetrated US defences to the extent of setting off the gas-warfare alarm on the bridge and running up odd flags to the masthead. This year's precautions have been so effective, reported one newspaper columnist, they've even kept the Sydney girls away. Result: Lonely US sailors. (If you can believe columnists, and most people can't.)

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OPERATION DRAIN-PIPE: Police have got the Kingsgrove Slasher—or they have charged a 29-year-old clerk with the Slasher's crimes, which may or may not be the same thing. The Slasher has been terrorising the Kingsgrove-Lakemba suburbs since 1956, breaking into bedrooms, slashing bedclothes, and sometimes their female occupants, then disappearing like a well-greased ghost. Probably the psychiatrists have got a different name for it than the Police, who have trailed suspected Slashers over more back fences, through more storm-water channels, and more suburban swamps than they'd care to point a pistol at. For weeks before the night of May 1 they had been hiding in the suspect district, equipped with walkie talkies and other aids. Even so, the alleged Slasher, David Joseph Scanlon, led 100 of them on a merry chase through a couple of miles of ditches before they nailed him.

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DOESN'T KNOW IT'S LOADED: Stanley Yankus, disgruntled US farmer who wasn't allowed to grow as much wheat as he wanted, and who was brought to Australia by a Chicago newspaper to see if we do better here, has made a Decision. But not for Christ—for NSW. And may the Lord help him. Back in the US in early May, he said he'd be leaving again for Australia in a couple of weeks. His wife Mildred, when asked, said: "What is there to be happy about?"

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ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES: Into Sydney, General L. S. Kuter, C-in-C, US Pacific Air Force, as official Coral Sea Week guest. Out of Sydney, the Rt. Hon. R. G. Menzies, Dame Patty and party, on *Orcades* for the US and points east of there.

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ANCIENT HISTORY DEPT: Before he departed Stateswards, Prime Minister Menzies had the satisfaction of knowing that all increases in salaries and allowances for Federal politicians had passed all stages in House of Reps. and Senate.

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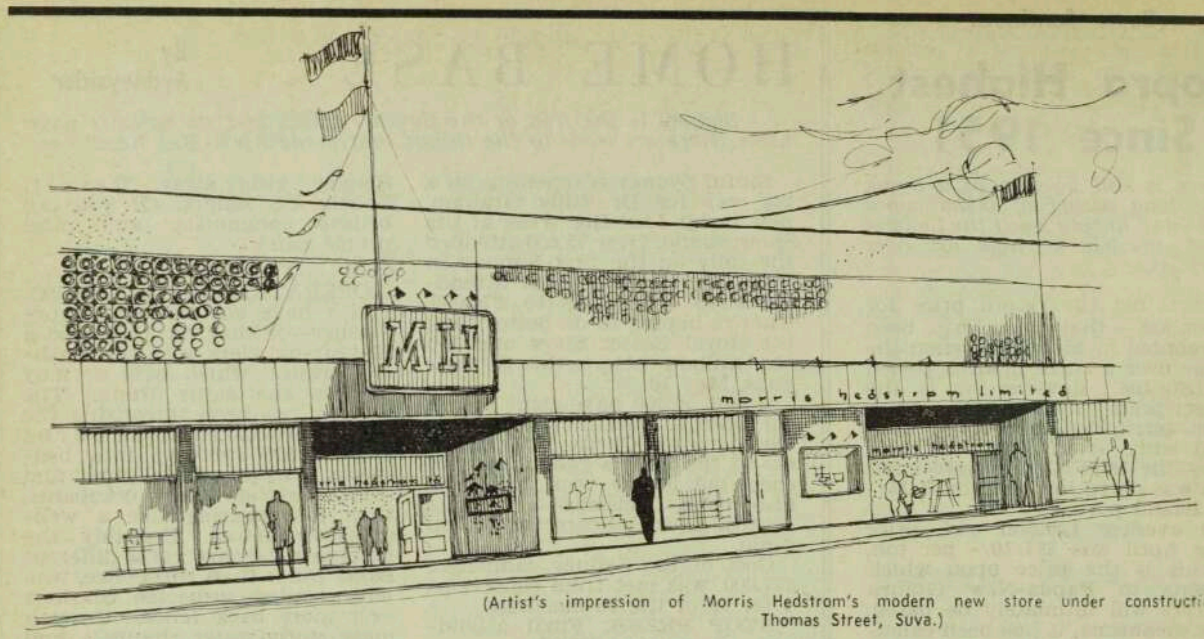

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COMMENTARY

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l Then What?

enthusiasm, vision and ractical thinking displayed by ne native peoples' representa- at the Fourth South Pacific erence, in Rabaul, present a augury for the future.
reasingly, the future of the Pacific Territories will be d by the indigenous races selves. Their continuing, grow- nterest in these Conferences that they recognise that can be done by concerted and that, accordingly, there be available to them some ure through which they can ought together for action, in form of union.
erience suggests that the ure and machinery of the Pacific Commission will not suitable for the ultimate ses of the individual South c Territories—simply because soon will insist on moving theory and consultation to cal application. But, at least, PC has shown the way.
biggest problem the SPC ad to face is the lack of co- tion among the very Govern- which set it up. No or- ation can work well if the who command it don't really if it works at all. Every er Government has laid itself to the criticism that, from to time, for reasons that n to suit it at the time, it not been ready to help the ission do its job.
re have been petty jealousies bureaucratic bumblings; and s rabbits have been set run- These things have not been s the fault of the Commission, hey have affected the work Commission, and gained for reputation for contrariness, do-nothing-ness, that might be laid at the doors of the er Governments.
e of this is to say that the itself isn't due for some share ame. The Commission has imes been unfortunate in the of people it has had to direct tivities—which is largely its fault—and has not always en the problems which, by ery nature of its work, were re for it. People who clean ther people's houses should their own house in order.
erving the excellent organisa- work done by the Com- n, and the happy relations between Commission officials and Conference, one cannot but hope that the Commission yet may finally work its way onto the true course, and somehow provide a means by which Conference decisions, and beliefs, can be given practical shape.

But the history of the Commission, and especially the definite, consistent failure of the six member Governments to give general administrative effect to the Commission's findings and recommendations, is not encouraging.

Unless there is real reform within the Commission—in spirit as well as in machinery—the interest and enthusiasm which have been aroused among the indigenous peoples by the Conferences eventually will beat themselves to death against Ministerial inertia and non-co-operation, in six capital cities.

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Something Wrong In The State of Fiji

NO less than £1,250,000 Fijian is shown as cash on hand, and investments in Government loans and similar things, in the annual balance-sheet of Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd., a consistent money-maker. (*See Pacific Commerce and Produce, in this issue*).

This is not peculiar to the BP Company. An examination of the published balance-sheets of the other big corporations in Fiji will, in almost every case, show similarly large amounts on hand, either as cash lying idle in the banks, or virtually liquid in gilt-edged investments.

From Fiji's national viewpoint, this is not a healthy condition. These funds, generally accumulated in sound and regular trading, should be fully employed in the industrial activities of a growing and developing country. The fact that they are not indicates something seriously wrong in the State of Fiji.

Here is a country with a large, virile population, eager to work and produce, and rich corporations with a lot of money for investment, equally eager to work and produce. Why are these two important factors being kept apart, while in Fiji itself there is an increasing cry of unemployment and poverty?

We all know the answer. The available workers, and the available capital, have not been geared to the Colony's resources, owing to unavailability of land. It is a situation that could strangle the country, economically—and it will do so unless it is taken in hand very soon by competent people.

The small traders and the industrial masses, who feel that their available labour and enterprise are not being sufficiently used, have been somewhat vociferous lately on the subject, when addressing the Government of Fiji.

But little or nothing has been said by the big corporations who, with all these idle funds, are as deeply concerned as the workers and the traders. What are they doing to bring pressure to bear on the Government? They stand to lose just as much as trade and industry if the constitutional deadlock in Fiji is not broken reasonably soon.

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P-NG Caught Up In Tax-Man's Revenge

EVERY picture tells a story. The same may be true of typography. Take a careful look at the Papua and New Guinea Taxation Bill's 182 pages (360 sections). Much may be learned from the huge document's bulk and character.

This Bill was printed in sections during 1958. It was drafted many months before that. Yet was it not the smooth-spoken Mr. Hasluck who assured Press, and Parliament, and infuriated Territorians, in March, that it was not his intention to ram the Bill down the throat of the official-dominated Legislative Council? That all they said would be carefully considered before the final step was taken?

That Bill was drafted with meticulous purpose; and it now is clear, on the face of it, that it is directed primarily against the big Australian corporations which trade in Papua and New Guinea.

Certain Australian organisations, guided by clever and experienced experts in finance, law and taxation, used company registrations in tax-free New Guinea to avoid a great deal of taxation which, otherwise, they would have had to pay to the Australian Government.

A certain amount of that kind of thing may be reasonable enough, and legitimate. But it was carried, in New Guinea, to a point where it was nothing more or less than a vicious twisting of the tail of the Australian tax collector. This is his kick-back. He can claim he was driven to it.

There is blundering purposefulness all through the Bill. Some may escape and some may be cruelly hurt: but the draftsman, in defining private companies, and taxing insurance revenues and interest payments and the earnings of overseas ships, has made a great effort to get the Australian corporations, in

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all their shapes and forms, into his widespread net.

The pity of it is that, in making this mighty swipe at what he regarded as his natural enemies, the Minister (or Treasurer, or Tax Collector, or whoever directed this campaign) should have hurt so very many people who should have been protected, and should have laid the foundations of so much trouble.

THIS Bill may represent the vengeance of outraged bureaucracy. But—because of the harm it is going to do New Guinea, giving the country its worst blow since the Jap invasion—it is sheer, blundering stupidity.

It is unjust, because of the way it punishes the small men who have pioneered this country, and hundreds of public servants on fixed salaries. It is silly, because this complex Australian system (with its provisional tax, its double grab and its undistributed profits tax) is completely unsuitable for application in a country like New Guinea. It is uneconomical, because the cost of collection manifestly will far outweigh any advantage from increased revenue.

Why could they not have taken the tax system of Ceylon, or Fiji or Malaya?

The rates now planned are low. But does anyone imagine they will remain low, once the planners realise the cost of collection, and calculate that the high-duty goods are gone from the storekeepers' shelves?

In theory, the P-NG resident is to gain more from the abolition of export and import duties than he will lose in income tax. Do the Port Moresby Innocents really believe that?

Do they imagine they can operate that system—policing Chinese taxpayers, and the collection of provisional tax by employers, and checking the financial complexities of the big trading companies—without employing scores, if not hundreds, of taxation officials?

Maybe, they did hate to see the big Australian corporations getting away, untaxed, with a luscious proportion of Australia's gift to P-NG of £14 millions per annum. Maybe, something had to be done about it.

But this was not the thing to do. This is going to do incalculable harm to private enterprise, and add endless trouble, confusion and cost to the job of administration.

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London Suggests "United States of Melanesia"

FOR once, a London "study group" has produced something worthy of study, and of future attention.

The Commonwealth Council of the British Conservative Pary suggests the establishment, as a political and administrative unit of the British Commonwealth, of "the United States of Melanesia", comprising—

Former German New Guinea and Bismarck Archipelago, now administered by Australia as a Trusteeship under the United Nations.

The old Australian Territory of Papua, now administered by Australia jointly with New Guinea.

Western New Guinea, now governed by The Netherlands as a Territory.

The British Solomon Islands, now administered as a Protectorate by the British Colonial Office.

The New Hebrides, now administered jointly by Britain and France as a Condominium.

This, of course, is merely a suggestion, made by a group of interested people, and as yet it has no official significance.

It is a similar plan to that submitted to the Political Science School at Canberra early in 1958 by Mr. J. R. Kerr, a Sydney Barrister, and former Director of the School of Pacific Administration.

In our opinion, it is a perfectly feasible plan and, if it were put into operation, it would not only remove a mess of administrative untidiness from the South Pacific, but wou also give some national shape a purpose to the 2¼ million Melanesi people who now inhabit th archipelagoes in the Southw Pacific.

These Territories and archipe goes of Melanesia lie closely arou Northeastern Australia like a scre It will be remembered that, 1942-45, it was a screen that enemies, the Japanese, could penetrate.

Australia is deeply concerned w the condition and future of islands groups that make up screen.

Of the Territories named, only one now administered w strength and purpose is Papua a New Guinea; and that is only cause Australia—out of the go ness of its heart, and with one on overcrowded Asia—digs into Exchequer each year for a gift about £14 millions Australian. S that torrent of easy money and Territory would have a conditi and a future just as uncertain those of the others.

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Something really worth wh could be made of a United States Melanesia. Papua and New Guin could supply an administrative a economic backbone. If the n country were properly constitut and made a safe place for inve ment, its economic advanceme could be rapid and sound.

An economic survey of th Territories, today, would show i pressive possibilities — possibilit that are negligible under the p sent patchwork of administrat systems.

The 2¼ million Melanesian peo concerned are of the same ra although embracing many typ Most of the visionary commentat of the present day insist that it our responsibility to "raise th standard of living". Probably it i but it necessarily is a long, sl job. Fundamentally, they are a ve good class of human being and, o higher living standards were esta lished, they probably would ma rapid social progress.

Under present conditions, th advancement must be painfu slow. Under the proposed set-up— United States of Melanesia — th should have a definite place in t world, as one people.

The Gilbert and Ellice Islan Colony—a poor British Territo out on the end of a limb, admi istratively and economically should be brought into such Union. The people are not M anesians. But, unless they are a tached to Fiji, they have nowhe to go.

The Dutch probably would appro the plan. But there could be d ficulty over the French, and th present rights in New Hebrides. Frenchman never gives up a squa yard of territory without a fight.

New Job For Sir Ronald

Sir Ronald Garvey, KCMG, Governor of Fiji until 1958, when he retired from the British Colonial Service, has been appointed Governor of the Isle of Man—a post which carries a salary of £5,000 per annum.

The Isle of Man's population is 55,000, and it has an independent government—it is not necessarily bound by the laws of the British Parliament.

It has an area of 227 square miles and is in the Irish Sea north of Liverpool.

Manxmen now speak English—in 1951 only 355 persons spoke the Manx dialect of Celtic, and they were all biligual.

Sir Ronald was only 55 when he retired. Normally, he would have moved to a higher Governorship—but the British Empire has shrunk considerably since World War II. He jokingly told his South Pacific friends when he left Fiji that, in view of the modesty of his pension, he might take up professional lawn-mowing. It seems he's done better than that.

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The Editors' Mailbag

Pre-Dates erdahl

cause the *Kon Tiki* drift of Heyerdahl and his boys across Pacific from South America to ti captured the public imag- on, millions now believe the rdahl theory that Polynesians nated in South America.

e Heyerdahl best seller *Aku* –explaining the mysteries of er Island—has got, likewise, the treatment: The Master has it, it must be right.

don't think Capt. Brett Hilder disciple of Heyerdahl or be- s all his theories, but in March he said, in referring to the *o-rongo* boards of Easter Island "thanks to the clues found hor Heyerdahl . . . the mean- of these pictograms may be d."

w Mr. R. P. Gilson, an Ameri- with a research Fellowship at School of Pacific Studies, Aus- n National University, cuts Mr. rdahl down to size and brings ain Hilder up to date on the ct. Says Mr. Gilson:

would be more fitting, I think, he recognition were given nas Barthel, cryptographer and ier of anthropology in the Uni- y of Hamburg, who deciphered symbols without relying upon aiting for *Aku Aku*.

arthel's results, which are be- ublished by his University, are narised in *Scientific American* une, 1958. They show that the ng boards' contain true writ- mainly in mnemonic form but some rudimentary phonetic nts. The subject matter is arily of a religious nature, con- g, for example, of eulogies to ods."

e Entries in Oil Stakes

. J. Nixonwestwood, whose ories about old Papua go too far to be comfortable, has things to say about the dis- y of oil in Papua before the World War—a subject upon the oil experts were wrangling 'PIM's" of December and uary.

s he:

e real discoverers of oil in the were Garent Wolsely Thomas Lewis Lett—with Thomas as ctual person to locate it.

omas was originally a coal r in Wales and toured Aus- with a Welsh Choir before going to Papua in early 1910 for some company.

Lett had gone to Papua as Chief Engineer of the SS *Bentinck*, the vessel which the British New Guinea Development Co. took to Papua from the UK full of all sorts of merchandise—some valuable, but a lot more of it worthless. Lett and his wife went down to Vilirupu, one of the estates taken over by the company.

After Lett and Thomas found the oil, they took several bottles of it back with them to Moresby and sent it to the Department of Mines in Sydney. The reports were good —but nothing of a tangible nature resulted. The discovery appeared to have been shelved.

As far as I know, Lett is still alive —he later became well known for books he wrote about the Territory; but Thomas died in Sydney following two attacks of blackwater fever. After the first attack he was sent to Sydney and told not to come back to the tropics, but he went only as far as Cairns and was back in Papua within three months, looking fit and well. But he was soon down with blackwater again, recovered again, and was sent to Sydney again. This time he stayed there permanently. One day he collapsed and died in Lower George Street.

Papuan Roses By Other Names

In these days when everyone is falling over backwards to find polite substitutes for what was once the respectable word "native", a couple of paragraphs out of a letter from J. Nixonwestwood, about pre-1914 Papua, are enough to make a missionary laugh (we hope).

This man Darling (writes JN), got a job supervising labour on the Port Moresby wharf, but his vocabulary was more suited to Buckingham Palace. One of his favourite expressions was: "Do please do your work in a proper manner, you silly goat." And the boys resented it.

They didn't mind being yelled at, or being called bastards or even sons-of-a-bitch. They didn't know what they were; but if they came from the Eastern Division they knew what a goat was, and they disliked being compared to this animal to such effect that Darling lasted a very short time before he was packed off back to Sydney.

The claims made by McGowan and Swanson to having found the Opa gas shows (G. A. V. Stanley, p. 59, February *PIM*) were never checked and substantiated.

Do You Know the Hagen Monument?

"Can any of your readers tell me whether the Hagen monument still stands at Bogadjim, on the north coast of New Guinea, near Madang?" writes a retired Territorian, now living in Queensland. "I have not heard it mentioned, for years.

"Count von Hagen, I think, was manager of the New Guinea Company, in either the late 'Eighties or early 'Nineties. He was well-known—Mount Hagen was named after him.

"He had occasion to punish severely a Buka police boy, and the boy shot and killed him.

"His family prepared the monument, which showed a bronze bust on a marble pedestal, and sent it out to New Guinea, and it was erected at the place where he was buried, at Bogadjim.

"That must have been fairly early in the German period, before the German Government took over from the New Guinea Company. The Company's headquarters had been at Finschhaven, but they later were moved to Bogadjim, and later, when the Germans were driven out of there by the fevers, they transferred their capital to Kokopo.

"Incidentally, that was how Madang got its name. Madang was the name of the little island at Finschhaven, and Madang came to mean NG Co. headquarters. When they moved round to the north coast they took the name with them; and gradually the port which they used, near Bogadjim (or Stephansort), which then was unnamed and uninhabited, came to be known as Madang.

Those Mystic Isles Of the South Seas

Elsewhere in this issue we tell you how you don't have to go to Tahiti —you can have all the Polynesian fun you want in the Mediterranean. Now it seems you can have all the Polynesian food you can eat—right in Philadelphia, USA.

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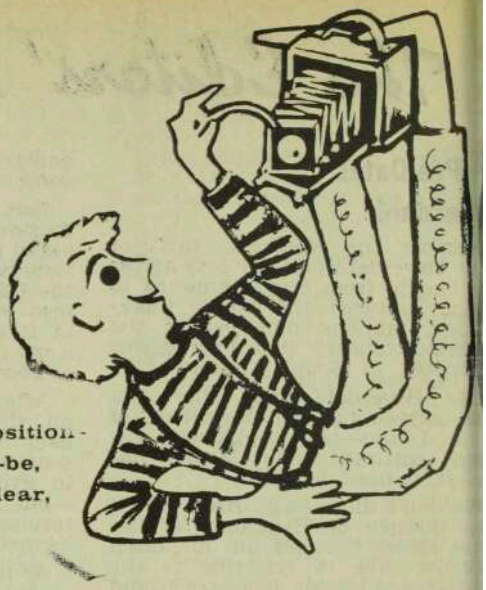

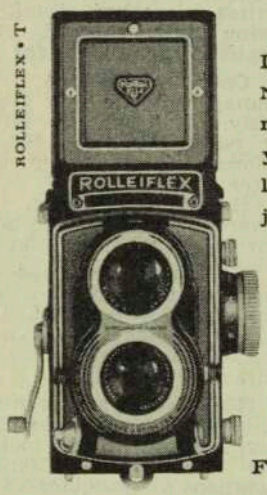

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URE OF BRITAIN'S CIFIC COLONIES

om a Special Correspondent

LONDON, May 1.

rough the initiative of a pri- ember, Mr. N. Pannell, the of Commons, in April, was he opportunity—all too rare cussing the future of Britain's Colonial Territories.

E are 33 British Colonies, m Pitcairn, with a few ndreds, to Sierra Leone, 2½ classified as small.

Pannell's motion (treated as party issue, although more than Tory speakers took the dealt with the large number ered Territories which can- e, even in the long run, to sovereignty. Such territories ng from the Falkland Islands gkong—are either too small or population, or too poor nal resources, or for a com- n of all these reasons, to y prospect of a truly inde- existence.

e whole of the British Com- lth of 650 million people n 30 million now await self- nent; and, of these, 10 are found in the small, d Colonial Territories.

se of their geographical and immediate interest in th Pacific area, Australia w Zealand could play a ole in determining the ulti- atus of the Pacific Islands em.

was suggested by a number and, indeed, this is out- a pamphlet put out by the Party in the UK, called 's Colonial Policy".

the prospect of an election UK in the next 12 months position's views have more than usual.

lea of federation, along the ndies pattern, wherever nically possible, seems to nd favour with the Com- Brunei, North Borneo and ; British Somaliland and Somaliland; and the de- of Guiana joining the dies—all were mentioned in

r. N. Pannell said "No such nent can be foreseen" in the the Solomon Islands. tly, Mr. Kerr's plan of a an Federation with P-NG reached his ears.

annell thought it necessary e be a pronouncement from ernment, in order to curb iable hopes and ambitions smaller territories.

However, he and following speakers, did refer to the possibility of other Colonies coming under the aegis of, or combining with, certain members of the Commonwealth, such as Australia and New Zealand. Neither of the latter two countries in the past, however, has shown much enthusiasm about taking the colonial load off John Bull's shoulders.

One Voice for Cinderella

One other voice, that of Mr. J. Dugdale, was raised on behalf of the Cinderella of the Pacific—the Solomons. He spoke of the lack of economic development, the lack of geographical surveys, and the very rudimentary education system in these islands. He called them "remote". Remote from London, perhaps, but not so remote from Moresby or Canberra.

Another hint of the Labour Party's attitude was given by Mr. John Callaghan, who said that since some members of the Commonwealth were physically closer to these small Territories than Britain, they might want to help in their development and be associated with any change in status.

He also called for the pooling of the resources of wealthier Com-

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

There were a few raised eye-brows in the middle of last onth, amongst listeners to the ABC 9 p.m. news broadcast nen they heard Chiping H. C. Kiang, leader of the recent N Mission to the Trustee Territory, referred to as "The Com-unist Chinese Member" of the Mission, in prefacing some Mr. Kiang's laudatory remarks on our Administration.

PPILY, a correction was made he following morning and the onour of UNO was upheld. theless, it was an unfortunate for which some careless sub- was responsible.

sonally, I think it is a great hat a Trusteeship Mission does onsist of some of the Opposi- and carry out their duties on party lines. Would that be so sible? Or have ideologies ed such a stage that factual vations are beyond political ption.

n—Revised

m *The Rabaul Times* of some ago—February 6 to be exact— earns that the First Lady in and has entered the lists of eager to revise and/or abridge uch maligned Pidgin-English. dressing an At Home of the Britain Women's Club at l, Mrs. Cleland is reported to appealed "for a general re- ion of the assistance which be given to help raise the rds of native women and their n the community. They were n, and should not be referred 'meris.'"

t seems fair enough if you nversing in English, but cer- would not apply if using . A *kaukau* does not become eet potato" in Pidgin, how- much you may think it im- its flavour.

for the social uplift to the women themselves, I don't e they could care less—unless, rse, they are taught to be py about it in the first place. his fiddling about with Pidgin ainly putting the skids under anguage—and that is what of the tall poppies desire. But never die out altogether.

Attempted Massacre

Editors' Mailbag (November, . 27) Old War Horse, Sydney ance, throws a query into the ing over "an abortive native murder all the Australians dang, NG, in 1916."

n Capt. Carl Haug, in Germany, comes a letter suggesting that Sydney Chance's story had the wrong date by about four years and he must be referring to the attempt to massacre all whites in Madang, planned by the natives in 1912. Captain Haug was Master of the Neu Guinea Kompagnie's *Siar* as far back as 1908.

This is his story:

In 1912 the natives of the small island of Billy-Billy, at the entrance to Madang Harbour, and some dissatisfied natives around Madang had for many months held full-moon palavers in which they discussed the plan to murder all whites.

The natives of Billy-Billy Island were the instigators. The old men did not want to hear about it, remembering some former plan which failed, and that the leaders were all shot.

But some of the young bucks called them cowards when the old men said they "savvy plenty long big fellow steamer he come that time," and they were over-ruled.

These young bucks had already divided the few white women amongst themselves. That all came out in the Inquiry that was held later.

The massacre was to come off on a Sunday morning (as in Mr. Chance's story), when the men lay sleepy in their beds from much beer of the evening before.

But the house-boy of the Doctor of the Hospital (Dr. Hoffman) gave the show away. He came to his master and told him he must hide himself so the Billy-Billy men could not kill him and rape Sister Martha in the Hospital. That gave the Doctor the chance to give the alarm—just in time. When he came over with his boat from the Hospital island the canoes of the Billy-Billy natives came sailing into the Harbour. (Over to p. 34)

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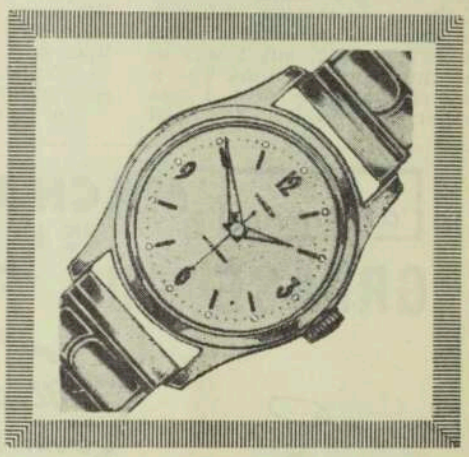

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So the massacre failed. The ring-leaders were shot.

This story was told to Captain Haug by Dr. Scholz, the RM of Madang, in the Hotel Australia, Sydney, in 1913. Scholz was the Birzirksamtmann of New Guinea at that time and as the judge of the Inquiry gave the sentences.

When WAS That Date?

I have an open mind on the date of the above matter, although I do seem to recall some trouble up that way in 1912, but I was in Buka at the time and that was a long way off in those days. I was still further away in 1916, for Faisi in the BSI was my headquarters in that year.

It would seem, however, that we are inclined to be a bit slap-happy when historical dates are concerned. There was another instance the other day when I read of some public figure quoting the Nakanai massacre and dating it 1930. Here seems to be another error of four years—or thereabouts.

I place the tragedy about 1926. I was one of the pall-bearers at the mass funeral in Rabaul—had it been 1930 I was living in Buka at that date. Anyhow, Jack Thurston or Ernie Britten can clear that matter up.

The point is: What steps (if any) are being taken to keep the record straight?

It would seem that the Depart ment of Territories has an amp supply of war historians (Dudl McCarthy is the latest to take bow in publishing circles) and t Minister himself is a keen historia So what are we waiting for?

He Believed In Big Families

"The nearest I could get t a 'Kai Viti' to help me with m 80th birthday party was grandson of that famous G. L Griffiths who, when I lande in Fiji in 1902, was the pro prietor and editor of 'The Fij Times,'" writes Mr. Christophe Wager, from Tugun, Queens land.

Then he reminisces: "Griffith was an impressive, greybearde figure—it was not with an disrespect that we called hi 'Old GL'. He had founded 'Th Fiji Times' in 1869, and mad his mark on the Colony' history; yet he was only 6 when he died.

"One of his daughters wa called Ciwa which—being Fijia for Nine—indicates that he ha at least nine children. Early i his married life he adopte three nieces and, later on, thre more. They were a jolly family and helped to make Suva th pleasant place it was when first knew it.

"It is remarkable how tha family has scattered—there ar members of it now in England Barbados, California, Australia and New Zealand. The onl member of it who stayed in Fiji as far as I know, is Ella, one o the second lot of nieces, wh now is Mrs. Charles Stinson."

Book Wanted

I don't know why they pick me to try and locate out-of-pri books. But I have received anothe SOS. This time it is for a co of Collingridge's *The First Discove of Australia and New Guinea.* was published about 1906. A offers?

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At the Show

"New Guinea Goes to Town (*PIM*, April, p. 53) seems to give fair account of the P-NG exhi at the Sydney Royal Show.

I can only judge from hearsay. was unable to attend and was sor to miss Isimel Tawalaka, who neve theless sent me his greetings throu a third party and identified hi

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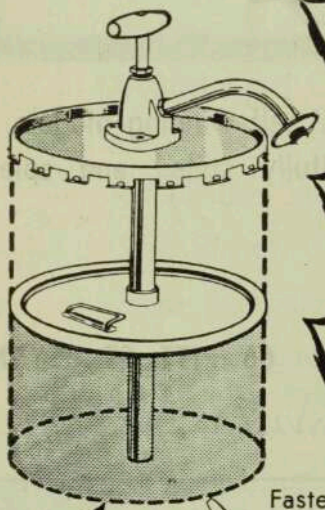

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Isimel, as I remember him 20 years ago, was the most intelligent and, at the same time, best-mannered lad it was my pleasure to meet.

As for the Show: My spies bear out what the *PIM* staff writer reported: The need for some greater co-operation from European planters. There was little imagination exercised in the general lay-out. And from the pamphlets (100,000 distributed?) you would not know there were such individuals in P-NG as private planters, or anyone other than natives and government officials.

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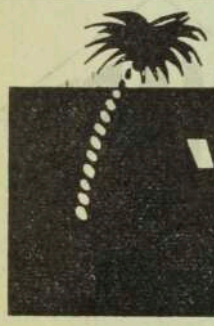

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Smothered!

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• *A threatened revolt by Libe members against the methods f lowed by Territories Minis Hasluck, in introducing income tax tion to Papua and New Guin without public discussion in Au tralia or New Guinea was apparen quashed on May 7 by Acting Prim Minister McEwan. Mr. McEwan a other Ministers rallied to the aid the much-criticised Mr. Hasluck.*

TROUBLE had been simmeri for weeks.

Members who knew somethi of what had been going on we as resentful of Mr. Hasluc methods—in ramming the Taxati Bills down the throat of the offici dominated Legislative Council, b fore submitting the new measur and policy to the Commonweal Parliament—as were the people Papua and New Guinea. But th were given no chance to debate t matter in Parliament.

On May 6, at a meeting of Liber and Country members, a small gro —notably, Sir Wilfrid Kent Hughe Messrs. R. C. Wheeler, L. H. Bury, W. C. Wentworth, and Pr fessor F. A. Bland—very strong criticised, not the tax, but t method of its introduction by t Minister; and threatened that, the Government would not gi them a chance of discussing t matter on the floor of the Hous they would stage a revolt.

Mr. Hasluck fought back; an according to some reports, the di cussion was very bitter. He insiste that both Papua-New Guinea Legi lative Council and Parliamentaria had had plenty of opportunities debating the Taxation Bills.

No Special Debate

The Acting Prime Minister an other Ministers met the rebels a group on May 7 and made a de tailed defence of the course followe by the Territories Minister.

These were private meeting There are no official reports of wh occurred.

According to some reports, th Government will not provide oppor tunity for a special debate.

The Acting Prime Minister after wards denied that there had bee any revolt and suggested that a now is calm.

In other words, all criticism o Mr. Hasluck and of bureaucracy high-handed methods in Papua an New Guinea has been effectivel smothered.

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...y the three Western Samoan High Chiefs, Tamasese, Malietoa and Mata'afa, visited the States to tell the United Nations Thrusteeship Council something about the Samoan matai UNO, however, still insists that the Territory will not be given self-government until there is a referendum based on universal, adult suffrage—see below.

After the Party, Second Thoughts

SAMOA PREPARES UNEASILY FOR 1960

From Our Correspondents in Western Samoa.

The talking and the magnificent feasting are over; the ecial Mission from UN Trusteeship Council (which came here discuss the plan for giving Western Samoa complete self-vernment) departed on April 16; and now all classes are ntemplating — a little grimly and uncomfortably — the socio-itical picture that has emerged.

'-GOVERNMENT, it appears, just around the corner. But the talk—and especially the rank discussions which have place between the chief men UN Mission, and the Samoan s—have induced the more in-nt members of each com-y here to ask themselves:

ow much better off are we go-g to be as an independent ttle nation of 100,000 people?

it possible that this political eedom which we now are romised is surrounded by conomic traps?

the last few years, Western has been hurried towards vernment in a remarkable

Samoans, a proud section of lynesian race, envious perhaps ependent Tonga (their next-neighbour), always had been for self-government. But, in 890, their internecine wars them into the arms of Ger-olonialism.

r World War I, and the Mau on, self-government seemed way off. . .

denly, after World War II, ealand began actively to pro-the idea of self-government. The UNO people, and anti-colonialists, and visionaries generally, applauded warmly. They planned that Western Samoa would appear before the gratified Western world as the first Trust Territory in the Pacific Islands to achieve self-government. What a feather in the cap of UN Trusteeship!

Self-Government in a Hurry

With NZ's cordial co-operation, the Samoans since 1953 have taken more and more self-government.

In 1957, elections were held for a greatly enlarged Legislative Assembly; the Executive Council was also reconstituted and enlarged; the old Fono of Faipule (Samoan Parliament) was abolished; a Council of Ministers—each responsible for some aspect of Government—was established; a Speaker was appointed to preside over the Legislative Assembly and the functions of the High Commissioner were redefined. This was a trial or temporary set-up. Self-government, said NZ comfortingly, might be expected in 1960.

The first signs of political discomfort appeared in 1958. The Samoans found the paraphernalia of self-government very pleasant to the taste—but it all cost a lot of money. Where were funds to come from?

The New Zealanders were bland and friendly. Samoa had rich resources, the Samoans must promote industry—increased industry would provide funds.

Some Samoans began to look rather wildly into the future. European and Part-European property-owners began to liquidate certain assets, and funds began to trickle quietly away to Fiji, New Zealand and Australia.

But the march towards self-government went on.

UN Trusteeship Council appointed a Mission to go to Samoa and give the plan its final shape—Mr. Arthur Lall, an able Indian statesman; Sir Andrew Cohen, a wise Englishman, who got his experience in the Colonial Office; Mr. Loutfi, of the very new United Arab Republic; and M. Kosciusko Morizet, an experienced French official, whose term in Trusteeship Council did not destroy his natural commonsense.

Problems for the Samoans

The Mission has just completed three weeks in Samoa, and departed. It did its job well and conscientiously. It brought the Samoans right down to hard earth.

It left behind a clear-cut procedure and plan for the establishment of self-government. But it has left also, with the Samoans, a new appreciation of the fact that self-government cannot function unless it is solvent, and solvency means an income to meet expenditure, and an income has to be earned.

Here are the matters which the Mission has left with the Samoans, to be dealt with in a practical way before the final move towards self-government is taken:

ALL SAMOANS MUST VOTE FOR IT

It it provided in the UN Charter that, before self-government is granted, the wishes of the people must be ascertained, "by plebiscite".

The Mission said this meant a referendum, of individual Samoans. The Samoans argued strongly for a vote by the Matais (heads of family groups) in accordance with Samoan custom and tradition.

The Mission insisted on a referendum in which all persons over 21 would vote; and this was finally agreed to; and the Apia government must now arrange to take the referendum accordingly.

A NEW CONSTITUTION

The Samoans must draft (for submission to the people so as to ascertain their wish by popular vote) a Constitution under which the new Samoa will be governed, either as an independent State, or in association by Treaty with some other State.

RELATIONS WITH NEW ZEALAND

The Samoans, at this stage, must define what they wish to be the future relationship between New Zealand and the new State.

HEADS OF NEW STATE

The Samoans must decide on who is to be the head of the new State, and how he is to be selected and maintained. Something of this, presumably, is to be written into the Constitution.

THE ECONOMIC PROBLEM

The numerous problems associated with the financing of the new State were dis-

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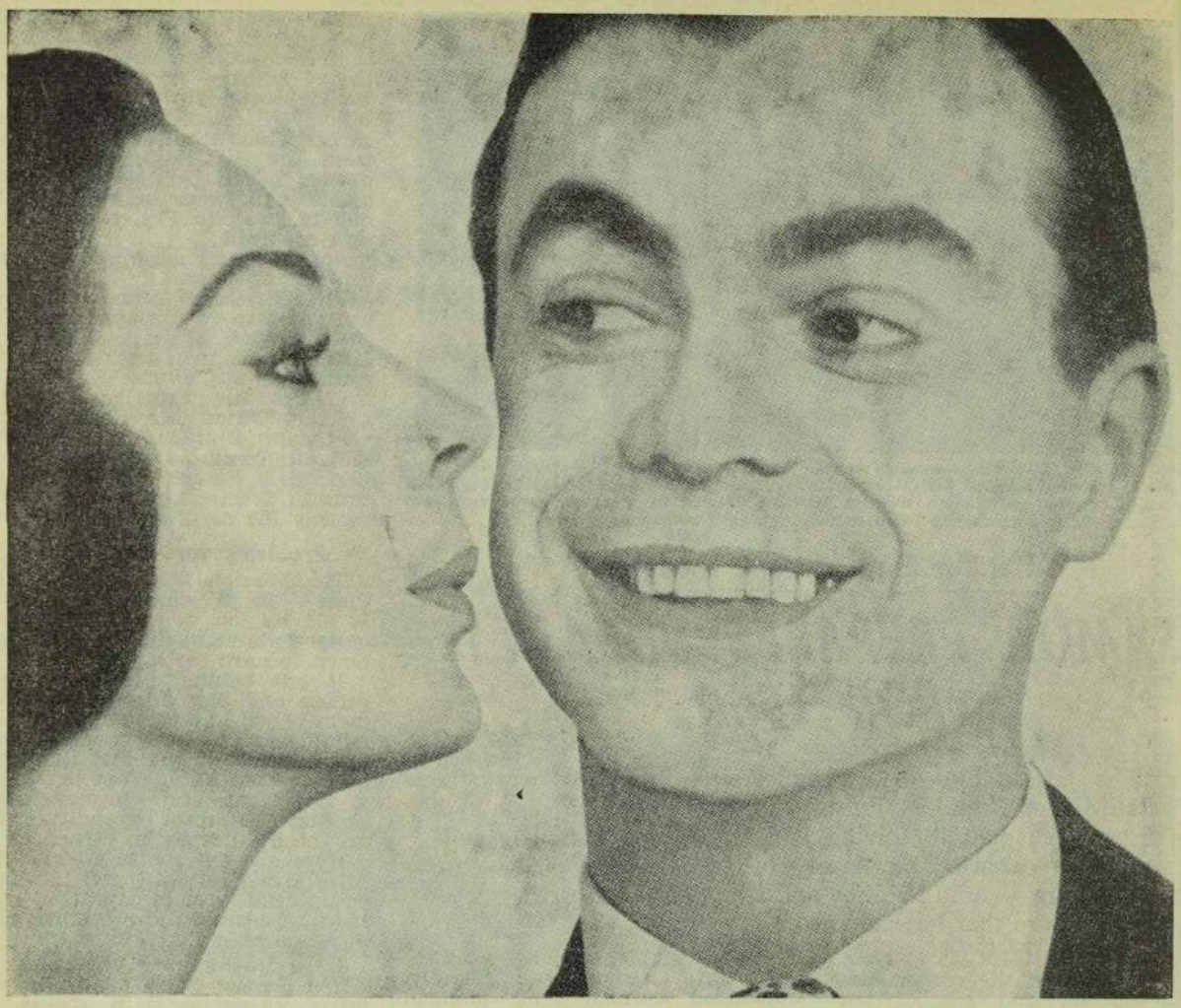

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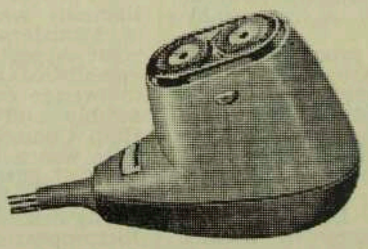

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at length between Mission and
in leaders. A definite plan for the
must be produced, before UN will
e the new State.

THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Mission also discussed the numerous
ms associated with the wish of the
ns to provide their own trained men
e public service, especially profes-
practitioners and technicians. There
e practical planning by the Samoans
ard to this matter also.

JUSTICE FOR MINORITIES

oans must decide now—so that it
be written into the Constitution—
the system to be adopted to protect
operty rights and the personal free-
f minorities. This necessarily entails
r definition of the qualifications and
of citizenship.

Another Look at NZ

e practical, down-to-earth
ing of Mr. Lall and Sir Andrew
n has been an immense help to
Samoans. The latter realise,
that self-government means
work and sacrifices.

is no exaggeration to say that
Samoans now are looking very
htfully at New Zealand—and
different light.

ce World War I, there have
many Samoans who regarded
Zealand as the hated con-
r, the white boss, the exploiter
eir wealth. Now they are be-
ng to see it a little differently.

w they begin to understand
New Zealand has shown such
gness to help them to self-
nment.

so many words, New Zealand
h has acute financial problems
r own) would be very glad to be
f the Trusteeship of Western
a, into which she has poured
at deal of money since 1921.

Falealili Is Forthright

e chief men of Falealili an
rtant community on the south
of Upolu) told the Mission
frankly that they were opposed
lf-government and independ-
at this stage—they thought
should remain in the care of
or another seven or 10 years,
they had men who knew how
n the country.

l residents point out, with in-
, that the Falealili people, back
e 'Twenties, flatly refused to
ssociated in any way with the
NZ Mau movement.

appears that an increasing
er of more thoughtful Samoans
wondering whether that 1960
for self-government is not too
, in view of the immense
nt to be done before self-gov-
ent can hope to function suc-
ully.

appears, also, that members of
Mission are thinking somewhat
the same lines.

can be assumed, from state-
s made by Mr. Lall in his final
hes, that when the petition of the Samoans for self-government finally reaches the United Nations Assembly, the whole plan will be carefully scrutinised against the background of Samoa's peculiar difficulties, as presented by the report of the Mission.

There is no doubt that the Mission had noted some of the wild and woolly statements by Tualauleilei and certain Malietoa supporters, of what they hoped to do when they got independence.

The United Nations people almost certainly will demand, in the new Constitution, safeguards over the personal and property rights of certain classes who are entitled, by birth and residence, to Samoan citizenship.

They March On!

However, nothing now will stop the movement. There will be a referendum in which all Samoans over 21 will vote, and it will be overwhelmingly for self-government.

The United Nations will have a long and tedious session over the new Constitution.

The real struggle will come when the various interests try to draft the inevitable "Treaty of Friendship" with New Zealand.

Western Samoa, virtually since 1914 (45 years) has been kept going with New Zealand money. The Samoans, naturally, will want to go along as an "independent State", with its hand still in NZ's pocket.

There is also the question of a market for Samoa's products. Bananas, for example, worth about £1,000,000 per annum, can be sold only to New Zealand. New Zealand can buy them also from Cook Islands, Tonga or Fiji. If New Zealand, under a Treaty of Friendship, is going to supply Samoa with loans and other services, and buy her bananas, what will Samoa give New Zealand in return?

The prophecy of one experienced observer here is:

(a) Having been swung into this movement by vociferous politicians and self-seekers, the Samoans now cannot draw back, and will go on to seek self-government and independence in 1960, as promised.

(b) They will have great trouble in obtaining either funds or trained personnel, to enable them "to live in accordance with the style to which they have been accustomed".

(c) Unless they show an unexpected genius for industry and development, they must experience economic retrogression under the new conditions, with a corresponding fall in the standard of living.

(d) This in turn will lead to political unrest and recriminations. Samoa at any time could split into factions led by Malietoa, Mataafa and Tamasese, and the ragtag and bobtail behind Tualauleilei.

It would not be at all surprising

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the UN Mission, after a sober
praisal of all the factors which
has examined in Samoa, use

its influence in favour of a post-
ponement of self-determination and
independence, to a date beyond 1960.

Getting Down to Cases

Problems For The New Samoa's Government

There were long discussions in April between the UN Mission and members of the present Samoan Government on a series of matters ut which Samoa must make up its mind before it drafts a Consti- on and a plan for transfer of sovereignty for submission to both United Nations and New Zealand. The following is a summary of its made:

OANS were being urged to evelop and increase their anana production. But what happen to them if, after self- nment, their only banana t (in New Zealand) were to them?

increased production, the ns needed increased tech- help in getting more and crops from limited land; and needed loans. The new agri- al college at Avele supplied the , in some degree, and NZ paid the cost. Would that help ue? Fijian producers had just ed a loan of £1 million from —but to whom should Samoa or similar help?

re would be a great surplus odstuffs like breadfruit and as. Could means be devised of cessing these foodstuffs that ould be preserved?

d experts be provided to help amoans in developing bigger es—both salt-water and fresh- fish?

d arrangements be made under NZ would buy from Samoa products as coffee and paw- Could an export market for ples be developed?

Public Service

hole series of problems aris- t of Samoa's future public were discussed with the n, and both Mr. Lall and Sir w Cohen gave the Samoans valuable advice.

e was not only the problems viding trained administrative s, and the supervision and of a public service, prefer- amoan, but also those involv- he appointment of school rs and of members of an in- lent judiciary.

as apparent that answers to problems would not be found ear or two.

New Zealand's Fault?

ral speakers blamed New d for the lack, at this stage, ined key personnel. They UNO for help in providing ists in various fields.

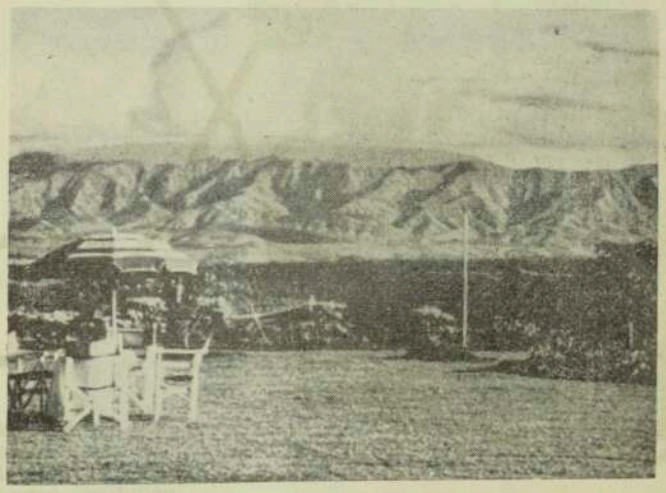
Secondary education had been established in Samoa by the Government and by the Christian Missions. But now it was not clear whether the NZ-supported scholarship scheme would be continued. Free, compulsory education for Samoans could not go on unless the financial problem was solved.

While the present education system had produced Samoans with medical degrees there were no qualified Samoans in other professons—law, surveying, auditing. Samoa now was looking for key men to fill specialist posts; and Samoa blamed NZ for the fact that such men were not available.

Other speakers praised the achievements of NZ in the education field in Samoa, and said it was certain that NZ would help Samoa with education, after the change-over.

Members of the Mission were of opinion that Samoa could expect considerable help from UN specialised sections in general education.

Speakers whose advice and recommendations apparently were accepted by the Mission, for inclusion in their report to the Trusteeship Council, were Messrs. Tufuga Fatu, Tumata Lilomaiava (Minister for Lands), Amoa Tausilia, Fiame Mulinuu (Minister for Agriculture), Eugene Paul (Leader of Government Business), Tamasese, CBE, Tualauleilei Mauri, and Asiata Lagolago.



