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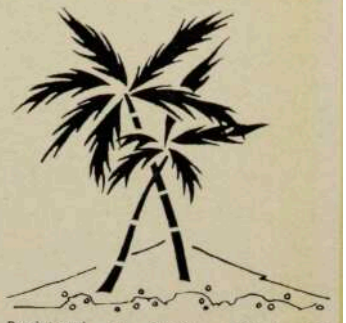

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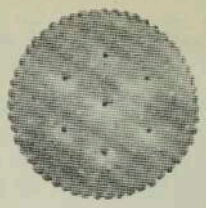

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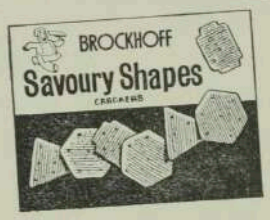

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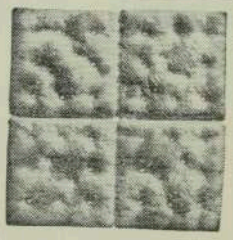

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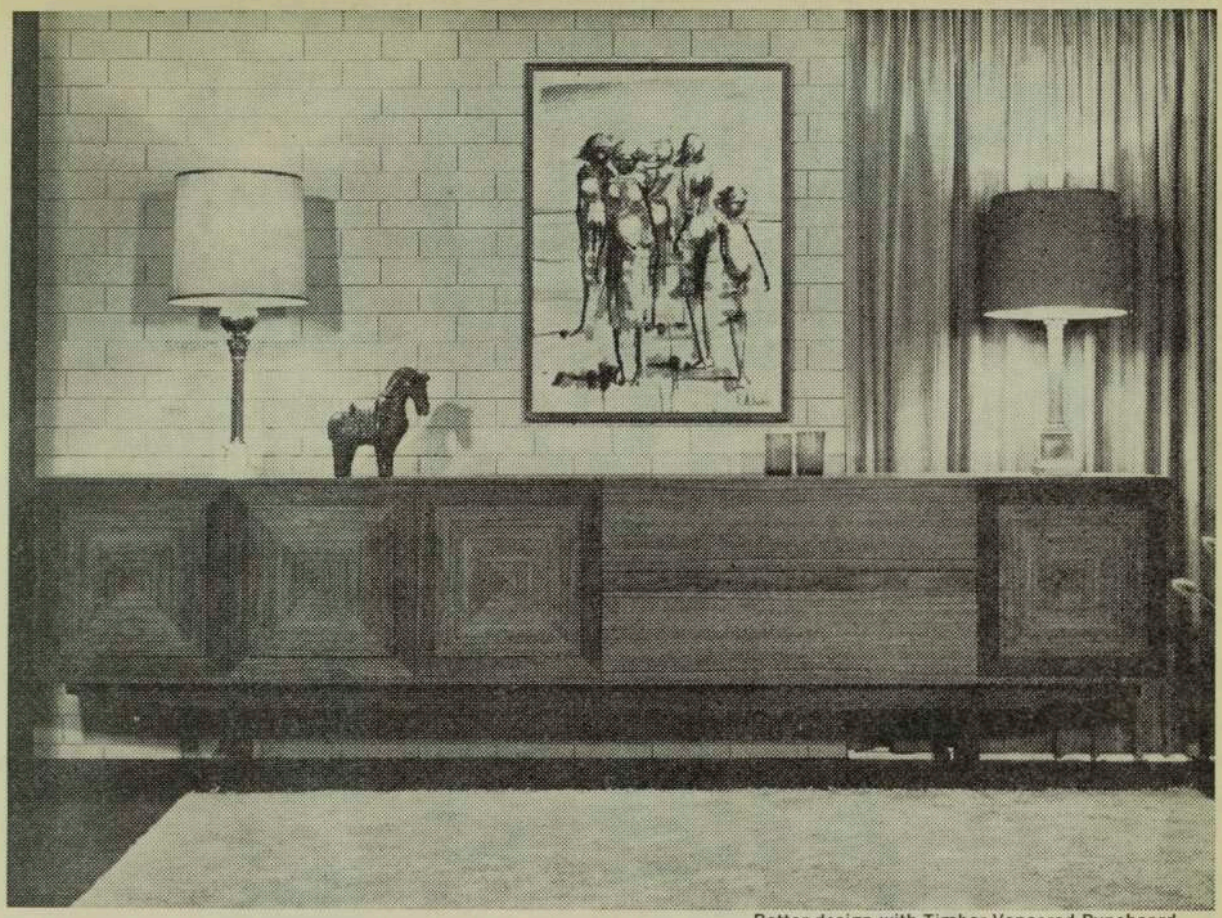

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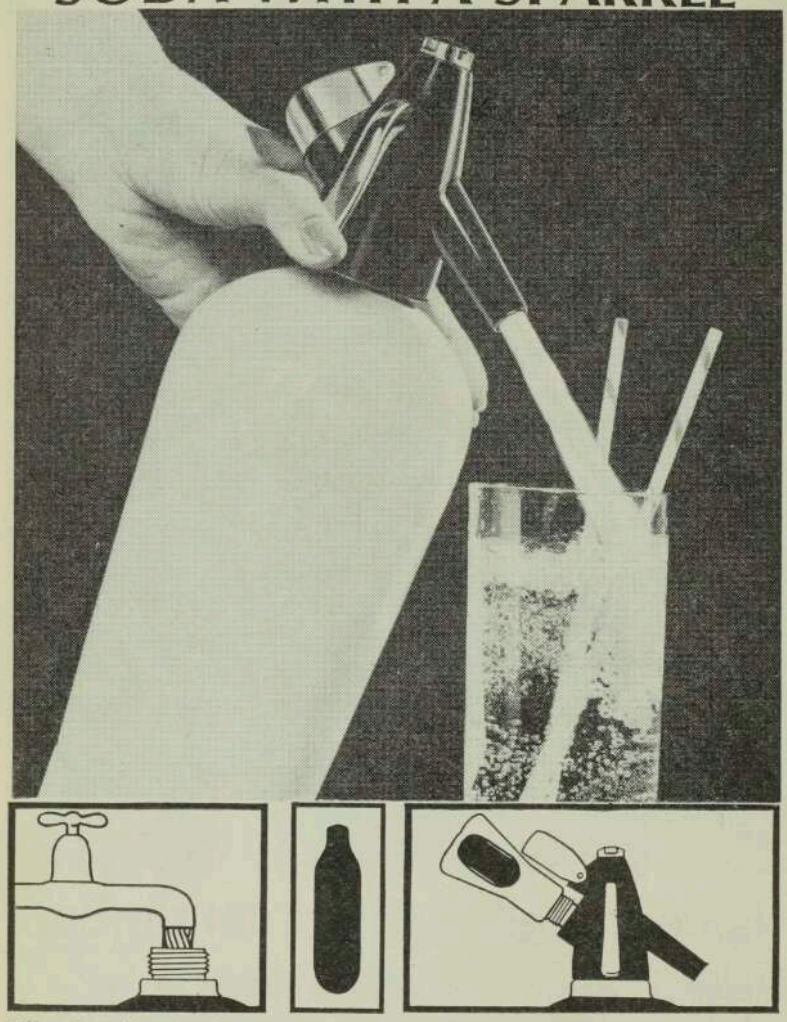

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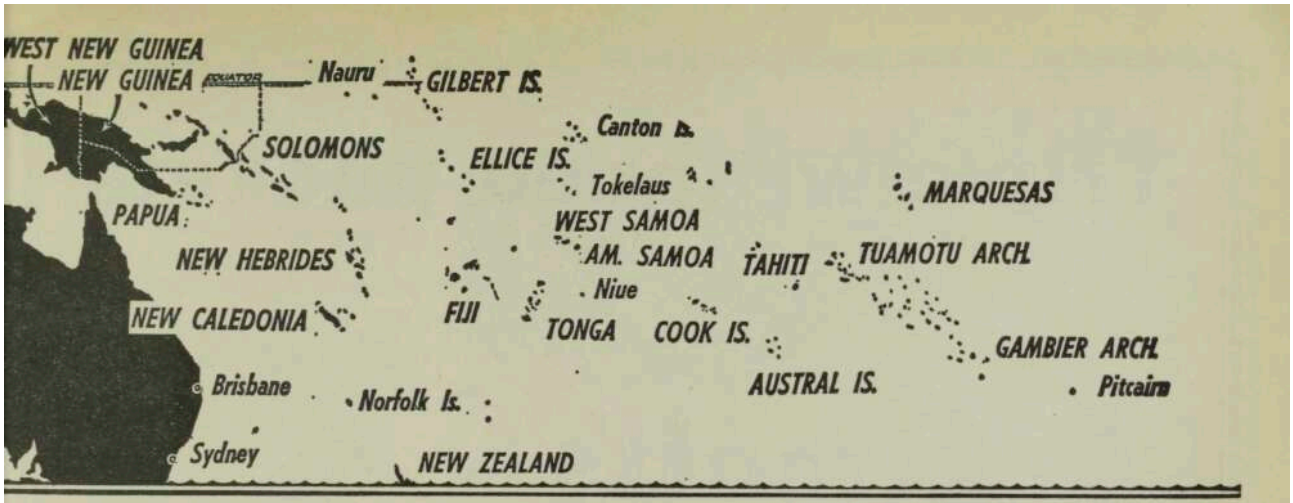

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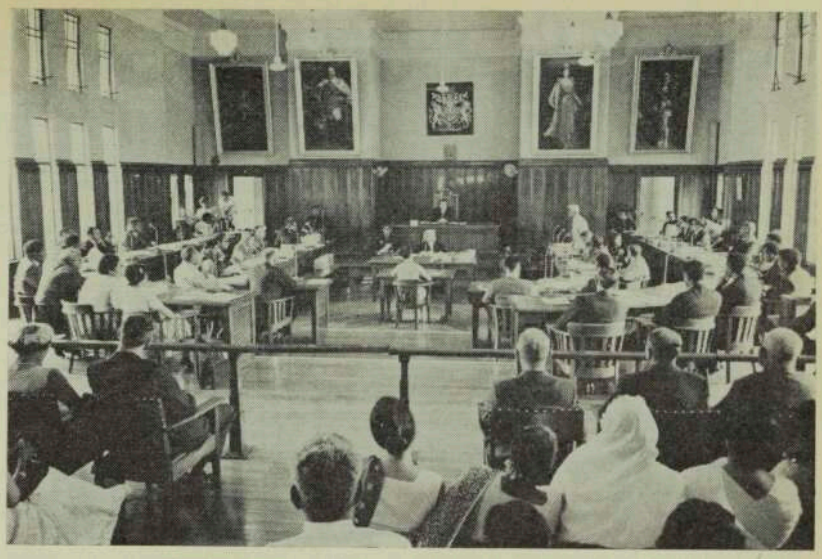

● This was the scene at the opening session of Fiji's new and enlarged Legislative Council on November 11. In the centre background is the Speaker, Mr. R. G. Kermode. Government members sit on the left of the picture and Opposition members on the far right, among more Government members. There may be seating changes in the future. Foreground is the public gallery.—Photo: Rob Wright

Fiji's New Opposition Gets Down To Business

From a Suva Correspondent

The formal opening of Fiji's newly-elected Legislative Council on November 11 turned out to be a little more sticky than had been contemplated. The formal proceedings were meant to be a simple curtain-raiser to the Budget session, which followed a few days later, but Fiji's new Government got quite a shock.

THE Government comprises 27 elected members and four official members, out of a chamber of 40 elected under Fiji's new constitution in November.

They are led by the newly-designated Leader of Government Business, Fijian Ratu K. K. T. Mara, whose title is a euphemism for Premier. He is the leader of the majority Alliance group.

The formal opening lasted only two hours.

But the nine members of the Federation Party, who form the Opposition with Mr. A. D. Patel as the Government-recognised Leader of the Opposition (salaried), went in boots and all, almost from the start.

With a planned cohesive movement in which it brought its most practised pleaders into action—lawyers Mr. K. C. Ramrakha, Mr. S. M. Koya and Mr. R. D. Patel (who is brother of Mr. A. D. Patel)—the Opposition attacked the Government on its proposals to create several Parliamentary Secretaryships.

"Jobs for the boys," accused Opposition members, and their cry found an echo in the hearts of many others in Fiji.

But at the start of the day it had all been billing and cooing. What with the oath-taking by all 39 members (Mr. Abdul Lateef, still disabled from his stroke in September, was the only absentee) and the election of the Speaker and Deputy-Speaker, nobody opposed anybody for the first 45 minutes.

So keen had been everyone to see that all was sweet reason at the opening that the Government and the Opposition met before the meeting to agree on the names of Speaker and Deputy-Speaker.

They decided that Mr. Ron Kermode, lawyer and General member for West Viti Levu, who had been returned to the council without opposition, should be the Speaker in succession to Sir Maurice Scott.

Sir Maurice, under the old constitution, was appointed Speaker by the Queen, and now severs a connection with the legislature which, as member and later as Speaker, had lasted for 19 years.

It was reported that the Opposition wanted a Fijian appointed as Deputy-Speaker, and proposed that one be selected from the Government side (since there is no Fijian in the Opposition; all are Indian).

Ratu Mara apparently wouldn't agree to this, and eventually it was decided to appoint Mr. James Madhavan, Indian member for North East Vanua Levu, one of the oldest members of the Federation Party and a practised hand in the council.

In the chamber, Ratu Mara proposed Mr. Kermode's election and Mr. Patel seconded it. The nomination of Mr. Madhavan followed.

Tradition Followed

After the election of the Speaker, Ratu Mara and Mr. A. D. Patel, with the help of Mr. Kermode, acted out a traditional comedy which had its beginning in the days when to be elected Speaker of the House of Commons was to take a risk no insurance company would carry—the loss of one's head at the hands of an irate monarch. The speaker was the Parliament's spokesman and he conveyed decisions to the monarch.

Today in the House of Commons a newly-elected Speaker makes a show of being reluctant to take office. Fiji's Speaker and his proposer and seconder did their bit for tradition, and Mr. Kermode was almost dragged

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Attack On Secretaries' Salaries

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to the chair and thrust into it while the crowded public gallery tittered.

After a break for tea and cakes the fireworks began.

The Financial Secretary, Mr. Harry Ritchie, started it by submitting a schedule of supplementary expenditure. This included sums to be paid to parliamentary secretaries who are to be attached to the offices of the Members for Natural Resources, Social Services, Communications and Works, Commerce and Tourism, and the Secretary for Fijian Affairs and Local Government.

The extra payments for these new posts represented only a sixth of the annual sum to be spent on positions which the London builders of the new Fiji think are a necessary part of internal self-government.

Members with portfolios get £3,000 a year plus a housing allowance of £900, and parliamentary secretaries will get £2,000 a year plus a housing allowance of £500.

There are various other perks, and the rank and file of the Legislative Council can collect a little over £600 each if they attend every session of the council, and committee sittings.

All this in a country with a delicately-poised economy like Fiji's isn't peanuts.

The Opposition attacked almost every vote for the new posts, and the vote for additional payments to the office of the Fiji Government Representative in Sydney.

Political Patronage

None of them was really necessary, argued the Opposition. It accused the Government of political patronage, of creating political sinecures.

Mr. Ramrakha spearheaded the attack in a way which points to him in the future being the most forceful speaker in the Opposition. He said only Ministers had parliamentary secretaries, and Ministers hadn't been appointed yet.

Mr. R. D. Patel, using the same arguments, hinted at illegality. Other shots were fired by Mr. Madhavan and Mr. Koya, but the Leader of the Opposition was content to watch his lieutenants pepper the Government.

The Attorney-General, Mr. Justin Lewis, replied that nothing was illegal. The constitution didn't mention parliamentary secretaries, and it didn't mention many other Government posts either. Money could be paid to anybody the Legislative Council approved.

He also pointed out that the Government could, according to the constitution, turn the Members into Ministers at once—his argument apparently being that as they were Ministers in all but name they would need parliamentary secretaries.

But this didn't meet the Opposition's argument at all. The argument was that the posts weren't necessary, and many people in Fiji agree with the Opposition.

Why is it necessary to follow slavishly the British Parliament? Ministers there might need secretaries and under-secretaries, but what has that got to do with Fiji?

Divisions Forced

As the Opposition pointed out, some individuals who become parliamentary secretaries don't earn half that in private life, and wouldn't be able to get it in commerce.

That's the system, for better or worse, in the Mother of Parliaments, where a dockworker overnight can blossom into an alleged expert on education, trade, finance, or whatever. And that's the system that Fiji has to have, says THE system.

Three times the Opposition forced a division, with its time-wasting name-recording (and now that Fiji has a Government and an official Opposition the vote is a foregone conclusion). Each time it was 29 votes for the Government (with Mr. Lateef missing) and nine against.

The Opposition kept up its pressure (although its members were silent on one money vote which included payment to the Leader of the Opposition). They didn't manage to save the colony one penny. But it did show clearly that in future Fiji would have an Opposition that could be expected to operate vigorously—and that is what oppositions are for.

The move to have a Fijian appointed Deputy Speaker was interesting; if he *had* been appointed the Indians would have been on "the outer" in the more important public positions in the colony.

Only a week or so earlier, a Chinese, Mr. Eddie Wong, had been elected Mayor of Lautoka, Fiji's second biggest town; and two Europeans, Mr. C. H. Hunt and Mr. P. R. Allan, were elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the city of Suva.

Oddly, the Lautoka post was filled with the active support of Federation members, and in Suva an Indian councillor, Mr. R. I. Kapadia, lost the opportunity of becoming Deputy Mayor because of non-support by Federation members.

The position is no doubt ripe for some Fiji Indians to complain to the UN that the Indian community of Fiji, despite its numerical superiority, can't get a look in. And one is entitled to presume that Federation members are aware of it.

Stiffer Taxes For Cook Islanders

Stiffer income and sales taxes have been introduced by the Cook Islands Government in an effort to reduce the territory's dependence on the New Zealand Government's subsidy of nearly £700,000 a year.

The new income tax plan will bring more people — mainly young unmarrieds — into the Government's tax net. This caught only 389 last year, of whom only 140 were Maoris.

Income tax is estimated to yield £55,000 in 1966-67 compared with £47,578 in 1965-66.

From October 1, sales tax has been increased from 5 per cent. to up to 30 per cent., and the range of goods affected has been widened to include several semi-luxury items. The new rates are expected to yield additional revenue of £10,000 in a full year.

The Cook Islands Premier and Finance Minister, Mr. Albert Henry, gave details of the new taxes in presenting the Cooks' first Budget under self-government to the Legislative Assembly in late September.

He said that the territory's annual bill for public service salaries and wages had now reached the point where it was probably higher than the NZ subsidiary. It had grown much faster than annual export income.

Mr. Henry added that while the community's prosperity had increased markedly in recent years, this was due to a "disturbingly large extent" to the "generosity of our fellow citizens, Maori and European, living in New Zealand".

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FIJI DEVELOPMENT SLOWS: TAXES GO HIGHER

From a Suva Correspondent

Fiji was hit with higher taxes, aimed at bringing another £F900,000 to the Government, in the budget tabled in the Legislative Council on November 18.

BEER, spirits, wines, tobacco and cigarettes, sugar and petrol, will all cost more, and in addition there will be a general rise on most goods because of an increase in the Port and Customs Service Tax of 1¼ per cent., bringing the total tax to 5 per cent. This service tax applies to all imports, but flour and sharps won't be included.

And if that isn't enough for one budget, income tax, surtax and company tax will all have a surcharge of 5 per cent. It will not apply to the basic tax.

The new increases raise cigarette prices by 2d for 10, beer by 1d a glass or 3d a bottle, spirits by 2/- a bottle, wines by 10/- a gallon, and petrol by 1d per gallon.

Loan Request

Mr. H. P. Ritchie, the Financial Secretary, is budgeting for revenue of £12,814,000, and expenditure of £14,137,000 in the recurrent budget, leaving a deficit of £1,323,000.

On the capital side, estimated revenue is £3,590,000 and expenditure £4,620,000, leaving a deficit of £1,030,000.

Mr. Ritchie told the council that he hoped Fiji's request from Australia for a Government loan of £3,650,000 would be granted next year, but he could not be certain that it would be granted. The possibility of British Government loans were "most unlikely".

Mr. Ritchie said that proposed government expenditure in 1967 had been reduced by about £800,000—"no easy decision to make".

The Governor, Sir Derek Jakeway, told the council that the pace of development was going to drop "from a gallop to a canter" but it was certainly not coming to a halt. There were many encouraging signs, including clear evidence that the Fiji economy had become more diversified.

Modern kings and queens don't ride in golden coaches. Sometimes you see them in a Mini-Moke—as for instance King Taufa'ahau of Tonga, here seen being driven around the exhibits of the 1966 Agricultural Show in Nukualofa in November. The umbrella is not standard Mini-Moke equipment. In front with the driver is King Taufa'ahau's ADC, Tevita Fatafehi, and with the King is Masao Soakai, of the Agriculture Department.

Photo: Hettig.

DISMAY OVER FIJI'S NEW CHIEF SECRETARY

From a Suva Correspondent

The news that Mr. G. P. Lloyd, Chief Secretary of the Seychelles, is to become Fiji's new Chief Secretary in succession to Mr. P. D. Macdonald, has caused some dismay in Fiji.

THIS is not because of any objection to Mr. Lloyd, but because most people—including, one suspects, the Governor—thought that the new post would go to Mr. J. S. Thomson, who has been acting in the post for some time.

But Mr. Thomson is to be posted elsewhere—to a "senior appointment", says the official statement. Mr. Thomson's new senior appointment may well mean he is being groomed for stardom and that he could come back to Fiji eventually as Governor (if we still have Governors).

Mr. Lloyd's appointment could mean that *he* is being groomed for stardom somewhere else and that to get promotion he must go via Fiji.

But few people seem to be looking at either of those eventualities—they simply want Mr. Thomson in the post.

Ratu K. K. T. Mara, now Leader of Government Business, has asked the Governor on behalf of his majority Alliance party to try to retain him.

He says there is "deep dismay" that Mr. Thomson is being transferred and that his experience is needed in the present transitional period of government. His transfer would be "most inopportune".

Mr. Lloyd, by the way, is 40. He is a former District Officer in Kenya and has been in the Seychelles since 1961. He is expected in Fiji in mid-December.

And Now Computers!

What's the latest innovation in the South Pacific? Answer: A computer.

In late November, the International Business Machines Corporation sent a giant electronic computer from Sydney to Suva aboard the liner "Mariposa" to analyse results of the censuses being taken in Fiji, Tonga and the New Hebrides. IBM will man the computer for the governments concerned. Later it hopes to interest Fiji organisations in acquiring their own machines.

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P-NG Army Cadets On The March

Army cadets from four schools in Rabaul, New Britain, march through the town's main streets after a combined parade at Queen Elizabeth Park. It was the last parade of the year for the 270 cadets from St. Mary's High School, Keravat High School, Malaguna Technical School and Rabaul High School.

NEW GUINEA'S POPULATION IS NOW 2,183,000

From a Port Moresby Correspondent

Papua-New Guinea's first official census has put the country's population at 2,183,036.

FIGURES released by the Bureau of Statistics in Port Moresby in November show that only six per cent. of the country's total population lives in urban areas.

The great majority of the country's native people still live in their home villages or in communal settlements on the territory's scores of plantations. The census was taken on June 30.

One of the most interesting facts found by the census was that more than half of the territory's population is concentrated in the country's two most primitive areas—the Highlands and the Sepik district. These two areas have a combined population of 1,107,446.

Europeans and people of other races living in Papua-New Guinea make up less than two per cent. of the country's population.

Census figures show that:

- The population of the Trust Territory of New Guinea is 1,582,439.
- The total number of native people is 2,148,300.
- There are 34,736 non-indigenes, made up of Europeans, Chinese and mixed-race people.
- The rural population of the country is 2,054,150.
- The total urban population is only 128,886.

Port Moresby, with a population of 42,133, including 9,911 Europeans, is by far the territory's largest town.

Men only slightly outnumber women in the native population of the country but women are clearly outnumbered in the non-indigenous count.

There are 1,121,153 native males, 1,027,147 native females, 20,039 non-indigenous males and 14,647 females.

The longest standing myth exploded by the census was that half Papua-New Guinea's total population lives in the Highlands.

The count for the Southern, Western and Eastern Highlands totalled only 848,854.

Sample Method

The territory's chief statistician, Mr. H. M. Barton said there could possibly be an error of as much as 10 per cent. either way in the census count. The census was conducted on what is known as the sample method.

Under this system trained census takers made a complete count of the populations of several villages which were typical of those throughout a large area.

The population of the whole area was then averaged out on a basis of an average number of people per village.

Complete enumeration was, however, made in all urban areas.

Lae, with 13,321 natives and 3,205 non-natives maintained its place as the territory's second largest town. It was followed by Rabaul 6,947 and 3,642; Madang 7,422, 1,423, and Wewak 7,939, 976.

Other major urban centres were Kieta 5,095, 340; Goroka 3,877, 941; Daru 3,461, 202; Mt. Hagen 2,765, 549; Bulolo 2,245, 480; Samarai 2,180, 284; Lorengau and Lombrum 2,096, 350; Kavieng 1,708, 435; Wau 890, 182.

The Goroka and Mt. Hagen figures show how quickly Mt. Hagen has been developing at the expense of Goroka, its traditional rival.

The Chimbu area of the New Guinea Highlands is the most populated area of the territory, with 167,251 people, or 59.73 per square mile.

Biggest In Highlands

Biggest population in any district is 293,377 in the Western Highlands, followed by 209,595 in Morobe and 203,820 in the Eastern Highlands.

One of the facts to emerge from the census was the great disparity between the numbers of native men and native women in Port Moresby and other urban centres.

Port Moresby had 20,914 native men and only 11,308 native women. In comparison there were 4,159 non-native women to 5,752 non-native men. The imbalance between native men and women declined when the total population of the central division was taken into account, but much the same position was revealed in other main urban centres.

Native women outnumbered native men in only two districts—Morobe and the Southern Highlands.

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CYCLONE REVEALS RELICS OF WAR

Many Solomon Islanders were made homeless when a violent cyclone struck the northern and western parts of Malaita and the eastern half of Guadalcanal from November 12 to 16. Winds of up to 80 mph wrecked many leaf buildings and torrential rains flooded the rivers. This picture shows the Metapona River, 20 miles east of Honiara, where the Bailey bridge (foreground) was swept away by the heaviest rain in living memory. The rain, by flattening the grass and filling the ditches, also shows clearly the forgotten runway, taxistrips and hard-standings of wartime Koli Airstrip.

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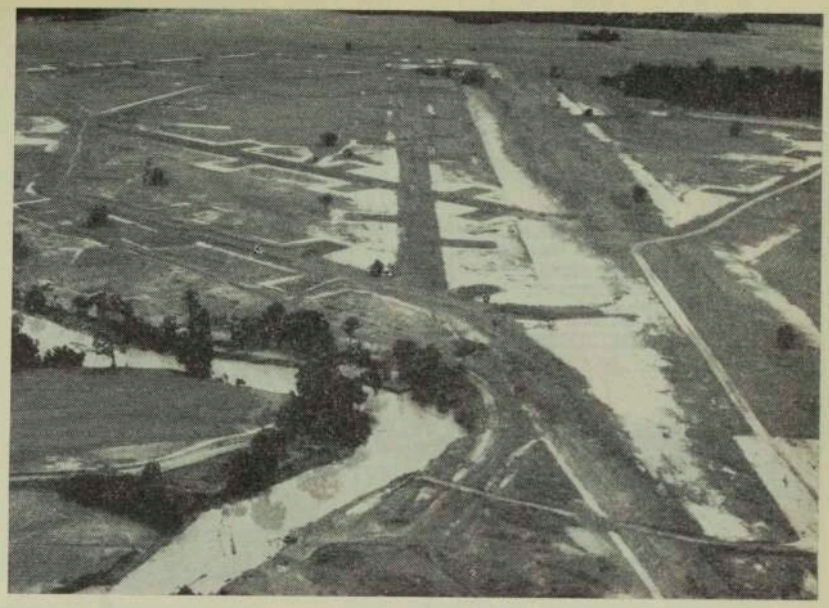

P-NG Wants A Share Of New Developments

From a Port Moresby Correspondent

The Papua-New Guinea Administration announced in the House of Assembly on November 21 that it may acquire substantial shareholdings in all major business ventures undertaken in the territory.

THE acting Government Leader in the House, Mr. L. W. Johnson, said the Administration had already begun negotiations for equity in four large companies currently operating in New Guinea.

These were Conzinc Riotinto of Australia (CRA), Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers, Harrisons and Crossfield and Bougainville Development Corporation.

Mr. Johnson told the House that special opportunities would be provided for New Guineans to obtain shares in these companies.

He did not explain how this would be done, but observers here said the most likely way would be through loans from the P-NG Development Bank to interested native groups.

Mr. Johnson said that in principle the Administration wanted shares in all major business interests in the Territory.

The extent to which it would be able to take up shares and in how many companies would be determined by the amount of money available.

Questioned outside the House, Mr. Johnson said one of the major factors which had influenced the Administration in making this decision had been the opposition of natives in the Kieta area of Bougainville to the proposed copper mining venture there by CRA.

Mr. Johnson told the House that if CRA went ahead with the project, shares in the company would be made available to the people of Bougainville, including landowners in the actual mining area.

Equity

He said an equity in any major enterprise financed and operated by overseas interests could be taken up through the Development Bank. The Administration would hold this equity interest for later disposal as any future Government of the self-governing territory might determine.

Participation might be arranged in two ways—first by administration equity in large-scale operations and secondly by the people of the territory, either individually or in groups, becoming shareholders in the enterprise.

"Both things may happen," he said.

Mr. Johnson said the principle of equity interest would apply to new or expanding interests in the territory.

Mr. Johnson told the House the administration had decided to "participate in a substantial way" in Harrisons and Crossfield palm oil project in New Britain.

"Initial investment in this joint

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Bigger Salaries For NG Members

The 54 elected members of Papua-New Guinea's House of Assembly are drawing basic salaries of $2,500 a year as from November 8—a rise of $600 a year.

The increases follow talks between the Minister for Territories and a committee of elected members.

The elected members also have had their travelling allowance increased from $10.50 a day to $13.00.

The increase bring the salaries of the ten under-secretaries—all New Guineans,—to $3,200 a year.

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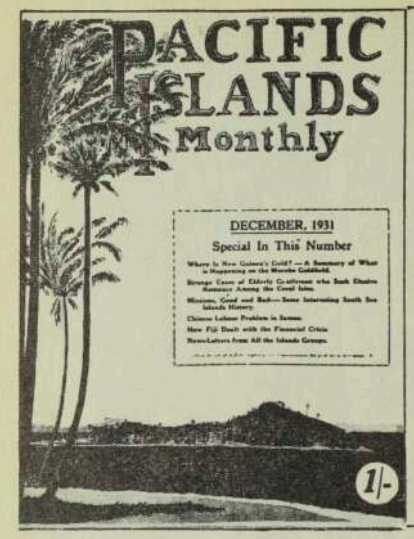

OUR NEW FACE

PIM has a new four-colour cover this month. This reminds us that when PIM was founded by Mr. R.. W. Robson in August, 1930, his idea was to have a cover like the one reproduced at left. The production of this cover involved three runs through the press to print in red, yellow and blue, and thereby produce a whole range of other colours, including black. However, technical reasons forbade this until December, 1931, and the first 16 issues of PIM were in newspaper format.

Then, because of the high cost of producing a colour cover in the depths of the depression, the colour idea was dropped after only two issues, and a cover in green and black was adopted, with a black and white photograph. This lasted in various guises until December, 1960, when we changed the cover's design and began changing the basic colour of the cover from month to month.

Now, after 36 years, we seem to be back to where Mr. Robson intended to start—only much more glamorously! We'll be bringing you the South Seas in the same full colour from now on.

Tropicalities

What did the delegation from Noumea, headed by South Pacific Games organiser Tony Bertrand, say to sports officials in Suva when they went to Fiji early in November? What did the Suva people say to the New Caledonians? And why was no official statement issued after the talks?

THE GREAT GAMES MYSTERY

THE talks, after all, were of considerable importance to several territories, notably Fiji and Tonga. They concerned the programming of a number of athletics and team events in Noumea on Sunday, December 11.

This has been a sore point with Fiji sporting authorities for more than a year, and, until the talks in Suva, they had made a number of representations about it to the Noumea Games officials without positive result.

The Fijians had insisted that they would not compete in any events on the Sunday. The Tongans' attitude has been the same. The Fijians also thought the athletics events should be spread over the whole Games season instead of being grouped over a few days so that the athletes would have the benefit of maximum rest.

It was reported in Suva after the Suva meeting that little could be achieved to settle the points at issue because of the late stage reached in the preparation of the Games. However, the Fiji Amateur Sports Association was said to have "fully appreciated the courteous gesture by the organising committee in sending the delegation to Fiji."

At the Noumea end, our correspondent, Fred Dunn, reported that "although no communique has been issued, it is thought that the mission's visit was a success, and that all is now well."

We certainly hope all is well, anyway. But how can it be if the organisers insist on Sunday events, and the Fijians say that they won't take part in them? It is the Great Games Mystery.

The answer, we suppose, is that the organisers will see to it that only those territories which have no scruples about playing sport on Sundays will be asked to play on that day, and that no events in which the Fijians and Tongans are to take part will be staged on that day.

Born At Last—And A Bonny Baby

AFTER a series of complications, which almost reduced the midwife and other attendants to despair, the *Journal of Pacific History*, whose imminent arrival we heralded as far back as last June (p. 91), has finally been born.

It's a bonny baby of 250 pages—the brain child of the Department of Pacific History at the Australian National University, Canberra.

The accouchement took place at Oxford University Press, Melbourne, to which city the midwife, Mr. Harry Maude, made two or three anxious journeys, and suffered (so we're told) more labour pains than anyone else.

Harry is Professorial Fellow in Pacific History in Canberra. He is co-editor of the new journal with the Professor of the same subject, Jim Davidson. The journal is to appear annually from now on.

Its aim is to "provide an international medium for the publication of original research in the field of Pacific history, defined in its broadest sense to include archaeology, prehistory and ethnohistory, as well as contemporary government and political development . . ."

Some two dozen writers have con-

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tributed to the first issue. Their subjects range over the entire Pacific in time and space, and, generally speaking, they have come up with some lively stuff—despite a few formidable titles.

"On the Incidence of Alcoholism and Intemperance in Early Pacific Missions," for example, is actually a fascinatingly human essay on a little-suspected subject, which we (with our eye for colour, tin tacks and irreverence) would have been tempted to call "Boozy Brethren and Tippling Parsons of the South Seas."

Anyway, besides history the *Journal* contains articles on current affairs (we have quoted some extracts from one of these on p. 36), plus book reviews, a bibliographic feature on new publications on the Pacific, and a section on recent or little-known manuscript discoveries, for the benefit of research workers.

To subscribe to the *Journal*, you should write to: The Editors, Department of Pacific History, Australian National University, Box 4, PO, Canberra, ACT, Australia, sending $3.50 or its equivalent (£Stg.1/10/-; £NZ1/10/-; £F1/12/6 or $US4).

From Russia—With Scholarships

VADIM KASSIS, deputy editor of the foreign section of *Izvestia*, spent a week in Western Samoa in early November.

There was much speculation before his visit that he might have something to say on Prime Minister Mataafa's recent statement about the possibility of seeking aid from the Communist bloc if this aid was not forthcoming from the West.

But he produced nothing more spectacular than an offer of three scholarships for Samoan students to study for five years, all expenses paid, at the Friendship University in Moscow.

During an interview, Prime Minister Mataafa reiterated his previous statement on aid. But Mr. Kassis gave no indication as to what might result from any approach for aid to the USSR.

The Prime Minister told Mr. Kassis that when any decision was reached on the scholarship offer he would contact the Russian legation in Wellington.

Mr. Kassis is the first Soviet journalist to visit Samoa, and a pleasant, easy conversationalist. His main impression of the country was the frank and friendly attitude of the many people he met.

Mr. Kassis has written 14 books,

Best Wishes To Mr. David Hay

(who in January becomes Administrator of Papua-New Guinea)

—from an old New Guinea hand

OUR BEST WISHES to Mr. David Hay.

WE SHOULD WISH that his duties will flow smoothly so that he can lead the country forward, willingly followed by the indigenous people, assisted by the Europeans, supported by Canberra and with the sympathetic understanding of the United Nations.

BUT LIFE is not like that. Not in New Guinea.

WE CAN WISH him only years of onerous toil in a climate which makes hard work harder, facing problems which cannot be solved to the satisfaction of everybody.

AS HE LEADS the native people towards prosperity in the modern world, may he be able to overcome some of the inertia of the great majority, at the same time mollifying the vehemence of the educated few, and when what he has said has been twisted to mean the exact opposite, may he hear of it early and so be able to correct it.

WITH THOSE difficult people, the white inhabitants, may he find a core of good-natured loyalty to temper the harsh and unconscionable criticisms which they will make of his policies.

MAY HE MAKE many good friends in all sections of the community.

MAY CANBERRA (and Australia generally) sometimes concede that local opinion has some value and be influenced accordingly, and may some few in the United Nations see some other point of view than their own, just occasionally.

AS HE MOVES from one imperfect solution to the next insoluble problem, with the results always falling short of his hopes, may his strength hold and his nerves remain calm.

AND WHEN HE STEERS a commonsense course between those who clamour to sacrifice the present for some ideal, unworkable future and those who would neglect all for present gain, we would like to wish him their gratitude, but we cannot, for those who are too thick in the head to see what they have been saved from will give him no thanks.

AND HIS GOOD LADY, when she is worn out with entertaining strangers and is looking forward to a quiet evening at home, may she have the strength and patience to bear the unexpected VIP guests on her doorstep.

THEN, at the end of his term, may the Administrator feel, as most old hands do, that in spite of all the disappointments and frustrations, that he is infinitely glad he spent those years in New Guinea and nowhere else, and that it was all more-than-worthwhile.

AND THEN may he have the wry satisfaction of hearing that he has been praised by people who earlier criticised him and even doubted his personal honesty.

OUR BEST WISHES to Mr. David Hay. We would like to wish him better than we have done, but this is the best he will get in New Guinea in his coming years.

— ERIC FELDT.

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including one translated into English and Japanese called *Eighty Days in Tibet*.

He will be writing a series of articles on Samoa for *Izvestia* and other publications in Russia.

Tolerant Rabaul

RABAUL, New Guinea, must surely be establishing an unbeatable reputation for being the most religiously tolerant town in the South Pacific.

In the ecumenical atmosphere existing in the Gazelle Peninsula there have recently been these developments:

- A wedding between a Roman Catholic groom and an Anglican bride in Rabaul's Catholic Church, jointly conducted by Catholic and Anglican priests.
- A "blessing of the fleet" ceremony at the town's Aquatic Club, conducted by Roman Catholic, Anglican and Methodist ministers.
- The opening of a Roman Catholic community hall at Matupit village, in a ceremony at which choirs from Methodist and Seventh-day Adventist churches sang.

Jolly Roger Flies Over Norfolk

PIRATE radios are not confined to the Thames estuary or the New Zealand coast—you can find them in the most unexpected places. Such as Norfolk Island.

Norfolk, an Australian territory 900 miles north-east of Sydney and 600 miles north of Auckland, had its own pirate radio station for a few weeks in October, but who operated it and what, if anything, will be the sequel to its operation we can't tell you because we don't know. In official circles it's all very hush-hush.

Norfolk Island has only one official station, with limited transmission hours. The pirate operated on 2.6 megs., which is allotted to small ships' transmission, and it broadcast mainly between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

There were never any announcements. The broadcasts consisted mainly of vocal and light orchestral music.

There was quite a lot of speculation about the source of the transmissions. And some people took the view that it wasn't playing the game to use the small ship frequency, in case of emergency. The pirates ceased operating on October 31.

At the November meeting of the Norfolk Island Council, Mr. Ken Nobbs wanted to know whether it was lawful for anybody to broadcast on Norfolk Island.

The Administrator, Mr. Reg Marsh, who is a former Territories Department man from Canberra, made it clear that it certainly wasn't lawful for anybody to broadcast without a licence and that the Administration station was the only lawful one on that tight little isle, apart from one "ham".

What happens next? Don't ask us! It seems the legal fellows are sniffing about.

New Development For Vunakanau

LESS than two months after the official opening of the Roman Catholic Women's Teacher Training College at Kabaleo, near Rabaul, Bishop John Hoehne has announced plans for the complete rebuilding on a new site of St. Paul's Men's Teacher Training College, presently situated at Vuvu, but destined to move to the Vunakanau area, 10 miles from Rabaul and 1,000 ft up.

It's an interesting spot.

Vunakanau was the site of the biggest Japanese wartime airfield in the New Guinea islands, A grass srtip is still maintained there as an emergency field, but many local people feel that ultimately the main strip for the Gazelle Peninsula should be in this area. The construction of an all-weather sealed road from Rabaul right to Vunakanau, which is proceeding, would mean a very short trip from town for travellers.

First Stage Of NG Border Marking Ends

Joint Australian and Indonesian survey teams have completed the first stage of marking the border between Papua-New Guinea and West New Guinea.

This consisted of establishing the location of six points from the North Coast southward in the Star Mountains area, and marking them with monuments.

Because of the rough country—mainly primary jungle—the work took three months to complete. Indonesians and Australians worked together on the project, sharing equipment and supplies.

The next stage, to the south coast of Papua, will be completed next year.

From Queensland, With Love

THIS Christmas' Pitcairn's population of 90 will hear a "command performance" variety show presented by a Brisbane, Queensland, Little Theatre group especially for them. The show will include vocal, instrumental and comedy—and it will all come on 60 minutes of tape.

The idea evolved from a letter which a Queensland shell collector, Mr. Syd Cameron, of Bulimba, sent to Pitcairn following an advertisement for shells he saw in *PIM*. He got a reply from Mrs. Mavis Warren, which he showed to a director of the Stariders Revue Company, Mr. Des Neylan.

Mr. Neylan, who takes an interest in Pacific affairs as a regular *PIM* reader, asked Mrs. Warren for permission from the Island Council to arrange and present the show "to brighten up their normally dull evenings".

Mrs. Warren replied that all of Pitcairn welcomed the gesture and were looking forward to it. It's on its way.

Remarkable Bure Of Trevor Withers

FOLLOWING our piece on Trevor Withers' pioneering work in Fiji's Yasawas, of Blue Lagoon fame (Nov. p. 121) we've been reminded that the *bure* which the grateful Fijians built for Trevor at Yalobi is one of the finest in Fiji.

Set in a grove of coconut palms, in the centre of a magnificent swimming beach, this remarkable building has no less than 21 plate-glass or louvred windows, eight doors, hot and cold water—and even a septic tank system!

Its interior is decorated with intricately woven reeds, fine tapa cloth and hundreds of valuable seashells—it could become one of the "sights" for the evergrowing stream of tourists.

Captain Withers has not yet taken up residence there—he has been superintending in Lautoka the construction of his new fast game-fishing boat.

In this, when not benevolently observing from his Yalobi *bure* the operations of his busy successors (Captain Don Lane is now among them), he will be able to cruise and fish still uncharted seas of the Yasawas. Appropriately, his new boat is to bear the name conferred upon him by his Fijian friends, *Turaga Levu* which means "high chief".

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PIM Preview Of Teams' Chances

1,200 Athletes From 14 Territories To Take Part In Noumea Games

About 1,200 competitors from 14 Pacific territories will take part in the Second South Pacific Games in Noumea from December 8 to 18. About 1,000 will travel to Noumea; the rest will be representatives of the host territory, New Caledonia.

EXCEPT for tiny Niue, all the territories that were represented at the first Games in Suva three years ago will take part again, and there are two newcomers—Guam, and Wallis and Futuna.

The number of athletes competing has almost doubled since the last Games. The French territories, particularly, are obviously out to make a good showing.

New Caledonia's team has swollen from 72 to 295; French Polynesia's from 58 to 142; and Wallis and Futuna from nought to 78. The team from the Anglo-French New Hebrides is up from 28 to 80. Other territories sending more athletes this time include Papua-New Guinea, up from 78 to 140.

On the other hand, American Samoa, Fiji and Western Samoa will send smaller contingents.

Only New Caledonia will compete in all 20 sections of the programme. The next best represented territories are French Polynesia (18 sections), Papua-New Guinea (17), Fiji (15) and New Hebrides (13). All the rest are taking part in less than 10 sections, with Tonga at the bottom of the list with only three—men's and women's athletics, and men's tennis.

The "Big Four"—New Caledonia, French Polynesia, Papua-New Guinea and Fiji—will almost certainly carry off the lion's share of the medals.

New Caledonia with twice as many competitors as anyone else, plus the advantage of the home ground, its national pride to maintain, and some intensive coaching from French experts, will probably show the same superiority that Fiji did on its home ground last time.

However, quite a few medals could trickle away to such territories as the Cook Islands, Guam, Wallis and Futuna, and Nauru, which, because of poor communications, will come to the Games almost unknown quantities. Tonga's team will almost certainly do disproportionately well for its size.

Previews of the chances of the Fiji and Papua-New Guinea teams appear on pages 29 and 23 respectively. Below is a brief survey of the potential of the other territories:

American Samoa: This territory

was rather slow off the mark in preparing for the Games, but because of its long experience in playing men's basketball and volleyball, it will probably carry off a medal or two in these sports, as it did last time. Boxing is another sport in which American Samoans have long been experts.