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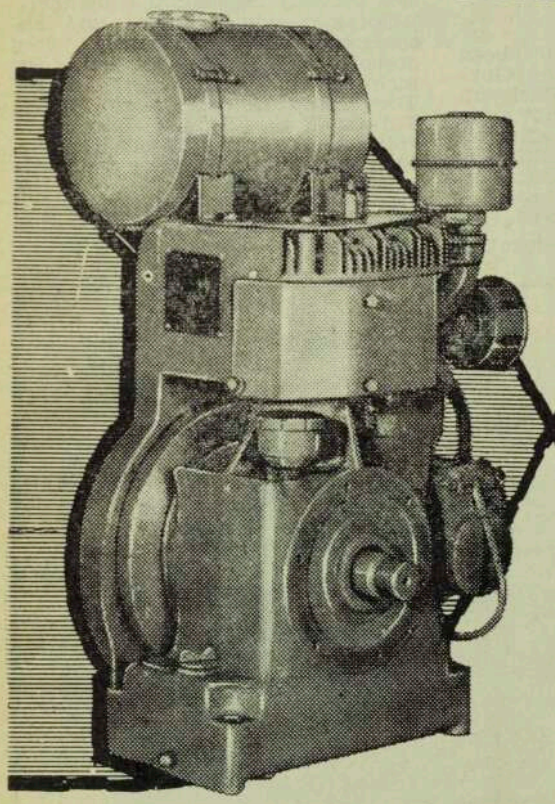

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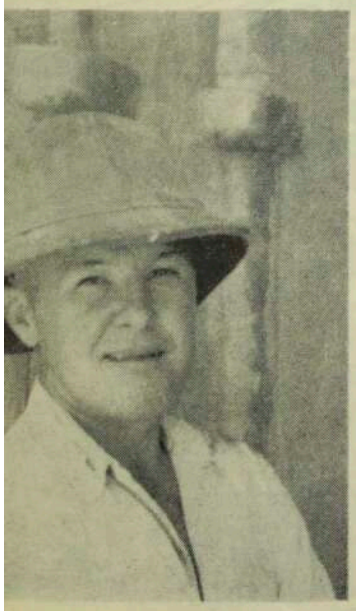
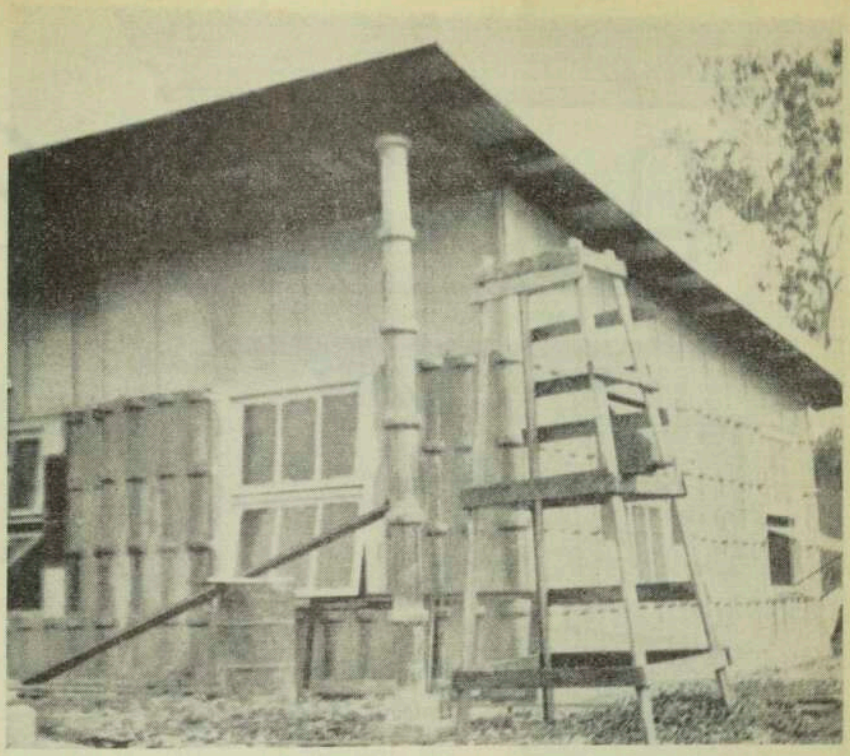
ey are 2 ft. long with an 8-in. eter, and Vince, who is handy his hands, couldn't see why a of pipes shouldn't be a lot solid than a house of cards.
e building authorities agreed, 0 pipes at 3d. each, have gone his new house. All the in- l walls, as well as the out- nes, are of pipe construction. floor is of concrete. The pipes simply put end to end and spaces in between filled with ete.
e house of pipes is being built ite Vince's own home on his ry farm on the road to Sogeri, le of Port Moresby.

t: Outside photograph. The pillar is with cement. Inside walls look exactly terior.
v: Mr. Vincent Nielsen against the house s he is helping build for his brother.





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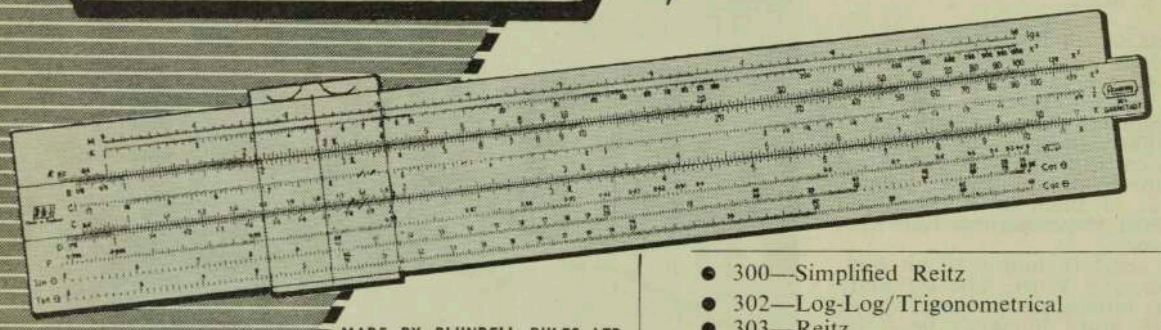

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Reactions

erritorians Take Look At Tax

In the last weeks in April, ia-New Guinea residents were hinking about income tax, and me of them, in their first re- n, were saying (and some of were): "It could have been a orse"—you can write that down he fact that they've been too in an untaxed country. This e beginning of tax—not the Five years from now, Terri- ns won't be so naive over tax. of them aren't now. Here is oss-section of opinion, gleaned "PIM" staff member who was -NG in those first weeks:

SINESS in the Territory, bad n the last six months, now will e worse. Here are the opinions usiness men:

Port Moresby: "For months just been keeping going. People been buying necessities, and else. Property values are go- own. Houses worth £7,000 last now can't be sold for £5,000."

Lae: "Everybody is feeling it. dy can see it picking up. No- buys houses any more. They them."

Rabaul: "Some contractor rs are hard put to it. There ot enough work for some ied tradesmen. And that's just ess generally. I can't see any- settling down until July, when ll know the details of import xport duties. And then it might en worse for a time."

big Territory contracting firm different view. Its manager "We don't know about the , but there has been some big spent lately by businesses g new buildings up before the as announced. I don't know they think they will get out but they must have reasons."

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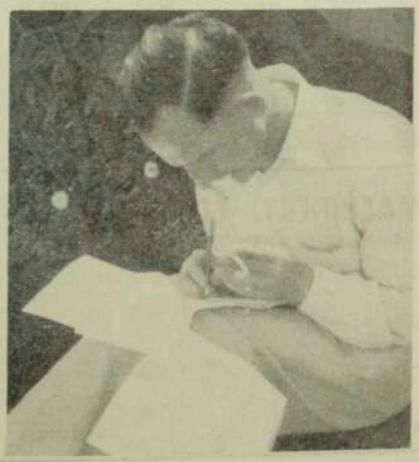

ght, top to bottom, left to right:

hat what they're going to hit us!" says Purser David Schulties to Flying-Officer berts. While their Otter put down at airstrip in the Wahgi Valley they spent minutes studying the new income tax

nistration clerk Howard Mann, at Chimbu, the tax tables on the ground to study tter.

er Peter Maxtone-Graham, at Minj, where spent eight years without leave attempt- build up his plantation of 40 acres, is han interested in the figures. Hilton also of Minj, looks over his shoulder.

ct Officer Ian Holmes, at Goroka, gets and paper to work to find out what taxes will mean to him.

Olive Fisher and Dorothy Parker, both lansenide colony at Togoba, near Hagen, eir first apprehensive look at the new

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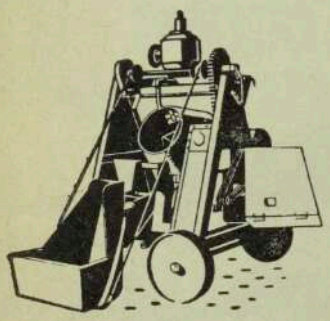

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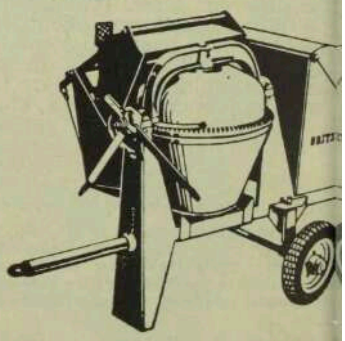

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TAX REACTIONS

(Continued from page 45)

e New Guinea planter, who has up his interests over many has decided that he will ex- no more.

fect on Private Enterprise

ıave interests in Australia, and look after them, and spend time there," he said. "I have putting all my money back into place, but it isn't worth the ny more.

can get good returns for my in Australia, without risk. safe country.

is is a native country. We own it and we don't know the bureaucrats will do with m one day to the next. We just seen that proved in the ative Council.

iously, I'm not talking now or the sake of talking. I mean ve finished expanding here. d this is the place I have up twice. I walked out of it Saturday morning when the came—I was ordered out. The nment didn't care. We could starved then and our kids, too, anybody cared.

started from scratch again the war, and have just built again. I've finished, now."

ıt he said in his own words is the New Guinea Chamber of erce said in an official state- a few days later:

is clear that the purpose of ommonwealth Government is courage and slow up private rise in the Territory. Argu- about the equity of the prin- of income tax serve only to attention from this main se. . . . We maintain that the ed legislation reflects a short- d, unimaginative view, in that nsors have failed to take into ıt the serious national and in- ional dangers of deliberately raging private enterprise in erritory."

Wage Plug Doesn't Worry

the daily P-NG wage plug, ywhere, doesn't always take consideration the future ny of the country, or its long- policies. There he certainly ts, with enthusiasm, the stand by the elected and nominated ers of the Legislative Council test at the methods followed oduce income tax. But in the still comes back to a matter ıt will it cost *him*.

r studying the tax tables and g out his deductions he's de- hat Treasurer Reeve is some- near the truth when he says x deductions are less than in Australia, although he agree with Mr. Reeve that they are only 50 per cent. of those in Australia.

The cost of living in the Territory is a lot higher, and the Territorian spends money on a servant. He gets no deduction, although he regards a servant as a necessity, not a luxury.

The main deductions the individual taxpayer can make are a personal allowance of £286 (every taxpayer is entitled to this, for the privilege of living in the Territory); £230 for a wholly dependent wife; £130 for each child under 16; medical expenses up to £150; life assurance and superannuation up to £300; education expenses up to £150, and medical and hospital fund contributions in full.

Those who get education allowances paid by the Administration for children at school in Australia will still be entitled to them.

The great body of Territory wage plugs are probably getting between £1,000 and £1,500 a year.

A man on £1,400 with a wife and two children would be left with £624 after deducting allowances for himself and them, and would pay £21/16/- in tax. Presumably he would be entitled to additional deductions, too.

Most people in P-NG who look at those figures are fairly pleased that they are getting off "so lightly".

Some of the Traps!

But not all of them are assuming that that is the way it is always going to be—and how wise they are!

There are some things that are not clear yet—such as whether housing allowances made to employees will be added to their income, at inflated "paper" figures (some Administration people at present pay less than £1 a week for homes costing as much as £4,000); whether leave allowances earned in previous years, but not yet taken, will be taxed when the man eventually takes his leave; and just what effect on incomes the alterations to import duties will have when they are announced in June.

This last is important. The Administration has announced that there will be a "net reduction" in import duties, but nobody knows yet if that means a big reduction on putty knives and a big increase on items that will more closely affect the cost of living.

Increases in import duties could be passed on to the consumer. So could other charges that business houses will be forced to bear because of company tax, such as additional costs of handling the vast paper work that will be involved in all the new tax procedures.

For all practical purposes no price control operates in the Territory, although the machinery is there and now and again an effort is made to control something, such as bread. There could be a period of fluctuating prices in the next twelve months, bringing headaches to the wage plug.

And there is one more hard fact which may yet turn out to be more important than any: Mr. Reeve's "50 per cent. of the Commonwealth scale" may, or may not, remain at 50 per cent. after the Territory's next budget is introduced.

Income tax rates are surely made to be increased.

See also advertisement on page 38.

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NNG Expedition

FF TO A OLD START

CEPTIONALLY bad weather onditions slowed the start of ne big scientific expedition into Star Mountains of Netherlands Guinea.

e last six of the 20 Dutch ntists on the expedition ded only on the fourth try to nto the Sibil Valley, spring- of activities. Many tons of and materials were waiting in village of Tanah Merah, ern New Guinea, to be flown he valley.

it has been raining constantly ne Sibil regions the Twin er planes are unable to land. he clearings for the two Bell pters of the expedition were nished on time, so that they t be employed as planned for ittle service between Tanah and Sibil Valley.

nwhile, there is big inter- al interest for the expedition. *Life* are sending a team to part of the expedition, while s of Dutch newspapermen, ecialists, photographers and reporters have applied for ssion to visit NNG. The e is that once you get in, it difficult to come out of that again.

use most members of the tion were counting on Twin r flights to bring their warm g, and because the flights to come through, the first of April were like icy winter- Big fires were lit to keep ld out.

this early it looks like the Mountains expedition will nore than the six months that planned, especially if bad r conditions continue.

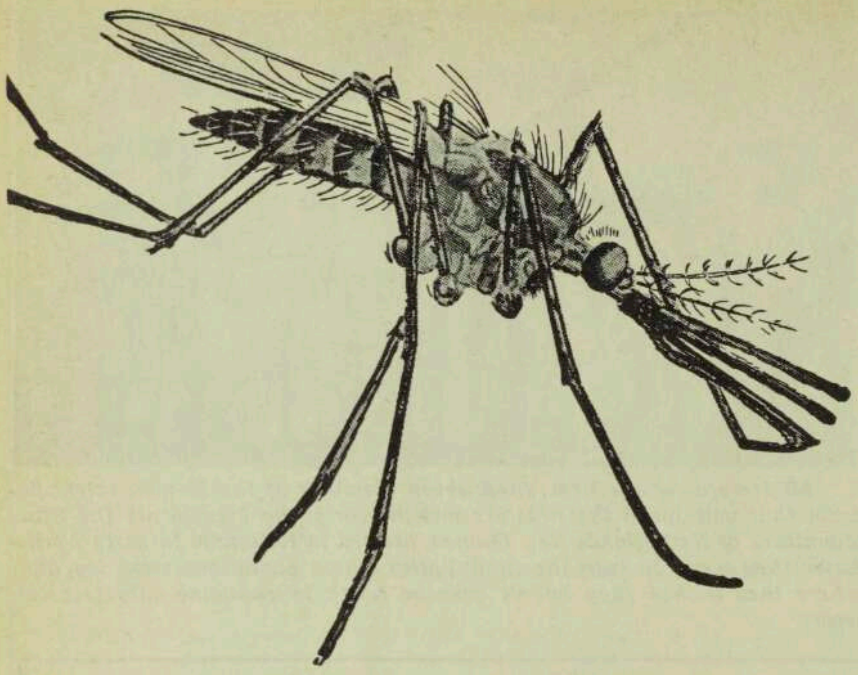
lore Visits e Cooks

istmas Airways" — the RAF sation maintaining contact n Britain's Pacific nuclear station and Honolulu and the Islands—has discontinued its tion with the Cook Islands n indefinite period."

cemen stationed at Christmas —mainly officers—have been recreational visits to Raro- for several years past.

Resident Commissioner of the received a message of thanks st assistance and hospitality he advice that the air unit eparting "for an unknown of service elsewhere".

All dressed for the heat, these seven members of the 20-man scientific team that will spend the next six months (or longer) exploring the Star Mountains of Netherlands New Guinea, arrived in Hollandia in early April. Later they went on into the Sibil Valley where conditions were icy and where they wished they hadn't been so hasty in changing into tropical wear.



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From a Special Correspondent

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THE December decision of Uganda Coffee Industry Bo to withhold stocks of a g crop of robusta has not only stop a decline in prices on the Lon market but has actually cau buyers during the last three mon to pay 67/- more per cwt.

Uganda robusta variety is basis of most British blends and December, 1958, the Board, aw of the good crop on hand and f ing prices offering in London, about creating an artificial short of "cheap" coffee. Since Janu and up to the beginning of Ap prices have risen from 200s. 3d. per cwt to 267s. Stg.

Dealers suffered heavy losses the London Terminal Market cause they made forward sales the attractive prices ruling in e December, assuming that pr would continue to drop.

They have had to cover their co mitments by buying supplies current market prices for imm ate delivery.

The London Terminal Co Market—reformed on July 1, 1 after being in abeyance for 31 ye —may have undergone a pain settling-in period due to miscal lations of dealers in "coffee futur during the first few months operation.

However, the earlier low pr offering on the Terminal Market tracted a large number of dea from all over the world who nor ally bought elsewhere than in L don.

There is no indication yet of early fall in prices, as many dea are committed well into May.

These dealers caught by buy wanting delivery now are trying cover their commitments as as they are able. Brazil, ov stocked with coffee, may be answer, if the Brazilian Governm brings down the prices of lo grades to a level competitive w robusta.

Brazil's Coffee "Wrong Kind"

Although there is an "awful of coffee" in Brazil it is not robusta type (it's mainly arabica) could not be substituted complet Anyway the hard currency allo tion for coffee from South Amer is limited to around £Stg. 3 milli

Another aspect of the harden of prices for robusta on the Lon market was the interest of Ameri dealers in the Uganda crop, due the failure of robustas from Ivory Coast to meet their standa Uganda, always a large supplier robusta to the US through Mo basa, has met the demand w alacrity.

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ized Cocoa Expert

G Industry's Future "Very Bright"

is always interesting to hear what overseas visitors have to say about us, especially when happen to be specialists in own line.

cently Mr. George Spice, a tor of Gill & Duffus Ltd., Lon- one of the world's leading -bean merchants, called in on ourne, after visiting New ea in the course of a world on cocoa business, and spoke "PIM" reporter.

me of the things he had to bout NG cocoa have been said and over again—proving that r cocoa buyers have an un- ral phobia about finding nuts bolts in their cocoa beans, or some NG planters are being un- sarily stubborn about proper ng and inspection.

t at least Mr. Spice was far encouraging than some Aus- n buyers who, in the past, have a pretty fair imitation of not g whether there was a cocoa try in New Guinea, or not.

Spice said that he was amazed w Guinea cocoa development— s something "you had to see lieve". Few people in UK knew NG was doing in this field.

-operation: Fixed Standards

ong the things Mr. Spice con- of immediate importance for ll development of the industry w Guinea are:

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tandard grading of crops—at nt, New Guinea beans are a d bag".

tandardisation of fermenta- nethods.

reduction in shell content— eans are up to 4 per cent. in wasteful shell content than others.

standardisation of fermenta- nethods was a most important . A lot of experiment with nt methods was going on, this ed in beans of uneven quality. most necessary to select one d and standardise on it.

o great shell content, he said, wasteful of expensive ship- pace. Handling methods could proved to eliminate much of xcess shell.

ndustry's Bright Future

Spice thought there was a very future for the industry in Guinea, and for the industry lly.

Mr. Spice (right) with Mr. Geoffrey Brewer, purchasing director, Mac.Robertson Pty., Ltd.

New Guinea had some special advantages over other producing countries which could make it one of the great cocoa-growing countries of the world. Trees started bearing there in three years, compared with a normal 5 to 7 years elsewhere. Conditions of soil and climate made possible an all-the-year-round production, with peak periods, in contrast with violent production fluctuations in other countries.

Mr. Spice estimated there was a potential annual crop of 25,000 tons of beans from trees already planted in New Guinea; and this was of tremendous importance to the P-NG economy. (See April *PIM*, p. 133).

NG's Exportable Surplus

Australia's total annual requirement of cocoa beans was about 13,000 tons, and was increasing. Part of this could be met by New Guinea, although a certain proportion of beans of other origin was necessary to produce confectionery's most palatable flavours.

New Guinea would have an exportable surplus within the next few years, Mr. Spice considered, and it was geographically well situated to supply existing or potential markets in New Zealand, Asia and, in particular, Japan.

There was also an immense potential market in Russia and China which could, if developed, absorb the whole of the present world production of cocoa beans.

Shipping would be there, Mr. Spice thought, when the beans were there for export. "There will be a lot more competition for 20,000 tons than for the present 2,000 tons."

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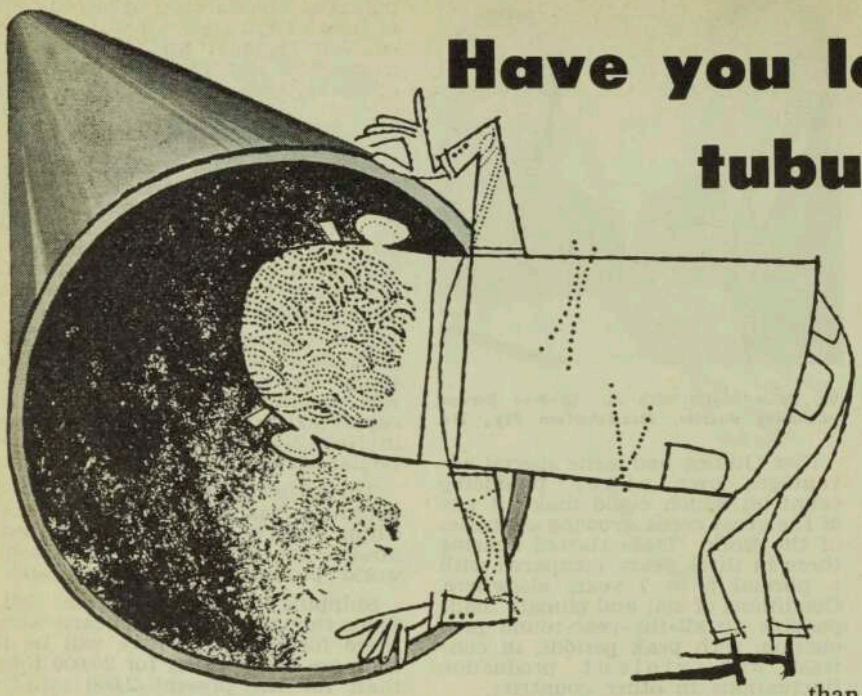

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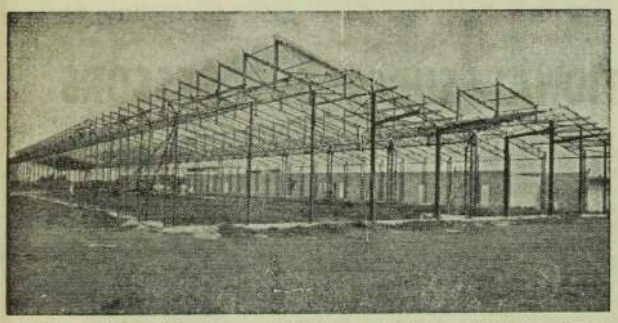

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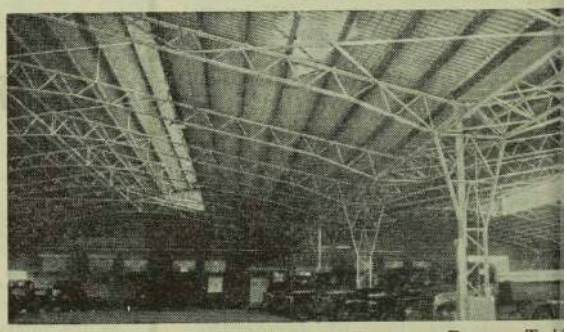

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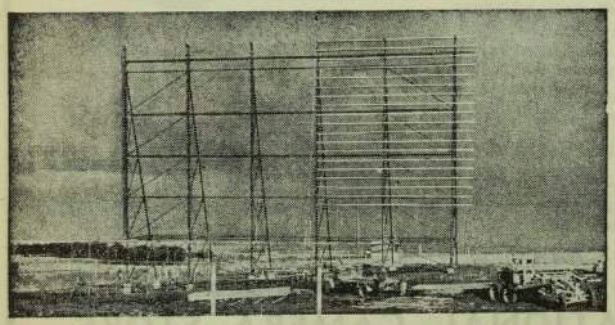

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minutes after the walk-out at the Legislative Council, elected members Dudley Jones (left) E. A. James and Ian Downs (far right) are interviewed by Pressmen.

It Was Their Big Day

Papua-New Guinea Legco Votes Itself Into Income Tax

From a "PIM" Correspondent, in Port Moresby.

"What beats me," said the droll resident who had been ting in the public gallery of the Legislative Council, "is the ctacle of these Administration bods voting themselves a crease in wages at the very time their lords and flaming mas- s in Canberra are voting themselves an increase."

ow It All Happened

e are the events surrounding duction of the Income Tax Bill the P-NG Legislative Council:

April 13, after many months of hension that income tax would troduced without proper public ry, the P-NG Administrator, dier Cleland, announced that tax start on July 1, that export would be lifted, and import altered, with a net reduction.

April 20, the Income Tax Bill ntroduced into the Council, taken second reading and adjourned about June 22. The June session, s announced, would be continued out June 30 so that Export and t Tax bills could be introduced. ediately leave was granted on 20 to introduce the Tax Bill, the elected members, Mr. E. A. (a public accountant, represent- apua), Mr. Ian Downs (planter, Mainland), Mr. Dudley Jones tor, NG Islands) walked out of ouncil in protest at the way it ntroduced, and at the lack of representation. They an- ed they would resign after the were introduced in June.

nine nominated members (repre- g the Missions, Natives, Com- Mining, Planting) informed the istrator that they would send a to the Governor-General tell- im of the "circumstances" sur- ing recent events.

HIS reference, of course, was to the fact that Federal Parliament has just paid itself handsome salary increases; and here in Port Moresby today the Canberra-controlled Legislative Council has used exactly the same bulldozer tactics to introduce the Income Tax Bill, and reduce everybody's wages, including its own.

Unlike their Canberra masters, the P-NG public servants who make up the official majority of the Council have not enjoyed their part in today's events.

They live a lot closer to the working man than the Canberra politicians do, and some official ears are already red from the things that are being said around town at this moment.

There is—I already have proof of it!—more than one official member who has been given the rounds of the domestic kitchen, with the little woman demanding to know just what Canberra could possibly have done if a handful of official members, including her man, had refused to ride on the steamroller. A very good point, too, although I doubt if any one is game to put it to the test.

But those are thoughts at the end of the day. The day began like a Big Day should.

The Big Day

Out at Konedobu, senior officials hurried about the quadrangles, wearing suitably serious faces; the radio telephone from Canberra kept barking; Treasurer H. H. Reeve, whose Big Day it really was—he's a long-time advocate of Income Tax for this Territory—tidied up some details while sitting at the Assistant Administrator's desk (Dr. John Gunther was ill, and is going on leave, anyhow, this week); Administrator Donald Cleland held one interview after another, culminating in a full Executive Council meeting at 11 a.m.—three hours before the important Legislative Council meeting was scheduled to begin.

The "Old Man" was in top form and confident all morning. . . a state of mind no doubt assisted by the knowledge that after a long series of "outs" with Territories Minister Paul Hasluck, he has now become Hasluck's white-haired boy again.

Away from all the commotion—at that moment, anyway—was Dr. Gunther, in bed with pneumonia, and not at all well. . . his condition probably not made any easier by his knowledge that, after a long period of being the white-haired boy, he's now heading the unpopularity poll with this extraordinary Minister, who seems unable to love both of his top NG officials at the one time, although both work over-hard in his interests.

Plenty of Activity

There was plenty of activity, too, in the Opposition's camp.

The three elected members and the nine nominated members met separately to plan their campaigns.

The elected men's campaign was the more spectacular although in the end result it may be no more important. At the suggestion of Elder Statesman E. A. James they decided they would walk out of the Chamber as soon as the bill was introduced. They then worked out a Press statement to be released right after the walk-out.

The nominated members agreed on a statement to be made in Council on their behalf by B. Fairfax-Ross, and a letter to be sent to the Governor-General following the meeting.

By lunch-time the stage was set.

The canvas chairs at the rear of the big hall quickly filled up with local people taking time off from Administration and business to see what the show had to offer.

What Could He Do?

Brigadier Cleland, always early, arrived at 1.30, and at a quarter to two, as he sorted papers at his raised desk on the floor of the Chamber, Jimmy James went up to him and informally broke the news that the elected members would walk out. The three agreed to tell him this beforehand, out of courtesy.

Cleland gave a wry smile and said, "Thanks, Jimmy". (Over)

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They'll Be Back With the Apes

Simogun Peta, senior, of the ree native members in e P-NG Legislative Council, In't think much of the intro- ction of the income tax bill, t he didn't get a chance to y so in the Council, which was pity.

Outside, Simogun's carefully ected Pidgin phrases which, en interpreted, meant quite arly: "It's a lot of humbug. In nes the tax and out go the ropeans. Without Europeans, 'll all be living in trees again ng bows and arrows."

the last few weeks he had the long air flight to Canberra back several times over this ion issue, and he had got to stage where new developments something of an anti-climax. r the rest of the Chamber, gh, there was a hushed air of tancy as the session was form- declared open and two new al members sworn in.

ude Champion took the seat of er Director of Civil Affairs, S. rgan, who has retired; and tor of Posts and Telegraphs, W. r, took the place of the former tor of Forests, J. McAdam, who recently.

hadn't been intended to swear le Champion in at this session, he Government wasn't going to aught short-handed. Tom amslaw was on leave, and Dr. her would normally have been t, too.

it happened, Dr. Gunther d up smiling. ("You should be d!" said a reporter. "Go on!" Gunther with a grin. "Wouldn't this for quids!")

us the Government had 15 against the 12 that could be d if all the nominated and d members voted together. And was how the voting was.

To The Vote

seek leave," said Treasurer , standing up straight at his "to introduce a bill for an ance to impose a tax upon in- s and to provide for its assess- and collection."

leave granted?" Cleland the House.

e!" came the shout. "NO!" the reply, amid laughter.

all for a division," said Jimmy s.

course, there was no doubt the result—but at least the s would go down on the ls.

the hands were being counted, d from his high chair possibly d, if nobody else did, that the elected members were clear- he papers from their desks.

James was last to zip up his brief case. Downs had already left his outside—to save himself the embarrassment of forgetting it in the walk-out and having to go back in for it.

When they had counted the "Noes", that was the end of the session for James & Co.

They got up, made a smart left turn and quickly walked across the Chamber and out the nearest door —just like that.

As they left, the public gallery came to life with a great burst of applause—the kind of applause that one associates with the stamp-and-whistle demonstration for a popular win at the stadium. That applause was meant to be heard.

In Contravention

As it died down, Fairfax-Ross, planters' representative, got to his feet and made his prepared statement.

Events leading up to the introduction of the tax legislation, he said, had contravened the principles on which British legislation was founded, and the nominated members proposed to inform the Governor-General, from whom they held office, "of these circumstances".

Outside, the three elected men had grouped under a tree, where James remarked, "Well, that's that!" To reporters they handed out a copy of their prepared statement:

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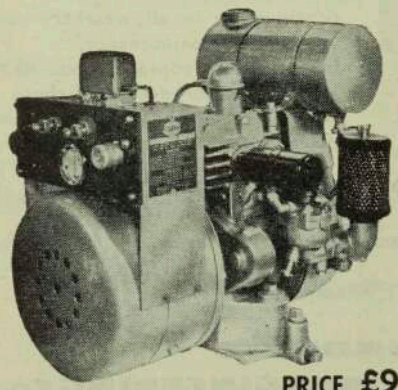

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After further consideration, ticularly of the views expressed numbers of their constituents, three elected members have ided to remain in Council for purpose of debating the In- e Tax Bills and endeavouring proposed amendments to re- e some of the most objection- features.

However, they propose taking other part in the proceedings Council, and upon the passing he Income Tax legislation will gn from the Council in protest nst the undemocratic use of official majority to pass this without the prior independent iry which was urged by all -official members and by an whelming majority of public es and individual residents, in objection to the lack of suf- nt representation of the people the Teritory in their Legis- re."

That Was That

ter that, there didn't seem much that could be done. The House settled down now, and Gov- ent and nominated members listening dully to Mr. Reeve's ch.

the three climbed into Jimmy es's car and drove around to Papua Club. There was nobody e but the native bar steward. three men sat for an hour en- g their solitude, discussing the gs that Territorians discuss, in- ng, of course, the high price ectricity.

e Papuan probably didn't rstand why the three, all busy le, should have been at the club at hour. But one day he might. night, in fact, be sitting there elf in just those circumstances.

The Printer Gave The Game Away

The Canberra Bureaucrats ve been bending over back- rds in the last few months ying that Territory income x was imminent. No, no, ey said — they might be rking on something but it dn't got very far yet, and ost Certainly there was thing in print.

But when the 182-page in- me bill was laid before the gislative Council on April , the Commonwealth Gov- nment Printer gave the ow away. There it was, in all type at the bottom of e first page: 300/27.2.1959.

Well, if the Government inter had finished with it February 27 this year, when d they give it to him—and en did they draw it up in e first place?

The Fight Is Not Over Yet

FATE OF COUNCIL MAY REST WITH NOMINATED MEMBERS

From STUART INDER

PORT MORESBY, April 20.

The vital questions that arise from today's Legco walk-out are: Do the three members mean it when they say they will resign when the Income Tax legislation is passed in June? If they do, what happens then?

WELL, they mean it.

They will resign in June on very clear principles — "as a protest against the undemocratic use of the official majority to pass this law without the prior independent inquiry"—the inquiry that had been urged by everybody—and "in objection to the lack of sufficient representation of the people of the Territory in their legislature".

If they don't resign, then it will be because the Government has decided not to go on with the Bills, or because the problem of sufficient representation has been adjusted. It appears impossible that either of these developments could occur in that time. Certainly the Federal Government now appears com-

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ed to Income Tax commencing
1, whatever second thoughts it
have about the composition of
Council.
th the three elected members
of the Council, with a little less
half their three-year term still
un, the Assembly would then
iced with by-elections.
t would the same three re-
nate? If they did not and stood
on the principles for which
resigned, would anybody else of
value have the temerity to
l for election in their place?
at would remain to be seen,
a boycott of the elected posi-
of the P-NG Legislative
cil is a very real possibility. It
l not be the first, nor probably
ast time in British history.
study of this will show that
er political representation has
/s had to be fought for, and
almost always reforms have not
until a crisis has arisen—
times in bitter circumstances.
ose are facts of colonial history
n each of the three members
are of, and has in fact been
ing lately. One suspects they
been re-reading their facts
increasing dismay; for isn't it
e nature of human reasonable-
hat these men should secretly
hoped the disturbing pattern
not, could not, be repeated
ly in P-NG; that a modern,
ntened, *Australian* Government
in the end take a wider view
others?
finally the hard realities have
to be accepted. The strength
oliath is finally revealed, and
grimly sees he must set to
oring about the showdown he
will end in victory.

Showdown Coming

a showdown is on the way,
Canberra hasn't already seen
n the three weeks this report
to get into print, it ought
delude itself any longer.
this moment of writing the
d members do not know what
the showdown will take, or
long the crisis will take to
up. They do not know if there
e a boycott. They have made
ans, laid no political schemes.
have decided merely to stick
rinciple and let the chips fall
they may.
s attitude should be indication
h to any thinking person—
resumably Canberra has some
hat this is the real thing.
is no political playing to the
/ here. These people aren't
ians, but real men.
elected members have made
stand but it will be with the
rt of the nine nominated
ers that a victory will be won.
at of the latter's letter to the
nor-General?
it the nominated members
given an outline of the cir-
ances leading up to today's
; have pointed out that the
ative Council has now ceased to work according to the principles of British legislation (because of its lop-sided composition)—and left the matter to him.

Composition Changed

This appeal to have the composition changed could bear fruit. A change might, in fact, be the only way in which the Government could avoid an impasse.

For there is another danger besides the one of a boycott of elected members—a boycott of nominated members.

Feelings have been running high and I have the names of at least two men seriously considering handing in their resignations to the Council. These two could easily set off a chain reaction.

And what an intriguing set of possibilities opens up with the resignations of, say, half the number of nominated members!

They would have to be replaced, but there is not a very big number of the right type of people who could be recommended in their place. And would those available accept the nominations in view of the reasons for the resignations?

The Government could find in the next few months that it may have been better off if it had accepted the recommendations of the Select Committee to investigate how the Council could be reconstructed to better effect, which was set up in 1954, and whose report was shelved by Mr. Hasluck on the firmly-established Hasluckian principle that if you don't like it you ignore it, and if you ignore it, it doesn't exist.

[The committee recommended nine elected members instead of the present three, an official majority of only one "while the Australian Government was making such substantial grants to the Territory"; eight nominated members, including representatives of Missions, Natives and the Chinese community; and, finally, any number of native observers, who would take part in debates, but not vote.]

Grown Fast

So fast has Mr. Hasluck's Territory grown since that report was written and shelved that even the committee which nutted it out would want something better now.

There is need now—*now*, not in the future—for elected native members. There is hardly an intelligent man in the Territory who doesn't agree that that need, not accepted in 1954, is a vital requirement today. It is quite possible for native election machinery to work satisfactorily to this end in some areas.

Yet we are speaking of a Council that has 29 members—only three Europeans of whom are elected now. And shortly there might be none, as a protest against the actions of those too stupid to distinguish the thin lines that divide democracy from bureaucracy and bureaucracy from oppression.

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Mr. Lakshman Polishes Up A Plan

A Non-Eating Week To Aid Higher Wages Claim

By J. P. SHORTALL

Whether Mr. B. D. Lakshman, Fiji-Indian problem child of the Colony, is borrowing a notion from a Very Important Indian, now deceased, who invented something called Civil Disobedience, is not clear. But the latest Lakshman idea on how to get a higher basic wage for Fiji workers, has some unusual angles.

LL round the north coast of Viti Levu, in April, business was very, very slack.

he Indian storekeepers sat dissolately at their open doors, the po of the sewing machines—the -present sideline—had lapsed to hisper, and the cane farmers, an and Fijian, were lolling it in their separate groups.

his was the bad time of the year, said. Money was very short—there wouldn't be more until CSR's cane crushing mills bled to life late in May. If they rumble into life, then. That was big question.

lot of the lounging Indian millkers were quick to say that es were too low and would have e raised—but not so many were by about the idea of a strike.

here was no such thing as a e-fund, and no one could afford trike, especially at this time of year. So everyone was hoping B. D. Lakshman, the Union Preit, would fix it up with the pany or the Government so the basic wage would be raised *out* a strike.

ape-Recorder, No Misquotes

Lautoka, Mr. Lakshman was ready to discuss the affair—a tape recorder present to l misquotes.

e tape, in fact, ran out before Lakshman, but not before he made some interesting coms, and made it clear that this ndoubtedly the Year of the e—unless the demands, or thing approaching them, made g the March negotiations with SR, are met. The Union wants sic rate for sugar workers of per hour, and a 40-hour week t is, a rise in excess of 100 per on the present basic rate.

ce the last strike, said Mr. hman, there had been an imnt change in the general te.

here was suspicion in the minds ost Europeans, and many other e, that Lakshman was a trouble-maker. Well, if you read the *Fiji Times* of recent date it is at least conceded that there are no subversive activities here—everything is open and plain.

"You have the Fijian Chiefs in Legislative Council contending that wages *should* rise. . . . Everybody seems to know that the present wages of the workers are so low that it could be called a crime against those people who are obliged to receive that pay. So much so that a writer in the *Fiji Times* has said that there should be legislation against anybody paying so low a wage.

"I think the stage is now set," Mr. Lakshman went on, "where so many people are interested that it is for us to organise a Fiji-wide movement to see that we get what we want.

"I haven't completely polished up what I intend to do—but I'm thinking and praying that whatever I do should be of advantage to the people and damage to nobody. . .

A Strike—or Some Such Thing

"The line I'm thinking upon is that whatever we do—a strike or some such thing—must cause the businesses to lose a little more than what it would have cost them if they had agreed to our requests. We have been talking to them in the

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Board Will Inquire Into Sugar Industry

FIJI'S INDUSTRIAL UNREST IS CLOSE TO EXPLOSION POINT

• *With the virtual certainty of a strike by the sugar mill workers, railway hands, and others associated with the Fiji Sugar Industry Employees' Association looming as the new season approaches—the first mills were to commence crushing on May 26—the announcement by the Governor of the appointment of a board of inquiry has probably been welcomed in all quarters. This development came after J. P. Shortall's article, above, was written.*

It certainly must have been welcomed by Mr. B. D. Lakshman, general president of the Association.

THE Governor's announcement came at a meeting between himself and Association representatives on April 23 and the terms of reference read as follows: "To inquire into the causes and circumstances of a dispute which is apprehended between the Colonial Sugar Refining Company Limited and the Fiji Sugar Industry Employees' Association and to make recommendations for the maintenance of industrial peace in the sugar-milling industry".

The board is to be headed by "the most able and experienced chairman obtainable in the United Kingdom" —Mr. G. G. Honeyman, CBE, QC, MA, L.L.B, JP, a "top-ranking industrial arbitrator" who has made a similar inquiry into the sugar industry in British Guiana.

Other members of the board will be Mr. P. K. Bhindi, Mr. D. M. N. MacFarlane, and Ratu K. K. T. Mara, all leading figures in Fiji public life.

The appointment of this board follows the breakdown of annual negotiations between employees and employer last March. The Union demanded a substantial increase in the basic rate to 3/- per hour and a 40-hour week. This was rejected by the employers, who were not prepared to look into the Association's reasons for claiming this increase. They instead suggested going to the Arbitration Court.

The Association rejected that on the grounds that there was no basis in official statistics under which the Court could at present decide a fair basic wage.

As the Association's president, B. D. Lakshman, sees it, the question now is not can the sugar industry afford to pay, so much as what is the minimum wage on which workers can be expected to live decently.

The board now appointed apparently will be able to consider this angle when it goes into session soon after the chairman arrives from the United Kingdom on May 22.

Presumably the association will agree not to stop work while the

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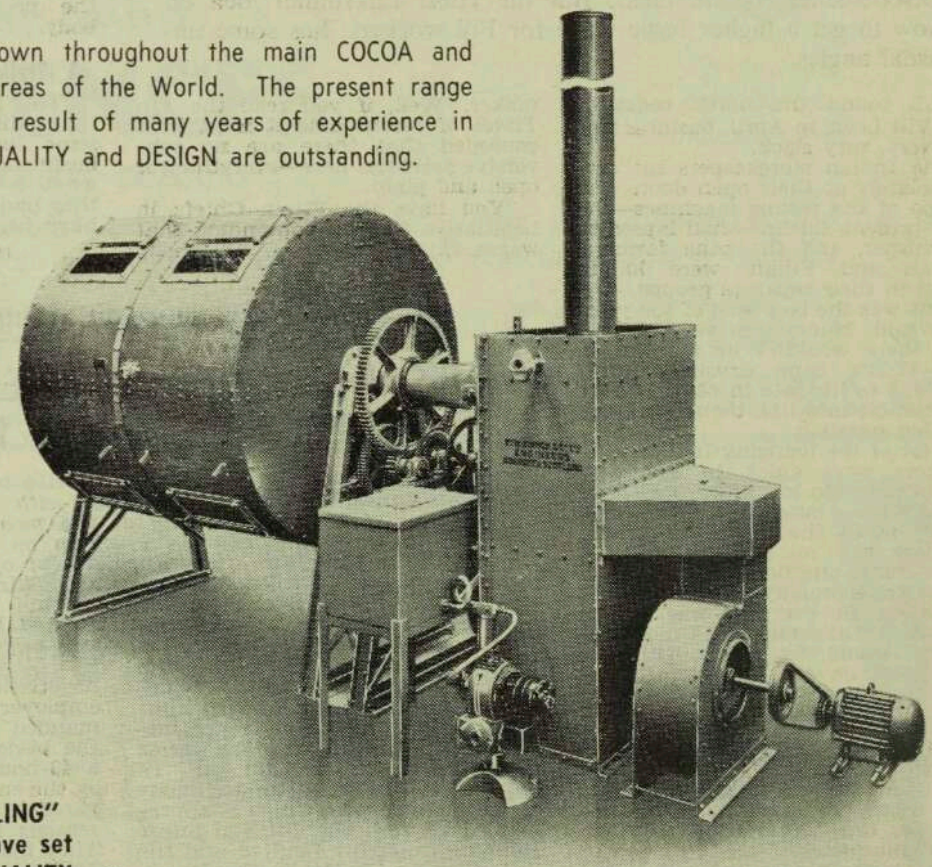

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Mr. Lakshman's Non-Eating Week

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ıd-table conference language, persuasion language which do not understand—or do not t to understand. Now we're go- to talk to them in the strike uage."

ıere was a difficulty, of course, eded Mr. Lakshman: "The dif- ty is in devising a method of *ing* such a strike. I reckon that y line of thinking is all right have the sympathy of all the

AR INQUIRY:—

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d is in active session and mak- ts investigations. For this there be general relief throughout sugar areas where few can d a strike at this stage of the n.

PWD Workers' Dispute

labour dispute is also taking between the Public Works De- nent Workers' Union and the c Works Department, which aid off over 700 men in recent hs.

a big meeting of employees in oka, in April, the Union de- to give notice to the employer if such discharges did not by the end of April the re- ing employees would come out rike.

akers at the Sigatoka meet- onceded that substantially less were available to the PWD ear than last, but the general tary, Mr. M. Ramzan, said ainly we are not responsible getting the country into this ion, though it seems that we he ones who are expected to the consequences. Our work- ust eat and human needs can- e postponed".

Fiji Industrial Workers' Con- deputation also saw the Gov- early in April to discuss un- yment and the acute financial ion. The President, Mr. C. P. i, on behalf of the Congress, led to the Governor to set up our exchange, an unemploy- benefit scheme, the establish- of long-term development and a system or social security e Colony.

Congress also sought the ishment of a wages council to fair wage for non-union work- the compulsory payment of on statutory public holidays, crease of annual holidays from 14 days, and the establish- of a 40-hour week.

se meetings and disputes were tive of the present industrial te throughout Fiji and of the al recession at present pre- g.

Moderates. I think I'll be able to recruit all parties—social workers, and even employers.

"When the times comes we might have to appeal to everyone like this: 'For a whole week though you can afford to eat, and have meat in your refrigerator, you won't have a cook to cook it. Go hungry'.

"There'll be no violence of any kind—but we'll appeal to His Excellency the Governor, and to his cook, not to give him the meals that he should eat. Let him go hungry for a whole week.

"We'll ask the Judges in Fiji; we'll ask all the employers; we'll ask all the Churches to pray for the solution of this.

"We'll ask the ships: 'Please go back. We don't want any guests because we're not in normal times.'

"We'll ask the aeroplanes not to land in Fiji because there'll be nobody to attend to them—they must fly back, you see, for a whole week."

Coolly and Calmly

Mr Lakshman wasn't sure how the Government would react to all this—but he assured everyone, in advance, that everything was going to be done "coolly and calmly" in the best traditions of non-violence.

Even more important, perhaps, is whether the Fiji work force would follow Mr. Lakshman into this odd kind of "leave-it-in-your-refrigerator-and-don't-cook-it" strike.

He estimates that 10,000 workers on the Fiji North Coast would, anyway, and a further 5,000 in the Suva area, if he gave the word.

A day or two after this interesting discussion there was a report that the Governor was to meet representatives of the Sugar Industry Employees' Association and the CSR in the last days of April.

The outcome of that meeting was awaited with a great deal of interest.

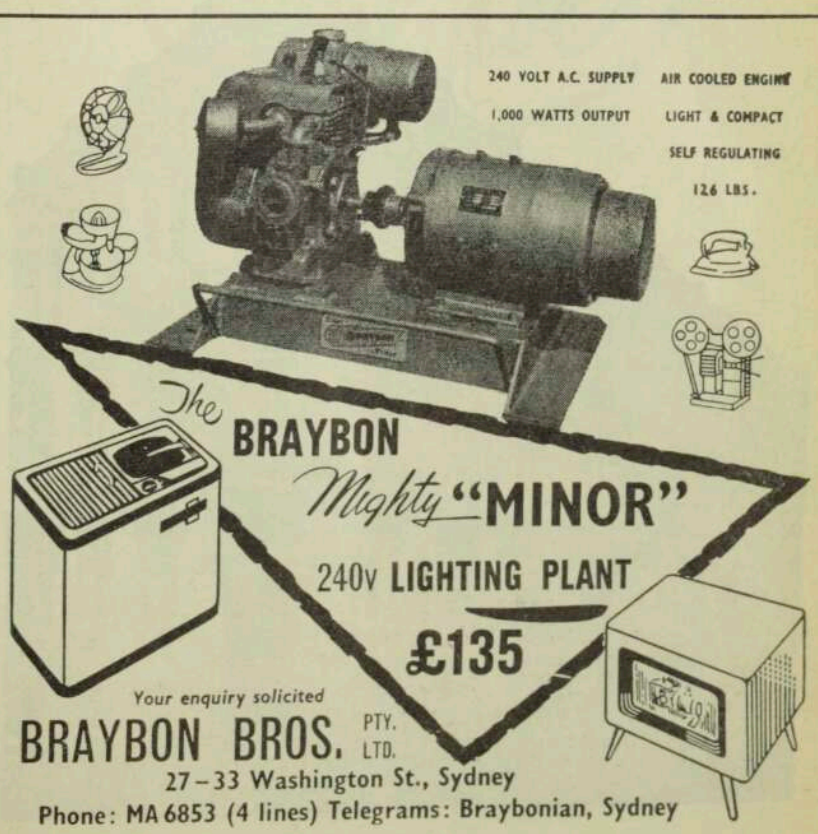
The Public Works Department employees were threatening to strike, too, for a higher basic wage.

Better Off In Gaol

It was now not just a matter of the sugar industry but of every industry in the Colony, and Mr. Lakshman was probably right in believing that a good many moderates, with no axe to grind, would support a rise in the basic wage, or at least feel that the present rate is too low.

What is the basis on which Mr. Lakshman calculates a fair basic wage?

Reaching for the Labour Department's latest Annual Report, deal-



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which set out, item by item,
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ing these figures, and working
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to feed an average Fiji family
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sion," was Mr. Lakshman's
ng shot, as I left, "put it on
d that I have never been paid
ny life by any association or
n, except travelling expenses."

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nother View on Fiji Tourism

NOT ALL TAXED TO THE LIMIT

From a Staff Correspondent

Arriving back in Suva from a circuit of the Viti Levu east in April, I was in time to in to a broadcast from Suva hich it was suggested that all able tourist accommodation on sland was taxed to the limit.

AT statement apparently needs me qualification. After journey-g to Nadi as the sole passenger Fiji Airways aircraft, a few earlier, and staying two nights e Lautoka hotel, where only r three people could be classed urists, and where there were a many empty seats in the g room; of finding no tourists l at the excellent Ba Hotel, f having the experience of be-he sole guest at the equally ant Raki Raki Hotel, I not un-ally, wondered where all these ts were corralled.

week earlier the island's two notor coaches, owned by Pacific sport and chartered by Whites l Service, had been laid up ack of business, and it was stated round Fiji that Whites l Service, which had been ng the Fiji tourist business in way, since right after War II, n difficulties.

nittedly April is only the st month of what is looked the Fiji "tourist season". Busi-in Lautoka would be much brisker in another couple of months, no doubt. But what seems clear is that the northern half of Viti Levu is a sort of back-water in the tourist industry, and that its admittedly limited accommodation facilities are scarcely exploited at all.

From an economic point of view the harvest is made from the type of tourists who have plenty of money to spend and want only the best.

The best at present extends round the south coast from Lautoka through Nadi, Korolevu, and Deuba to Suva.

Yet the potentialities of the beautiful Viti Levu Bay area along the King's Road east and south of Raki Raki seem very great.

Some consider this a prettier part of the whole coastline than any, with its off-shore islands and its several Fijian villages in small valleys hugging the shore-line. This is the weather side, with its fresh cool breezes—and, let's admit it, its heavier rainfall.

Some day there is certain to be a diversion of the tourist trade in this direction—when the roads are improved and better facilities are established.

But meanwhile, for the low-brow who can sneak through under the organised tourist trade's guard and hick his way round the north coast by Indian bus or extend himself to a taxi, he'll have very little to complain about in the way of existing hotels and particularly the cuisine provided.

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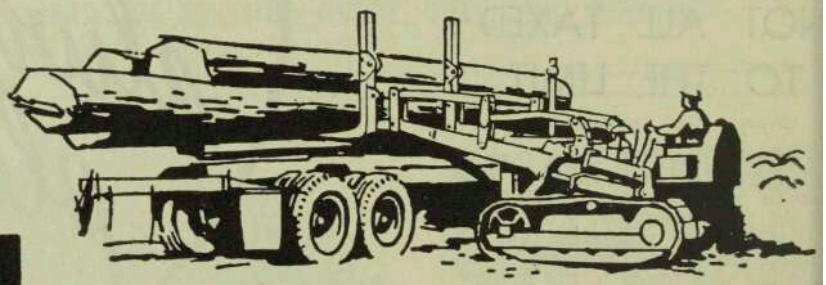

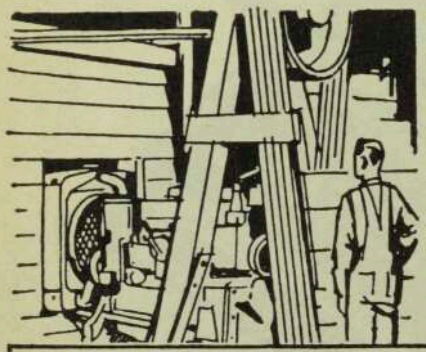

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That Texan and His Floating Family

Outward Bound Is Still Bound Outward

Ve said good-bye to John Caldwell "PIM" in July, 1958, when he l his wife, Mary, and their kids ed out of Sydney on their 45-ft. ch "Outward Bound". Since then, word—till now. They haven't got far in those nine months—just Townsville, but they appear to e been having their own Caldwell nd of fun.

ohn Caldwell is obviously an in- able romantic. After sailing hts back and forth across the ific for 12 years he can still te about it and make it sound a travel brochure; or the first ed-and-tried recipe for getting y from it all. And the strangest g about it is that he probably ns it.

his is what he has to say, from nsville (shorn of some of his t lyrical adjectives):

O your wife and kids like the life you live, sailing around the world on a small boat?" I am n asked.

y answer is: I wouldn't leave of them behind. Nor would I game to tell any of them they dn't go with me. It would mean n mutiny!

urs is a carefree life of ad- ture. Of escape from the merci- commonsense of convention. built our 40-ft. auxiliary ketch Sydney—I and my crew, consist- of my wife Mary and our two s, Johnnie 11 and Roger 6. The ding took two years and three ths, mostly part-time and week- s.

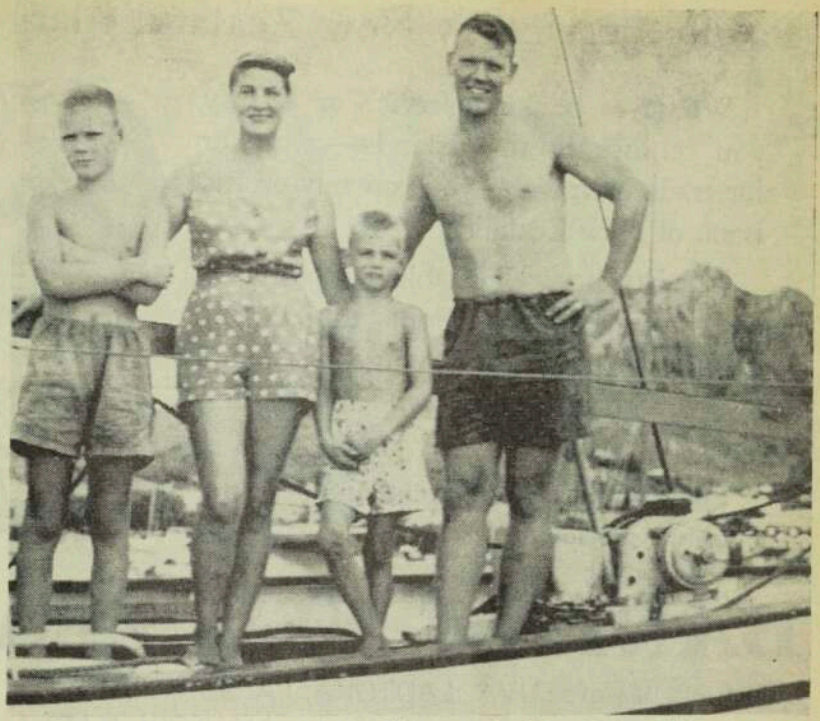
e finished the boat one day and d the next—July 27, 1958, to Barrier Reef—on the first leg ur world voyage.

You live but once; you are young once," is our cry. "Do what you t to do to have a bit of fun, what you don't want."

ut . . . our departure wasn't h fun. What started as a light erly breeze, grew surprisingly he afternoon, and with night- we were deeply reefed in a bled sea, with winds of 40 knots. h seas exploding off our bilges, ran to Coff's Harbour in the time of 49 hours, with ship and in good order on arrival.

tward Bound sails with arrogant ity in a kicking sea.

e ran next to Gladstone, rted by schools of whales, until outheast gale blew up, driving wallowing and sea-swept into cozy nook of Bustard Head



The crew of "Outward Bound" on arrival in Townsville after their leisurely five months cruise from Sydney through the Barrier Reef. From left to right: Johnnie aged 11, Mary, Roger aged 6 (born in Tahiti), and Skipper John.

Creek, where Cook had once anchored.

We lounged among a gem-like group of islets in the Gladstone area for a month—fishing, swimming, hiking, exploring, and just plain loafing, and from now on the trip became yachting, of the text-book, yacht club verandah type: warm, fresh, sun-brown days, and soft, cool evenings.

On the Queensland coast, near Broad Sound, we found a niche in the rugged shoreline and felt our way through a narrow pass to discover Island Head Creek. A bleak name for so enchanting an inlet, with its miles of glistening beaches.

Got Lost

For nine days we lazed in this rarely visited anchorage. Fishing and swimming was the best, with fat oysters abounding by the barrel load on the shore rocks.

Again at sea, we flew north to find more islands—the Percy Group, St. Bees, Brampton, Lindeman. Then that prize of the Barrier Reef, the Whitsunday Group: A miniature of the Hawaiian islands.

The following weeks were memorable. At our feet lay a yachtsman's paradise—a sparkling patchwork of sandfronted isles with fascinating bays, coves, reefs and inlets of every description.

For over two months we "got lost" in such places as Haselwood Island, a picture-card islet, where Johnnie and I shot a fat juicy piglet, which we spitted and barbecued, sizzling and succulent on the white beach. And Nara Inlet, a three-mile ribbon of gleaming water which pokes into the heart of Hook Island, ending in a placid basin overtopped with kingly hoop pines, craggy cliff-face, and a hurtling waterfall. We had careless days of convivial fellowship with holidaying guests at the resort islands of Happy Bay, South Molle and Hayman.

The only discord to shake the tropic calm comes daily from the boys, when they are called from shore to their correspondence lessons. "What? School!" they groan.

As December ended, we sought a safe all-weather anchorage for the cyclone season—roughly, January to May in these waters. We chose the bustling port of Townsville and dropped anchor in Ross Creek, near the foot of Castle Hill which piles up like a battlement over the city.

The hospitality of the north is a sleep-shattering reality in Townsville. Whisked into a gay round of dinners, parties and outings, six evenings out in a week is not rare. And now, yawning and a trifle weary, we lie waiting and preparing ship for the next leg of our world voyage, which is Darwin via Cairns, Cooktown and Thursday Island and islands, coves and inlets on the way.

When May comes, we go unbeset by cares and ever hopeful of bewitching horizons.

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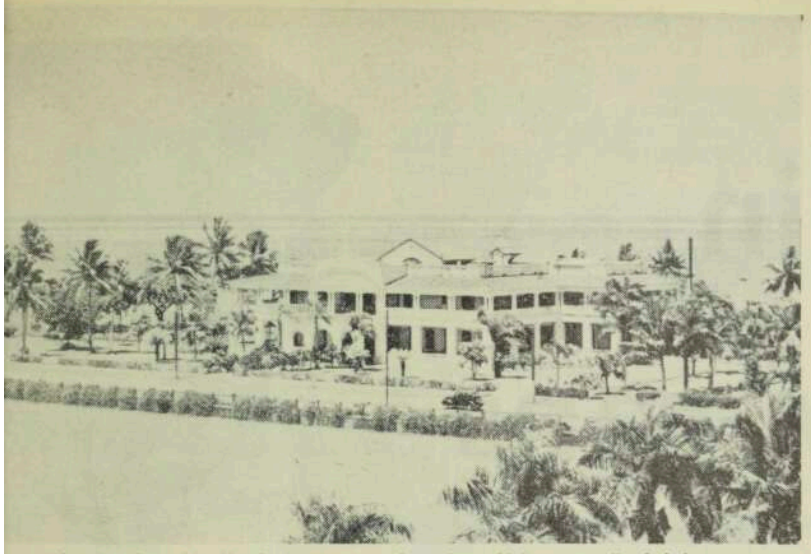

The Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, new plans for which are outlined below.

It Will Be Good for Fiji Tourism

ıva's GPH Has New Owners And A New Outlook

Little time was lost in transferring the Grand Pacific Hotel, ıva, from Union Steam Ship Co. ownership to Cathay Hotels td. of Singapore, once the tender of the latter had been ccepted by the Fiji Government early in April.

MINALLY, the transfer was rom the Government (to vhich the USS Co. had sur- ered the lease) to Cathay; but he Government obviously did want to be concerned with management, and no one ed to close the hotel just when tourist season was beginning, physical transfer was straight Union Company to Cathay pany.

took place at midnight on nesday, April 22. In the ıce, through illness, of Mr. ı Hurley (GPH manager), the ng Suva manager of the USS Mr. D. A. Butler, took tem- y charge; and he handed over establishment to two high ıtives of the Cathay Organisa- who had arrived in Suva by few days before.

e Grand Pacific Hotel is now d and managed by Cathay, gh a Fiji subsidiary which has formed and registered in

e price paid by Cathay is not n, but it is believed to be in icinity of £130,000 Fijian. As d by *PIM* in April, Cathay has arked about £250,000 Fijian for nvestment and enterprise; and a big building programme, to modernise the existing structure, and make substantial additions, is to be commenced very soon.

Meanwhile, at our request, an official of the Cathay Organisation in Singapore has supplied us with the following interesting outline of the history and character of the Cathay Organisation, which now becomes an important investor in Fiji:—

Strength of Cathay Organisation

Cathay Hotel, Ltd. (which has just purchased the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva) is part of the Cathay Organisation, of Singapore and Malaya. This is a family business, the head of which is Mr. Loke Wan Tho, the well known ornithologist and photographer.

Mr. Loke is the son of the late Dr. Loke Yew, CMG, LLD., one of the earliest pioneers of the mining and rubber industries in Malaya, who left behind him an almost fabulous reputation and who, at one time, was permitted by the Government in Malaya to print his own bank notes.

The Cathay Organisation comprises a number of companies connected with the cinema industry, and is also interested in rubber

Yanuca Island, at Cuva, near Sigatoka, the site of one of the hotels which a new company, the Hotels of the Crown Colony of Fiji Ltd., will build. The managing director of the company, Mr. Barry Philp, announced the plans of the company (a subsidiary of an American Co.) in early April.

The Yanuca Island establishment will be a luxury resort, but will cater also for residents requiring a beach holiday by building also self-contained cottages. The island will be joined to Cuva Beach (already a popular swimming area), and to Queen's Rd. (shown centre left) by a causeway.

The other hotel which the company will build will be near Nadi Airport, at Namaka; it will cater specially for air travellers, superseding the Mocambo, now operated right at Nadi air terminal by Mr. Philp under agreement with the South Pacific Air Transport Council.

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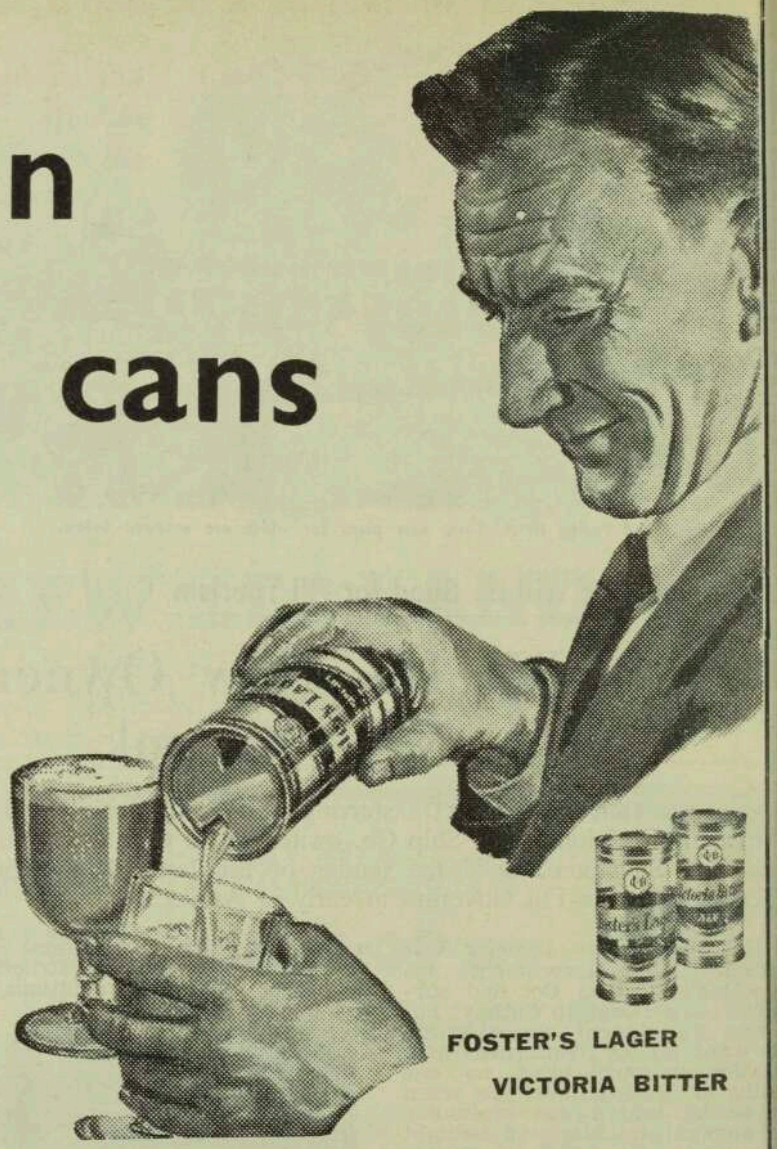

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Now its Singapore Money for Fiji

he arrival in Fiji of a ırter-million of Singapore ıey for investment through Grand Pacific Hotel has sed quite a stir in the kking department of Suva Business.

itherto, the money which developed Fiji has come er from Britain, through ernmental loans; from big Corporations of Aus-ia, whose finances really inate the British Colony; rom New Zealand, through ıtutions like Bank of New land and Union SS Co. In nt years, a certain amount apital also has arrived from a.

he introduction of Singapore ıey is a new factor, of con-rable interest. Chinese ionaires generally dominate great British financial cture operating in Malaya, apore, North Borneo and some degree) Indonesia; one of them, is the back-e of the Cathay Organisa-and, therefore, of the GPH.

s, tin mines and property in a and Singapore.

the cinema side the Organisa-perates a chain of over 60 as throughout Malaya, o, Thailand and Hongkong. dition, the Organisation pro-Chinese films at its studios ngkong, and Malay films at udios in Singapore. A sub-company handles the pro-n of documentary and ad-ng film-lets.

headquarters of the Or-tion is the famous Cathay ng in Singapore, which was ed by Lord Mountbatten as eadquarters when Singapore e-occupied in 1945.

Hotel Management

enormous 14-storey building, n strikingly modern style, the y towers over the city of pore; and, from its many s, an unsurpassed view of the ur, the island and the sur-ing islands can be obtained. this building is housed the y Hotel, comprising 114 all fully air-conditioned with ones, separate bathrooms and modern convenience.

hotel dining-room provides ean food and provides music lancing nightly, to a Filipino On the floor below is the y Restaurant, known to every-in Singapore as the best se restaurant where, in on to Chinese dishes cooked aster cooks (brought in from Hongkong) a nightly cabaret is provided, and dancing takes place to a separate Filipino band.

The Cathay Building also houses the Cathay Cinema, and contains shops, a hairdressing salon for ladies and gentlemen, and two squash courts.

In addition to this hotel, the Organisation also operates the Ocean Park Hotel, situated six miles from the centre of Singapore, in a park of some six acres, situated right on the sea coast, with its own private beach. This hotel provides dancing every night.

This year, another hotel, owned by the Organisation, has been opened at Jesselton (the capital of North Borneo) under the name of Borneo Hotel. This hotel was taken over by the Borneo Government in connection with the visit to Borneo of the Duke of Edinburgh in February last.

The Suva venture is the Organisation's first outside the immediate vicinity of Singapore.

It is intended that a new company, a subsidiary of the Cathay Organisation, shall be formed, and two of the Directors of the company are proceeding to Suva to arrange details. These are Mrs. Loke Yew, the mother of Mr. Loke Wan Tho, who has taken a very prominent part in the furnishing and decoration of the Cathay Hotel, and Mr. Lien Ying Chow, who is connected with a large number of business and baking corporations in Singapore and Malaya.

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rom ALAN FITZGERALD, in London.

ou don't have to go to Tahiti find straw huts beside a m sea, said the advertise- it, in "The Times", London's known parish paper.

›KING out at the drizzle, I ad on and found that this ear, Europe's *avant garde* are Polynesian.

Tahitian-style thatched huts, of bamboo and straw, ac- odating two or three persons, Young Things wearing is" and little else, can ease ace of modern living in eleven esian "holiday villages" owned he Club Mediterranee in e, Sicily, Southern Italy, lia, Corsica, Elba, Capri and hiti itself.

re is also a "Village ude" in the French Alps. the villages, according to the ctus I received, have their rivate beach where scattered the shore, under the shade of olive trees, some estimated French members enjoy going "Polynesian style". At about) per head per fortnight (inc. and boat fares).

't imagine they are roughing gether. The prospectus men- an ever-open bar (like every- else in the village it is in the ir) only a few paces from the

by is a restaurant, with a ental breakfast and a us three course lunch and . . . served by charming and Italian waitresses and cal *vin ordinaire* is on tap, charge.

edible as it seems, among all decaying Europeanity are tame Tahitians who "put on startling exhibitions of their onal dances".

course, dancing is "barefoot the stars" with "non-stop nd cha-cha".

For the Drinks in Beads

ly Young Things can forget exists, for the only currency n club villages is strings of d beads—red, green, and ones.

n you want to buy a drink ever-open bar, all you have to do is detach a few beads from the string around your neck. "The handiest way of carrying your cash ever devised."

Other Club facilities are a first aid post (for lasses who sit on their change?); a laundry (pareus back in 24 hours?); deep freeze, barber's shop, safe deposit for travellers' cheques (that old untidy paper stuff!); and a hi-fi set which broadcasts daily concerts of classical or "typical" music.

Everything But The Surf

The Club calls its village on the island of Elba (where Napoleon found life languid but less congenial) its "Royaume de Farniente" —Kingdom of Sweet Idleness.

An added attraction to this one is an annexe village where "you can spend a few days in complete isolation" (presumably to get away from that damned hi-fi).

For those who wish to savour the authentic Polynesian "paradise", the Club has a village at Punania, "a few miles from Papeete (opened in 1956)" which can be reached by air from Paris every month by TAI. A four-weeks stay in Tahiti for only £Stg.570 all inclusive. "Exotic islands of Moorea, Bora-Bora, and the Iles Sous-le-vent may be visited by sailing boat". (It seems hard to believe that this price includes the air-fare).

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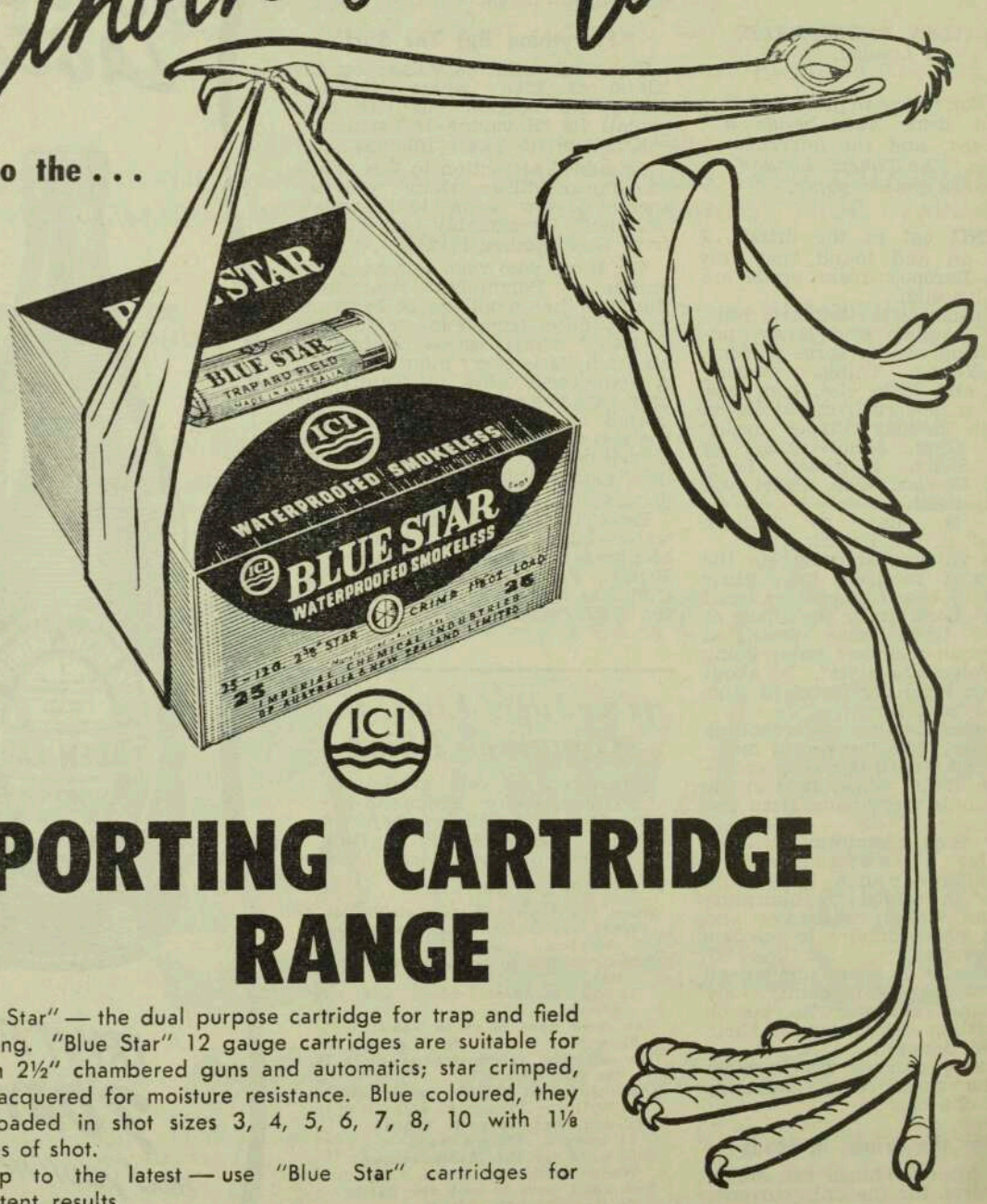

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ERE'S nothing new about bee-eeping in the Islands. *PIM* ran valuable series of articles on ubject back in the 1930's and onaries and others in many s have kept a few hives. could well be, however, that s the only place where local y is on sale in labelled jars in g stores—and very tasty honey of it is.

ar of this product wearing a t label with the words PURE HONEY FROM THE ISLES IJI, and another small sticker the words Na Bure Vuda Farm icts, Box 146, Lautoka, was sampled in Suva.

er the small sticker came off eal under it: PRODUCED BY MAN DAVIS, LAUTOKA. It evealed a story.

ittle inquiry on the north-west of Viti Levu soon uncovered ct that Mrs. Ivy Waddingham, of Mr. A. E. Waddingham, ger of the Lautoka Branch of Philp (SS) Co. Ltd., was the of this apiary.

ut 18 months ago Norman , an Australian, had set up business—without any great edge of beekeeping.

another location he had estab- the hives, and fed the bees sugar, so that what they manufacturing was a poor of honey, rather approaching syrup.

, for some reason, Davis soon his immigration permit with- and was packed off. Mrs. ingham bought him out as he ed his farewells to Fiji. That ast July.

oney from Wild Flowers

e she acquired the apiary a progress has been made in ving the quality of the honey. essor Erkert, of California, a authority on tropical bee- g, well known in Australia, onsulted.

feeding of sugar was halted e bees now gather the nectar wild flowers. The honey so ed is light amber in colour, ith none of the slightly sharp r associated with some of the darker Australian honeys.

Unfortunately, the feeding of sugar polluted the comb to an extent and it will be some time before this is completely worked out. Mrs. Waddingham at present has 67 hives. The honey brings 2/4 per lb and retails in the stores at 3/6, in glass jars.

This price is high on New Zealand standards—where the finest clover honey in cardboard cartons retails at about 2/-, but is comparable with the selling price of Australian honey in Fiji.

Most of Fiji's honey-eaters apparently are Australians who prefer the darker, liquid Australian honey with its sharper flavour gained from the bees feeding on the flowers of the native Box trees, other wild flowers and tree blossoms.

Following the establishment of this apiary by Davis, two other overseas men, Messrs. Nemo and Bernard, established another one—at present of about 39 hives—at Nadarivatu, in the north, 2,700 ft above sea level and operating under the name of Fiji Apiaries Co. They are reported to be striking technical problems up there.

One of the problems of bee-keeping in Fiji is the toad, which swarms everywhere. Toads eat bees and park themselves at the hive entrances to cause great losses, so it is necessary to have the hives enclosed in toad-proof fences.

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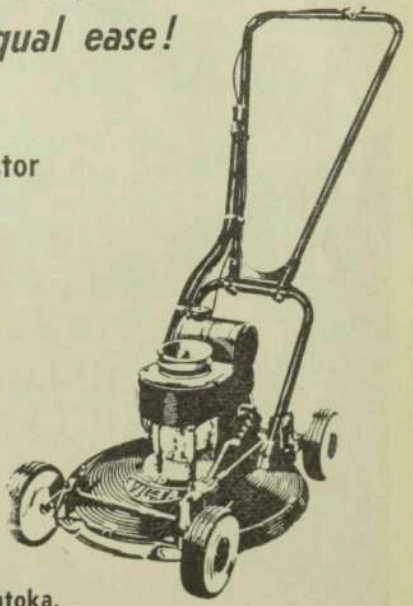

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In The Days When Enterprise Was Very Free

REAL HELL-FIRE THWARTED ATTEMPT TO SHIP NH SULPHUR

From a Special Correspondent

A French attempt at exploitation of the sulphur deposits Vanua Lava, Banks Group, New Hebrides, ended in a mplete fiasco and was one of the events that clouded the st days of the flamboyant company promoter, John Higginson.

AS reminded of this recently hen I read an interesting rticle, "Volcanoes—far more l than destructive", by the dis-ished French geologist, E. rt de la Rue, in a recent er of the UNESCO "Courier", has a world-wide circulation.

e of the author's illustrations a deposit of pure sulphur in ulphur spring on Vanua Lava, e Banks, a deposit to which has on occasion drawn at-n.

man who knew the story of nson's venture, was that fine renchman Captain Morin, who d his part in the development e group before he became chief at Noumea.

was the German planter, el, later killed at Santo in who came across the Vanua deposit on the river Ngusin, on a recruiting expedition. He n partnership with Chevillard, rst mayor of Port Vila—then Franceville—where they were oping a big plantation and ng bananas for the Sydney et.

pfel went back to the Banks ought the deposit from a local the purchase being registered umea.

Societe Francaise, successor gginson's original New Hebri-company, investigated, and t the deposit from Chevillard.

company decided to exploit large scale, employing 50 con-or ticket-of-leave men from Caledonia.

se men were landed on Vanua with a lot of machinery, tram trucks, and so on.

nvicts With Yellow Faces

en they arrived, Vila's in-ants held a protest meeting, ey had been assured that no convicts would be sent to the by Higginson, Ballandes, or big planters or employers.

they were assured that the would only be employed at the ur mine, would not be allowed ttle on other islands, and be sent back to Noumea when work was done.

They were sent back—those who survived—sooner than expected. The climate proved so unhealthy and malaria so prevalent that they were returned to Noumea on the same schooner, "La Perouse", that had landed them some months before, looking just about as yellow as the sulphur they had made an attempt to work.

The project was abandoned in such haste that the machinery was left behind to rust, which it did with amazing speed in the sulphur fumes and the salt sea air.

But although not a ton of sulphur ever reached Noumea, let alone France, a trial shipment was loaded, on a three-masted auxiliary schooner of which Captain Morin was skipper.

About 30 miles after leaving Vanua Lava, off Meralav or Star Peak, the south-eastern isle of the Banks group—a striking volcanic peak some 3,000 feet high—the cargo caught fire. Real hell-fire brimstone fumes began to choke the crew, who lowered their two boats and took off across the sea.

Rowing all day under a broiling sun, and nearly mad with thirst—for they hadn't time to take any water with them—they reached Hog Harbour, Santo, 40 miles from where they abandoned ship, at 10 o'clock at night.

It was such a dead calm they had to pull all the way, sails being useless. When their hoarse cries woke the people on the Thomas brothers plantation, they had been 14 hours in their boats.

This disaster was one of the reasons why the French company pioneered by Higginson went into voluntary liquidation. On February 27, 1902, a meeting of creditors was held at the Noumea Chamber of Commerce. The liquidator, M. de Verteuil, a Noumea lawyer, explained the steps he was taking after paying two visits to the group to investigate the company's affairs. He had wound up branches that were proving unprofitable, but was retaining and strengthening those which produced satisfactory results.

The French Government also came to the company's assistance, with the result that the French hold

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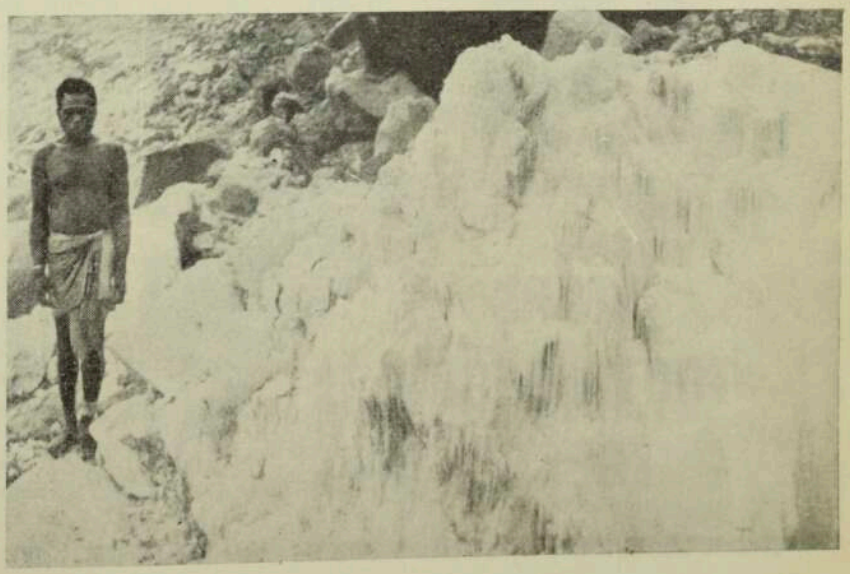
There will probably be a boost to the perennial interest in the sulphur deposits thrown out by Pacific volcanoes, following an article that appeared recently in an UNESCO publication. But although many have tried to see a way to make money out of Pacific sulphur no one yet has managed to do it. The accompanying article describes the first attempt to exploit the deposits at Vanua Lava, New Hebrides; the second attempt was in the early 1930's, when an Australian company spent several years investigating the area. Nothing came of it. The only good thing about it, said one of the men who was on the job, was complete absence from mosquitoes and sandflies. "I suppose the smell has got them bluffed", he wrote to "PIM" in October, 1934.

This photo of the Vanua Lava deposits was used in "PIM" in the mid-thirties. It is the same photo used recently by UNESCO in the article mentioned.



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Prince Tungi's Off Again

...RE FISH, CHEAPER ...EL FOR TONGA

...STLESS, energetic Prince Tungi, ...of Tonga, passed through Syd...ney in late April on his way to ...an to buy a 120-tons vessel to ...t a fishing industry for Tonga. ... professional Japanese fishing...ter, Isamu Naoi, using the ex...kland trawler *Pearlin* (now re...ed *Alaimoana*) bought by Tungi ...ouple of years ago, is already ...ning selected Tongans in the art ...arge-scale fish-catching. Tungi ...es the new vessel, with a 40-... freezer space, will supply all ...fresh fish that Nukualofa and ...au need.

...ter, if the venture succeeds, ... or more" other fishing vessels ...be acquired and ultimately Fiji, ...oa and Tahiti would also be ...plied. The tuna-canning in...ry in American Samoa repre...ed a profitable outlet, too.

...e Tongan Government's agent ...apan, a subsidiary firm of the ...ential Matsubishi group, will ...se on the purchase of a suit... vessel.

...eets from Japan, in no way as...ated with Tonga, have already ...ed the fishing potentialities of ...area. There is every reason to ...ve that Tonga could now de...p a valuable fishing industry, but whether it will become a truly Tongan industry remains to be seen. The dream that Pago Pago's tuna industry would soon become a truly Samoan industry is still a dream.

While in Sydney, Tungi held a series of discussions with major and independent oil companies interested in installing bulk oil tanks in Tonga. At present, all oil for the Kingdom is expensively reshipped in drums from Fiji. Tungi hopes to slash the landed cost of oil by transporting it in bulk in barges towed from Suva by the Tongan Government's new tug-workboat *Hifofua* and pumping it direct into tanks. Oil barges now being built in Auckland should be ready for service next August.

Don't Like it Frozen

However, there is one aspect of Tungi's fish plan that might not appeal to the Fijian buyer. That is the freezing of the fish cargo which, it is reasonable to assume, will be caught four or five days before disposal on the Fiji markets.

The Fijians, at Suva anyway, are averse to buying fish that has been "on the ice" for even a couple of days let alone up to 10 days. They say that the natural fresh flavour is just not there. And the Fijians would be the only substantial customers of any such venture if it comes off.

But the demand for fresh fish at both Suva and Lautoka is increasing every year with the increase in population so that perhaps these people might only be too happy to get what they can and not be so discriminating in their choice—particularly if it is cheaper than the local product.

Prince Tungi, right, photographed last year, with Governor of American Samoa, aboard his new "Aoniu".

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...the groups took the pattern ...h has continued ever since.

...aptain Morin was afterwards ...ter of the Societe Francaise ...ner *France*; he did great service ...e December before World War ... rescuing two or three hundred ...ves from Ambrym when that ...d blew up—as recently de...bed in the pages of *PIM*.

The Non-Stop Roundabout

...is fine old *marin* was a great ...nteur; the lone navigator Alain ...bault related in one of his books ... during his stay in the Hebrides, ...sed to sit into the small hours ...ning to his stories.

...e story the old captain used to ...against himself was of another ...o, a commercial venture in ...e, in the Loyalty Group, with ... first roundabout the islanders ...e had seen. The excitement was ...se; the roundabout, set up in ...ch grounds, ran non-stop so ... as it would go. But, unfor...tely, arrangements to collect ...ey for the rides broke down; ...ng with delight the natives took ...merable rides "for free", as the ...ks say.

...e horses also had all their tails ...n. The venture, in fact, was ...ad loss.

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Tropicalities

You Can Shoot 'em But Not Eat 'em

amendment to existing laws governing destruction of crops by wandering stock was passed recent Rarotonga Island Council ing, which means it is now per- ible for a landowner to take n against pigs and goats. nder the amendment a land er, or a member of his family— ne owner of a gun accompanied ne of these persons, may shoot espassing animal, but the body be returned to the owners of animal. This law applies only to and goats.

Unholy Water

EWS from the New Hebrides?" said a Suva ship-master to a *PIM* man in April. "Well I know; there was the tidal over there recently, from some rsea eruption or earthquake or thing. You heard about the padre at Tanna, of course?"

M hadn't heard that one.

Vell this tidal-wave-thing hit at night, and the way the padre it, it was quite a laugh. He slowly from a very deep sleep gradually became conscious of nbling and swaying and a great ing of waters as he lay on his nder his mosquito net. There's lace for the River Styx in his logy, but he was ready to admit this seemed something pretty it after sneaking his hand over side of the bed and feeling the rs rushing by. This sort of just doesn't happen in a e well back from the beach well above high water. But in ay he was happy enough to se that it was the elements and he theology which was at fault e came to full conciousness. *d* happened."

Pigs-Tusks Enter High-Fashion

OKING somewhat less than er usual charming self, Countess Ingeborg de Beausacq photographed for *The Sydney ing Herald* recently, wearing klace of pigs' tusks strung on wary's sinews, and a bonnet tella Frankel (some sort of ner) who was "inspired by a e head-dress".

The inspiration was obviously quite genuine. The hat has a striking resemblance to the bark hoods worn by Kukukukus—although in the millinery sense it is not calculated to do much for the wearer.

Madame de Beausacq has spent the last nine months cruising up and down the Sepik River of New Guinea, and along the more remote coasts of Netherlands New Guinea, buying native artifacts, and encouraging the natives to make others. She recently shipped 22 crates of this native art to New York.

Whatever one may think about the native curio trade—and there are several conflicting views on the subject—one must give Madame de Beausacq full marks for earning her living the hard way. Few women with her background would voluntarily choose to spend their time travelling by canoes and slopping through the mud of primitive native villages. If she makes a few bob out of it, most people would agree that she deserves it.

She was in Sydney in early April and is now on her way back to New York.

P-NG—A Good Place For Accountants

NOW that the Hasluck-Reeve dictatorship has thrown its ready made income taxation scheme—obviously patterned on Australia's system—over Papua and New Guinea, there is a big and profitable field opening up there immediately for accountants skilled in company and taxation law.

Hitherto, individuals and corporations operating in P-NG have kept their accounts according to the system which our grandfathers followed, before income tax introduced a flood of iniquities, and measures necessary to combat those iniquities. If they follow the same system now, they will be slaughtered.

It all boils down to what a horde of taxation officials will, or will not, allow as "deductible items" when calculating taxable income.

Theoretically, the trader keeps a set of accounts for his own guidance, so he may know whether or not he is making a profit, and how much. If he is wise and honest, he uses his own good judgment in deciding upon what he shall charge as the legitimate costs of earning his income.

So far, in New Guinea, he has followed his own safe rules in compiling his annual balance-sheet—in fixing such items as depreciation, general expenses, travelling costs,

The old is making way for the new everywhere in New Caledonia. Few reminders of the old transportation days are now left. Here an old Noumea building of the "epoque" (meaning the convict days) is being demolished in the centre of the town to make way for a £100,000 block of government offices. Photo: F. E. Dunn.

and in deciding what is capital and what is current expenditure. The only authority to check and guide him has been his accountant, and his own commonsense.

In future, he must study and calculate every item of his annual balance-sheet in accordance with new rules. Otherwise, he will find that items of cost which he regards as perfectly legitimate are disallowed by tax collectors with arbitrary powers, and that he is faced with a demand for tax far in excess of anything he has provided for. A "provisional tax for companies" can be a most vicious thing.

In Australia, today, the keeping of accounts and the compilation of tax returns have become so complex, as the result of endless laws and arbitrary "interpretations" of laws, that no trader dare produce a balance-sheet or return of income without the help of an accountant who knows his taxation laws thoroughly.

Hitherto, trading in P-NG has been out in the open. Now, it becomes subject to a completely new set of rules, devised for the bedevilment of commerce by bureaucrats who, for the most part, hate private enterprise and regard profit-making as a crime.

They Come From A Remote Pacific Island

WELL-KNOWN Kai Viti, J. S. K. Borron, who has just returned home to Mago Island, Lau Group of Fiji, with Mrs. Borron, after over 12 months abroad, can always be relied on to see life with a well-developed sense of the ridiculous.

Because they live about 200 miles out in the Koro Sea, the Borrons apparently have some special dispensation in the matter of US visas (they come into the category of "remote Pacific Island"), and as a result Fiji is apparently unknown to some members of the US instrumentality that deals with migration.

According to the Borron s when they were crossing Canada into the US some mo ago, the Borron passports cam for more than usual attention.

The official puzzled about it a bit, then with a big thumb pressed to the word "FIJI", c over and said: "Say, tell me t what's this F-one-J-one busine

When Tame Boys Become Really Wild

YOUNG Norman Payne, a bud sawmiller, of Talasea, Guinea—now South, enjoying a of leave—perpetrated it.

Friends asked him about the head tax of £2 per annum. the native labourers they empl at Talasea have to pay it?

"It is paid by the beach b said Norman. "But the wild bo that is, the boys from the bush the back of us—do not hav pay.

"We employ a lot of boys from bush. The Government make distinction between beach boys wild boys.

"Yes, acting for the governm we usually collect the tax on days from the beach boys. makes them real wild—so wild fact, that they ought to be c wild boys, and let off the altogether!"

Great Tribes From Small Beginnings Grow

UNDER the intriguing hea "Farm Lad Founded an Isl Tribe", the following advert ment appeared in a March issu the Melbourne *Herald*.

Recent visitors to a group of re Pacific islands have found settlemen light-skinned natives who all speak En with a heavy Gloucestershire dialect. natives are Christians, and most hav same surname—Marsters.

In other island groups, throughout Pacific similar light-skinned people, the same name, are found.

In all, there are about 6,000 na called Marsters.

And they all trace their ancestry t adventuring young English farm William Marsters, who ran away Gloucestershire to find his own i paradise.

The story of Marsters, and his i brides, is one of the most romantic tales of the Pacific.

It is told for the first time in " tralasian Post" on sale now.

Well—not for the *first* t *PIM* has been telling the story and on throughout the whole years of its existence and it old enough when we came into picture.

And although the orig Marsters got a head-start with several brides, and the rest of t have been a prolific lot, we d whether there are 6,000 pe around about in the Cook Isl calling themselves Marsters. La population figure for Palmer Is. (the Masters' home base) is

CROSSQUIZ

(Solution on page 97)

— ACROSS —

1.—What would you be ringing if you asked for Whitehall 1212?

7.—What is the name for the type of firework from a pistol as a signal of distress?

8.—What was the surname of the famous woman traveller who was known as the "Uncrowned queen of Arabia"?

9.—Which plant of the arum family is widely cultivated for its edible roots in the Pacific Islands?

10.—What is the Spanish word for "river"?

11.—Which geological epoch immediately preceded that in which we are now living?

12.—What term is applied to a horse of a reddish-brown colour?

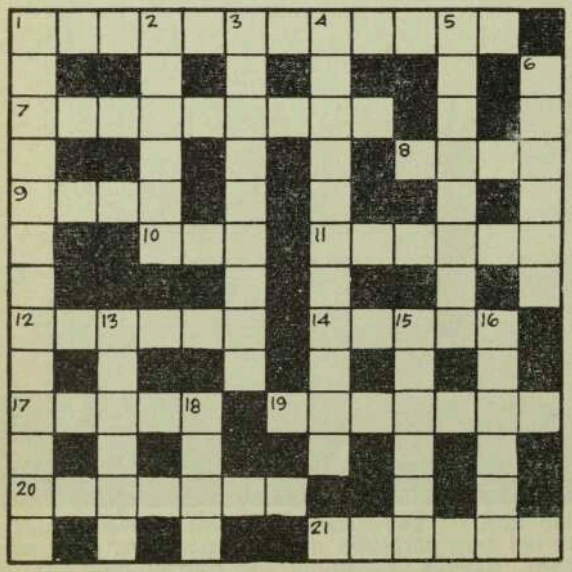
14.—In which country is Tobruk?

17.—What combines chemically with alkalis to form substances called salts?

19.—What is the symbol of Scotland on the royal arms?

20.—What type of cigar is not pointed at either end?

21.—Which bay between Spain and France is notable for its stormy crossings?



— DOWN —

1.—By what name is the disease Chorea better-known?

2.—Which American president was popularly known as "Old Rough and Ready"?

3.—Which Greek philosopher was tutor to Alexander the Great?

4.—Who designed the famous Moth aeroplane?

5.—What plant is for remembrance?

6.—Which cardinal was driven from power because he refused to sanction the marriage of Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn?

13.—What was the name of the Scotsman who founded Sunday Schools?

15.—What is the name of the two-headed muscle in the upper arm?

16.—Where are the Drakensburg Mountains?

18.—What is the Sabot?

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Beach scene on Rossel Island, where the cannibal incidents took place.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE FACTS

NG's Most Celebrated Cannibal Feast

By Lew Priday

A hundred years have gone by since Australians heard or the first time of a case of cannibalism on such a scale that allowed journalists to make a periodical sensation of it ever ince. The latest example appeared in a Sydney afternoon paper ot long ago.

IE event was the disappearance of most of the crew and all but one of the 317 Chinese passeng- of the three-mast French oner *Saint Paul*, after she was cked on Rossel Island in the isiades.

ut in one important particular story the writers so like to em- ish has gone astray. With the ulish excitement that horrors ay inspire, they invariably assert the Chinese victims were kept he natives in a sort of pen or al and systematically fattened for subsequent consumption at steady rate of one or two a

his part of the story, though may not know it, derives from letter written 12 years after shipwreck by G. P. Heath, who served in the *Rattlesnake* dur- a survey of the Louisiades by Captain Owen Stanley. He wrote:

"... Then, if I remember rightly, a vessel with Chinese emigrants was wrecked somewhere at the Louisiades some years ago, and it was reported that the natives penned the Chinese up like sheep, and daily came to select the one in best condition for the table, the last survivor being rescued by some passing vessel."

They Ate Them

The Rossel islanders undoubtedly pursued, slew and cooked and ate the poor Chinese as and where they found them; but any suggestion that they had the necessary restraint, the stocks of food needed to fatten their human cattle, and the ability to organise and draft out their victims on a daily scale, goes beyond rational belief.

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Do You Remember?

War clouds were on the horizon in Europe in May, 1939, and their shadows stretched to the Pacific: newspaper headlines blazoned the fact that President Roosevelt had said, "Hands Off!" to the Japanese and ordered the bulk of the American fleet back from the Atlantic to the Pacific. "PIM", hammering away at the Jap. menace, said how the Nippon spy organisation was operating in Hawaii—proof of which came when Pearl Harbour was blasted 18 months later.

Here are some other items of interest from that issue of 20 years ago:

Despite the abandonment of their four permit areas by Papuan Oil Developments, Ltd. (a Shell Co. subsidiary), Australian Petroleum Co., Ltd. (partly owned by Vacuum Oil Co.), announced it would continue with the search for oil and spend £250,000 in 1939 not only in Papua but also in Sepik River District, New Guinea. (APC, two decades later, is still in the news with its Puri well and £3,000,000 to spend in the next year and a half).

* * *

A 26-years-old Czecho-Slovakian, Rudolf Cikenek, reached Rabaul, NG, after paddling a 12 ft. double outrigger canoe from the Philippines by easy stages over five months. He and his frail craft were objects of much curiosity among the natives —especially the Bukans employed in Rabaul, since for years Buka and Bougainville tribes, in a kind of cargo cult offshoot, had been waiting "for a white man to come out of the sea". Cikenek later ploughed his way out of Rabaul Harbour headed for BSI and the New Hebrides.