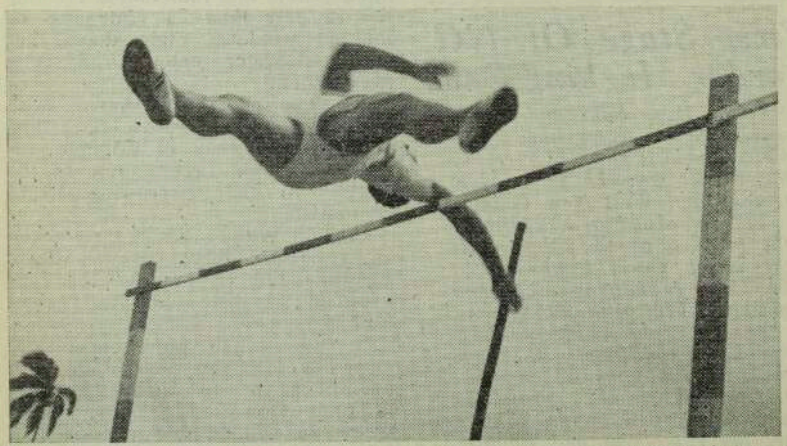
Cook Islands: As was the case in Suva, the boxing events will probably provide the Cook Islands with its best opportunities for winning medals. Long distance running is also a specialty of this territory.

French Polynesia: Performances by a number of French Polynesian athletes in the three years since the last Games suggest that this territory, fourth in the medals tally in Suva, could move up to third or even second place this time.

Some athletes have been training in France. Those who have stayed at home have had the benefit of expert French coaches and stiff competition from star athletes among the many troops in Tahiti for the nuclear testing project.

Helene Sarciaux, who won a gold medal in the 80 metres women's hurdles in Suva in 12.8 sec., recently registered 13.1 sec. for that event, which shows that she will again be the one to beat.

Helene, incidentally, married Mr.



Tonga has two entrants in the pole vault event in Noumea—brothers Samiuela Latu and 'Alipeti Latu, and between the two of them it has high hopes of a gold medal. Samiuela is seen here clearing the bar at 12 ft at a Tonga colleges' athletic meeting in Nukualofa in April, 1964. The Suva Games record was established by his brother at 11 ft 6 in.—Photo: Tulua Bros.

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New Caledonia had no women swimmers at the Suva Games, but it has this time. One in particular, Simone Hanner, is almost certain to be among the medal winners, as she has improved on the Suva times in three events—100 metres, 200 metres and 400 metres.

Photo: Fred Dunn.

Pierre Tamarii, an employee of the Imprimerie Officielle (Government Printing Office) in late October.

In swimming, French Polynesia did not win a single medal last time. But this is unlikely to be the case in Noumea. One swimmer, Freedland, for example, recently registered 1 min. .07 sec. for the 110 yards men's freestyle, which was 1.13 sec. better than the best Suva time.

The women's discus thrower, Claude Maitere, heaved the discus well enough recently for a silver medal in Suva.

Besides athletics, French Polynesia will be well to the fore in all team sports, with the probable exception of tennis.

A gold medal is forecast for the women's volleyball team; and the men's team, which easily defeated a nuclear testing project team recently, will probably be among the finalists also.

Basketball, soccer, and cycling are all specialties of this territory. In soccer, the Games team has had some valuable practice recently against the Sydney team, Apia, which beat it once and was defeated by it once.

Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony: Table tennis appears to provide the colony team with its best chance of winning a medal, but one or two athletes will also put up a strong showing.

The table tennis team, which won a bronze medal in Suva, is considered to be much stronger than it was three years ago, even though its members have had little competitive experience.

Kiali Neinei could win a minor placing in the men's 800 metres, and Falailiva Tafaki could do likewise in the jumping events.

Guam: As this territory did not compete at the Suva Games, and as it is remote from the others, little is known of its capabilities. However, being an American territory, it is bound to do well in both men's basketball and men's volleyball. The only other events it has entered for are men's and women's athletics.

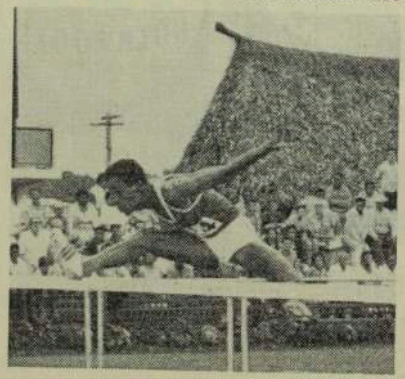
Nauru: Performances in recent weeks by R. Morgan-Morris, A. Bowditch and Mrs. Lois Lax suggest that the Nauruan team will not return empty-handed, medalwise, as it did after the First Games in Suva.

Morgan-Morris has clipped 11.2 sec. off the Games record for the 1,500 metres, 1 min. 47.6 sec. off the 5,000 metres, and 2 min. 45.8 sec. off the 10,000 metres. Bowditch has also improved on the times for these distances, but not so markedly. Mrs. Lax has thrown the discus nearly 23 ft further than the gold medallist did in Suva; and her best distance for the shot put would easily have won her a silver medal in Suva.

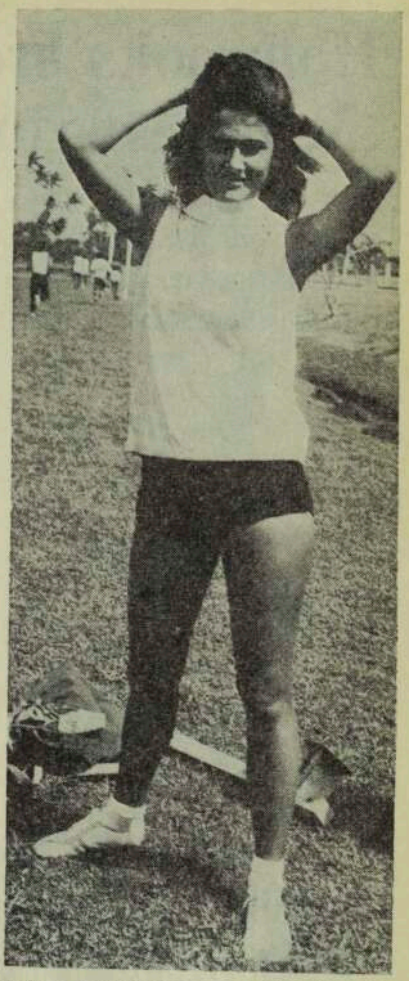
Mrs. Lax represented Australia for the discus at the 1956 Olympic Games and the 1958 Empire Games in Cardiff. Morgan-Morris won the Victorian and Australian steeplechase titles in 1960, and Bowditch was runner up in the 1958 junior mile championships in Australia.

Nauru will send 23 competitors (17 Nauruans and eight Europeans) to the Games. They will take part in basketball and tennis in addition to athletics.

New Caledonia: Trials held in Noumea early in November indicate clearly that the New Caledonians are poised for a big "kill" at the Games.



French Polynesia's Charles Tetaria easily won a gold medal in the 110 metres hurdles in Suva. He has been breaking records in France since then.



Helene Sarciaux was only 16 when she won a gold medal for French Polynesia in the 80 metres women's hurdles in 1963. She is now Mrs. Pierre Tamarii, and is still running strongly.

The athletes broke more than a dozen of the records set in Suva in 1963, and with another month before them to get into top gear, it seemed certain that they would improve even further.

Noumea businessman, Mr. Numa Daly, a leading figure in the New Caledonian sporting world, said in November that the New Caledonian team was *gonfle a bloc* (pumped full of confidence).

New Caledonia and French Polynesia, he thought, would fight out the soccer final, with the team from Tahiti having a slight edge. The same two teams would probably do battle for the cycling gold medal—the only other teams being the New Hebrides and Wallis and Futuna (A French champion, Girardin, has

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An outstanding member of Tonga's small team is Miss Losaline Vaka'uta, who has broken the Suva records for both the discus and shot put since she took up those sports in the last couple of years.

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been coaching the French Polynesian team).

Mr. Daly thought that New Caledonia would field a strong team in the women's swimming events.

He was less optimistic in discussing men's swimming, as he thought Fiji (which won the gold medal in all events last time) would again be the dominating team.

Mr. Daly had no great hopes for New Caledonia's boxers, either, as boxing has been a neglected sport in NC in recent years. He expected Fiji and the Cook Islands to do best in this department.

In tennis, Mr. Daly thought New Caledonia's prospects were bright, with Wanaro N'Godrella, for whom a brilliant future has been predicted, being the star. Wanaro has been training in Melbourne.

Below are details of recent Noumea athletics trials, with the Suva record in each case in brackets:

MEN'S ATHLETICS

100 Metres: J. Pothin, 10.8 sec. (10.6 sec.).
200 Metres: I. Yekawene, 23 sec. (22.3 sec.).
400 Metres: I. Iwa, 50.7 sec. (49.7 sec.).
800 Metres: I. Elia Humuni, 1 min. 57.9 sec. (2 min. 2.4 sec.).
1,500 Metres: I. Guepy, 4 min. 15.2 sec. (4 min. 23.4 sec.).
5,000 Metres: I. Freminet, 16 min. 30.8 sec. (17 min. 16.6 sec.).
10,000 Metres: I. Freminet, 35 min. 51.7 sec. (36 min. 39.8 sec.).
110 Metres Hurdles: I. Blameble, 15.9 sec. (15.6 sec).
400 Metres Hurdles: I. Blameble, 54.9 sec. (59.5 sec.).
4 x 100 Metres Relay: Iwa, Paouta, Wejieme, Saiko, 44.2 sec. (42.8 sec.).
High Jump: I. Passa, 6 ft 4 in. (6 ft 3 in.).
Long Jump: I. Pothin, 22 ft 2½ in. (22 ft 11 in.).
Hop, Step, Jump: I. Paouta, 43 ft 4¾ in. (46 ft 8¾ in.).
Pole Vault: I. Bonnet, 13 ft 1½ in. (11 ft 6 in.).
Shot Put: I. Bone, 47 ft 9 in. (47 ft 6½ in.).
Discus: I. Bone, 152 ft 7½ in. (161 ft 11 in.).
Javelin: J. Toruafe, 219 ft 7½ in. (203 ft 8 in.).
Hammer: I. Bone, 132 ft 2 in. (no contest).

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

100 Metres: M. Lacombe, 13 sec. (12.2 sec.).
200 Metres: M. Lacombe, 26.5 sec. (26.3 sec.).
400 Metres: G. Bigourd, 1 min. 1.9 sec. (no contest).
800 Metres: G. Bigourd, 2 min. 25.1 sec. (2 min. 28 sec.).
80 Metres Hurdles: Y. Ukeiwe, 12.5 (12.8 sec.).
High Jump: L. Meindu, 4 ft 11 in. (4 ft 10 in.).

Long Jump: A. Kopoui, 16 ft 2½ in. (18 ft ¾ in).
Discus: A. Koitche, 122 ft 6 in. (117 ft 1½ in.).
Javelin: S. Milot, 123 ft 6 in. (120 ft ½ in.).
Shot Put: M-C Wetta, 39 ft 8¾ in. (37 ft 7 in.).
4 x 100 Metres Relay: Benjamin, Kopoui, Dewiari, Lacombe 51.1 sec. (50 sec.).

New Hebrides: There has been a considerable upsurge in sport in the Condominium since the last Games, and this territory will almost certainly do better in Noumea than it did in Suva when it won only a silver medal for the pole vault.

Indications are that the New Hebrideans will not win any major placings in athletics, but they could pick up one or two silver or bronze medals.

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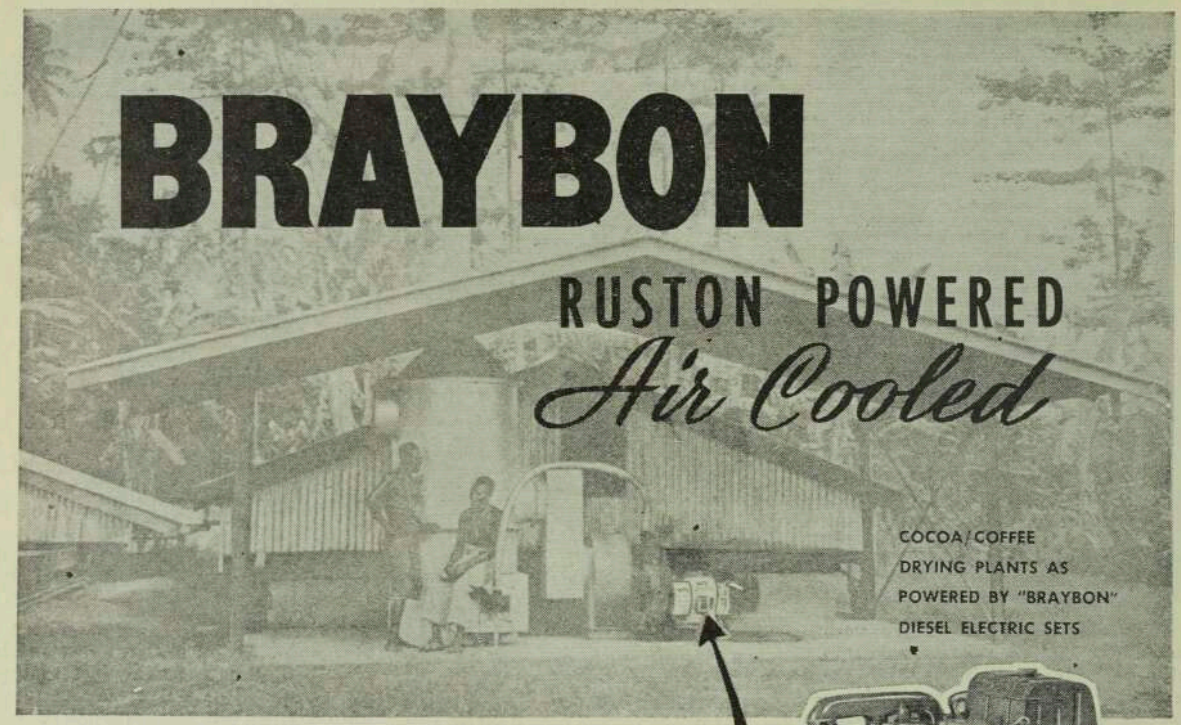

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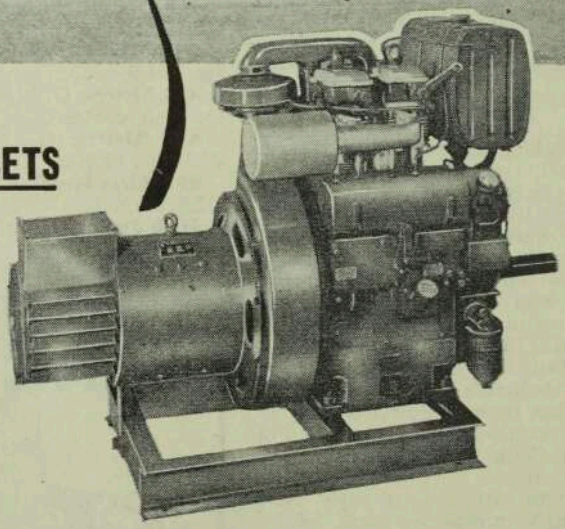

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Youth Is Feature Of P-NG's Noumea Athletics Team

From a Port Moresby Correspondent

Papua-New Guinea will send a team of 40 track and field athletes to the Noumea Games. This compares with 16 at Suva in 1963.

OF the 40, men number 24 and women 16. Outstanding feature of the team is the youthfulness of the athletes, especially the women. Only four of the girls are over 18, seven are just 16 or under 16. The average age is 16½.

Baby of the team is 14-year-old Bernadette Mamal, a Tolai girl who will challenge New Caledonia's star Bigourd in the 800 metres.

Youth is a feature of the men's team also. Two of the 400 metres runners with times under 50 secs. are juniors—Eliab Wuat is 18, and Ezekiel Kikila, 17. Both are Tolais.

With senior 400 metre star Damien Midi (he was not at Suva) hitting top form, P-NG should be among the medals in the 400 metre event and virtually unbeatable in the 4 x 400 metres relay, where the team is confident of setting new South Pacific Games figures.

Bill Wellbourne should romp home in the 400 metre hurdles and the 800 metres flat event. Wellbourne is a fine performer, and his times of 55 secs. for the hurdles and 1 min. 56 secs. for the 800 metres are well ahead of any other figures this year in the South Pacific.

Old Hands

P-NG has two high jumpers hitting over 6 ft—both Papuans. One, Piewa, is a high school student. He has cleared 6 ft 3 in., while the other jumper, Beni, has a best height of 6 ft 1½ in. Both are expected to do better as a result of intensive coaching now being undertaken at Rabaul.

The men's team will have an even sprint combine.

The finish of the 100 metres event at the P-NG championships in October was a "blanket" affair with the first three place-getters clocking 10.8 secs. This augurs well for the relay (P-NG won at Suva against the strongly favoured Fijian and New Caledonian teams) where all-round ability is the key to success.

Two of the sprinters are "old hands", Bruce Richter and Meli Muga. The newcomers are Aphmeledy Kaumata and Silas Tita. Richter is an Australian who was born in Papua, the other three are Tolais.

Papuan Oe Ivaharia will again represent in the javelin. His current figures are well below those of Liga, from Fiji, but this was the case at Suva. Liga failed on the day of competition and Ivaharia won the event and gold medal.

Woman javelin thrower Sophie Bilur must be given a good chance. She is a most consistent performer and her best figures are equal to the winning throw at Suva. Again, much could depend on the day. Bilur's steadiness rather than brilliance may prove a distinct advantage.

Australian schoolteacher David Keating, who ran second to Mike Joyce in 1,500 metre events when the latter was in P-NG, has the fastest time for this event in the South Pacific this year. His figure is only two seconds outside Joyce's P-NG record, and it would not surprise if at Noumea he runs very close to 4 mins. Two other middle-distance men, Sinavih and Rimbut, could finish not far behind Keating.

Men hurdlers will be Dori—a Papuan, and Kalas—a Tolai. Both are improving and should give a good account of themselves. Paula Paraide, who will represent in the women's 80 metres hurdles, is a 15-year-old schoolgirl.

P-NG will have a determined 400 metre runner in New Ireland girl, Navo Anisa. She will also compete in the high jump and probably be a member of the women's relay team.

The latter could give a surprise, again through all-round ability and even performance.

Leading woman sprinter Neomi Taraingal is likely to turn in better times at Noumea than she has in P-NG, where she has been untroubled to win. She should be a finalist in both sprints and will certainly run a fine relay leg.

There will be three starters in the green and white uniform in the 5,000 and 10,000 metre events, a Papuan, Livingstone Tabua, and Tolais John Varula and Darius Ngain. Although times recorded by these athletes are slower than those reported from other countries manager-coach Don Barrett is confident that his "team" will run

NEW RECORD SWIM TIME

Competitors at the Noumea Games will not merely have trouble breaking records—they will find it a hard job keeping abreast of the latest records they have to beat! Almost every month standards go higher and records become correspondingly harder to obtain.

One of the latest records to be broken was in Sydney on November 19, when 17-year-old Kathy Wainwright set a new world time of 9m. 50.3s for the 880 yards freestyle. She passed the 440 yards mark in 4m. 46.5s.

Her effort was 5.9s faster than the previous world record set by Miss Patty Caretto, of the US, at Cardiff in 1965.

One of Papua-New Guinea's crack basketball players is Tovai Mariba, of Rabaul, here seen training for the Noumea Games.

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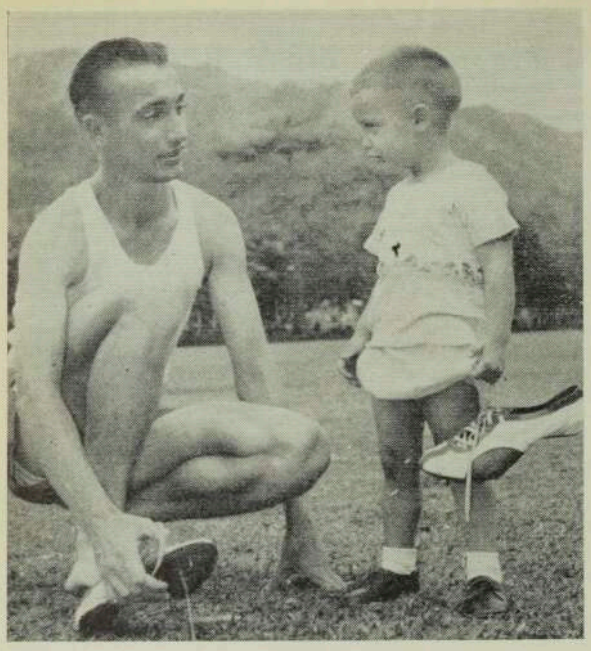

In his father's footsteps? The young son of New Guinea athlete Bill Wellbourne helps Dad with his running shoes during pre-Games training. Wellbourne is a favourite for the 400 metre hurdles.

Photo: Chin H. Meen.

well at the Games. All have been working to a tough training schedule.

Woman long jumper Delilah Exon, from Raluana near Rabaul, should be a finalist in her event. Her best distance is just over 17 ft, but she is improving, and like javelin thrower Bilur she has the virtue of consistent performance.

Shot and discus throwers, both men and women, will be better performers than those who went to Suva. Australian schoolteacher Bob Davis will be the shot putter and New Ireland policeman Miskiram Masum will throw the discus.

Discus Prospect

Masum, just 19 years old, powerfully built and a fast mover, is regarded as the best discus prospect yet found in P-NG. Woman discus thrower Perpetua Warvagai (a Tolai) was 12 feet ahead of her rivals at the P-NG championships. Now undergoing special coaching she will certainly be a finalist at Noumea. She has a good competition temperament. Women shot putters are Lavah Tingdai, a Tolai schoolgirl (aged 17) and the team's only Highlander, Kengen Minao, a trainee nurse who comes from Wapenamanda, in the Western Highlands. Although at present they are behind Fijian distances, both are responding well to specialised coaching. Like Warvagai they both have good competition temperament.

Late news from Rabaul is that 38 of the 40 athletes will be concentrated at that centre for two weeks' final preparation under Australian coach John Cheffers, who will be assisted by local coaches Father Hueging, Stuart Broad and Wes Rooney.

The P-NG Amateur Athletic Union is making every effort to ensure that its team is well trained and well equipped. Manager - coach Don Barrett has the advantage of his experience in a similar capacity at Suva Games in 1963, and the assistant manager, Margaret Evers, a capable administrator, is a fluent French speaker. Mr. Barrett has visited Port Moresby, Lae and Kavieng to check on athletes' preparation and regular newsletters go to all team members.

The Rev. Marty Heist, of Lae, who has been coaching the men's basketball team, believes that it is a better team than that which won a bronze medal in Suva.

The Rev. Marty has been concentrating on team play rather than individual brilliance, but it seems unlikely that the team will be able to match the non-stop play of the French Polynesians, gold medallists in Suva.

Of the six boxers who will make the trip, four were P-NG representatives at Suva. Matthew Julius, bantamweight, and winner of a gold medal at Suva is still a hard punching boxer and was in good condition at the P-NG Championships in Rabaul recently.

Terry Hopkins, lightweight, and his light-middleweight brother Ken Hopkins, both of whom were at Suva are looking much fitter and more aggressive than three years ago. Both won their title bouts with KOs.

The other boxer, an "old hand", is Arthur Tomaira. This fighter has improved his defences since he was knocked out in the Suva bouts and seems now to have the ability to come back.

Newcomer Barry Ainsley is a fast clean fighter with a quick hard right. He sustained a good deal of punishment in his title fight to come back in the third round and win with a KO.

● **For a report on Fiji, see p. 29.**

Three young New Guinea swimmers who expect to make a splash in Noumea are Molly Aluquin (left) 15, and sister Pia Mae, 17, and Tiko Mae, 14, seen here in Port Moresby talking to the sisters' father, Sgt. Mae Verave. Sgt. Mae is a company sergeant-major with the 1st Bn, Pacific Islands Regiment. Pia won two silver medals and a bronze at Suva. Her sister has been putting up excellent times.

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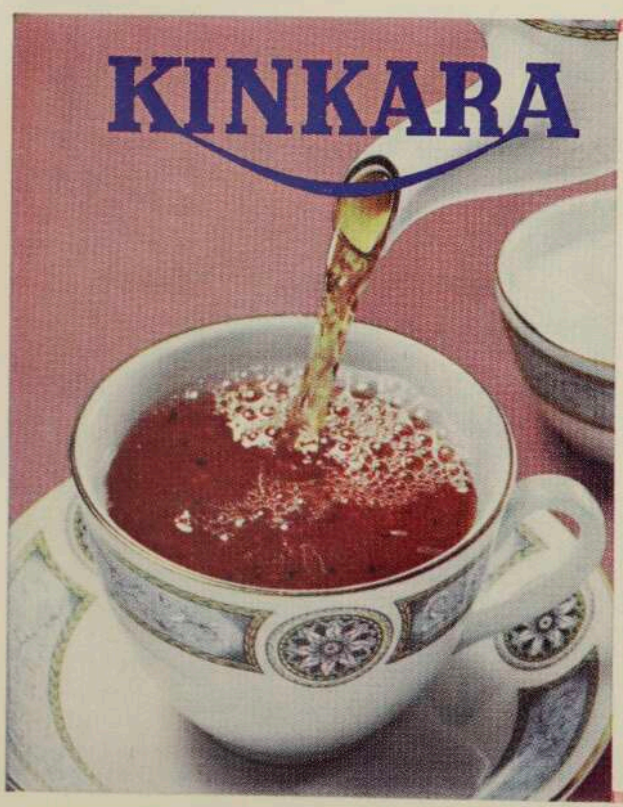

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Fiji, As Main Challenger, Is Cracking Hardy

From Alan Spark, in Suva

By capturing 34 of the 59 first placings at the First South Pacific Games in Suva in 1963, Fiji showed an overwhelming superiority in South Pacific sport. Observers then predicted that such a walkover was not likely to be repeated, but that Fiji must be considered in future the main challenger. The Noumea Games will tell. On the following pages is an up-to-the-minute review of how the "main challenger's" sportsmen and women think they will fare in Noumea.

I predict that almost every sports record written into the books at the First South Pacific Games in Suva, 1963, will have to be rewritten during the 10 days of competition in Noumea—and that Fiji will play a considerable part in all this record-breaking.

NEVERTHELESS, standards throughout the South Pacific have taken a leap forward, literally, as a result of the First Games, and nobody is under any illusions that Fiji will able to dominate the Games in the way that it did in 1963.

One cannot discount the advantage of the home team, and undoubtedly some Pacific athletes will find that the changed conditions in New Caledonia—cinder running track and the beautiful big new swimming pool—are not to their liking.

Fiji will not be defending its gold medal at Rugby nor will the colony's soccer people be attempting to improve of their silver medal. These two bodies decided long ago that the change in the date of the Games from September to December made it impracticable to keep teams together and match-fit so long after the close of their seasons.

Athletics Chances

But the athletics team has a solid background of experience. No less than 11 of the 35 selected athletes competed in the Suva Games. Six of the 11 were gold medal winners and some of them will come home from Noumea with the modernistic square medals prepared for the Games there.

Fiji has a strong team of sprinters, headed by Roy Thomas, who has a best time for the 100 metres of 10.6 sec., and Kalivati Cavuilate, a 21.8 sec. 200 metres man.

Sitiveni Moceidreki, a veteran by sprinting standards, and Rupeni Rovonu, are no slugs either, and the four of them should make up a relay team capable of a very respectable time.

In the 400 and 800 metres, Fiji's hopes will rest with Osea Malamala, the first man in the colony to time under 50 sec. for the 400 metres and under 2 min. for 800 metres.

Fiji has a fairly young team for the middle distances, with Viliame

Saulekaleka being the only survivor of those who ran in the longer distances at Suva. Local officials are not over-optimistic of striking gold in these events.

The 3,000 metres steeplechase is another matter. Here we have two runners who are well inside the record for the event and getting down near an even 10 minutes.

Epeli Lagiloaloa is the established chamption and record-holder, with a time of 10 min. 5.8 sec., but in the final trials he was beaten by newcomer Paula Sotutu, who had a time only 0.6 sec. outside the record.

Hurdles

Lautoka policeman Meli Vakarewakobau could have a chance of a medal in the 110 metres hurdles, while Malamala will be defending his 400 metres hurdles title. Malamala is still in good form for the event. When, during the Fiji trials, he had his first run over hurdles since the 1963 Games he ran over a second faster than his winning time on that occasion.

High jumper Koresi, who gets himself into all sorts of awkward positions in going over the bar, displays considerable promise in this event. Given a decent take-off point and special shoes he is expected to go well over 6 ft.

In the javelin my money is on Viliame Liga, but I doubt if I can find anybody to take the bet.

At the trials Liga had a best throw of 229 ft and even this was seven feet short of his best—and this time there will be no question of him competing in two events at the same time and ending up getting beaten in his specialty.

Liga is in four events—the javelin, high jump, discus and shot put—but Fiji's most athletic Methodist minister will not compete in one of them because it is to be held on a Sunday.

Mesulame Rakuro may not be able to carry off the shot and discus titles again, but he'll certainly get a medal or two.

Women's Events

Let's have a look at the ladies. Fiji's athletics selectors are confident that they have picked a group of 10 girls who are capable of doing proportionately better than the men.

At the time of writing Ana Ramacake was only just coming back into competition, but she expected to be fully fit for the Games and was determined that the sprint and long jump titles should be hers.

The sprint titles are almost certain to come to Fiji anyway, for at this distance it appears that Ana's strongest rival will be mother-of-five Torika Varo, who over the last few months has staged an amazing comeback.

Torika started off the season quietly enough, but she suddenly forced her way into headlines by

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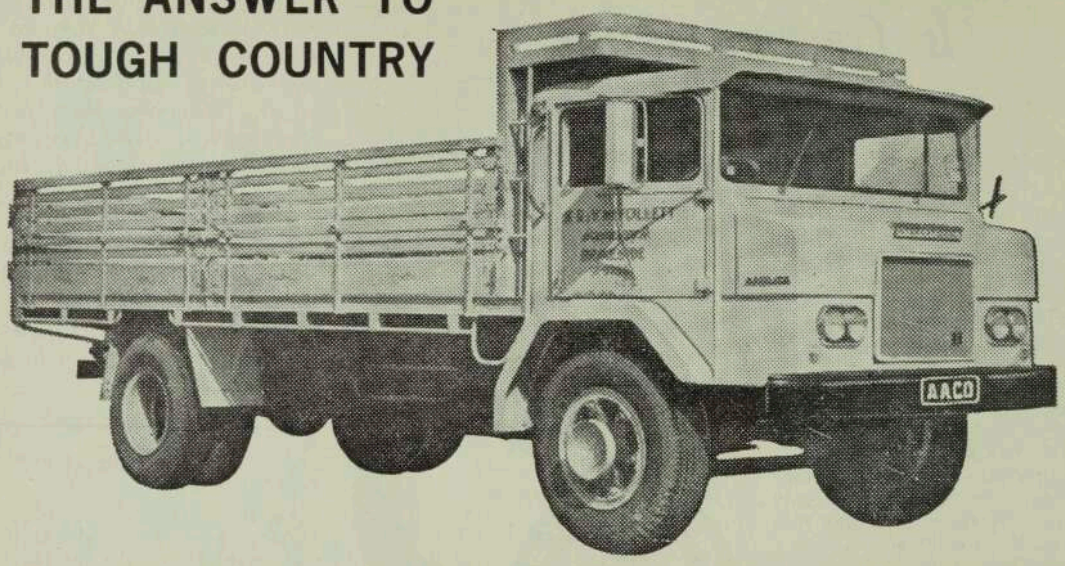

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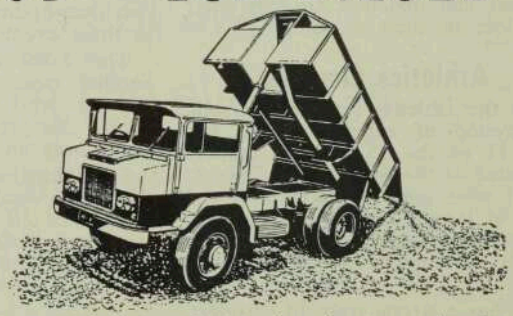

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Quality In Women's Relay Team

setting a new record for 400 metres, a distance which was new to her. Since then she's won practically everything she's entered in. Best times of 12.3 sec. for the 100 metres and 25.0 sec. for the 200 metres put her a tenth of a second away from Ana's records.

This completely-changed athlete first represented Fiji 12 years ago, and though she has been competing on and off ever since, she had to be content with minor placing for a long time. The youngest of her five children is less than a year old.

With Ulamila Toroki and Iona Mitchell being third and fourth in the sprint squad, Fiji has a women's relay team of gold-medal winning calibre.

No Idle Threat

There will be no idle threat about Fiji's entry in the 400 metres either. Iona is the Fiji record-holder at 60.0 sec. and she has as a team-mate the remarkable 15-year-old schoolgirl from Ba, Sulueti Wati.

Sulueti is another to have developed remarkably over the last year. She has acquired a strong physical build and should present a threat in both the 400 and 800 metres.

Shirley Heffernan turned out for the trials, equalled the Games record for the 80 metres hurdles and a week later took a tenth of a second off that. She does it all so effortlessly that one gets the impression that she is capable of returning a time of about 12.5 sec. for the distance.

Eleanor Phillips broke the Fiji record for the shot put at the trials with a distance of 39 ft 7½ in.; a week later Akisi Naimotu was only an inch off it; and in training Merewai Turukawa, the Games champion, had a put of 39 ft 10 in. A repeat of these three performances would, I think, be good enough for the first three places in the event.

Turukawa, Salote and Naimotu make up a formidable trio for the discus and javelin.

Swimming

When 14 national records were broken at the final swimming selection trials at Suva, it was felt that Fiji's medal-winning prospects had risen appreciably.

The majority of the team had been in training since March and this, together with the experience gained during the trip to Noumea in January, prompted the selectors to predict that at least half of the gold medals for swimming would return to Fiji.

Their predictions were based on reports of times being swum in other territories, and it was felt that all members of the team had an excellent chance of gaining a medal.

The standard of swimming in Fiji has improved tremendously since the first Games, due largely to improved methods of training, the visit by a Noumea team to Fiji in August last year and the return visit by a Fiji team in January.

Strongest opposition at the Games is expected to come from the New Caledonian swimmers, who have had an advantage with the use of a world class Olympic pool and the availability of France's leading coach.

Though Fiji's standards have risen, the colony will be represented by a younger team than at the Suva Games.

The youngest member, Olive Pickering, is only 11; David Lane and Kay Le Comte are 13. The team average is under 17 years. It is expected that Olive will be the youngest competitor at the Games.

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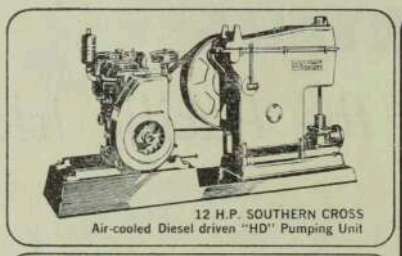

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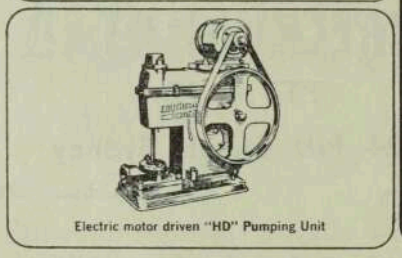

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to 19, and most of the swimmers will have a strenuous period of competition with heats and finals being held within four days.

Fiji will be represented by 17 swimmers, the same number as in the First Games. Four of these swimmers were in the 1963 team and 12 visited Noumea in January.

Boxing Improves

After a period when it looked as if Fiji's boxing was going rapidly downhill, the sport bounced back with a new vigour this year, and the seven selected boxers will form a team which is at least as strong as the team for the first Games.

A squad was selected after the Fiji championships in October and the boxers were given specialised training for two weeks before final trials were held.

Out of this came a team of fit, hard boxers who should be able to hold their own against amateur boxers anywhere.

Coach Hector Hatch expected to have his charges right up to peak condition just before they left for Noumea.

Probably the most frustrated boxer of the lot is policeman Varamu Dikidikilate, who has gone for some time without opponents because nobody can be found who is willing to go into the ring with him.

Even at the Suva Games Varamu had no overseas opposition in the heavyweight class. He fought another Fijian and was presented with a silver cup instead of a medal.

The town of Labasa has cause for pride in that two boxers from this Vanua Levu centre who started boxing only this year gained selection.

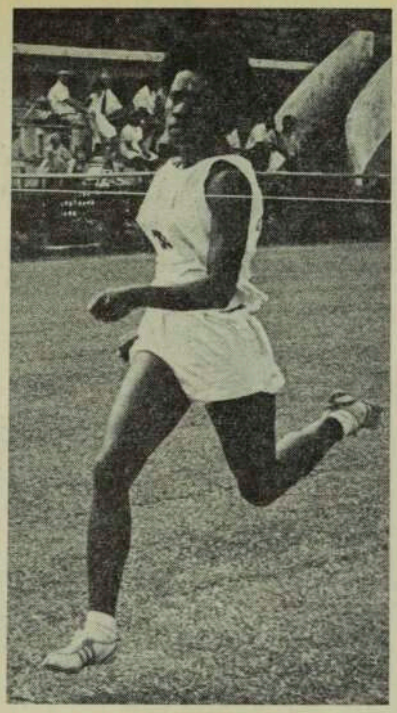
Both Subhas Chand (flyweight) and Jioji Ramasima (light-heavyweight) won Fiji championships and Games selection after only eight fights.

Weight-Lifting

Though the weight-lifters are absolutely in the dark about standards in other territories, they feel that they should bring back a number of medals, and they have reason for this.

Comparing their standards with the New Zealand championships last year, they point to the fact that every one of their seven lifters would have been able to gain a place against the New Zealanders.

Weightlifting Association president Kam Gajadhar feels that in light-heavyweight Filimoni Ramanu they have a real "find". He would be well up to Commonwealth class if given the opportunity of further training and specialised coaching. He has totalled 815 lb, which is better than New Zealand's third heavyweight.



Fiji's Ana Ramacake will be all out to win two medals at the Games—for the long jump and sprint.

Bantamweight J. K. Nair is another the association has great hopes for. He has lifted a total of 510 lb, whereas the New Zealand champion in the class last year got up to 495 lb.

Mr. Gajadhar describes the lightweight A. K. Nair as "a real artist" in the way of technique. He had the benefit of some training in New Zealand when he was down there on leave.

Like so many other sportsmen in Fiji the weight-lifters have welcomed the opportunity of competition. Many of them have yet to learn that the sport relies as much on technique as on brute strength.

At the time of the Suva Games indoor basketball was a sport played only at Suva and by a handful of players.

It's quite a different story now. During the season hundreds play every week. At both Suva and Lautoka games are played on two crowded nights a week, and courts are to be found as far afield as Taveuni and Vatukoula.

Comparisons are difficult, but with all the extra competition available within Fiji it would probably be fair to say that Fiji will be able to field a team capable of doing far better than its sixth placing of 1963.

A women's team will be fielded for the first time, and one can only guess at their prospects, but it is a fit and a fast team.

The lawn tennis people may face a struggle to retain their gold medal, as a visit by a New Caledonian team earlier this year indicated that the host territory has the material to form a very strong team.

Fiji got through to the final in 1963 after three very close games and then scored a 5-3 win over New Caledonia to win the gold medal.

Table Tennis Upset

While selections in other sports were made quietly and attracted little adverse comment, we got a touch of politics when the table tennis team was announced. A full-scale row developed, and a number of leading players were not slow to get their names into print in their efforts to tell the world what they thought about it.

The selectors were not particularly perturbed. They pointed out that similar complaints were made in 1963 by some of the same players. There were no changes then, and Fiji won the gold medal.

No changes were made this time either, and it is felt that Fiji has a good chance of retaining that gold medal.

The one aim of the women's outdoor basketball team is also "to retain that gold medal", Adi Samanunu Cakobau, the manager of the team, feels that it is just as strong as the 1963 winning team.

The coach, New Zealand Maori girl Rata Hakaraia, has the girls playing a more open type of game than they did previously, and, perhaps more importantly, she has taught them that basketball is a game for brains as well as brawn.

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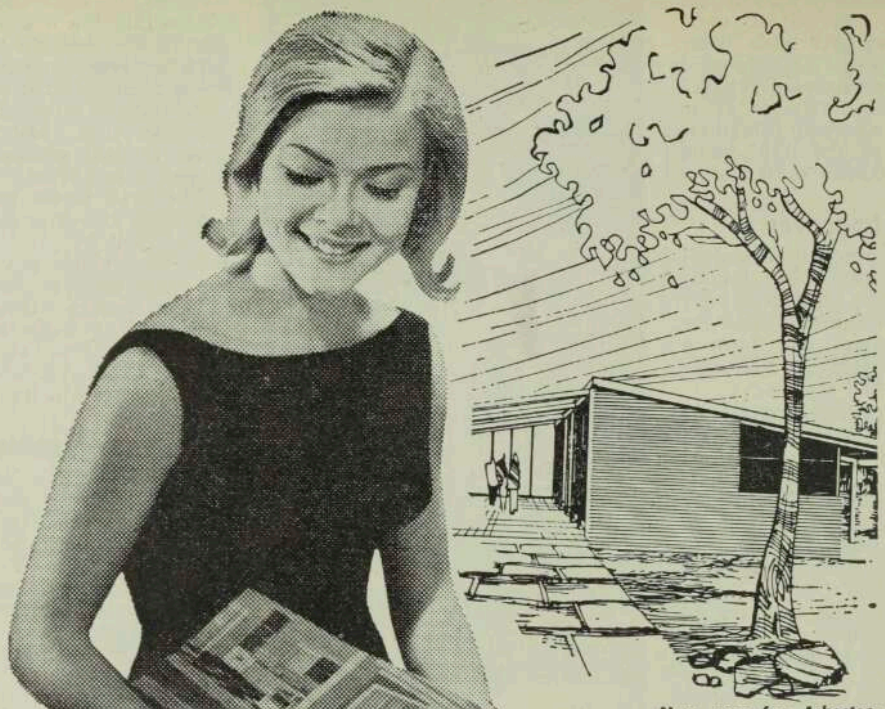

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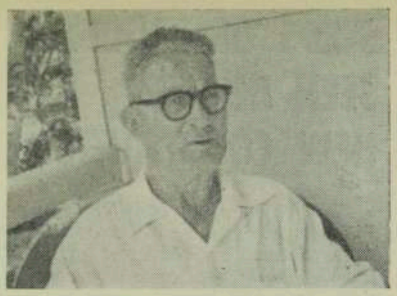

"Jock" McLean

Death Of "Jock" MacLean

By a Staff Writer

The death of former New Guinea planter Mr. John ("Jock") MacLean in Brisbane at the age of 82 recalls the "spy scare" he touched off in Port Moresby in World War I, and his epic escape from the Japanese in World War II.

MACLEAN, who first went to Papua in 1908, started the scare in 1914 when he walked, travel-stained and bearded, out of the jungle of the Owen Stanley ranges into a Port Moresby which was jittery with apprehension of spies from adjoining German New Guinea.

He told a suspicious shop-girl that he was not naturalised and left her convinced that this broad Scots accent was German.

His parting genial threat to blow up the ships in the harbour (which happened to be waiting to invade German New Guinea) touched off a full-scale spy hunt which didn't end until he was found playing poker.

Officials, even more convinced of his sinister intentions because he had shaved off his beard, took some time to satisfy themselves that he was an Australian citizen with a Scots accent.

It was less easy to make them believe he had walked across the Owen Stanleys after an Australian gold-dredging company on the Yodda had collapsed following the outbreak of war.

MacLean had begun working in the Yodda after abandoning the first coconut plantation to be established on Cape York. He had also been a drover and a pearl diver in Queensland.

Twenty eight years after his Port Moresby episode (later in World War I he served in Gallipoli and France with the AIF) MacLean sailed into Buna with 16 other refugees aboard a launch which had run the gauntlet from New Ireland.

MacLean had, between the wars, settled in the Bainings as a planter, and he remained there until the Japanese overran Rabaul.

MacLean stayed on his properties, and for a time ran an improvised hospital, until it became clear he would either have to surrender to the Japs or escape.

His own launch had already gone with a party of soldiers attempting to escape by sea, so he helped another party to get a boat into use and went with them into St. George's Channel. They lost the launch near Cape St. George and took to the New Ireland jungle.

There they found their real trouble was from disloyal natives, and the party had many narrow escapes before finally they obtained a 30 ft, junk-like launch.

Setting off from Muliama, on the east coast of New Ireland, sometimes they motored, sometimes they sailed but more often they just drifted. It was mid-April when they set off and mid-May when they reached Buna, on the Papua coast.

MacLean was then more than 60, but he joined the AIF and was one of the first planters back in New Guinea after the war.

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SEEDS OF TROUBLE SEEN IN FIJI'S NEW CONSTITUTION

The "elements of conflict" between Fijians, Indians and Europeans in the settlement arrived at at last year's London conference on a new constitution for Fiji could contribute to serious difficulties in that colony, according to Professor J. W. Davidson, of Canberra.