* * *

Well-known Australian mining engineer, Mr. T. R. Victor, was on his way to BSI to report on areas held by Solomon Gold Mines, NL, and other concerns. There had been years of talk of gold on Guadalcanal, but nothing had come of previous investigations. Mr. Victor was associated with some of the Melbourne principals of the successful Fiji mining companies and his visit started a dozen or more share companies into life. With memories of the big money made in Fiji gold shares, investors went crazy for a time and BSI gold shares rocketed to fantastic prices. (Mr. Victor's report turned out to be adverse and share prices tumbled fast).

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An official committee of three (Mr. F. W. Eggleston, Melbourne barrister, Hon. H. Leonard Murray, then Official Secretary in Papua but later Administrator, and Hon. H. O. Townsend, NG Treasurer) sat in Canberra, Sydney and P-NG centres to hear evidence pro and con the proposed amalgamation of the Australian Territory of Papua and the Mandated Territory of New Guinea. (The Pacific war intervened, of course, and it was not until March, 1949, that the combined territory of Papua and New Guinea officially came into being).

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A Horrible Story from the Annals of the Blackbirders

Butchery On The High Seas

Compiled by R. W. Robson, From Old Records

There was in Melbourne, in 1871, a peculiarly unpleasant specimen of humanity named James Patrick Murray. He appears to have been a qualified physician, and he was rich; and he decided to seek adventure by running his own ship among the South Pacific Islands.

IN June, 1871, he left Melbourne in the 167-tons brig *Carl*. With him, as passengers, were a Mr. Wilson and a Mr. Scott. Captain Joseph Armstrong was master. A man named Dowden, a friend of Dr. Murray, was a crew-man.

The party went directly to Levuka, in Fiji. Fiji and most Polynesian islands then were growing cotton, and the new planters were yelling for labour. Fijians and Polynesians were undependable workers. Ship-masters who recruited labour in Melanesia, for the islands eastward, made small fortunes.

The *Carl* sailed off to the Southern New Hebrides and tried to induce natives there to "make paper". But many outrages had been committed by "blackbirders", and the natives, urgently warned by missionaries, were either shy and unresponsive, or very hostile. The *Carl* party had no success.

So, at Paama Island, one of Dr. Murray's friends was dressed as a missionary, and rowed onto a beach, where he led his boat's crew in hymn-singing.

The natives came around, and the "missionary" tried to persuade them to visit the ship. But they refused.

Bashed Into Quietness

The disconsolate *Carl* went on to Malekula, and sent a boat ashore. A small fleet of native canoes attacked it.

The *Carl* opened fire, most of the canoes fled, and the brig then ran down three canoes, spilling the natives into the water. The brig's boats went out and grabbed 12 men, and put them in the hold.

Thus developed the *Carl's* special technique. She went from island to island, and on into the Solomons. When canoes came around, some to trade, some to attack, they were run down, or smashed by throwing pig-iron into them, and the struggling swimmers pulled into the boats, bashed into quietness, and dumped in the hold.

Thus, they "recruited" men in Santa Anna, Ysabel, Bougainville and Buka. With a score of fierce black boys from Buka, the brig filled her requirement (80 potential labourers) and set sail for Levuka, direct.

Two nights out from Buka, in mid-September, 1871, a fearful row began among the 80 natives imprisoned in the hold. The crew tried to quieten them by firing pistols over them; but the men had armed themselves by tearing down the timbers from which tiers of bunks had been made, and using them as spears.

They repeatedly charged up the ladder to the hatch, at which they battered wildly. As there seemed a danger of their breaking through, guns were served out to all hands, the hatch was removed, and steady fire was directed into t hold.

There seemed to be fighting b tween groups of natives—they ca from several different localitie but enough of them were defyi the crew to prevent any of t latter entering the hold.

The *Carl's* people maintained t shooting, all night. Evider gathered later indicated they ma a sport of it.

Dr. Murray handled his musk with gusto and, as he fired in the hold, he sang "Marchi Through Georgia".

Just before dawn, the sounds defiance from the hold lessen and Scott volunteered to go do and arrange a truce. But he h descended only two rungs of t ladder when he was stabbed in t chest by a sharpened pole. He w dragged back, and the firing w resumed. To assist the marksm Wilson kept throwing lights in the hold.

After daylight, the hold was qui It was decided that an effort made to save the uninjured for t labour trade. The natives we invited to come up on deck.

Only Five Came Up

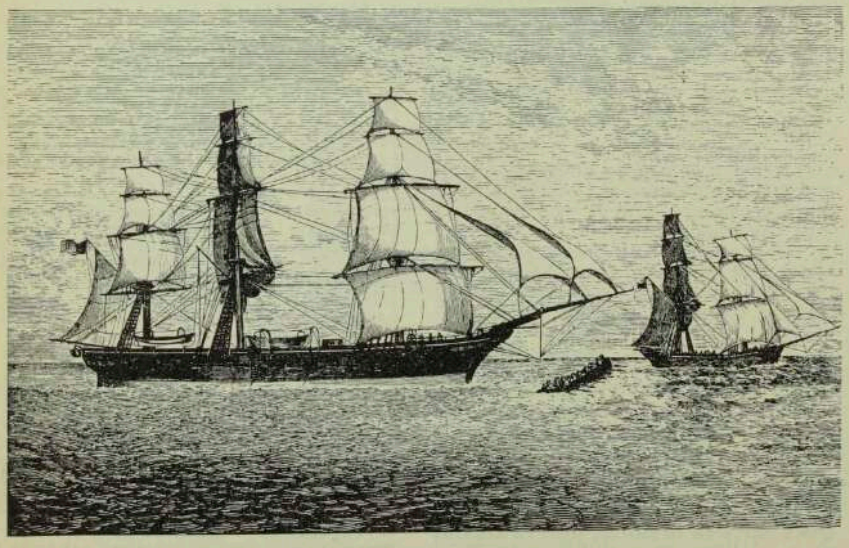
Five men came up without he The remainder still able to mo had to be helped. There were men wounded, 16 badly and ni slightly.

They were put under gua while Dr. Murray and Scott we down and inspected the hold. The was blood everywhere, and abo 50 corpses.

A team of crew-men was o ganised. The bodies were broug up one at a time, and thrown ove board. The team then was set work, cleaning the hold.

Meanwhile, Dr. Murray and h merry men discussed the situati on deck. They had five nativ unwounded, nine who probab could be patched up, and 16 injur apparently beyond repair.

The meeting debated a plan



HMS "Rosario" overhauling the blackbirder "Carl", in New Hebrides on November 17, 1871. From a sketch made at the time by an artist on the warship.

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ow these last into the sea. erboard with them!" shouted ray, and he himself indicated se whom they should keep. The were tossed overside.
ome of the injured men had ugh life in them to swim. They e left swimming. The brig was of sight of land.
hile the crew were scrubbing white-washing the hold, and remaining 14 natives were sent there, Dr. Murray and his panions sat in the main cabin bemoaned their evil luck, in ng lost over 60 of the labourers had gathered with such pains.
e *Carl*, in the next two months, l November, 1871, engaged in her cruising to collect grist for labour mill—yet retribution of rt appeared to be on the way.

Public Anger

many stories of outrages com- ed by "blackbirders" in the fic Islands had reached news- rs and Parliaments in the late ies that the British Navy led on special measures. *HMS rio*, a wooden sloop of 637 , was commissioned by Com- der A. H. Markham, in Sydney, October, 1871, and sent out to e the native-labour recruiting e in the South-west Pacific.
e book which her commander e (*The Cruise of the Rosario*, a collector's piece, published shows that the *Rosario* had ist of the more notorious ers", and hunted them ously.
e next incident in the *Carl's* nous journey is taken from mander Markham's account:

the morning of November 17, a brig observed under close-reefed topsails. r weather quarter. We hoisted our s, and a signal for her to heave-to. replied by showing the English en- but taking no notice of our signal. was fired which quickly brought her topsail to the mast.
second lieutenant was sent on board he proved to be the "Carl", of Mel- e, having on board 70 natives—we ot call them slaves—whom she was ng across, to dispose of for labour, e cotton plantations.
second lieutenant had strict orders ke a most rigorous and careful in- ation of the ship and her papers. is return he reported to me that hing appeared to be formal and cor- nd, as far as he could make out the passengers, that they were all ard of their own free will and con- and that between decks she was for a slaver and freshly white- d.
boat was then hoisted up, and the llowed to proceed on her course. tly well pleased to be rid of her itive and troublesome friend.

can be imagined what con- lations the charming Dr. ay must have heaped on him- as he realised he had bluffed much feared warship so soon the terrible massacre. Yet as not really out of trouble.

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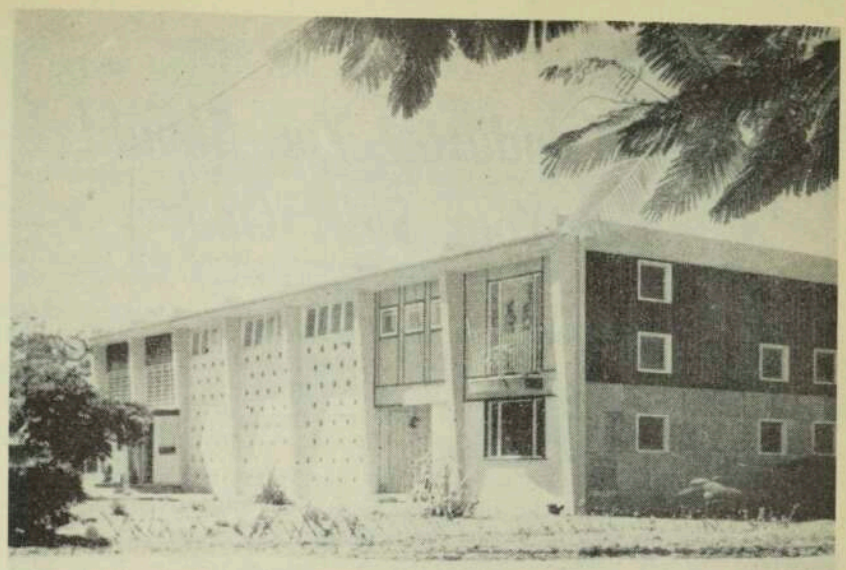

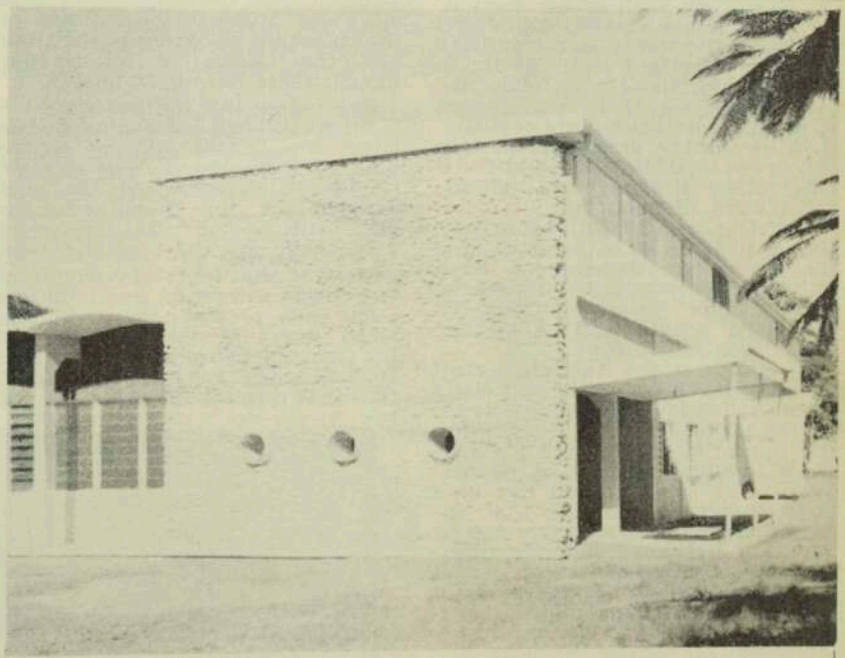

IT'S NOT NOW A SHANTY TOWN

Honiara, BSIP, was once a shanty town of tin and quonset huts. But not any more. Buildings like these are taking the place of the eyesores. At top is Honiara's new post office, completed last year—and on roof level at the far left can be seen the latest addition to it, a public clock. The position of the clock was a matter for good humoured discussion, as PIM reported in April, page 125. Below is the new Treasury Building, just nearing completion. It will house staffs of Treasury, Taxation, Audit and Customs, and be a welcome change from the dilapidated ex-US Army buildings these departments have been using. The modern new building was designed by Government Architect Harry Barnes. It has a prominent position in Mendana Ave., next to the Copra Board—and the local wags insist that it was decided to place it there to save the planters having to walk too far to pay export duty—which in 1958 amounted to £220,000.

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Problems of the Shell Button Business

It's An Industry You Should Bet Your Shirt On!

By J. P. SHORTALL

Milord, and not milady, will decide the fate of the Pacific shell industry; though as spring breaks in Paris, Rome, and Dublin all eyes are turned in the direction of the fashion salons to see what assistance can be expected from the men who decide what the ladies will wear in the year ahead. But whatever shell trimmings milady's outfit may carry, and unless the dictators have decreed the liberal use of small buttons, it will be what goes on milord's shirt front that really counts, as in the past.

THAT is the real substance of New York shell broker Paul A. Rie's latest assessment of the industry. Reports of secret military uses for pulverised shell powder to the contrary, those who follow the fate of the sea shell from lagoon to ultimate destination are emphatic that by far the greater proportion end up as small buttons—and for a long time past men have been the main users of such buttons.

American pearl shell consumers, the Australian MOP industry, and the Australian Government have united in a recent drive to publicise the genuine pearl button, its distinctive beauty, and its prestige value over synthetics.

The story of the Australian shell industry has been written up lately by a well known American writer on the sea and fishing. His writings are appearing in American magazines totalling millions in circulation. The same ground has been covered photographically for the big-circulation *Argosy* magazine by Mr. Ken Heyman. *McCall's* magazine sent a group of fashion models to Australia where they were photographed against simulated backgrounds aboard the former lugger *Saratoga* in Sydney Harbour and also at several tourist resorts.

Balmain's Tour

In April the Paris designer Pierre Balmain was to set out with three of his models on a world tour which could have tremendous implications for the shell industry. When this was written it was not known how much or what form of shell decorations had been incorporated into the various creations which will be displayed to the fashion concious women of the world. Balmain's whims could at least have an important bearing on the price of white MOP in the year ahead.

As the publicity programme has Australian backing it may be assumed that the emphasis will be on white MOP shell—and not on the blacklip of French Polynesia and the Cooks, or on trochus, though these too might benefit.

But unless the fashion emphasis is on small shell buttons as well as large, the benefit will be strictly limited. Even now there is no great trouble in disposing of the shell suitable for the manufacture of large buttons, but this represents only about one-third of the total.

Most of the important remaining two-thirds goes into small buttons —and at present small buttons mean men's shirts. Balmain and his companions could alter all that. It has to be remembered though that it is precisely in this field that the plastics have made greatest roads.

Good as plastics now are, t still cannot completely deceive large sizes, but in shirt-button s it is almost impossible for an ex to differentiate at three feet a —and the plastic button, what e failings it may have, is much costly.

"Prestige"

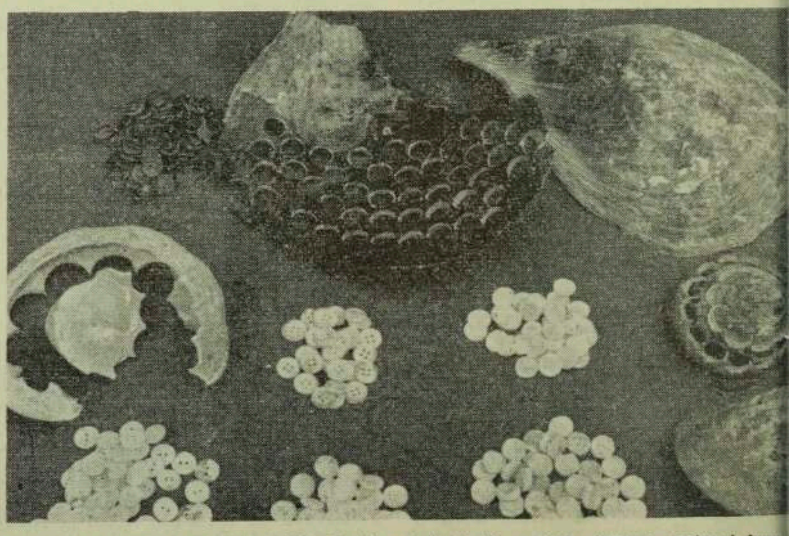
The fate of the small button day rests largely on prestige. T is the angle that is be emphasised in the United Stat the well-dressed gentleman will seen in nothing but the best, genuine ocean pearl-buttoned sh After all, the difference in cost a shirt is not very great.

The thing is to convince eno men that the genuine article worth that little extra. In fiercely competitive shirt manu turing trade of the United St the manufacturers who count not easily convinced on that sc And no one has yet thought any other mass use for the defec shells and the excessively cu portions unsuitable for l buttons.

The recent publicity appears have been concentrated entirely sales promotion in the garm trade; but is it not possible there may be other sales fie The building trade for instanc

Building Use?

In the huge modern streamli public buildings of today all k of decorative materials are u Surely mother-of-pearl shell w have its place, perhaps embo in murals or terazzo work, trimmings to the great doors such buildings, or in the stair



WHERE THE BUTTONS COME FROM. Trochus shell (right), and the buttons produced from The dark MOP shell at the top provides khaki buttons. This photograph and the one on opposite page of an operator at work, were taken a few years ago in a Fiji factory which has since struck hard times because of the competition from plastic buttons. there is an effort being made to return to the real thing, as this article reports.

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MR. A. TASMAN DISCOVERS AUSTRALIA

(His photo appears in "Pacific Report", this issue.)

It was a happy thought of Trans Australia Airlines when they were taking delivery of their first Fokker Friendship turbo-prop aircraft from a Dutch factory in April, to offer a free trip to Australia to a descendant of the great navigator who discovered Tasmania in 1642.

And it is probably appropriate enough that the current Abel Tasman, 28, is a nuclear physicist—nuclear physicists being just as important in this age as navigators were in the days of Abel Tasman I.

Mr. Tasman is not a direct descendant of the first Abel (born 1603, died about 1660 leaving only one daughter), but of Captain Cornelius Tasman, a cousin or brother, of Abel.

During his couple of weeks in Australia he has been seeing a lot of places that his famous ancestor missed—such as the 4,000 or 5,000 miles of the south and east coasts—and returned to Holland at end of April by KLM.

The first Abel discovered a number of Pacific Islands—such as Tonga, which he found, too, like Cook, to be Friendly Islands (in contrast to New Zealand where he considered the Maoris were a lot of murderers); and Fiji.

But his masters in Batavia were not too pleased with the result of his first voyage, and sent him off on a second—one purpose of which was to see whether New Guinea was joined to Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania)!

However, when somewhere north of NG, the weather (as they say in the Territory) "got up no good", so Tasman returned to Batavia round the north of Netherlands New Guinea and it was many moons before anyone else ventured out to find that NG was not joined to Tasmania, or to anywhere else.

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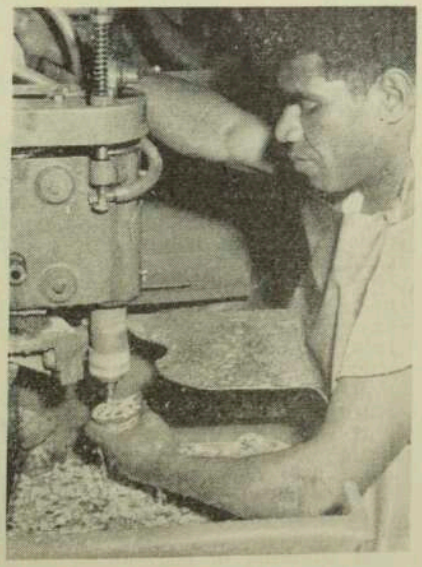
Even in the matter of men's shirt buttons sales in Australia and New Zealand could probably be substantially boosted if the prestige angle was well played. At present it is virtually impossible to buy an MOP pearl button in New Zealand at least.

With teen-age clothing at a stage of evolution where literally anything goes in extremes of colour, shape, and decoration to male (and female) garments, there would seem to be plenty of scope for clever sales promotion in that direction alone, in Australia, New Zealand and more so in the United States and Europe where the big markets lie.

This operator, in a now defunct button factory in Fiji, uses a machine to drill out the button-blanks from the bottom of a conical trochus shell. Real ingenuity is needed to get as many blanks as possible out of the spiralling shell.



He's A Travelling Priest

FATHER LEMAY is one of the most active and best known priests in the South Pacific, for although he did not reach the Pacific until 1950, he has travelled widely and continuously as Provincial of the Marist Missions in the Islands.

Descended from a French - Canadian family, he was born at Lawrence, near Boston, Mass. He was baptised Leo Louis Lemay, but his friends know him as "Steve". His schooling was at Lawrence, Philadelphia and Washington DC. He obtained his MA at Boston College, and his Doctorate of Sacred Theology at Rome, where he was ordained in April, 1933, when he was 23. For the next 17 years, while hoping to get to the Pacific Islands, he was a Professor at the Marist College and Seminary at Bedford and at Framingham, Mass., where he was finally Rector.

In 1950, Father Lemay went to Bougainville to help Bishop Wade with the Native Seminary at Torokina, where five priests were ordained in 1953. Four of these were the first ordained from New Britain and Bougainville, while the fifth was from Papua.

The Very Reverend Father Lemay does not use the title of Provincial of Marist Missionaries in the South Pacific, nor is he very often at his headquarters at Hunter's Hill, Sydney. Nearly all his time is spent visiting the Mission stations in the Islands. His care also extends to the native students and priests in New Zealand and Australia. During his first year he visited the South Solomons, Fiji and Samoa, Hawaii and the USA, and Europe and Rome, where he attended the General Chapter.

For the last five years Father Lemay has been several times to New Caledonia, Loyalties, Isle of Pines and Belep; Fiji and Rotuma; Samoa and the Tokelaus; Niue; Tonga, and the New Hebrides. He has also visited Wallis and Futuna twice, and even Tin Can Island (Niua Fo'ou) which is now being resettled by Tongans, who are producing a lot of copra from the devastated volcanic island.

Father Lemay is at present working his way up through the New Hebrides and South Solomons to Bougainville. At the end of this year he will finish his job as travelling caretaker, and hopes to return to Bougainville to assist Bishop Wade in the Northern Solomons.—BRETT HILDER.

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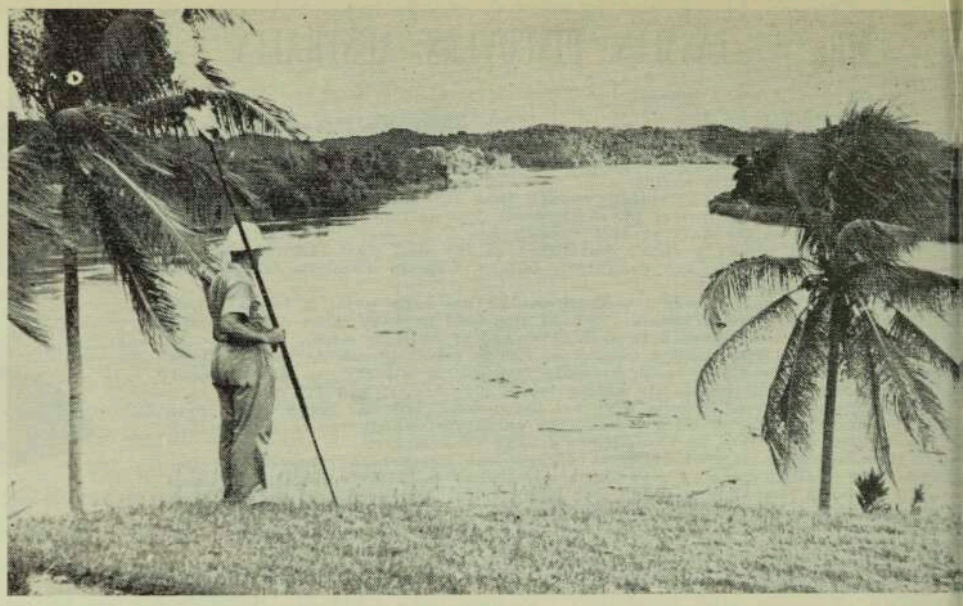

The Sepik River, with its mud and crocodiles, is not to everyone's liking—although they all have to agree that in size it's impressive, even here, at Ambunti, 250 miles from its mouth. The photo is interesting, too, in that it shows that coconuts don't have to grow within sight of the sea.

River Reflections

There's More Than Crocodiles On The Sepik

To be a professional crocodile shooter is one thing; to write whimsy is another. Or so one might think. But PETER ENGLAND manages to combine the two talents. The river that claims his attention in New Guinea's Sepik . . .

WHEREVER you go on the River nowadays you meet natives driving fast single or double canoes powered with outboard motors.

A very short while ago it was nothing to paddle steadily for six or seven days to cover a couple of hundred miles, but who's going to do that now when he sees the Joneses race past in their latest model Sepik Sedan!

The more elaborate models have cabins roofed with thatch, canvas, or galvanised iron, and remote control for the steersman up for'ard.

The sporting models are light single canoes which achieve high speeds. No matter what the type, every craft on every trip is filled to capacity with enthusiastic passengers.

There is no privacy on the river. In native life itself there is no privacy, so I suppose it is a sort of compliment that when my canoe pulls in to a village and ties up for the night the whole population should come and sit on the bank, displaying the deepest interest in my toilet, my evening meal, my strange addictions to typewriter and radio.

Only when I have turned out the light and apparently gone to sleep does the last of the audience fade away.

Cunningly, I wait for half-an-hour till the coast is clear and then turn the light on again . . .

Double Canoe in Flood-time

One of the most exciting experiences you can have, if you like excitement, or alarming if you are a nervous type, is to travel down a narrow Sepik tributary at flood-time in a high-powered double canoe with a native helmsman.

The duties of a helmsman, as I understand them from my limited observations, are to concentrate, look straight ahead, and steer a true course.

A native helmsman is constitutionally unable to concentrate, and looks straight ahead only when he is not occupied in scratching his back, talking to his mates, peeling a stick of sugar cane, pointing to a *kokomor* flying overhead, waving to friends at a passing village, or just thinking of something.

Alternatively, he also has faculty of looking straight ah and seeing nothing.

His course can only be compa to that steered by a drunk rid the Cresta Run on a fast bobsle —the course having first b liberally sprinkled with snags in shape of tree trunks sticking at odd intervals down the fairw Drunks and natives are alw cheerfully optimistic.

Crash! There goes another she pin . . . !

Tiny Girl in Pul-pul Skirt

The children! No matter w opinion one may have of the a native of these islands—and so times, in moods of exasperatio have the gloomiest—children the same the world over. If o they would never grow up.

These kiddies on the Ke River are delightful, the boys scraps of gaily coloured lap-lap torn towels—one in a bright stri football jersey down to his kn and the girls in tiny *pulpul* g skirts, the fibres dyed and knot just like big sister's.

A little awed at first, they c need a smile to respond w laughing and chattering and fla ing of white teeth, unspoiled as by the universal betel-nut. Th learn to paddle a canoe as soon they can walk.

Ambidextrous Engine Boy

Gulembi, my engine-boy, is v good. I have had him for s years and he knows more ab

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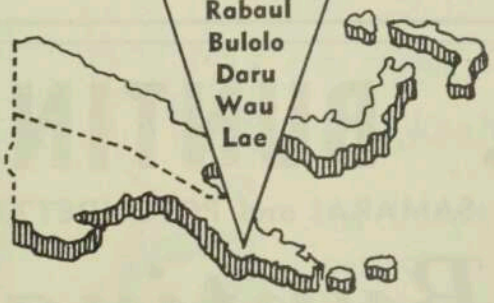

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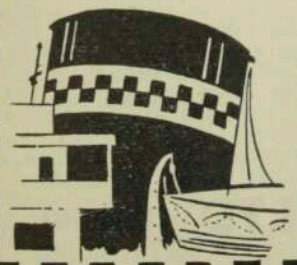

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Book Reviews

his Month's ew Reading

ow at the end of April, the k-drought which set in about ruary, worsens if anything. This be the horrific end-result of vision (which is blamed for most al phenomena these days) but ives your reviewer a chance to e a part-time holiday. That is "Reviews" are removed from r usual spot for this issue.

NLY in the junior department have the publishers put their best feet forward this month, books that range all the way n the doings of Potter the Otter, very young members of society; ne story of Anzac for their bigger hers and sisters, and probably younger Mamas and Papas, too.

Anzac

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ne would have to be a grand- na or grandpapa, by this date, have more than an academic aintance with the Gallipoli paign, which in a military, and rding to some historians, in a onal sense also, put Australia New Zealand on the map.

ale Collins, who died last year, ared *Anzac Adventure* especially Australian youngsters so that might better understand the ificance of that heroic 1915 o. And his publishers have pro- d the book to appear just be- Anzac Day, 1959—44 years after event.

llins' story covers the Dard- les campaign from the land- under withering Turkish fire in l, 1915, to the silent and culous evacuation carried ugh without one fatal casualty, t months later. But he tells how the force was formed— the six-bob-a-day Australian rists" and the five-bob-a-day Zealanders who stormed the iting centres for what was the est adventure of the age.

will probably be news to dads served in the Second War, that Aussies of the First were the -paid men in the fight—beat- by 1/6 the Yanks who were plotocrats of War II).

the chapter on Some People th Meeting, the youngster of y is introduced to the heroes hat time—mostly forgotten now pt when old Diggers meet: To hener, and Simpson "the bloke the donk" (John Simpson Kirkpatrick, of South Shields, UK); to Jacka, VC, to Monash and Birdwood, and finally to Bernard Freyberg (in the Second War, leader of Kiwis in the Middle East and later, as Lord Freyberg, their first post-war Governor-General).

In April, 1915, Freyberg was a young man and quite small potatoes in the military world (he was in fact an officer in some sort of Marine corps). But when a diversion on another beach was called for, Freyberg volunteered to create it.

A destroyer crept in towards the dark coast, then a boat was lowered and the sailors rowed Freyberg closer. A mile from the shore, the New Zealander, naked and with blackened skin, took to the water, towing behind him a small raft of flares.

On the beach he raced along, lighting one oil flare, then "covering 300 yards quicker than he ever had before, lit another and was gone again like a hare to light a third." By this time the beach was a blaze of light but after stumbling around Turkish trenches, he finally found the water, headed for where he thought the destroyer might be, and swam.

This time the swim was far longer and he was much more tired—moreover the destroyer was completely invisible but when nearing exhaustion he found the vessel by a stroke of luck and was hauled aboard. (Newspapers in Constantinople reported an attempted major landing which was "repulsed with heavy losses.")

For this little lot, Freyberg re-

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ed the DSO and to prove that as no accident he collected two e of the same before his mil- career ended—plus a VC, which won in France when leading attack against the Germans. ough wounded four times, he ured an enemy-held village and German prisoners in hand-to- l fighting.

is easy to see the idea behind ns story: An inspiration to the h of today. Does the youth of y care? Probably sufficient of i do, although the discerning of the sociologist is needed to First or Second AIF material ie slouching, long-haired, blue- ed, leather-coated, ill-mannered s who form too large a section ur communities today.

IZAC ADVENTURE. Published by s and Robertson, Ltd. Australian 17/6.)

k Doings
Badger's Wood

ALL folk in the Pacific have probably never seen a Badger, an Otter or a Mole, but that's to say that they don't like ing about them, especially when behave pretty much as small ans do.

dger's Wood is about Stripe Badger, Woo Owl, Potter-the- r and Mole, who all live in the Wood where mysterious doings been reported.

ere had been robbery, battery, what looked to be piracy, in the a l l y law-abiding community. lly the Woodlanders decide that ething had better be done about nd this story tells how they ly got the better of the villain ie piece and captured his pirate on.

ADGER'S WOOD. Published by Wm. mann, Ltd. Australian price, 14/6.)

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RRYING our Youth Month one step further is *The Spirit of Man*, a Book of Adventure ted and edited by F. J. Allsopp O. W. Hunt "to provide reading erial for adolescents of adven- us tastes."

ie small book is made up of 13 acts from books by or about ous people and the range of ects is from early Australian oration to the climbing of Mt. est (by Sir Edmund Hillary), a d v e n t u r e, and scientific evement.

r Gordon Taylor (*Frigate Bird*), y Jeffrey (*White Coolies*), Eliza- O'Connor (*Steak for Break-* and Noel Monkman (*Escape Adventure*) are some of the ralians who contribute to it.

(THE SPIRIT OF MAN. Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd. Australian price, 15/-.)

The Mouse Who
Ate Hymn Books

PETER the churchmouse was so poor and hungry that he was once forced to eat a whole hymn-book. It tasted awful.

But Peter ate odd things to such effect that Parson Pease-Porridge thought he was a rat and bought Gabriel, a cat.

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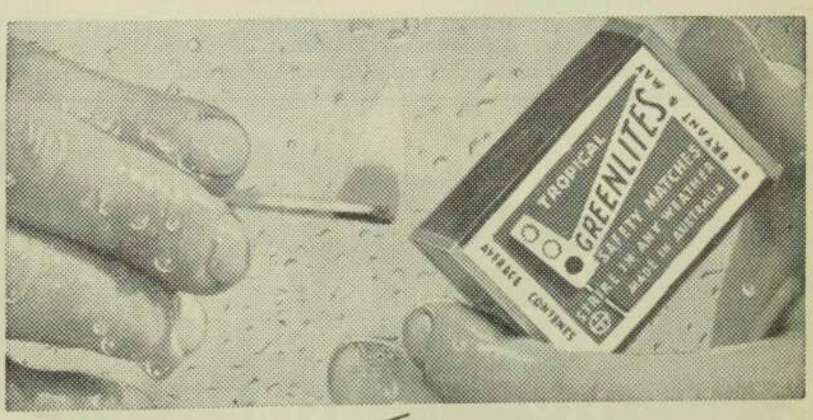

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wo more small "readers" in the lito series have been published by gmans in association with the th Pacific Commission Literature eau. These are designed for natives he South Pacific who are literate imple English, however, they are ally suitable for European children he lower grades of primary schools. ne of the stories is about the phos- e island of Nauru; and the other t Nabetari, a Gilbertese who was king on Ocean Island at the time the Japanese invasion. He later e a fantastic, 1,500 mile, seven ths journey from Ocean Is. to the go Group in the NW of the New nea Territory. Each of the book- is priced at 2/-.

mewhat more advanced, twice the and twice the price (that is, 4/-) n Oxford University Press booklet he Australian Explorers series. This covers the discoveries of Abel Tas- , particularly as they relate to tralasia, but covering also some ific wanderings.

For Mother

Y resemblance between the tyles of writing sisters Catherine nd Moira Gaskin is purely co- ental. While Catherine (*Sara* and *Blake's Reach*) sticks rally to lusty period pieces, a's second novel, like her first, e of those modern atmospheric ls which sends book reviewers tly off to look up all the nyms for "sensitive".

A Village Whispered is a short, but well-drawn novel, with a touch of hysteria about it.

Rachel Parrish leaves home for London when she accidentally kills a village child while she is driving a car. In London she enlists the aid of Mark Bellamy, neuro-surgeon whom she has not seen for eight years, when he was having plastic surgery for hideous facial injuries received during the Blitz.

She wants Mark to help her get a job but finds, on meeting him again, that she has subconsciously been in love with him all the time.

A large section of the book is taken up with a search for Mark's seven-year-old son, and this harrowing incident produces a very mixed ending to the whole story.

Although Moira, like her sister, has spent a great deal of her life abroad, she is now again living in Australia.

(A VILLAGE WHISPERED. Published by Wm. Collins. Ltd. Australian price, 17/-.)

And One For Father

THE actions of men under the cover of war have, by now, provided many and varied plots for thrillers. *The Man in the Rolls-Royce* makes use of the same gimmick, although it gets higher marks for its sophisticated Parisian background, than for its merits as a straight "who dunnit."

Julius Vanderberg has more concern for the well-being of his ex-

This tropical scene is in Netherlands New Guinea. It is a waterfall near the Ajamaroe Lakes, in the Vogelhop Peninsula.

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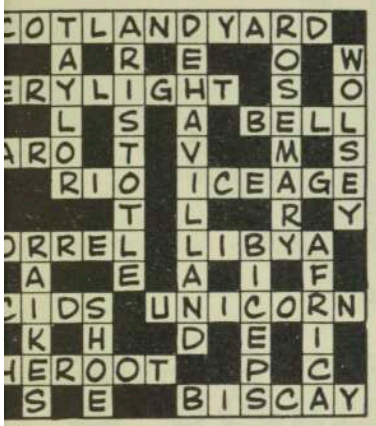


than seems credible in even a -trained American, but accord- to this story, when some in- inating information about his ife's new husband comes into hands, he used it to keep the and on the straight and narrow. owever, the story gives the or (a new-comer, Ilian Stuart) hance to create some lively acters and some swift moving n against a background that ways interesting.
IE MAN IN THE ROLLS-ROYCE. shed by Wm. Heinemann, Ltd. Aus- n price, 17/-.)

gs That Go p in the Night

AYBE you don't believe in ghosts and witches—but there are a lot of people who seem- do. George Bernard Shaw, for ple, once encountered a witch. Kipling had a haunted house. u can read all about it in *The ld's Strangest Ghost Stories*— llection of spine chilling experi- s got together by R. Thurston kins—who, of course, is a bit of tch watcher, himself.
ere are 24 little numbers in the , and they cover all aspects of dness from Anne Boleyn walk- the Bloody Tower (with her tucked underneath her arm, ourse); to Smoky, the author's hic cat, who sniffed out a writer oison-pen letters.
ji residents might find it a bit ge, however, to find amongst macabre lot, a description of walking on Beqa Island. To true Vitis, fire-walking — Beqa or an variety—is just one of the s of life. They are not used to ng it dished up among ghosties goohlies and long leggity beasties go bump in the night.
HOST STORIES. Published by Worlds s in their Cedar Special series.)

River Reflections

(Continued from page 88)

outboard motors than I do myself.
If he has a fault it is his inability to distinguish a right-hand from a left-hand thread. To simplify matters I tell him that all screws have right-hand threads, but, when he wants to loosen a nut and finds it will not respond readily to the first pull of the spanner, he will still try it the other way.
This naturally means a stripped thread now and then. I am sure that if he was given a clock on which the hands rotated in an *anti-clockwise* direction he would have no difficulty in telling the time. He thinks ambidextrously.
On occasion I have to do something to the off-side wheels of a truck, on which the wheel-nuts are left-handed, and, to make sure, I do it myself. When I turn around Gulembi is standing just behind, looking at me reproachfully . . .

The Sepik Slap-habit

The river people, although brought up from infancy in a land which is never free of mosquitoes, are far more susceptible to their bites than the average European.
They automatically brush, slap, scratch, lift one leg to rub the other, and emit sotto voce exclamations ranging from "tch, tch!" to "aie-ee-aa!"
A Sepik is quite unable to stand still on two feet for a minute at a stretch, even if there are no mosquitoes; he will go on slapping from force of habit.
He will approach a complete stranger and say "Excuse me, sir, you have a mosquito on your ankle", and bend down to remove it for you.
Or, without excusing himself at all, he will come up behind you and clap you on the back of the neck: "Master, *nat-nat!*"

Blackbirding Days

(Continued from page 85)

When the *Carl* arrived in Levuka, Dr. Murray was very ill, and his control over his company was removed, acccordingly.
Some of the crew talked of the horrible incident in Septemoer, and Levuka officials began to ask questions. When Murray recovered, and learned that inquiries were afoot, he panicked, and ran to the British Consul, Mr. W. T. Pritchard, and turned Queen's evidence.

Queen's Evidence

The *Carl* and her crew were arrested; the wretched "recruits" were, as far as possible, returned to their homes in the New Hebrides and Solomons; and the brig and her company were sent under guard to Melbourne, where the trial was very fully reported in the newspapers of 1872.
Captain Armstrong and crew-man Dowden were sentenced to death, but this later was changed to long imprisonment.
The evidence of Wilson, and of other members of the company showed that the indescribable Dr. Murray was the real leader of the party, and the instigator of the worst crimes; but, because he gave the original evidence which convicted his companions, he escaped all punishment.
Why (wails the *Rosario's* commander in his book) did some of those people, who declared at the trial that they were afraid of Murray and hated the things he made them do, not complain to the *Rosario's* boarding party on November 17?
If they had, Murray would have hung.

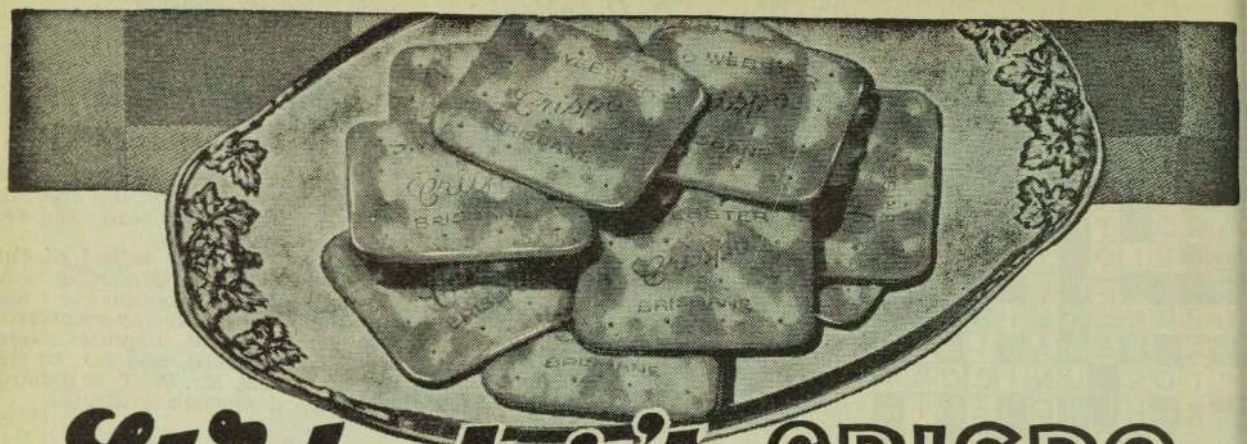
NG's Most Celebrated Cannibal Feast

(Continued from page 83)

There is no reason why the journalists should not be better informed. A long, factually written, contemporary investigation into the affair was made by the French warship *Styx*. This report, written by V. de Rochas, was published under the title, *Naufrage d'Anthropophagie a l'ile Rossel, dans l'Archipel de la Louisiade*, in a Paris publication, *Le Tour du Monde*" (Vol. IV, second quarter 1861, pages 81-94), after the *Styx* returned to France.
Furthermore, the report, still in French, was reprinted as an appendix in a book on Rossel Island, written by W. E. Armstrong, a former Assistant Government Anthropologist, Territory of Papua, published in 1928 by the Cambridge University Press.

Ran Aground

In December, 1858, the schooner *Prince of Denmark* picked up seven French sailors in the Coral Sea, survivors of the *Saint Paul*, and took them to Port de France (Noumea).
The *Saint Paul*, they said, had left Hongkong in July with a crew



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0 and 327 Chinese passengers
id for the Australian goldfields.
proaching the Solomons she
held up by headwinds and
is, so the captain decided, in-
d of sailing round to the east,
it through the group. Approach-
the Louisiades the weather be-
e so rough that for three days
could not shoot the sun; and
e hours before dawn on a par-
arly dirty night the *Saint Paul*
on a coral reef under mountain-
jungle-clad Rossel.

ssengers and crew landed on a
l isle which the *Styx* named Isle
Refuge. Part of the crew left
he whaleboat to go to Australia
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the *Prince of Denmark* came
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ose left behind for a time kept
y the savages, in their canoes.
shots from one or two old
kets. Then food from the wreck
out and shellfish proved in-
quate, so parties were forced to
pt lifts to the mainland.

nding parties from the *Styx*
with a hostile reception. But
found awaiting them in an
y of fear "the last survivor", a
naked Chinese standing in
r up to his middle signalling to
rescuers. He threw away in dis-
a shell collar and bracelet with
h the natives had adorned him.
dead" were the first words he
(in English) as he threw him-
into the captain's arms.

it he made them understand
four men of the *Saint Paul*
still alive—apparently, like
self, adopted by the chiefs. It
surmised that one of these was
ship's carpenter, a big Prussian
had recruited in Hongkong. To
e him one of themselves the
ves had stuck a bone through
cartilage of his nose. But
re exactly he and the other pos-
survivors were could not be
rtained.

he natives were hostile; landing
ies were attacked whenever they
l to carry their investigations
nd. At the mouth of one creek
came upon discarded clothing
a number of pigtails which had
arently been cut off as a pre-
nary to preparation for the pot.
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Didn't Believe It

r William Macgregor tried not
elieve it; he leaned towards a
ve account that they were not
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ds. Besides, 300 Chinese, he
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nd with such weapons as they
e able to pick up.
ut the bulk of evidence is
inst him. The Lieutenant-Gov-
or of Papua, J. H. P. Murray, re-
ed after a visit to Rossel in 1911:
'Various old men were seen who said that they remembered that the Chinese survivors of the *Saint Paul* were eaten, but they were all too young at the time to have taken part in the feast. The interpretation was not clear enough to enable me to obtain a clear account of the manner in which the Chinamen were enticed off their island. The ordinary way of preparing them, I was informed, was to cut them up and disembowel them, and to cook them on stones covered up with leaves."

Over the intervening years there were finds, of coins and other things, affording some confirmation of the massacre. They are referred to in a lengthy appendix to the Armstrong book.

In his introduction to that book, Dr. A. C. Hadden says that at the time of the shipwreck, a certain "chief" named Muwo was a wild disorderly person, and the dumping of this cargo of live stock came very opportunely for him and seems also to have been the means of aggravating his craving for anthropophagy. It was, to say the least of it, unfortunate that the shipwreck took place when that particular man was powerful, or the fate of the Chinese might have been very different."

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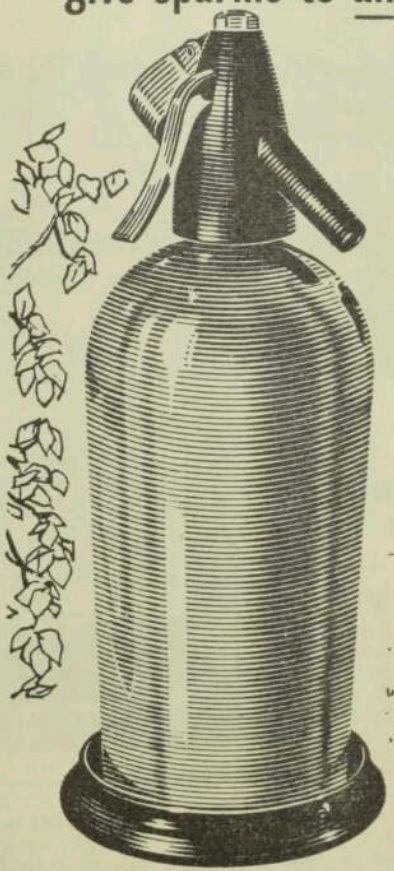

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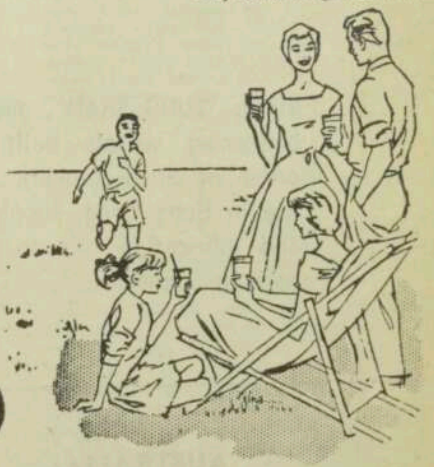

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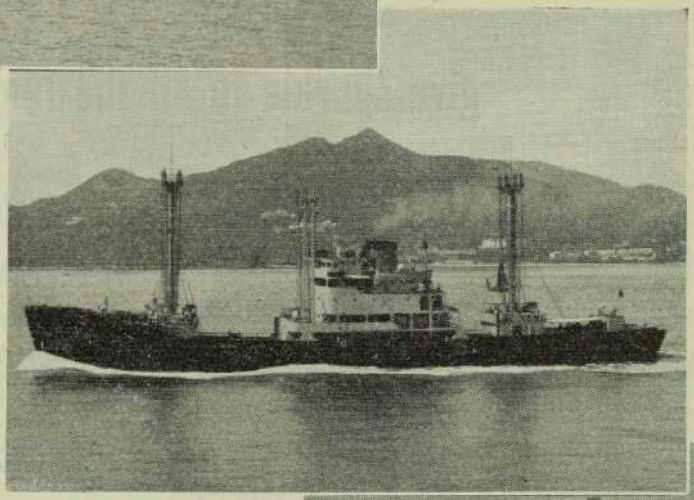
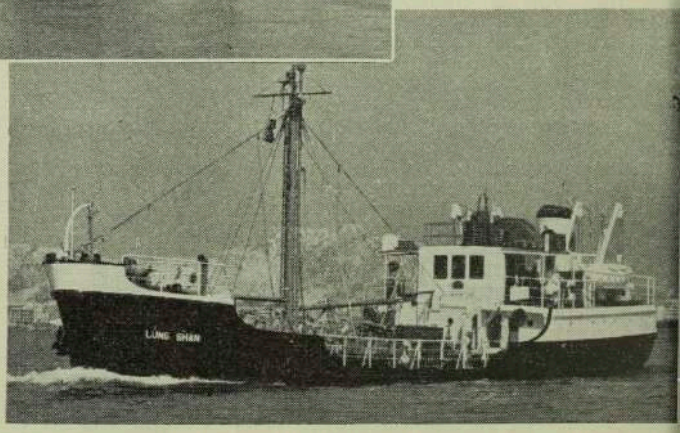


Left: M.V. "TARAWERA", all refrigerated motor cargo vessel built for the Union Steam Ship Co. of New Zealand Ltd.

Right: "LUNG SHAN", one of two bunkering vessels built to the order of Shell Tankers Ltd., for use in Hong Kong, supplying fuel and lubricating oils to ships at harbour moorings.



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The new *Fiona*, recently reported by the Suva newspaper) be well on the way to completion, turns out to be a real ream-ship — but a very detailed one.

HEN *PIM* rang Sydney office of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. for a "photo of the new *a*", we found a spokesman for company's shipping department too ready to talk—but not in e the way we had expected. ie *Fiji Times* story that started fuss said:

e CSR Co.'s new motor ship, "Fiona", tly carried out successful sea trials e United Kingdom.
lt to replace the old "Fiona", which between Fiji, Australia and New nd, mainly in the molasses trade for years, the new ship was built at the land Dockyard, Middlesborough.
e has been specially designed to carry ses in bulk and sugar from the com- s mills in the Colony to its refineries ustralia.
e "Fiona" is 373 ft. long with a beam ft.
e can carry up to 10,400 tons of cargo r four cantilever frame-styled holds.

hen this appeared in the *Times*, e of March 30, no one, it ars, was more surprised than Colonial Sugar Refining Co. it- Letters and signals flew back forth between Sydney and and the furphy tracked to its ce: The *Fiji Times* had got it the Fiji Government Public tions Office and the PRO had it from (a) a visiting ship's er who had read it in a nautical azine; or (b) from a nautical azine direct (we are not too on this point).

SR Co. Shipping Department esman in Sydney says:

Their new vessel has not undergone successful sea trials;
They haven't got a new vessel;
A replacement for the old *Fiona* has been discussed "in the office" but not beyond. No shipyards have been approached;
(d) The Company knows nothing of Cleveland Dockyard, Middlesborough, building a ship for them.

And that appears to be, very mysteriously, that. Maybe someone is planning to give the CSR Co. a "surprise" new ship for its next birthday (105 years old, on January 1, 1960).

The News This Month

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• SHE LIVES BY TROUBLE: An unusual visitor to the South Pacific in these days of peace was the US Navy repair and salvage ship *Current* (RS-22), which was in Pago Pago and Suva in March-April.

Of 2,000 tons and measuring 213 ft x 40 ft, *Current* is a diesel electric twin-screw vessel, fully equipped for salvage and towage. Her two main engines each produce 3,000 hp. She is based at Pearl Harbour but her duties have taken her all over the North Pacific since she was commissioned in June, 1944, mainly on work associated with World War II and the Korean War but also on jobs occasioned by typhoons and marine disasters to US naval craft.

Much of her work has been of a routine and comparatively uninteresting nature but this has been interspersed with more spectacular events—assistance to the battle-damaged USS *Houston and USS Canberra* in 1944, the USS *Manzane* in 1945, and the preparation of old Japanese and American warships for the atomic tests in Bikini lagoon later. Much of her work has been in Micronesian waters, but some of her bigger jobs have also been in the ice-bound waters of the far north. Recent service has been mainly in the Far East.

The present visit to the South Pacific was to examine a wreck at Pago Pago.

On October 7, 1949, USS *Chehalis*, an AOG-type tanker of 4,300 tons loaded displacement and with a cargo of gasoline aboard, was lying at the oil berth there when she caught fire and exploded, and was scuttled or sank just off the berth in 165 ft of water.

The Burns Philp motor-vessel "Tulagi" was the first overseas ship to use Honiara's new "Stub wharf", which, as this picture shows is an off-shoot of the main wharf completed recently at Pt. Cruz. Even so, "Tulagi's" master, Captain Brett Hilder, had to do some very fancy manoeuvring to get alongside. Anything larger than "Tulagi's" 2,746 gross tons wouldn't make it. The advantage of getting "Tulagi (which carries most of the cargo in and out of BSIP) alongside a wharf is tremendous and outweighs any trouble involved in getting her there.

She has been lying there ever since—gathering in the occasional anchor and cable from other ships which have been berthing.

Some time ago the American Samoa government purchased the wreck from the Navy for $50, but in the view of Lieutenant-Commander Harold R. Minard, USN, commander of the *Current*, it will cost them a few more dollars than that to get her up. He considers it would require three similar AR ships to raise *Chehalis*, after a lot of preparatory work, and would certainly not be a commercial proposition from the point of view of salvaging the scrap.

Current's 16 divers made a

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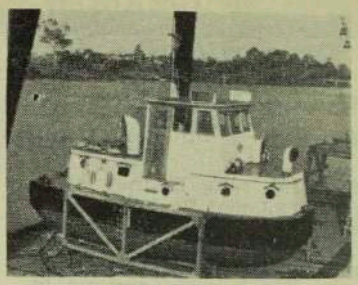

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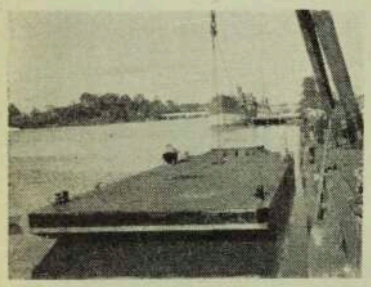

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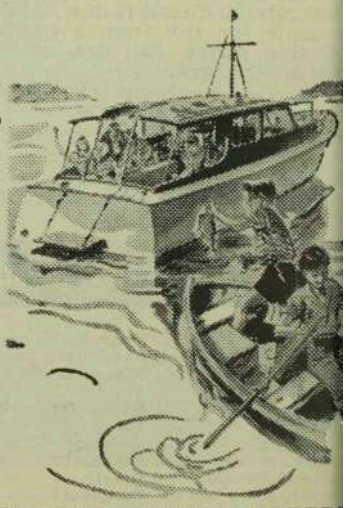

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…cht "D'Vara", now in Port Moresby—see page 111.

…ugh examination of the tanker …g the three weeks at Pago … It is possible that the vessel …be raised at some future date … purely naval exercise but this …likely to happen soon.

…o aboard the *Current* with her …al complement of six officers …3 men were some passengers— …ans serving in the Armed …s in Hawaii who were given …pportunity of some leave at …

…ving Pago Pago the ship called …va for a recreational break on … 9-10, before departing for … Harbour, where she was due …pril 20.

MORE GROPING: Another …l dealing with trouble of a dif…t type—and flying the British …-is expected in Suva in early … from Singapore. This is the …ear-old cable ship *Recorder*, … tons gross, Captain R. E. …l.

…will be recalled that extensive …ge was caused to the ocean …raph cables near Suva by the …arthquake several years ago. …equently these were repaired by …ew cable ship *Stanley Angwin*, …some of this work was of a …orary nature.

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• STRANGE FLAG COMING: And another unusual ship is expected in Fiji waters late in June. Perhaps the first Korean-flag vessel ever to enter a Fiji port, this is a heavy-lift vessel with a 120-ton derrick and understood to be of about 5,000 tons gross, which is bringing the machinery from Singapore and Hongkong to Lautoka for the big new wharf contract. No further details of this specially chartered vessel were available in Fiji in mid-April.

• TOUGH TIMES IN NEW CALEDONIA: A Noumea correspondent reports that the coastal shipping situation is becoming acute in New Caledonia.

One of the two small ships on the coastal run, *Gaitcha*, has been sold to a Tahitian syndicate and leaves shortly for those waters.

Former owners of the vessel declare that it was impossible to make a go of the business due to lack of subsidy from the Government, and because increased wages and social charges were too heavy.

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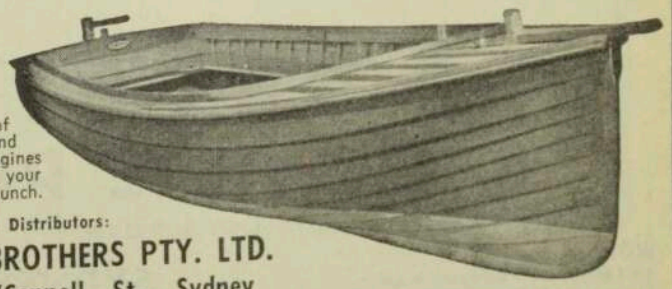

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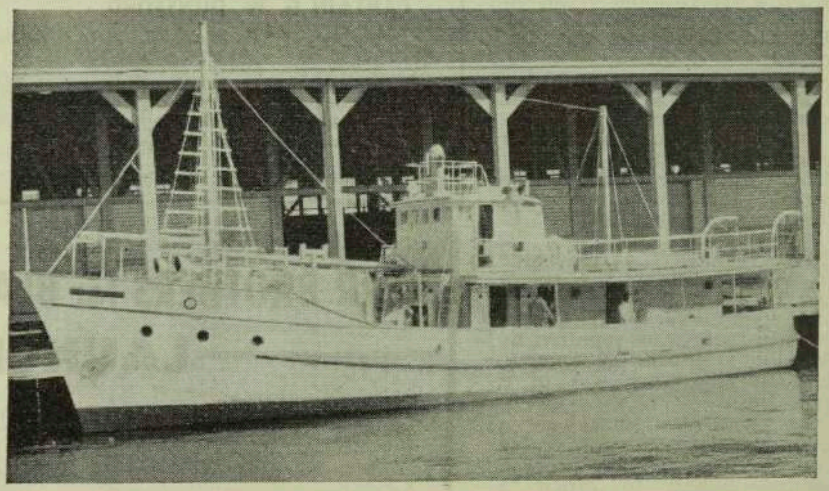

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d Rabaul, but was purchased annard Bros., of Sydney, a of months ago, was on its o the latter port, via North sland ports, in April.
ter Goddard, of Palm Beach, cted to get it to Sydney and ed the necessary crew.
nard Bros. own a large fleet ter-taxis, launches and tugs they operate around Sydney ur and waterways.

EDUCED CANVAS: Burns 120-ton ketch *Moala*, which ed to the New Hebrides in ary after refitting in Suva, e topmast section of her fore- shortly after resuming work t area, according to a Vila . About 16 ft of the mast down. The vessel was sailing motoring—in a fresh breeze time.

HE'LL FILL THE BILL: With creasing tourist trade to Fiji, ne desire of many visitors to the islands off the present track, a new shipping venture should ably meet require-

tain Stan Brown, formerly of vessels and lately of Suva, r. Norman Williams, lately of ji Department of Agriculture, entered partnership to pur- the Tonga Government's old ary ketch *Hifofua* (*PIM*,

fua, on completion of survey lterations to meet the new trade, will re-enter service Suva registry and with the of *Maroro*—meaning "flying- -and will be equipped to carry ssengers in two-berth cabins still retaining her cargo hold rd, and crew's quarters in

re will be regular cruises to and Kadavu; or charter will be accepted to anywhere or outside the Group.
oro is being registered as a g vessel and not as a yacht. ill be maintained and staffed ingly, and should be ready for rst cruise in May.

OSING BUSINESS: While awaits the new Public Works tment slipways, the existing y is working to full capacity although the Slipmaster es the work to the best ad- ge of ship-owners, there is a waiting list and often some and some work turned away. ecent months a few Japanese g vessels—some steel and wood—have been serviced va on the PWD slipway and private firms doing the work. are reports that others were g but could not be accepted. ll now be interesting to see many more of the 20 to 30 n vessels, each of 75 to 150 gross, which will be around ear during the June to Oc- tuna season, will be dealt with.

These vessels belong to the Taiyo Fishery Co. of Tokyo, which sends a fleet to waters near Fiji each year, headed by a mother-ship.

Millers Ltd., of Suva, have been negotiating the servicing of these vessels which would provide a good deal of work to the Suva ship-repairing industry. The owners are agreeable and it now seems to rest with the PWD slipway's capabilities.

Dredging is proceeding at the site of the slipway intended for handling the PWD's own vessels, and pile driving will commence soon; but the new commercial slipways are still very much in the paper stage.

It seems likely that between now and the time that they are ready a great deal of possible business will have been lost to Suva where ships from many Island groups converge for repairs.

• HE BOUGHT SOME TROUBLE: Sitting on Miller's small slipway, Suva, these past six months is the ex-RNZAF crash-boat "276". She was offered for tender a year ago and the "successful" tenderer was a New Zealander living in an inland North Island town.

What his intentions were are not known in Fiji. If he had the vessel surveyed before tendering, his adviser was "off the beam", as investigation has shown.

Bought at a reported £600, it would cost some thousands to make her seaworthy. There are extensive areas of rot. The two 600-hp Hall-Scott motors which operate on aviation gasoline are virtually worthless, except as scrap, as no one

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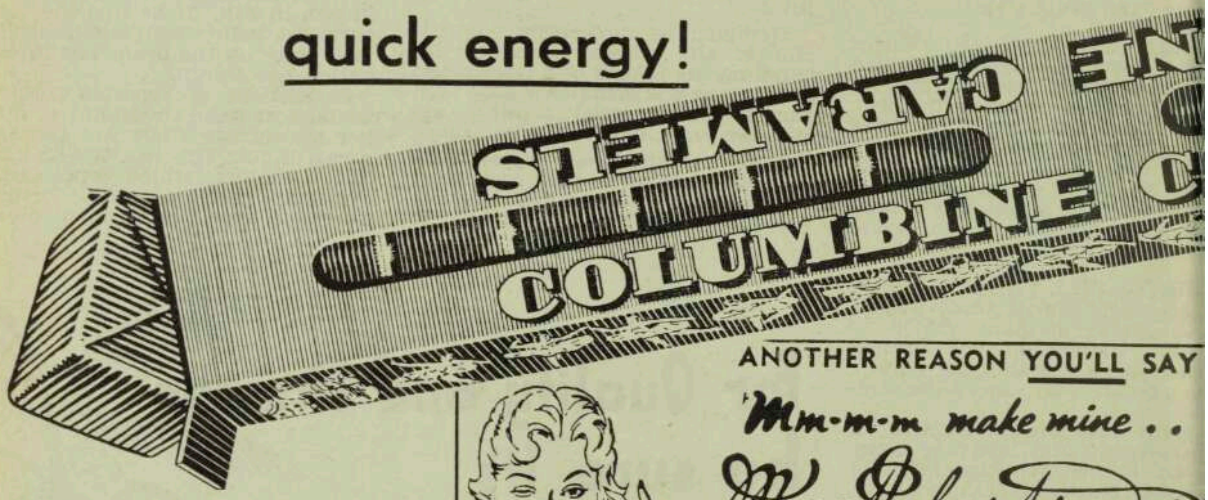

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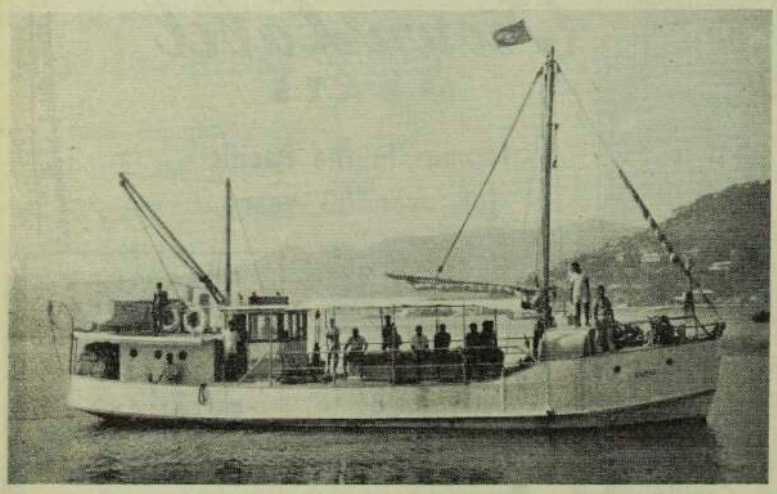

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afford to operate them com-ially.
d now, before "276" can be re-:hed she will have to be ped of all equipment and inery to lighten her up, as the en hull, with all its holes, l not otherwise float long gh to let her reach a marine yard off Suva.

A VARIED LIFE: For sale in in April was W. R. Carpenter o.'s *Adi Sova Tabua*, which ed life as an American war-picket-boat, later traded on anua Levu coast, and last year mployed by her owners in the e-marking programme near ka.
d in April was Morris Hed-& Co.'s *Tui Kanacea*, 43 tons, Hassan Rajah, owner of *Tui ka. Tui Kanacea*, the Register s, was built by Marlows in in 1930 and rebuilt by Millers 52, and is a 48 ft auxiliary r with a Lister diesel.

NOT PRIVATEERING: There curious goings-on in a Suva ard one morning in April. to the jetty was Morris trom & Co.'s 260-ton *Altair*. by was a pile of 4-inch shells. e were being hauled by hand-to the ship's upper after deck gh there was no gun visible up . The ship however was not aring for a privateering voyage. shells were old cast iron ice shells purchased from the as ideal ship-ballast. *Altair* being given a stability test to laying 4 tons of asphalt to leaks in the deck-head.

ALUMINIUM BOATS HAVE BLEMS: Aluminium ship's and launches possess the es of lightness, but there are ems. At a Suva shipyard in , undergoing repairs, was a smart-looking aluminium launch belonging to the new Tongan ocean tug *Hifofua*.

Vibration of the motor had caused many of the aluminium rivets to loosen or shear off. These were being replaced by stronger rivets.

• LEADING ANGEL: Captain S. E. Gaskin, a well known Pacific mariner—he spent 30 years with the Union Co. and four recent years as master of the London Missionary Society's *John Williams VI*—has been appointed Manager-Secretary of Suva's new Flying Angel Missions to Seamen headquarters.

Good progress is being made on the building, which should be opened at the end of June. Captain Gaskin was due in Suva in mid-May to oversee the completion work.

• SPRUCING-UP: The French Navy's Noumea-based patrol vessel *Tiare*, a YMS-type, and an improved version of her predecessor of the same name, went to Suva for refit in April, commanded by Lieutenant de Vaisseau Y. Cerbelaud, and with Enseigne de Vaisseau de Ist Class F. Charollais as second in command, and a total ship's company of 38, plus a white terrier bitch named Lili, her black-and-white son, named Gas Oil, and a white cat named Volta.

Lili is Portuguese, having joined at Lisbon when the ship was bound for Noumea two years ago. Gas Oil's nationality is doubtful, but he received his baptism on falling into a drum of oil when only a few days old. Volta is a New Caledonian.

One of the crew is from Tahiti, one from Senegal, and the remainder French.

Built in the US in about 1943, *Tiare*—ex *Petunia*—is of 320 metric tons loaded displacement. The main differences from the old *Tiare* are that this one is specially equipped for tropical service. She has better ventilation, five refrigerators, and can carry stores for three weeks at sea.

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While on the Suva PWD slip half the ship's company were quartered at the RNZAF base at Laucala Bay, the two sections alternating.

• OLD *TIARE* IN TRADE: Lieutenant Cerbelaud reported that the old *Tiare*, decommissioned, and recently reported as for sale, has now been sold as a trading vessel.

The purchaser is believed to be Captain Elbing, of Noumea, whose intention is thought to be to operate her on the Noumea-Loyalty Island

CS "Recorder", 3,350 tons, one of the fleet of cable repair ships owned by Cable and Wireless Ltd., which will soon be seen in the Pacific—see page 103.

"Current", the repair and salvage ship which carried out investigations of a Pago Pago wreck in March-April. Photo: US Navy.

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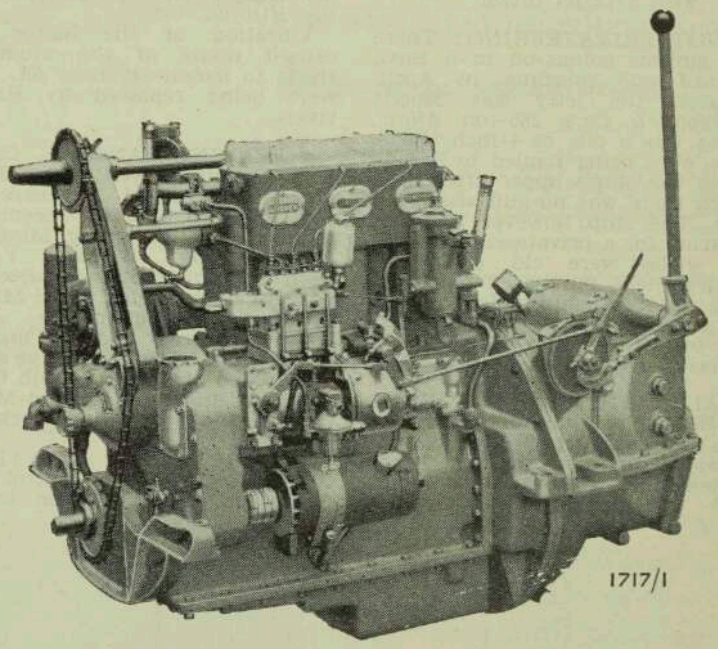

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itenant Cerbelaud said that iew New Caledonia Public Department slipway near ea is still uncompleted. *PIM* id progress reports on its con-ion. So for the time being has still to come to Suva for s.

ISHING LAUNCH FOR OKA: Lautoka is not looked a ship-building port but there deal of activity on the road-here not far from where the harf will be, in April.

tbuilders Mario Lorosio, of ia, and Apinisa Momo were ng out major alterations to unch *Elenoa*, 30 ft x 9 ft, for 'om Pickering, who plans to er back into service in mid-is Lautoka's only commercial launch—though there are small outboard craft at pre-ishing.

hull, of dakoa timber, has fitted with bilge-keels to re-rolling, and a new oregon roof has been built; there is rkins diesel. Mr. Pickering perates the towing launches *Wind* and *Ella*.

REPARING FOR SEASON: in Trevor Withers was visit-ew Zealand recently while his *Lagoon*, one of the few com-l cruise-launches operating Islands, was on a Suva slip-aving a general overhaul prior 1959 tourist season.

ed at Lautoka, *Blue Lagoon* es an attractive cruise to the a Islands near by. Built in lia as the *Royal Flight*, the came to Fiji some years ago charter to a film company ng "Blue Lagoon".

was purchased from those s by a former Governor of who used her for fishing ex-ns. On his departure, she was p for sale and purchased by in Withers.

ERSONAL: Captain Bottoms, r master of A. B. Donald & Cook Islands-based *Charlotte d* and earlier of the mission *ohn Williams VI*, was reported in hospital in Auckland as sult of an accident in April.

tain J. McKenzie-Arnot is naster of *John Williams VI*.

D. A. Butler, lately manager Union Steam Ship Co.'s Suva h, has retired after 37 years e with the company. He is well at most Island ports east of He plans to live in Auckland pending his departure from as acting as temporary man-of Suva's Union Co-operated Pacific Hotel until that was handed over to new con-t the end of April.

tain Henry Simpson, of Suva, n command of Burns Philp's *ui* on a voyage to Aitutaki with aviation gasoline in April. On his return he expected to be transferred to *Nikau*.

Captain J. L. Lumsdale, formerly of the Union Steam Ship Co., a former Assistant Harbour Master at Suva, and latterly master of Burns Philp's Fiji-based vessel *Yanawai*, died in Suva on April 6 after a long illness.

Captain D. MacCullum arrived from New Zealand in April to take command of the new Tongan ocean tug *Hifofua*.

• RUSSIANS RETURNING: The three-masted Russian schooner *Zarya*, which was on IGY business in the South Pacific and Australasian waters last year, will be returning.

She is expected to visit Wellington, NZ, and probably other places, in July.

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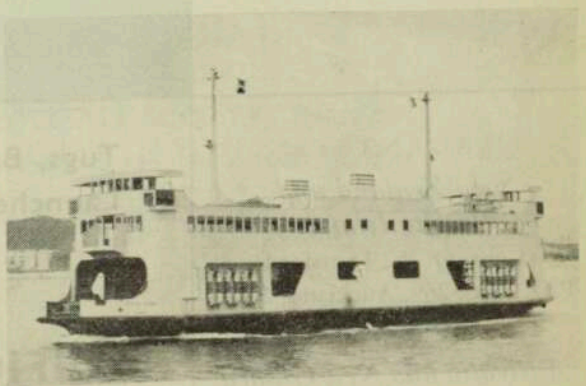

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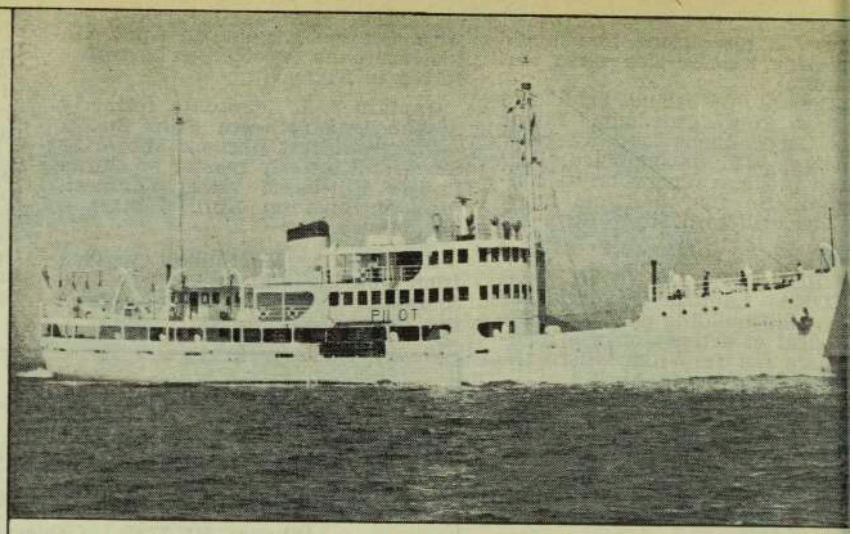

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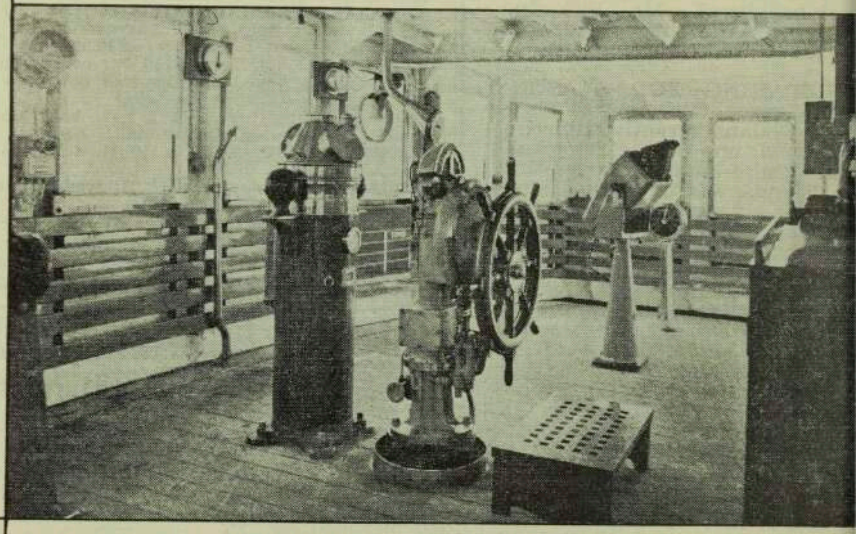

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Another Bottle

In March, we gave details of bottle which drifted from e Gulf of Panama to Atiu land last May to October. n March 24, another message ttle was picked up there. he slip inside read as fol- ws: "This bottle released ebruary 14, 1958, at 11.32½ outh, 110.52½ West. Please nd date and place of re- very to R. M. Norris, Uni- rsity of California." This distance drifted is out 2,850 nautical miles, but ere is nothing in this case indicate how long the bottle ay have been lying on an tiu beach before it was und, and therefore no useful ue as to the speed of its rift west-southward through e Tuamotus to the Cooks. The earlier bottle was found ill afloat by a fisherman, and n the assumption that it has st arrived, the drift speed om near Panama was calcu- ted at the rather high figure f 30.6 miles per day.

small Kingdom of Tonga, r the enthusiastic direction of remier, Prince Tungi, is follow- a more vigorous programme of building than any of the other fic territories.

art from larger vessels, built seas, smaller craft are being in New Zealand. In April, good ress was being made on the 0-gallon steel oil barge and the ien pilot launch being built in land by A. & G. Price Ltd.

e launch will be powered by a and diesel and is now planked the joinery well under way.

stallation of bulk oil tanks in ga was discussed recently by ce Tungi in Suva and Sydney these will receive oil from the e, which will be towed by the *Hifofua* from Suva.

e Auckland manager of A. & rice, Mr. E. A. Cook, will leave land on May 12 for a three s visit to Tonga and Western oa in connection with the ch and the barge.

CATTLE TO THE PHILIP- ES: Over 1,000 head of Short- cattle left Whangarei, NZ, on 11 on the *San Miguel* (March) reported to be one of the best- inted cattle ships in the world.

e shipment is part of a plan the Philippine Government to ck the country after its heavy e losses during the Japanese pation. At least two further ments are envisaged, if suitable is available at competitive es.

News of Cruising Yachts

● **D'VARA IN PORT MORESBY:** A note from S. E. Bradfield, owner of this Western Australian built yacht, says that he and his wife are safely anchored in Port Moresby now for the next two years. We left them several months ago in Fremantle, preparing to sail their 30-ft. ketch to Port Moresby. Mr. Bradfield says the voyage—north about around Australia—was good, except for a slight brush with a cyclone off the northwest of WA when they were hove-to for five days. The ketch suffered no serious damage—and the Bradfields seem to have weathered the blow alright, too.

The young couple built the yacht themselves and she was launched only at the end of last October.

Port Moresby was a busy yachting port in April when Mr. Bradfield wrote: SOUTHERN MAID was there—due to leave shortly for Singapore; the NZ yacht, RANGINUI also, hoping soon to clear for South Africa via Torres Strait. There was news of the catamaran, sailed into Moresby late January by two Frenchmen. H. Maizonnier, the leader of this Very Small Ship expedition, expects to leave Moresby in a few weeks, for Brisbane—then across the Pacific via Islands for Canada.

● **MARY K HAS HURRICANE REST:** This yawl, owned and sailed by Australian Geoff Rawson has spent the time since February at Vavau, Tonga. Geoff and his sailing companion have been filling in this hurricane season lay-up by assisting local Morris Hedstrom manager, Mr. Geoff Nash, to build a 16 ft. runabout. MARY K and crew expected to set off again ocean cruising at the end of April.

● **CRUSADER,** Mr. Bill Endean's 47 ft. ketch, was recently struck by lightning while fitting out in Auckland for her proposed trip to America via the Islands. The top two feet of her mainmast was shat-

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and her owner considered that the g date would be put back at least a ight.

REVEL, 30 ft. cutter, arrived back in igaroa, North Auckland, during April an 18 day passage from Sydney. rs Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith have been 12-month honeymoon cruise which aken them to Lord Howe Is. and the er Reef.

NERIDES, 55-ft. auxiliary ketch left land on April 17 for Tahiti on the leg of a voyage to the States.

ner-skipper, Ted Copsey, 56, has a of six Aucklanders, and plans to be nine months, returning to NZ via alian ports.

e ketch is equipped with a powerful -transmitter, and echo-sounder, and es enough fuel for 750 miles under r.

LA CANTUTA II has opened the 1959 ig season by clearing from Callao, on April 13 bound for Polynesia. is the successor to LA CANTUTA, sailed from Paita, Peru, on Decem-, 1955, with four men and a woman d. Two weeks after sailing, the an, Natalia Mazuelos, was reported isly ill. The fruit freighter TROPIC DER on the regular run between aquil and the Galapagos met the raft a and towed her to Villamil, Isabella d. After a stay there the voyage was ed on December 27—with Natalia aboard. Next news came in March, The raft had got out of the main west-flowing current and was being set back eastward. On March 2, in response to a radio request, the rafters were taken off their craft by the US hydrographic survey vessel REHOBOTH at a point about 1,000 miles north-west of the Galapagos and with their stores almost exhausted. Good radio contact was maintained with overseas amateur radio men throughout the voyage.

The crew on that occasion were Eduardo Ingris of Peru, Mirko Guerecky of Czechoslovakia, Andy Rost of Holland, and Joaquin Guerrero of Argentina, and the woman.

This time the crew is given as Ingris, Guerrero, Jaime Toledo of Peru, and Jose Matouse Richter of Czechoslovakia.

● CHIMERE—also spelt as CHIMAERE in despatches from the Gilberts—left Betio, Tarawa, February 23 for Ponape, Guam, and Japan. The yacht suffered a broken mast in some sort of harbour accident soon after arrival at Tarawa and a new one had to be built from available timber, necessitating some alterations to sails. Captain and Madame J. Bluche, of France, are owners and crew.

● MOONFLEET ex-KONA, reported sold in Suva, is still unsold—the sale fell through. It is understood that her owner will arrange to sail the staysail schooner to Auckland about June-July. So volunteer crew-men may now form a queue. Meanwhile MOONFLEET is seen airing her sails on Suva Harbour on Sundays under caretaker control—with PIM represented at the end of a sheet!

● SHEMARA, Sir Bernard Docker's big motor yacht, which called at Papeete after clearing Suva, cleared again for the Galapagos, Panama, and France late March.

● MANAWANUI of Auckland, originally bound for the US West Coast, was back in Papeete from Honolulu in April. From there came reports that this motor-sailer might return to Auckland before again heading for California.

● WANDERER, Sterling Hayden's 98-ft. schooner, arrived at Papeete early April from California via the Marquesas. Hayden, who has his four children and a tutor aboard, was uncertain whether he would head westward through the Islands for Torres Strait and a west-bound voyage to Europe, or south for Cape Horn and eventually Denmark.

● PUORI— also spelt PU-ORI in some reports—arrived in Papeete early February, 46 days out of Honolulu via the Marquesas, with Gene and Wayne Pettengill and Ron Quail aboard.

● FAITH, 37-ft. Los Angeles ketch, with Larry and Babe Baldwin aboard, was to clear San Diego late February for the Galapagos in company with the 32-ft. ketch SERAIN II manned by Bill and Marty Lohr.

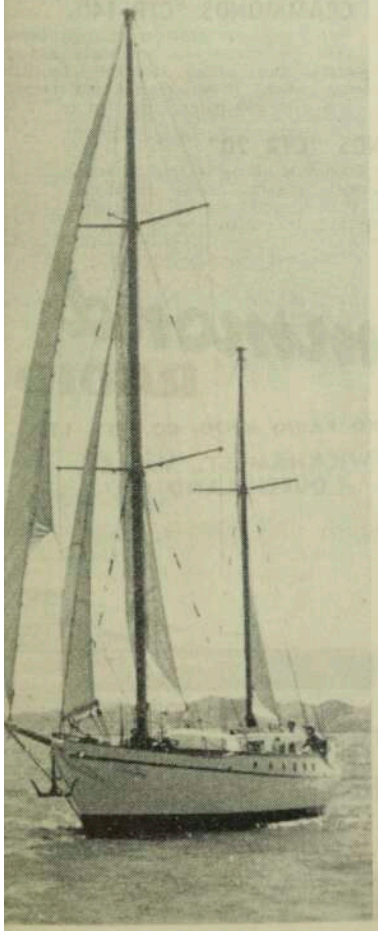
● NEW SILVER GULL, of Sydney, with the Scotts, was to leave Galapagos late January for Papeete. A Mr. and Mrs. Bein joined in Galapagos. No further news.

● SEA CHANTY, 36-ft. Vancouver ketch with the Kempels aboard, was to leave Vaitape, Bora Bora, for Rarotonga in mid-April according to January intentions.

● KOCHAB of England, with Dr. John Franklen-Evans in command, and Dick Pohe and Terry Gray both of Whangarei, NZ, as crew-men, arrived at Suva April 25. After a lengthy stay at Auckland the 39 ft. 7 in. x 10 ft. 8 in. x 29 ft. x 6 ft. yawl cleared Auckland April 4, making calls at Kawau Island, Whangarei, Whangamumu and Whangaroa, leaving there April 18. Fair winds and good weather were experienced. Best day's run was 165 miles. Plans are for several months cruising in the Fiji Group before returning to New Zealand next Summer. KOCHAB, built in England three years ago, is probably as well finished and well kept a yacht as any cruising at the present time. She has sailed the Trans-Pacific and Sydney-Noumea Races. Dr. Franklen-Evans formerly owned STORTEBECKER III which sailed through these pages until sold some years ago.

● FLYING WALRUS and the Wells family, at Whangarei, NZ, are understood not to be planning any early departure. This American yacht has been in that port for a lengthy period.

● KEHUA, 30-odd-foot NZ ketch which was beaten-up in the last Auckland-Suva Race and has since changed hands, should clear Auckland in May for Rarotonga and Papeete. Aboard will be owners Selwyn Matheson and Peter Ashcroft and at least one other.



Below: The fishing vessel "Elenoa" being readied at Lautoka. Lined up for the photo, from left: T. M. Finiasi, Apinisa Momo, G. Mario, and L. Mario. At left: John Caldwell's "Outward Bound" now at Townsville preparing for the next leg of a round-the-world voyage—
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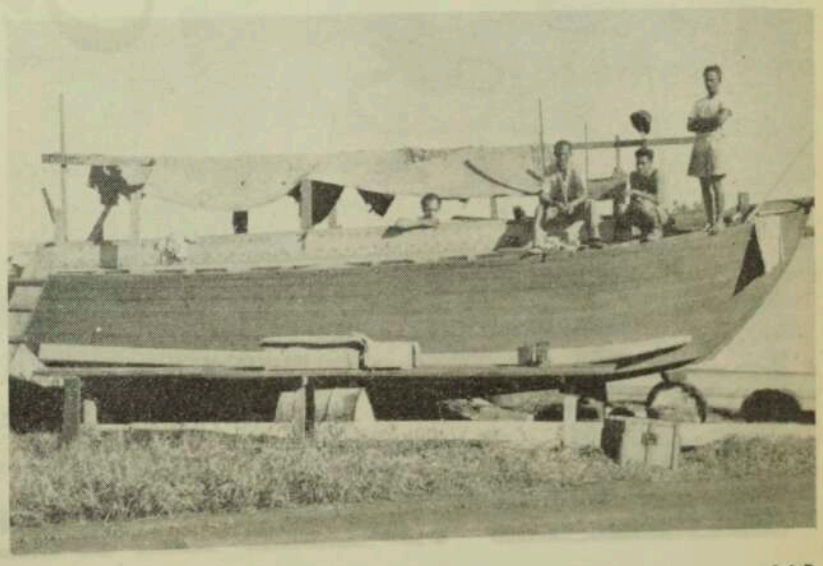

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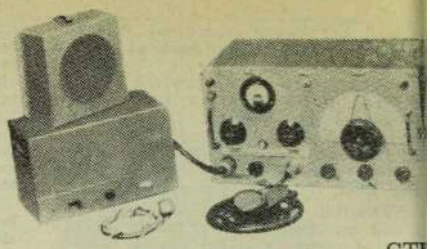

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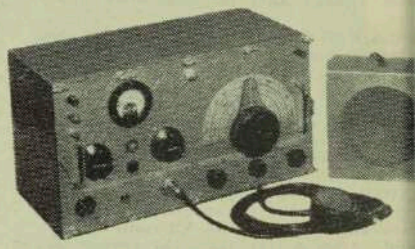

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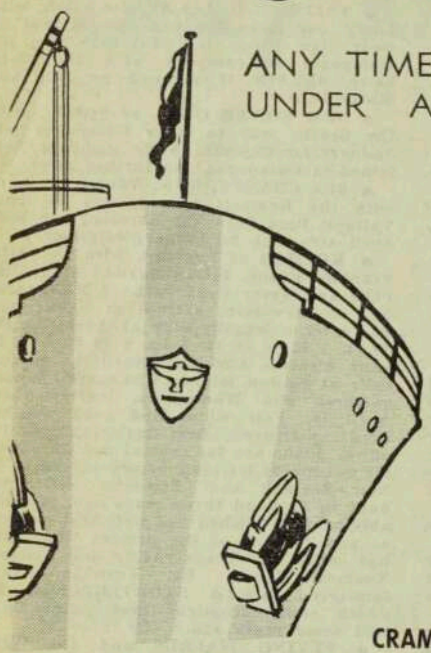

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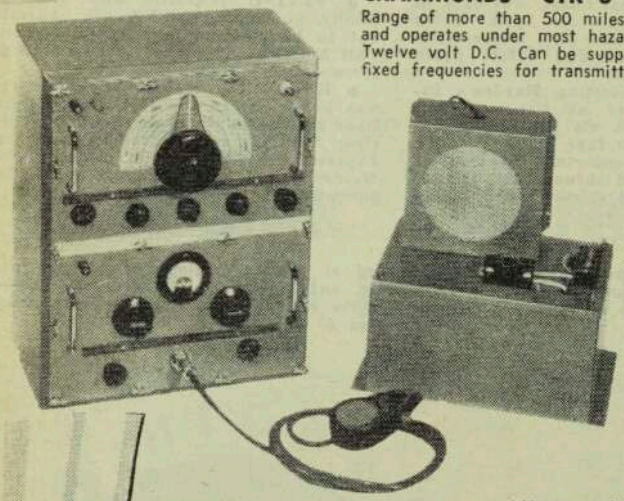

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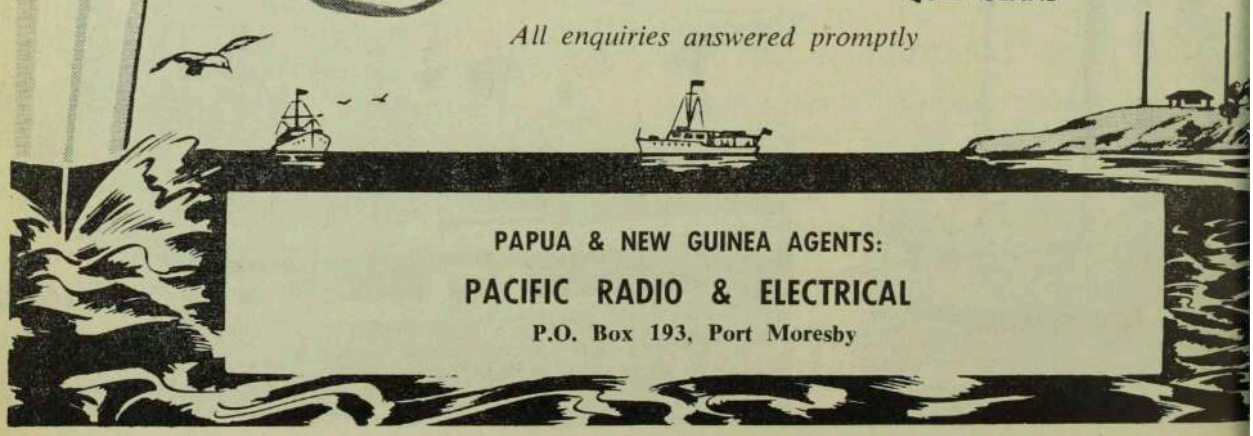

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Pacific Report

The month's round-up of news and pictures of people and ents, from *PIM* correspondents in the South Pacific.

tep Up War On ical Diseases

t to malaria, probably the wide-spread disease in the Seas 30 years ago was hook-, but the painstaking work of al men (like famous Dr. S. M. ert, for instance) and the ad- of scientific drugs have gone g way towards changing this. adays, while hookworm disease ll prevalent in the Pacific, it the scourge it once was. e of the most modern weapons e fight against hookworm, both mans and in animals, is a drug n as Alcopar. This new form atment will be one of the most tant produced at new £2,000,000 tories at Beckenham, outside on, to be opened this month by Wellcome Foundation, to step the fight against tropical ses.

er virus vaccines to be pro- will be for polio, influenza ellow fever. Research at the tories will be continued by the diation into malaria, dysentery. cancer.

okworm is the lay name for ongue-twister *Ankylostomiasis* presence of parasitic worms in nall intestine that cause severe nia by sucking blood from the inal walls).

sing Tonga's t Read Book

acknowledged authority on c languages, Dr. C. Maxwell hward, MA, DLit., returned to a in April to begin a two years of translating the Bible into rn Tongan.

e work was first done over 100 ago, but in the past 50 years es have taken place in the an alphabet and orthography w there is wide difference be- the Tongan taught today and being read in the Bible.

ll church groups in Tonga eyan, Free Churches, Anglican, Mormon, etc.) have agreed on eed for revision and will share xpenses in proportion to their ents. The British and Foreign Bible Society, which will bear the publishing costs later on, will also make a substantial donation towards translation costs.

Dr. Churchward served as a Methodist missionary in Fiji for 15 years and completed a *Rotuman Grammar and Dictionary* and, later, a *New Fijian Grammar*. From 1948 until 1954, he was in Tonga compiling a *Tongan Grammar* and a *Tongan-English Dictionary*, both published by the Government.

In most Pacific territories, the Bible is one of the few books available in the vernacular and, consequently, the most read.

Do-It-Yourself Airstrip

When Unevangelised Fields Mission worker R. J. Donaldson decided recently to build an airstrip at Orokana station, Erave, in the Southern Highlands District, Papua, he found the surrounding country so mountainous that he could not bring in any normal earth-moving equipment.

So, ingeniously, he dismantled a Yeoman garden rotary hoe and carried it piece by piece to the site, reassembled it and used it to clear a strip 500 yds. long and 132 ft. wide.

It took six months, but he got his airstrip.

Knots and Shipping Against NI Timber Trade

A proposal to export a trial 50,000 super feet of pine logs from Norfolk Island to Australia was rejected by the local Advisory Council in April.

The plan was the outcome of a year's investigations into NI timber to endeavour to bolster up the export trade.

Mr. Norman Wallis, probably the

Yes, it's Papua. And they aren't pukka sahibs from the Indian frontier, but Territorians Steve (A. E.) Stephens, of the "South Pacific Post", Port Moresby, and Col Sefton, rubber planter, playing polocrosse, a game introduced to Papua over a year ago and now attracting a considerable amount of interest. Photograph was taken at the Koitaki Country Club at Sogeri just before the opening of the polocrosse season in April. (Just to prove its Sogeri, those are rubber trees in the background).

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Bill to revise the Fijian Affairs
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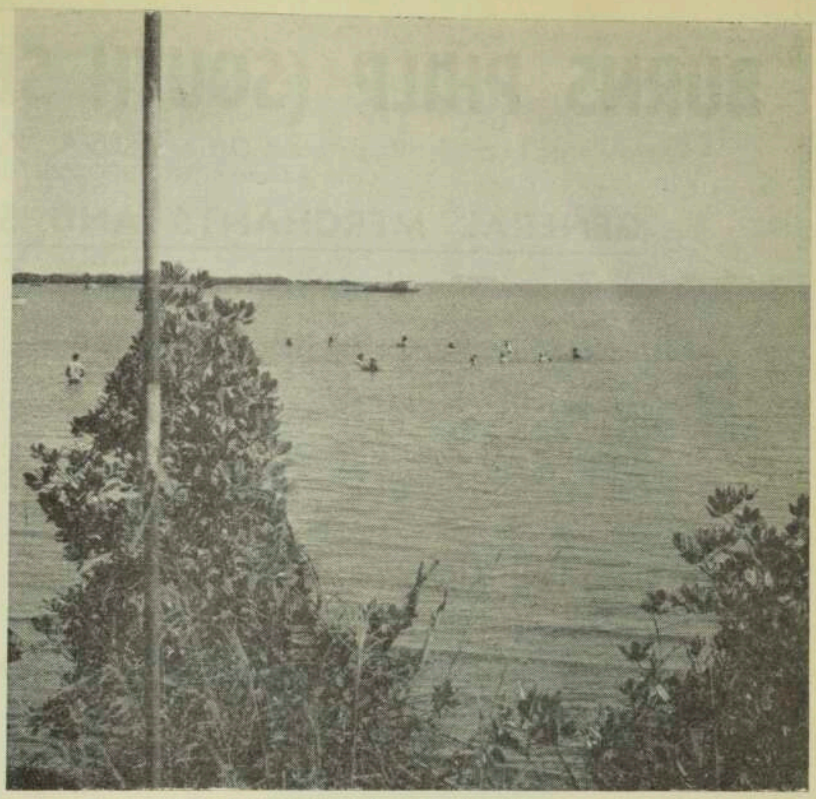

Where Lautoka's wharf will be.—See story this page and page 119.

In the case of copra the new tax will be additional to the present cess levied under the Fijian Development Fund Ordinance.

The new tax will be "a demonstration by the Fijians that they are ready to help themselves", and, it is hoped, will be a further inducement to the British Government to make further grants, perhaps for the specific aid of the Fijian section of the community, from the Colonial Development and Welfare Fund.

Although Fijian MLC's acknowledged that there was naturally opposition to any increase in taxation on the part of the Fijian people, none of them offered any serious opposition to the adoption of the Bill during the debate.

The date on which it will come into force has still to be set by the Governor, and the actual rates of taxation of the various items have still to be worked out by the Fijian Affairs Board.

In Lautoka It's "Our Wharf"

The main topic of conversation in Lautoka in April was Our Wharf as that major construction job got under way.

In town the most evident signs were a few vehicles scurrying about with the unfamiliar name of the contracting firm on their sides, a smart new name plate at the entrance to an office block in the main street, and—down at the harbour—a barge moored well offshore with a small drilling rig mounted on it.