PROF. Davidson, who is Professor of Pacific History at the Australian National University, says this in an article on "Constitutional Changes in Fiji" in the recently published first issue of the *Journal of Pacific History*.

He describes official attitudes towards Fiji as unimaginative, out of date and benignly paternalistic, and says that the London constitutional conference was a failure as far as fundamental political problems are concerned.

Living In The Past

Professor Davidson says: "Fiji lives in the past, constitutionally, both because of the complexities of its social structure and of the operation of factors of a more directly political and administrative kind.

"In Britain, ministers and permanent officials of the Colonial Office have been preoccupied with the problems of more importunate colonial peoples; and, although they have regarded it as necessary that Fiji should eventually become self-govering, they have shown only an intermittent and unimaginative concern with the process by which this change should be brought about.

"In the colony itself, senior officers of government have largely retained an attitude of benign, but out-dated, paternalism. To these men, there has seemed little need for change.

"When London has required them to discuss constitutional development with representatives of the local people, they have done so without any deep sense of commitment to self-government, and, partly as a consequence, without much political sensitivity or skill.

"The leaders of the Fijian and European communities have been wary of change lest, in particular, it should enhance the political influence of the Indians.

"The old technique of 'divide and rule' has thus been maintained, not primarily for the reasons that anti-colonialists are wont to assume . . ."

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Professor Davidson says that the constitutional conference last year was only a success "in terms of short-term political management, not in relation to the resolution of fundamental political problems". But even within these limits, its achievements were small.

"There is reason for believing," he says, "that the Fijians could have been persuaded to abandon their demand for greater representation in the legislature than that of the Indians and to accept a simple common-roll procedure for the election of the nine members to be returned by voters of all communities.

"The initiative in proposing such concessions would have had to come, however, from the British Government.

"The Indians, for their part, seem to have assumed too readily that Labour Ministers would support proposals based on normal democratic practice. Instead, the Secretary of State and his Parliamentary Under-Secretary had been largely content to accept the timorous and conservative thinking of their own permanent officials.

No Easy Solution

"The recent history of countries such as Malaysia, Cyprus and British Guiana shows that there is no easy solution to the problem of constitution-making in a plural society; but in Fiji the task of seriously seeking a solution is one that still has to be faced.

"The colony's long-term political prospects will largely depend upon the course of events during the next few years. A ministerial system under which Ministers are collectively responsible for executive decisions, but individually dependent upon the support of groups of members representing communal electorates, will not be an easy one to work.

"Men such as Ratu Mara and J. N. Falvey hope that the difficulties can be minimised by the formation of a party consisting, like the Malaysia Alliance, of a federation of separate, communally-defined associations. But, more basically, the political future will be determined by factors of a non-political kind.

"If Fiji should enjoy a period of prosperity, tensions may be relaxed. On the other hand, if per capita income and the level of employment should fall, the elements of conflict that are endemic in the constitutional settlement—and in the Indian clamour for land—may produce a crisis that it will be impossible to resolve by normal political means."

The Potlatch team pictured here outside Western Samoa's Parliament building in November are a shareholder, Mr. J. H. Leuthold; the vice-president and general manager, Mr. L. K. Floan; adviser and former UN regional representative in Apia, Mr. Harry Spence, Jr.; and legal adviser, former Apia magistrate, Mr. Guy Powles.

Potlatch Reaches "First Base" In Savaii Timber Plan

From R. F. Rankin in Apia

After a four-day informal session at the beginning of November, Western Samoa's parliament approved in principle a plan by the giant US firm of Potlatch Forests Inc. to develop a timber industry on the island of Savaii.

POTLATCH proposes to invest initially about $US4,500,000 in the industry, and ultimately $9,000,000. Its plan for Savaii has been under discussion and investigation for more than a year.

The first two days of the informal session were mainly taken up with explanations from Potlatch officials, especially from the vice-president and general manager, Mr. L. K. Floan.

Others who took part were Mr. Harry Spence Jr., an adviser to Potlatch and former UN regional representative in Apia; Mr. Guy Powles, legal adviser and former Apia magistrate; and Mr. J. H. Leuthold, a shareholder.

The members of parliament were mainly worried about problems relating to the use of customary land, and the difficulties of coconut beetle control.

But questions asked the Potlatch representatives were far-ranging and even touched on the deleterious effect an influx of US technical personnel might have on the sex mores of the community.

Members approved the Potlatch scheme in principle after Prime Minister Mataafa had made a moving speech.

Commenting on a meeting of leading chiefs on Savaii who had reportedly rejected the Potlatch scheme, Mataafa said he had been grievously hurt to learn that they should "reject off hand the efforts made by their servant".

He also said he had been grievously hurt by statements that perhaps he had shares in the company. He denied this and denied that Potlatch had any desire to take over Samoan land.

"You and you alone will control your lands," he said. "If you wish to participate in economic development of the country, it will be up to you to say so.

"It is quite true that our fore-

Still Five Short

Preliminary figures from a recent census show that Niue's population has risen by 6.5 per cent. since the 1961 census, and that there are now 5,199 people on the island, including 134 non-natives.

Despite the rise, there are still five fewer Niueans living on the island than in 1884, when the population was estimated at 5,070. It declined to a low of 3,747 Niueans in 1928. Many Niueans—an estimated 2,000 in 1963—have settled in New Zealand.

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fathers were perhaps misguided and sold our land for perhaps an overcoat or a broken bucket, but we are in the 20th century now.

"We are well advanced, or should be, and have our independence and the right to guard our own inheritance."

Mataafa said that society in Samoa was made up of certain strata. At one end of the scale were the rich, who did not care "to lift a finger to help the poor", and at the other end were the landed, but practically penniless.

He said that the Potlatch proposals gave a chance to the penniless to help themselves and get more of the good things of life and an education for their children.

It was the aim of the government to help in any possible way to get an income for the lower class.

Mataafa concluded by asking that members only approve the Potlatch plan in principle.

"There will come a time when all plans are drafted for the perusal and final approval of the House if that is your wish," he said.

Mataafa was applauded by members and the motion was passed with only one or two dissenting voices.

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"MISERABLE FUTURE" FOR WESTERN SAMOA, UNLESS . . .

From R. F. Rankin

Presenting his Budget for 1967 early in November, Western Samoa's Minister of Finance, Mr. G. F. D. Betham, foresaw a miserable future for the country unless a lot more development capital could be found and some new major industries established.

THE gap between population growth and national income was widening to such an extent that unless additional capital investment funds could be found quickly and at least another two major industries established, the country, he said, would be fighting a losing battle in its efforts to improve the standard of living.

He pointed out that since 1962 export income had fallen from £24 to £16 per head, and that the population was expected to double in the next 20 years.

Difficulties

An indication of the difficulties facing the country was Mr. Betham's admission that the original departmental estimates for next year's expenditure would have required more than three times the available reserves.

He said that only by cutting expenditure to essential items would he be able to maintain public services at present levels and also continue the development programme through 1967.

Expenditure for 1967 will amount to £2,737,510, made up of £2,516,510 for maintenance and capital expenditure, and £221,000 for development. Receipts of £2,705,355 will leave a deficit of £32,000, with £200,000 still in reserves.

Largely because of the hurricane, export earnings this year are expected to be down some half million pounds.

Total exports to the end of September were £1,081,691 giving an unfavourable trade balance of £861,880. Despite this, the foreign exchange position showed a favourable balance of £255,612, mainly as a result of personal remittances from New Zealand.

Mr. Betham noted a number of significant achievements during 1966.

Furthermore, a considerable improvement in exports of bananas, cocoa, copra and small crop produce was predicted for next year.

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TO THE POINT

WITH PERCY CHATTERTON

Half-a-century ago the welfare of Papuan babies was ensured by tying round their necks a small charm, consisting of a tiny chip of a particular kind of wood attached to a length of string. This charm was called *tone* by the Motu people living around Port Moresby, but the practice was not confined to them, being common among many other tribes.

No Wonder They Think We're Mad . . .

THESE little charms protected their small wearers from the malign influences of spirits—from ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggity beasties and things that go bump in the night.

In the 1920s, a tall, rugged mission nurse from Switzerland established an Infant Welfare Clinic on the L.M.S. Station at Hanuabada. The local indigenes, with their usual genius in inventing their own names for things, called this institution "Baby-weigh", and there is no doubt that the ritual of placing baby on the scales and having his or her weight recorded on a card was the "draw" which brought the mothers of Hanuabada in such large numbers to the clinic.

New Magic And Old

Many of the mothers probably thought that the mere act of being weighed did the babies good in some mysterious way; just as many years later, when I had to do some amateur doctoring myself, a patient whose temperature I had taken in the morning assured me when I saw him again in the afternoon that he had felt better ever since I had put "that glass thing" in his mounth.

However, most mothers played for safety by invoking both the new magic and old—as indeed many still do.

This is not to say, of course, that the mothers of pre-war Hanuabada did not benefit by the good advice on the care and feeding of their babies which was handed out to them, in Motu spoken with a strong German accent, by Sister Trudi Schinz. I'm sure that they did.

Since the war, the Department of Public Health has entered this field in a big way, and "Baby-weigh" has blossomed into "Infant, Child and Maternal Welfare". Nowadays mothers don't wait till baby is weighable; they start attending the clinics as soon as baby is on the way.

Much of the staffing of these clinics is indigenous, and Papuan and New Guinean girls trained for this work are doing a first-rate job.

But success can be as embarassing as failure is disappointing; and of late the accent has been moving from "Infant Welfare" to "Family Planning".

For many years the call has gone out to Papuan and New Guinean women: "Too many of your children are dying; come to our clinics and we will teach you how to keep them alive".

Now it looks as if the cry of the future is going to be: "Too many of your children are living; come to our clinics and we will teach you how not to have them".

No wonder they think we're mad.

YES, no wonder they think we're mad.

For nearly a century, dedicated missionaries have been saying to the people of Papua and New Guinea: "Put your trust in God the Father Almighty, not in the spirits of the ancestors".

For a decade or more, earnest young teachers have been saying to the territory's children: "Pin your faith to science, not to sorcery".

For years we have all been trying to wean muddled minds from the cul-de-sac of cargo cult.

But if the children, or those of their parents who can read English, pick up almost any Australian magazine, or even the Friday issue of our local newspaper, they will find, under some such title as "Your Stars", a column which seeks to convince them that their road to wealth, health and happiness is governed by the conjunctions of Venus, Mars and Jupiter, and the influence of the stars which twinkled down upon their birth.

Is it any wonder if they exclaim, "What do these white men really believe?"

WHICH brings me to magic. Lately there have come into the hands of Papuans and New Guineans certain mail-order advertisements which emanate from that land to which the people of this territory look not only for material benefits but also for enlightenment and sound teaching—Australia.

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But I suppose that short of actually dying it would be difficult to prove that you wouldn't have had even worse luck if you hadn't bought these items.

I am told that this odd trade is perfectly lawful, and that there is nothing we can do about it. If that is so, I think that we should turn the tables on the magic merchants by exporting our magic to the astrology-addicts of Australia. (over)

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With a three-to-one adverse trade balance, and a plentiful supply of local magic for both home and export markets, we should not be importing the magic of Egypt, India and China via the lucky shops of Australia.

We might start off with that simple little *tone* charm. These charms could be turned out for less than a cent each and sold for, let us say, a couple of dollars. Our advertisement would begin like this:

PROTECT YOUR BABY
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Of course, we may run into a bit of trouble with the Australian Customs owing to the fact that the *tone* is of vegetable origin. However, I hope that by the time they catch up with us we shall have made so much money that we shall be able to run a full-page advertisement in *The Sydney Morning Herald*, depicting a tightlipped Australian mother demanding her democratic right to protect her child with the ancient wisdom of the Last Unknown.

Magic Stones

At the worst, we can switch to magic stones.

We tend to think that Papuan and New Guinean people coming into town from the villages will shed their addiction to magic in the more sophisticated atmosphere of the town. Dr. Ron Crocombe, of the New Guinea Research Unit of the Australian National University, has recently suggested that the reverse may be the case, and that sense of insecurity engendered in trying to adapt to a new way of life amidst strange surroundings among strange people speaking strange languages may lead to a greater rather than a less reliance on the protection of magic.

This may well be so.

I remember once reading a letter written by a Papuan woman who had lived for some years in Port Moresby to a relative back in her home village. She enclosed several pound notes, and asked her relative to give them to the village sorcerer as payment for magic to cure one of her children who was sick, and whose sickness she thought to be due to the animosity of town neighbours belonging to another tribe.

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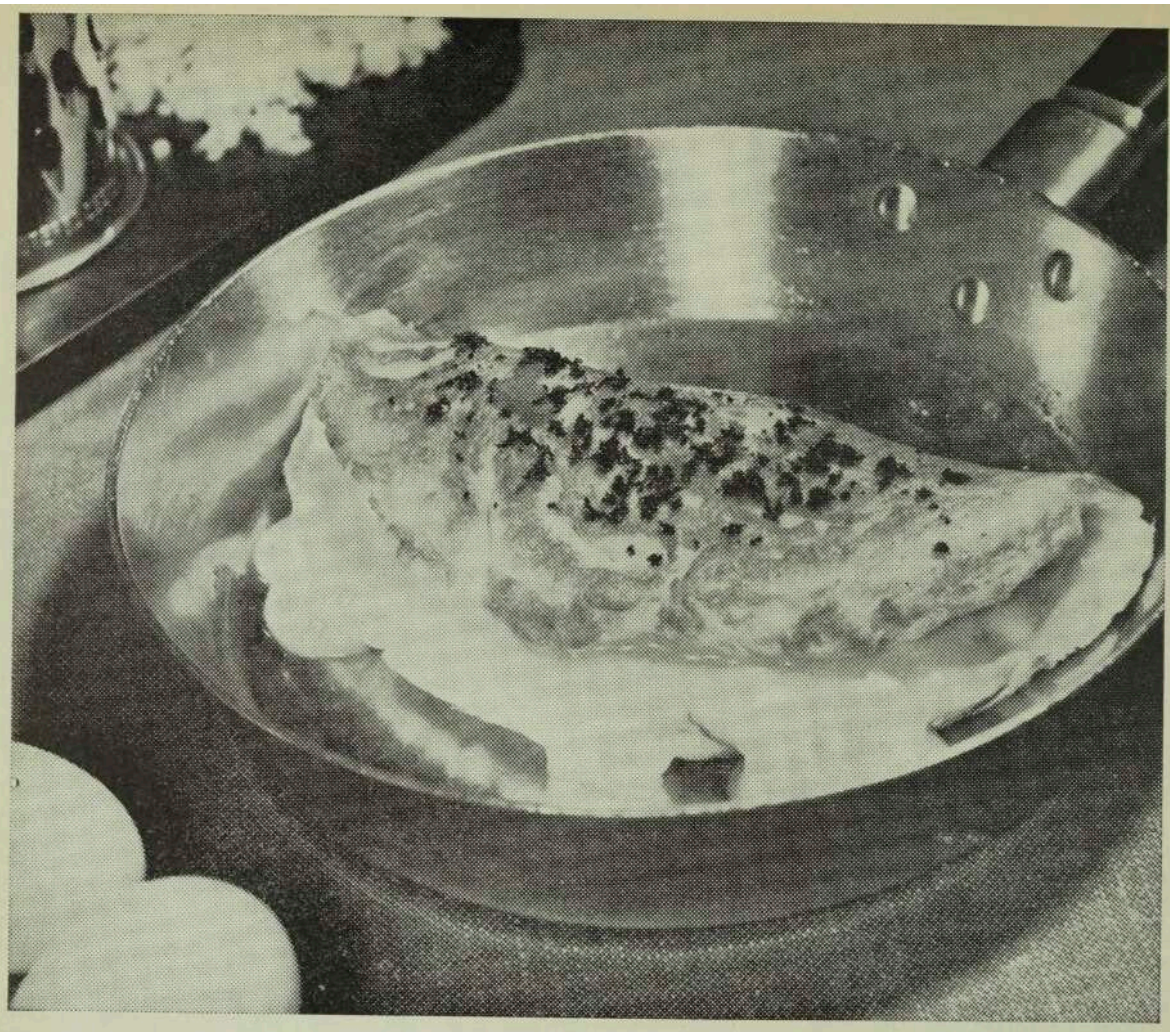

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Another Victim Of Deadly Cone Shell

At Emae in the New Hebrides recently, a young girl collecting shell fish on the reef with her sisters suddenly felt a sharp pain on picking up what is thought to be a *Conus geographus*.

Returning home the youngster suffered from violent headaches and died shortly afterwards.

It was the third known death from a *Conus* sting in the Western Pacific in recent years. The previous ones occurred in New Caledonia in 1960 and 1963.

There may have been others in the past that were wrongly diagnosed.

In 1962, a 23-year-old Vietnamese, who was stung when he put a *Conus* in the pocket of his shirt, was saved by prompt medical treatment.

Conus geographus is one of several species of cone shell which are known to have fatally stung humans.

resources of modern medical science were available to her free of charge.

Perhaps this explains why more and more people in the "civilized" world are turning to astrology, lucky charms and other forms of mumbo-jumbo.

In an era which has largely turned its back on religion, and in a world which at any moment may be turned into a desert of radio-active dust, they are bedevilled by much the same feeling of insecurity as besets the detribalised Papuans and New Guineans of the territory's towns.

But it certainly does seem odd when you find a man who regards the beliefs of Christianity as an outmoded superstition walking around with a lucky charm on his key-ring.

I WOULD like to express my appreciation of the generous comments which a number of readers have made on my first column in the October issue. I have been corrected on one point, though.

I wrote, "Captain John Moresby's account of the voyage during which he discovered the great land-locked harbour now named after him".

Mr. Hobart Spiller, of Port Moresby, has pointed out to me that in fact the naming was done by Captain Moresby himself, and that he named both the outer and inner harbours in honour of his father, Admiral Sir Fairfax Moresby. Hence our present names—"Port Moresby" for the outer harbour, and "Fairfax Harbour" for the inner one.

Mr. Spiller is quite right. My apologies to him and to the memory of the gallant admiral. Nevertheless, I suspect that most of us will continue in our minds to connect the name of the place with its discoverer.

Incidentally, I wonder how many of the capital's present inhabitants know that the name Port Moresby was originally given only to the harbour, and that the town which was established on its shores was designated "Granville". The Department of Lands still uses this name.

Nowadays, both common and official usage applies the name Port Moresby to the whole complex of suburbs, settlements, villages, shanty hamlets, and business and industrial areas which lie within the town boundary, a complex which would probably cause considerable surprise, if they could see it, to the founders of Granville.

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To The Point, with Percy Chatterton

Konedobu, bearing a Papuan name, there is much to be said for the old town being accorded its Papuan name of "Ela". But please let it be pronounced to rhyme with "letter", not with "peeler".

BY the time you read these words Christmas will be upon us. Even as I write them, in mid-November, the fire-crackers are beginning to explode. The stores are full of Christmas goods. Invitations to school "Speech Days" are beginning to come in. In many schools examinations are over, and from classroom windows come the sounds of children's voices practising Christmas carols.

On a hill opposite my house there is a shanty settlement occupied by people from the river-delta country of the Gulf of Papua, where the villages are built on mud-banks and the diet consists mainly of sago and crabs.

Yellow Submarine

Most of those who come to town have little education and no skills. They eke out a precarious existence from unskilled and often casual jobs, with not infrequent periods of unemployment.

Their shanties are built of every conceivable sort of scrap material—with old corrugated iron predominating. Sanitation is primitive, and water has to be fetched from a stand-pipe some distance away.

Yet even from these sordid surroundings comes the sound of children singing.

It doesn't sound quite like *Away in a Manger* or *The First Noel*. It isn't a Papuan tune, either.

The sound swells as the young singers reach the chorus, and now the words come through clearly.

We all live in a yellow submarine,
yellow submarine,
yellow submarine.

To all of you who read this column I offer seasonal greetings. Whether you intend to celebrate the season with the angels and the wise men, or in a Holden sedan, or on a reindeer sleigh, or in a yellow submarine with the Beatles, I wish you a very happy Christmas.

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FIJI OUTSHONE HER RIVALS AT FIRST SOUTH PACIFIC GAMES

By capturing 34 of the 59 gold medals competed for at the First South Pacific Games, the British Crown Colony of Fiji showed such an overwhelming superiority in sport that she must be considered the main challenger in the Games series for many years to come.

ALTHOUGH other Territories, notably Tonga and the Cooks, achieved better results in some sports in proportion to their population and the size of their teams, Fiji showed it was easily the most efficient all-rounder in South Seas sport.

In some sports, particularly field events and swimming, it performed brilliantly, but in no sports did it perform poorly. This is a strength which other territories will have to attack systematically if they are to wrest supremacy from the Colony.

The change in the rules to allow team games to be played under a points system in Noumea will help territories in their attack on Fiji's supremacy.

Also, with the experience of the first Games under their belt, there is no doubt that the territories will be more anxious to give Fiji a run for its money in 1966 by selecting the best players available.

Many territories at Suva did not field their best. Some of the best New Guinea and French Polynesian tennis players did not attend for personal reasons. The GEIC tennis team arrived with no women at all and had to borrow some women living locally to make up a team.

New Caledonian boxers, reputedly good, did not enter because of affiliation problems.

Natural Players

Many fine natural players in several sports saw for themselves the advantage the big territories had gained by having training facilities, and this is a lesson they took home with them.

New Caledonia's swimming results, for example, were excellent considering that the only pool at Noumea is a makeshift one especially made for Games training. New Caledonian officials are now determined to get some money spent on training pools, and New Guinea swimmers, who also lacked competition experience, learned the same lesson.

The Games have stirred up such enthusiasm in all sports that Fiji will never again have such a walk-over.

The Games showed that French Polynesia and New Caledonia generally excelled in all ball games, that the Polynesian territories could be expected to make a real showing in the boxing ring, and that Fiji and New Guinea were the main contestants on the athletic field.

Among the many unlucky territories at the Games was Tonga, which was awarded the bronze medal for table tennis after the GEIC team did not show up, but lost it again after it offered to play for it.

The chairman of the technical committee, Mr. C. McCubbery, of P-NG, later described Tonga's action as "one of the finest examples of sportsmanship" he had seen in "long experience with international sport".

HOW THEY FARED IN SUVA, 1963

How did the territories of the South Pacific fare in the First South Pacific Games in Suva in 1963? What were their strengths and weaknesses? What were the lessons learned at Suva that will help them at Noumea?

In the next five pages, PIM tells you.

These sports summaries were written by PIM reporters who covered the Suva Games, and were published in PIM in September, 1963. They have not been updated.

Use them to compare teams and times in Noumea.

MEDALS SCOREBOARD

Only three of the 13 competing territories—Nauru, Niue and Solomon Islands—failed to gain medals in the first South Pacific Games, but their contingents were among the smallest taking part.

Representation of the 13 territories was: Fiji (nine sports), Papua-New Guinea (seven), New Caledonia and American Samoa (six), French Polynesia, Tonga and Western Samoa (five), Cook Islands, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Nauru, Niue, New Hebrides (three), and Solomons (two).

Medals won by each territory were as follows. The points score shown, which is unofficial, is worked out on the basis of three points for a gold medal, two for a silver and one for a bronze.

	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Points
Fiji	34	23	27	175
Papua-New Guinea	9	12	11	62
New Caledonia	7	9	11	50
French Polynesia	4	2	4	20
Tonga	2	4	2	16
Cook Islands	2	3	—	12
American Samoa	1	2	4	11
Western Samoa	—	1	2	4
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	—	1	1	3
New Hebrides	—	1	—	2
	59	58	62	355

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Fiji's Women Athletes Boosted Colony's Gold Medal Tally

Fiji's women were easily the most successful athletes at the Games. Their ability pushed Fiji ahead in its gold medal tally, and helped to mask the fact that Fiji's men athletes, particularly in the sprints, could barely hold their own.

FIJI women completely dominated the 100 and 200 metres (winning all six places), took the 100 metres relay, the discus, high jump, javelin, long jump and shot put. They were close on the heels of gold medallists in the 800 metres and 80 metres hurdles.

Among the outstanding Fijian women athletes were Merewai Turukawa and Maca Vakalala, with Turukawa supreme in the field events. She took the women's discus, with a distance which was less than her Fiji record, but which still made her competitors look like amateurs.

In the women's 100 metres, the three Fiji runners among the six competitors looked as if they were running a separate race.

French Polynesia put up the only real opposition to Fiji's women, with young Helene Sarciaux, of Papeete, obviously a real threat at the next Games.

In the women's broad jump, K. L. Kuruvoli had a surprise win, putting up a new Fiji record of 18ft. ¾in., with team mates filling the other two places.

Fiji's men athletes, on the other hand, were generally surpassed by those from New Caledonia and P-NG, with Christian Kaddour, the highly trained New Caledonian, showing his ability as an all-rounder. J Pothin helped to keep the French end up.

P-NG had a few more eggs in the basket than New Caledonia, and was the greatest trouble to Fiji. New Guinea's Bruce Richter was not as big a threat as everybody had expected. The outstanding P-NG runner proved to be Rabaul school teacher Mike Joyce.

Javelin Upset

Oe Ivaharia, of P-NG, caused a local upset by taking the javelin gold medal from Fiji's Viliame Liga, but most New Guinea people had expected this. Edward Laboran (P-NG) also fulfilled predictions by taking the high jump.

But in the discus there could surely be no peer to Fiji's Mesulame Rakuro.

Tonga and the Gilbert and Ellice Islands helped reduce the mighty Fiji's medal hopes in the men's athletics, and it was obvious that this is where the other territories have the best chance of causing damage in Noumea.

No Commonwealth or Olympic records were broken in Suva, although Pothin's 100 metre time of 10.6 secs. was only .4 sec. slower than the 1960 Olympic record

There were few incidents. The most noteworthy was the disqualification of New Caledonia runner J. P. Laifa, after he had romped home a popular winner of the 3,000 metres steeplechase, 24 secs. ahead of the next place-getter, Saulekaleka.

Officials said Laifa had not gone over the water jump correctly. The French protested.

Officials reversed their decision after hearing evidence

FIJI DESERVED TABLE TENNIS VICTORY

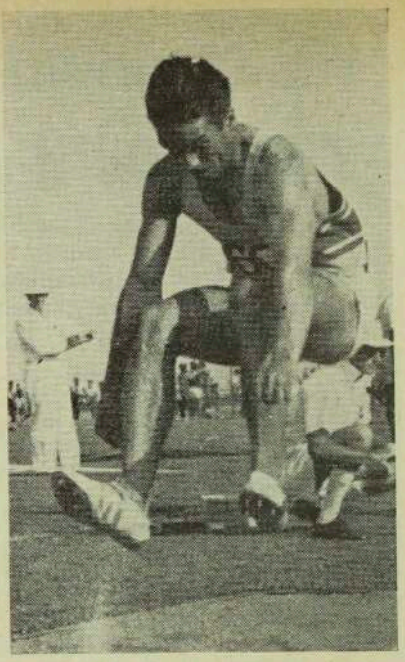
The knock-out system followed in table tennis at the Games brought a number of long faces, but Fiji deserved to win its gold medal nevertheless. Fiji took it from New Caledonia, which thus ended with the silver medal in a 7 to 1 result.

Table tennis, a game requiring tactics and coaching, seems to be a speciality in the more sophisticated areas where players have more time to devote to it.

Both New Caledonia and Fiji had had plenty of experience, with the Chinese well to the fore among team members. The New Caledonian team (which included a 14-year-old girl) didn't play as well as it has in Noumea, but it is doubtful if this affected the result.

The Papua-New Guinea team felt it would have had a showing if the points system had been followed, because it was knocked out after the first game under the existing rules.

The only other competing teams were Niue, GEIC and Tonga.



New Caledonian athlete Christian Kaddour, seen here winning the long jump, was one of the most successful competitors at the Games. He won five medals, including three gold.—Photo: Rob Wright.

Old Rivals Fought Out Rugby Title At Games

Fiji and Tonga found themselves the main opponents in Rugby at the Games—as they have been since 1924 *when the regular Test series between the two territories began.*

BUT since Fiji and Western Samoa had never before mixed in a Test, the Games series was of special interest. Only Fiji, Tonga and Western Samoa competed.

As it happened, Fiji had no trouble beating the Samoans, 29-6 and 42-3, although the Samoans certainly earned a reputation for courage.

Tonga showed that although it had a good team, it still has to learn to play the ball and not the man. Some of the matches were more like wrestling and boxing displays.

Despite this, the Tongans played intelligent Rugby, with clever passing, quick changes of direction and intensive backing up.

The Fijians have played better Rugby on their Australian tours, but they deserved their gold medal win at Suva.

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HOW THEY FARED IN SUVA, 1963

Water, Water Everywhere, But Few Good Swimmers

One of the strangest paradoxes of the Games was that, although the 13 competing Territories are planted in the greatest ocean in the world, they produce very few good swimmers.

ONLY four of the 13 territories—Fiji, Papua-New Guinea, New Caledonia and American Samoa—were represented by swimming teams; and at one stage before the Games began, the organisers seriously considered cancelling the swimming events because of lack of support.

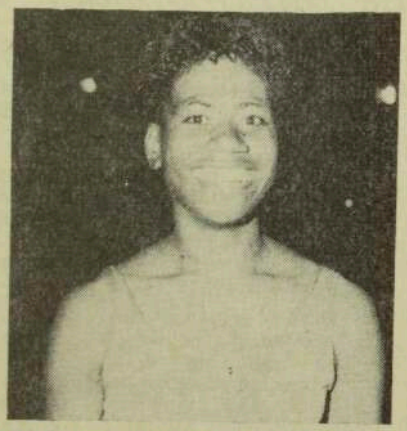
As it was, some of the few nominations had to be withdrawn when the draws were announced because the swimmers were entered in events which clashed or nearly clashed.

The swimming card was therefore filled out with local events and exhibitions to give the paying customers something to watch, and to give a breather to competitors taking part in several events a night.

Standards generally, were not high—probably because some territories obligingly entered anybody likely to swim the course.

There were some strange consequences. In a heat of the 30-lap mile event, for example, an American Samoan was pulled from the water exhausted after only eight laps!

On the other hand, 17-year-old Fijian school girl Winikiti Adi, who learned to swim in a river near her village and has no style, won a gold medal for Fiji in the 110 yd. women's backstroke event with a time of 1 min. 27.6 sec. She "amazed" Fiji officials, who had expected the event to go to Mrs. Joan Blyth (also of Fiji). Winikiti followed this gold medal with two others.



Winikiti Adi, who won three gold medals in swimming.—Photo: Gordon Clear.

The Games' youngest competitor, 13-year-old Joan Herrington, also won three gold medals for Fiji, and a bronze.

One Games official said: "You'd hardly believe that an area that invented the style (the crawl stroke) that is now the basis of world swimming could have slipped so far behind in the sport".

Why, then, are there so few good swimmers in the Islands?

"Happy Splash"

According to Games organisers, it is because:

- Competitive swimming is foreign to the Islanders, who swim at home only for fun or for survival.
- Few islands have swimming pools, and where they do, they are often used only by Europeans.
- Women in the Islands have had less experience than men because, for generations, many have been coy swimmers, unwilling to uncover themselves in the company of men.

In short, South Sea Islands swimming has been traditionally "just one big happy splash". So unless more organised swimming is introduced in the Islands, future Games will be dominated by European swimmers, as this one was.

The value of swimming pools, incidentally, was proved by the wins of two New Guinea natives, T. Jovel and K. Jarope, who took out first and second place in the men's 110 yds. butterfly. Both are privates with the Pacific Islands Regiment and neither had done any real swimming until a few months ago when a new pool was opened at the PIR barracks at Taurama, Port Moresby. They have been using it regularly since.

New Caledonian swimmers would have done better if they had pools.

The record gold medal winner in Suva was Carl Bay, 18, of Fiji, who won five—all for swimming.

TEAMWORK SECRET OF GAMES TENNIS

A strong team combination won the tennis gold medal for Fiji, although some other territories, notably the French teams, played more brilliantly.

R. CAISSON, 20, of French Polynesia, although put out in the first match, was a remarkably fine player. Palelei, of Tonga, was amazingly fast on the court.

Mrs. Nono Tani, of the Cooks, always looked good, but the Cook Islanders were not sophisticated players because of lack of competition. Some had never played with officials or umpires before and there was much foot faulting.

Women, particularly, suffered from the lack of competition in many islands.

The series proved that the standard of tennis is higher in territories with the biggest transient European populations.

Papua-New Guinea would have made a better showing if its team members had had more experience together. This was the strength of the Fijian players.

A notable feature of the tennis was that many players were well above the usual age in championships of this kind (one was 52), so territories which sent young players will reap the benefit at the Noumea Games in 1966. Only Niue and the BSIP did not send tennis teams.

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Barefooted Solomon Islanders Won Soccer Fans' Hearts

Although the French territories and Fiji dominated Games soccer, the barefoot Solomon Islanders won the popularity poll.

THE Solomon Islanders never wear boots at home and refused to wear them in Fiji, even though team officials had spent £70 of their meagre funds on boots for them soon after arriving in Fiji.

The Solomon Islanders practised in them for a time, and then announced they were "no good".

Team officials implored them in vain to wear them in their first match against the booted New Hebrides team because the ground was muddy and spikes were needed for grip.

When the New Hebrideans took to the field the Solomon Islanders were terrified of their boots, and virtually stood off while the New Hebrides quickly scored two goals to nil.

"No Fight Now"

Then a Solomon Islander was well and truly trodden on by some opposition boots, and discovering to his surprise that it didn't hurt much, he shouted to his mates, "No matter long boots. Me feller no fright now!"—and the game was on!

The result: Solomons 6, New Hebrides 3, with the crowd cheering themselves hoarse for the barefoot wonders.

New Caledonia started the series as favourites, with French Polynesia next.

Certainly with their Continental style and superb goalkeepers they showed themselves to be the finest South Pacific exponents.

By the luck of the draw the two French teams had to fight out the semi-finals, New Caledonia won 2 to 1 after extra time was allowed to separate them.

Afterwards, the French Polynesian goalkeeper publicly wept at the pity of it all, as well he might.

The Fiji team, which fought out the final with New Caledonia, was dominated by Lautoka players who had picked up a lot of style recently from a visiting German team.

New Caledonia won.

HOW THEY FARED IN SUVA, 1963

THRILLS: Women's basketball was one of the most eagerly followed of the spectator sports at the Games, with big crowds on all days. Strongest teams were from Fiji and Western Samoa, here seen in action. A Samoan player has the ball. One of the most popular teams was the one from Niue, which won no medals but plenty of acclaim for happy team spirit and sportsmanship.—Photo: Stan Whippy.

LESSONS FOR ALL COMERS IN GAMES BOXING

Games boxing proved to be a battle between stamina and science, with lessons for exponents of either method.

FIJI and New Guinea boxers showed more science, and had a better knowledge of the rules, but American Samoa, the Cooks and Tonga put men in the ring who were physically stronger and who sometimes punched their way to victory. Tonga, particularly, relied on hard punching.

Fiji and P-NG would do better to concentrate on stamina training for the next Games and the Polynesian countries should concentrate on science.

American Samoa won its only gold medal at the Games for boxing, and the Cook Islanders captured their only two gold medals for the same sport.

The Cook Islands boxing team of six gained four medals—an outstanding effort. They may have gained another gold medal if Puruto had not injured his thumb in the semi-finals and forfeited the final to Fiji.

New Caledonia was not represented at the Suva Games for technical reasons which are not likely to recur at the Noumea Games, so the French must be considered when estimating chances for 1966.

ALL POLYNESIA IN BALL GAMES

French Polynesia and American Samoa dominated the men's basketball at the Games, with a standard that had not previously been seen in Fiji.

AMERICAN Samoa started favourites but the French Polynesians — virtually all local-born Tahitians—were the better team as a team, first-class in all departments. The Americans played a more robust style, but they and the French Polynesians had one advantage—big players.

New Caledonia had little success at any time, New Guinea and Nauru were crowd pleasing, especially the Nauruans. F. Smith, for Nauru, was a prolific scorer, averaged 30 baskets a game. Fiji and Western Samoa also competed.

The results seemed to indicate that men's basketball will continue to be dominated by the eastern Polynesians.

In women's basketball, American Samoa's team did not shine like the men's. Fiji and Western Samoa were well above the general run of skill. Other teams were P-NG (bronze medal winners) and Niue.

Volleyball is a popular Polynesian sport, often played in the villages with a fishing net strung between palm trees. As expected, French Polynesia and American Samoa dominated it. Fiji and Western Samoa were the only other teams competing.

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Full Results, Suva, 1963

Below is a complete list of the medal winners, plus official statistics in the athletics and swimming events for the First South Pacific Games in Suva in 1963.

Men's Athletics

100 Metres: 1—J. Pothin (NC), 10.6s. 2—K. N. Kaiyala (Fiji), 10.9s. 3—C. Kaddour (NC), 11.1s.

200 Metres: 1—C. Kaddour (NC), 22.3s. 2—A. Nabou (Fiji), 22.4s. 3—B. Richter (P-NG), 22.6s.

400 Metres: 1—C. Harrison (P-NG), 49.7s. 2—W. Maina (P-NG), 49.9s. 3—A. D. Racule (Fiji), 50.4s.

800 Metres: 1—M. Joyce (P-NG), 2m. 2.4s. 2—S. Naivalurua (Fiji), 2m. 2.7s. 3.—S. Rokovesa (Fiji), 2m. 3s.

1,500 Metres: 1—S. Tuifangaloka (Tonga), 4m. 23.4s. 2—M. Joyce (P-NG), 4m. 25s. 3—S. Rokovesa (Fiji), 4m. 25.4s.

5,000 Metres: 1—M. Joyce (P-NG), 17m. 16.6s. 2—K. Pupa (Cooks), 17m. 28.6s. 3—K. S. Gould (Fiji), 17m. 28.8s.

10,000 Metres: 1—V. Saulekaleka (Fiji), 36m. 39.8s. 2—T. Mango (GEIC), 36m. 46.2s. 3—K. S. Gould (Fiji), 37m. 7.8s.

110 Metres Hurdles: 1—C. Tetaria (FrP), 15.6s. 2—K. Pale (Tonga), 16.2s. 3—R. Mitchell (Fiji), 17.1s.

400 Metres Hurdles: 1—O. Malamala (Fiji), 59.5s. 2—G. Southwick (Fiji), 59.7s. 3—P. Martin (FrP), 60.9s.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase: 1—J. P. Laifa (NC), 10m. 23.8s. 2—V. Saulekaleka (Fiji), 10m. 47s. 3—S. Ratuyawa (Fiji), 11m. 14s.

4 x 100 Metres Relay: 1—P-NG (B. Richter, J. Vuia, Sale, M. Muga), 42.8s. 2—NC (A. Areski, C. Kaddour, Hineun, J. Pothin), 43.1s. 3—Fiji (S. Moceidreke, K. N. Raiyala, A. Nabou, F. Bower), 43.3s.

4 x 400 Metres Relay: 1—P-NG (C. Harrison, J. Vuia, B. Richter, K. Vela), 3m. 24.3s. 2—Fiji (A. Racule, L. Waqa, J. Navusolo, O. Malamala), 3m. 26.1s. 3—NC (A. Humuni, A. Piepe, A. Yakawene, Vittori), 3m. 31.4s.

Discus: 1—M. Rakuro (Fiji), 161 ft 11 in. 2—K. Vatanimotu (Fiji), 130 ft 6 in. 3—A. Hulot (NC), 126 ft 1 in.

High Jump: 1—E. Laboran (P-NG), 6 ft 3 in. 2—T. Kabakoro (Fiji), 5 ft 11 in. 3—N. Passa (NC), 5 ft 11 in.

Hop, Step, Jump: 1—C. Kaddour (NC), 46 ft 8¼ in. 2—T. Kabakoro (Fiji), 46 ft 1 in. 3—S. Latu (Tonga), 43 ft 10½ in.

Javelin: 1—O. Ivaharia (P-NG), 203 ft 8 in. 2—M. Penissio (NC), 196 ft 5½ in. 3—V. Liga (Fiji), 195 ft 10½ in.

Long Jump: 1—C. Kaddour (NC), 22 ft 11 in. 2—J. Pothin (NC), 21 ft 6¼ in. 3—C. Tetaria (FrP), 21 ft 4¼ in.

Pole Vault: 1—A. Latu (Tonga), 11 ft 6 in. 2—J. Waewo (NH), 11 ft 6 in. 3—Malatana (P-NG), 11 ft 3 in.

Shot Put: 1—M. Rakuro (Fiji), 47 ft 6½ in. 2—A. Tokawa (NC), 45 ft 7 in. 3—P. Wakalina (NC), 44 ft 2¾ in.

Boxing

Bantamweight: 1—M. Julius (P-NG). 2—K. Nair (Fiji). 3—S. Qoro (Fiji).

Featherweight: 1—T. George (Cooks). 2—P. Gurumuthi (Fiji). 3—S. Tinae (AmS) and M. Osborne (Fiji).

Lightweight: 1—J. Brown (Fiji). 2—K. Katoa (Tonga). 3—T. P. Hopkins (P-NG).

Light-welterweight: 1—J. Scanlan (AmS). 2—P. Aniti (Fiji). 3—A. Tomaira (P-NG) and M. Moli (Fiji).

Welterweight: 1—P. Marsters (Cooks). 2—P. Nelson (P-NG). 3—S. Cawa (Fiji) and M. Kautau (Tonga).

Light-middleweight: 1—M. Evans (Fiji). 2—T. Tuineau (Tonga). 3—K. Hopkins (P-NG) and T. Ponapa (AmS).

Middleweight: 1—R. Roko (Fiji). 2—P. Puruto (Cooks). 3—L. Hui (P-NG) and E. Fonoti (AmS). Roko by forfeit.

Light-heavyweight: 1—J. Tukana (Fiji). 2—G. Robati (Cooks). 3—A. Loloasa (AmS) and M. Delai (Fiji).

Men's Team Sports

Basketball: 1—FrP. 2—AmS. 3—P-NG. Decided on points.

Rugby: 1—Fiji. 2—Tonga. 3—WS.

Soccer: 1—NC. 2—Fiji. 3—FrP.

Volleyball: 1—FrP. 2—AmS. 3—Fiji. Decided on points.

Men's Swimming

110 Yds. Backstroke: 1—C. M. Raddock (Fiji), 1m. 15.8s. 2—P. Postal (NC), 1m. 18.8s. 3—M. Sau (Fiji), 1m. 20.3s.

110 Yds. Butterfly: 1—T. Jovel (P-NG), 1m. 16.4s. 2—K. Jarope (P-NG), 1m. 26.9s. 3—P. Postal (NC), 1m. 29s.

110 Yds. Freestyle: 1—C. F. Bay (Fiji), 1m. 2.2s. 2—J. D. Griffiths (Fiji), 1m. 3.8s. 3—P. Kerrigan (Fiji), 1m. 4.2s.

220 Yds. Breaststroke: 1—S. Koroi (Fiji), 3m. 13.4s. 2—P. Kangon (P-NG), 3m. 18.8s. 3—J. Douapere (NC), 3m. 27.5s.

440 Yds. Freestyle: 1—C. F. Bay (Fiji), 5m. 23.4s. 2—J. F. Griffiths (Fiji), 5m. 25.3s. 3—J. Y. Mamelin (NC), 5m. 37s.

440 Yds. Medley Relay: 1—Fiji (C. M. Raddock, C. F. Bay, S. Koroi, J. D. Griffiths), 5m. 16.2s. 2—P-NG (J. Hardy, B. Selan, P. Kangon, K. Jarope), 5m. 19.7s. 3—NC (J. Bouye, J. Duffayet, P. Postal, J. C. Legras), 5m. 28.7s.

4 x 110 Yds. Freestyle Relay: 1—Fiji (P. Kerrigan, C. J. Muller, J. D. Griffiths, C. F. Bay), 4m. 21.6s. 2—NC (J. C. Legras, F. Caillard, P. Postal, J. Y. Mamelin), 4m. 31.4s. 3—P-NG (J. Hardy, T. Jovel, B. Selan, K. Jarope), 4m. 34.4s.

1,650 Yds. Freestyle: 1—C. F. Bay (Fiji), 21m. 36.4s. 2—J. Mamelin (NC), 22m. 38.6s. 3—F. Caillard (NC), 22m. 57.4s.

Women's Team Sports

Basketball: 1—Fiji. 2—WS. 3—P-NG. Decided on points.

Women's Athletics

100 Metres: 1—A. Ramacake (Fiji), 12.2s. 2—M. Vakalala (Fiji), 12.3s. 3—E. A. Phillips (Fiji), 12.5s.

200 Metres: 1—M. Vakalala (Fiji), 26.3s. 2—A. Ramacake (Fiji), 26.4s. 3—E. A. Phillips (Fiji), 26.7s.

800 Metres: 1—G. Bigourd (NC), 2m. 28s. 2—L. L. Lotu (Fiji), 2m. 33s. 3—A. Serukalou (Fiji) (no time recorded).

80 Metres Hurdles: 1—H. Sarciaux (FrP), 12.8s. 2—E. A. Phillips (Fiji), 13.1s. 3—A. Ramacake (Fiji), 13.7s.

4 x 100 Metres Relay: 1—Fiji (M. Vakalala, A. Ramacake, E. A. Phillips, K. L. Kuruvoli), 50s. Western Samoa and American Samoa, who followed in that order, were disqualified for baton change outside the area.

Discus: 1—M. Turukawa (Fiji), 117 ft 1½ in. 2—S. David (FrP), 109 ft ½ in. 3—D. Tanc (NC), 98 ft 2¾ in.

High Jump: 1—M. Woodhouse (Fiji), 4 ft 10 in. 2—E. A. Phillips (Fiji), 4 ft 9 in. 3—H. Sarciaux (FrP), 4 ft 7 in.

Javelin: 1—M. Turukawa (Fiji), 120 ft ½ in. 2—I. Haro (P-NG), 105 ft 2 in. 3—L. Nadumu (Fiji), 104 ft 2 in.

Long Jump: 1—K. L. Kuruvoli (Fiji), 18 ft ¾ in. 2—A. Ramacake (Fiji), 17 ft 9½ in. 3—M. Vakalala (Fiji), 15 ft 8¼ in.

Shot Put: 1—M. Turukawa (Fiji), 37 ft 7 in. 2—M. Tetuaira (FrP), 33 ft 2 in. 3—V. Pua (WS), 32 ft 8¾ in.

Women's Swimming

110 Yds. Breaststroke: 1—M. L. Smith (Fiji), 1m. 39.6s. 2—W. Raivuni (Fiji), 1m. 40.7s. 3—J. E. Herrington (Fiji), 1m. 41.2s.

110 Yds. Backstroke: 1—W. Adi (Fiji), 1m. 27.6s. 2—J. Finn (P-NG), 1m. 31.5s. 3—J. M. Blyth (Fiji), 1m. 31.9s.

110 Yds. Freestyle: 1—A. Ranadi (Fiji), 1m. 13.9s. 2—S. Matthews (P-NG), 1m. 16s. 3—C. S. Anfinson (Fiji), 1m. 16.8s.

220 Yds. Breaststroke: 1—J. Herrington (Fiji), 3m. 33.8s. 2—M. L. Smith (Fiji), 3m. 37.3s. 3—P. Mae (P-NG), 3m. 45.0s.

440 Yds. Freestyle: 1—J. E. Herrington (Fiji), 6m. 1s. 2—S. Matthews (P-NG), 6m. 5.3s. 3—C. S. Anfinson (Fiji), 6m. 16.6s.

3 x 110 Yds. Medley Relay: 1—Fiji (W. Adi, M. L. Smith, A. Ranadi), 4m. 20.7s. 2—P-NG (J. Finn, S. Matthews, P. Rae), 4m. 34s. Only two teams competed.

4 x 110 Yds. Freestyle Relay: 1—Fiji (W. Adi, C. S. Anfinson, J. E. Herrington, A. Ranadi), 5m. 17.4s. 2—P-NG (J. Finn, S. Matthews, P. Rae, A. Cronan), 5m. 20.3s. Only two teams competed.

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REARING CHICKS

IF you have put in a request for day-old chicks from a hatchery your success in rearing them will depend on what preparation you have made from about a week prior to their arrival.

Poultry farmers who intend to raise chickens for eggs or meat on a profitable basis should start with day-old chicks and not second-hand birds. There is little need to stress that day-old chicks should come from a reliable hatchery.

Chicks from hatcheries have not been exposed to the possibilities of chills, nor have they been exposed to infection from adult birds as is often the case with birds purchased in local markets. From an economic point of view naturally the chicks must have a good start in life.

Cross-bred poultry are more profitable than pure-bred, but it is not wise to breed from them. Breeders are advised to keep pure-bred birds. Some poultry farmers frequently change their breeds with the hope of getting better results. There is, however, no "best breed", but there are good and poor flocks among all breeds and varieties.

If high egg production alone is wanted, it is wise to keep White Leghorns or cross-breds. If egg and meat production is the primary interest one of the general purpose breeds such as Rhode Island Reds or cross-breds should be kept.

The essentials for rearing the chicks are warmth, fresh air, ample room under the cover, dryness and cleanliness. Chicks can be reared with broody hens if they are available and up to 15 chicks can be put under one hen. Chicks should be put under the hen very gently, at night, so that next morning she thinks she has hatched them herself.

Rearing chicks by artificial brooder is not difficult and with care, very good results can be obtained. Carelessness will result in very heavy losses. Chicks must not only be warm and dry, but they must have suitable food in front of them all the time, and they must always have clean drinking water.

Chicks should also be protected from draughts. If in doubt, hold a lighted match at floor level, and if the flame flickers a draught is indicated.

If chicks have not sufficient warmth they will huddle together and a persistent loud cheeping will indicate their discomfort. Brooder temperature should be about 95 degrees, and the heat should be gradually reduced day by day so that by the time the chicks are three or four weeks old they can do without heat.

When chicks are six to eight weeks old, it is generally necessary to remove them from the brooder and place them in houses. It is particularly important they have enough space to eat, drink and run about. Each chick should be given the equivalent of ½ square foot from day-old to five weeks of age, 1 square foot from 5-12 weeks of age, and 2½ square feet from 12 weeks onwards.

When chicks are in the brooder, sudden noises should be avoided.

ATTACKS ON EGG PLANT

ONE or two pale spots on the calyx at the base of an egg plant indicate the presence of egg fruit caterpillar. Crops of egg plant can be seriously damaged by the caterpillar. Small caterpillars in infested egg fruit may show little sign externally of the havoc they have caused. Older grubs usually make small holes at the surface, but against the dark skin of the fruit these are often hard to see.

The caterpillar is the larva of a moth, which in its life cycle passes through four stages, namely, egg, larva (or caterpillar), pupa, and the adult moth.

When the egg is laid on the calyx and appears as a pale spot about one-fortieth of an inch long it has a characteristic shape when magnified. It is seen as a flattened dome like an upturned shallow oval basin, about one half as wide as long, and with a low ridge running down the middle. The surface, though glistening, has a roughened appearance.

The mature larva is nearly one inch long, usually uniformly pink in colour, and with a small brown head. Except for some inconspicuous hairs, the body surface has a smooth appearance. As well as damaging the fruit, the larva occasionally bores in the stem of the egg plant but does not mine in the leaves.

The larva of the potato tuber moth can also cause extensive leaf mining of the egg plant, but it does not bore deeply into the fruit and usually causes only superficial damage.

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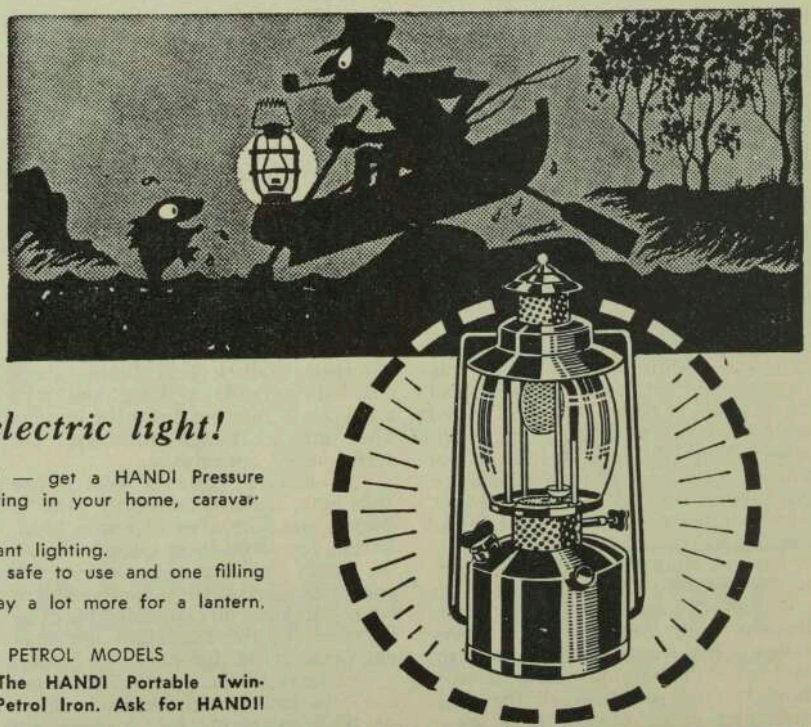

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Combating Some Banana Problems

Although often pinkish in colour like the egg fruit caterpillar, it grows to only about half an inch in length.

Almost immediately after being hatched the egg plant caterpillar burrows into the fruit, usually under the shelter of the calyx lobes, and bores deeply into the tissue.

When fully grown it emerges from the fruit and begins to spin a whitish silken cocoon. Inside the cocoon it changes into a brown pupa from which the adult moth later emerges.

The cocoon is a familiar object to growers because it is often found on cases in which fruit has been placed to await sorting. It is about three-fifths of an inch long, pointed at one end, and anchored down by silken strands.

The egg fruit caterpillar can be controlled if DDT is applied weekly at a concentration of 0.1 per cent., using a thorough spray coverage. This application is usually successful but it must be remembered control is difficult at times because a small population of moths laying a few eggs on each fruit can soon spread an infestation through a crop.

Young larvae are exposed to insecticide for only a short time before penetrating the fruit. The spray coverage therefore must be very thorough to ensure that the larvae are quickly killed after hatching.

FINGER ROT IN BANANAS

FINGER rot is probably the major cause of deterioration of bananas during shipment and after landing. It is caused by a number of fungi that get into bananas through wounds, such as those made when fingers are broken off the cushions before packing. Where hands are shipped, finger dropping may occur as a result of rotting at the point of attachment of the fingers to the main stalk.

Finger rot can be recognised by the brown to black rot which commences at the broken or cut end of the banana and which extends into the fruit. On hands, it commences on the cushion, probably at small cracks caused when the hand is wrenched off the stalk, and it progresses down each finger.

It should be noted the fungi associated with finger rot normally live on decaying plant parts and they cannot invade unwounded fruit. Spores of the fungi are normally present on the fruit in the field and when a wound develops or bananas commence to ripen, they germinate and invade. Any harvesting or shipping procedure which injures fruit naturally makes the fruit susceptible to the disease.

Fruit for shipment should not then be harvested when it is too ripe. All bunches should be handled carefully and the importance of this cannot be over-stressed. For the hand trade, cut the hands off the main stalk instead of twisting them off the cushions.

If hands are to be shipped, the hands should be painted with suitable fungicide wax. If fingers are preferred, they should be washed in a 1.5 per cent. solution of sodium salicylanilide for two minutes, and then washed with water.

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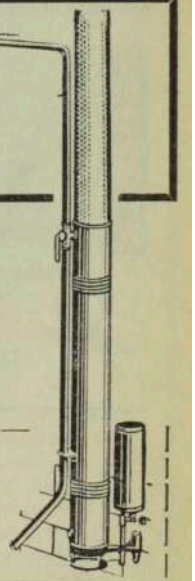

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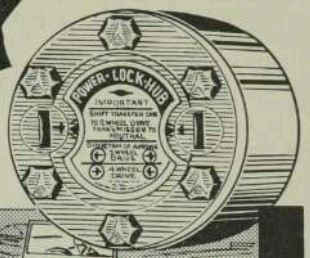

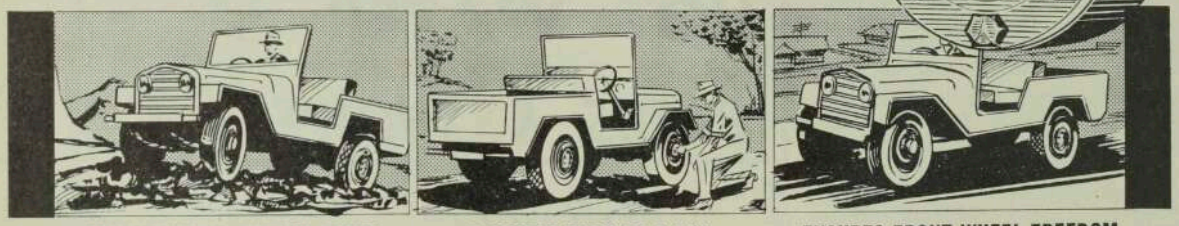

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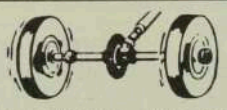

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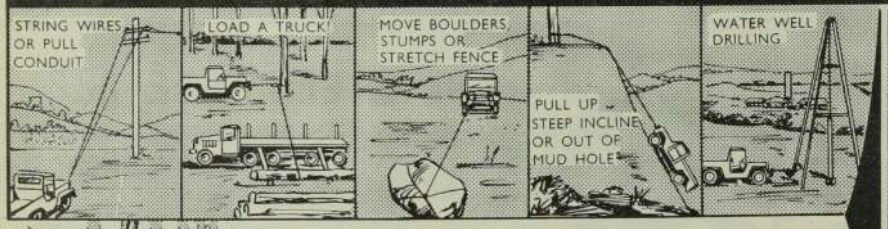

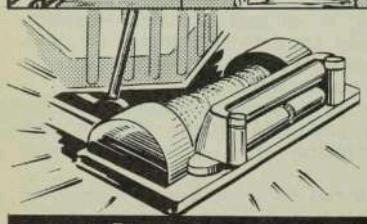

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Sources of spores are probably old decaying flower parts and leaves and there may be some infection in dirty packing sheds and from leaves used to cover banana bunches during the trip down the rivers.

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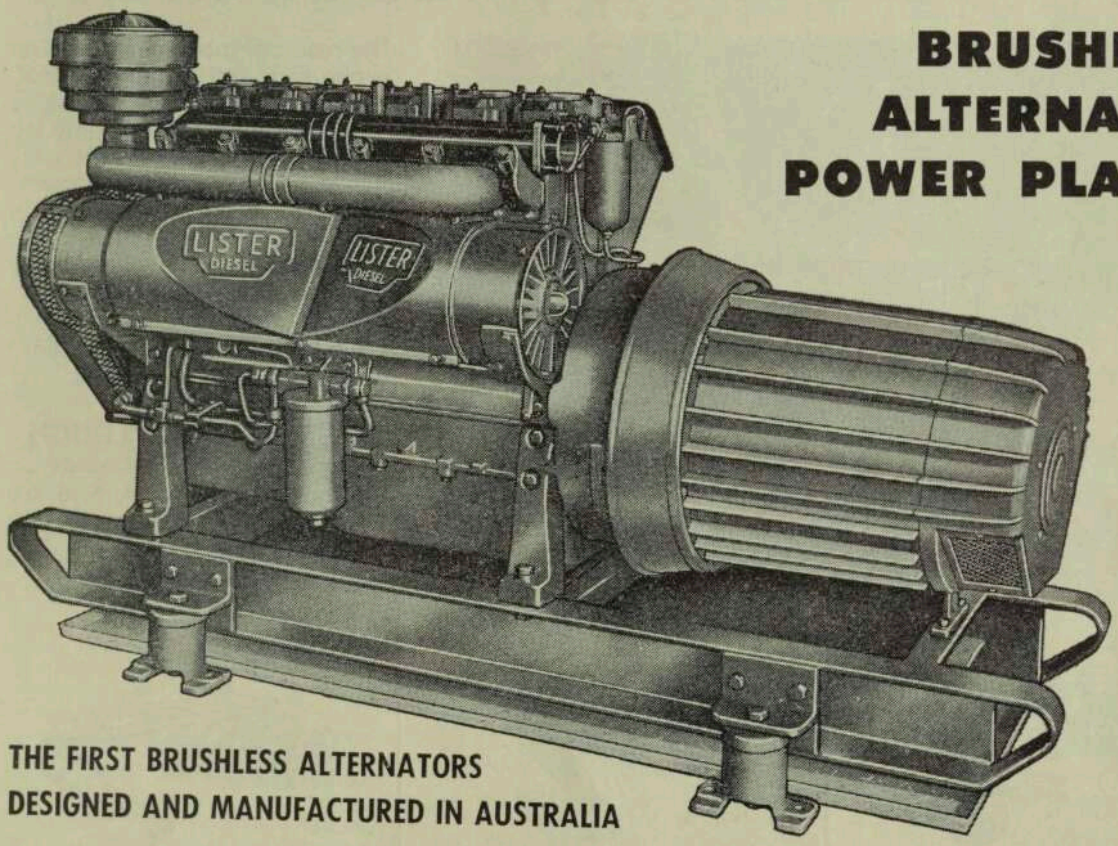

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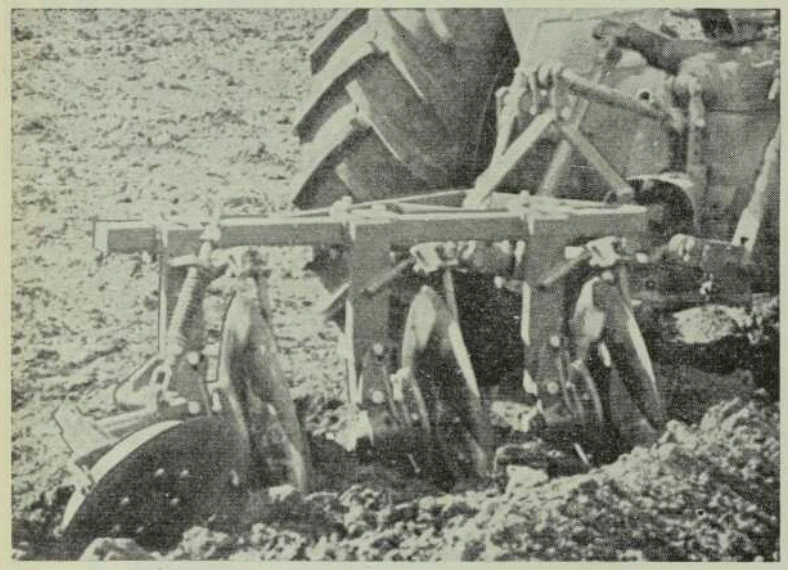

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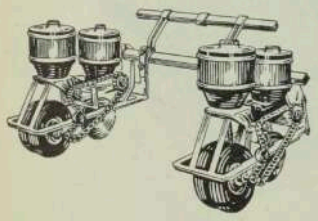

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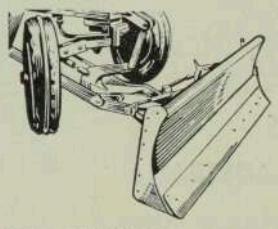

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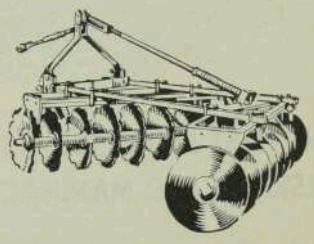

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The Editors' Mailbag

THAT SAMOAN ARTICLE

Sir,—I am taking this opportunity to write you concerning your article on American Samoa (*PIM*, Sept.). Although I do not agree with everything you have said, I feel it is the first honest effort in reporting on the situation. It seems that most journalists who come here are wined and dined by the Governor and his lackeys and they see, hear and report just what the Governor wants them to, and write accordingly.

If anyone working for the Governor does not give the Government line his job is in danger, and I must ask that if you quote anything from my letter you withhold my name.

If you write another article on American Samoa I would be glad to help your reporter, and take him to as many people as he would like who also disagree with this Government's policies. For it is dictatorship, and I believe that more of the truth, such as contained in *PIM's* article, is the only way to change the situation for the better.

NAME WITHHELD.

Pago Pago,
American Samoa.

● *Since this letter was received, the reader has written asking for 100 reprints of Robert Langdon's article "for many friends in the United States".*

Sir,—It was with a good deal of interest that I read Robert Langdon's article, "All That Glitters Isn't Gold in America's South Seas 'Showplace'" (*PIM*, Sept.).

While I have not been in sympathy with all Governor Lee's concepts and programme and am not sure what the US can contribute toward Samoa or any other distant place except money and drain off surplus people, I do feel that the article was unfairly biased, and carefully concentrated on the minus sides of the situation as much as the many articles by Governor Lee's friends stress the other side of the coin.

Whether the Samoans or anyone else like it or not, the world is coming their way. They can make an intelligent effort to affect the course of events if mentally and philosophically prepared to do so; or they can sit in the *fales* and ignore history (I don't think). I understand someone official once proposed making the whole place a national park—a sort of African game preserve for people. The Samoans were properly insulted, as who would not be?

The fact that Governor Lee did not speak Samoan upon arrival was noted in a rather derogatory way. Very few of the administrators, technicians and other trained people needed in Samoa are going to learn the language. Very few Statesiders expect to make a career there, and any that do are probably in for disappointment. American Samoa is not New Guinea with its tremendous area and population.

If the Samoans do not become proficient in English (OK—French, German, Spanish, Russian, etc.) they have no access to the literature of the world, exception—the Bible—but mechanics, electricians, medical personnel or others will not be able to read their instruction manuals, and catalogues of parts and equipment, nor will business be able to conduct any affairs ouside of Samoa.

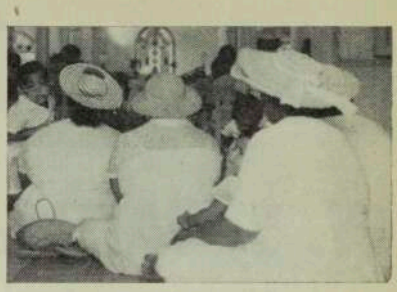
So it would be back to the zoo concept. Of course, English will endanger the Samoan language and thereby the culture. It is up to the Samoans to preserve it if they want it.

All this consternation about someone losing their culture leaves me cold. We Americans have had ours completely changed every 50 years since the *Clermont* first steamed up the Hudson, and think little of it. We have certainly lost the culture we had in 1910, and whether we groan or rejoice is of no moment.

I do not believe that most of the Samoan people want to live in a subsistence economy as the world approaches the 21st century. As attractive as the old Samoan system seemed (it did have drawbacks), and in the environment where it developed it was marvellously efficient, it was by design the deadly enemy of that spark plug of progress—individual initiative.

History has one case of an intelligent effort to maintain a parochial culture in the face of a changing environment—the Japanese severance of almost all contact with the outside world for 250 years. It was a good try, but collapsed more from internal dissatisfaction than any external pressure.

As to travel between American and Western Samoa, which received



American Samoan women in church.

adverse comment, a census of the Tutuila schools disclosed several hundreds of Western Samoan children attending school to avoid school fees paid in Western Samoa, or for other reasons. The funds, school space, and personnel were not by any means sufficient to keep them on.

Other large numbers of people came for free or cheap hospitilisation. And I have reason to know that the American Samoans resent Western Samoans (except the individual's relatives) holding jobs, particularly the better jobs, in American Samoa.

As to the hotel, I felt it was a mistake from the beginning. A project and investment and operation of that magnitude would hardly pay in Fiji and would require the continual application of brains and management know-how of a high order, expensive promotion, and carefully maintained "tone" to have much chance of profit in the Hawaii market.

I know little of the brains and know-how provided by Intercontinental but would make a sporting wager on the promotion and "tone" of the Pago Pago operation.

I hope that none of my friends, either palagi or Samoan, find grounds for offence in the foregoing, as none is intended.

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USA.

Sir,—Sincerest congratulations to Robert Langdon on his survey of American Samoa. As one who lived through the pre- and post-Lee eras, I think his report fantastically accurate, and his assessment of Lee himself, remarkable.

When will Americans learn that the world cannot all be judged by a "made in USA" yardstick? And that to put all the Polynesians into jeans and give them transistors and juke boxes (or TV!) is not progress, but tragedy.

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actionary, and way behind the times, but at least it's not yet a travesty of civilisation! I can well understand, however, that there will be many touchy American readers.

WEST SAMOAN.

Suva, Fiji.

THE FIJI ELECTIONS

Sir,—The report on the Fiji national elections from your Suva correspondent (*PIM*, Oct., p. 9) contains lies, distortions and contradicting statements and reflects the immaturity of thought of your correspondent.

Federation Party's decision not to vote for general cross-voting constituency candidates is based on the principle that the general voters are over represented. Is it not strange that a candidate gets elected with a mere 400 votes whereas another loses deposit with over 4,000 votes?

The Federation Party's determination to boycott the use of *The Fiji Times* for election policy statements is caused by the attitude of the paper: Its aversion to a section of the people. Soon the voices of the people will rise above its propaganda.

Federation Party's aims and objects, contained in its constitution, are well-known and honoured by honourable people. A few are trying to ignore them and some are trying to misrepresent. Recently Federation was alleged with malicious aims on land policy to create aversion and distrust in the minds of "Fijians" and to brainwash them against Federation. But it will not be long before they learn of the trick played upon them by their supposed leaders and turn them down, learning them to be handmaids of vested interests.

Many false allegations are made against Federation: "Venomous things are said at Federation meetings". They refer to the statements of truth on the tactics and activities of the vested interests and their handmaids at present and in the past, who tried, in one district recently, for example, to cell a Federation worker under false allegations with the hope of breaking the election campaign and hence the inevitable victory of Federation.

Did they succeed? Would not these statements be venomous when they dare not to face facts?

The propaganda organ of vested interests creates and encourages situations which excite some people, invites thoughtless people to write letters, publishes biased views being blind to the existing injustices and wants the continuence and even the enhancement of this tyranny. Now it reports Federation is anti-European, while Federation aims at equality in justice and status. Federation strongly disapproves the existence of projected status of minority.

The dirty tactics of Alliance candidates and "independents" are ignored, and Federation is alleged to have used those tactics. Federation Party is the party of masses, farmers, labourers, professional men and underprivileged. Its meetings are attended by thousands who come on their own accord. Unlike others, Federation does not coerce and cajole people to support it.

Is there any more proof needed to show the bias or incompetency of your reporter than this report of loss of deposit of Mr. Penaia Rokovuni, who would have won but for the foul play of a handful of anti-Federationists?

"With Federation forming a small opposition in the Legislative Council, what would the future bring?" To whom I should like to know, the masses? This reveals the fear of your correspondent or the ruling minority, who are behind the formation of

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"Alliance", that Federation is the largest and most well-organised party and had it formed the legislative majority as well, it would put an end to the existing oppression. It reveals the secret behind the formation of "Alliance".

When did the plan for the fake majority originate? At a time when the election campaign had begun, the success and failure of various parties and of independents who had declared their candidature were discussed, and when Federation's legislative majority was found inevitable under existing circumstances the "Alliance" was formed.

The chiefs, armed with their projected status and with false allegations, brought about wholesale conversion for "Alliance" from among timid section of the population. The masses were coerced and cajoled to support the "Alliance", which seemed from all probable angles to have the approval of the present Government.

In spite of these handicaps Federation has secured more than double seats in the Legislative Council of what it had earlier.

While "Alliance" creates ill-will and distrust in the minds of people, especially "Fijians", and follows a racist policy, it accuses Federation of malicious aims. Has Alliance any constructive policy, any constitution, any common binding among its candidates? Is the only binding among them that they are anti-Federation?

I agree wholeheartedly with Hon. Mara's statement in one respect: There should be no place in this peaceful land for trouble-makers and those who sow the seeds of distrust and violence. Unfortunately the speaker had, I strongly believe, been misguided and coerced to address these words at the wrong parties.

K. V. RAMANI

PO Box 127,
Ba, Fiji.

NEW GUINEA SHIPPING

Sir,—We notice with interest the reference in *PIM*, Oct., p. 109, to the shipping service to be operated by "South Pacific Lines, an amalgation of three Rabaul companies".

As a shareholder in the company owning the *River Dagi*, we would point out that the correct name of the company is New Guinea South Pacific Line Pty. Ltd., and while two of the shareholder companies in New Guinea South Pacific Line Pty. Ltd. are companies registered in the territory, this company, also a shareholder, is a wholly-owned Australian company registered in Sydney.

The foregoing is advised for the sake of correct reporting; at the same time we would like to express our appreciation of the many interesting articles which appear in your journal.

KEITH N. HOLE
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FIJI'S PLACE NAMES

Sir,—I have been very interested to read about the place names of Fiji (*PIM*, June, p. 83), as all Fijian place names have meanings. The meaning of Suva is "Little mounds". The beach resort down the coast near Navua is now wrongly spelt. Many years ago a great number of Tongans resided there, and the Fijians named it "Na Korotoga" (the Tongan village), and it should not be spelt as Nakorotogo, which has no meaning.

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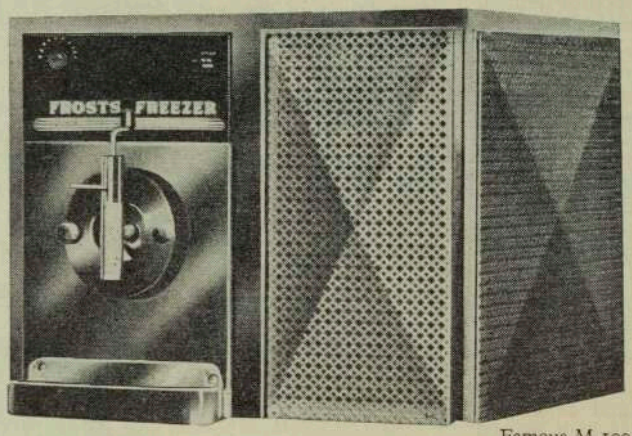

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From the Islands Press

FIJI is feeling the effects of inflated costs and prices overseas, especially in Australia, and imported goods are becoming more expensive. So there could well be a period of belt-tightening ahead, calling for reduced spending and greater efficiency on the one hand, and greater effort to bring in income on the other.

A general survey should come when the 1967 Budget is presented by the new Government [in November]. There should be no glossing over of problems and no attempt to convey any illusion that constitutional change solves economic difficulties. Fantasy of this kind belongs to the anti-colonialists.

The people of Fiji will prefer to hear the truth, and if the

other parts of Australia, but there will never be support in these pages for a regulation that allows a vote but not the right to be voted for. Instead of giving "outsiders" the right to vote after 12 months, but never the right to nominate, why not the right to vote and nominate after three years' residence?—*Editorial in "The Lord Howe Island Signal".*

EVERYONE, or so it seems, is aware of the economic difficulties created by our system of land ownership with respect to the development of an adequate food supply; yet officials still say that most [American] Samoans have subsistence plantations from which they derive much of their food. . . .

of 400 made by Canberra under its four Acts passed for our "peace and good government" on the advice of our various councillors since 1919, even the good Lord's 10 laws will soon be 390 times over-ridden and exceeded by those eight lovers of freedom [the Norfolk Island Council] who advise the building of a communal prison without bars. — *Reader's letter in the "Norfolk Islander".*

THE territory [of Papua-New Guinea] cannot afford to discourage Conzinc Riotinto from investing money here in its exploration of the copper deposit potentials in the Bougainville area.

But it appears that a minority group with a Catholic Mission background is doing its best towards this end. If, as this group might hope, Conzinc is ousted from Bougainville, the Administration and the Australian Gov-

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some Kodachromes of the capital recently. What a growing modern town it is. The future looks bright indeed, and HM Government can indeed be proud of what they have done and yet plan to do for the Solomon Islanders. — *Letter from Wilbur T. Clark, of Wellington, New Zealand, in the "BSIP News Sheet".*

WE may be the languid, trade wind-soothed South Sea Islands. But this doesn't stop us from full appreciation of a four-day break in the old routine, whatever that may be.—*Editorial comment in the "Cook Islands News".*

Many a Green Isle

By Judy Tudor

A piquant and entertaining survey of social and political conditions in the emerging Nations of the South Pacific

PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY—December, 1966—A

Western Samoa.

THIS newsheet cannot let last week's elections pass without once again stating the belief that the discrimination between "islander" and others at these elections is undemocratic and completely foreign to our Australian way of life.

The Lord Howe Island Act allows all persons over the age of 21 to vote providing they have been residing on the island for the 12 months prior to elections. But only "islanders" are eligible to stand for election.

Signal recognises that Lord Howe Island must and perhaps should be different at times from

the concrete, ordinary Samoan worker, the individual who must support his family day in and day out.—*Editorial in the "Samoa Times", Pago Pago.*

IN 1919 when the American President, Mr. Wilson, made 14 orders for the German Government to sign as his terms for peace, the French President, M. Clemenceau, said: "The good Lord saw fit to make 10 orders for the peace and good government of all mankind, but this Mr. American President has seen fit to add another four."

In Norfolk Island today, with only 8 ordinances or orders short

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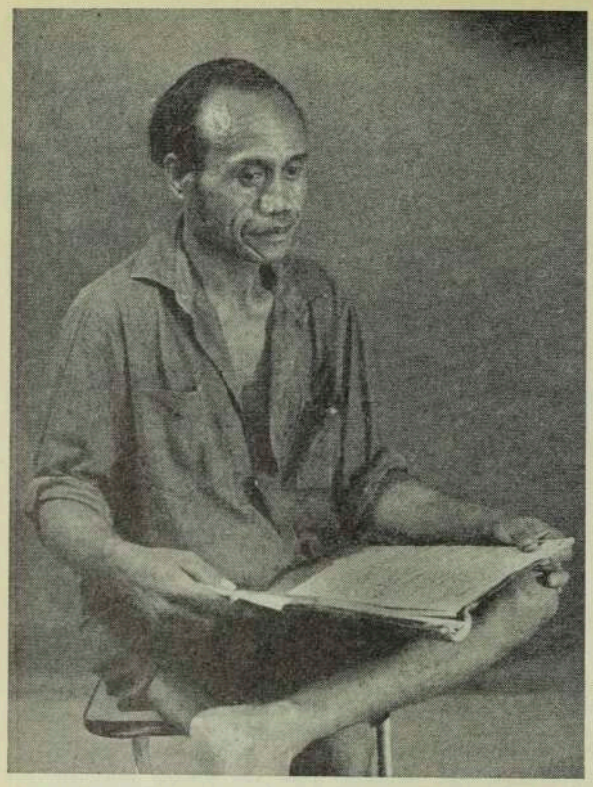

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MERRY-GO-ROUND AND BALLS AND DOLLS

Two weeks for Europeans in Konedobu ground,
Where they have set up a thing called a merry-go-round,
Besides merry-go-round are many balls and dolls,
Prizes are won by hitting down dolls with balls.
And lo! Almost losing their breath as they go round,
And round and round in a jolly merry-go-round,
And for the sake of prize-winning they aim at dolls,
And aim and miss and hit those pretty dolls with balls.
After two weeks this merry-go-round shall be found,
In turn for us native children in Koki ground,
And there we shall wonder and stare at pretty dolls,
And scream and yell as we hit down dolls with balls.
Come then my fellow-children and gather around,
Let us yell at dolls and balls and merry-go-round,
For here we go in wild merry-go-round with dolls,
Round and round in merry-go-round with dolls and balls.

— A. P. A. Natachee.

Poet Of The Papuans

By Stuart Inder

Papuan poet Avaisa Pinonga Allan Natachee takes his poetry seriously enough to risk arrest for it.

IN Port Moresby recently he escaped such a fate by the width of a coconut palm as he was collecting raw material for a new poem on race relations.

It happened in the public lounge of the Hotel Papua at 1.30 in the afternoon, when the lounge was being well patronised by local drinkers—all white, as it happened. Natachee entered jauntily, dressed in open-neck shirt, shorts and bare feet. He carried a large cash book under one arm.

He addressed the assembled drinkers.

"I want to know whether there is a colour bar in this hotel!" he announced, surprisingly.

The brunette who plays mine host in the lounge was out from behind her bar in a flash, and put one strong arm on the poet's shoulder.

"Out you get!" she said.

There is no colour bar at the Hotel Papua. But there are rules of dress, and one of these—strictly enforced nowadays—is that you must wear shoes and socks in the lounge. Both black and white have suffered from it.

Natachee ignored the hand and continued to address the drinkers—now waving a letter which he had extracted from his cash book.

What was in the letter nobody learned, because the lady had called the police, and for good measure somebody else located Simogun, the Under-Secretary for Police, who soon began to take a personal interest in affairs because it was only last year that he had been ejected from the very same lounge for having failed to satisfy the rules of dress.

Enter The Police!

The situation was getting hot. But Natachee had friends, who in the midst of the commotion quickly steered him out through the lobby and sat him behind a coconut palm just as a police inspector and two constables entered the opposite door of the lounge.

The Papuan poet sat behind his palm for the next five minutes while the Under-Secretary for Police, the inspector, the two constables and the brunette sought the man who had caused the disturbance.

When the search party finally disbanded and departed Natachee didn't notice—for by this time he was well involved with the composition of his next poem!

The letter he had been waving he now showed his friends. It was signed "Amado Yuzon", president of the "United Poets Laureate International", with headquarters in Quezon City, the Philippines.

The honorary president, according to the letterhead, is Dr. John Masefield, England's Poet Laureate, and patron is Cardinal Spellman, of New York.

The letter referred to some of Natachee's poems printed in *Australian Territories* magazine (published regularly by the Australian Department of Territories) for May, 1965.

The letter, dated July 14, 1966, said that on the basis of the published poems and by the appraisal made in the same publication about his work, the Poets Laureate International had decided to cite Natachee as "the Distinguished Poet of Papua", and Natachee was now entitled to receive the organisation's poetry medal and karta of award and was eligible to join the association to represent Papua.

"As soon as we hear from you we

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will have the medal and karta prepared. More power to your muse," added Amado Yuzon.

Natachee was very pleased with the honour.

Allan Natachee was born in the Mekeo district of Papua on July 16, 1925, one of two boys and two girls. He had some early training with the Catholic nuns at Yule Island, nearby, and then went to boarding school at Inawaia, from 1935. From there he transferred to school at Bomana, near Port Moresby, until the Pacific War interrupted his studies in 1942.

His English, as a result of that schooling, is excellent, and it was in school that he fell in love with poetry. He remembers that a poem by Tennyson which he saw in a newspaper about 1936 made the first impression on him, and he tried to write one himself.

"I didn't finish it," he says, "but it went like this . . ."

I am a poor beggar, and roam around the world
To find a shade to dwell.

The first completed poem of his own was "River of Knowledge", done at school.

The war brought a break in his poetry writing, but when eventually he took it up again it was, he says, just too much for the bride he had acquired, and she left him.

Village Girl Left

"She was a village girl and she didn't like my poems," he explains, and leaves it at that.

For a time after the war Natachee was employed by the Administration as a clerk, and hopes to get another Administration job soon—perhaps one that will enable him to write—but for some years now he has worked as a wood machinist with a private building firm in Port Moresby.

He likes to write on Sundays. He uses the cash ledger as his notebook and fills its pages in a big round hand.

The day of the hotel disturbance was a Monday and he had come into town from work especially to put in an appearance in the lounge. He had heard there was a colour bar at the hotel, and he had spent most of Sunday jotting down the theme for his new poem on the colour bar.

Lately, colour has been a constantly recurring theme in his poems.

Explaining why he had found it necessary to address the throng in the lounge, Natachee said, "I don't get cross with anybody. But they judge people according to our appearance and our colour, and they do not look inside us to see us on the inside. They don't chase me out of the Boroko Hotel. They know me there, and they say how are you?"

Natachee is not impressed with the argument that he broke the rules of dress at the Hotel Papua.

"They judge our people according to our appearance and they don't look inwards," he repeated, and then broke off to recite his new poem, called "All Colours Come to Dust". He recited in a rich voice, with genuine feeling:

If you be not true to yourself O white man
And lest you be judged by your own lies
Be wise and leave alone this brown man
As sure as the stars in the skies

For why do you waste upon the brown man
Your false and pretentious time?
Leave him alone and take your rest O man
This world is yours just for a time.

Tho you be white you cannot live forever
You must leave this world and be gone
And no colour can defy it ever
But return to dust for anon.

For where are the great Emperors of long ago?
And where are the lords and the barons?
And where are the great writers of long ago?
And where are the great religious parsons?

O for the glory of your blood and state
Can never save you from dying!
Wherefore let all colours be as one mate,
One in living as in dying!

His sentiments are obviously better than his poetry above. But others of his poems have real poetry in them, as for instance this one called "Fear" and which, he says, refers to the cruelty of New Guinea tribal wars:

From dark of darkest gloom were we born
To live in fear from the cradle to the grave
And never to see the light of day,
To be filled with fear when thunders peal—and lightnings flash,
When war drums beat and war trumpets blow.
When advancing yell of foes ring through dark and fearsome forests,
When chiefs of peace call forth: "Flee ye women and children!
"Flee! Foes! Foes are advancing!"
When chiefs of war yell out their word of command! "To arms! To arms my men!
"To arms! For we are the defenders of our women, our homes and our land."
Beat on our drums and blow on our trumpets of war
In answer to drums and trumpets of our foes!
Yell out our war chants to let our foes know
That we are going forward—forward to meet them.
Behold I sway my plant of war defeating
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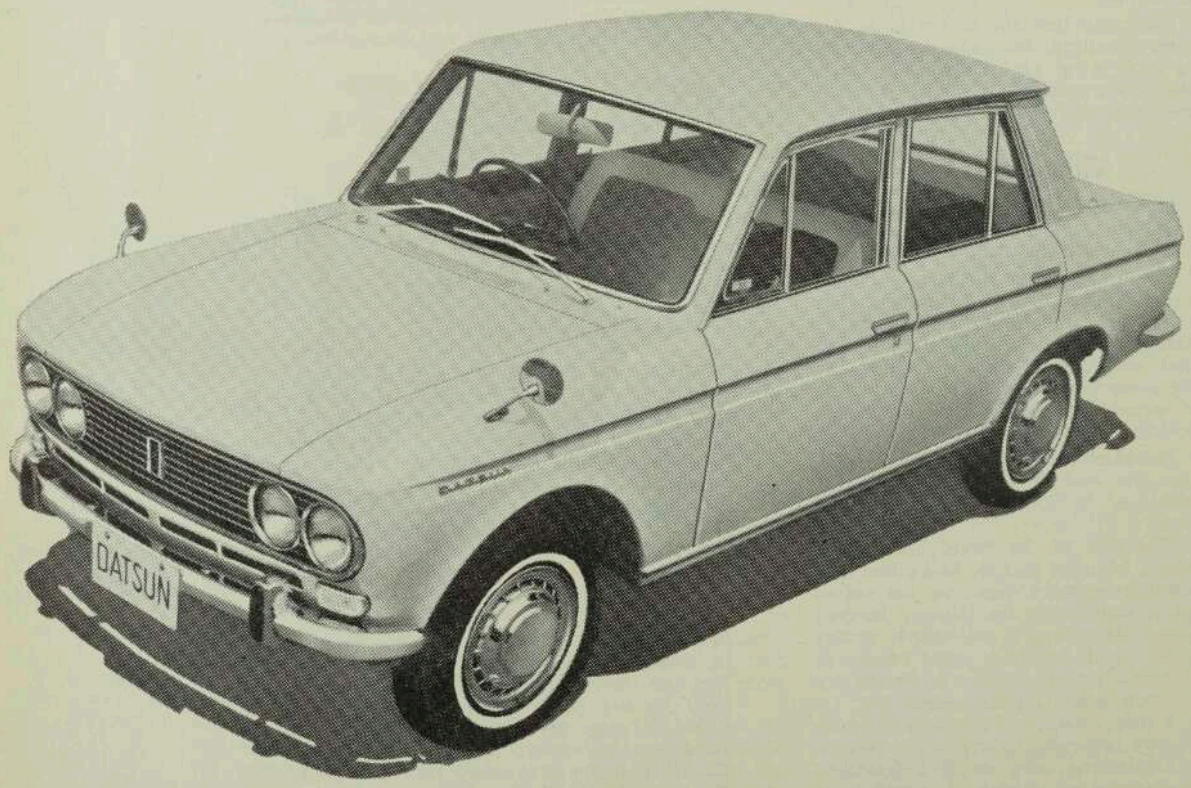

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A MILLION DOLLAR IDEA FOR TARAWA?

From a Tarawa Correspondent

Two years from now—in November, 1968—the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Administration will have a magnificent opportunity to raise some much-needed revenue for the colony by issuing a series of postage stamps to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the Battle of Tarawa.

IN that battle, which is rightly looked on as the bloodiest battle of the war, the Americans regained from the Japanese the tiny atoll islet of Betio, which is about three miles long by 600 yards wide. It cost the Americans 5,000 casualties in three or four days.

There has been a good deal of criticism in *PIM* from time to time about the shameful way in which some Islands governments have exploited the philatelists of the world with postage stamps issued on flimsy pretexts.

But no one could possibly question the ethics of a Battle of Tarawa series, and it therefore behoves the local authorities to make the most of the opportunity.

Needs Promotion

Such an issue requires the utmost preparation, planning and promotion.

There has already been some discussion between the GEIC Administration and the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations, who handle the production of GEIC stamps. I believe it has been suggested that triangular stamps might be considered, and it is tentatively planned to issue a series of three denominations—three cents, 10 cents and 35 cents.

If this is correct, it would be well for those concerned to think again, as no amount of juggling will enable anyone to make up a total of 25 cents, which is the current cost of an airmail letter to the United States. Likewise, it is impossible to make the stamps add up to 15 cents, which is the cost of such letters to Australia.