Up in his office Mr. W. M. S. Houston, BSc., MICE, Manager of Christiani-Nielsen and Gammon Ltd., the newly formed Fiji company, explained how the partners came to be associated in the contract.

A number of companies were invited to tender and these in-

First the Set–Then TV (Maybe)

A Suva firm, Fiji Trading Co. Ltd., last month became the first outh Pacific Islands firm to import and exhibit a television set its windows.

The set caused much interest in Suva with crowds of people illing around the window. Manager Tom French said that he oped to experiment with reception from Australian TV stations ith a high aerial. (It will have to be mighty high, we feel).

If images from Sydney and Melbourne are received successfully the Colony, the sale of television sets may yet become a lucrative usiness here, as it did when TV was introduced into Australia a ear or so ago. Sets would retail in Suva for around £150 Fijian.

With the clip-clop and bang-bang din of Western heroes still nging in his ears, a Suva-ite just returned from abroad remarked hat the TV set on show represented the best type he'd ever seen—it as unconnected!

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ied Gammon (Malaya) Ltd. and ristiani-Nielsen (Guernsey) Ltd. parent company of the latter ng of Copenhagen, Denmark. nmons have been in the Far t for the past 35 or 40 years, a tish company with public res in Singapore. Christiani-lsen is a world-wide company. he two were working together a big project in Malaya and re seemed no point in them tting each other's throats" on Fiji job—so they formed the sent new company in Fiji after ging a successful joint tender. he company will employ about people directly when the work hes its peak.

s of mid-April the only company ple in Fiji were Mr. Houston Mr. P. Gernow, of Denmark, se official title is Sub-Agent. n to arrive from furlough in Zealand will be Mr. P. hardson, a civil engineer. ventually there will be seven or it engineers, five or six Euro-n foreman, some recruited lly and some from New Zealand, or five Asiatic surveyors, and ut 20 Asiatic key workers ex-enced in the type of pile driving ired and the heavy equipment dling. These will come from gapore. The remainder will be l people.

ate in June a specially rtered Korean ship, equipped a heavy-lift derrick, will arrive all the machinery, some from gapore and the remainder from gkong. Some other equipment come from Copenhagen.

eanwhile, there is a lot of paratory work to be done.

here the wharf will be, a big y of Fijians were busy drawing r fishing nets when *PIM* viewed site in April. At the roadside the water's edge a striped iron driven into the ground, marked of the borders of the two-year, 0,000 project. (See photo, p.

o Mr. Houston it will be just ther job, and not a particularly one. For the past three years has been on the Kai Tak jet eld job at Hongkong. Three rs prior to that were spent at gapore building godowns and harf for the Shell Co., and for three years preceding that he building refinery extensions for oil company in Indonesia.

irst impressions of Fiji? "The n impression of a quick visit Suva was that it is a little bit er than Singapore at the ent time. As for things here erally—well, I think that once get our houses fixed up and our s here we will enjoy it".

With a nch Touch

ew Caledonia, like a lot of other ific territories, was having a flu epidemic in April. And although they call it something different there—*grippe*—it feels the same as influenza does anywhere.

Hundreds of school children were victims; they took it home, and then the working population began to go down with it.

The story is that it was brought into Noumea by two air travellers who arrived from France. A month or so ago, the same sort of 'flu was raging in Paris, and it was announced that the Pasteur Institute was able to make an effective vaccine for it. The vaccine will be distributed in Paris next September—traditional month for Parisian influenza—but it seems a pity some of it couldn't have been sent to New Caledonia where continual rain and a cold snap have helped the wog to do its worst.

In N. Cal., Happy Days Come Again

Contracts have been signed with Japanese firms for the supply of nickel ore from New Caledonia. It is hoped that almost 700,000 tons of ore will be shipped this year.

Seven Jap ships were scheduled to arrive in April to lift ore. A good deal of this is already "at grass", but an increased activity in the working of the mines is certain.

All this is good news for New Caledonians as is also the fact that deposits in the Post Office savings

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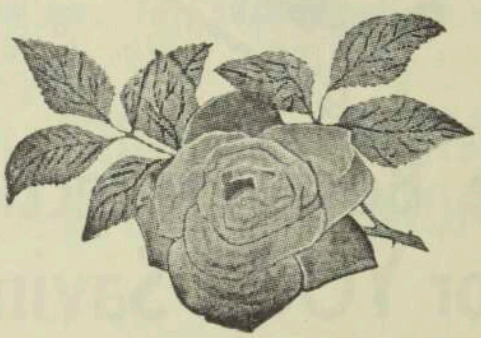

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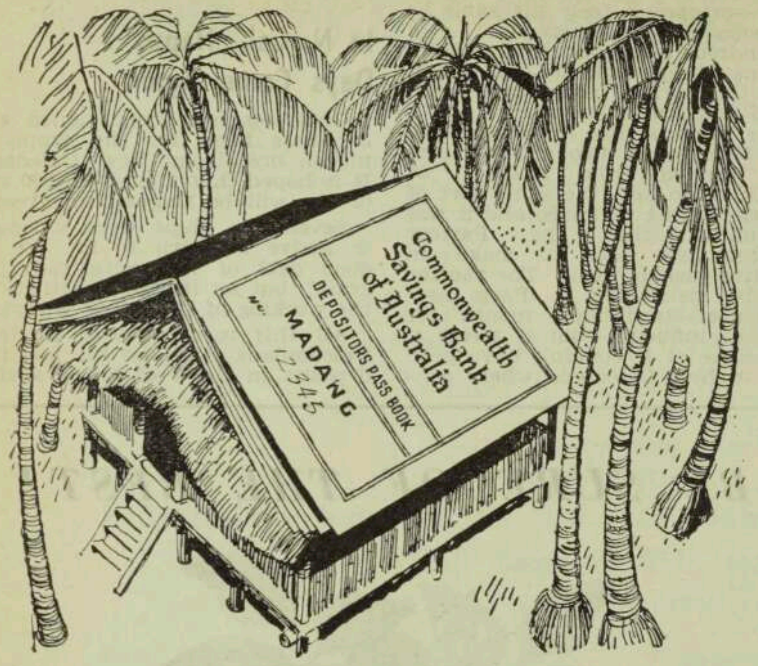

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bank are on the increase aft dropping steadily over the pa year.

Further evidence of New Cal donia's economic recovery is th fact that the Nickel Co. has in th last few weeks re-engaged over 1 workers and that in the mines som 300 workers have found work. Ne mines have also opened.

Papeete's Airport Now Looks Like Happening

It really begins to look as thoug Papeete will get that airport aft all. Tahiti is to have the benef of the fact that the big Yate Da project in New Caledonia is no completed.

When the Messageries Maritim chartered vessel *Melanesien* le Noumea in April, she carried dies trucks, pre-fabricated houses, ligh ing equipment, air-compressor mechanical shovels, cranes an sheet iron, all of which have bee used at Yate. They will now b used on the construction of Tahiti international airport.

Fresh Beef Supply For Pt. Moresby

A Santa Gertrudis bull, bought a Sydney Royal Easter Show sale and 10 assorted heifers (all in calf were landed from the *Slevik*, e Sydney, on April 15, for Eriam Estates Ltd., to form the nucleu of the first cattle stud in P-NG.

At Tiaba estate, 20 miles fro Moresby, the Company already ha 1,000 head of beef cattle, and it own killing works and chilling room were completed early in May. Th

Eddie Will Provide More Music on LP

The well known Tahiti night-club operator and entertainer Eddie Lund was paying a visit to New Zealand in April-May.

Mr. Lund records Tahitian music which has always been extremely popular with Island people including the many Islanders in New Zealand. Due to import licensing it is no longer possible for New Zealand record retailers to obtain supplies of Eddie Lund's Tahitian recordings—so Eddie is meeting the situation by having the records made by a Wellington recording firm from master discs.

They thus become of New Zealand manufacture—and the fans are not disappointed. Mr. Lund expected to market at least six long-playing discs in Wellington.

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he hula hoop craze may not e hit some Island areas yet; in rs it's already on the wane, but Fiji it's still the occasion for lic contests. This little lady, lis Reymond, shows how it's e as she sways into the finals ne of the events in the Suva n Hall in April.

—Stinson's.

toir gives Port Moresby and ounding areas their first regular ly of fresh meat since before war; at present, Port Moresby ives most of its meat, frozen, n Australia.

he new stock were selected by Mr. ur Millard, studstock buyer for ma, who said that the estate was ed up two years ago for cattle ding development. Of Tiaba's) acres, 500 have been sown to roved pastures, 350 are under uts, 100 each of sorghum and hant grass, 60 maize, and 30 ated lucerne.

addition to the £7,000 *Slevik* ment, Eriama proposes to buy Zebu-cross stud bulls and 20 s stud heifers in Queensland, to g the stud strength to six bulls 42 heifers. Also at Tiaba are n Aberdeen-Angus herd bulls, Poll Shorthorn herd heifers, and Zebu-cross heifers; remainder store and fat cattle.

m" Frequencies ly To Be Cut

obably the most enthusiastic tising hobbyists in the South fic are the 100 or so amateur io operators in Papua-New nea, Fiji and (sparsely) other nds groups.

ot much is heard publicly about n, unless an emergency crops in peacetime or war—but they are a closely-knit band unhampered by the distances that separate them.

It was not surprising, therefore, to find that one of the keenest ex-New Guinea "hams" attended the recent Silver Jubilee Conference of the Wireless Institute of Australia (the amateurs' exclusive organisation), held in Melbourne, as proxy representative for P-NG. He is Mr. Ron Chugg, formerly of the Territories' Medical Department, now of Victoria.

The conference voiced deep concern over the likelihood of further reductions in the wave-lengths available to amateurs. Over the years, the "ham" wave-length has been whittled down for the benefit of commercial and government interests — for broadcasting, police, radio-controlled taxis and trucks, etc. The right to use "ham" frequencies is the only one in radio left to the private citizen.

The question of future wave-lengths will be decided by the International Telecommunications Union Conference starting at Geneva on August 17. Conferences are held every 11 years at which all nations present their views and recommendations.

The Wireless Institute is energetically attempting to persuade the Commonwealth Government to agree to an unaltered "ham" frequencies policy at the Conference,

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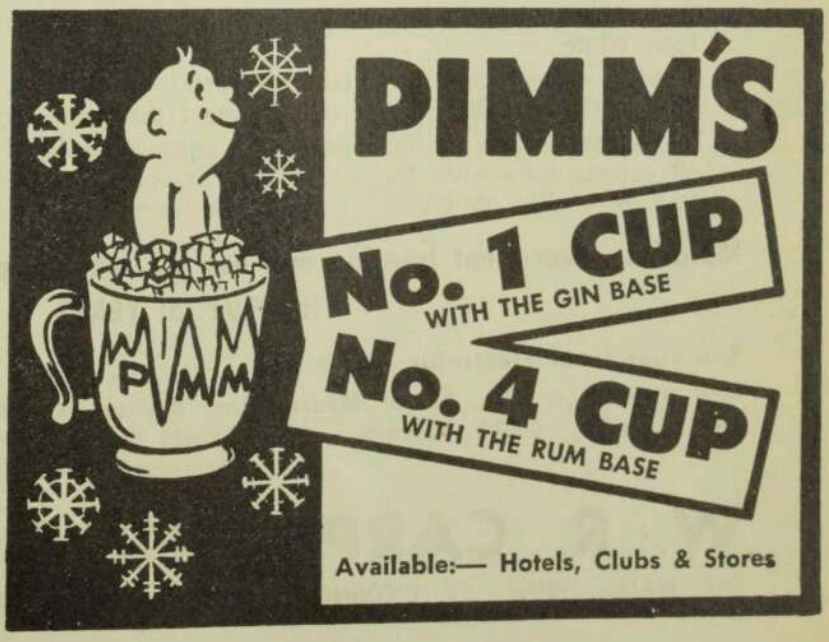

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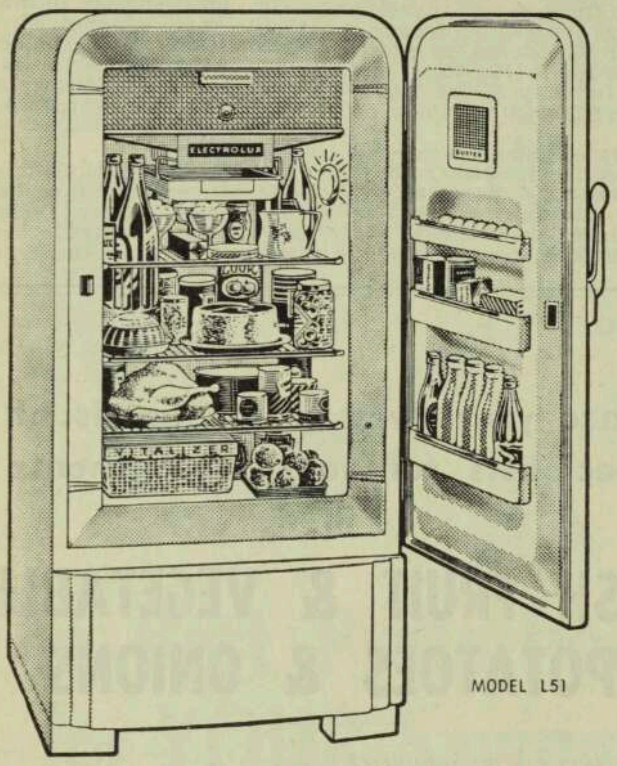

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He's Actually Asking Them!

After the high-handed way in hich income taxation has been ntroduced into the Territory of apua-New Guinea, it comes as bit of comic relief to have reasurer H. H. Reeve "seeking iews of copra growers whether ey wish to continue to con- ibute to the Copra Stabilisa- ion Fund"—as the official and-out on the subject puts .

Since early 1958, Stabilisation und contributions (of up to 1 per ton) have been collected s part of the export duty on opra—i.e., when the f.o.b. value f copra is £65 per ton, export uty is £4/16/- and Stabilisa- ion Fund Contribution £1— 5/16/- in all.

When income tax comes in, xport duty goes out. So what o do with Stabilisation Fund ontributions? If planters have ny ideas, Mr. Reeve will sten to them. (Yes—we know 's hard to believe, but he says hat he will).

Present total of the Fund is handsome £3,200,000—all con- ributed by copra producers nce 1946. It's earning £100,000 er year in interest which, at he present rate of copra pro- uction in P-NG, means £1 for very ton of copra produced. So ven if it is decided to stop con- ributions, the Fund is in a very ice position, indeed. And so, for he present, are the planters.

it has a hard row to hoe since re are influential pressure groups ious to pare down the "ham" d still further.

he subject has also been brought in Federal Parliament by Hon. n Fairhall (NSW), one-time nister for Interior and himself ompetent "ham" operator, but Commonwealth Government has yet finally made up its mind on line it will take at Geneva.

u Hits Central cific Groups

iji's position at the cross-roads the Pacific often means more n just a convenient stopping off ce for tourists and dollars: it ld mean a convenient place which to off-load a 'flu bug ier from a ship or aircraft.

his may be the cause of the ony's recent 'flu outbreak and er epidemics in recent years. ry second person was convinced t the poliomyelitis epidemic last r was brought in by one of the thousands of passengers passing through Suva or Nadi.

This could or could not be true, but the fact remains that Fiji has been beset by more outbreaks of 'flu since the war than at any stage previously.

The recent outbreak was reported from the other Island groups (Samoa, Cooks and Tahiti) also. They all reported similar symptoms—head- aches, vomiting and a nausea. Several days in bed seems to be the only answer.

Some years ago correspondence passed between the Samoan and Fiji Governments concerning an outbreak of 'flu then affecting the two groups. Samoa said that the "bug" had been brought from Fiji and Fiji replied that the 'flu germ had in fact been introduced from Samoa and quoted a list of ship- ping dates, comparing them with the dates of the first reports of the sickness. Samoa came back with an equally impressive list and so it went on, eventually waning with the outbreak some weeks later.

20 Flu Deaths In Tonga

What is believed to be a form of Asian 'flu swept through Tonga in March and April. The Nukualofa Mormon School was the first to feel the effects and it soon spread to every village and home in the three groups of the Kingdom.

All but a few schools were closed, and stores found it difficult to re- main open with most of the staff ill. Over 20 people died from pneumonia following the outbreak—more than in the polio epidemic last year.

Easter-time in Tonga was one of the quietest known. Youth camps were cancelled, churches were half empty, and choirs and bands which seem to practise nearly every night of the week were silent.

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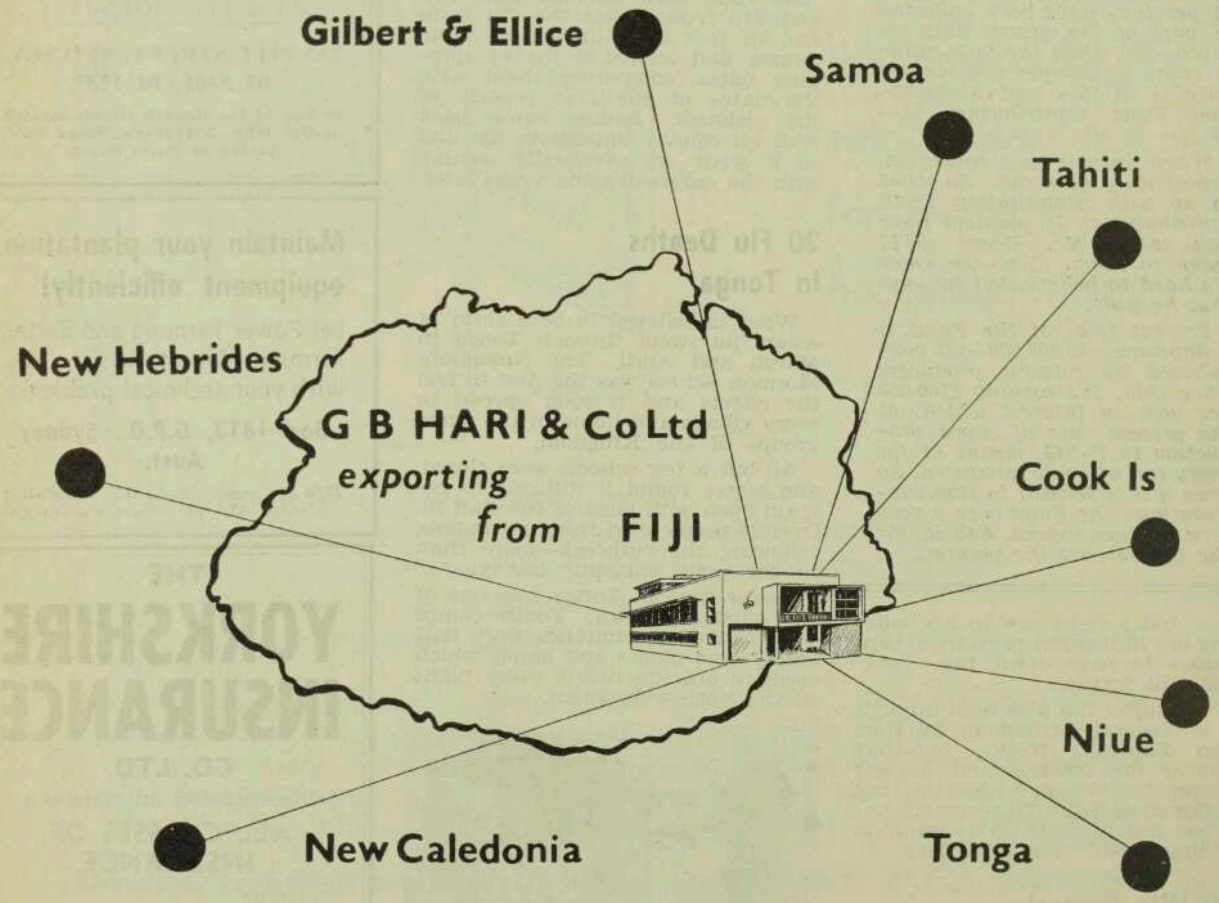

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When Mr. C. J. Gill, telecommunications expert of the British Post Office, arrived in Suva on a brief April visit, he found on booking in to a hotel that he'd lost the key to his suit-case.

Because it was a week-end there was some difficulty in locating a locksmith. Hearing of this, an Indian porter in the hotel stepped forward, volunteered his services, and had the case open with the aid of a bent piece of wire in about five seconds.

king It Difficult Leave Home

n official notice appearing in the k Islands official daily news ntly informed the local people only under very special cirstances would travelling per- to New Zealand be issued to who were leaving a wife and e or more children in the Cook nds.

he announcement said that over years many broken marriages deserted families have resulted n such departures. Living costs lew Zealand are high and for a without money leaving the nds to attempt to find perent work, rent or build a house, save enough money to pay the s of his family was often an ossible task taking years. Durthe waiting period many wives e forgotten.

he announcement said that nd Councillors and Church lers agreed with the Resident mmissioner in this ruling.

ot. Gillespie Ltd. ens at Brisbane

branch office at 334 Queen St., bane, was opened in April by ert Gillespie Pty. Ltd., Islands chants, Sydney. In charge is Wallace C. Thorogood, formerly -known in Papua-New Guinea Islands traveller for Needham o., Brisbane.

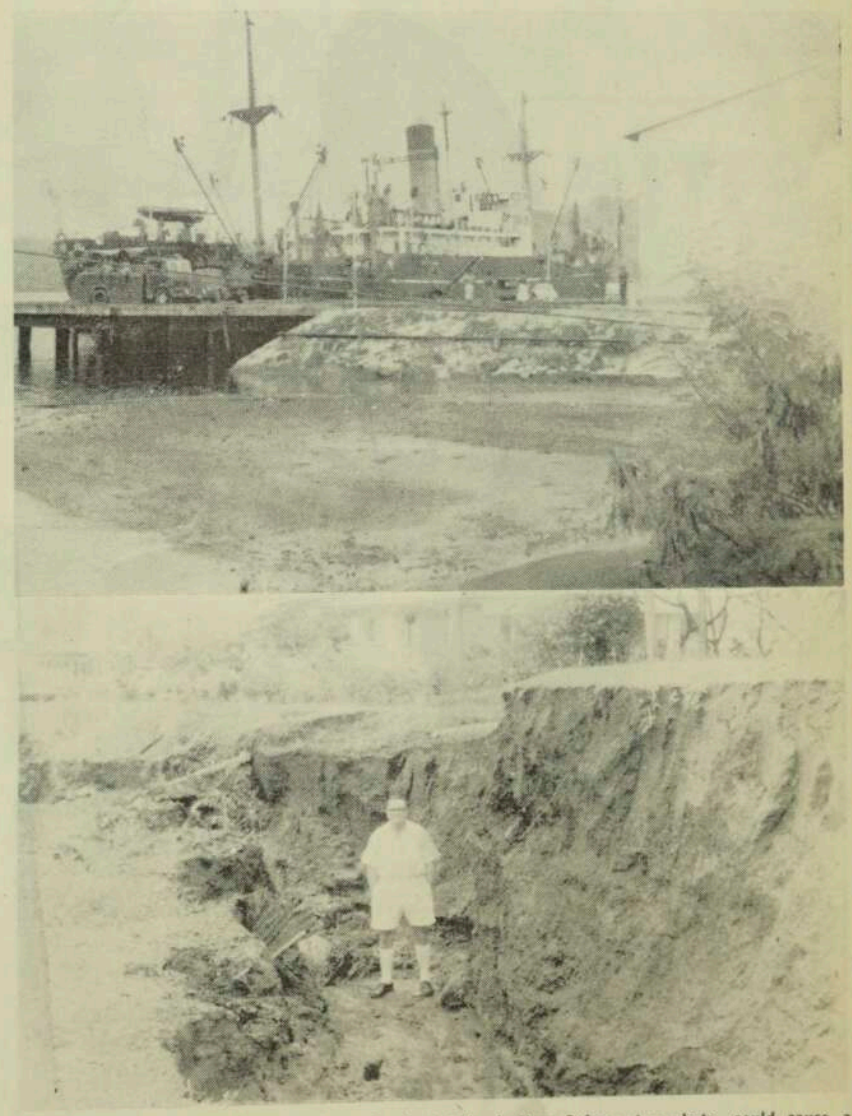
he expansion is of interest to G and BSI residents, since a ving share of their import trade originates in Queensland—pers estimate that 25 per cent. goods for those territories are plied through Brisbane firms. ight rates are similar to ney's, but firms find that ship- documents handled on the in Brisbane make for less delays at Islands ports and, in addition, "last in" cargo from Q'ld. means "first out".

Growth of Robt. Gillespie Pty. Ltd. since its formation in 1941 is indicated by its five Pacific branches —Robt. Gillespie (NG) Ltd. at Lae (Bill McCully, manager), Rabaul (Charlie McMillan), Port Moresby (Ray Bossom) and Madang (Wally Nayman); and Robt. Gillespie (Fiji) Ltd. at Suva (Leo Thomas). With a combined staff of 55 (from three originally), Gillespie's covers all territories from Dutch New Guinea in the west to Tahiti in eastern Pacific.

CSR Plans Boost To Rice Growing

Provided it is able to obtain sufficient protection against imported rice, the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. plans to set up a wholly-owned subsidiary early next year to establish a large rice industry in Rewa area, south-east Viti Levu, Fiji.

Government experts are examining the proposals and, if they are acceptable, measures to protect the local industry will go before the



This silting beside the Government wharf at Rabaul, New Guinea, top photo, could cause a lot of trouble. Recently the Administration opened up land in the foothills behind Rabaul for residential purposes and, apparently unwittingly, created a lot of new drainage problems. Shortly afterwards, Rabaul had some tremendous downpours that scoured watercourses eight feet deep in suburban streets and deposited this silt at the harbour side.

Lower photo shows where a lot of the silt came from—a watercourse torn out of Brennan Street in the residential quarter. Most of Rabaul's fine soil is decomposed pumice dust—it's fertile, but it floats and where there is lack of drainage and when there is phenomenal rain it scours out in a most spectacular fashion—as it has here.

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New Guinean Goes Into The Cattle Business

A native farmer, Bongen Kalanduan, of the Morobe District, Lae, New Guinea, who purchased some calves in 1954, made what is believed to be the first commercial sale of native bred cattle in the Territory when he sold a bullock to Malahang Plantations in April for £34.

Bongen rears his cattle in the Wain-Naba area, which contains about 100 head of native-owned cattle. Village peasant farming techniques are employed — a villager is appointed as herdsman and is responsible for adequate grazing of the cattle.

Regional Stock Inspector, Mr. J. Robinson, of 3-mile Agricultural Station, where the sale was held, said that Bongen keeps amazingly accurate records of matings, and other relative data for successful stock breeding. He said: "His stock itself is good enough evidence. There is not one sign of disease". And added: "The natives are always keen to receive advice from Agricultural officers and implicitly carry out instructions".

After Bongen purchased his first calves in 1954, he hand-fed and reared them until 1957 when they calved. The 50-years-old farmer intends to purchase more calves and do a lot more breeding.

It is expected that the natives in the Wain-Naba will begin to bring more cattle down for sale in about 12-months time.

...e Legislative Council meeting. The new rice drying, milling and ...rketing organisation is an ...empt by CSR Co. to assist Rewa ...ar cane farmers in a change-...r from cane-growing to rice ...en Nausori mill closes at the ... of 1959 crushing season.

The Co. is prepared to purchase ... 1960 padi production from 5,000 ...es of land which formerly grew ...e (about half the present total ...e acreage) at a contract price ...£30 per ton, faq. Within a few ...rs, the new organisation could ...orb rice crops from practically ... the 10,000 acres of cane land ...Rewa Valley, which is quite suit-...e for rice-growing.

Modern equipment, different in ...ign to present Fiji rice-mills, ...uld be installed, and storage for ...0 tons of padi provided, in the ...inning. The new mill would not ...mpete with existing mills operating on a toll basis mainly for growers' own requirements.

The project could eventually make Fiji largely independent of rice imports and save the Colony the funds now going overseas—in 1958, 4,320 tons of rice were imported, valued at £F323,580. Probably, £F150,000 could be saved in the first year.

Rabaul Cenotaph Unveiled on Anzac Day

The biggest Anzac Day march Rabaul has had preceded the unveiling of a newly-erected Cenotaph, on April 25, by the P-NG Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, CBE.

Topped by a bronze torch, electrically-lit, the 9 ft high Cenotaph is constructed of Scottish Balmoral granite, has bronze Swords of Sacrifice at each end, and bears a simple front inscription-plaque: "To the men and women who gave their lives in the Allied Cause, 1914-18: 1939-45".

It cost £1,000, and was prefabricated in Brisbane. QEA paid for the memorial to be shipped from Rabaul—originally, when told it weighed 400 lb, they offered to airfreight it free to NG, but it turned out to weigh 4,000 lb so it went by sea.

Anzac Day ceremonies were held also at Port Moresby, Lae and other P-NG centres; and at Suva, Fiji, where the Governor (Sir Kenneth Maddocks) took the salute at Albert Park.

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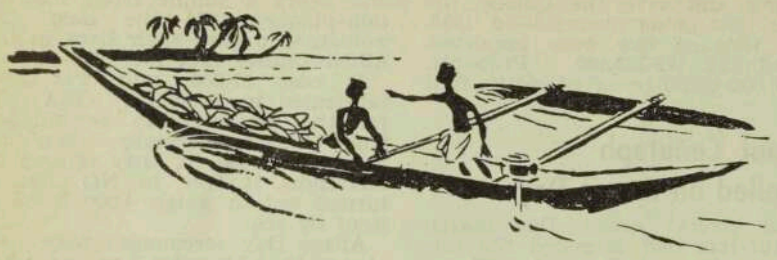

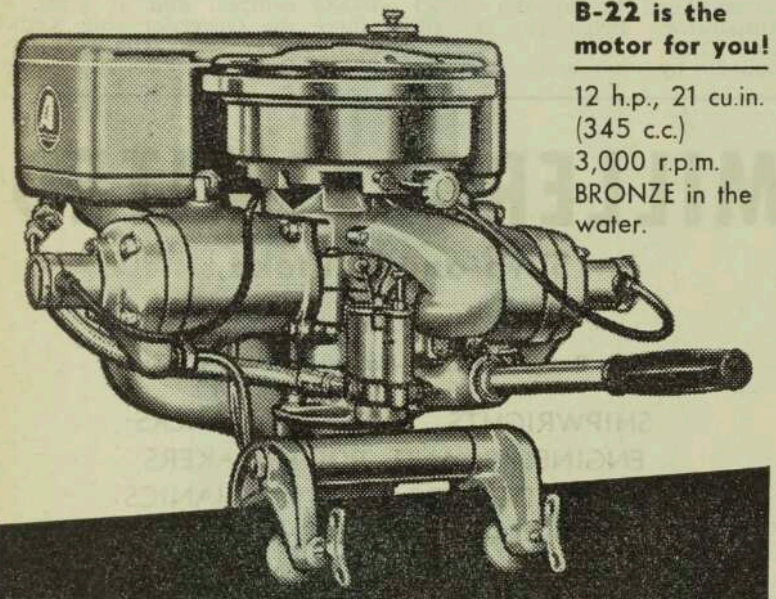

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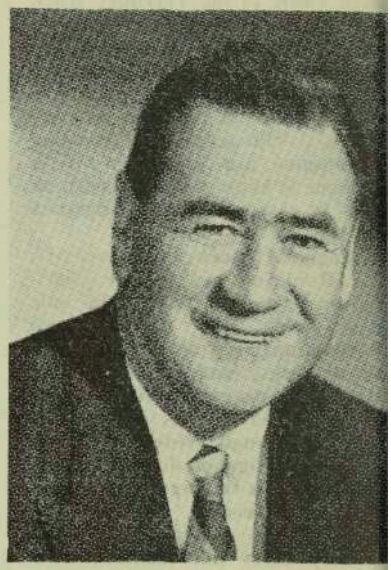
The French High Commissior was represented by the Secreta General of the New Caledoni Government, M. Gagnon.



Mr. H. C. Menzies.

Aust. Could Do Better In Fiji—Maybe

Although Australia's share Fiji's import trade has tended t increase in recent years there still room for greater expansior said Mr. H. C. Menzies, followin two recent visits to the Colony.

Mr. Menzies has had somethin to say about the entry of Fi bananas into Australia in recer months (*PIM* for January an April); he is Australian Senic Trade Commissioner in Wellingtor NZ.

In addition to importing its ow requirements, Fiji is a distributio point for other Pacific territorie he stated in an article in *Overse Trading*, the Commonwealth De partment of Trade's periodical, an urged Australian manufacturers t make special efforts to have Aus tralian goods placed in the hand of Suva merchants with that pur pose in mind.

Mr. Menzies believes that Aus tralian trade with Fiji could b stepped up greatly by the provisio of regular shipping, with refriger ated space available and prepare to work other ports than Suva especially Lautoka.

NZ, for instance, has gained con siderable benefit, particularly i

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perishable foodstuffs line, from regular shipments to Fiji. Australia, with more ships but with less ularity and less desire on the of shipowners to allocate space Fiji, has suffered because importers have not been able to depend on regular and frequent vals of goods to enable them to se their deliveries to the market. ne weakness, from the Australian point of view, is that Fiji n the main route from Australia USA and Canada and that ships ing in both directions tend to centrate on goods for terminal harge rather than for interiate loadings.

ustralian exporters, too, are often in completing and supplying tfied invoices and certificates of in, both required by Fiji oms Department. The Fiji tariff two column one: British Prential and General—too frequently, details are not completed he proper fashion and thus are accorded preferential duties.

he largest slice of the Fiji trade naturally goes to the United gdom, since Fiji is a British vn Colony, and UK suppliers been active in taking advantof traditional ties, whereas ralia, with new goods to offer, not been as progressive in Fiji n other parts of her trading re. It may be necessary, sugs Mr. Menzies, for new diiting avenues to be sought, as of the large Fiji firms already connections with established suppliers in countries other than Australia.

Mr. Menzies said there appears to be scope in Fiji for more Australian vegetables, confectionery, margarine, dairy products, rice, onions, canned baking powder, whisky, gin, peanut oil, paints, fertilisers, film, electrical supplies, batteries, machinery and hardware.

As Mr. Menzies pointed out, Fiji has strong financial ties with Australia—the sugar industry is wholly owned and controlled by the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., of Sydney; the two most important trading groups, Burns Philp & Co. and W. R. Carpenter & Co. (each with half a dozen subsidiaries) are Australian-owned; the soap factory and biscuit factory are controlled by the Sydney firm of Hackshalls Ltd.; the cement pipe industry by Hume Pipe Co. of Australia; and the gold mining industry by a group of Australian mining interests.

The two last overseas loans raised by the Fiji Government have been underwritten and filled on the Australian money market.

One point *not* stressed by Mr. Menzies, however, is that Fiji has a substantial unfavourable trade balance with Australia—her exports to Australia are far below the value of her imports from the Commonwealth. Unless Australia is prepared to absorb more of Fiji's products,

eliciano Achica, 87, had the honour of the flag at Pago Pago at this year's Day, April 17, which commemorates the that Eastern Samoa became American in 1900. Mr. Achica is probably the non-Samoan in the Territory and has the tion of being the first Filipino to have in the US Navy. He still works at his of tailoring, and has never had a day's illness, except when he was wounded in the Spanish-American war.
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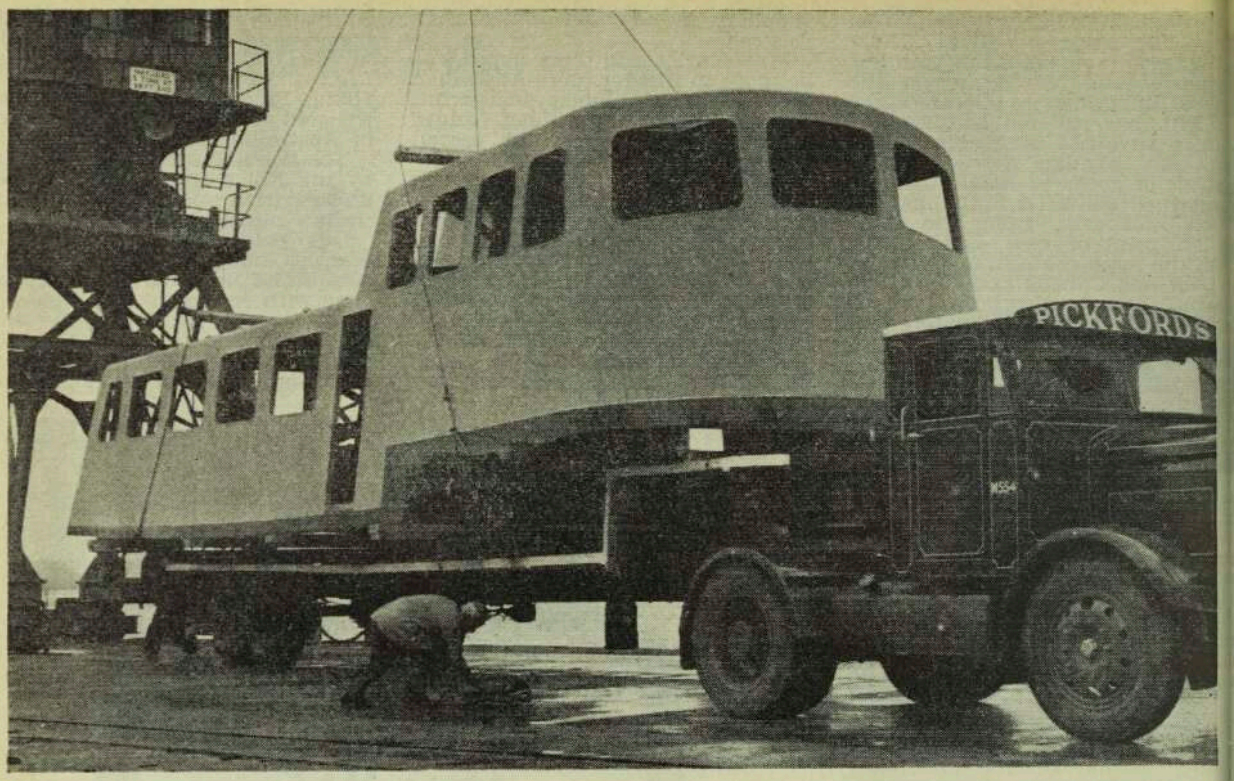

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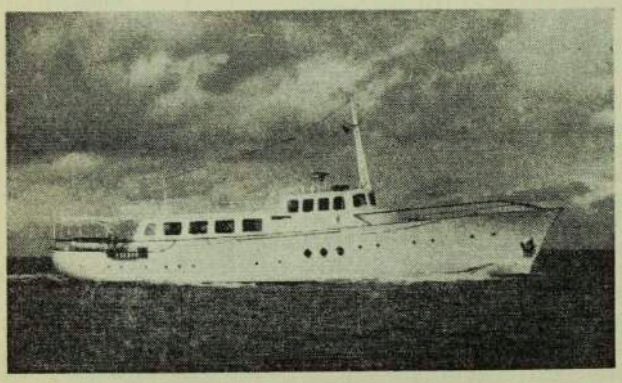

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rked correctly between signs—n a rather unorthodox position for rather more than the lated hour—was this Suva r truck which turned turtle failing to negotiate a curve. driver made a remarkable e and no one was hurt, except owner of the truck when in-ed of the accident!

—Stinson's.

attempt to increase trade in Colony and so further widen gap probably would be regarded y in official circles in Fiji.

Marquesan Fish en't Biting

behalf of the Hawaii tuna ng industry a San Diego tuna er made an exploratory cruise arquesas waters in March, but results were disappointing ding to the US Fish & Wildlife ce.

e tuna clipper *Cape Falcon*, nanded by Captain Sverre aard, and with Mr. Tom Hilda, hery biologist from Honolulu rd, first loaded 24,000 lb of live fish at Almejas Bay, Mexico, e heading westward.

fortunately, the bait-fish proved arge for the type of tuna en-tered and only 16 tons of tuna taken, though from the num-of schools of tuna sighted, this the best season for a number ears, and fishing was by the rican live-bait surface-fishing od. About 200 schools of tuna sighted.

Mountains Keep ir Secret Still

r the second time in three hs a Dutch Administration l, led by Patrol Officer Dr. alves, made an attempt to the wreck of a Short Sealand hibious plane, which crashed e Central Highlands four years (Jan. *PIM*, page 121).

The twin-engined plane was the property of the American Christian and Missionary Alliance. As the aircraft had crashed in what seemed inaccessible mountains, in an area which up till now has not been bought under Administration control, recovery of the remains of the pilot were then considered impossible.

However, since the establishment in December, 1957, of an Administration Post in the Baliem Valley, patrols have been made into the mountainous regions and at the end of last year a Dutch patrol set out from Wamena Post in an endeavour to reach the wreck, thought to be at a height of more than 10,000 feet. Bad weather, fog and heavy rainfall compelled the patrol to give up and return to the Administration Post.

The second attempt was made in March after thorough preparation. Previous to the patrol, Dr. Gonsalves made a reconnaissance flight by Cessna aircraft to find the exact position of the wreck and the best way to reach it. To reduce the quantity of food to be carried by the patrol an air-drop of food was planned on the plateau.

The patrol reached the spot on the third day, after climbing through dense jungle, crossing rivers and deep ravines, and climb-

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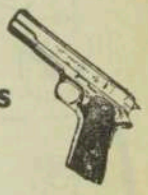

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TOP: The SPC Conference, from the outside looking in. The colour and spectacle of the opening day attracted the interest of thousands of New Britain natives, including the Tolais and the Navunerams. They poked their noses into windows and doorways to see what all the talking was about. LEFT: Marcus Kaisiepo, who led the Netherlands New Guinea delegation to the South Pacific Conference. (For main story and pictures, see pages 17, 18, 19).

ıd gliding down wet mountain often knee-deep in mud.

Gonsalves made an effort to the top on the same day of l. After a strenuous climb he ded. His altimeter indicated e less than 12,000 feet.

found a human skeleton on mmit, but concluded that this ıe remains of a native, accord- the position of the teeth in ull and the absence of tooth- s.

rrific hail-storm stopped this ttempt. The two Dani guides panying the Patrol Officer, d by cold and pain, felt sure would die and were looking sheltered spot to expire peace- Dr. Gonsalves had to use all rsuasive powers to induce them ırn with him to the camp be-

Patrol Officer made five attempts on successive days ery time rain, fog, clouds and hailstorms forced him to return to camp unsuccessfully.

Seeking Jap Fishermen For Levuka

Mr. A. G. McCown, of Levuka, Fiji, passed through Sydney early in May, en route to Japan. This is the next logical step in his plan for the establishment of a large fishing industry in Levuka. (March *PIM*).

He hopes, in Japan, to make arrangements under which Japanese fishermen, under contract, will supply fish — mainly tuna— to Levuka.

Mr. McCown (who is accompanied by Mrs. McCown) will return to Fiji via New Guinea in June and, if the supply arrangements are complete, steps will be taken to establish, in Levuka, works for freezing and, eventually, for canning the fish. He looks to other Pacific countries—especially Canada—for a market.

Mr. McCown said that, before he left Fiji, final arrangements had been made for registration of a company in the name of Levuka Canning Co. Ltd., with a nominal capital of £150,000. He expected that he would be chairman and that members of the Co. would include Messrs. Vince Costello, Les Martin, E. Ashley, Billy Obed, Jack War, Arthur Robinson, H. B. Gibson, R. A. Ricketts and Reg Patterson.

The thoughts and energies of the group appear to be directed at this stage more towards restoring an economic backbone to the failing port-town of Levuka, than towards profits.

Specimens of An Ancient Currency

Currency notes with face values from one Dollar to 50 Dollars, which were issued about 1870 by the then Kingdom of Fiji (pre-British), are being offered for sale by an old Fiji resident, Mr. N. S. Chalmers, whose address is PO Box 7, Lautoka, Fiji. He also wishes to sell a 10-Dollars Debenture note, dated 1872.

These notes were issued 85 years ago by the then King of Fiji in an attempt to raise funds to pay the compensation demanded by United States in respect of American citizens who were murdered by the Fijians on Kadavu Island.

Anyone interested should write to Mr. Chalmers.

Copra Windfalls For G&E Islands Colony

"The Government of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony must be very happy these days," said a visitor from the Central Pacific, as he looked at the May 4 price of copra (£87/5/- on the wharf, Suva), as published in *Fiji Times*.

"That Administration collects an export tax of no less than 25 per cent. of the value of copra. The Colony produces from 7,000 to 10,000 tons of copra a year. The export value of that, on the rates of recent months, could be £800,000 per annum—of which the Government would collect some £200,000. Very easy to take!

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Who Burnt Down That House?

"Samoa Bulletin", Western Samoa's weekly bi-language newspaper, carried a half-page newspaper advertisement in its issue of April 24, offering a reward of £500 for any-one giving information leading to the conviction of the person or persons responsible for setting fire to the residence of the Manager of Morris Hedstrom Ltd. at Malata, on the night of last February 11.

This was one of the several incidents against well-known residents in recent months.

d. The G&E Colony has done little for Fanning but, for nistrative purposes, Fanning d is part of the Colony.
ne Burns Philp policy is never squeal when dealing with nments. But one would like now their secret thoughts as pay out 25 per cent. tax on Fanning Island copra!"

Residents Refuse "Brainwashing"

er a lot of hoo-hah in Lae, Guinea, at the end of April, a projected meeting at which H. H. Reeve, Treasurer, and esent acting Assistant Admin-or, was to meet the folks and r questions on income taxation *long as they were not about* —the whole show was called Mr. Reeve couldn't make it. t was the official excuse. Lae nts knew better. The president e local Chamber of Commerce arised local feeling when he to inform the District Com-oner that his Council had de-not to attend the meeting and ommend all members and the generally not to attend.
ir reason was the very thing hey were not permitted to dis-with Mr. Reeve and the Aus-n taxation department expert accompanied him—that is, ts of policy. The president e C in C held that this was rux of the matter. He said: e consider that the manner in the Administration has been cted to rush the necessary ation and steamroll all ions, is unworthy of any cratically elected Minister or nment. Furthermore, we con-the belated attempt to appease brainwash the community is clumsy and offensive."
vas announced later that any-who wanted to see Mr. Reeve do so in the District Office n hour and a half on May 5.
e Public Service Association ers and three private citizens met Mr. Reeve at the due time. Two of them, Messrs. M. Leahy and B. Purnell, both local farmers, asked Mr. Reeve whether building and property improvements were deductable from income, as in Australia; and whether mission earnings made in competition with private individuals were taxable.

The answer, in both cases, was no. [Mr. Leahy pointed out that a local mission runs dairy and beef cattle for local sale and lately had bought boats and wharf facilities].

The two Territorians considered that both matters were subjects for amendments to the tax bill.

The PSA members learned from Mr. Reeve that of a lump-sum retirement cheque, only 5 per cent. was taxable; and that officers taking leave end of May can take a fortnight's salary and then carry the balance of leave payments into next tax period—in other words, spread leave pay over two tax periods.

Fiji Muslims Celebrate End of Ramadan

On April 10, Fiji Muslims, like good Muslims everywhere, celebrated the festival of Id-ul-fitr — the triumphant culmination of the 30 days of abstinence called Ramadan.

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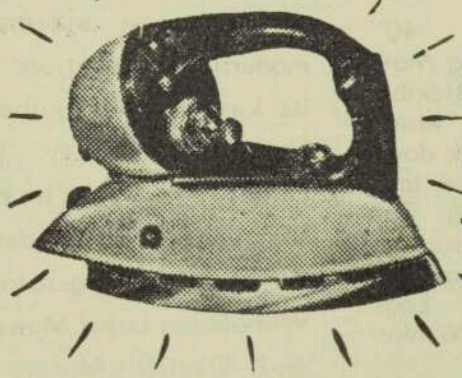

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MINISTER'S FIGURES SHOW NEW TAX'S INIQUITY

At the end of April there was ssued by the Australian Minister or Territories what he called some background information" oncerning the proposed taxation Papua and New Guinea.

I rarely have seen anything more aive and more stupid—especially t it is put out to justify the new ax system.

The Minister says that the chief ources of Territories revenue (that , apart from Australia's annual rant of between £12 and £14 illions) in 1958-59 are—

nport duties	£2,200,000
xport duties	890,000
xcise, customs and harbour dues	238,500
ersonal tax	200,000
ostal charges	350,000
ents, royalties, fees, fines	200,100
ublic utilities	560,000

He then says that the amount aid by the P-NG resident in indirect taxation (import duties and cise) is £87 per head, compared ith £45 in Australia.

So it is proposed "to lessen the rden of indirect taxation".

He does not explain that, hitherto, e P-NG person paid no income x, whereas the Australian taxayer pays, in income tax, a larger m per head than £87 each, in ddition to £45 in indirect taxaon.

The Minister says that he now going to reduce import duties by 230,000 per annum, and export uties by £890,000, and will get in turn an estimated £1,300,000 om income taxation.

The inference from his statement that thereby the burden of taxaon on the P-NG resident is to be ghtened.

But, examine the Minister's gures.

The import duties are now 2,200,000 per annum. They are come down by only £230,000—hich is 10 per cent. What difrence will that make to the 1959- living costs of the average person -who will be paying income tax om July 1, 1959?

The big reduction is in export uties, £890,000. That is a definite oncession to planters.

But how is it going to benefit the ass of public servants, and emloyees generally, who really have struggle with the cost of living?

Few Territory employees get less han £20 per week. Mr. Hasluck's gures show that under the new cheme, they each will pay anyhing from £20 to £70 in tax according to dependants)—and hey obviously will get no benefit hatever from the reduced import uties.—R.W.R.