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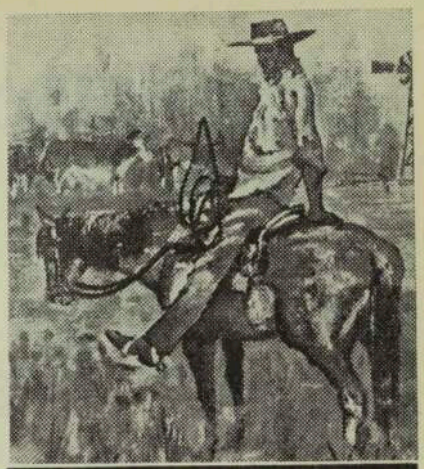

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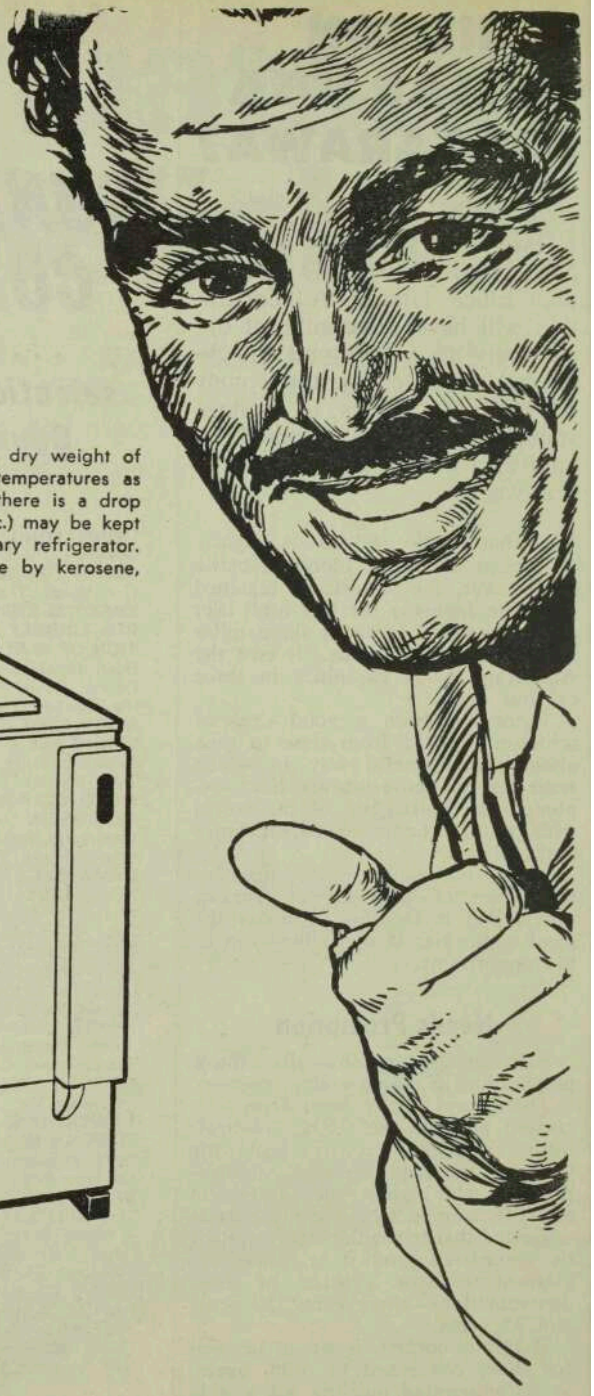

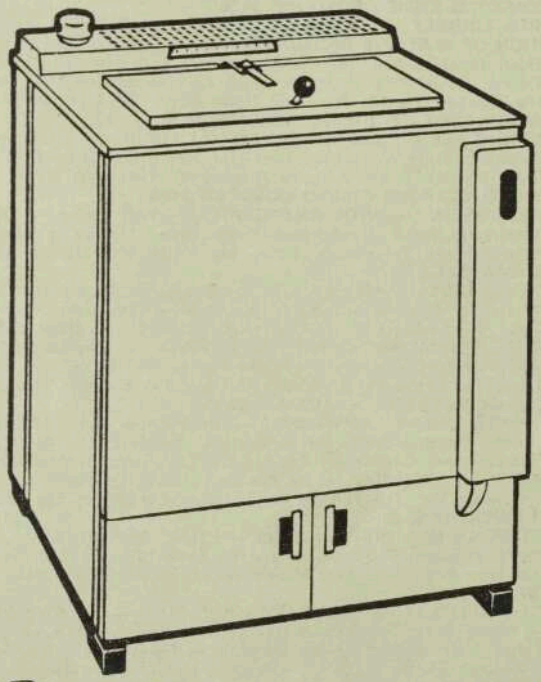

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I understand that it has been suggested that the stamp designs could incorporate:

- An American assault craft.
- A Japanese four-engined bomber —but from Butaritari, not Tarawa. (I believe that only one Japanese plane was seen over the battle during the whole engagement.)
- Colonel Fox-Strangways, the GEIC Resident Commissioner, who landed with the third wave of Americans, hoisting the Union Jack —with the Stars and Stripes nailed on a nearby palm tree.

But are these good enough? And do the authorities realise the possibilities of this series and are they prepared to be more vigorous about this rare opportunity for publicity?

My view is that the design of a suitable series should be thrown open to world-wide competition. Such a move would provide the initial interest in the stamps, as all philatelic journals would publish this choice item of news. There could also be a design competition for a first day cover.

The Tarawa series could, perhaps, be designed along the lines of the series issued in Britain recently to commemorate the 900th anniversay of the Battle of Hastings, where each stamp depicted a part of the Bayeaux Tapestry.

The idea of a series of stamps giving a "sweep" picture of the Battle of Tarawa has a lot to commend it, and there are plenty of official and newsreel pictures available to provide the basis for the design.

A suitable prize for the winning designer could be a free trip to Tarawa for the 25th anniversary celebrations.

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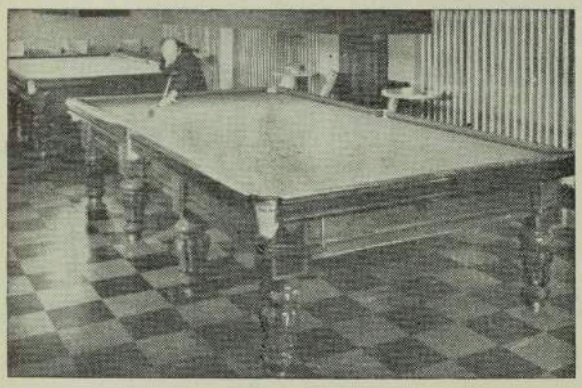

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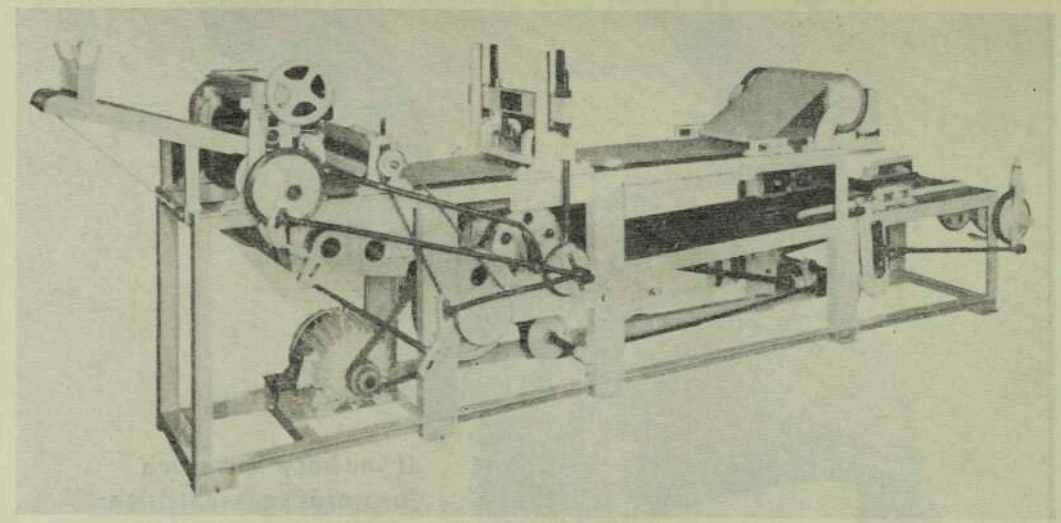

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FIJI'S WOMEN TAKE A HAND IN POLITICS

From Beryl Cates, in Suva

In recent years women in Fiji have been demanding more of a voice in the running of the country. Now they are somewhat mollified because the newly-elected Legislative Council has three women take their places with the men. They are an Indian, a Fijian and a European.

MRS. Loloma Livingston and Mrs. Irene Narayan were elected at the general polls and Adi Losalini Dovi was selected by the Great Council of Fiji's Chiefs.

Mrs. Livingston, with 23,768 votes, won from her opponent, the Rev. P. K. Davis, by 1,091 votes in the Western cross-voting constituency. Mrs. Irene Narayan, with 5,676 votes, won her seat in the Suva Indian constituency by 2,897 from Mr. A. I. N. Deoki.

A third woman candidate, Mrs. Margaret Bain, missed a seat in the Suva general constituency by only 93 votes.

When the Great Council of Chiefs met after the elections to decide on its two representatives to the council, attention was focused on the only woman among the seven candidates for election, Adi Losalini Raravuya Dovi.

A 36-year-old mother of four, the intelligent and charming Adi Losalini chose as the subject for her address to the chiefly council the reasons why a Fijian woman should be one of their representatives to Government. And after all, a European and an Indian had already been elected.

Adi Losalini convinced them.

Political Experience

Of the three women, Federation Party member Mrs. Irene Narayan has had the most political experience. Born in India 34 years ago, a schoolteacher married to a schoolteacher, she came to Fiji 11 years ago.

Though she interested herself in the local scene, Mrs. Narayan took little active part in politics until the London constitutional conference of last year, when she threw herself into the work of the Federation Party.

Since the conference Mrs. Narayan has travelled extensively in the interests of the Federation Party. She has helped organise meetings, form new branches and enlist new members.

When everyone in Fiji was being urged to register for voting earlier this year Mrs. Narayan was seven months pregnant with her fourth child. She did not let her pregnancy prevent her from travelling, often into the outback, in her efforts to get as many people as possible to register for voting.

Time and time again she urged men to bring their womenfolk to political meetings, and with delight she watched more and more women appear in the crowds. Just prior to the elections, at the last public meeting the Federation Party had at Suva's Albert Park, she had the satisfaction of seeing the entire grandstand filled with women.

That the Federation Party has confidence in Mrs. Narayan as its representative is indicated by the fact in the pre-selection of candidates for the Suva constituency Mrs. Narayan out-polled all others nominated.

Adi Losalini

Mrs. Narayan believes that men think on a broader scope than women, but that women "keep calmer" in debate. She thinks people in Fiji want peace. She emphasises that "if there is any desire to dominate by one race over others, the sooner it is abandoned the quicker will be the solution to the problems here".

She says that in "certain quarters" there is a desire for domination.

Her husband is a Federation Party member, but he hasn't the same strong interest as his wife in politics.

Having run her election campaign

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Indecision! A scene at the Fiji elections, as Indian women ponder their vote.

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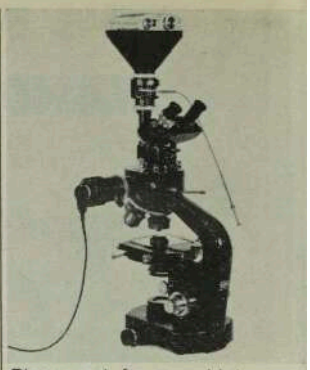

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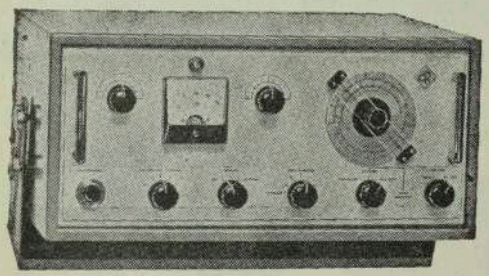

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Mrs. Irene Narayan

with a month-old baby at home, Mrs. Narayan now faces the problem of how to divide her time between her home, her teaching and her political career.

As she enjoys teaching so much, she is determined that she will settle for a part-time teaching job if she finds she has insufficient time for a full-time one.

Mrs. Loloma Livingston, who describes herself as "nicely middle-aged", is the fourth generation of her family in Fiji—her husband is third generation—and so her roots go deep into the country.

During the 28 eventful days of her election campaign she averaged 250 miles a day in her mini car, covering almost every passable road or track in north-west Viti Levu. She personally spoke to each of 4,000 people and she addressed countless groups in villages and town meeting places.

Husband Helps

She slept wherever she found herself each evening and was rarely home. Throughout, she had the full support of her husband, who she has known all her life. They attended Suva Grammar School together.

Mrs. Livingston feels strongly that Fiji's problems are unique and she has no time for those who cite events in other countries as being applicable to Fiji. She is convinced the people can advance in harmony provided no extremist emerges.

Mrs. Livingston is another who is surprised at the interest shown in the elections by local women.

"Fijian women particularly were delighted when they heard I was standing for election, as they feel a woman is much more approachable than a man," she said.

Wives of cane farmers, she claims, contributed largely to her successful campaign. Mrs. Livingston is a trained nurse, a self-taught artist, and a motoring enthusiast. She belongs to the North West Car Club, and can take a car apart and reassemble it.

Mrs. Livingston is interested in all aspects of the country's management, but she has a particular interest in youth welfare and all matters concerning women and children.

Adult education classes she would like to see introduced throughout the country. She feels so strongly about adult education that at one time she gave a series of English lessons to a group of 23 persons.

Adi Losalini

Adi Iosalini is a former government stenographer whose work is held in such high regard she was recalled to head the team of stenographers who attended the then Sir Malcolm Trustram Eve when he conducted his inquiry into the sugar industry. Later, when as Lord Silsoe he returned to inquire into the coconut industry, Adi Losalini was again recalled for similar special duties.

She had 10 years experience in

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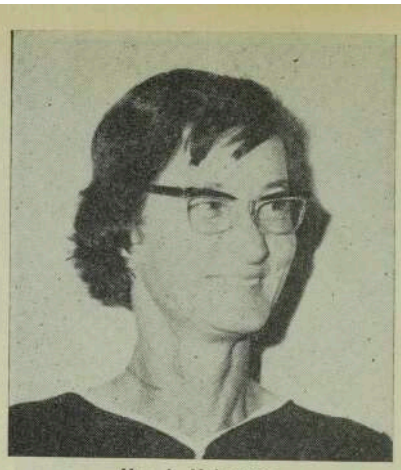

Mrs. L. Livingston

government before her marriage to Fijian medical officer, Dr. J. A. R. Dovi, who earned his degree at Otago University. During the time with government she was often chosen for special duties, and worked frequently with the Fijian Affairs Board under the late Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna.

In Levuka where her husband practises, Adi Losalini is an active member of the Red Cross Society, the secretary of the Home and School Association, an enthusiastic church worker and an active supporter of the women's clubs on Ovalau and in surrounding districts.

She reads widely and plays bowls for relaxation.

In the business world she has made her mark. She was recently elected for the second term to the board of directors of Carreras of Fiji Ltd., the cigarette manufacturers.

Adi Losalini thinks that when the census results are published in Fiji in a few months time they will probably show there are more Fijian women eligible to vote than Fijian men.

She too, is convinced the women's influence in Fiji politics has been disregarded. Obviously, all of them are right.

● Mr. B. T. Good has been appointed secretary of the Administrative Department of Niue Island. He will assist members of the executive committee of Niue's Legislative Assembly, who have increased responsibilities now that a member system of government has been established (*PIM*, Oct., p. 15).

Mr. Good will take up his appointment early in 1967.

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HIGHLANDS WEAVERS ARE FLOURISHING

From a Mt. Hagen Correspondent

The business of weaving blankets is flourishing in the New Guinea Highlands and cottage industries are springing up everywhere.

MAIN promoter of the new industry is Mrs. Gretchen Grainger, of Kundiawa, in the Chimbu District. She is an expert on hand weaving, having taught it at the University of New South Wales before joining New Guinea's Department of Trade and Industry.

Mrs. Grainger is training groups of weavers who return to their homes to instruct local people. Looms have now been established at Lufa, Pari, Yingam Yangamobu, Mendi, Wonenara and Mt. Hagen. There are six looms at Kundiawa.

Wool has been sent from Australia with the assistance of the Australian Wool Board, but Goroka planter Jim Leahy recently gave to Mrs. Grainger wool shorn from about 30 sheep he has raised locally.

The local people have been selling hand-woven blankets for prices ranging from $2 to $10. Not only is there a ready market for these blankets among the New Guineans, but they proved extremely popular with visitors to the last Goroka Show, who were keen to purchase blankets woven by the notoriously fierce Kukukuku tribesmen.

They Weave Ponchos

The Eastern Highlanders also weave ponchos, which can be worn for warmth during the daytime and used as blankets at night. Designs and colours used in both ponchos and blankets are most attractive, and the finished articles sell as much for their eye-appeal as for their utility value.

Not to be outdone, the Mul Native Local Government Council, in the Western Highlands, hopes to start a woollen blanket industry in its own area, and has arranged to send three young men to Kundiawa for a three weeks' course in weaving. The council eventually hopes to use locally grown fleece, although it's unlikely to eventuate for some time.

Weaving is being used for occupational therapy at the Togoba Hansenide Colony in the Western Highlands. Under instruction from Mrs. Jill Dawkins, who volunteers her services, leprosy patients are weaving woollen blankets for their own use, although it is hoped there will be a local market for these and other articles woven at Togoba.

Spinning wheels and looms and imported fleece are being supplied by the Health Department and native grasses will probably be used later. Mrs. Dawkins says the patients are remarkably dexterous and some even use their feet.

Officer-in-charge of leprosy control in the Highlands, Dr. Roger Rodrigue, is pretty pleased with the results of this innovation in rehabilitation treatment at the hospital, and hopes that it will be extended to other centres in the area. He said that weaving could also later provide an occupation, and possibly a cash income, for discharged patients whose deformities prevent them from working their gardens.

Whatever the reasons, there seems no doubt the Highlands weaving industry will catch on, and that it will be immensely practical in this region where nights are frequently bitterly cold.

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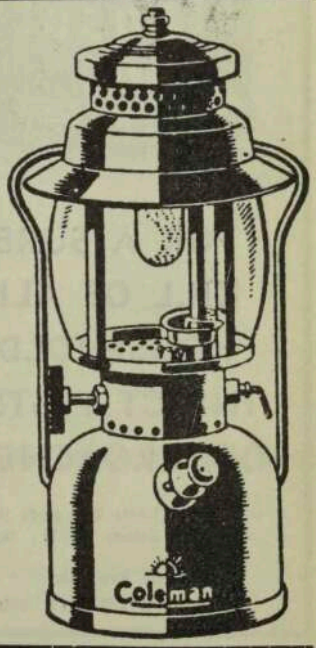

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TAHITI'S SCHOOL CENTENARY WAS 50 YEARS TOO LATE

By Robert Langdon

Celebrating the centenary of something half a century after the event probably doesn't happen anywhere more than once in a century or so. But it happened in Tahiti in September.

ON Saturday, September 17, thousands of Tahitian schoolchildren, their parents and ex-students turned out to celebrate what was supposed to be the centenary of Protestant schools in the territory.

Speeches were made by the Governor, Mr. Jean Sicurani, the then Mayor of Papeete, Senator Poroi, and the Inspector-General of Secondary Education, Mr. Joubert. Trees were planted. Flags were waved. Food was eaten. And the Rue Perotte in Papeete was renamed the Rue Charles Vienot.

Charles Vienot was the man, who —according to the speeches and the Papeete Press—founded the first Protestant school in Tahiti a hundred years ago.

He was, no doubt, a most worthy Frenchman, fully deserving of having a street in Papeete named after him.

But the unGallic truth is that he was by no means the first person to establish a Protestant school in Tahiti.

Welshman

That distinction belongs to a Welshman, John Davies, who arrived in Tahiti in the ship *Royal Admiral* in 1801 to join other missionaries of the London Missionary Society, who had reached the island four years earlier.

Davies, who proved more proficient in learning Tahitian than many of his colleagues, opened an evening school for "the boys and young men that attend about the missionaries' dwellings as servants, etc" in October, 1806.

Six months later, the missionaries sent manuscripts of a Tahitian spelling book and some Tahitian catechisms to England to be printed for use in their school. But before the printed versions could be sent back to Tahiti, political events in the island forced the missionaries to flee to Sydney. This was in 1809.

One of the first students at the LMS missionaries' South Seas Academy, opened in 1824, was Tahiti's boy king, Pomare III. This is reputed to be a portrait of him, but there is some doubt as to whether it really is.

The missionaries began drifting back to Tahiti in 1811, but as conditions there were still unsettled, they re-established themselves on the neighbouring island of Moorea.

On September 21, 1812, Davies opened a school on Moorea with 18 scholars—most of them being boys who worked at the mission as servants.

Three years later, enrolment at the school had "increased beyond all expectations" to 660—many of the scholars being adults from Tahiti.

In 1824, the missionaries established a school for their own children on Moorea which they called the South Seas Academy. Tahiti's young king, Pomare III, went to this school until his death in 1827.

The South Seas Academy continued in existence for many years—contemporaneously with a number of others that the LMS missionaries established in Tahiti before the French (who took control of the island in 1842) finally squeezed them out in the 1860's.

It is thus completely inaccurate to say that the first Protestant school in the territory was opened by Charles Vienot in 1866; and it seems astonishing that the present generation in Tahiti should know so little of their history as to describe it as such.

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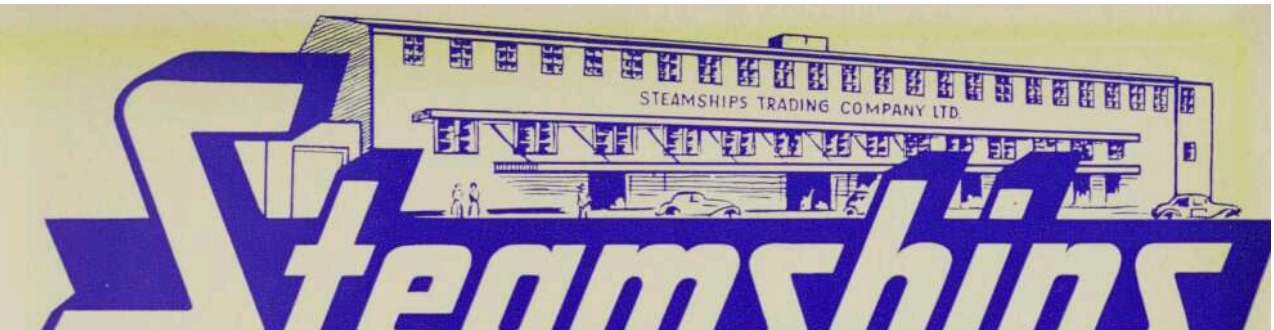

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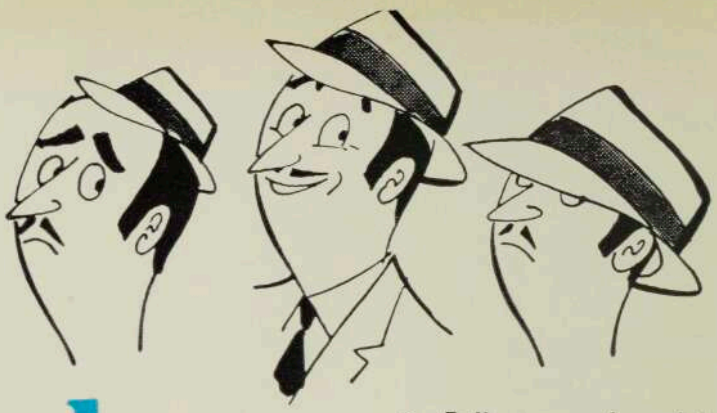

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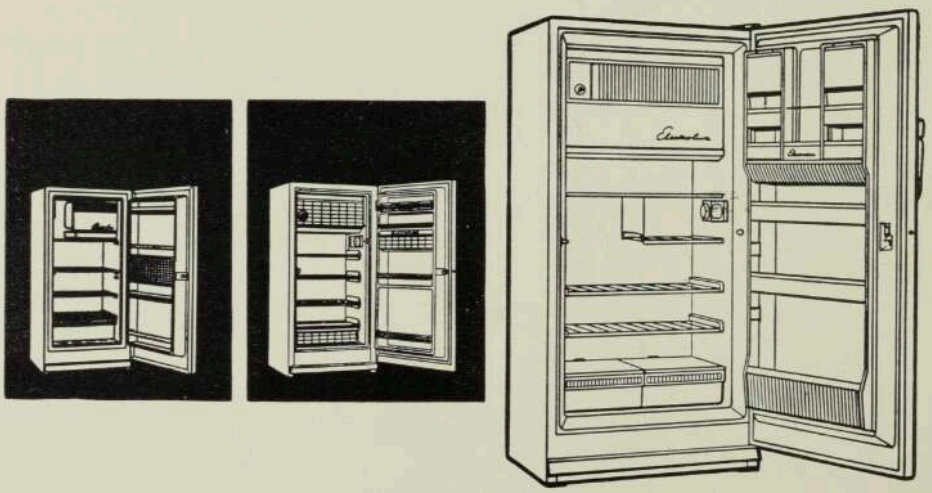

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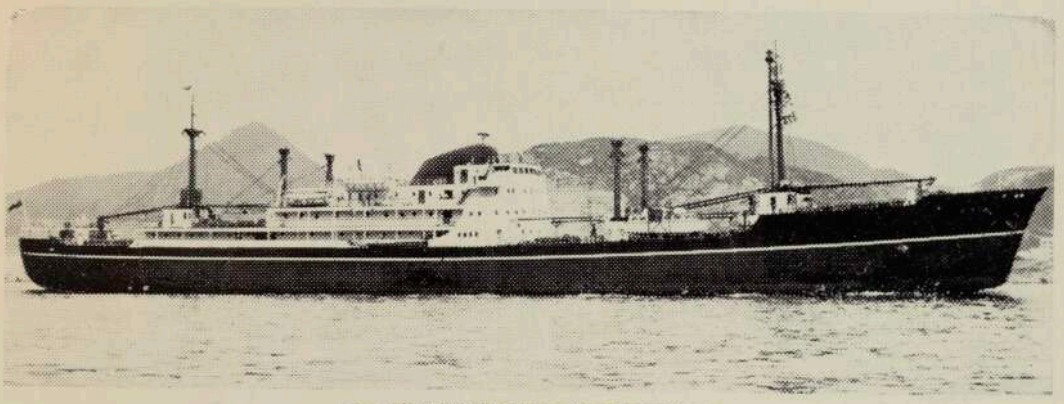

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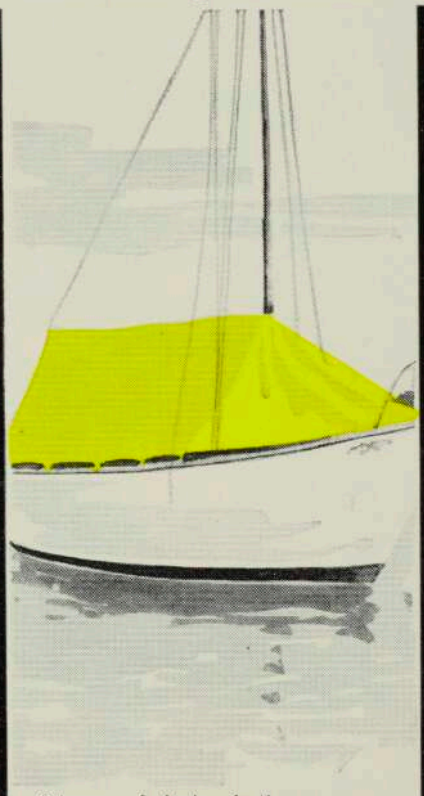

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• A set of five postage stamps is to be issued on March 1 next year to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the discovery of Pitcairn Island by Captain Philip Carteret of HMS "Swallow". Like all previous Pitcairn stamps, the new series will bear the words "Pitcairn Islands" (plural) to show that the neighbouring, uninhabited islands of Oeno, Henderson and Ducie are also British possessions. Oeno lies 65 miles north-west of Pitcairn; Henderson is 100 miles east-north-east; and Ducie is 190 miles east of Henderson. The motif of the new stamps is the discovery of the four Pitcairn Islands, the story of which is told here by Reid Cowell, of the South Pacific Office in Suva, who is British Commissioner for Pitcairn.

New Stamps Commemorate Discovery Of The Four Pitcairn Islands

By Reid Cowell

"On Thursday, the 2nd July, in the evening, we discovered land to the northward of us; which appeared like a great rock rising out of the sea. . ." The year was 1767, and in these words Captain Philip Carteret recorded the rediscovery of an island which he named Pitcairn's Island after the young midshipman who had sighted it. He gave the modern world a mystery which has still not been resolved.

A TRADITION from Mangareva in the Tuamotu Archipelago tells the story of a chieftain named Taratahi who, forced to leave his home, sailed to the island of Matakiterangi where he established a settlement.

Towards the end of the 14th century the descendants of Taratahi were attacked, defeated and dispersed by another voyager, Ragahenua, and then all mention of Matakiterangi ceases.

In time, as the Pacific was mapped by European navigators, Matakiterangi came to be identified with distant Easter Island, even though the Mangarevan tradition contains a ritual description of the planting of the breadfruit tree which did not grow there.

Remains Of Settlement

Then, when the *Bounty* reached Pitcairn in 1790, the mutineers found not only the breadfruit, but also the remains of an earlier Polynesian settlement.

Subsequent archaeological research has confirmed the basic truth of the Mangarevan legend, and there can be little doubt that Pitcairn was indeed the site of Taratahi's colony. But whether the colony was abruptly dispersed and later voyagers intermittently visited Pitcairn or whether it slowly died out is still an archaeological puzzle.

By the time the first European navigators landed at Mangareva, the double canoe shown on the halfpenny stamp had been replaced by rafts for ocean voyages; but, from the evidence of remains which were examined by early visitors and subsequent research into the origins of the Mangarevans, it can be fairly confidently said that the old canoes resembled those from the Marquesas, about which a little more is known.

Five Voyages

The design of the ½d stamp, therefore, is composite, being based primarily on a photograph of an old model of a Marquesan canoe in the Neuchatel Museum and other information taken from *Canoes of Oceania* by A. C. Haddon and James Hornell, published by the Bishop Museum in Honolulu in 1936.

Between 1521 and 1606, the Spanish explorers made five voyages through the Central Pacific. Of the last of these by Quiros, who sailed westwards from Callao in Peru on December 21, 1605, there are no less than five published accounts.

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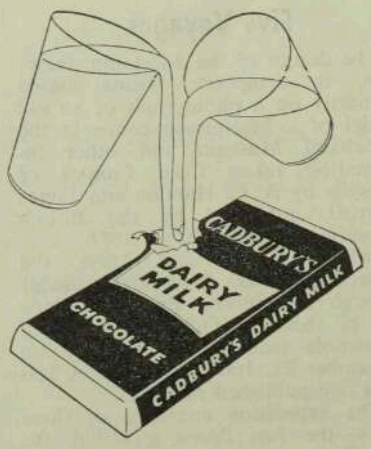

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La Encarnacion was discovered and, three days later, a second island, "massive, moderately high, open, having groves and plains", which was named San Juan Bautista.

The descriptions, courses and latitudes recorded in the accounts leave no doubt that the two islands are those now known as Ducie and Henderson which were rediscovered and so renamed three centuries later.

With the help of Father Celsus Kelly, of the Franciscan Friary, Ascot, England, a portrait of Pedro Fernandez de Quiros and reproductions of a typical galleon and bergantine of the period were obtained from Spain and used in the designing of the penny and 8d stamps.

Tale Of Misadventure

The rediscovery of Pitcairn by the *Swallow* in 1767 was a tale of misadventure. On August 22, 1766, Carteret sailed from Plymouth in company with Captain Samuel Wallis in the *Dolphin* to search for Davis' Land—the southern continent.

After four months together, the two ships separated in the western opening of the Straits of Magellan and Wallis, believing the misnamed *Swallow* had foundered, sailed on alone.

But Carteret limped on, and, having searched fruitlessly for Davis' Land in the region of Juan Fernandez, he turned westwards on Quiros' track, rediscovered Pitcairn's Island, and, then, to complete a voyage round the world.

Curiously, on his way home through the Atlantic 18 months later, he was overhauled and hailed by the *Boudeuse* commanded by the French explorer Bougainville who, a few months behind, had picked up Carteret's trail through the Solomons and New Britain.

Gordon Findlay, Of Norfolk Island

Gordon Findlay, a well-known personality on Norfolk, has had a varied career.

Gordon, who is a New Zealander, joined the Administration staff just after World War II as an accountant. To this position were later added the duties of Registrar-General, an appointment he held during a period of increasing business activity. Eventually the duties carried out by Gordon were divided into two separate departments; one under a registrar and the other under an accountant.

After a period of ill-health Gordon left the Administration, but later rejoined as Auditor.

These occupations are a far cry from his first choice of a career, which was that of a stained-glass artist with the Auckland firm of Phillips Impey Ltd. But he contracted lead poisoning, and a change was indicated, so he joined the clerical staff of the New Zealand Railways. In the next six years he also found time to acquire a first class radio operator's certificate.

He then crossed to Australia and returned to stained glass work, but World War II found him on Norfolk in the Royal New Zealand Air Force, after having, somewhere along the line, qualified as an accountant.

After the war he married Miss Gwen Bailey, of Norfolk Island. She's a descendant of Fletcher Christian, of the *Bounty*.

His hobbies today are bowls and the exchanging of speech tapes with members of an overseas club.

Gordon seems to have settled on Norfolk for good and his diverse interests make him a most useful citizen.—*Merval Hoare.*

And what became of Midshipman Pitcairn from whom the island now takes its name? It is recorded that he "was afterwards lost in the *Aurora*, in her passage to the East Indies; and his father, major of the marines, fell in the action of Bunker's Hill, and died in the arms of another of his sons".

Between 1767 and 1790 when Fletcher Christian, the mutineer, beached and burned the *Bounty*, there is no record of Pitcairn's again being sighted, though it is known that Cook, looking for it, was only a few miles off when an outbreak of scurvy compelled him to turn away to the north.

In 1791, Captain Edward Edwards in the *Pandora*, searching for the *Bounty*, sighted and renamed Quiros' La Encarnacion, Ducie Island; but it was not until 1808 that Mayhew Folger, an American sealer, found the new community.

We have the later and authentic authority of John Adams, the last of the mutineers and patriarch of Pitcairn, that it was Carteret's journal which finally guided Christian to the island, in spite of a printing error which placed it five degrees to the north of its true position.

Present-day Pitcairn Islanders sometimes take holidays at Oeno Island, which is 65 miles north-east of their island and their nearest neighbour. This picture shows a couple of Pitcairn boats on Oeno's beach. Mr. H. D. Howse, a former education officer on Pitcairn, who took the picture, says that to describe the lagoon there as a fisherman's paradise is "an extreme understatement".

Report Unnoticed

The *Swallow* is reproduced on the shilling stamp together with a portrait of Carteret kindly made available by the Museum of the Societe Jersiaise.

Folger's report went unnoticed in a Europe at war with Napoleon and Pitcairn was lost again until 1814 when the British warships *Briton* and *Tagus* revealed the story of the *Bounty* mutineers' settlement to an astonished world.

This resulted in the Calcutta committee of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge sending a supply of Bibles and prayer books to the island, and the *Calcutta Journal*

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raised a subscription for material aid, including a 22 ft cutter. These gifts, with a letter to John Adams from his brother Jonathan, a Thames waterman, were carried by Captain James Henderson of the merchant ship *Hercules* on the way to Valparaiso.

Henderson, having put into Pitcairn again on the return voyage, discovered the fourth island of the group on January 19, 1819—the coral atoll now known as Oeno Island.

The name Oeno is that of an American whaler which sighted the island again in 1824. Henderson's connection with Pitcairn is perpetuated in the renamed San Juan Bautista of Quiros which he also sighted on this voyage.

The *Hercules* on the 1/6 stamp has been reproduced with the co-operation of the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich.

Polynesian Knowledge

Did the early Polynesians also know of Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands? Almost certainly, I think. But whereas Pitcairn had timber and flints to offer as proof, the other three had little or nothing.

Possibly Henderson, which still has small stands of timber left, may have been intermittently visited; and perhaps its caves may yet reveal archaeological evidence of occupation. But the atolls of Oeno and Ducie will probably remain silent.

The bi-centenary of Pitcairn's rediscovery by Carteret is a fitting moment to recall the story of these four, isolated islands.

The double canoes of the early Polynesian navigators, the galleon and bergantine of Quiros, the sloop of Carteret, the armed-vessel *Bounty*, Henderson's Indiaman and the men who manned them are part of the saga of the South Seas.

Perennial Interest

Of the four islands, only Pitcairn is permanently occupied. But its story of mystery, mutiny and renaissance alone is sufficient to guarantee a perennial interest in them.

The main sources of reference for the information in this article are two papers by H. E. Maude on Spanish and post-Spanish discoveries in the Pacific published in the *Journal of the Polynesian Society* for December, 1959, and March, 1961, and J. C. Beaglehole's book *The Exploration of the Pacific*, London, 1934.

"Native head-dresses" is the title of this Tahiti watercolour by Sarka.

AMERICA'S ART LOVERS DISCOVER "SARKA OF THE SOUTH SEAS"

By Robert Langdon

Even if you pride yourself on your knowledge of South Seas history or South Seas art, you can fairly be excused if you have never heard of the artist Charles Sarka, sometimes known as "Sarka of the South Seas".

WHEN Sarka died in the United States in 1960 at the age of 81, his attractive water colours of Tahiti and Moorea had not been publicly exhibited for something like 40 years, and only a few of his closest friends were aware that he had ever been to the Pacific.

Now, however, Sarka's South Seas pictures have been rediscovered; and institutions and private collectors are showing an eagerness to acquire them, reminiscent of the "rush" for Paul Gauguin's South Seas paintings of half a century ago.

The revival of interest in Sarka's South Seas work—or in his work generally, for that matter—began in October, 1963, when the Bernard Black Gallery in Madison Avenue, New York, staged a three-week exhibition of 30 of his watercolours, done in Tahiti and Moorea in 1903.

Art lovers were fascinated by their subject matter and their spontaneous, turn-of-the-century charm, and the exhibits were quickly snapped up by art institutions and private collectors. The institutions included the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City, the Institute of Fine Arts in Chicago, the Honolulu Academy of Fine Arts, and New York City's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The Metropolitan Museum's acquisition—a study of a Tahitian woman having "A Morning Smoke"—is being displayed again this month in a retrospective exhibition at the museum of American watercolours to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the American Watercolour Society.

Another Exhibition

To coincide with this, the Bernard Black Gallery is presenting another exhibition of Sarka's work—this one including other works of Tahiti, plus water colours done in Hawaii in 1904-05, North Africa in 1909, and the Adirondack mountains of the United States in 1915.

Sarka's name may thus become a

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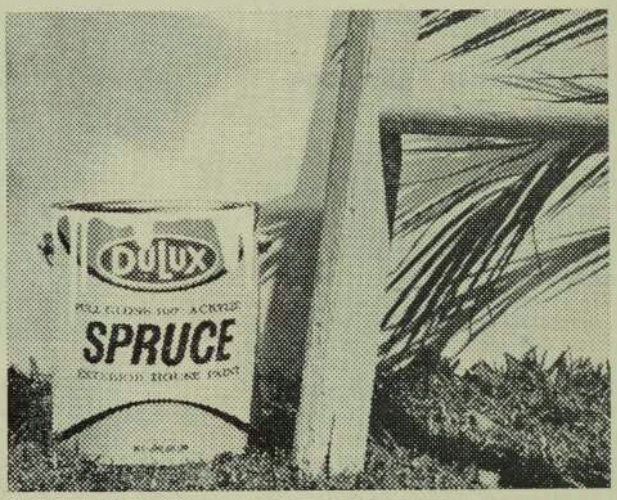

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good deal better known in the next few years than it now is; and perhaps one of these days another Somerset Maugham will write another novel along the lines of *The Moon and Sixpence* that will really put him on the map.

Sarka's life, though, does not seem to have been quite as colourful as Maugham's model, Gauguin. But it was interesting enough.

According to an account of his career which he gave to the New Jersey newspaper *Asbury Park Sunday Press* in October, 1932, Sarka was born in Chicago on December 6, 1879. His parents, who came from Bohemia, had him baptised Charles Nicholas.

He began drawing in his earliest years, for his mother soon made the happy discovery that a pencil and a piece of paper had magical qualities for keeping him busy.

From pencils, the boy graduated to crayons (and the world of colour), and from there to watercolours.

His father, a gilder and maker of picture frames in a big store, encouraged his artistic leanings, allowing him to copy the work of notable artists which he brought home to be framed.

Errand Boy

Sarka's first job was as an errand boy in a Chicago engraving plant, where he worked without pay learning how the engraving work was done. Eventually he was allowed to draw figures on blocks for the engravers at a salary of $1 a week.

He next worked on a spiritualist weekly for $3 a week, and a comic weekly called *The Cricket* for $8.

However, *The Cricket* "chirped its last chirp" after three months; and Sarka moved to another weekly paper. He was then only 13 or 14.

At 16, he was a staff artist on the *Chicago Record*; and when that paper's cartoonist left on a trip round the world, Sarka was pushed into his place.

Sarka produced in pen and ink what photographers now do—pictures of murderers, fires, accidents and trials, including the trial of a sausage maker who boiled his wife to death in a vat.

At 19, Sarka moved on to papers and magazines in New York where he began to make what he called "real money"—$50 to $90 a week. Before long he had more work than he could handle.

A magazine editor in New York, who had visited the South Seas, first put the idea into Sarka's head of going there himself. But it was in Egypt, rather than the Pacific, that he had his first taste of life overseas.

Much of the quality of Sarka's watercolours is lost in a black and white reproduction. But this detail from "Weaving hats, Moorea" gives some idea of his style.

With a fellow artist, George "Pop" Hart, Sarka set out with a knapsack, travelling steerage to Naples and then steerage on another ship to Alexandria. In Egypt, the pair travelled extensively, sometimes paying their way with paintings.

"It was a mighty fine winter we spent there in Egypt," Sarka recalled 30 years later, "and we were sorry to return to New York and get back in the illustrating game."

"Plenty Of Breadfruit"

Sarka's Middle East adventure resulted in his being given a number of Oriental stories to illustrate. But soon the wanderlust gripped him again, and he suggested to Pop Hart that they should go to Tahiti.

In the following year, 1903, Hart downed tools and headed for Tahiti via Cuba. Sarka remained behind to earn more money before leaving.

This was against the wishes of his friend, who wrote: "Am sorry that I leave here Thursday for Tahati (sic) without my old reliable side partner, but will await patiently your arrival in Tahati. But don't see why you should want so much money as there is no chance to spend it over there, as we will get plenty of breadfruit just for the picking and plenty of fishing . . .

"I expect to do most of my stuff in oils this trip and don't expect to come back for at least 2 years . . . I am going to give all my stuff to Steamship Co. to use for exhibition and adv. purposes and when I come back to the States I am to have all the originals back . . . and if you get to Tahati I will work you in on the same deal, but for god's sake come alone as if more come it will queer the whole thing entirely . . .

"Next boat leaves about July 4th will expect you on it."

Soon after Hart arrived in Tahiti, he sent Sarka another letter which said simply: "When are you coming down? Bring some fish hooks with you when you come."

Sarka was about to set off for Tahiti when Hart's note arrived. He found when he did reach that island, that Hart was not exactly living in elysium.

Sad, Solitary Figure

"The usual picturesque crowd of flower-crowned natives and whites dressed in white duck met my eyes at the dock," Sarka told the *Ashbury Park Sunday Press*, "but I looked in vain for Pop.

"At last I spied him, a sad and solitary figure, pacing up and down the beach, head down and looking as though he had lost his last friend.

"He wore dirty flannel pants and a ragged blue flannel shirt. His hair looked as though sparrows had been nesting in it and he had not shaved for weeks.

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Pop'. He turned in a flash, yelled 'Sarka, by God' and both of us threw our hats into the air and hugged each other.

"The authorities had been about to deport him, but everything was changed when I arrived.

"We rented a shack and then travelled around the island and other islands, including Moorea and Bora Bora, just as we had done in Egypt.

"We lived out in the country, but were always home on steamer day, once a month. Then we could come into Papeete and put up at the home of the American consul. He gave us one of the queerest rooms I ever slept in. It was piled not less than a foot deep with newspapers. It looked to me like an accumulation of years. Here we'd sleep wrapped up in old American flags.

"It was a vagabond existence we led there, roaming by day and putting up at the homes of natives at night, sleeping in brass beds which they used as ornaments while they slept on the floor. Every view was beautiful enough to sketch, every native was picturesque enough to draw. We were busy all the time.

COCONUT CULTURE CONUNDRUM

How can a coconut tree grow on a rock that is so steep that nobody is ever known to have climbed it? People on Tutuila, American Samoa's main island, sometimes ask themselves that question when they pass Futi Rock (pictured), which is just off the coast between Pago Pago and Tafuna Airport. Futi Rock, also known as the Flower Pot, is actually one of a pair of perpendicular rocks. The other is called Fatu, or Tower Rock. Together, the Samoans know them as Fatu-ma-Futi, and legend has it that they are people turned to stone.

Month On Moorea

"We spent a month on Moorea and got to be great friends with the natives, especially the youngsters. Near where we lived was the "Pool of the Ghost", a little lake in a woodland glade said to be inhabited by a spirit which pulled under the water anyone who ventured near the pool. I didn't know its reputation until later, however.

"I was overjoyed one morning to discover the picturesque spot, but I was surprised that the children usually following me had turned back towards the village.

"I took a plunge and then painted the scene, putting on a stone overhanging the water the shadowy figure of a young girl reaching over for a floating leaf. The youngsters had given me up as a goner, and were surprised when I returned and told me the legend of the ghost.

"I showed them the picture and they yelled, 'There it is' when they saw the figure of the girl."

[Sarka's "Pool of the Ghost" was apparently Lake Temae on the north-eastern corner of Moorea. It was also described in somewhat ghostly terms by the US novelist Herman Melville in his novel *Omoo*, published a century or so ago.]

Sarka did not say in the 1932 newspaper article how long he stayed in Tahiti and Moorea, but it appears to have been only a couple of months.

On his return to New York, the pictures he had painted gained him the title of "Sarka of the South Seas", but he did not pause long to revel in this new name, for in 1904-05, he visited Hawaii. Later trips took him to North Africa, Paris and the Caribbean.

Evocation Of Far Countries

Somewhere around this time, Sarka married Grace Jones, sister of Haydon Jones, an American newspaperman, and they went off to "Wild" Wales for their honeymoon.

Other excursions followed, including one to a guano island in the Caribbean, which is said to be the site of buried pirate treasure.

In his later years, Sarka became a frequent contributor to such well-known American magazines as *Collier's, Scribner's, Cosmopolitan, Everybody's* and *Harper's*.

Charles Sarka as a young man. The picture, a self-portrait, in reproduced from a photographic reproduction of a newspaper clipping. This reproduction is therefore three or four times removed from the original.

He is said to have been "a friend of, and respected by, some of the liveliest minds of the day—both artistic and literary—who admired the exhibitions of his watercolours and their evocation of the far countries he had visited".

When his Tahiti and Moorea watercolours were exhibited in October, 1963, they had not been shown in public since the late twenties.

"The present exhibition," a catalogue published for that display proclaimed, "draws attention to a little-known but delightful period of Charles Sarka's work.

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The titles of the 30 watercolours exhibited included *Vahines making hats; Forest interior, Moorea; Where the surf thunders; Hymn-singers of Faaa; Dancers of Faaa; Weaving hats, Moorea; Tahiti dancers resting; Spearing fish on the reef; Tahiti, the golden; Sailing toy canoes, Moorea;* and *Pop Hart, sketching a vahine.*

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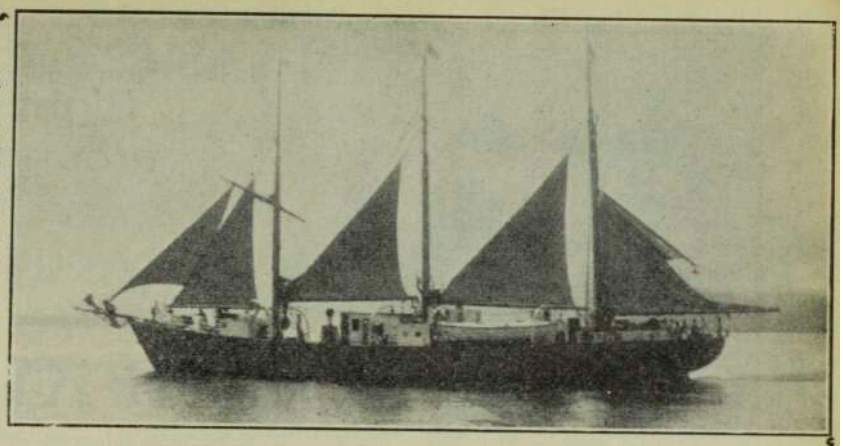

Among the ships in the news in PIM for December, 1946, was the missionary ship "John Williams V" which had returned a party of Samoan missionaries to Apia after they had been virtually marooned in Papua for up to eight years. The missionaries and their families—42 people in all—had been kept in Papua by the intervention of the war when they could not be relieved. Fourteen other Samoan missionaries had relieved the homing party, on LMS stations from Suau, near Samarai, to the Fly River.

Yesterday

There wasn't a great deal of Christmas cheer about in the Pacific 20 years ago this month. In spite of the fact that the war had been officially over for 15 months, problems of reconstruction had scarcely been tackled. Greatest discontent was in the S-W Pacific, which had been devastated by war and where governments seemed to be deliberately hampering the return of European enterprise.

These items of interest are from *PIM* for December, 1946:

THE Western Samoans rejected the proposal that they should become a trusteeship territory of the United Nations, administered by New Zealand. Through their Fono they asked for self-government at once, with NZ acting as "protector and adviser", and that "the unnatural division of the islands of the Samoan group, enforced by the three powers in the past without the consent of the Samoans, be left in abeyance until a meeting can be arranged between Eastern and Western Samoa".

AFTER one year of silence from the Resident Agent on Puka Puka, Northern Cooks, during which time no one knew whether the atoll was still there or not, communication had been re-established. Mr. R. C. Savage, the RA, reported that the silence was caused by the radio breaking down soon after the last ship had called. The atoll had no airstrip, and only one ship a year, leaving radio the sole means of communication. Although their diet had been mainly fish and coconuts, the Puka-Pukans' health had been excellent and they had employed the period making copra and weaving mats to the value of £1,700.

THE French and British authorities in the New Hebrides were reported to have renamed certain thoroughfares in the capital of Vila. They were "Winston Churchill St.", "Rue Charles de Gaulle" and "Rue Henri Sautot" —"as an appreciation of their outstanding services, in their various spheres, during the war".

IN New Guinea the battle was still on between local residents and Australian buyers, taken there by the Commonwealth Disposals Commission, for the remnants of war. The last big sales had been held in Rabaul and the mainland and southern buyers were departing with booty—trucks for which they had paid £15 and for which Territorians said they would have paid £100. "It is hoped," reported a correspondent "that the CDC will soon be a thing of the past in these parts."

ONE of the first of the post-war, trans-Pacific yachtsmen, John Caldwell, made the news when he wrecked his cutter *Pagan* in the Lau Islands. Caldwell was rescued more dead than alive by Fijians. Although *Pagan* was a write-off, Caldwell later made other Pacific voyages, in other yachts.

ALTHOUGH the Australian Government was very cagey about the amount spent in Papua-New Guinea at this time—and the annual free grant had not then been introduced—*PIM* investigators had turned up "the surprising fact" that something like £3 million a year had been earmarked for Territories and wondered, editorially, how the Australian taxpayers were going to stand for it.

A *SYDNEY MORNING HERALD* correspondent who had been sent to New Guinea reported that it was "confused and idle" and pointed out that if Canberra were committed irrevocably to "New Guinea for the New Guinea natives" the change-over should have taken place gradually and without the "current hardships on European settlers and industries".

FIJI was busy "rescinding a piece of social injustice" that had prohibited Fiji civil servants voting at the Legislative Council elections. An amendment to Fiji Letters Patent was necessary before this could come into effect.

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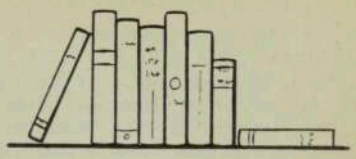

Donald Macintyre's *The Battle for the Pacific* and Kenneth Harrison's *The Brave Japanese* should be read side-by-side. Both authors survey aspects of the Pacific War in retrospect and conclude that the Japanese were worthy and honourable foes.

THE Battle for the Pacific is a comprehensive survey of the naval battles of the war, written by an Englishman who has already given us *The Battle of the Atlantic* and *The Battle for the Mediterranean.*

Now an historian with the Royal Navy, Macintyre was a wartime destroyer commander. Besides knowing his stuff, he is the more accomplished writer of the two authors.

His account of how the war was won is of absorbing interest, for in outlining the naval history from all sides (and he is as well-informed on Japanese as well as allied strategy and results) Macintyre lays bare for us the grand strategy of those years, on land and sea. The war thus comes into focus.

From the opening moves of the Java Sea to the final massacre of the remnants of the Japanese fleet at Leyte we are shown how Japan's defeat was inevitable once America gained the breathing space in which to build up production lines at home.

Japan Ran Wild

Each new month that strengthened America depleted the brilliantly developed and manned Japanese Navy, until finally the Japanese could do little more than send poorly trained pilots fresh from school into suicidal Kamikaze attacks as a final hopeless gesture of defiance.

Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto, C-in-C of the Combined Fleet and an early convert to the supremacy of carrier-borne air power, had warned Prince Konoye even before the war that "if I am told to fight regardless of consequence, I shall run wild considerably for the first six months or a year, but I have utterly no confidence for the second and third years".

Yamomoto, killed over Bougainville in April, 1943, never knew how right he was. But in the year or two that he did run wild he proved the Allies could not match his men in fighting skill, and Macintyre at times paints an almost incredible picture of Allied naval inefficiency.

From the beginning the Japanese had been underestimated, but it took 12 months for the truth to sink in to the collective minds of Allied naval officers.

The Japanese night-fighting techniques had been developed to such pitch that even without the help of radar (which some American ships had) the Japanese were able to teach some bitter lessons.

Probably the greatest Allied misjudgment was of the value of the Japanese torpedo—and it was the torpedo which emerged as the most important single weapon in the naval battles of the Pacific. American torpedoes were ineffective; the Japanese "Long Lances", propelled by liquid oxygen, were devastating.

KENNETH HARRISON, an Australian who tells his personal story of life as a Japanese POW in *The Brave Japanese*, agrees with Macintyre that the Japanese were underestimated as fighters, and that by and large they were an extremely brave foe.

His book, which takes him from Malaya to Thailand and Japan, covers the same ground, but in more detail, that fellow-POW Hugh Clarke did in *The Tub*, published in 1963. Harrison hides nothing when describing Jap. brutality but he looks at his tormentors as individuals

Islands Life

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rather than as typical representatives of a race.

In those tough days near war's end in Japan, where Harrison and his ragged mates worked first in a shipyard and then down a coal mine, he shows that the lot of the Japanese civilian often was no better than that of the prisoners.

Harrison's readable and enlightening account has no doubt been allowed to mellow by time. But this has helped him look at his prison days objectively and thus has given us a book that is different from the usual POW stories.—SI.

(THE BATTLE FOR THE PACIFIC. Angus and Robertson, $4.50. THE BRAVE JAPANESE. Rigby Ltd., $4.25).

DRESS is the latest title in Oxford University Press' little "Life In The Pacific" series for schools. In 32 pages of clear text, Port Moresby woman Renata Cochrane (drawings by Anne Lissenden) tells of traditional dress in Tonga, Papua, Samoa, Fiji, the Gilberts and Hawaii. 45c.

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At Home With World Wanderer Pinney

The exotic wanderings of Australian Peter Pinney—he is the late Sir Hubert Murray's grandson—have appeared from time to time in half a dozen travel books about Greece, Africa and elsewhere but some of his most entertaining writing is in his latest, *Restless Men*, based right in Australia.

IN all his books he puts on a front of being among the most *avant* of the *avant garde*, a state of mind in which nothing matters but the fulfilment of the moment.

He carries this front into this book although when we last heard of him he seemed to be living a reasonably domesticated life somewhere on the North Queensland coast.

His new book is a collection of pieces, complete in themselves, but all strung together by the fact that he and they move along the Queensland coast, from prawning off Southport to sharking off Mackay—with side exucursions as dish-washer at Mr. Reg Ansett's Royal Hayman Hotel or as property man for an outfit making short television films in the Northern Territory.

"Cosy Togetherness"

Probably the most entertaining piece of the lot is his sojourn at Royal Hayman where the toothsome waitresses come in bikinis or black net tights and where the 70-odd unmarried staff have just as much fun as the guests, boys and girls "in cosy togetherness of adjoining two-bed cubicles", or dancing with the hotel guests at the night club on the beach.

We should imagine that his descriptions of the lush wild life of Hayman will do nothing but good for Reg's promotion department and that Royal Hayman may expect a further increase in bookings as a result of Pinney's efforts.

The book itself is an attractive example of the book-designer's art, with tropical dust-jacket in full colour and black and white pictures.—JT.

(RESTLESS MEN. Angus and Robertson. $3.75.)

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How The Pacific Basin Was Explored And Settled

Why is it that two sides of the Pacific Basin are today occupied by the great democracies of the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, all with a common language, a similar heritage, and virile, prosperous communities with the highest living standards in the world?

WHY is it that Spain, which once claimed the entire ocean on the basis of a Papal bull, is now represented on only one side?

Why is it that the Japanese, with the natural bent of an island race for the sea, did not expand into the empty continents across the Pacific long before the English-speaking peoples had established firm footholds there?

These questions are posed and answered in an admirably simple book on the exploration and settlement of the Pacific Basin by an Australian, Harold Rabling, who now lives in New York. The book is called *Pioneers of the Pacific*.

The author, whose previous writings include a technical analysis of Australia's power problems, is a mining engineer who, for 30 years, served as executive and director of the Standard-Vacuum Oil Company of New York, with particular responsibilities for the company's operations in the Pacific area.

Vivid, Concise

He could easily have made a living as a professional writer, for he has a vivid, concise, straightforward style and the ability to reduce mountains of facts to easily assimilable chapters.

Mr. Rabling begins his book with an account of the "amazing outburst of ocean exploration by the little caravels of Portugal" in the middle of the 15th century. He ends it in the late 1860's, by which time the formerly vacant lands bordering the Pacific had been transformed into prosperous, modern civilisations.

In the 140 pages in between, he describes the explorations of Magellan, the Spanish settlement of the Philippines, the explorations of Mendana and Quiros, the privateering voyages of Drake and other English adventurers, the seclusion of Japan over two centuries, the rise and decline of Russia's northern Pacific empire, the discoveries of Captain Cook, the remarkable post-Cook invasion of the Pacific by British and American adventurers in search of sea-otter pelts, sealskins, sandalwood and whale oil, and the activities of the United States Exploring Expedition under Commodore Charles Wilkes.

By this time, Mr. Rabling's story has reached the year 1840—an important milestone in the story of the Pacific, for it saw:

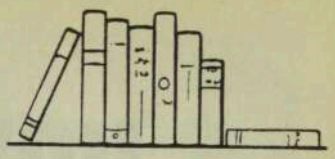
Milestone

- The beginnings of the American migration to the Pacific coast over the Oregon Trail.
- The beginning of the end of Russian ambitions on the North American continent.
- The arrival of the first permanent white settlers in New Zealand.
- The abolition of the transportation of convicts from Britain to New South Wales.
- The adoption of the first constitution in Hawaii.
- The revival of French interest in the Pacific.

The process of filling in the open spaces in California, Canada, Australia and New Zealand soon followed. And in each case it was the discovery of gold that hastened it. California's gold was discovered in 1848, Australia's in 1851, Canada's in 1858, and New Zealand's in 1861.

Each discovery brought hordes of immigrants to the goldfields, and so, by the late 1860's, the formerly vacant lands bordering the ocean were occupied by "a race of people reared in the traditions of free enterprise and constitutional government".

With a common language and



Everyday Ikebana

Although "Everyday Ikebana", with Miss Koshun Oda, is designed as a book for practical use, its extraordinarily beautiful colour pictures make it also a book for admiring.

A Japanese authority on floral art, Miss Oda lives in Sydney, and the 32 colour pictures in her book illustrate the type of floral arrangement being taught at her North Sydney school. But these have been selected so that home enthusiasts may copy them; the guiding principles behind each arrangement are given in the simple text. At $1.95 from Asia Pacific Publishers Pty. Ltd., Sydney.

Popular Guide For Rock Collectors

COLLECTORS of shells from off-shore reefs have their land-based counter-parts in those who scour the fields and hills for rocks and minerals. As well as providing an interesting outdoor pastime, some of the pieces of rock can be made into attractive jewellery.

Books on rock collecting are popular and "Field Guide to Rocks and Minerals", by Frederick H. Pough, is one of the most compact and best that have come this way. The only drawback for those Down Under is that it is an American publication and naturally most of it is related closely to the North American countryside.

Still, granite or slate, caledonite or amethyst, looks pretty much the same whether it is found in Arkansas or Aitutaki, so all of the technical data, the excellent colour plates, the black and white illustrations, the guide to identification of rocks and minerals can be used anywhere. This is an excellent book for the person who is just taking up the hobby and of interest also to the advanced enthusiast. Over 150,000 copies of it have already been sold in the United States.

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The Australian Labour Party

The Australian Labour Party has been 17 years out of office and for the last 10 of those years it has seemed headed for inevitable disintegration and decline.

Post-mortems have been conducted by every political writer of note and now R. W. Rawson, Senior Fellow in Political Science at the Australian National University, adds his views with "Labour in Vain"?

His conclusion is that the ALP is as capable now as ever of providing political leadership for Australia if trade union leaders get down to the job. But he comes to this conclusion only after he has dissected the party, historically and currently, measured it up against international politics and the altered aspirations of trade unionists, and discussed leading personalities in the labour movement over the last 15 years. An interesting book for those interested in politics.

(LABOUR IN VAIN? Longmans, Green & Co. Ltd. Paperback version, $1.95.)

common aims, the existence of these communities—Mr. Rabling concludes (on his first lame note)—"has proved to be an important influence in the shaping of the world of the Pacific as it is today".

For people with little knowledge of the subject, Mr. Rabling's book is an ideal introduction to the history of the Pacific Basin. But experts will certainly profit from it, too.

One tidbit of information in the book that was news even to *PIM's* experts is that on the main highway between Nadi airport and Suva there is a monument to the famous Fijian cannibal chief Udre Udre, who "invariably fattened his captives before sending them to the cooking fires."

The memorial is apparently at Rakiraki on the northern side of Viti Levu.

Fiji's historian, R. A. Derrick, records that Udre Udre, who was chief of Rakiraki, "was a renowned man-eater whose horrible record probably grew in the telling. Udre Udre's son told a missionary that Udre Udre placed a stone to record each body he ate, and that the missionary counted about 900 stones.—RL.

(PIONEERS OF THE PACIFIC. Angus and Robertson, $2.50).

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New Guinea Again: One New And One Old

Such continues to be the interest by publishers in New Guinea books that Melbourne's Lansdowne Press in November issued a pair of them. Side-by-side with a new book by Malcolm Wright, *The Gentle Savage,* came the re-issue of Ivan Champion's *Across New Guinea From The Fly To The Sepik.*

THE Champion book is a publishing event. The first and only previous issue was in 1932 and ran to only about 1,000 copies. It's been a rare collector's item since, and not even the author now owns a copy.

It's an important account of an historic series of patrols, and therefore needed to be more accessible.

The Lansdowne edition is a better production than the original—with bigger and better photographs selected by the author, who says that he was never very happy with those in the 1932 book. Only one or two of the original photographs have been retained.

The new edition includes the valuable map and index, and the text is similar except Mr. Champion has added one brief postscript. This brings up-to-date developments in the Telefomin and border areas and touches on the political situation—but only slightly. This is still a patrol record and not a book of comment.

He remarks that the Indonesians are a courteous people and that when the people of New Guinea are ready for independence "they will ally themselves with Indonesia; I can see no other course for them".

Mr. Champion, born in Papua, a member of a famous family, was until his recent retirement to Brisbane Chief Native Lands Commissioner in the territory.

Across New Guinea tells of his exploits as a young patrol officer with Assistant Resident Magistrate Charles Karius, when they made two patrols, from 1926 to 1928, in an effort to trace the source of the Sepik. They started from the Fly River, in the south, and eventually crossed New Guinea from south to north at its widest part.

Not a single shot was fired by either men on their two journeys. Only one carrier died.

The first patrol, from December, 1926, to July, 1927, did not achieve its objective, but it enabled them to survey a route through the great limestone barrier in the south. The second patrol took them through to the Sepik.

Across New Guinea is no thriller, to be read avidly by those looking for romance and adventure on every page. Mr. Champion writes as he talks—matter-of-factly and in understatement. But this second edition will be welcomed by the growing numbers of serious students of New Guinea affairs who would otherwise have been unable to get hold of it.

Karius died in Sydney in 1940, just before he was due to retire from the Administration.

MALCOLM WRIGHT is also an old hand in New Guinea, but what he has to say in *The Gentle Savage* is not as significant as Champion's writing. Now living in Melbourne, he went to the territory as a patrol officer in 1936 and stayed there until the war, when he enlisted. After the war he became a District Commisisoner, and he left the territory in 1952 for family reasons.

His wartime exploits on New Britain have been told in *If I Die,* also published by Lansdowne.

If I Die is a more readable book; it has a yarn to tell. *The Gentle Savage* describes a patrol officer's life before the war, and there are not enough highlights to make the account specially memorable.

But of course books of this sort don't require thrills on every page to make them worthwhile, and as a routine account of the pre-war PO's lot *The Gentle Savage* is a useful addition to the New Guinea bookshelf.

The reader will certainly find material enough to keep him turning the pages, and occasionally there is food for thought.

Practical Knowledge

As for instance the experience of the 1938 class of New Guinea cadets who attended Sydney University for a course in anthropology and law, and who were anathema to the teaching staff until both sides began to understand each other's problems.

The cadets claimed practical knowledge as being sufficient; the lecturers dismissed their experience as worthless and demanded academic authorities.

One of the cadets said in an essay that the cremation of widows at their husband's funeral was being practised by an Eastern Highlands tribe.

"Who is your authority for this statement?" demanded the lecturer.

"I am," said the cadet. "I saw the burnt remains of two women near the burial platform. The people said they were the wives of the dead men and that this was their custom."

"But you have no scientific authority for this," argued the anthropologist. "You are not a trained observer. You have no academic qualifications."

"Maybe so," said the cadet. "But if you are going to stick to that point of view you are going to miss a lot of good material!"—SI.

(ACROSS NEW GUINEA FROM THE FLY TO THE SEPIK. $5.25. THE GENTLE SAVAGE. $3.50. Both published by Lansdowne Press.)

Paperback Of The Month

Harold Robbins, whose "Carpetbaggers" provided an excellent story lurking behind a barrage of sex and violence, has used the same recipe for THE ADVENTURERS (Four-Square, $1.75). This king-sized novel is based on man's (or Robbins' man's) search for power, roams over several continents, a generation of time and most of the emotions. It traverses politics, war, and several brands of chicanery and adds up to the fact that, in the end, all power is ephemeral.

The story is told through the lives of three men of different backgrounds, whose destinies are bound together. Also like the "Carpetbaggers", the narrative switches from the first to the third person and back again—Robbins' gimmick for presenting his characters in the round.

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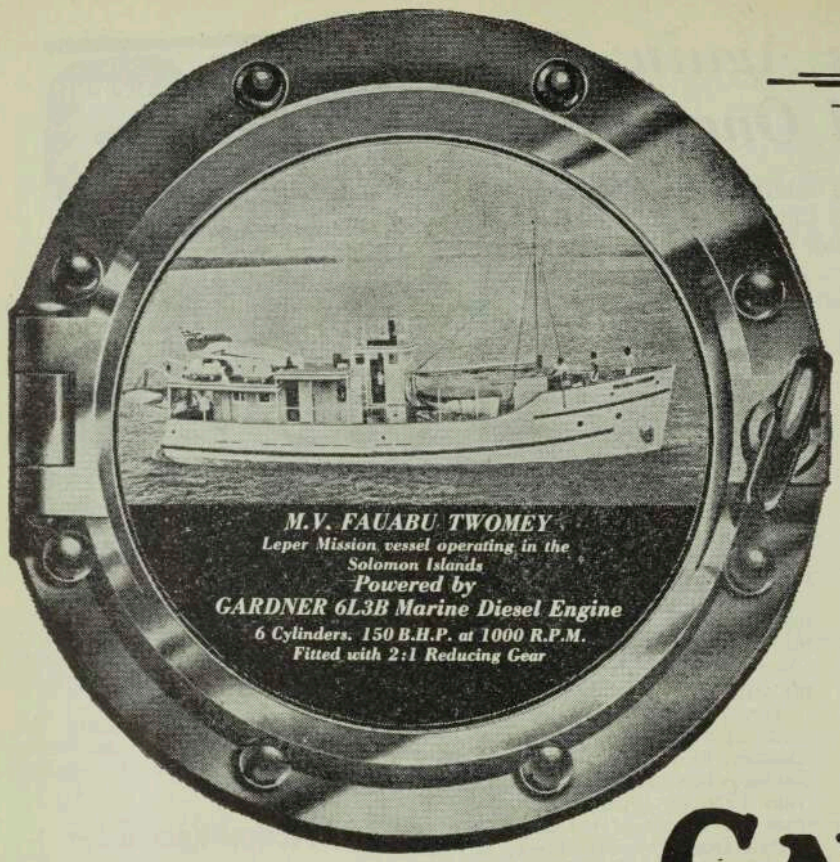

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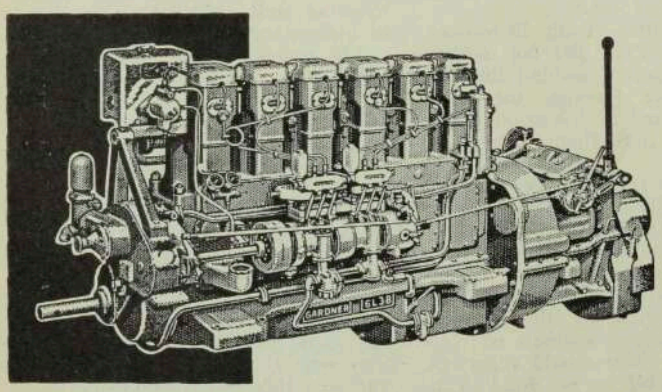

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New "Kon Tiki" Voyage Begins In Ecuador

A balsa-wood raft, with a crew of four, pushed off from Guayaquil, Ecuador, on October 23 on a new *Kon Tiki* style drift voyage across the Pacific.

THE crew hope to prove that Huancavilca Indians from Ecuador, and not Indians from Peru, could have peopled the islands of Polynesia a couple of thousand years ago. A couple of Ecuadorean anthropologists apparently support this theory.

The leader of the expedition is Vital Alzar, of Santander, Spain, a 32-year-old professor of languages and commerce, and a bachelor. The others members are Manuel Camino, 30, another single, language professor, from Madrid; Marc Modena, 32, a painter and decorator, from Frejus, France, who is married with two sons; and Ruben Landazuri, of Ecuador.

An Ecuadorean Army Band played the national anthems of Spain, France and Ecuador as the raft moved out into the Rio Guayas bound for the sea, after having been launched with a bottle of fermented Indian liquor. A crowd of several thousand cheered and waved handkerchiefs.

The raft is made of 11 trunks of balsa set lengthwise and nine laterally, with others set diagonally. Its area is about 46 ft by 30 ft.

Only materials available in primitive times were used in its construction. The mast and crosstree are of mangrove, the sail is Egyptian cotton, and the cabin is of cane with a straw roof. There are eight steering devices called *guaras*, which have been used in Ecuador since earliest times as combined keel and helm.

Reports from Ecuador have given three different names for the raft—*Equatoriana, Balsa Pacifico* and *Pacifica*.

Whatever its true name is, its voyage is about the sixth of its kind since the *Kon Tiki* voyage from Callao to Raroia in the Tuamotu Archipelago in 1947.

Other trans-Pacific raft voyages were performed by William Willis (in the *Seven Little Sisters* from Callao to Samoa, and in the *Age Unlimited* from Samoa to Queensland, Australia); by a Peruvian expedition in the *Cantuta;* and by two expeditions headed by the Frenchman Eric de Bisschop.

De Bisschop made an unsuccessful attempt to sail from Tahiti to the coast of Chile in 1957 in the raft *Tahiti-Nui*, which almost sank under him in the vicinity of Juan Fernandez.

He then drifted back to Polynesia in the *Tahiti Nui II*, but was drowned while trying to get ashore at Rakahanga in the Cook Islands.

40-Mile Endurance Test By Canoe

ONE of the roughest inter-island crossings in the South Pacific is that between Upolu, the main island of Western Samoa, and Tutuila, the main island of American Samoa.

The distance from the eastern tip of Upolu to the western tip of Tutuila is about 40 miles. From Apia to Pago Pago is somewhat further. Passengers, even in the largest ships operating between those two points, frequently have cause to remember the crossing with distaste.

It is not surprising, therefore, that when a Western Samoan man, Peau Siau, paddled into Leone, on Tutuila, on November 1 in a 9 ft "paopao" (outrigger canoe), he was looked on as an object of considerable curiosity.

Siau had been fishing off Upolu overnight on October 31-November 1, and when day dawned he was able to see the mountains of Tutuila in the eastern sky. On the spur of the moment, he decided to paddle to that island to visit a brother he had not seen for some time.

He paddled thoughout the day on November 1 and reached Se'etaga, near Leone, at 8 a.m. on the 2nd, having battled through waves and swells from nine to 15 ft high. During the night he just kept heading for the lights that were barely visible along the Tutuila coast. People who befriended him helped him to find his brother.

Siau's feat, a real endurance test, was the first of its kind for about 20 years. The last person to match it was a Western Samoan called Sivanu who paddled from the western end of Tutuila to Siau's village of Lalomanu.

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Tahiti Nui
Tahiti Nui II
Tofua
Tui Babasiga
Viani Princess
World Cat
Zephyr II

BSIP TRADING VESSEL RUNS AGROUND

The 50 ft BSIP trading vessel *Maris Stella* went aground on the 50 ft high Rua Dika Rock, between Santa Ysabel and the Russell Islands, on the night of October 11.

Forty-five minutes after a distress call was picked up in Honiara, the Government vessel *Leili* left Honiara to go to the aid of the damaged ship. The radio message had said that the ship had been holed on the starboard side, that she was taking in water, and

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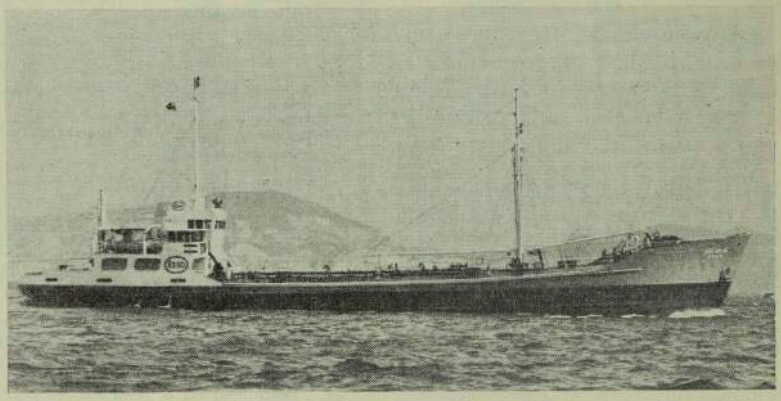

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NEW HEBRIDES BOUND: The Seventh-day Adventist Mission at Aore, near Santo, New Hebrides, took delivery of a new motor vessel, the "Pacifique" in October. The vessel was sailed from Brisbane by a New Hebridean crew, including the three men pictured here—from left, Caleb Atchin, Edwin Atchin, and Amos Andeng.

that the propellers had been stripped away.

Before the *Leili* reached the stricken ship, the *Maris Stella* floated off the rock and started to drift. The six-man crew spent the rest of the night baling to keep her afloat, and on the instructions of the Honiara Duty Search Master, they launched the ship's life rafts in case the vessel sank without warning.

Meanwhile, Captain Hall of Megapode Airways, accompanied by Peter Kakai, the Solomon Islands radio operator who had picked up the distress signal, took off from Honiara at first light to help locate the drifting ship.

However, the *Leili* had the *Maris Stella* in tow by 6.30 a.m. and was heading for the Buena Vista Islands where the damaged ship was beached a few hours later.

The *Maris Stella* is owned by Quan Hong Pty. Ltd. She was built in Hong Kong and was commissioned in the BSIP last May.

CHANGES AT THE TOP IN UNION STEAM SHIP CO.

Mr. David Graham, of Suva, has been appointed assistant manager of the Union Steam Ship Co. of New Zealand. He has held managerial appointments with the company in three Pacific Islands groups since 1955—the Cook Islands, Western Samoa and Fiji.

His successor in Suva is Mr. Jack St. Julian, Fiji-born, who has been with the company since 1941, the last four years of which were at Apia as the company's manager there.

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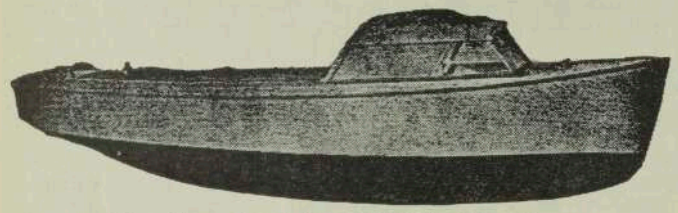

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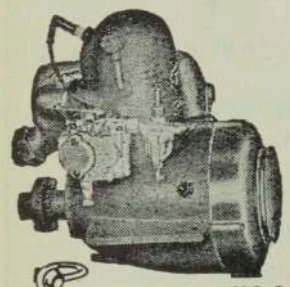

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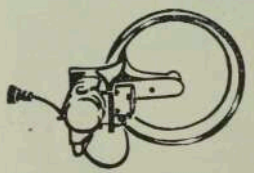

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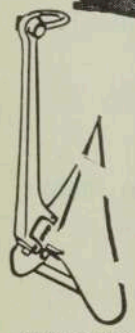

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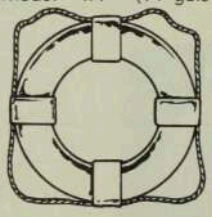

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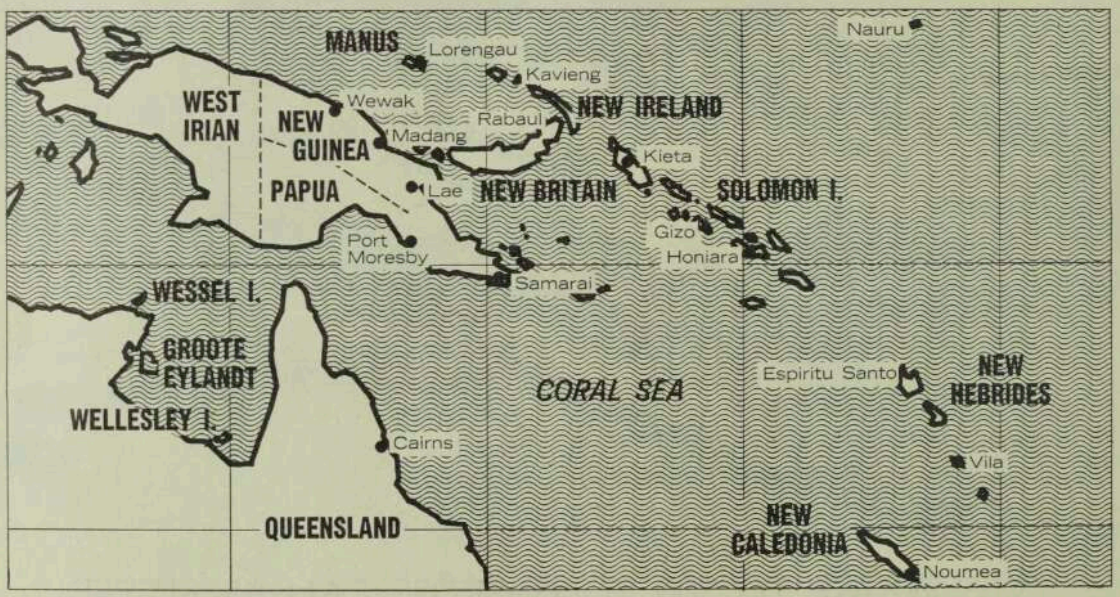

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anything happened to a USS Co. ship, and who invariably left Suva for the day if he thought he was likely to be questioned by reporters.

Mr. Graham took an active part in community affairs in Suva. He was president of the Suva branch of the Fiji Crippled Children Society, a member of the Fiji Visitors' Bureau board, a member of the Suva Port Advisory Committee, and the Hibiscus Festival Committee.

His first association with Fiji was in 1953 when he was a purser in the *Tofua*.

Mr. St. Julian's return to Suva will be welcomed by his many friends there.

DANGEROUS NIGHT SAILINGS CRITICISED

The Fiji Marine Board has again criticised the practice of ships sailing in darkness in dangerous and confined waters. The board president, Captain Peter Hough, expressed the board's concern after an inquiry into the grounding of the *Viani Princess* on a reef off Lekubi, Bua, on September 14.

The master, Sunia Vosaki, said the *Viani Princess* went aground at 5.15 a.m. in rain, and in darkness.

He had left his overnight anchorage to make sure of reaching Labasa that night.

Romalo Waqa Qiokata, the mate, said the visibility was good enough for the *Viani Princess* to move in safety.

Captain J. M. D. Florian, of the *Degei II*, which pulled the *Viani Princess* off the reef, said there was a strong current and he did not consider it safe to get under way before sunrise that day.

Captain Hough, after announcing that the board did not consider a formal inquiry expedient or necessary, added: "But at the same time the board again condemns the practice of vessels being under way in dangerous and confined waters during the hours of darkness".

"POSITIVE ACTION" SOUGHT ON LAE WHARF CONGESTION

Congestion at the Lae wharf has reached the stage where the Papua and New Guinea Harbours Board has asked the Administration to take "early positive action" to ease the problems.

The Lae Chamber of Commerce has been active recently in moves for official action (*PIM*, Nov., p. 107).

The board chairman, Captain G. A. Hawley, has told the chamber that he is "keenly aware" of the growth in cargo passing over the wharf at Lae, and recognises the need for transit shed space.

Captain Hawley wrote that construction of a new transit shed was one of the top priorities in the board's 1967 budget; a port manager would be appointed to Lae early in January; but stevedoring methods would have to improve before berthing capacity at the wharf was increased.

Captain Hawley said the port manager would ensure that the present storage space was used to capacity and that cargo handling methods were improved.

Goodwill Visit

When the Army landing ship 'Brudenell White" arrived at Kandrian, New Britain, recently on a goodwill visit, people from many surrounding villages arrived by canoe to see it. The ship was on a patrol which took in ports and islands in the Bougainville, New Britain, and Milne Bay Districts of Papua-New Guinea. More than 70 members of the 1st Battalion, Pacific Islands Regiment, travelled in the ship.

MORE FORMOSAN FISHERMEN REPORTED "OUT OF BOUNDS"

Mr. Ray Vivian, a Lae fisherman has alleged that Formosan fishermen landed on Long Island, east of Madang recently, and exchanged cigarettes for coconuts, according to a report in the *New Guinea Times-Courier*.

Mr. Vivian owns the fishing trawler, *Jawani*.

He said he was near Long Island when a Formosan ship pulled alongside. Men on board called to him in Chinese. There were two ships in the area—the mother ship and a small boat, like a Chinese junk.

The matter was reported to the Administration and investigation was ordered.

Several other cases have been reported in *PIM* recently of Formosan ships violating territorial waters in Papua-New Guinea. Court proceedings have been instituted against the ships' masters and their crews, generally under the Immigration Ordinance.

MARINE TRAINING VESSEL FOR G.E.I.C.

A training vessel for the GEIC merchant marine training school (*PIM*, Sept., p. 12) has been bought on behalf of the colony by the Crown Agents in London.

She is the *Barcy*, a Norwegian vessel, which has been bought for £92,000.

The vessel will be converted for training purposes in the yards of Messrs. Thorneycroft in Southampton and is expected to reach the colony late in January when the training school is scheduled to open.

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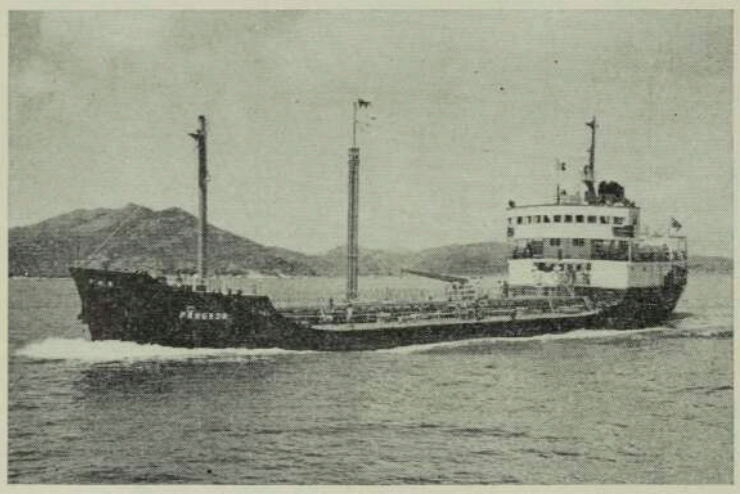

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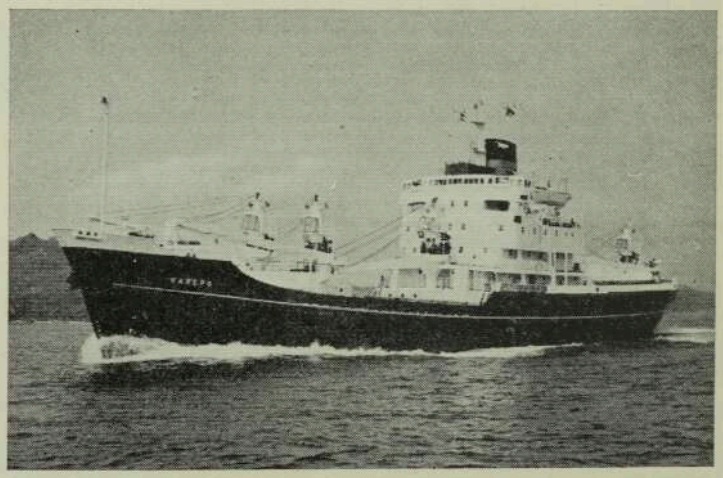

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A new 25 ft launch for use at the Leprosy Hospital at Makogai, Fiji, has been named the *Mary Agnes* in memory of the Rev. Mother Mary Agnes who devoted more than 50 years of her life to caring for patients at the hospital.

The launch, built by the Fiji Public Works Department in Suva, replaces one which was built by the patients many years ago and had reached the end of its working life.

WORK TO BEGIN SOON ON NEW RABAUL WHARF

Pile driving for a new wharf for Rabaul is expected to start towards the end of the current financial year. The allocation for the project for this year is $12,000.

It is planned to spend a further $500,000 in 1967-68, and $1.25 million in future years.

NEW LAUNCH FOR FIJI BEETLE PATROLS

The Fiji Coconut Pests and Diseases Board will soon have a fast new launch for patrol work. The new launch, the *Adi Caginitoba*, will replace the much smaller *Tui Babasiga*.

The *Adi Caginitoba* will be used to maintain a constant patrol between the Yasawas and Lomaiviti, where some islands are infected with the rhinoceros beetle, through the Koro Sea and south to include Kadavu, which is not infected.

She will be able to reach nine knots.

The launch was built at Suva by Millers Ltd. to a design by Mr. Colin White.

The solidly constructed *Adi Caginitoba* has clean lines, and a deep draught, which should make her a good sea boat.

She is named after the daughter of a former Tui Cakau, who was paramount chief of Cakaudrove.

BURNS PHILP TRADER ON CORAL PATCH

Zephyr II, an inter-island trader owned by Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd. spent two days on a coral patch off the coast of Bua, Fiji, early in November.

She was refloated under her own steam and apparently undamaged continued her trip along the Macuata coast to Labasa. She was under the command of Captain Edwin Sandys.

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MATTHEW ISLAND ERUPTS AGAIN

Matthew Island, the small volcanic island to the south of the New Hebrides, which was annexed to New Caledonia in November last year (*PIM*, Jan., p. 76), has blown its top again.

The eruption took place in August. It caused a quickening of the pulse to at least two people in the Pacific —Dr. Claude Blot, of New Caledonia, and Mr. John Grover, of the BSIP, both of whom have been doing research into the forecasting of volcanic eruptions.

Dr. Blot reported in Noumea in October that the Matthew Island eruption had been correlated with intermediate shocks which took place in April at a depth of 100 kilometres, and which, in turn, originated from deep earthquakes to the east of the Santa Cruz Islands over two years previously.

The time delays between the deep and the intermediate depth shocks, and the Matthew Island eruption corresponded with the delays recorded in other eruptions in the Santa Cruz and New Hebrides areas, and were a factor of great significance.

14 WHALES SEEN IN G.E.I.C. WATERS

Fourteen whales were reported seen in waters of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony in October by the master of the colony vessel *Moana Raoi*.

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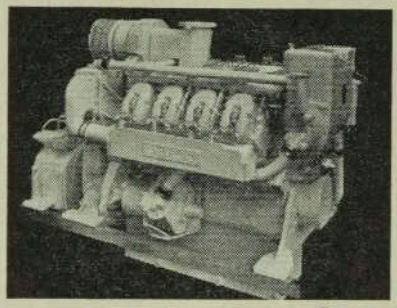

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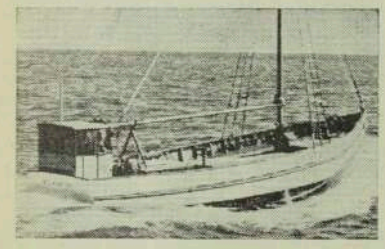

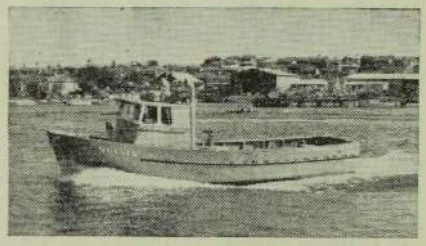

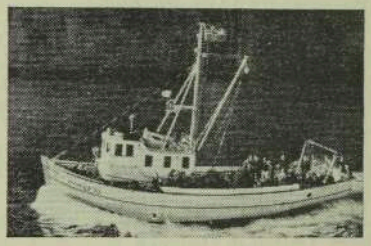

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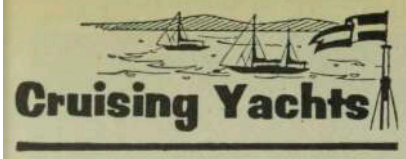

Cruising Yachts

● *EILANDER*, 34 ft ketch from Sydney, arrived in Vila on October 21. She has a crew of four, all novices, who are sailing to England via the Suez Canal.