Guess Who? It's Abel Tasman—but not the one who sailed around Fiji, New Guinea, Tonga and other Pacific Islands in 1640-odd. This is an indirect descendent, who was in Australia recently as the guest of Trans Australia Airlines—see story page 87.

m.

ifteen days after Shabe Baraat es the new moon of Ramadan to Muslims it brings a period religious and spiritual observe.

he fast of Ramadan, which lasts 30 days, is kept in every good Muslim, except infants, according to the rites prescribed by the Koran.

During the period no Muslim is allowed to eat or drink during the hours of the day, although they are, however, permitted to eat and drink after sunset and before sunrise.

This period, when food and drink may be taken, is generally called Iftaar—fast-breaking. But while the sun is visible in the sky, no food and drink of any nature is taken; not even the saliva of the mouth is deliberately swallowed.

Those who keep the fast also take a vow to abstain from all evil actions and thoughts; nor do they indulge in untrue speech of entertain unchaste desires. They lead a life of piety and chastity while fasting.

Every evening during the fasting period, Muslims visit the nearby Mosque and offer prayers.

The climax of the month-long fasting is reached during the last 10 days of Ramadan and this period is devoted to complete seclusion and with constant offerings of large numbers at the mosques.

Fasting now becomes stricter than in the preceding 20 days and many divorce themselves from material things to concentrate on "devotional and exalted feelings".

Tradition has it that it was during the 27th Night of fasting—Laila Qadr or the Grand Night as called by the Muslims—that the first verses of the Koran were divinely revealed to the Holy Prophet Mohammed at Mount Hira.

At the end of 30 days of Ramadan, which coincides with the first night of the new moon, the fast is triumphantly ended in great rejoicings. This day is called the Id-ul-Fitr.

Muslims put on their best or, if possible, new garments, and in large numbers visit the mosques in thanksgiving to Allah, and offer alms to the poor, who gather in large numbres at the mosques.

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Mick Leahy Gets His Tick Damages

The Administration of Papua-New Guinea failed to enter an appeal by the due date, and the finding of Mr. Justice Mann for Mr. Mick Leahy, in the celebrated "tick" case, stands.

Mr. Leahy thereby gets damages of £4,055 and all costs in the action. [Mr. Leahy's case was that employees of the Department of Agriculture had failed to control an infestation of ticks on his cattle when they had entered into a contract to do so, and when they had insisted that they perform the job which Leahy wanted to perform himself; as a result of their failure to control the ticks, he claimed that infestation had spread amongst the Leahy herd resulting in heavy losses through red-water fever].

On his way through Sydney, with Mrs. Leahy, in late April after two months in the United States, Mick Leahy was delighted with the final results of the case—which is about the first time anyone has sued the P-NG Administration and managed to win, or even survive.

He was also delighted with their holiday in the United States and Hawaii, but more than ever convinced that New Guinea "is the most wonderful country in the world"—if certain gentlemen in Canberra can only be persuaded to leave it alone.

The only cloud on the Leahy horizon was P-NG Income Tax. H had, he said, poured everything h had ever owned into his Zena property, and intended to put every thing he was likely to earn in th forseeable future back into th same place. He doesn't feel tha he needs any curb in the way o income taxation—and scores o pioneers in P-NG will agree wit him.

Mick Leahy went to the Unite States primarily to attend Gener Douglas MacArthur's birthda party; after that he and his wif were passed from one friend t another, mostly men Mick had me during the Pacific war, north an south, east and west all over th United States. They visited th King Ranch in Texas and wer fascinated alike by the ranch, b owner Kleberg ("who still gets ou there and ropes cattle") and by th Santa Gertrudis breed whic Kleberg established.

In Hawaii, the Leahys spent som time with Baron Goto, the coffe expert who visited New Guine some years ago to advise planters

March 13 in Haapai, Tonga, was a day to remember, because this year (she was 59) Queen Salote chose to spend her birthday with the people of these islands to which she has a special ancestral relationship.

There are 10,000 people in the 16 scattered islands of the Group, and a large proportion of them converged on Lifuka, the main island, for the occasion. They arrived in cutters of all sizes, launches and canoes; some went by horse; and those who lived on the nearest island waited for low tide and then walked and waded over. All came loaded with gifts of food and 150 fine mats which were ceremonially presented. The day began with a church service, and was followed by a feast, a ceremonial Kava ring, dancing and presentation of gifts.

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also saw something of ranching he US's 50th State.

d they feel the North American er? No they did not—they warm clothes with them and 't use them. Houses, trains, were heated, to such an extent the Leahys declared themselves ydrated". They were looking ard to getting back for ttle cool air 4,000 ft up at g.

nd that's where they went with-losing any time. They got into ey from Honolulu on April 20 left for New Guinea by Qantas he 21st.

List of Kuru tims is Growing

e mystery of the fatal kuru se of the Okapa area, 40 miles Kainantu, NG Eastern High-s, is no further towards being d.

though the population has re-ed static the mortality rate risen. There have been 300 stered deaths since records were ed, and 300 patients at present suffering with the mystery ase, according to Dr. Vincent s, of Kainantu, who first carried medical investigations on kuru who has recently returned a 12 months tour of America Europe, studying various aspects he problem.

hile in America he helped nise an exhibition by the onal Institute of Health, which ed, with the aid of pictures and s, and medical data, some of problems which science has to solve if it is to identify the disease.

The exhibition toured the States, where the medical profession saw it, and it is now about to open in England. Dr. Zigas hopes that the exhibition will eventually come to Australia and Papua and New Guinea.

"We have already got many hints and tips from it," said Dr. Zigas. "That is one of the reasons for it."

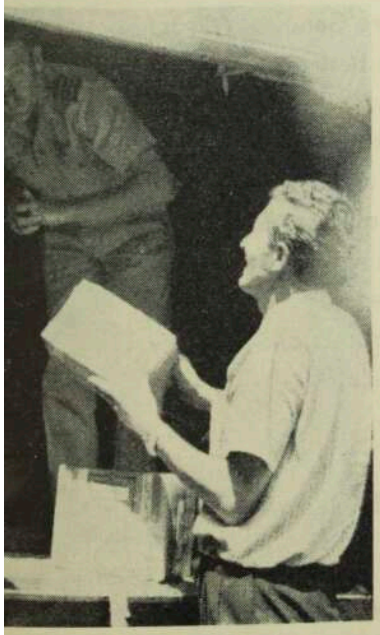
Meanwhile, at Okapa, two doctors are still working especially on the disease—Dr. A. Gray, and Dr. K. Aurchit. Dr. Zigas takes as great an interest as ever, but he also has the additional work of looking after the health of this area for the Administration, and there are other medical problems here besides kuru.

But one of the particular kuru problems that is exercising him at the moment is the tragic one of looking after small babies suffering from gross malnutrition as a result of the deaths or illness of their mothers from kuru. The babies don't get proper attention in the villages.

Dr. Zigas has at Kainantu, 12 babies of about 12 months old whom he is getting back to health. But as a long-term arrangement he wants to build a new hospital especially for kuru victims.

The site would be about 20 miles from Okapa, which is now known to be more in the centre of the stricken area than is the Okapa post itself.

The hospital would be an Administration one of 60 beds but the Lutheran Mission has promised three nurses to staff it. (Over)



samples of kuru victims being put in a plane by Dr. Zigas, at Kainantu.

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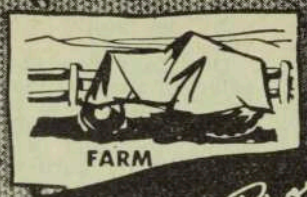

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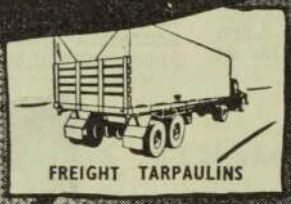

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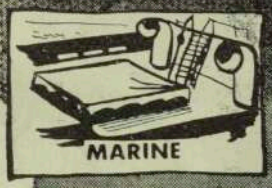

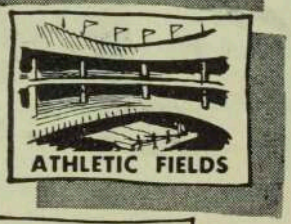

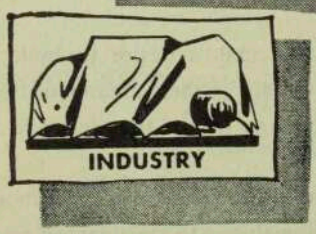

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ey're Looking For w Business

ritain's Colonial Development
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an interest in Fiji and the BSIP
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dly begun, but there are some
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Corporation is interested in
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aps rice.

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growing venture for Rewa
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more capital.

he CDC is doing better on the
r side of Viti Levu above Nadi,
re it is interested in joining a
Zealand firm in the logging
ixed timber.

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d is one for the interplanting

fifth anniversary of the founding of Fiji
ment Press Credit Union was marked by
tail party and dinner recently.

photograph shows the founder of the
union movement in Fiji (Father Ganey)
g the Union.

Second Thoughts About N. Britain

Reports [in "PIM"] that New Britain District Commissioner J. R. Foldi was leaving Rabaul were not true, the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland said in Rabaul in May. He said Mr. Foldi would continue as District Commissioner following his return from leave, later in the year.

What Brigadier didn't say was that the reports were true at the time they were printed in April, but after publication the Administration did an about-turn and reversed the decision.

Meanwhile, the Tolais aren't making the Administration's problem in that part of New Britain any easier. There have been a series of incidents in the last few weeks, some of the matters not in themselves connected, but generally indicative of a growing restlessness. There have been land disputes and a native petition has recently been presented which has given the Administration some thoughtful moments about how it should be handled.

One of the basic Tolai complaints is that the Administration, apparently not over-anxious to buy itself into any fights since the Navuneram shootings, has been ignoring some sections of the people—and it seems that ignoring them is worse than shooting them.

There will probably be some more announcements concerning New Britain in the next few months.

of cocoa with coconuts on Vanua Levu. The Fiji Government is all for Governmental cocoa planting.

It thinks it can offer the CDC about 1,700 acres of land along the Hibiscus Highway, in Navonu Valley, not far from Buca Bay.

The CDC would possibly go into the venture using some CDC funds plus funds from the Fijian landholders and perhaps the Fiji Development Fund. It would, to begin with, provide European planting experts for a pilot scheme.

This scheme would be a good one for the Hibiscus Highway at any

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rate. This must be the only good road in the South Pacific that sits around waiting for traffic. Most of the plantations along the road still get their produce out by ship.

Cocoa is not a new crop in Fiji—it was first introduced about 1880. But after a very severe hurricane in 1912, plus low prices, production was abandoned, and there was not a revival of interest until as recently as World War II.

An expert, D. H. Urquhart, brought out by the South Pacific Commission, gave a real impetus to cocoa planting in 1952, and now about 1,400 farmers, mostly Fijian, have plantings in many islands.

In Fiji it is hoped that the proposed CDC scheme will give it even a greater push. The CDC has not previously put any money into Fiji or the BSIP, although it has been doing developmental work in the African colonies since the war, helping to take the strain off local budgets.

More Islanders for Mission Tasks

With pioneering mission work generally regarded as completed in Central Pacific Territories, the Churches look now more towards consolidated their position rath than proselytising. Increasingly, th tendency is for Islanders to accepted into the Church hierarch for what may be termed the "secon stage" task among their own peopl

Latest step in this direction w the establishment in April, by th Roman Catholic Missions of th Society of Brothers of St. Josep at Cawaci, Fiji. It is an extensio of an earlier Fiji brotherhoo (Little Brothers of Mary) and w provide trained Brothers for Fi Tonga and Samoa.

In these three vicariates, native Marist priests are alread ministering and several more a candidates for priesthood.

More than 120 Fiji and Rotuma girls have become Sisters of Ou Lady of Nazareth, and this con gregation has recently been opene to young women from Tonga an Samoa.

Fiji Whaling Station— Yes, No Or Maybe

After three seasons of caref whale-spotting, coupled with som whale marking, W. R. Carpenter Co. (Fiji) Ltd. will not carry o any spotting this year—but thi does not mean that the resul have necessarily been disappointin or that no whaling station will established in Fiji.

Mr. W. G. Johnson, managin director of the firm, said at the en of April that a great deal of usef information had been acquired b the firm during its survey. This in formation had cost money—and wa therefore not for general release a this stage.

There were no new development no immediate plans for the estab lishment of any industry—at lea not this year. And that was a that Mr. Johnson could say at th stage.

Bread is Higher, Tempers Shorter

New Caledonians (and especial New Caledoniennes, who have do the housekeeping) are annoy at the rate at which the price bread is going up. All are hear eaters of bread and when the pri soars to the equivalent of 2/- Au tralian for a 2-lb loaf, it is regard as just a bit much.

Reason for the price is said be the price of French flour whic is now the equivalent for £A230 p ton landed in Noumea.

New Caledonians take a lot convincing of the truth of th Government announcement that would be dearer if it came fro Australia (because of the rece devaluation of the franc). It hard to believe, says a corre

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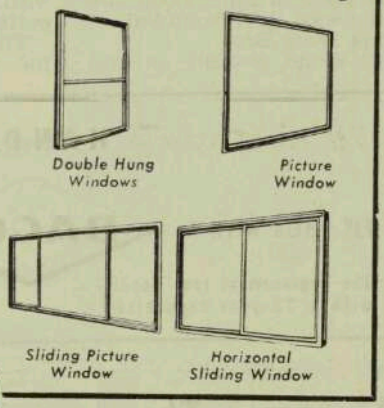

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w Senator and w Deputy for N. Cal.

"college" of 67 voters elected Caledonia's new representative he French Senate on April 26. hose eligible to vote were the nbers of the Assembly Terri- ale, members of Noumea's nicipal council, presidents of the ntry municipal commissions, the Caledonia-New Hebrides uty to the French Parliament the retiring Senator (M. en).

he first scrutiny showed three lidates — M. Henri Lafleur, pendent; M. Ohlen, Lenor- nd's Union Caledonienne; and rges Chatenay, Union New ublic. Results were: Lafleur 33, en 18, and Chatenay 16. As e of the candidates had received number of votes necessary for ictory (one half plus one) a nd "scrutiny" took place, the t candidate retiring and asking supporters to vote for Lafleur. he results was unexpected: eur was elected, with 38 votes, there was a tremendous drift Chatenay's supporters, and en received 28 votes.

onetheless, the election of Lafleur popular one. He is well-educa- and cultured, although a self- e man—he made his money in ng—and knows how to present Caledonia to Paris. He has e before represented New Cale- a in the French Senate.

ections for the Deputy to esent New Caledonia and New ides (French nationals only) he French parliament will be on May 24.

the last election, in 1956, over er cent. of those eligible to vote failed to do so. Lenormand won that contest, polling more than 5,000 votes more that his opponent.

The yacht club at Hollandia, Netherlands New Guinea—a new building in pleasant surroundings that has become the social centre for Dutch residents.

Sing-Sing To End All Sing-Sings?

Prospect of a mass walk-out by Chimbu labourers, employed in the Western Highlands, NG, to attend one last immense sing-sing (tribal dance feast) later this year has perturbed coffee planters in the area.

Thousands of Chimbus (Eastern Highlanders) are reported to be preparing for the sing-sing, which, it is said, will mark the end of their primitive way of life and their acknowledgment and adoption of European clothes and customs.

Already, in some parts, planters complain that there is an intermittent drift of labour from the plantations and that Chimbu headmen have been canvassing coffee-estates in the Western Highlands, urging their people to return home for the sing-sing.

After they have discarded their plumes and ceremonial dress, the Chimbus say they do not intend to work on European plantations in the Western Highlands, but will grow coffee in their own districts for the benefit of their own native councils.

At Port Moresby headquarters, Director of Native Affairs, A. A. Roberts, commented that the Administration was aware of the move to start a sing-sing but that "it would not be a very big thing". Other officials, however, believed the Chimbus plan to slaughter thousands of pigs and make the sing-sing the biggest in the history of the Highlands.

Komdrom, a Chimbu leader, was being brought to Moresby by the Administration for briefing and would be sent back to the plantations to talk the labourers out of their demands to return home for the sing-sing, according to one published report in April.

Tripe-Eating New Guineans for UK

When the BP vessel "Bulolo" berthed in Sydney after returning rom New Guinea in May she carried 17 Salvadori ducks from the G Highlands. They were booked out of Sydney the same day by ir to the United Kingdom, where they will take up residence at he Wild Fowl Trust, in Gloucestershire. The Salvadoris are a gift rom Sir Edward Hallstrom, Chairman of the Taronga Park Trust ho specialises in giving away odd wild-life. (Last month it was alf a dozen Koalas to the San Francisco zoo).

He's been keeping the ducks on the artifical lake at Nondugl, in he Western Highlands. None of the breed has ever been successully transplanted before, because, says Sir Edward, no one knows ow to feed them. He feeds his on meat, tadpoles, duck pellets—nd cut-up tripe. The tripe goes from Sydney by air and costs 15/- lb, landed in New Guinea.

No wonder he wants to send the ducks to the UK. Tripe is robably cheaper there.

New Samoa Urgently Seeking Professionals

Western Samoa may face a serious position with its health and medical services later this year.

Terms of appointment of its three overseas doctors, including that of the Director of Health Services, Dr. R. W. B. Maxwell, expire within the next few months, None of them is seeking to renew his contract.

For six weeks the Public Service Commissioner has been advertising for a surgeon-specialist to replace Dr. M. Heycock, who completes his term of appointment in June. But no one has applied. His present salary—and that being offered the new appointees—is roughly £400 a year below the basic scale, with post allowances, fixed by the South Pacific Health Service. (Over)

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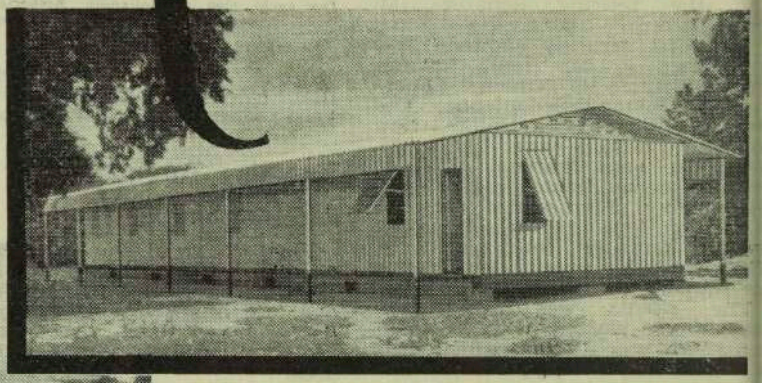

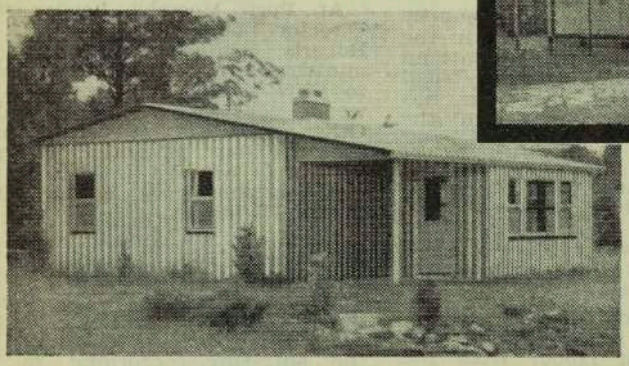

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ruiting of medical staff for ern Samoa has for some years undertaken through the South c Health Service; but adver- is now being extended to New nd.

stern Samoa may need a cian specialist—a post not at nt existing—as well as a on specialist — but difficulty be found in filling these posi- Two main obstacles are the ractive salary offered to highly ied men needed for this work. the changing status of the rn Samoa Government.

Heycock finishes his term of ntment in June; Dr. M. B. r is expected to relinquish his ly; and Dr. Maxwell goes in er. That leaves, on the al staff, apart from over 40 s, Dr. J. C. Thieme (present al superintendent) and Dr. . Williams, who recently re- d to Samoa after fully qualify- nd practising as a medical in New Zealand. Both were n Samoa, but Dr. Thieme lived any years in Germany.

s E. L. Cochrane, matron of Apia Hospital, is completing appointment next December. hief health inspector, Mr. R. goes to New Zealand very o take up a position at Wan- No one is yet in sight to fill osition.

rage number of beds occupied day in the Apia Hospital is 280. Last year's intake of in- ts was 4,707 and out-patient lances were 56,198. Surgical ions totalled 691, plus 482 operations. There were 908 nity deliveries and 3,439 minor tient operations.

re is not only the question here Samoa is going to get ed medical staff, particularly lists, under the new condi- but also the question of pro- an adequate supply of pro- al men and technicians, once ndependent government" takes

It was big news last month in Fiji when Cathay Hotels of Singapore took over the famous Grand Pacific Hotel in Suva. (See page 69, this issue). Fiji residents will probably like to see what the Cathay establishment is like in Singapore—this is the Cathay building which combines hotel, picture theatre and restaurant.

Honolulu-Pago Pago Air Link Popular

Transocean Airlines Boeing Stratocruiser service from Honolulu to Pago Pago, now operating on the basis of a return flight every second Wednesday, is proving popular—69 passengers boarded at Pago Pago on the flight of April 24.

Pan American Airways have adjusted their flights from Nadi to Pago Pago to a day earlier than previously—each second Thursday, Pago Pago date, as from the May 7 flight.

Fiji's Fund for Sugar Development

Under a Bill passed by the Fiji Legislative Council in April, the sum of £1,000,000 will be transferred from the Sugar Price Stabilisation Fund to a Sugar Capital Development Fund.

At the beginning of 1947, when the sugar price was £21/13/- per ton —an uneconomic figure in British producing areas—the United Kingdom Government agreed to subsidise the price to bring it up to £26/18/- per ton, on the condition that £3/6/- of the subsidy be paid into a stabilisation fund, and £1/19/- be diverted to the sugar industry.

In the case of Fiji, it was agreed that this be modified to the extent that £1/15/- went into the stabilisation fund, £3 to the industry, and

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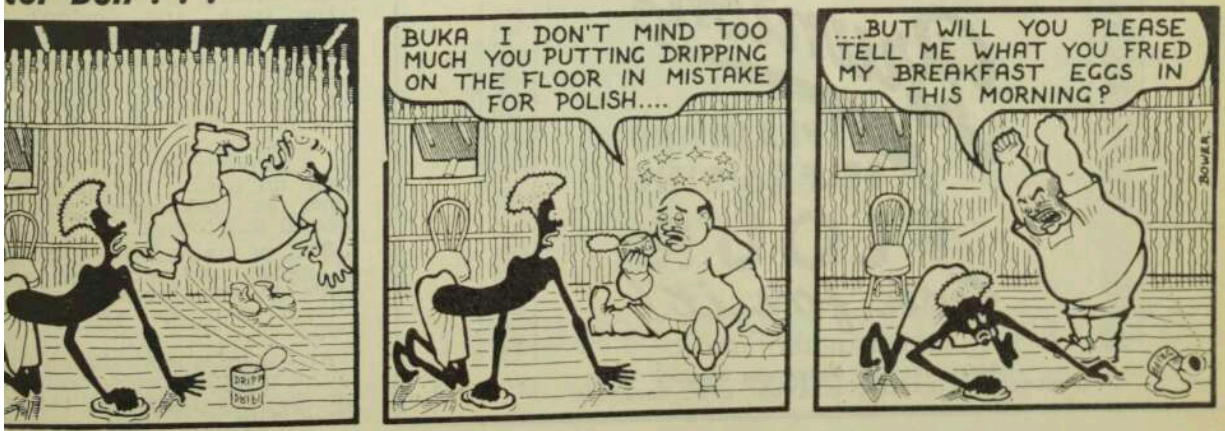

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10/- to a special export duty.

In January, 1955, the amount payable to the stabilisation fund in Fiji was reduced to £1/5/-. The special export duty allocation remained at 10/-, and the remainder of the subsidy was diverted to the industry. This has been the position since January, 1955, to the present time, the actual subsidy being negotiated each year.

Through this subsidy Fiji received nearly £10 per ton higher than the world price in each year up to 1958, with the exception of 1957 when the free market price rose substantially to £5/6/9 above the Commonwealth Agreement price.

This year the latter has been fixed at £45/2/- per ton, which is substantially above the free market price.

The Bill just passed in Suva makes provision for the appointment of a three-man board. The board could not be representative of all the interests involved as it would be unmanageable in the view of the Financial Secretary who presented the Bill on behalf of the government. If the sugar unions reached agreement and federated, the government would, however, consider such representation on this capital development fund board.

Various members of the Legislative Council put forward a suggestion on how the fund should be employed. These ranged from proposals that the fund be employed entirely in loans to farmers and millers; to the suggestion that funds for hospital building might be derived from this source.

Growers in the Nausori area w be excluded from the use of t fund as the government inten making special provision for the as a result of the projected closi down of the CSR mill in that ar this year.

Two speakers—Mr. Vishnu D (Indian member for the Southe Division, who is interested in scheme to keep on growing sug in the Rewa, and Semesa Sikiv (fourth Fijian member)—consider that money from the fund shou be made available for the establis ment of a proposed new mill.

Tonga's Hospitals Celebrat Golden Jubilee

To mark the 50th anniversary the founding of a Governme hospital at Vavau, this yea annual conference of the Ton Medical Department was held Vavau in April, instead Nukualofa where it usually sits.

Originally a wooden cottage-ty building (now used as staff qua ters), the hospital now is imposing concrete block, high the hill overlooking Neiafu. Wi up-to-date X-ray, pathology a dental departments, it caters f the 12,000 Tongans there. Staff all Tongan, apart from Dr. Farqu Matheson, who acts in an adviso capacity in his retirement.

NG Taxation

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the past, and thus no need to ke complete sets of books, many sm businesses have been running on pay - the - rent - and - keep - the rest basis, without really knowi where the money comes from whence it goes.

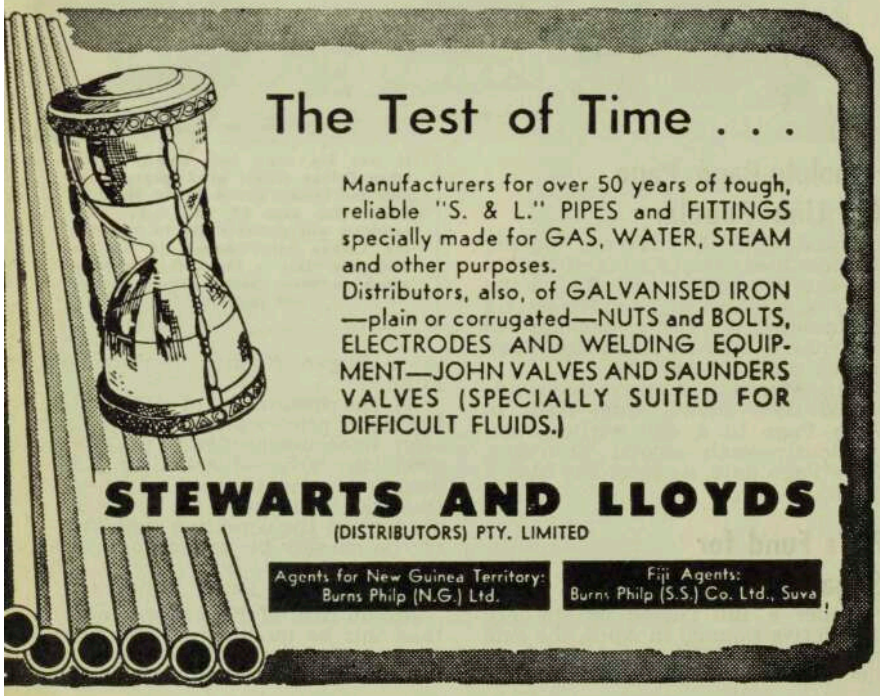
But now the income tax m will want to know. And he w want to know it all in English.

That is going to be a particul shock to New Guinea's Chine traders, many of whom have nev taken stock, and wouldn't kn what their assets were, anyway.

Said a Rabaul businessman t day the tax details were announce "If you've got any friends Sou who have done even three wee of schooling or added up penni on a paper run, then tell 'em come up here. They'll make fo tunes as bookkeepers and cler around this town".

But, of course, there are plen of clerks and would-be accou tants in the Territory who ha already seen the writing on t wall.

And there is more than a sprink ing of qualified people who will s up shop as registered tax agen after July 1. Many accountan



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nesses in the Territory are ady making arrangements to dle this extra work.

Coming Flood of Paper Work

he small people in the back- ks, away from the towns, are g to be the worst hit.

hese people run on a shoestring operate their businesses them- es—using a minimum of book- . They handle enough invoices et by with—and that's all.

he additional paper work that tax will enforce will eat into time they are already using to the more practical side of their ness. Many would be unable ay for clerks, even if they could them.

Highlands planter of long ex- ence said, "What has been otten is that you can't have lations demanding literacy in lliterate community, without a of people being disorganised. Government demands the r work but doesn't say how it be done in a country where e clerks are still a novelty".

g businesses won't have the problems.

ey will be able to get the people to handle the big ease in paper work because can afford to bring them from ralia. And these firms, of se, already operate adequate keeping systems.

t the pay-as-you-go system ns to them extra expenditure taff to do the job the Income Department itself should be g, but doesn't—that is, the al collection of the taxes.

Colonies' Future

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wealth members to assist de- ment in these territories.

rtainly they have a "moral ation"; but one has to look indeed to find much morality olitics. Perhaps the South ic Commission—which, one MP tted, "this House has lost sight might be given some teeth, so it might do something in the nistrative field.

e Under Secretary of State for Colonies, Mr. Julian Amery, d to look into the suggestion forward by several members t Channel Island status might e "ultimate" status conferred he Gilbert and Ellice Island y.

is suggestion is not as radical might sound, for the Channel ds while having internal self- rnment, are linked to the Crown ough a Lieutenant-Governor. act with HM Government is through the Home Secretary. A change of status eventually would overcome any "colonial" complex, whilst guaranteeing British assistance.

Fiji's Problems Aired

Fiji's problems were given an airing, what with Mr. Brockway talking of the "appalling taxation" and unemployment aggravated by the PWD's laying-off of 500 men recently.

Mr. Brockway went further, and asked for a "common roll" in Fiji. He said also: "If we really mean what we say about democracy in the smaller Colonies we should begin to establish it in Fiji".

But Mr. Amery replied that the development of Fiji towards self-government was essentially a slow process, because it depends on the growth and understanding between the races. It was HM Government's aim to bring Fiji to the stage of government by an "unofficial majority"; but it would take some time to reach that point.

Later he stressed that for some of the smaller colonies "internal self-government" would be the maximum advance in status, with Britain retaining appropriate responsibilities for defence and external affairs, and "perhaps, in certain cases, for the safe-guarding of minorities".

He dismissed Mr. Brockway's

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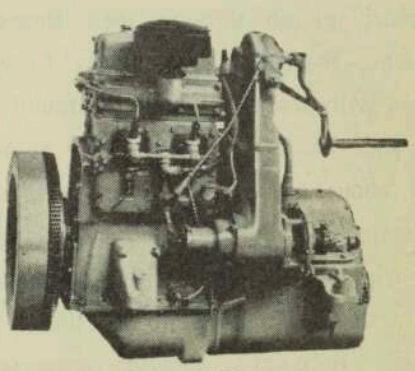

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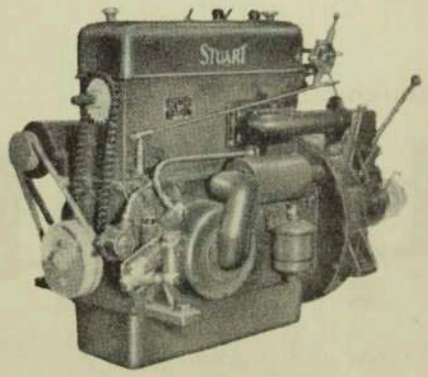

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ere were the usual allusions ringing in UNO", mainly by ir members, but whether they isly entertained the idea of gentlemen representing the tors of Panama and Dominica g a say in determining the e of British Colonies, seems doubtful.

ier members seemed almost on verge of advocating the De e ultimatum to his Colonies: er stay in or get out". But was dismissed as being too al a departure from British ods, and more suitable to the h regime.

does, of course, have some ad- ges for investors and trade.

e member admitted that, ugh several MP's had spent youth in the Colonial Service, ames of the Territories, except estion time, were practically ard in the Commons.

Sydney Coffee Conference

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50 tons in 1960. It needs little nation to see what sort of e planters would be in if s in Australia had remained erent to the troubles of the ory industry.

wers (who were represented by ghlands Farmers' and Settlers' ation), contended after the ry conference, that the Aus- n Government would have to e stricter import licensing of which would be a short-term on to immediate problems of al. But, for the long term, sections favoured the idea of rketing Board, similar to the Copra Marketing Board.

Marketing Board appears to been dropped but growers have me stability into the industry. minimum they can get for a product is 4/- per lb (although will get less for poorer grades) ney can get up to 4/7 or pos- more if the overseas price rises ently. (The price being paid od quality NG coffee in Syd- n early May was 4/5 for A 4/4 for B and 4/1 for C).

Sydney conference was well attended. Representatives of the growers and processors, were there; so also was Mr. E. J. Wood, from the Department of Territories, who acted as Chairman. The chief of the Division of Agricultural Extension, P-NG Department of Agriculture, Mr. W. Conroy, attended.

The decision of the processors to take all the 1959 New Guinea coffee crop appears to have been arrived at amicably enough—these people being, no doubt, fully aware that the Australian Government, through its present system of import licensing held the trump card, and would play it if necessary.

P-NG coffee planters haven't got all that they wanted, but they got a lot more than they had at the end of 1958. No one is going to make a fortune out of coffee at a Sydney c.i.f. price of 4/- a lb, but it is a guarantee against disaster in the year ahead.

Agents Form Assn.

At the request of the Farmers' and Settlers' Association of New Guinea, it was decided at the Sydney conference to form a Coffee Agents' Association to handle the Papua-New Guinea production in Australia.

Members of the Association are Gollan and Co. Ltd., Harrisons Ramsay, Pty. Ltd., Singer and Pink, Peter Jackett and Co., and Colyer Watson Ltd. The Australian Government, through an official of the Department of Territories, will have an observer in the Association; and the F & S Association will be represented by Messrs. W. Mayberry and F. M. Hewitt, MLC, who have Australian as well as New Guinea interests in coffee and other enterprises.

Meetings will be held monthly, in Sydney and Melbourne alternately.

The Association is not a "closed shop"; other agent members may be admitted—if they are approved by the Farmers' and Settlers and the agents already accredited. The Farmers' and Settlers' Association insisted that agent membership should be restricted to those who have had actual experience in large-scale handling of New Guinea coffee to the satisfaction of growers.

Producers in P-NG need not, of course sell their coffee through the Association—although it will probably be in their interests to do so; and some obligation will, no doubt be upon members of the HF & SA to support the accredited agents.

Jet-Age In Pacific

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The position, at the moment, is that the Super Constellation aircraft which Qantas is using on its New Guinea service, and the Electras that will go onto this service next year, cannot go further than Port Moresby because no other airports in the Territory are capable of taking larger than a DC4—and few other than Lae are capable of taking planes of even that size.

The old DC3 work-horses are nearing the end of their useful lives but what will take their place in New Guinea has been exercising the minds of the experts for some time. Fokker Friendships would probably be ideal for a number of the longer Territory routes, including a Lae-Honiara-New Hebrides-New Caledonia service, but would be unsuitable for others, such as the long "milk-run" services into the Highlands and around the group.

Competition for Qantas

Changes are shortly expected in internal New Guinea services and the service from Australia. When the Director of Civil Aviation visited the Terrtory in January one of the things he investigated was the need, or otherwise, for a competitor for Qantas on the Sydney-NG service. An announcement was then expected within a few weeks. Now it is May, and some aviation circles consider a decision imminent—granting Ansett-ANA rights to fly to New Guinea from Australia in competition with Qantas. (Other experts think the Dept. of Civil Aviation will just say nothing, hoping everyone will forget the whole thing).

Ansetts were attempting to get these rights, and were refused, even before they swallowed up ANA in 1957.

It is considered likely, however, that part of the deal will be an insistence that Ansett will have to take over some of the internal P-NG services.

To do this they will presumably have to buy into an existing airline, as present traffic will not support an additional line.

New Air Connection For Tonga?

A Fiji Airways spokesman said at the end of April that it was possible that a fairly regular but non-scheduled air link would be re-established with Tonga as the result of talks held in Nukualofa late in April when one of the company's *Heron* aircraft made a flight there from Nausori.

It was believed that a loading for a *Heron* would be available every two or three weeks.

Tonga has had no air connection since the Tonga Government decided to discontinue the special charter-flights made by the TEAL Solent flying-boat up to 1957.

The late April flight to Fua'amotu

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airport, Tongatapu, included Mr Ritchie, manager of Fiji Airw and a full load of passengers—S businessmen, three BBC televisi camera men, and a Tongan fa returning home. The aircraft piloted by Captain Gordon Yor

S.P. Conference

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TECTORATE: Mr. Silas Sitai, BEM (d gate), Mr. Salana G'aa, BEM (delega Mr. V. J. Andersen, MBE (adviser).

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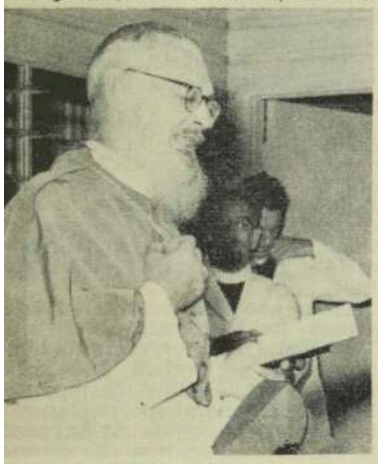
DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

BISHOP ANDRE SORIN

lead of the Roman Catholic red Heart Mission in Papua, hop Andre Sorin, MSC, of Yule nd, died at his desk in his study n a heart attack on April 19. le was 56 and had been in Papua e 1931, when he arrived from idee province, France. He became hop Apostolic of Port Moresby 1946.

s a priest, in the 1930's, he was



Bishop Sorin.

in charge of mission schools then followed some pioneering s among the mainland mountain sion stations. His 13 years as hop represented a period of de- pment—new mission districts e opened up, road systems in- urated (with financial help from Administration), a permanent uan teachers' training school up, and a steady stream of rature and books, in English and ive dialects, sent out from the e Island mission press.

MR. B. McKENZIE

Ir. Ben McKenzie, well known Taveuni and Labasa district, , died in Suva on April 22, in late 60's. Until he retired re- tly, he was head blacksmith for onial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd. at asa mill.

e is survived by his wife, two s (Ben and Jerry) and two ghters (Tilly and Florrie).

SISTER CLARA MUELLER

n American nun, Sister Clara eller, who went to New Guinea years ago, died at Alexishafen holic Mission on April 16.

ne of a group of volunteers sen to replace German missionary s in NG after World War I, her ncipal task was teaching sewing dressmaking to native girls at nleo and Alexishafen, until she t to Australia in 1933 to found convalescent home. Later, she blished a novitiate in Brisbane Holy Ghost Missionary Sisters. ister Clara returned to NG in 1947 and continued her seamstress work at Alexishafen until she suffered a stroke last January.

MR. W. GIBSON

Mr. Walter (Wally) Gibson, of Lami, Suva, where he had lived in retirement in recent years, died in the Colonial War Memorial Hospital on April 25, aged 69.

Born on Rotuma Island, he lived most of his working life at Levuka, Ovalau, where he was in charge of Burns Philp (SS) Co.'s copra stores. A keen sportsman, the annual athletics and soccer football competitions of 20 years ago at Levuka owed much of their success to his interest and stewardship.

REV. H. BERGMANN

The Rev. Heindrick Bergmann, Lutheran Mission schoolteacher at Ulap, Morobe District, New Guinea, was fatally electrocuted on April 15 when he slipped and grabbed a live wire to stop himself sliding down a slope. He was assisting an electrician clean up a steep downgrade near an electricity pole at Ulap hydro scheme. Son of Rev. and Mrs. Gustave Bergmann, of Boana, near Lae, he was born in New Guinea and was educated in Brisbane and in Germany. Only 26, he was married 12 months ago, and left a widow and a two-weeks' old daughter.

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One of the first swimming carnivals to be held in Suva for some years—apart from the school carnivals—was organised by the Junior Chamber of Commerce recently. This group of prize-winners receiving the Pan American Airways Inter-House Relay Trophy from Mr. C. Stinson include from left (almost obscured) Warren Clarke, Jim Kerrigan, Denis Raddock and Jim Sutherland—the captain of this Mosquito Hockey Club swimming team.—Stinson.

Sports Review

Fijians as Top Rugby Executives

From Norman Baxter

THERE is a "new look" about Suva rugby control this season following a reported behind-the scenes move among the Fijians during the off-season. The Fijians apparently decided that it was about time they had a go at running their own rugby so set about putting most of their own officials into the key positions.

Some of their moves were successful, and a solid pro-Fijian bloc did not show any sign of a split when it came to electing the president, who this year is Ratu K. K. T. Mara, better known for his cricket prowess, instead of Mr. Les Martin, who had worked hard for rugby for many years.

Ratu Mara becomes the first Fijian to hold this position in Suva.

As Ratu Mara secured 20 votes, it was assumed that each Fijian nominee for a key post would receive the same number. But the Fijian candidate for the secretaryship dropped to 16, and only scraped in by one vote.

That there was a split in the ranks became apparent when there was a tie for the office of treasurer and the newly-installed president gave his casting vote against the Fijian candidate.

The Fijians lost badly with the vice-presidents (only one out of five) and overall, if the management committee ever comes to a vote on racial lines the will of the Europeans is likely to prevail. But such a situation is not likely to arise for the Fijians and Europeans have always worked well together for the good of rugby.

What About a S. Pacific Olympics?

From a Special Correspondent in Rabaul

THERE'S a chance that the South Pacific might get its own Olympic Games, if a suggestion put forward here at the Fourth South Pacific Conference can get through a baffle wall of half-a-dozen South Pacific Governments.

Dr. Sahu Khan, an Indian delegate from Fiji, suggested that an Inter-Pacific Sports Tournament should be held every three years. This was one of the best ways of "quickly overcoming insularity", he said.

Mrs. Teupokoina Morgan, of the Cook Islands (who, incidentally, was one of the most attractive delegates at the Conference) supported the Indian suggestion, and said the 15 Cook Islands were already holding their own sports meetings and were certainly ready for overseas meetings.

There are plenty of inter-Territory events in the Pacific, of course: Tonga and Fiji for years have been competing at football, and there is a South Seas Boxing Championship. This more general sports plan would be a good one, but what happens to it will depend on how the six member Governments of SPC react.

Lae's AA Raises Fun and Money

From Pat Robertson

SCORING 190 points out of a possible 195, Mr. Alan B. King driving a 1958 Morris 1000, won the first organised motor sport event ever held in Lae, New Guinea, on April 19.

The sport was a "Treasure Hunt"

Since New Zealand introduced the Marching Girl to Fiji last year the sport has taken on. The Coralettes shown here are the latest, and not the least good-looking, of the teams to have been formed in Suva.—Stinson.

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ap in the hat is Don McColm, manager Bisianumu Experimental Station, outside loresby; the horse is Prince Gaekwar, own in Australia as winner of a dozen events, including the Adelaide Cup, but stined to finish his career as a Terri- Prince Gaekwar is one of three race- bought by the Administration recently improve Territory stock breeding.

ised by the newly formed nobile Association of Papua New Guinea, and funds were buted to the Red Cross n Appeal.

a compliment to the com- e that the entrants—all blase ypes—entered into the fun of hase and "had a wonderful

n competitors collected all the equirements of the chase. resting sidelight to the hunt, the manner in which some e items were collected, and in- tion obtained.

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tors' 'phones ran hot with s about the "Chondropython ", and mechanics at Qantas r were interrupted so many with questions for the regis- n number of the Drover air- that they printed it on a and had a native stand with the roadside for all to read. nd and third places, with oints, were decided by the f a coin. Mrs. A. W. Boyle placed second and Mr. V. Morgan third. Mrs. Boyle also won the Best Lady prize.

The finishing point was the Lae Bowling Club, where there was a cold beer and a hot barbecue.

The Automobile Association of Papua and New Guinea is run on similar lines to Automobile Clubs in Australia, and although a comparatively new organisation, has already achieved benefits for motorists in the Territory.

Rarotonga Golf Takes Off

THE Rarotonga Golf Club opened its 1959 season on Easter Saturday, under the patronage of the Resident Commissioner, Mr. G. Nevill, who was accompanied by Mrs. Nevill.

Mr. Ian Forbes, the president, drove the first ball on what is probably the only combined airfield and golf links in the South Pacific —and, maybe, the world.

Sakiusa is now the Ex-Champion

MIDDLEWEIGHT champ of New Caledonia, the Mare islander Doudie, once again showed his superiority over the South Seas ex-champ Sakiusa, the Fijian, who now hands over his "South Seas championship" belt.

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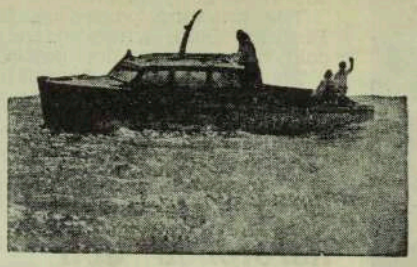

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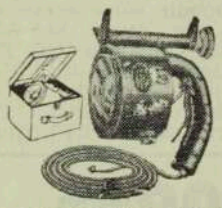

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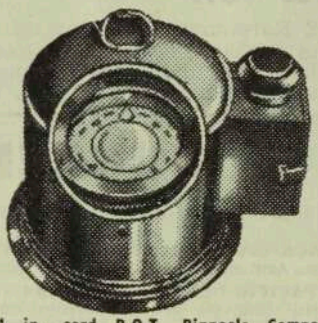

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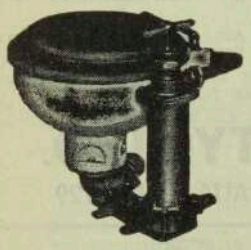

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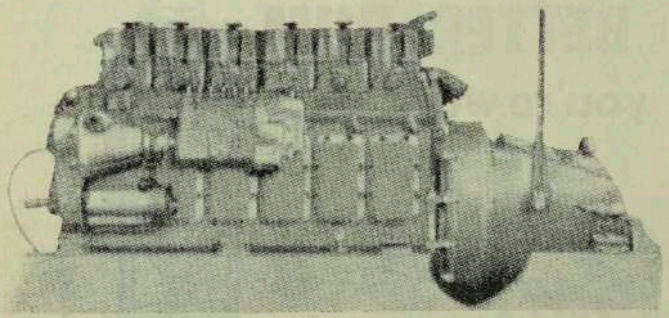

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IV Malekula sails from Sydney for sbane, Port Moresby, Samarai, Rabaul, wak, Alexishafen, Madang, Lae, Sydney. t Sydney sailings June 3, July 28.

IV Malaita sails from Sydney for Bris- e, Port Moresby, Samarai, Rabaul, ieng, Lombrum, Lorengau, Madang, , Samarai, Sydney. Next Sydney sail- s May 25, July 14.

IV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about ry six weeks: Sydney, Brisbane, Port resby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Lom- m, Rabaul. Last Sydney sailing May Next Sydney sailings July 3, Aug. 12.

etails from Burns, Philp and Co., Ltd., Bridge Street, Sydney.

IV Pak Hoi: Leaves Sydney for Bris- e, Port Moresby, Rabaul, Lae. Next ney sailings June 2, July 7 (Moresby ttle service).

IV Soochow: Leaves Sydney for Bris- e, Port Moresby, Samarai. Next Sydney ings May 29, June 20.

IV Sinkiang: Leaves Sydney in June for sbane, Honiara (BSIP), Lae, Madang, ieng, Rabaul, Hongkong, then on cial charter to British Phosphate Com- sioners for recruiting trip to Gilbert Ellice Is., Nauru and Ocean Is. Next ney sailing June 5.

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Chunking: Dep. Japan June 30, Hong- ng, thence Sandakan, Tarakan, New inea ports, Suva, Lautoka, Noumea, ive Melbourne August 23.

Chefoo: Dep. Sydney early June for pan, sailing again from Japan July 25, nce Hongkong, Sandakan, Tarakan, w Guinea ports, Honiara, Santo, Suva, utoka, Noumea, thence return to Japan nitting Australian ports).

Chengtu: Left Japan May 17, thence ngkong, Sandakan, New Guinea ports, nto, Suva, Lautoka, Noumea, arrive dney early July.

Chekiang: Dep. Japan Aug. 24, thence Hongkong, Sandakan, Tarakan, P-NG ports, BSI, Santo, Fiji, Noumea and return direct to Japan (omitting Australian ports).