Eilander has visited Lord Howe Island and New Caledonia since leaving Sydney in mid-August.

Her plans after leaving Vila were to visit Santo, the Solomons, New Guinea and Indonesia.

● *APOGEE*, 30 ft yacht from Newport, Virginia, which was reported to have arrived in Bay of Islands, New Zealand, 12 months ago (*PIM*, Jan., p. 111) arrived in Vila in October.

Our last report stated that *Apogee* was being lonehanded by Mr. A. Eddy, who had sailed through the Caribbean and Pacific (with stops at the Galapagos, Tahiti, Cook Islands, Tonga and Fiji) since leaving home in mid-1963.

However, a Vila report says that *Apogee* now has a crew of two, who are on a shell-collecting cruise. They visited Santo and Lamap, Malekula, before putting into Vila.

From Vila, they will head for New Caledonia, Australia and back to the United States.

● *STORNOWAY*, 33 ft scaled-down Colin Archer motor yacht, of New York, was in Noumea in October.

Stornoway was last in the Pacific 15 years ago. In that time she and singlehander Al Petersen completed a circumnavigation for which they were awarded the Blue Water Medal of the Cruising Club of America. They then took on mate Marjorie (Mrs. Petersen) and went on to West Indian and Mediterranean cruising, which has provided book material.

On their current cruise, they will visit New Zealand and Australia before heading north for Japan and a passage east to San Francisco.

Stornoway's last reported port of call before Noumea was Vila (*PIM*, Nov., p. 113).

● *PRINCESS*, 36 ft ketch, arrived in Pago Pago on October 24 for a three-week stay.

The owner and skipper is W. T. Barnes, of San Leandro, California. With him are his wife May and two sons, Christopher four, and Michael five. They started from Lahaina, Hawaii, on March 17 and have visited the Marquesas, Tuamotus, Society, Cook and Tonga Islands.

● *WORLD CAT*, 46 ft catamaran, left Nukualofa on November 1 for Suva. Owner-skipper, Guergen Wagner, with a crew mate, is on a world cruise.

World Cat was built in Los Angeles.

● *PRIVATEER*, 38 ft trimaran, en route from Sydney to the United States had not been heard of since August 21, when she was five days and 500 miles out of Brisbane, according to a Brisbane report early in November.

However, Mrs. H. Nicol, wife of the owner, was not worried. She said her husband had probably decided to sail direct to San Francisco instead of calling at Tahiti and Honolulu as originally planned.

Privateer was due in San Francisco on November 15.

With Mr. Nicol, who designed and built the trimaran, are Mr. Gus Baldwin, of Manly, Queensland, and Mr. E. Van Bommell, of Victoria.

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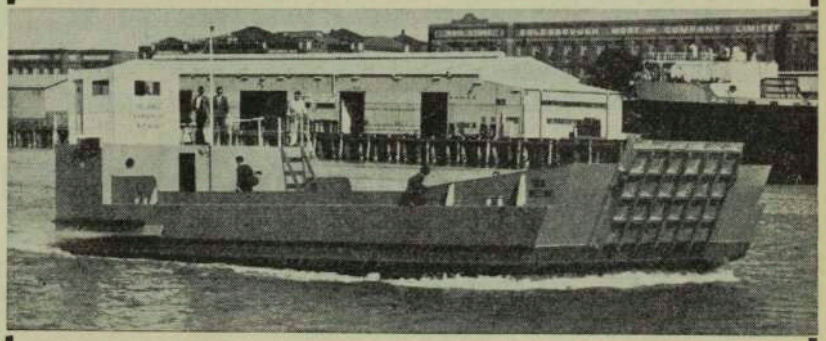

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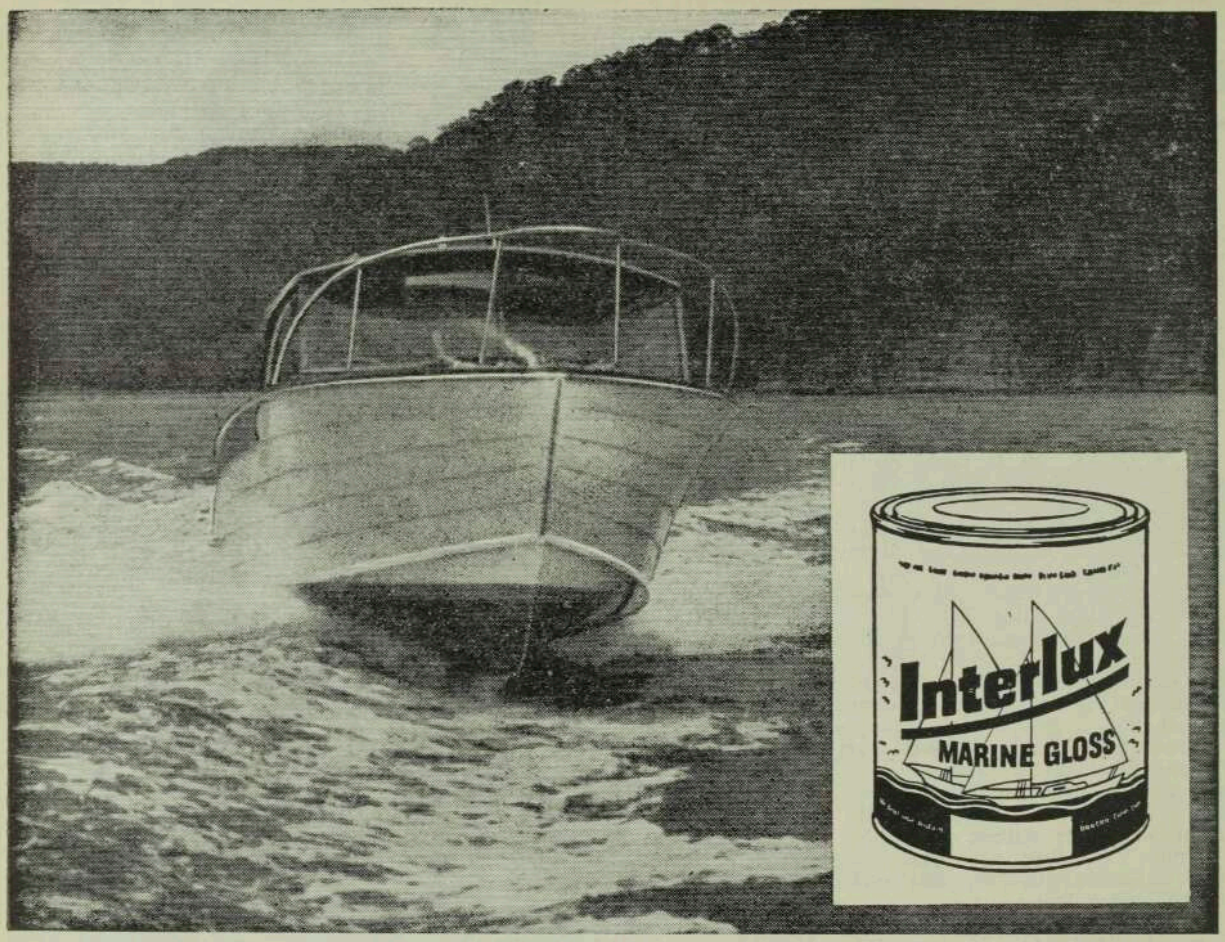

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Honolulu as ports of call, was scheduled to take 69 days.

The US Coast Guard in Hawaii was making harbour checks in the Society Islands, American and Western Samoa, Fiji, Hawaii and on the west coast of the United States to try to determine the whereabouts of *Privateer*.

● *STELLA MARIS II*, a 56 ft cutter, arrived in Nukualofa on October 26 from Rarotonga and left for Suva on November 1. On board were owner-skipper Tom Bailey, his wife, son and two daughters, together with one crewman.

● *NAM SANG*, 66 ft American yacht, called at Norfolk Island in late October en route from Auckland to Sydney to take part in the Sydney-Hobart yacht race which begins on December 26. The yacht was carrying a crew of four Americans and two New Zealanders. The skipper is John W. Thompson.

Nam Sang lost a nut off her drive shaft on the way to Norfolk, but although dependent entirely on sail, she covered the distance from Auckland in only three days and three hours.

Norfolk Islanders were impressed by the beauty of *Nam Sang* as she came into the anchorage at Kingston under full sail.

● *HIGHLIGHT*, 35 ft Lodestar trimaran, last reported in Noumea (*PIM*, Sept., p. 109), reached Lord Howe Island from Brisbane in October. The crew comprises John and David Glennie, of Blenheim, NZ, and Noeline Harehoe, a Tahitian girl.

Noeline, sometimes accompanied by David Glennie, provided a much appreciated exhibition of singing and hula dancing at a dance on Lord Howe on October 24 which raised $50 for the local Parents and Citizens' Association. Noeline has recently been working at resorts on the Queensland Gold Coast.

From Lord Howe, *Highlight* was due to sail for Sydney.

The Glennies expect to be back in New Zealand for Christmas. They have been cruising the Pacific since May, 1965.

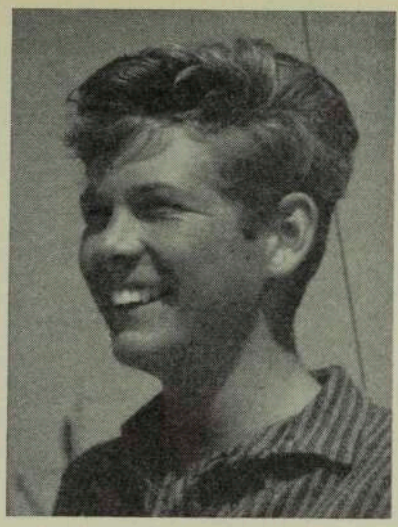
● *LADY LEE*, motor ketch, with owner-skipper Fred Murphy and a crew of three, arrived at Avila Beach, California, on October 3 after a voyage of 20 days and 13 hours from Honolulu, motor-sailing two-thirds of the way. After refuelling, the yacht "motored" south to Marina del Rey for a short stay before going on to San Diego.

Skipper Murphy's wife Doris, who cruised the Pacific in *Lady Lee* last year, flew to meet him at Marina del Rey.

● *AUTU*, 35 ft trimaran, returned to Auckland at the end of October after a six-month cruise of the Pacific Islands. The trimaran was last in Rarotonga and Nukualofa (*PIM*, Nov., p. 113). She had to heave to for 36 hours between Nukualofa and Auckland to ride out a violent storm. Later she was becalmed for four days.

One of the crew, Cliff Parkinson, 26, married a Tongan girl during the voyage, and another, Danny Morgan, 32, became engaged to the bride's sister.

Autu was built two years ago by Morgan and Patrick Duggan, her 28-year-old skipper.



Lee Graham

On Move Again

Seventeen-year-old American yachtsman Lee Graham, who hopes to become the youngest yachtsman to sail solo round the world, is on the move again after spending four months in Fiji.

In late October, in his 24 ft fibreglass sloop "Dove", he arrived in the New Hebrides (Vila), where he intended to spend about a month before moving on to the Solomons, New Guinea, Indonesia, Malaysia, Madagascar, South Africa and the Caribbean.

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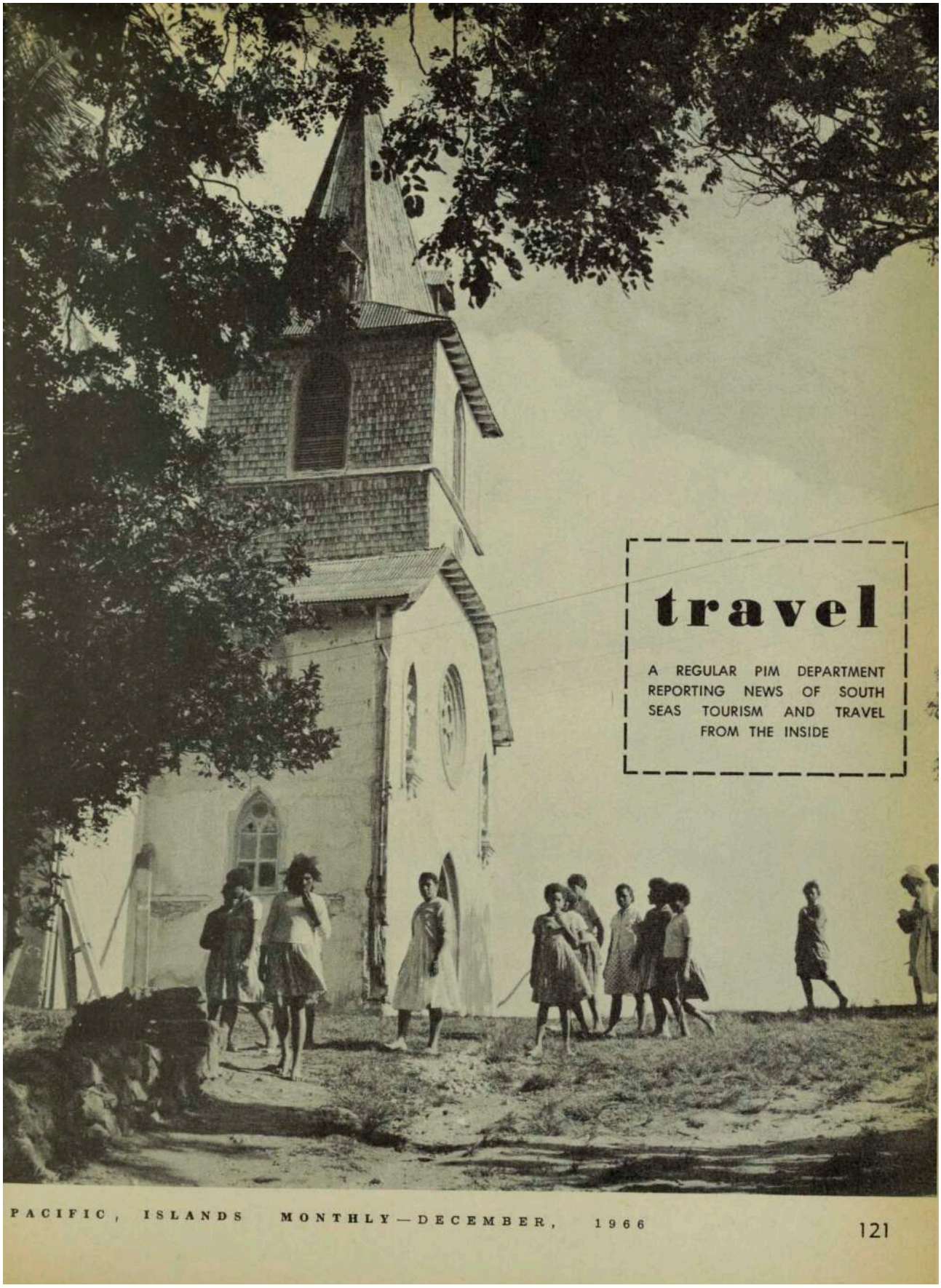

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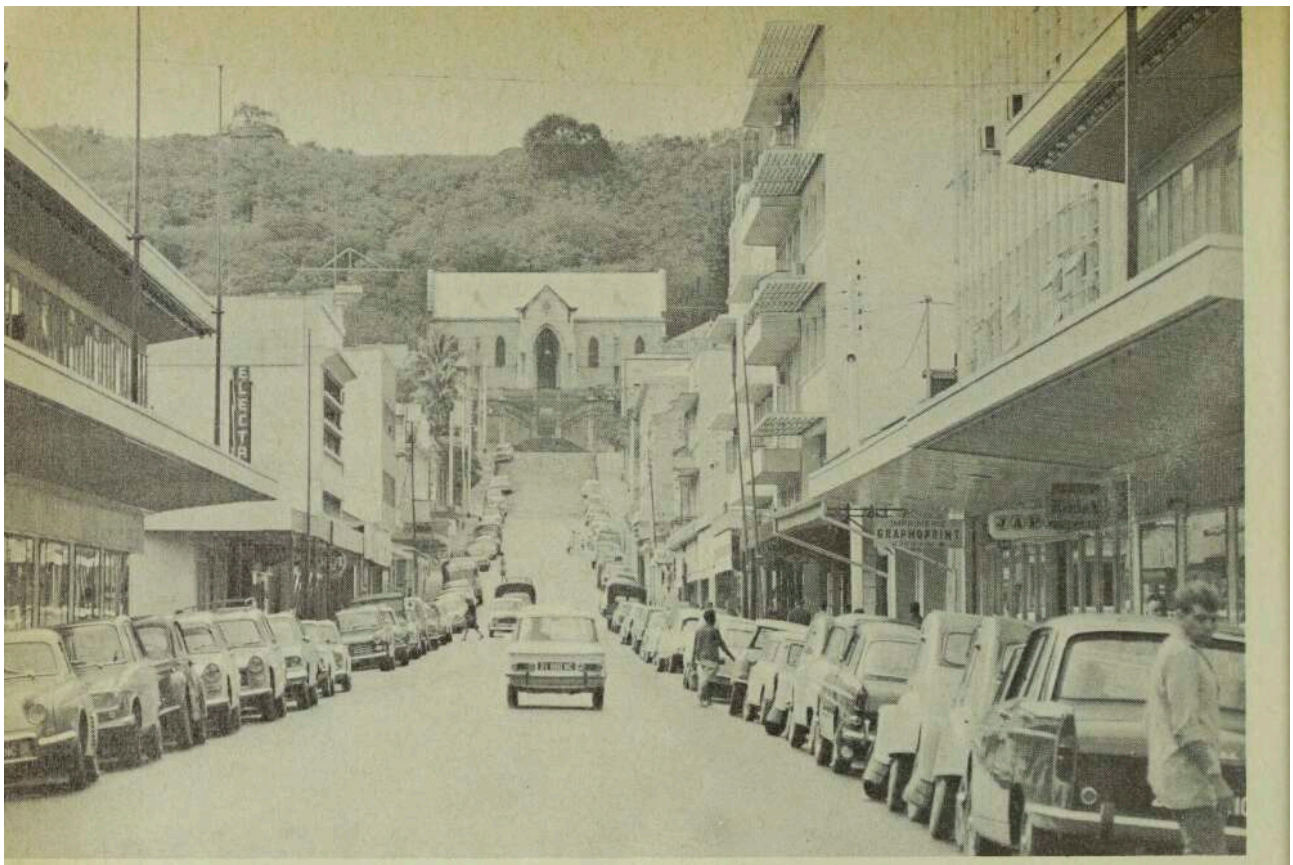

MELANESIA, WITH A STRONG FRENCH FLAVOUR

MELANESIA, with a strong French flavour, particularly in Noumea, is the best way of summing up the territory of New Caledonia, which is becoming increasingly popular with tourists.

The Frenchness of much of the architecture and most of the motor cars are among the first things a visitor notices—witness the attractive church on the previous page, and the street in Noumea, above.

But the Melanesian element is always at hand, unchanging in many ways (baby-carrying, for example) and surprisingly British in others.

The British aspects are a heritage of the London Missionary Society missionaries who were firmly entrenched in the Loyalty Group about a century ago.

These missionaries taught their disciples to eat jam tarts and plum pudding, and to play cricket—with a gusto seldom, if ever, seen at Lords.

The Melanesian women are just as eager cricketers as their menfolk—if not more so—and they are certainly more colourful in their gay "Mother Hubbards".

The cricketers pictured opposite are playing in the vicinity of the nickel smelters in Noumea.

More pictures of New Caledonia —all reproduced by courtesy of Qantas—appear on the next page.

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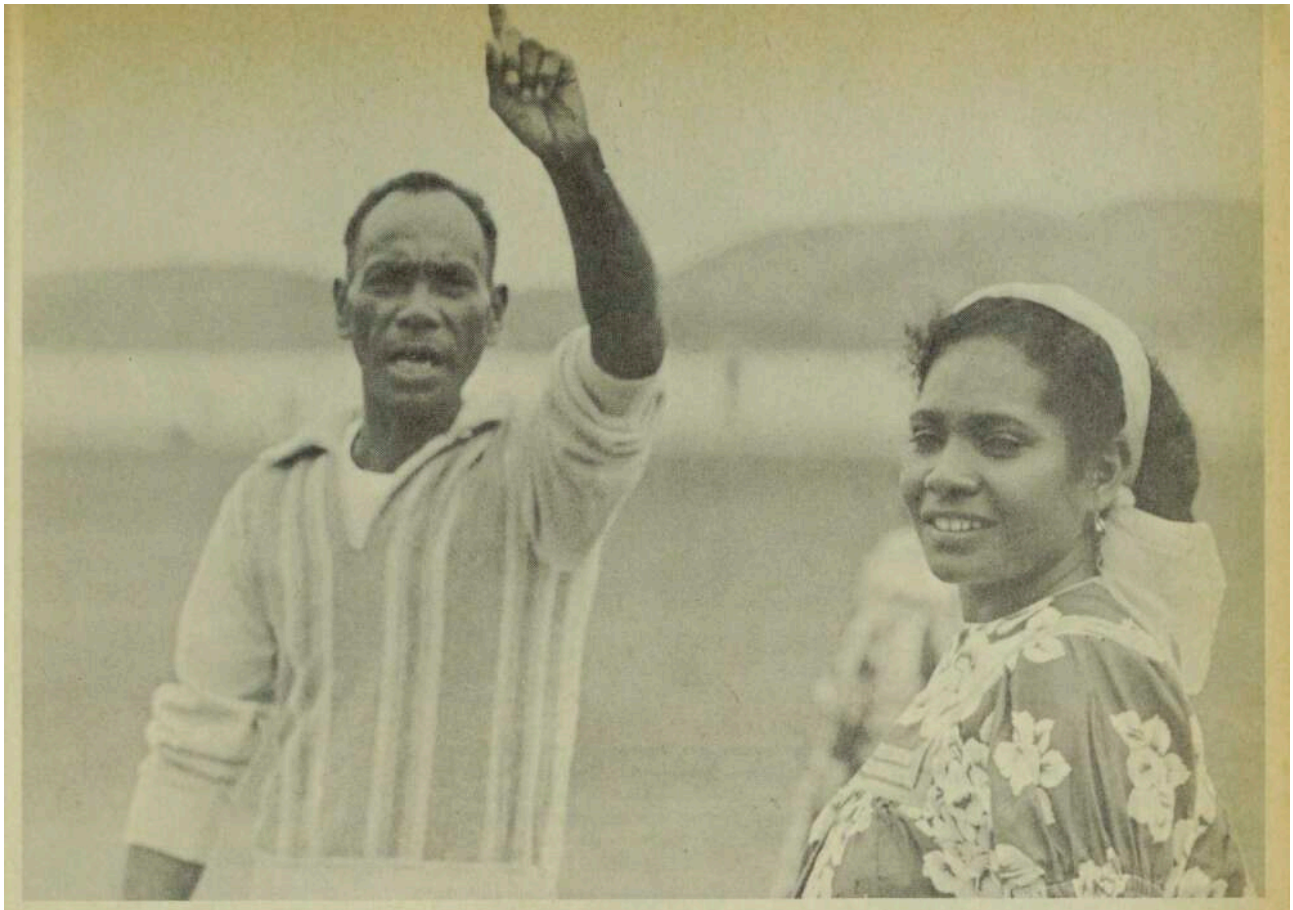

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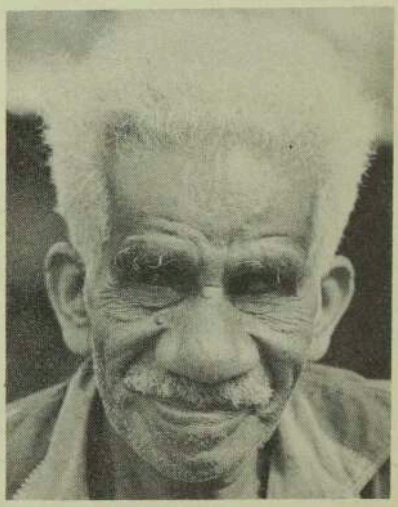
Anse Vata, a beach only a mile or so from the centre of Noumea, is the hub of New Caledonia's tourist industry. It has three large hotels—the Chateau Royal, Nouvata and Lantana, plus the Nouvata Bungalows. Messing about in an outrigger (above) or taking things quietly in or beside a pool (below) are among the things to be done there. The lower picture shows part of the Nouvata Hotel.



New Caledonia's population of 80,000-odd, includes about 35,000 Melanesians, 30,000 Europeans of French extraction, and 5,000 "foreigners" of whom the majority are Indonesians and Vietnamese. This striking Melanesian is a chief at Touho.

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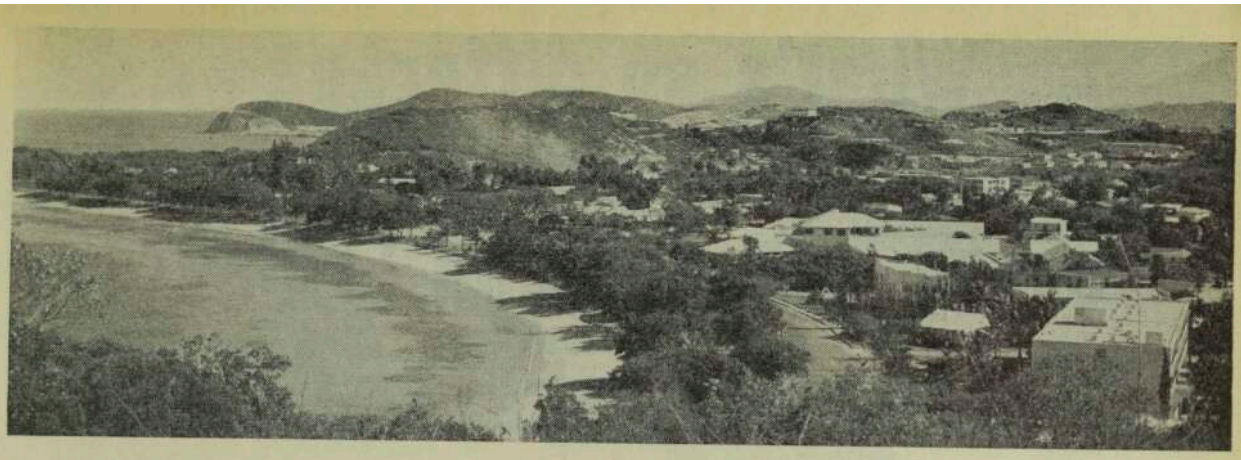

New Caledonia: An Island Gem, If You Forget The Traffic Hazards

By G. Douglass

New Caledonia, which is playing host to the Second South Pacific Games this December, is a South Pacific gem. Less glamourised, less sophisticated than the islands of Australia's Barrier Reef, it is a fascinating island that can be reached just as easily from Australian cities as can the Barrier Reef.

IT'S a pleasant French community, not perhaps always easy-going if you take into account the wild traffic scramble of Noumea that is so reminiscent of the traffic of Paris.

The shops, too, convey that Parisian atmosphere—with all types of French wares—mostly very expensive, for the French Government imposes heavy import duties—and the gendarmes have, surely, been brought direct from Paris!

Air travel from Sydney to Noumea is comfortable—it takes a short 2½ hours, on the UTA (French Airlines) or Qantas plane. If you commence a meal immediately on leaving Sydney, the end of the meal finds you arriving in Noumea.

The airport is some 50 miles from the city, and transport costs about 200 French Pacific francs ($A2) by bus and about 1,500 francs by taxi.

For those caring for a more leisurely approach—where time is no object—the sea trip from Sydney to Noumea via the New Hebrides will be found enjoyable. The Messageries Maritimes vessels, making this trip regularly about each 45 days en route to Marseilles, are vessels of about 17,000 tons, well equipped, and carrying about 80 passengers in both the first and tourist classes, and a number of third class passengers.

There is ample deck space, all first class cabins have private facilities, and to say that the cuisine and service are French is sufficient.

With a fine stretch of sand, plenty of trees, a quiet lagoon, three hotels, and a relaxed, unhurried atmosphere, Noumea's Anse Vata Beach above has plenty to recommend itself to the tourist.
Photo: Qantas.

Very Comfortable

Don't let your first impressions on visiting one of these ships deter you. Her appearance belies her performance; she is, after all, a French cargo carrier, with cargo her *raison d'etre*, and everything takes second place to cargo. She improves considerably on acquaintance. At sea, practically devoid of vibration, she is, though maybe a little shabby in appearance, a very comfortable *paquebot*.

Cabins are reasonably roomy as a general rule—the 'studio' cabins are easily the best—but all first class have private facilities, the linen is spotless and changed daily; the decor may be a little tired looking, but the cabins

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are airy and the beds are comfortable.

There are ample upholstered cane lounges on the sheltered deck, where one can laze or read or even sunbake from the second day out of port.

Each day, as the meal gong sounds, you are summoned to a banquet—excellent lunch or six course dinner, with bottled French wine—and the remarkable range of French cheeses merits a mention.

There is an abundance of fruit, and the table service could not be bettered. For those so minded deck games are available, and a tiled swimming pool is conveniently placed on the passengers' deck.

To those content without luxury fittings, the trip will be found most comfortable, and the passage rate, one must note, is also not in the luxury class. But there are only companionways—no lifts.

You won't get to New Caledonia right away, but there is no hurry.

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The boat anchors well out in the bay, and a free launch service is run by the company back and forth, hourly, to the town.

There are excursions which can be taken—even a flight over nearby volcanoes, and winter days will be found pleasantly warm.

The shore tour is not impressive—the native village disappointing, with grass huts patched here and there with scrap iron sheeting—the surroundings unkempt.

Then the ship moves on to Santo—the town set upon a most picturesque inlet, with an excellent wharf, and good roads radiating over the island—all of American wartime construction.

Santo is a neater, cleaner looking town than Vila, and is surrounded by well maintained coconut plantations. There are interesting shops, and the taxi service is good.

Australian currency mainly is employed—it is used interchangeably with French Pacific francs. The franc notes are issued in denominations of 1,000, 100, and 20. The 1,000 franc note is almost as large as a news sheet—a few thousand francs can make quite a sizeable roll.

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The story that French wares are cheaper in Santo than in Noumea is fiction.

There are enjoyable trips which may be made around Santo. There are some beautiful beaches, and the water even in July will be found quite pleasantly warm for swimming.

These trips, also, can be made just as cheaply and much more conveniently by four in a taxi than by organised bus tour.

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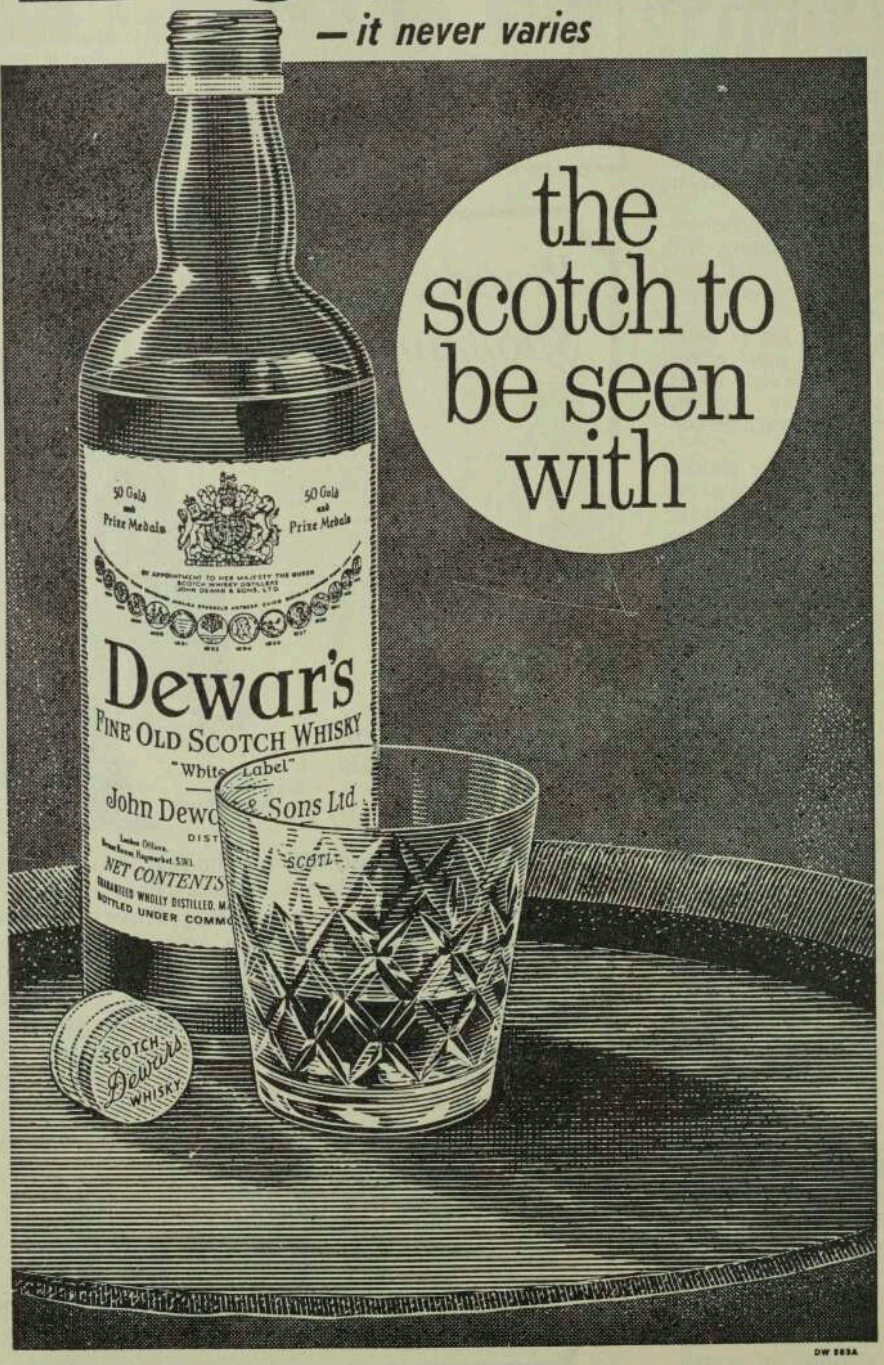

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Amphicars—cars that you can drive on both sea and land—are among the novelties for visitors to Noumea.
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and some bargaining is usually advisable.

Leaving Santo, it is a pleasant 27 hours cruise to Noumea—passing along the beautiful coastline of New Caledonia, and inside the island of Lifou, along the barrier reef, with the glorious turquoise blue of the lagoon beyond, to the narrow entrance to Noumea lagoon at the Amadee Lighthouse.

To arrive at Noumea in the evening, when you will probably anchor in the "roads", is to be greeted with a vista of fairy lights spreading up the various hills, and around the many bays—it is an entrancing and promising sight.

But at first sight in the morning, the place appears dingy, with many rusty roofs and faded cement buildings, rather remiscent of Algiers. In fact, Noumea has much that is very Algerian in character.

The city is built around a large central square or garden, which is beautifully maintained, with lovely trees—some colourful poincianas—good buffalo grass lawns (*defense de marcher sur les pelouses*) and many newly-painted garden seats.

To sit there and watch the passing types alone can be quite interesting—from the daintily dressed French girl to the Mother Hubbard-garbed Wallisian, with her baby carried on her back—and none appear to object to being photographed.

All work ceases, and shops close, from 11 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.—siesta time. Even the children appear to go home from school for this period.

The schoolchildren and the college teenagers are invariably neatly dressed, and their deportment is something to be admired.

Most of the better shops and supermarkets are on the western side of the Central Gardens—beyond Rue Jean-Jaures—and interesting hours can be spent browsing through them.

That browsing can be an expensive experience also, for there is a tempting display of French wares, ranging from women's dresses, shoes and handbags to shelves and shelves of French and Algerian wine, and cold cabinets of French cheeses of all types.

Everything in Noumea is costly, and items available in Australia are more cheaply bought in Australia, but temptation will come from many items which cannot be obtained in Australia.

Algerian Wines

French wines of good quality are almost twice the Australian price of similar types of Australian wine. But if you can get some guidance, there are Algerian wines at reasonable—even cheap—prices, which will be found very pleasant.

The cost of living in Noumea is high, but wages are high, and the minimum wage will be at least one-third higher than in Australia.

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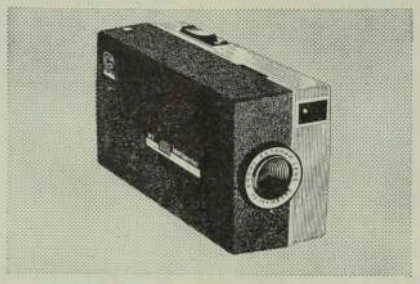

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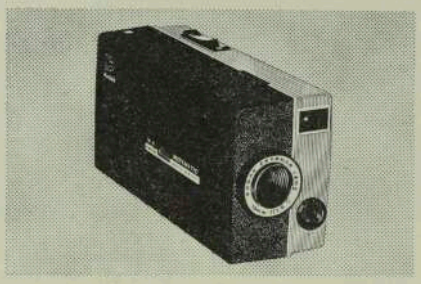

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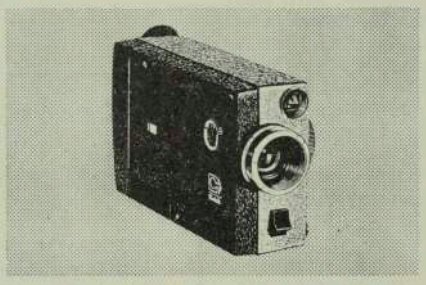

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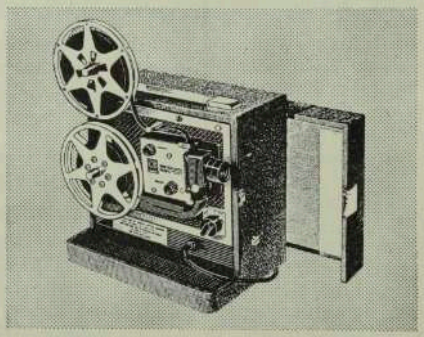

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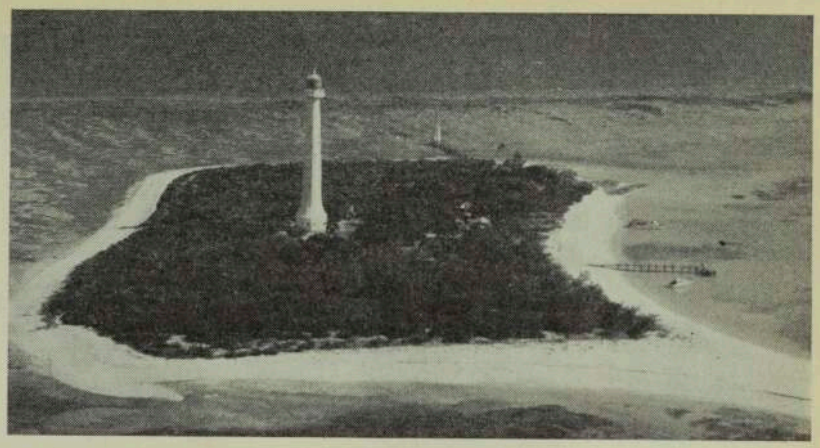


Amadee Lighthouse, on a small cay at the entrance to Noumea Harbour, 12 miles from the town, is one of New Caledonia's oldest and most interesting landmarks. It was built on the heights of La Villette overlooking Paris, then dismantled and shipped piecemeal to Noumea just over a century ago.—Photo: Qantas.

shoes, handbags, and clothing if a diligent search is made.

Taken all round, it is a fascinating shopping area.

Possibly, the bus services supply the best "buy" in Noumea. Small blue buses, with the name of the owner blazoned on the side, ply to all the outlying suburbs, and these buses are used by all—residents and tourists alike.

The fare of 15 francs appears to be the same on all the city and suburban bus services. It is 15 francs regardless of the length of the trip you make—be it 100 yards or five miles.

The buses run at frequent intervals on all routes. The Anse Vata route has a service at least every 10 minutes. The fare doubles after dark.

Given the time, the tourist can explore cheaply all the outer suburbs by the bus routes. There are beautiful, even magnificent, homes around Noumea, and many of the hilltops have glorious panoramas beneath them.

The trip to Anse Vata beach is, of course, the choice run, for it meanders around the many bays—Baie de la Moselle, Baie de l'Orphelinat, Baie de Pecheurs, Baie des Citrons—to the end of Anse Vata beach and the new Chateau Royale Hotel. Its return is usually by an inland route.

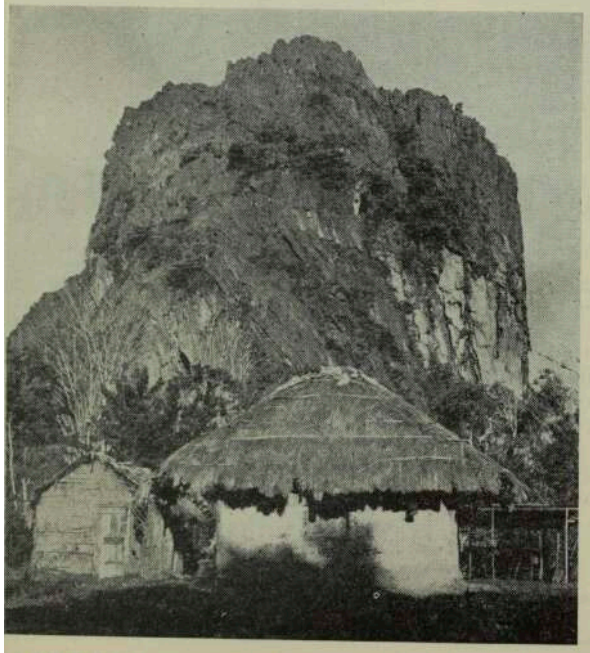
A varied assortment of hotels is to be found around Noumea, and, measuring by Australian standards, the rates for hotel accommodation are most reasonable.

One may choose the extremely luxurious, from about $A23 per day for two (without breakfast) to the small city hotel at about $A7 per day for two, including breakfast. Generally, each bedroom has private facilities, and the quality, and luxury, of the accommodation, varies with the price.

The Chateau Royal is most luxuriously—some may think over-ostentatiously—fitted. Architecturally, it is a gem, being built around and about beautiful trees which have been preserved.

Outstanding is a huge banyan tree in the central courtyard, with a root span extending well over 100 feet, with staghorns growing on its gnarled limbs, and well concealed lights illuminating, in muted fashion, the whole courtyard by night.

Nearby is the Nouvata—perhaps half a mile away, again facing a beautiful beach, with somewhat lower tariff, but well furnished and well managed—a very comfortable hotel, again with swimming pool—in sheltered piazza in the rear, the area being made colourful with tables, chairs, and umbrellas, all beneath flowering poinciana trees.



One of the most important centres on the east coast of New Caledonia is Hienghene, which is noted for coffee, other agricultural products — and striking limestone rock formations such as this one. In the foreground is a native hut.—Photo: Qantas.

Charming Beach

A little less expensive again is the Noumea Hotel, about a mile from the Nouvata, on Baie des Citrons, with a charming beach in front—a comfortable, well-furnished hotel, very well managed, with a good restaurant.

In the city, hotel rates are cheaper, and fittings rather less luxurious, but they are convenient for exploring the city, for one has a convenient retreat for rest during siesta time.

To those practising economy, too, they will be found good value, but if extreme economy is the aim, toilet soap and possibly towels may have to be provided personally.

There are many restaurants, both in the city and on the various bays; some are excellent, some are poor. Quite a good meal for two, with

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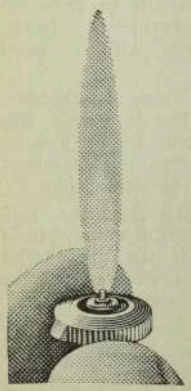

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Visitors are permitted to take out, duty free, 200 cigarettes, or 50 cigars, or eight ounces of tobacco, and one litre of spirits, besides personal effects.

wine, can be obtained—say at the Esquinade for about 390 francs. Indeed, if the advice of the waiter is heeded and *un plat pour deux* is tried, the cost may be considerably reduced, for one dish will be found to supply ample for two.

If one can obtain experienced guidance as to restaurants, the cooking will be found to be outstanding, and the memory of dishes such as *rognons roti* and *filet de poisson nantina* will long remain.

There are numerous snack bars around the city. Outstanding is the Bettina in Avenue de la Victoire, where a grill, a salad, a sandwich, an ice, or even a cup of tea can be got at a reasonable rate.

Tours

There are various tours, also, which should be investigated; the beautiful Isle of Pines, with its glorious beaches is easily reached by air—a mere 30 minutes flight from Magenta Airport. The return fare is 1,960 francs. Accommodation can be obtained on the island at the Relais de Kanumera. It is a lovely spot.

The East Coast tour is most comfortably made by air—the return air fare to Hienghene being 3,320 francs. One can, of course, take a "drive-yourself" hire car for a close view of the excellent scenery along the mountain roads, or one can join an organised road tour. There is also a daily small blue bus to Poindimie, with great saving in cost.