Commencing July, some vessels will not call at Australian ports on their south-bound trip, but will turn-round in New

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AUCKLAND	arr/dep	May 25	June 12	June 26	Aug. 10
SUVA	arr/dep	May 28	June 15	June 29	Aug. 13
HONOLULU	arr/dep	June 2	June 20	July 4	Aug. 18
VANCOUVER	arr/dep	June 7-8	June 25-26	July 9-10	Aug. 23-24
SAN FRANCISCO	arr/dep	June 10-11	June 28-29	July 12-13	Aug. 26-27
LOS ANGELES	arr/dep	June 12	June 30	July 14	Aug. 28
HONOLULU	arr/dep	June 17	Thence	July 19	Sept. 2
SUVA	arr/dep	June 24	Panama,	July 26	Thence North
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	June 27	Trinidad,	July 29	Pacific*
SYDNEY	arrive	June 30	UK†	Aug. 1	Sept. 27

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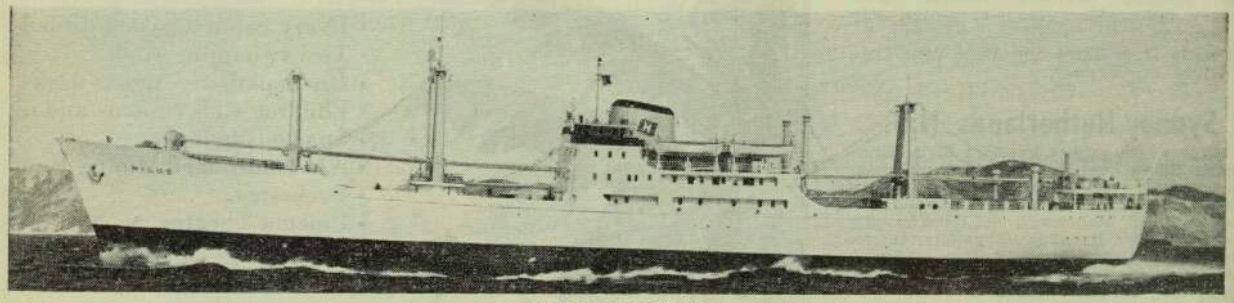

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Details on application to NZ Government Department of Island Territories, Wellington, or to any office of the Union SS Co. of NZ, Ltd.

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Thorsisle: Dep. New Westminster May 26, Seattle May 27, San Francisco May 31-June 3, Los Angeles June 4-5, Papeete June 16-18, Pago Pago June 22-23, Apia June 24-26, Suva June 29-30, Lautoka July 1-2, Noumea July 4-6, Vila July 8, Pago Pago July 11-13, Los Angeles July 26-28, San Francisco July 29-30.

Thorshall: Dep. New Westminster June 19, San Francisco June 25-29, Los Angeles June 30-July 3, Papeete July 14-15, Pago Pago July 19-21, Apia July 22-23, Suva July 26-28, Noumea July 30-Aug. 1, Lae (opt.) Aug. 5-6, Pago Pago Aug. 14-15, Los Angeles, Aug. 28-29, San Francisco Aug. 30.

Details from General Steamships Corporation Ltd., 432 California St., San Francisco, USA, and Island Agents.

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Matson-Oceanic Line of San Francisco operates a regular five-weeks passenger-cargo service from Los Angeles with the Ventura, Alameda, Sierra and Sonoma. Southern terminal ports vary with cargoes offering. Vessels call at Papeete, Pago Pago and Suva, depending on cargoes.

Next Sydney sailings (approx.): Sonoma June 12, Ventura July 12.

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Sydney-Fiji-Vancouver

Pacific Shipowners, Ltd., of Suva (subsidiary of W. R. Carpenter and Co.) operate a service three times yearly with the 10,000 ton, 98-passenger vessel Lakemba along the above route. Accommodation is entirely First Class, two-berth cabins, with calls at Suva, Lautoka and Honolulu. Next sailing from Sydney May 28.

Details from American Trading and Shipping Co. Pty., Ltd., 19 Bridge St., Sydney.

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Sydney-(or NZ)-North America

rgo vessels Waihemo, Waiana and omo, owned and operated by the n Steam Ship Co. of NZ, Ltd., main- a monthly service across the Pacific, Sydney to Vancouver and USA ports, Suva, Lautoka, Nukualofa and Apia, rgoes offer. Occasional calls are made anning Island. They have limited nger accommodation. Next Sydney gs: Waiana May 26, Waitomo end of

e Waitemata, from NZ ports, makes rips yearly to Vancouver (via Raro- and Papeete).

orth America-Tahiti-N.Z.-ydney-Fiji-Samoa-Hawaii

tson Line's Mariposa and Monterey round passenger trips from Pacific Coast American ports to Australia, acific Islands ports and New Zealand.

nterey: Dep. San Francisco May 27, Angeles May 28, Papeete June 5-7, land June 13, Sydney June 16-19, land June 22-23, Suva June 26, Pago June 27, Honolulu July 2-3, San cisco July 8.

riposa: Dep. San Francisco June Los Angeles June 22, Papeete 30-July 2, Auckland July 8-9, Sydney 12-15, Auckland July 18, Suva July ago Pago July 22, Honolulu July 27- an Francisco Aug. 2.

tails from Matson Lines, Berger e, 82 Elizabeth Street, Sydney.

Sydney-Tahiti-Europe

e Italian Sitmar Line (Panama flag) l Castel Felice, a twin-screw turbine nger liner of 12,150 tons, fully air- itioned, sailed from Sydney for pe via Auckland, Papeete, and ma on May 8. The Sitmar recently commenced an irregular ce along this route, providing a moderately priced sea connection he eastbound direction only with ti. Also on the run is the Line's ea, which sailed in January.

tails from Navcot Aust. Pty., Ltd., Margaret St., Sydney.

nited Kingdom-Australia-Port Moresby

e Federal Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., extended its regular quarterly UK- ralia service to Port Moresby.

e vessels sail from Liverpool via Suez ydney, Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns, Moresby.

antala: Due at Port Moresby June 1 rox.).

rrey: Due Port Moresby Aug. 29 rox.).

iney agents: Birt and Co. Pty., Ltd., idge St. Port Moresby agents: Burns (New Guinea), Ltd.

onga-Fiji Shipping Service

e Tonga Shipping Agency, as agents the Tonga Copra Board, operates a lar monthly cargo and passenger ce between Nukualofa and Suva with Aoniu, 500 tons gross. Turn-round in is usually two days, and the Agents are W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji).

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

(First and Tourist Class available all Services)

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS
(With Super 7 Clippers, using Sleeperettes and Berths*)

Sun., Tues., Thurs., Fri.: Dep. Melbourne for Sydney, Nadi, Honolulu, San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Sun.—Departs San Francisco for Honolulu, Nadi, Sydney and Melbourne.

Wed., Fri.: Dep. Los Angeles for Melbourne (same route).

Mon.: Dep. Seattle for Melbourne via Portland (same route).

* PAA Skymasters are used on a connecting service between Auckland and Nadi (see table 18); and also twice monthly between Nadi and Tafuna, American Samoa (see table 20).

BY QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS
(Super Constellation Service)

NORTHWARDS

Tues. and Sat.: Melbourne, Sydney, Nadi (Fiji), Honolulu, San Francisco, New York, London.

Wed.: Melbourne, Sydney, Nadi, Honolulu, San Francisco.

Fri.: Sydney, Nadi, Honolulu, San Francisco extending to Vancouver.

Sun.: Sydney, Nadi, Honolulu, San Francisco.

SOUTHWARDS

Tues. and Fri.: London, New York, San Francisco, Honolulu, Nadi, Sydney, Melbourne (Tues. service only).

Thurs.: San Francisco, Honolulu, Nadi, Sydney.

Sun.: San Francisco, Honolulu Nadi, Sydney, Melbourne (commencing at Vancouver on Saturdays).

Mon.: San Francisco, Honolulu, Nadi, Sydney.

(Note: International Dateline crossed between Nadi and Honolulu).

Qantas Super-Constellation aircraft, under charter to TEAL, from Melbourne and Auckland connect at Nadi on Sundays with Qantas northbound flights, and on Mondays with southbound flights (see table 17).

TEAL Super DC6 aircraft from Auckland, NZ, connect with the Qantas northbound flights at Nadi on Tues. and Fri.; and on Sat. and Wed. at Nadi for the southbound flights.

Qantas Wed. and Fri. services ex-Sydney connect with BOAC London services at San Francisco (dep. Thurs. and Sat.).

BOAC services ex-London Mon. and Sat. connect at San Francisco Wed. and Mon. with southbound Qantas services.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES
(With Super DC-6B Aircraft)

Every Fri.: Sydney (dep. 7.50 p.m.), Nadi, Honolulu, Vancouver.

Every Fri.: Dep. Auckland 9.45 p.m. for Nadi, Honolulu, Vancouver (then on to Amsterdam).

Every Sat.: Dep. Amsterdam at 11 p.m. for Vancouver (dep. 1.30 p.m. Sun.), Honolulu, Nadi and Melbourne.

Every Fri.: Dep. Vancouver 9 p.m. for Honolulu, Nadi and Sydney.

(Note Crosses International Dateline en route.)

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways (Super-Constellations)

NORTHBOUND

First Class

Tues. & Sat.

Dep.	Arr.
Sydney, 9.30 p.m.	Brisbane, 11.45 p.m.
Wed. & Sun.	
Brisbane, 12.45 a.m.	Pt. Moresby, 6 a.m.
Pt. Moresby*, 7 a.m.	Lae, 8.20 a.m.

First & Tourist Class

Mon.

Dep.	Arr.
Sydney, 9.30 p.m.	Brisbane, 11.45 p.m.
Tues.	
Brisbane, 12.45 a.m.	Pt. Moresby, 6 a.m.
Pt. Moresby*, 7 a.m.	Lae, 8.20 a.m.

First & Tourist Class

Thurs.

Dep.	Arr.
Sydney, 8 p.m.	Brisbane, 10.15 p.m.
Brisbane, 11.15 a.m.	Townsville, 2.15 a.m.
Townsville, 3.15 a.m.	Pt. Moresby, 6 a.m.
Pt. Moresby*, 7 a.m.	Lae, 8.20 a.m.

SOUTHBOUND

First & Tourist

Fri.

Dep.	Arr.
Lae*, 9.10 a.m.	Pt. Moresby, 10.30 a.m.
Pt. Moresby, 11.30 a.m.	T'ville, 2.10 p.m.
Townsville, 3.10 p.m.	Brisbane, 6 p.m.
Brisbane, 7 p.m.	Sydney, 9 p.m.

First Class

Wed. & Sun.

Dep.	Arr.
Lae*, 9.10 a.m.	Pt. Moresby, 10.30 a.m.
Pt. Moresby, 11.30 a.m.	Brisbane, 4.45 p.m.
Brisbane, 5.45 p.m.	Sydney, 7.45 p.m.

First & Tourist Class

Tues.

Dep.	Arr.
Lae*, 9.10 a.m.	Pt. Moresby, 10.30 a.m.
Pt. Moresby, 11.30 a.m.	Brisbane, 4.45 p.m.
Brisbane, 5.45 p.m.	Sydney, 7.45 p.m.

* Between Lae and Port Moresby passengers are carried in DC4 aircraft.

PT. MORESBY-CAIRNS-TOWNSVILLE-PT. MORESBY

Douglas DC4. Dep. Port Moresby Sun. 12.15 p.m., arr. Cairns 3.05 p.m., dep. Cairns 3.50 p.m., arr. Townsville 5 p.m., dep. Townsville Mon. 9.15 a.m., arr. Cairns 10.25 a.m., dep. Cairns 11.15 a.m., arr. Port Moresby 2.05 p.m.

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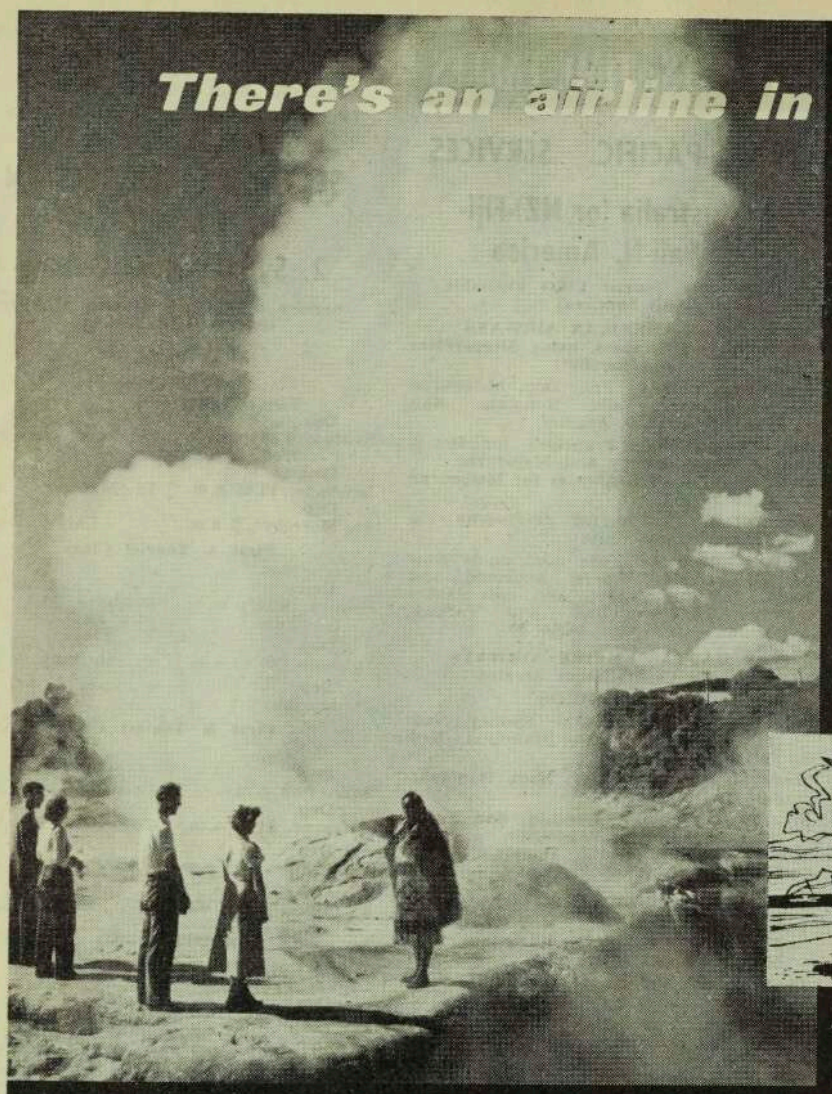

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E-HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea) (DC3)

Wed. (June 10, 24, July 8, 22, etc.). rts Lae 11 a.m., calls at Madang nd Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia 30 p.m. Every alternative Thurs. June 11, 25, July 9, 23, etc.) dep. ollandia at 10 a.m., and, with calls Wewak and Madang, arrives Lae at 50 p.m.

ORT MORESBY-KIKORI-BAIMURU (DH Otter)

Yule Island, Kerema, Baimuru, Kikori, t. Tues., returning same day via aimuru, Kerema, Yule Is. (June 2, 16, , July 14, 28, etc.).

RT MORESBY-KIKORI (DH Otter)

Yule Is., Baimuru: Alt. Tues. return- g same day (June 9, 23, July 7, 21, c.).

Kerema, Baimuru, Kikori, Baimuru, t. Thurs. (June 4, 18, July 2, 16, 30, c.), returning via Baimuru, Kikori, erema the following day (June 5, 19, ly 3, 17, etc.).

PORT MORESBY-DARU (DC3)

Baimuru: Alt. Thurs, returning same y via Balimo (June 4, 18, July 2, 30, etc.).

Kerama, Baimuru: Alt. Weds. (June 24, July 8, 22, etc.), returning alt. i. (June 12, 26, July 10, 24, etc.).

T MORESBY-SAMARAI (DH Otter)

Moresby, Abau, Samarai each Mon., parting Port Moresby 8.15 a.m., re- rning same day.

Wed.: Port Moresby, Samarai, depart- g Port Moresby 8.15 a.m., returning me day (June 3, 17, July 1, 15, 29, c.).

Sat.: Port Moresby, Samarai, depart- g Port Moresby 8.15 a.m., returning me day (June 13, 27, July 11, 25, c.).

Sat.: Port Moresby, Samarai, Esa'ala, parting Port Moresby 8.15 a.m., re- rning same day (June 6, 20, July 4, etc.).

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

Dep. Lae 6.30 a.m., Madang arr. 35 a.m. Wewak, Manus, Kavieng, baul, arr. 3.45 p.m.

Dep. Rabaul 6.30 a.m., Kavieng, anus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, arr. 55 p.m.

.: Dep. Lae 6.30 a.m., Madang, ar, Wewak, Manus, Kavieng, Rabaul, r. 4.05 p.m.

Dep. Rabaul 6.30 a.m. Kavieng, anus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, arr. 55 p.m.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)

Lae (7.45 a.m.) to Baiyer River, lling at any of: Goroka, Nondugl. nj, Mt. Hagen, Baiyer R., Kainantu. rival back at Lae dependent on stops de.

LOWER HIGHLANDS (DH Otter)

Lae (7.30 a.m.) to Goroka, calling any of Nadzab, Gusap, Aiyura, Rin- e, Kainantu, Goroka, Arona. Arrival k at Lae depends on stops made.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (DH Otter)

Dep. Lae 7.30 a.m., arr. Wau 8.10 a.

Dep. Wau 8.25 a.m., via Bulolo, arr. e 9.25 a.m.

Wed., Sat.: Dep. Lae 8.45 a.m., arr. Wau 9.25 a.m.

Wed., Sat.: Dep. Wau 9.40 a.m., via Bulolo, arr. Lae 10.45 a.m.

PT. MORESBY-WAU-BULOLO (DC3)

Wed., Sat.: Dep. Pt. Moresby 7.35 a.m., arr. Bulolo 8.45 a.m.

Wed., Sat.: Dep. Bulolo 9.05 a.m., arr. Wau 9.20 a.m., dep. Wau 9.40 a.m., arr. Pt. Moresby 10.45 a.m.

MADANG-GOROKA-MADANG (DC3)

Thurs., Mon.: Dep. Madang 10 a.m., via Mt. Hagen and Minj, arr. Goroka 12.30 p.m., dep. Goroka 12.50 p.m., arr. Madang 1.25 p.m.

MADANG-LAE (DC3)

Sun.: Dep. Madang 7 a.m., arr. Lae 8.05 a.m.

PT. MORESBY-MT. HAGEN-MADANG (DC3)

Mon. and Fri.: Dep. Pt. Moresby 7.30 a.m., via Goroka, Minj, arr. Mt. Hagen 11.10 a.m.; dep. Mt. Hagen for Madang (either direct or via airfields as required) 11.40 a.m.

MADANG-PT. MORESBY (DC3)

Tues. and Fri.: Dep. Madang 7.30 a.m., via Goroka, arr. Port Moresby 10.20 a.m.

NEW GUINEA-NEW BRITAIN (DC3)

Wed., Sun.: Dep. Rabaul 5.45 a.m., direct to Lae, arr. 8.15 a.m.

Wed., Sun.: Dep. Lae 10.30 a.m., Finschhafen 11.30 a.m., Rabaul 1.45 p.m.

Tues.: Dep. Rabaul 5.45 a.m., Finschhafen 8.10 a.m., arrive Lae 8.45 a.m.

Tues.: Dep. Lae 10.30 a.m., Finschhafen 11.30 a.m., Rabaul arr. 1.45 p.m.

Fri.: Dep. Rabaul 5.45 a.m., Finschhafen, Lae, arr. 8.45 a.m.

Fri.: Depart Lae 10.30 a.m., Finschhafen 11.30 a.m., arrive Rabaul 1.45 p.m.

RABAUL-BUIN-RABAUL (DC3)

Alt. Thurs.: Dep. Rabaul 9 a.m., arr. Buka 10.20 a.m., dep. Buka 10.50 a.m., arr. Buin 11.45 a.m., dep. Buin 12.15 p.m., arr. Buka 1.10 p.m., dep. Buka 1.40 p.m., arr. Rabaul 3 p.m. (June 11, 25, July 9, 23, etc.).

RABAUL-HOSKINS-RABAUL (DC3)

Alt. Thur.: Dep. Rabaul 9 a.m., via Jacquinot Bay, arr. Hoskins 10.55 a.m., dep. Hoskins 11.15 a.m., arr. Rabaul 12.20 p.m. (June 4, 18, July 2, 16, 30, etc.).

SERVICES BY MANDATED AIRLINES (Scheduled flights with DC3 Aircraft)

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 7 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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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymasters

Alt. Fri. (June 5, 19, July 3, 17, 31, etc.). Dep. Sydney midnight, arr. NI 6.45 a.m. Sat.; dep. NI 5.30 p.m. same day for Sydney, arr. 9.30 p.m. (Flight extends NI-Auckland-NI. See table 12 below).

9. Sydney-Noumea

By Qantas, with Skymasters

Dep. Sydney alt. Wed. 11.45 p.m., arr. Noumea 7 a.m. Thurs. Dep. Noumea 8.30 a.m. same day arr. Sydney 2 p.m. Service operates from Sydney on June 10, 24, July 8, 22, departing from NC the following day in each case.

10. New Caledonia-New Hebrides

TAI with DC3 Aircraft

Tues. and Fri.: Dep. Tontouta (N. Cal.) at 7 a.m., arr. Vila 9.15 a.m., dep. Vila 9.45 a.m., arr. Santo 11 a.m., dep. 12.30 p.m., arr. Vila 1.45 p.m., dep. 2.15 p.m., arr. Tontouta 4.30 p.m.

11. New Caledonia-Fiji-Wallis Is.

TAI with DC3 Aircraft

Dep. Noumea 6 a.m. second Sat. each month (June 13, 27, July 11, 25, etc.), arr. Wallis Is. (via Nadi, Fiji) at 3.45 p.m., dep. Wallis 7 a.m. following Mon. (June 15, 29, July 13, 27, etc.), arr. Noumea 2.45 p.m. same day.

12. Norfolk Is.-Auckland

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Alt. Sat. (June 6, 20, July 4, 18, etc.). Return flight Norfolk (dep. 8 a.m.)

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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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Wed., Fri., Sun.: Dep. Sydney 11.30 p.m., arr. Auckland 6.20 a.m. following day.

Sat.: Dep. Sydney 10 a.m., arr. Auckland 4.55 p.m.

14. Christchurch-Sydney

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Fri.: Dep. Christchurch 5 p.m., arr. Sydney 8.35 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri.: Dep. Sydney 8 a.m., arr. Christchurch 3.05 p.m.

15. Christchurch-Melbourne

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft

Wed.: Dep. Christchurch 5 p.m., arr. Melbourne 9.35 p.m.

Thurs.: Dep. Melbourne 10.15 a.m., arr. Christchurch 5.50 p.m.

16. Auckland-Melbourne

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft

Thurs.: Dep. Auckland 8 a.m., arr. Melbourne 1 p.m.

Thur.: Dep. Melbourne 2.30 p.m., arr. Auckland 10.15 p.m.

17. Melbourne-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)

By Tasman Empire Airways, with Super Constellation aircraft chartered from Qantas

Sun.: Dep. Melbourne 7.30 a.m., arr. Auckland 3 p.m., dep. Auckland 4 p.m., arr. Nadi 9 p.m. Return, same route, following day.

(**Note:** This service connects with Qantas Super Constellation service from Sydney to US.)

18. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman Empire Airways, with Super DC6 aircraft and Qantas Super Constellations

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

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

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Pan-American Airways, with Skymasters

Sun., Tues., Thurs.: Dep. Auckland 10.50 p.m., arr. Nadi 5.55 a.m.

Sun., Tues., Thurs.: Dep. Nadi 5.30 a.m., arr. Auckland 12.50 p.m.

19. Fiji-W. Samoa

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent Flying-boats

Dep. Suva Thurs., 9 a.m., crosses Dateline, arr. Satapuala (Western Samoa) Wed. 1.55 p.m.

Dep. Satapuala Mon. at 8 a.m., crosses Dateline, arr. Suva Tues. 10.55 a.m.

(Dep. Suva June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; dep. Apia June 15, 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27.)

20. Fiji-American Samoa

Pan American Airways with DC4 aircraft

Alt. Fri.: Dep. Nadi 7 a.m., arr. Tafuna 12.30 p.m. (Thurs.).

Alt. Thurs.: Dep. Tafuna 1.30 p.m., arr. Nadi 5.05 p.m. (Fri.).

(**Note:** This service crosses International Dateline—the two-way flight is actually made on the one day.)

21. Fiji-Tahiti

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent Flying-boats

Dep. Suva 9 a.m. Thurs., crosses International Dateline, arr. Satapuala (W. Samoa) 1.55 p.m. Wed.; dep. Satapuala 2 a.m. Thurs., arr. Aitutaki (Cook Is.) 7.30 a.m.; dep. Aitutaki 9.30 a.m. arr. Papeete (Tahiti) 2 p.m. Services dep. Suva June 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, etc.

Dep. Papeete 7.30 a.m. Sun., arr. Aitutaki 11 a.m.; dep. Aitutaki 12.30 p.m., arr. Satapuala 5 p.m.; dep. Satapuala 8 a.m. Mon., crosses International Dateline, arr Suva 10.55 a.m. Tues. Services dep. Papeete June 14, 21, 28, July 5, 12, 19, 26, etc.

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Noumea-Lifou: Tues., Wed., Sat., (dep. Noumea 8 a.m., dep. Lifou 10 a.m.), Thurs. (dep. Noumea 11 a.m., dep. Lifou 1 p.m.).

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Noumea	42	4	0*	76	0	0*	6.
Honiara	94	5	0	169	13	0	2,
Norfolk Is.	27	10	0	49	10	0	8
Lord Howe	14	15	0	29	10	0	7
Nadi	85	9	0	153	17	0	1
Suva	92	0	0	166	19	0	1,
Auckland	52	10	0	94	10	0	13
Christchurch	52	10	0	94	10	0	14
Honolulu	282	12	0	508	14	0	1
San Francisco	350	9	9	630	17	0	1
Vancouver	350	9	0	630	17	0	1
Apia	118	14	0	214	14	0	1,
Papeete	178	2	0	320	12	0	1,
Aitutaki	155	12	0	281	2	0	1,
Biak	103	15	0	186	15	0	4

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FROM AUCKLAND (NZ currency) TO—

Apia	62	0	0	111	12	0	18,
Aitutaki	93	10	0	168	6	0	18,
Nadi	39	7	0	70	17	0	18
Norfolk Is.	19	15	0	35	11	0	12
Papeete	114	10	0	206	2	0	18,

FROM SUVA (Fiji currency) TO—

Apia	25	0	0	45	0	0	19,
Aitutaki	57	15	0	103	19	0	17,
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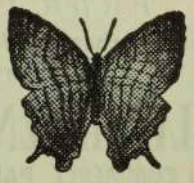

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e subscribed capital is ,000. It usually gets 10 per (calling for £100,000) and that at it gets this year. The profit £160,283 (£18,000 better than previous year). This means there is £60,000 over, after end.

e Directors are putting £50,000 into reserves, and carrying he balance into the current account which, with last year's ce, starts the new year with 4.

ere is now £625,000 in a general ve, and no less than £633,877 "Equalisation and Rehabilita- Reserve—or total reserves, and above subscribed capital, ,258,877, plus the £90,000 re- ng in P/L account.

e accounts say that these large es are "wholly used in the ess". But, in addition to about 00 described as cash on hand, over £1,000,000 is shown as stments in shares and in rnment loans", and it may be ed that much of it is not ng what may be regarded as Company's normal trading of 10 per cent.

is a situation characteristic ding in Fiji. *(See Commentary itorial Section).*

e Oil, Gas and ter from Puri

deviated hole at Puri No. 1, ached the "interest" zone on hedule—April 19—and on that it is reported that gas, oil water flowed for about eight

only unscheduled thing about whole operation was the re- on the stock exchange. At writing, May 6, the price of earch shares is around 7/- — lowest they have been for ns. Rights in the new Oil h issue, which were over 4/- diately before the latest oil were down to 2/7.

spaper financial experts, who l "wild rushes" and "frenzied" ty after the first news of new aked through, must have been pointed at share market re- actions—as no doubt were the speculators.

Following the very brief announcement by Australasian Petroleum Company there was heavy selling from London—where other oil booms in recent years have originated—and a wait-and-see attitude in Port Moresby.

The APC official report, issued after the April 19 flow, said:

At Puri No. 1 a test of the limestone drilled by the first deviated hole between 7,498 ft. and 7,528 ft. is in progress.

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Morris Hedstrom Prefs to be Paid Off

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The directors of the group are now taking steps to pay off these shares. For many years, Morris Hedstroms carried very considerable accumulated liquid funds.

When the Carpenter purchase took place, there was half a million in cash and short-call loans, and another quarter-million in Government and municipal stocks. There probably were family reasons for the maintenance of the preference share capital—otherwise, why pay out £13,200 per annum in preference dividends, when there was more than half a million of liquid funds earning considerably less than six per cent?

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Developments at Kainantu, NG

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Dylup Produces More Cocoa and Profit

The boom prices for copra in the last half of 1958 are reflected in the record dividend declared by Dylup Plantations, Ltd., for the year ending January 31, 1959. Dividend will be 20 per cent., which includes a bonus of 5 per cent. Profit for the year was up £19,000 on 1957-58 when a dividend of 12 per cent. was paid.

Dylup's plantations are located in the Madang district of New Guinea and cocoa is produced as well as coconuts. Cocoa production which rose from 22 tons in 1957-58 to 157 tons in 1958-59 helped to boost that record dividend.

Fiji Beer Now In Bottles

Fiji's local beer made its first appearance in bottled form on May 1 from Carlton Brewery (Fiji), Ltd.'s recently established brewery at Suva.

The two varieties lager and bitter—were both voted acceptable by the connoisseurs, but there had been hopes that the price—3/10 per bottle or £1/19/9 a dozen, Fijian currency, and higher at more distant points—would have been a good deal lower. The new price is, however, 8d less than imported Australian bottled beer.

Timor Oil and Tradewinds in Co-operation

Timor Oil, Ltd., spread its interests wider in April by entering an agreement with Tradewinds Exploration, Inc., of Colorado, USA. Timor has a concession of 6,851 sq. miles in Portuguese Timor, and Tradewinds have agreed to drill a 15,000 ft. well in the area free of cost. After that, the two companies will contribute to further exploration on a £ for £ basis.

Under the terms of the agreement, Timor will receive 650,000 units in Tradewinds (which have interests in Alaska, Honduras, Panama and Ecuador); and Timor will issue 500,000 of its shares to Tradewinds. As a result, Tradewinds will have a ninth interest in Timor, and Timor a seventh interest in Tradewinds.

Previously Timor was a predominantly Australian company—7,000 of the 8,000 shareholders being Australian.

Enterprise Production Improves Slightly

Total gold production by Enterprise of New Guinea Gold and Petroleum Development during April amounted to 105 oz. Of this 75 oz came from crushing (60 tons); and 31 oz from alluvial workings.

This was better than March production by 28 oz.

NGG Production

New Guinea Goldfields production during March was as follows: 850 oz of fine gold, 1,565 oz silver from Golden Ridges mill; 117 oz gold from Golden Ridges alluvials; 290 oz gold from Koranga; 79 oz from tributes; and 135,873 su. ft. of sawn timber from milling enterprise.

Economic Outlook

THE "flight" of gold from the United States has been exercising the minds of experts in recent weeks. Looking into their little crystal balls, they are making all sorts of prognostications, some good, some bad, of what the effect is likely to be in this neck of the woods.

It has been suggested that America might be forced to raise the price of gold—something she has strenuously resisted for years—and this would be very good, indeed, for such countries as New Guinea—where the price of gold has remained constant while everything else now costs four or five times as much.

Another suggestion—and this would be bad—is that the US, in order to correct the situation, might make it more difficult for foreign countries to sell to America.

However, the rundown of US gold reserves cannot be attributed to excess of imports over exports so much as to private US investment overseas, from which Australia has derived its share of benefit.

In the last 16 months, US gold reserves have shrunk by 2.5 billion dollars. Al although gold reserves of over 20 billi dollars remain, they are at the lowe point since 1946.

On the Australian homefront, t economic experts are giving themselv plenty of cold shivers over the report perfection, in Italy, of a wonder synthet which, when mixed with about 15 p cent. of pure wool, is far, far better, they say, than the pure Merino.

The gloom was not helped by an ear May check to the recovery in wool pric (During April prices rose by about per cent. from the lowest point reach in January).

Synthetics, such as terylene, have h spectacular repercussions on the wool i dustry, and for Australia an even bet "wonder" fibre would be no laughi matter.

So far the Stock Exchange index sho no reaction, and stood at 243.8 for ordinaries on May 5—about nine poin higher than a month ago.

SYDNEY SALES PRICES

	April 8	May 7
Burns Philp	65/6	75/-
Burns Philp (SS) . .	50/-	54/-
C.S.R.	£47	£52/7/6
Dylup Plantations .	18/1½	19/6
Hackshalls	50/6	50/9
Kauri Timber	20/-	18/6
Kerema Rubber . . .	11/-	11/-
Koitaki	14/3	15/-
Lolorua	7/6	7/3
Mariboi	6/8	6/3
Norfolk Is. Whaling	3/7	3/1
Queensland Insurance	69/-	70/-
Rubberlands	5/-	5/5
Sthn. Pac. Insurance	16/6	17/6
Steamships Trading .	50/3	51/9
W. R. Carpenter Hold.	15/10½	17/1½
Timor Oil	6/7	6/3

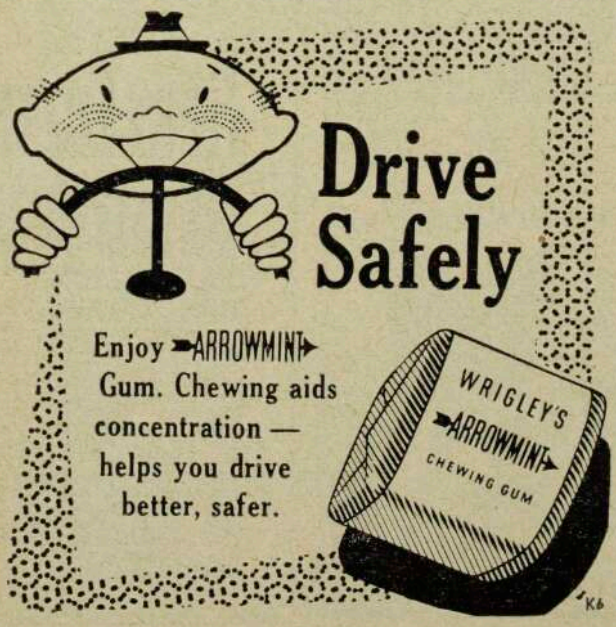
OIL AND MINING SHARES

FIJI

	July 9, '58	April 8	May
Emperor .	b5/9	s7/9	b7/3
Loloma . .	—	b33/-	b33/-

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Bulolo . . .	b35/-	b35/-	b35/-
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/9½	b2/7	b2/3
Oil Search	b2/6	b10/4	b6/10
Ent. of N.G.	b7d	b6d	b6d
Papuan Apin	b9d	b3/11	b4/4
do. opt. .	b6½d	b2/2	b2/2
Placer Dev.	b86/6	b100/-	b99/-
Sandy Creek	b4d	b2½d	b2d



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COPRA

The British Ministry of Food 9-ye Contract, which governed Copra pric in Papua and New Guinea, Fiji, Weste Samoa, Solomon Islands, and Gilbert a Ellice Colony (and, to some extent, Tonga and Cook Islands) expired on D cember 31, 1957; since when each Ter tory has made its own arrangements collection and marketing of copra.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA:—All producti is delivered to Copra Marketing Boar controlled by six members, including thr planters' representatives; and the Boa directs distribution and sales, and mak payments to the producers. Producti goes mainly to (a) Unilever (under co tract covering 1959), (b) Australia (

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consumption) and (c) crushing-mill abaul. Prices generally arranged in dance with ruling rate in Philippines et, with premiums for hot-air dried.

m April 1, 1959, P-NG Copra l announced "Tentative Prices", for delivered main ports: Hot-Air Dried, per ton; FMS, £A54 per ton; e-Dried £A53/7/6

I:—No Government control—producers here they wish. Bulk of copra goes rushing-mill in Suva, whose price harf, Suva, is announced each week. lay 4, prices were. HAD, £F87/5/-; £F85/17/6; FM2, F84/12/6.

STERN SAMOA:—Official Copra l receives all production, and sells and makes payments to producers. proportion goes to Unilever, at pines FM grade rates, plus pre- s up to £Stg.3 per ton for hot- ried. Prices announced in March, to operate till further notice: Hot- ried, £S67/13/8 per ton; sun-dried 1, £S65/3/8; sun-dried, No. 2, /13/8.

NGA:—Sales are under Government ol. Part of production goes to Europe, arrangement with Unilever con- d by Philippines prices, and part open market.

LOMONS:—All production marketed gh official Copra Board, at prices on Philippines market. Price de- May (unchanged since March): rade, £A75; 2nd grade, £A73; 3rd £A69 per ton, f.o.b., BSIP ports.

LBERT AND ELLICE:—Production eted in Europe through official Copra l, at prices based on Philippines less "stabilisation fund" charges,

AMOA:—Producers receive 4 cents lb. 9.6 or £A40 approx. per long ton). lic bonus, if average proceeds exceed buying price and expenses.

W HEBRIDES:—In early April, local g price was £69/7/6 per ton, de- d Vila/Santo. On same date, price 29,500 Metrop. francs per metric ton, Marseilles.

OK IS./NIUE/TOKELAU: Price fixed rst half of 1959, by Abels, Ltd., of and, who mill it, was announced in ary as follows: Standard Grade: 6/15/6 plus £1 for bags, plus - premium, totalling £NZ69/0/6. Grade: £NZ66/15/6 plus £1 for plus £1/5/- premium, plus £1/5/- l premium for hot air dried, total- £NZ70/5/6, f.o.b., Rarotonga.

OTHER PRODUCE

OA:—Islands prices are based on the for Ghana cocoa which, on May 7, £Stg.290 per ton, c.i.f., Sydney.

SAMOA:—Nominal price quoted in y May 7, £S290, f.o.b., Apia.

N.G.: May 7, £A335 ex-wharf, y.

FEE:—P.-N.G.: May 7, 4/5 per lb, Sydney, for good quality A grade enerally quoted.

April (and little change is expected new crop in July) price quoted for , c.i f. Sydney, was: A grade, £Stg.510 n; B grade, £Stg.480; C grade, none ble. Undergradings: £Stg.255-285. nyika: A grade, £Stg.400 per ton. Sydney. Uganda Robusta, c.i.f. y, £Stg.259-275 per ton.

NUTS:—P.-N.G: May 8, Kernels b ex-wharf; practically no sale in y at present for nuts in shell— al price, 1/1 lb.

BBER:—P.-N.G. price is based on pore rate, which May 7 was: No. 1 RSS, spot, 109.75 Straits cents per lb. (38.1d Aust.).

VANILLA BEANS: Victor Karp, Tulk & Co., Sydney, reported on May 7: New crop, c.i.f., Sydney, Tahiti White and Yellow label, processed standard packs 73/-, Green 71/-.

RICE (Australian):—Price from May 1, 1958—**P.-N.G.:** Dry brown and dressed, 112 lb bags, 5 tons and over, £61/10/- per ton, f.o.w.; under 5 tons £62 per ton. Vitamised and enriched white, 112 lb bags, 5 tons and over, £68 per ton, f.o.w.; under 5 tons, £68/10/- per ton. **Other Pac. Islands:** Dry, brown, etc., £70 per ton, f.o.w., Sydney or Melbourne. (New prices for 1959 will be announced late May.)

PEARL SHELL.—May quotations by independent pearlers were: Sound, £A750; D, £A550; E, £A225; EE, £A150 (in store Sydney). Manihiki lagoon still closed; Penrhyn, £Stg.400 (nominal), f.o.b., Rarotonga.

TROCHUS:—No demand—nominal £A305, ex-wharf, Sydney.

GREEN SNAIL:—Little movement in market—last quote £A350 per ton, ex-wharf.

London and US Quotations

Copra: London, May 7, Philippines in bulk, $285, c.i.f. UK/Nth. European ports. Straits/Borneo, FMS, del. weights, c.i.f. UK/Nth. European ports, £Stg.98. New York: May 7, Philippines $270, c.i.f., Pacific Coast ports.

(£1 Australian is equal to about 2.25 US Dollars.)

Coconut Oil:—London, May 7, Ceylon in bulk, £Stg.146/10/-, per ton .c.i.f., UK/ North European ports. Straits/Borneo, £Stg.143 per ton, c.i.f., June/July.

Rubber: London, c.i.f., May 7, RSS No. 1, spot, 31d Stg. per lb; July-Sept., 31⅛d Stg.; April, 1960, 31⅛d Stg.

EXCHANGE RATES

FIJI.—Through BANK OF NSW, ANZ BANK and BANK OF NZ. Australia on Fiji, basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6: Selling, £A113. **Fiji-London,** basis £100 London: B. £110/15/-; S. £112. **NZ-Fiji,** basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £124/10/9. **Samoa-London,** basis £100 London: B. £99/7/6; S. £101/10/-. **Samoa-NZ,** basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/-. **Samoa-Fiji,** basis £100 Samoa; B. £111; S. £110.

NORFOLK IS.—Commonwealth Bank quotes exchange rate **Australia - Norfolk Island: 5/- per £A100.**

PAPUA - NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Goroka, Bulolo, Kavieng, Madang, Wewak), **BANK OF NSW** (branches: Port Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Madang, Samarai, Goroka; agencies: Wau, Boroko, Kokopo), **ANZ BANK** (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) and **NATIONAL BANK OF A/ASIA.** (Port Moresby) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £A100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs, most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Polynesia. **FRENCH BANK (Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris)** in Sydney Apr., 1959, quotes: Selling, Noumea, 195 Pac. francs to £ Aust.; Papeete, 194.75 Pac. francs to £ Aust.; 246 Pac. francs to £ Stg.; 89.05 Pac. francs to US $. Selling 13.76 heavy francs (1,376 ordinary Metrop. francs) to £ Stg.

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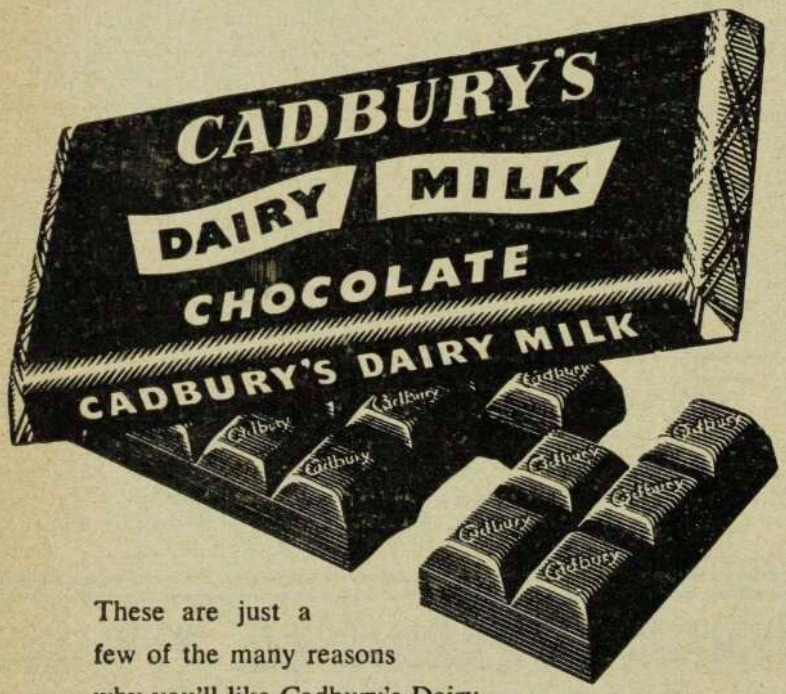

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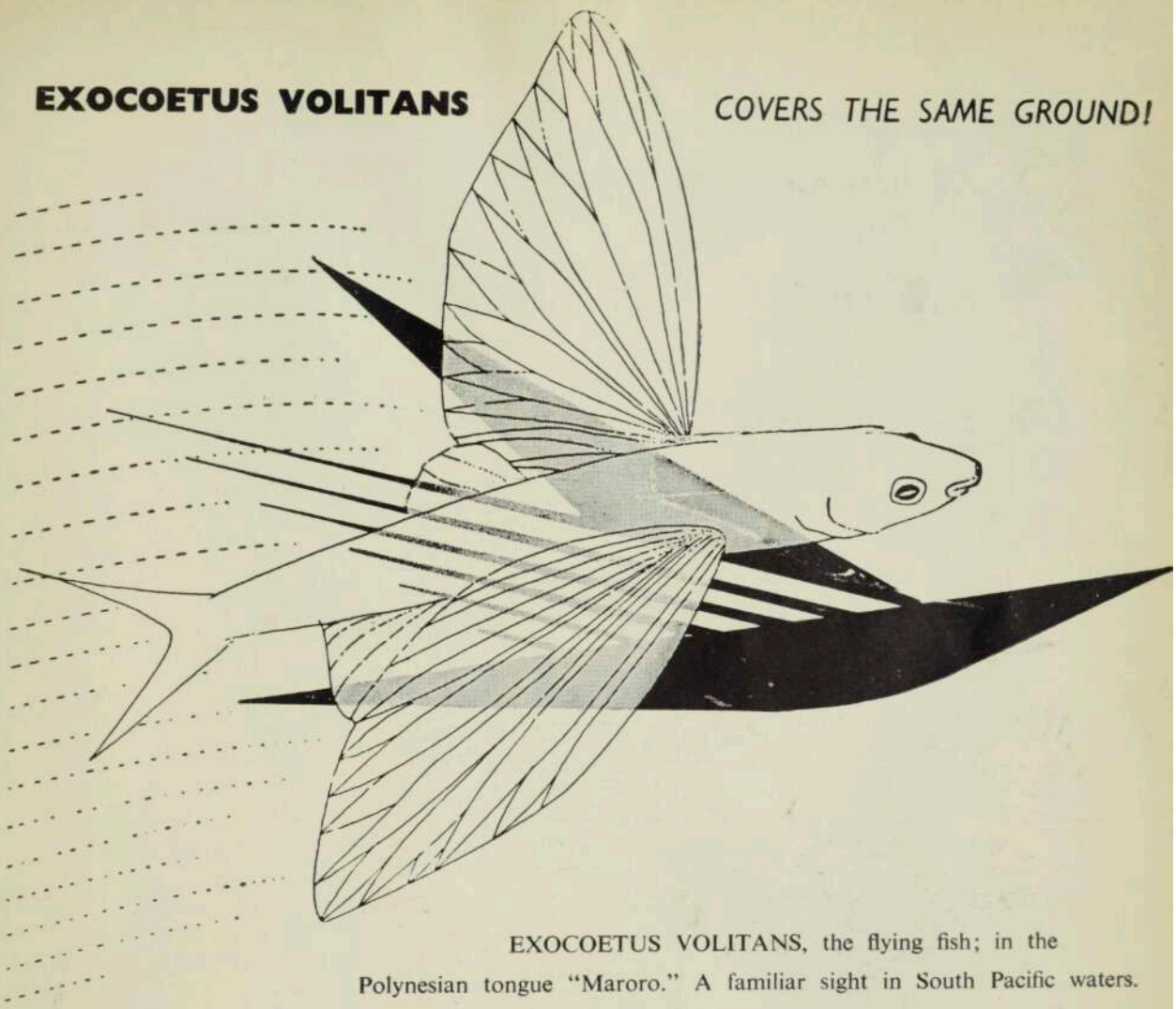

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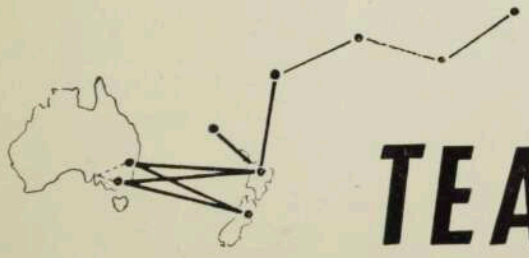

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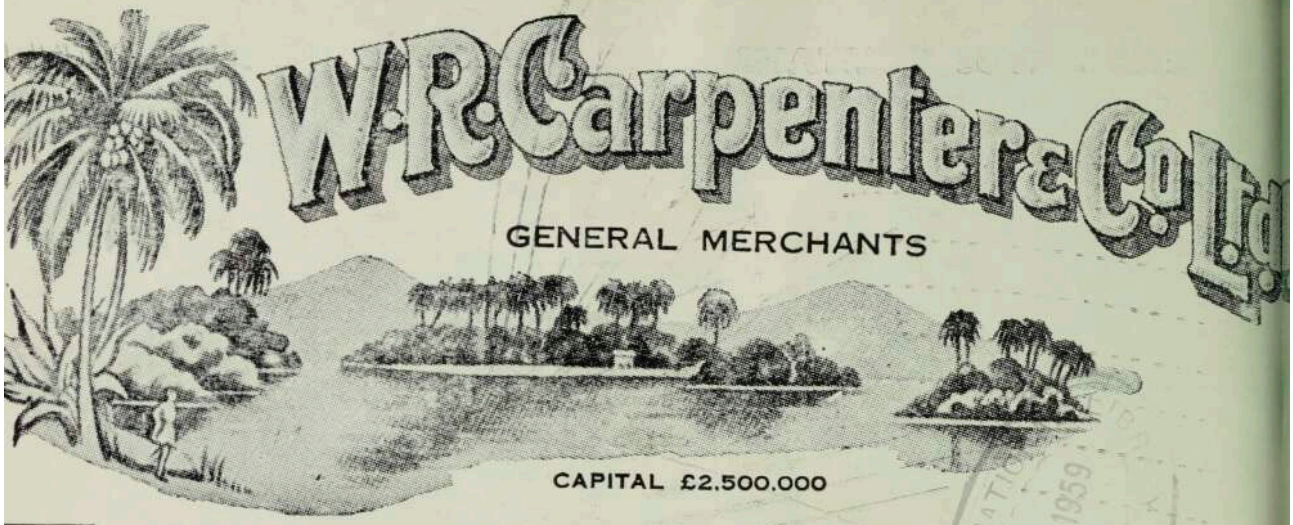

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