The East Coast scenery is impressive—narrow mountain roads, river crossings by punt, and tropical jungle make an interesting, but rather tiring, motor trip.

Tours can also be made by hire car, where the driver pays his own meal and accommodation accounts. But it is well to have the total fee settled in advance.

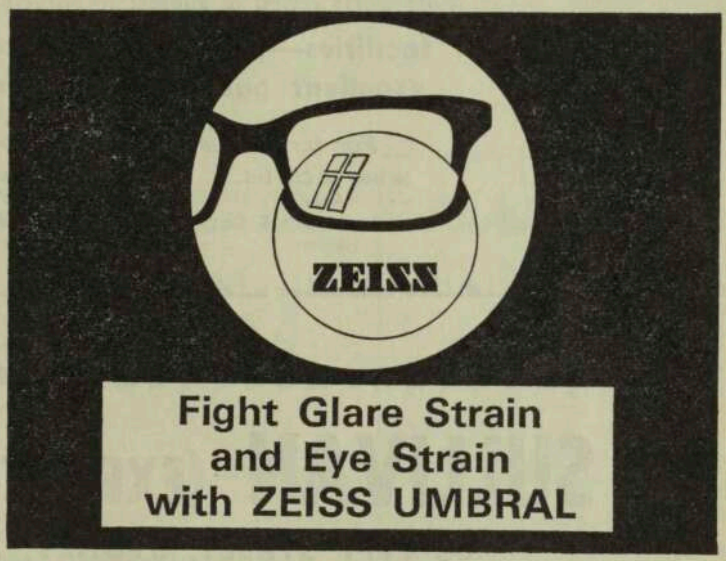
Also, with a little barganing—with several drivers—a great reduction in the rate can frequently be obtained.

The day launch trip from Noumea to Amadee lighthouse should be marked as a "must". In a well-fitted catamaran launch, with an excellent host, the trip of about 20 miles across the lagoon can be very pleasant. It can also be very rough, though calm water is found in the shelter of the reef.

The view of the coral through the glass bottom tank on the launch cannot be bettered anywhere. Fishing, both underwater and line, is an added attraction.

The island, with the lighthouse on which you land, has a glorious white coral sand beach, and the lunch supplied is superb. This day trip costs 850 francs each, and is well worth it.

Taken all in all, a holiday in New Caledonia is an interesting experience—a pleasant way to brush up one's French, a warm winter climate, with hotels of reasonable cost, and with the overall cost (excluding expensive purchases) possibly below that of a holiday for a similar period on Queensland's Barrier Reef.



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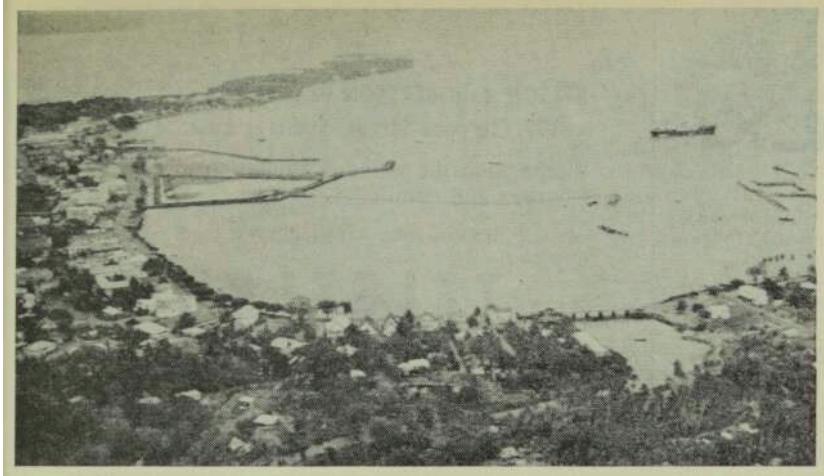

Beautification Plan For Apia's New Waterfront

If all goes as planned, within another year or two Apia will be well on the way to being the best planned and most beautiful city in the South Pacific.

WITH a 25-acre reclamation on the sea front still bare and dusty, Apia now has the air of a somewhat bedraggled frontier town. But all this will change if plans by United Nations expert architect-town planner Z. M. Wolak are approved.

In 14 months, Mr. Wolak has drawn up complete specifications for use of the reclamation down to the exact position and variety of 160 Samoan trees and shrubs.

He has also constructed a scale model showing exactly how the town will look when completed.

Cabinet decided early this year that the reclamation should be primarily an area for recreation, with a centralised administrative complex the only building allowed on the area.

Mr. Wolak's plan provides for an open recreational space occupying two-thirds of the area; a town square in the form of a piazza with small shops and kiosks forming an arcade to a municipal hall; a new road parallel to Beach Road; and the administrative complex.

The recreational area would consist of playgrounds, lawns, parking spaces with garden paths featuring Samoan flora, flower gardens, green arcades, reflecting pools, and a mooring point for small boats.

The new road would provide a loop road system with one-way traffic along Beach Road and the new road, and public parking and taxi stands between the two roads.

Heavy industrial traffic would be re-routed around the back of the town and footpaths along Beach Road would be widened and planted with trees.

The first stage of the plan covers five years and has been drawn up on the basis of needs extending over 20 years.

Mr. Wolak has also completed plans for a new Parliament building in traditional design but large enough to accommodate 600-700 people for future conventions that may be held in Apia.

Apia should be ready for the South Pacific Games by 1972.

— R. F. RANKIN

● **The aerial picture Apia above was taken before the completion of the reclamation project, which has given Apia 25 acres of waterfront it didn't have before. Part of Apia's new wharf can be seen on the extreme right of the picture.**

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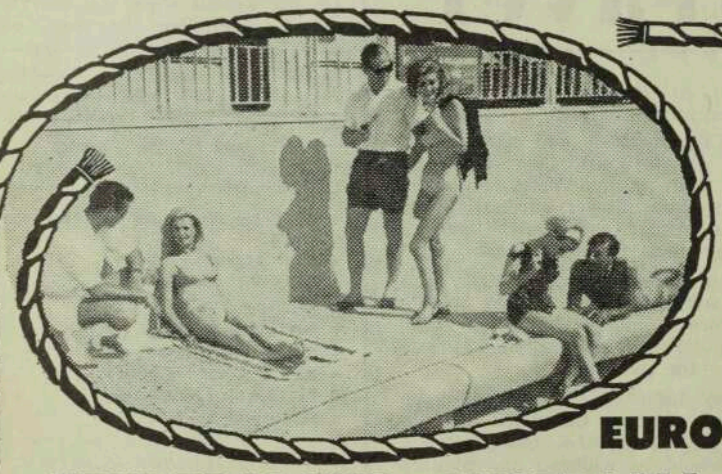

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P-NG "Fed-Up" With Delays On Air Link

From a Port Moresby Correspondent

Despite continual pressure by territory commercial interests, and particularly the Port Moresby Chamber of Commerce, for a direct 707 air link between Port Moresby and South-East Asia, the territory is no closer to getting one than it was two years ago. Latest signs indicate that it will be another two years before the territory is likely to see a regular 707.

THERE is a chance of an Electra through service earlier than this —but only a chance. It depends on a number of factors which are at present coming to a head.

As *PIM* has frequently reported, there have been constant efforts to get a service instituted Sydney-Port Moresby-Manila or Hong Kong. Qantas have said quite clearly that they are willing to establish one, and Ansett-ANA have made a number of noises despite the fact that they have no international licence and are not likely to get one. Philippine Airlines are also involved.

Qantas would have put a weekly 707 from Sydney-Port Moresby-Hong Kong last year if they could have got permission from DCA. Their plans were delayed when DCA called for strength tests at Jackson's Airport.

More Work Needed

These tests have now been completed and the local report is that DCA will forbid the airport's use by 707's unless major strengthening work is carried out. The strip is at present 6,800 ft, and DCA will probably want about 8,000 ft.

Qantas could probably put its 338C model 707 aircraft down on a shorter runway, because these need less runway length than the smaller and lighter 138B model 707's. But since the strength problem might beat this plan, it looks as if Qantas might suggest Electras—and they have range enough only for Manila. Qantas undoubtedly would prefer Hong Kong, since most traffic would want to go at least to Hong Kong.

Like the projected 707 service the Electra service would be once weekly and would have to be subject to Port Moresby traffic rights—something on which Qantas has always insisted. There is, however, an alternative to traffic rights, and that is negotiation for the sale of tickets by Ansett and TAA, as suggested by the World Bank report.

Qantas international Electras have a configuration of 16 first-class seats and 43 economy on the South African operation and presumably this would be the configuration for a Moresby route.

An Electra service would have the advantage of being established quickly and the Chamber of Commerce is anxious that some service be instituted quickly, by somebody. There is a growing amount of traffic and freight between the territory and the Far East, and in addition a through service is important to the growing territory tourist industry.

Territory people are becoming fed-up with the delays over the establishment of an international service and are wondering out loud whether they have been deprived of it so long because of some kind of airline and political war and not because of technical considerations at all.

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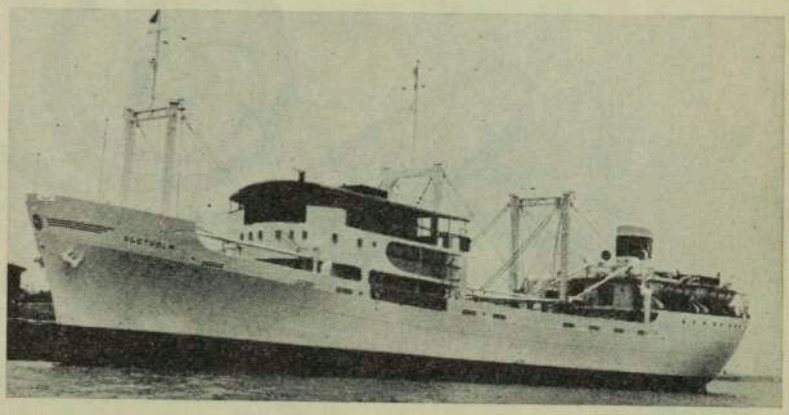

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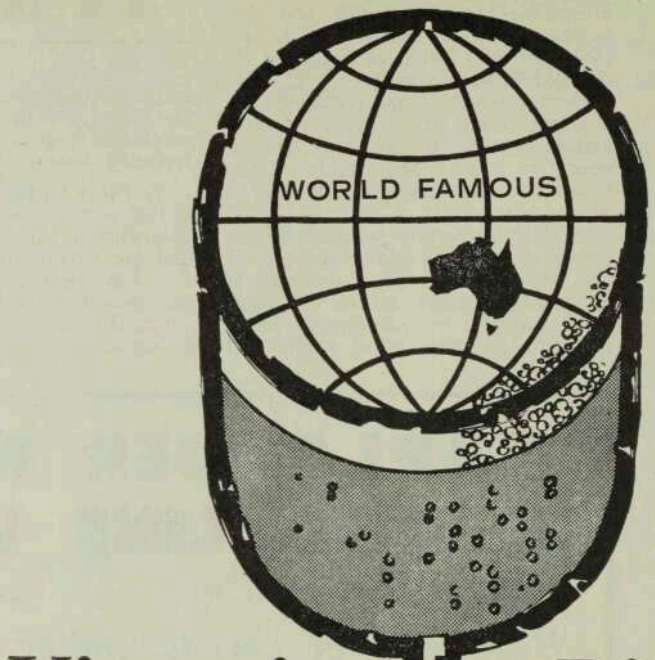

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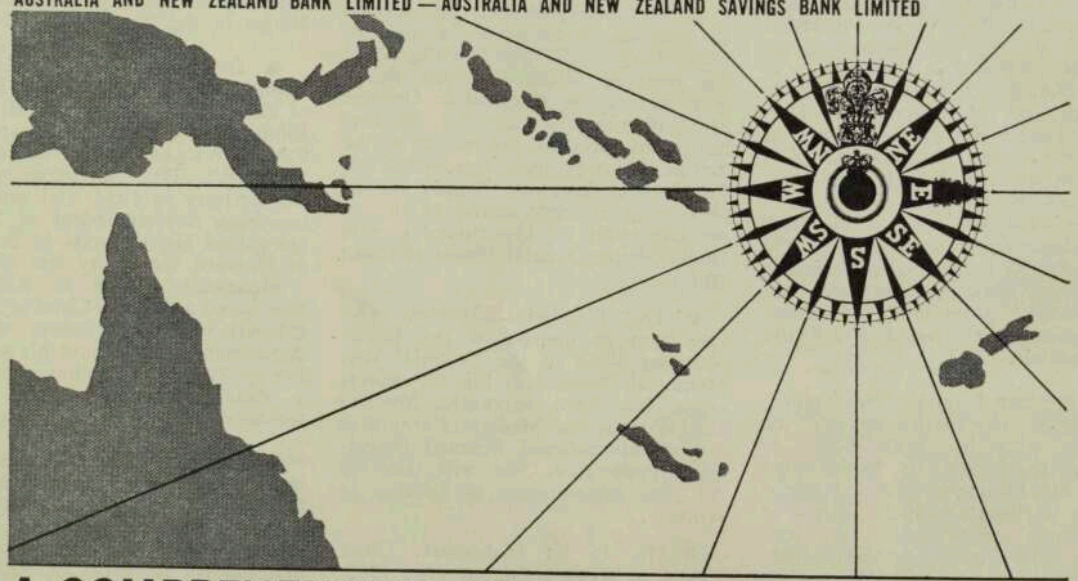

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People

MR. J. G. SOUNESS, who has been general manager of the Bank of New Zealand since 1962, and with the bank for 49 years, will retire on January 31. The new general manager will be Mr. J. F. Earnshaw, the assistant general manager. Mr. B. H. Smith will become deputy general manager.

● Mr. G. D. Clarkson, QC, of Perth, has been appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Papua-New Guinea. Mr. Clarkson who is 50, served in the AIF from 1941 to 1945 in New Guinea and elsewhere. During this time he attained the rank of major and was mentioned in despatches. He practised as a solicitor in Kalgoorlie until 1948 when he moved to Perth. In 1963 he began to practise as a barrister and was appointed a Queen's Counsel in 1965.

Mr. Clarkson is married with three children.

● Mr. R. H. T. Beaumont, Fiji's Commissioner of Police since 1956, will leave Fiji on pre-retirement leave in February. He will be succeeded by Mr. R. T. M. Henry, Commissioner of Police in Sarawak.

Mr. Henry, 39, was educated in Scotland and at Manchester University, joined the British Army in 1945, and served in Palestine as a lieutenant in the Royal Engineers. He joined the Malayan Police as a cadet in 1948 and rose to the rank of assistant superintendent. In 1956 he transferred to the Sarawak Police as a deputy superintendent and was subsequently promoted superintendent, senior superintendent and finally commissioner.

● American Samoa's "handyman", Mr. James C. Flannery, left the territory with his wife Betsy in October to return to the United States. Mr. Flannery, who was originally the territory's auditor, arrived in Pago Pago some eight years ago. He was later Director of Administrative Services and Special Assistant to the Governor. Mr. Flannery was Acting Governor when the hurricane struck Samoa in January.

● The British Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides, Mr. C. H. Allan, and the French Resident Commissioner, Mr. J. Mouradian, flew to Santo to inaugurate the first meeting of the new Santo Advisory Town Council on October 6.

Co-presidents of the new council are the British and French District Agents. There are three official members, seven elected members and three nominated members. Official members are the Condominium District Medical Officer, Dr. Le Hanaff, the District Engineer, Mr. Pommadere, and the Collector of Customs, Mr. Michel. The elected and nominated members include representatives of the British, French, Chinese, Tahitian and New Hebridean communities.

The council will advise the District Agents on matters of interest to the town.

● An exhibition of about 80 paintings and sketches by a 26-year-old Tongan, William Pomale, was opened in the New Zealand Display Centre, Wellington, in early November. The artist, who was sent to New Zealand 3½ years ago by the Tongan Government to study plumbing and roofing, has been sketching since he was six years old, and is almost entirely self-taught.

He is due to return to Tonga next May. The Tongan Government is interested in acquiring some of his work for a proposed art gallery and museum.

● Mr. Denys Hibbert has arrived in Honiara to take up the post of Chief Education Officer in the BSIP. He replaces Major Geoffrey Bovey who returned to England in October after 10 years' service. Mr. Hibbert has spent most of his career in the Sudan. He was later headmaster of Portsmouth Grammar School for 10 years, and recently served as adviser on education to the ruler of Abu Dhabi, in the Trucial Oman (Persian Gulf).

● Dr. Elizabeth Knowles, who has been in charge of the family planning clinic at the Colonial War Memorial Hospital in Fiji for several years, has been appointed Medical Secretary to the Medical Committee of the International Planned Parenthood Federation. She will take up her new appointment in London in January.

● Mr. P. L. Molineaux, Chief Justice of Western Samoa since 1962, has been appointed a Stipendiary Magistrate in Christchurch, New Zealand.

● Mr. Tom Richards, who has been appointed manager of the Nauru Co-operative, has an Islands background. He lived in Tahiti in the thirties for two years, and with his wife, "Darby", he spent four years in the Cooks after World War II,

Mr. Molineaux, Chief Justice of Western Samoa, who has been appointed to a new post in New Zealand.

with A. B. Donalds. They made another visit to the Cooks, for six months, in 1961. They are close friends of Mr. W. N. Allison, Nauru's Director of Education, and Mrs. Allison. The Richards have operated general stores in Australia, including Thursday Island, and in recent years have been managing motels in New South Wales and Queensland. They plan to arrive in Nauru in the *Triaster* in December.

● Dr. K. R. McKinnon, 35, is Papua-New Guinea's new Director of Education. He succeeds Mr. L. W. Johnson, who was recently appointed P-NG Assistant Administrator (Services). Dr. McKinnon went to the territory in 1954, and since 1962 has been Superintendent of Schools. He gained his doctorate in Education at Harvard University last year.

Meanwhile Mr. R. C. Ralph, 58, has retired as P-NG's Chief of Primary Education after 18 years with the department, and he and his wife will live in Sydney. They have a son and a daughter schoolteaching in the territory.

● Visiting Sydney from Melbourne in November were Mr. and Mrs. Ian Grabowsky. Mr. Grabowsky is a pioneer New Guinea pilot and in recent years has been collecting material for a history of Papua-New Guinea aviation, under the sponsorship of the Australian Department of Civil Aviation. The big task is almost completed, but there are no plans to publish the material.

● Another New Guinea old hand, Goya Henry, came out of Manly District Hospital, Sydney, in November after a long spell there, but is still restricted to crutches.

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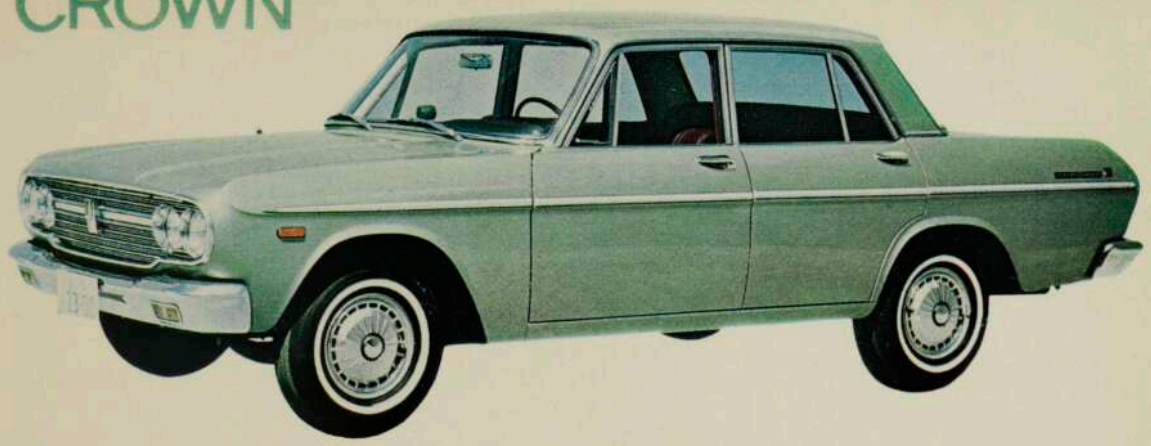

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Business and Development

No-Panic Approach Needed On New Guinea Cocoa Troubles

From Don Barrett, in Rabaul

New Guinea cocoa producers are still gravely concerned at the spread of "die back"—or *Botryodiplodia,* to give its scientific name.

THIS virulent disease has caused widespread damage to cocoa plantings in New Britain, and in the Madang and Morobe districts of the New Guinea mainland.

Dr. Dorothy Shaw, the principal plant pathologist of P-NG's Department of Agriculture, has spent most of her time over the last two years on research into the disease. Dr. Shaw is highly regarded internationally as a competent plant pathologist. She is held in high regard, too, by New Guinea planters, but to date a solution to the die back problem has eluded her and her fellow workers.

In New Britain's Gazelle Peninsula, long the country's main cocoa-producing centre, growers' feelings have ranged through casual contempt ("the disease couldn't affect me"), to grave concern, with periods of optimism when seasonal conditions have favoured cocoa trees, interspersed with periods of deep depression when the disease has flared.

Many Problems

It seems that seasonal conditions have a great bearing on the virulence of die back, but just what the conditions are that so favour its spread is the riddle the plant pathologists cannot yet solve.

That it is spread by wind-borne spores seems certain, and most growers point to the fact that first signs of the disease are usually among trees close to roads. From there the spread in a particular area seems haphazard.

It is quite common to see a badly affected tree—perhaps beyond saving—among a group of healthy trees bearing fruit normally. Some trees seem to have an inbuilt resistance and while the extremists may be affected no great harm is done.

Pathologists claim that if they can ascertain what are the optimum conditions for the release of spores they can devise a programme of spraying or dusting with fungicides which should inhibit the spread of spores.

They point to a similar problem which was faced by the stone fruit industry in Victoria's Goulburn Valley some years ago. Here research eventually broke through and now growers can be informed well in advance of the most effective time for spraying or dusting with fungicides. However, they also point out that there is no short cut to a solution—unless by a stroke of luck some researcher stumbles on the answer.

All this is small comfort to the grower who sees healthy trees suddenly smitten and is forced, in an effort to save his trees, to a programme of drastic pruning. From this pruning some trees may not recover despite the use of fertiliser (which many smallholders cannot afford). At the best he is cutting away bearing wood and his production will fall drastically.

Then there is the problem of replanting. In many instances young trees planted to replace those killed by die back become affected in less than one year. Some growers have replanted areas three times, and eventually given up in despair.

In those plantings where coconuts are used for shade the double crop softens the blow of reduced cocoa production. However, most of the cocoa planted by settlers in development areas is "sole" planted. These men are now turning to other crops. Spices are commanding attention.

Others who can afford a long wait are planting coconuts—and regretting that they did not do this initially.

It is difficult to get an overall picture of the real effect the disease has had on production.

Bougainville and New Zealand seem virtually unaffected to date, and in Bougainville particularly cocoa production is rising steadily and

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Leading New Guinea businessman Mr. B. C. Goodsell, general manager of Burns Philp (New Guinea) Ltd., receives the OBE at the hands of the Administrator, Sir Donald Cleland in Port Moresby on October 25. Mr. Goodsell was named in the Queen's Birthday honours list for his many services in the public interest in New Guinea.

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should continue to do so as new areas are opened up.

There has been talk of "learning to live with die back". Growers could do this if it were just a matter of careful husbandry, judicious pruning and fertilising and speedy replanting of "misses".

But die back is becoming a killer and one cannot live happily with a killer.

Individual growers have expressed dissatisfaction at the research programme of the Department of Agriculture, and more recently the Planters' Asssociation of New Guinea has been pressing the department hard.

The Director of Agriculture has stated that the department is to expand its research programme. It is expected that details of this programme will be made known shortly —certainly growers will demand to know what is planned.

It would be a foolish planter who made any long term forecast. Researchers may find a solution at any time, or may never find one. Some trees almost certainly will develop some degree of immunity. No doubt propagation from these trees would in time produce a partial answer. Seed from such trees might be expected to produce plants with a degree of immunity but this could not be guaranteed.

Other Crops Sought

But it is the short term with which the grower is most vitally interested. This is why many growers in the worst affected areas are seeking a quick-growing alternate crop. Meanwhile they struggle to husband those trees which seem to best resist the disease—and hope for better seasons.

If die back can be contained in those districts where it is now present the normal growth of the cocoa industry in other areas would not be affected. It is up to the Department of Agriculture to make every effort to ensure this containment while at the same time most actively developing alternate crops for the stricken areas.

The Administration should treat the matter as serious. A sane, non-panic approach is needed.

The "no problem" statement will not hold. Facts should be made known and faced. To the grower these would seem to be that the industry in some areas faces a grave situation.

The spread of the disease to non-affected areas must be prevented at all costs, and these areas encouraged to expand production.

Editor's Note: A leading specialist on the aerial distribution of plant disease left New Guinea in November after completing a tour of cocoa areas.

Dr. J. M. Hirst, of Rothamsted Experimental Station, England, and a colleague, Dr. Gregory, have been assisting the P-NG Department of Agriculture with spore trapping studies relating to die back disease in territory cocoa.

Copra Prices Lose Further Ground

DURING October, Philippine FM copra prices lost further ground to an average £Stg.61, compared with £Stg.61/7/6 in September.

Opening prices for November were down a further £Stg., and although there was a slight gain during the first week of trading, indications were that the average for the month might well go lower than £Stg.61.

Chairman of the P-NG Copra Marketing Board, Mr. Ian McDonald, said in Port Moresby on November 17 that the collapse of copra prices had been caused primarily by the increase in copra and coconut oil coming from the Philippines and Malaya and, to a lesser extent, by the increased competition from synthetic raw materials in the industrial sector of coconut oil consumption in the US.

Some slight recovery in price could be expected within the next few months because of the temporary decline in production in the Philippines following adverse seasonal conditions towards the end of last year.

But he warned that in the long term a predominantly weak market in copra and coconut oil was likely, owing to the sharp expansion which is coming up in Philippine production. This was the result of the increase in planting which had been going on quietly in the Philippines since 1961.

Tonga To Launch First Loan

FOR the first time in its history Tonga is to raise public loans. They will assist in the kingdom's new five-year development plan.

Legislation permitting loans has been passed by the Assembly in the form of a General Loan and Stock Act, and a report from Nukualofa says that a feature of it is that "full

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No details are available, but this is a vital guarantee in Tonga's case in view of some notorious existing legislation, such as the Tongan Contract Act, which has made outside commercial interests wary of investment because of the difficulties of taking legal action against Tongan nationals if things go wrong. The Tongan Government will have to overcome the bad public relations resulting from these performances.

Two loans are proposed. One for £200,000, to be subscribed from institutions and boards, and a Development Bonds issue in 1967, which will be open to the public.

Included in Tonga's development plan is the construction of new roads. Although Tongatapu has approximately 83 miles of sealed roads, there is a desperate need for access roads to plantations to enable delivery of crops to the port.

The British Government agreed recently to finance 90 per cent. of the cost of the first part of the five-year road programme and has made a grant of £80,365 to Tonga. The Tonga Produce Board is to contribute £8,930 for the remainder of the cost up to March, 1968.

New road-making equipment has been ordered from Britain, including a road grader, mobile crusher, self-propelled 8-ton roller and two tip trucks. After urgent road works in Tongatapu, this equipment will be used for road construction in Vava'u and Ha'apai.

UK Trade Mission

A 12-man British trade mission, organised and sponsored by the London Chamber of Commerce, will spend three days in Fiji next February before visiting Australia and New Zealand.

It will be the first British trade mission to visit Fiji. Members will have business meetings with counterparts in Suva. British exports to Fiji in 1965 were valued at £6½ million, while Britain bought from Fiji goods worth £8¾ million.

New Plan For Micronesian Copra

A TWO-YEAR contract for the collection, purchase and marketing of copra for the United States Trust Territory (Micronesia) was signed in October between the Copra Stablilization Board of the Trust Territory Government and the United Micronesian Development Association (UMDA). The contract became effective on November 10.

It is the first all-island contract awarded by the Government to a company controlled by Micronesians.

The corporation is owned by citizens of the Trust Territory. However, the company has been authorised to issue a maximum of 40 per cent. of its stock to non-citizens of the Trust Territory. Stockholders reside throughout the Trust Territory and each of the six territory districts is represented on the board of directors.

All 40 per cent. of the stock available to outsiders has already been issued. Thirty-six per cent. is owned by Continental Airlines of Los Angeles—an equity stock investment of $US50,000; and the remaining 4 per cent. is owned by various US citizens.

The copra crop, which UMDA has exclusive contractual rights to market, is estimated at 14,000 tons annually and is currently valued at approximately $US2½ million. UMDA received its corporate charter in May this year.

Continental officials have made it clear that their interest is primarily in UMDA's potential rather than in its current copra product. Continental's president, Mr. Robert F. Six, said recently: "We are seriously interested in an air service for the Trust Territory in the near future. UMDA, which bands together all the major commercial activities and leading businessmen of the islands, gives us, we believe, an outstanding partner for this project."

Coca-Cola Plant For Apia

THE Coca-Cola Export Corporation will offer more bottling franchises in South Pacific areas, a corporation executive said at the opening of a new Coca-Cola bottling plant at Apia, Western Samoa, in October.

The executive said he believed that most of the franchises available would be alloted within the next few years, and the corporation's policy was to give reputable local businessmen preference.

The new Apia plant, which was opened by the Prime Minister, Fiame Mataafa, is owned by the Apia Bottling Company Ltd. The managing director, Mr. R. P. Carpenter, said the company had invested $100,000 in the business.

Mr. Carpenter had previously established a Coca-Cola franchise in American Samoa.

P-NG Wants Share In New Businesses

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project is expected to amount to two and a half million dollars," he said.

Commonwealth New Guinea Timbers Limited was an impressive example of co-operation between private and overseas investors and Government. The majority holding of capital in this venture was held by the Commonwealth Government, Mr. Johnson said.

Mr. Johnson said the Bougainville Development Corporation, which was shipping timber from the Tonolei area of Bougainville to Japan, expected to make equity shares available for purchase directly by local people not later than 1968.

Conzinc Riotinto already had spent $2,500,000 on copper exploration on Bougainville.

"If the company decides to go ahead with this project it will require a total investment of the order of 60 to 100 million dollars," he said.

Negotiations on conditions for the granting of the mining lease were now underway. An important factor in these discussions was the question of substantial territory participation in the enterprise, Mr. Johnson said.

When Mr. Johnson said the CRA problem was a major factor behind the Government's announcement he was, apparently, referring to the *timing* of the announcement.

The new policy has not been developed as a panic measure following the Bougainville troubles. The major reason for it has been the reaction of the Australian electorate to overseas investments in Australia—particularly American investments which have no Australian participation and where large profits have been channelled back to the States.

Cabinet does not want to see a similar pattern of development in Papua-New Guinea, where the UN would have something to say.

But undoubtedly, the CRA trouble has been seen as an opportune time for launching the scheme, and as a result there are still details to be worked out. The Administration doesn't know how far it will go.

Certainly Canberra has no intention of making large investments willy-nilly, or giving the impression that it is going to "nationalise" commerce, thus there is no cause for concern by private enterprise that the investment climate will be upset.

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NG Figures Help Carpenters

CHAIRMAN of W. R. Carpenter Holdings Ltd., Mr. R. B. Carpenter, made these points on group activities in his address to the annual meeting in Canberra on November 11:

- Because of the company's widespread activities it had a satisfactory year. Fiji hurricane damage and drought resulted in a decline in that group's activities, but this was more than offset by an increase in the earnings of the New Guinea group.
- High prices for copra gave a substantial boost to earnings in the first half of the subsidiaries' years, but since then prices have fallen.
- The Fiji group's turnover probably won't improve until the drought breaks and sugar and copra prices recover. Good returns are expected from inter-island shipping in Fiji.
- In New Guinea there was a buoyant economic climate and group merchandising companies had substantial sales increases. Plantation results were again satisfactory.
- The first New Guinea tea factory should be in production in 1968. On the three estates all planting would be completed in about six years instead of the 10 years which are a condition of the lease.
- No new agricultural development involved in the opening up of owned land or leasehold land was contemplated. The immediate object was to maintain developed properties and to redevelop those requiring attention.

Record Profit For Burns Philp

THE first Burns Philp and Company financial report to be issued since Mr. P. T. W. Black took over as general manager shows a net profit of $5,159,589—a best ever result despite difficulties of severe drought, hurricane damage, finance and import controls and a decline in purchasing power.

The period is for 15 months, ended June 30. In the previous term, of 12 months, ended March 31, 1965, profit was $3,468,248.

The dividend for the 15 months is 12½ per cent., maintaining the 10 per cent. annual rate paid for the last 14 years.

The directors considered that returns from plantations, investments and sundry ventures were normal, "having regard to prevailing conditions", but the shipping services operated at a loss.

"The main line vessels maintaining the Pacific Island services and operating under Australian conditions based on a 40-hour week, have once again shown up badly and the outlook for any improvement is not encouraging," said the chairman, Mr. James Burns.

To cope with increasing competition in the retail field, an extensive programme of modernisation and expansion of premises and facilities was begun with gratifying results in increased patronage and sales.

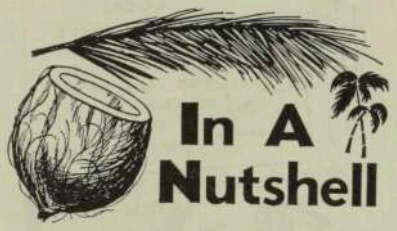
The group's shipping properties are shown at a book value of $1,893,000 at June 30 — cost $8,947,366, less depreciation $7,054,366.

This value is less than the $2,082,382 progress payments on the new ship (the *Moresby*), which are included in the cost.

Book value of listed investments was $26,731,800 at June 30, $435,530 higher than at March 31, 1965.

Market value dropped $656,599 to $40,525,201.

The annual accounts show that Burns Philp have 21 subsidiary companies in Australia (in NSW, Queensland and the ACT), four in Fiji, one in the New Hebrides, four in New Zealand, 13 in Papua-New Guinea and one in the United States.



In A Nutshell

PROFIT FALLS: The Emperor Gold Mining Co. Ltd., and Tavua Power Pty. Ltd., Vatukoula, Fiji, had a lower net profit in the year ended June 30, compared with the 1964-65 profit—$70,599 against $90,500. The companies are subsidiaries of Emperor Mines Ltd., Melbourne, which has declared a dividend steady at 2½c a share (5 per cent.).

HIGHER DIVIDEND: The net profit of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. for 1965-66 was $303,244, a drop of $2,446 compared with 1964-65. The dividend has been increased to 10 per cent., equal to 3½c a 35c share, compared with 4d on a 3/6 share in 1964-65.

The company's income from goldmining rose by $39,148 to $195,658, but the trading income at $134,921, was $35,705 lower. Investment income dropped by $357 to $2,197.

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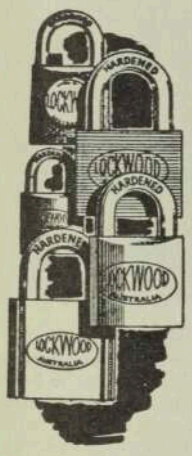

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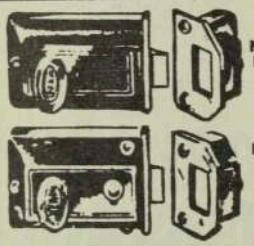

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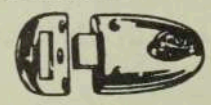

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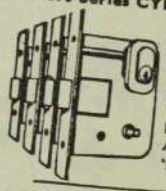

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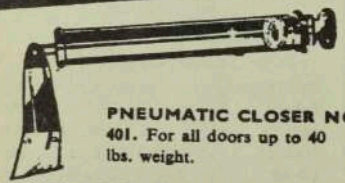

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Produce Prices

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COPRA

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA:—All production s delivered to Copra Marketing Board, ontrolled by six members, including three lanters' representatives; and the board irects distribution and sales, and makes ayments to the producers. Production oes mainly to (a) Unilever, in UK, (b) ustralia for local consumption, (c) rushing-mill in Rabaul, and (d) Japan surplus as available). Prices generally ally with ruling rate in Philippines, with remiums for hot-air dried.

P-NG Board's tentative purchase rices for copra delivered main ports are: Hot-Air Dried, $143 per ton; FMS, $140 er ton; Smoke-Dried, $138.98 per ton.

FIJI:—The Fiji Coconut Industry Board ixes the prices to be paid for Fiji opra on a formula based on that for hilippines copra, and taking into account reight, taxes, selling costs, shrinkage, tc. The copra must be graded at centres n Suva, Levuka, Lautoka, Savusavu and aveuni. Prices in Suva to Dec. 12 were: irst grade, £F51/2/6; second grade, £F46/2/6; third grade, £F38/5/-. A scale f deductions has been established for opra delivered to grading centres other han Suva.

WESTERN SAMOA: — Official Copra oard takes all production, sells same nd makes payments to producers. It oes mainly to Abels Ltd., NZ crushers, nd the open market. Local price re-ently was £56/12/6 Samoan, first grade.

TONGA: Sales are under Government ontrol. Part of production goes to urope, under arrangement with Unilever ontrolled by Philippines prices, and part n to open market.

SOLOMON IS.: All production marketed through official BSI Copra Board, at prices based on Philippines rate. Output goes to Unilever, UK; to Australian crushers; and the balance on to the open market. Prices, in Nov., were: 1st grade, $120; 2nd grade, $116; 3rd grade, $106 per ton, f.o.b., BSIP ports (Honiara, Yandina and Gizo).

GILBERT AND ELLICE:—Production marketed in Europe through official Copra Board, at prices based on Philippines rates less freight, etc. The Copra Board subsidises the price at: First Grade $29.36 per ton, Second Grade $18.16 per ton.

NEW HEBRIDES:—Latest official price on Oct. 10 was approximately $64 (6,400 Pac. Francs). French price in Nov. was 790 francs per metric ton, c.i.f., Marseilles.

COOK IS.:—Copra goes to Abels, Ltd., of Auckland, who operate the only NZ copra crushing mill. Price paid is average London price for previous three months, less handling charges. Prices for last quarter, Oct.-Dec., 1966, were £NZ56/6/1 1st grade, £NZ55/1/1 standard grade—both per ton, f.o.b., Rarotonga.

EXCHANGE RATES

FIJI.—Through **BANK OF NSW, ANZ BANK, BANK OF NZ and THE BANK OF BARODA LTD. Australia on Fiji,** basis £F100: Buying, $A221.73; Selling, $A226. **Fiji-London,** basis £Stg.100: B. £F112; S. £F110/15/-. **NZ-Fiji,** basis £NZ100: B. £F111/11/9; S. £F110/4/3.

WESTERN SAMOA. — Through **BANK OF WESTERN SAMOA. Australia on W. Samoa** basis £WS100: B. $A246.67; S. £A249.08. **W. Samoa-NZ,** basis £NZ100: B. £WS99/11/3; S. £WS100/10/-. **Fiji-W. Samoa,** basis £WS100: B. £F109/17/6; S. £F111. **W. Samoa-London,** basis £Stg.100: B. £WS100/1/3; S. £WS101/10/-.

NORFOLK IS. AND PAPUA-NEW GUINEA.—Australian currency used; no exchange payable in transactions with Australia.

FRENCH PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs (CPF) are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Polynesia. **FRENCH BANK (Comptoir National D'Ecompte de Paris,** Sydney, in Nov. 1966, quoted: Selling, Noumea, 98 Pac. francs to $ Aust.; Papeete 98 (nom.) Pac. francs to $ Aust.; 247 Pac. francs to £ Stg., approx. 90 Pac. francs to US $; Noumea 18 Pac. francs to 1 French franc (conversion rate: 1 Pac. franc equals 0.055 French franc), Paris-London: Buying 13.80 francs to £Stg.

OTHER PRODUCE

COCOA:—Islands prices are usually based on the rates for Ghana cocoa. On Nov. 21 these were approx. £Stg.190 per ton, Jan.-Mar., c.i.f., Sydney.

On Nov. 21, Quote No. 1: In store Rabaul, export quality $350 per ton, ex-wharf Sydney, $403. Quote No. 2: Best quality, ex-wharf Sydney, $420, in store N.G. ports $377 (for UK, Continent and USA shipments).

W. SAMOA:—Latest prices quoted in Sydney, on Oct. 25 were: Grade 1, £Stg.290; grade 2, £Stg.256/10/- per ton, f.o.b., Apia.

COFFEE.—**P.-N.G.**: Nov. 21, Quote No. 1, good quality A grade 40c per lb; B grade 38c; C grade 35c. c.i.f., Sydney. Quote No. 2, A grade 43c per lb; Plantation X 39c; Native X 36c, del. Sydney.

Approximate overseas f.o.b. coffee prices were reported on Nov. 21 as:

Kenya AA g.a.q. £Stg.390 per ton, A £Stg.380, B £Stg.372, C £Stg.356, PB £Stg.360, TT £Stg.354; Tanzania AA g.a.q. £Stg.376, A £Stg.366, B £Stg.354, C £Stg.338, TT £Stg.342, PB £Stg.354; Bukoba Robusta (unwashed) £Stg.240, Arabica (unwashed) £Stg.286; Uganda Robusta (std.) Jan. shipment £Stg.243/10/-, Feb. shipment, £Stg.242/10/-, March shipment, £Stg241.

PEANUTS.—**P.-N.G.**: Sydney agents reported Nov. 21, f.o.b., Lae; Kernels—white Spanish 15c lb.

RUBBER.—**P.-N.G.** price is based on Singapore rate, which on Nov. 17 was: Dec. shipment 62⅜ Straits cents per lb, c.i.f. (18.09c Aust.); Prompt shipment 61⅝ Straits cents per lb (18.38c Aust.); Jan. shipment 61⅝ Straits cents per lb (17.95c Aust.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Victor Karp Tulk & Co., Sydney, reported on Nov. 21: Prices are; white and yellow label processed, standard packs, $5.40, green label, $5.30, c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE (Aust.): Prices, until May, 1967, are—**P.-N.G.**: Dried brown rice, 112 lb bags, $121 per ton, f.o.w. Sydney or Melbourne. Vitamin enriched white rice, 112 lb bags, $134 per ton, f.o.w. **Other Pacific Islands:** Polished white or dried brown rice, $142 per ton, f.o.w.

PEARL SHELL.—Quotations for **Australian M.O.P. Shell** on Nov. 21 by Sydney independent shell agents were: Sound $1,650 per ton, D $1,180, E $670, EE $470 (in store Sydney). **Cook Islands: Penrhyn** £NZ320 (approx.), f.o.b., Rarotonga.

Stock Market

SYDNEY

	Oct. 24 Seller	Nov. 18 Seller
Bali Plantations	.51	U.Q.
Burns Philp	3.85	3.72
Burns Philp (SS)	b 3.80	b 3.85
Camalec	b .48	b .40
Carpenter, W. R.	2.42	2.25
Choiseul Plntn.	5.40	5.40
C.S.R. Co.	2.91	2.85
Dylup Plantations	.63	.54
Fiji Industries	2.50	2.30
Hackshall's	b 1.18	1.26
Kerema Rubber	.25	.25
Koitaki Rubber	1.45	1.47
Lolorua Rubber	.42	.45
Makurapau Plntn.	.45	.43
Mariboi Rubber	.35	.40
Plantation Holdings	.38	b .33
Queensland Insurance	4.30	4.20
Rubberlands	.28	.25
Sogeri Rubber	.62	.62
Sthn. Pac. Insurance	b 1.60	b .60
Steamships Trading	1.08	1.04
Watkins Consolidated	.45	.42

OIL AND MINING SHARES

	Oct. 24	Nov. 18
Emperor	s .50	s .46
N.G.G. Ltd.	s .58	s .55
Oil Search	s .14	s .12
Pac. I. Mines	s .42	s .39
Papuan Apin.	s .19	s .15
Placer Dev.	s22.60	s23.40

(Quotations are in Australian Dollars $A2 = £A1.)

Sydney Stock Exchange share price index for "Ordinaries" on Nov. 18 was 312.58; on Oct. 24, it was 315.96.

TROCHUS.—Sydney buyers indicated the following quotations to Islands producers: Nov. 21 — **Papua** — $160-$180 per ton; **N.G., B.S.I.**—$150-$170 per ton, f.o.b. Islands ports.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—**Sydney buyers** quoted: Nov. 21, No. 1, 1st grade, $490, f.o.b. Islands ports, 2nd grade, nom., $240 on wharf, Sydney. No. 2, $440 (best quality), on wharf, Sydney.

CROCODILE SKINS. — On Nov. 21 Sydney buyers quoted for 12 in. and over, first grade quality as follows: **P.-N.G.**— $2.90 per in., f.o.b. P-NG ports, small scale (salt water); large scale (fresh water) $1.80 per in. **B.S.I.** $2.90 (small scale) del. Sydney.

PAPUAN GUM: $190 per ton, del. Sydney; New Guinea graded gum $185 per ton, f.o.b., New Guinea ports.

BECHE-DE-MER: Chang Sing Loong Co., Suva, quote F2/- (4 in. to 7 in.) to F3/- (9 in. to 11 in.) lb for well processed commercial varieties.

SHARK FINS: Chang Sing Loong Co., Suva, offers F4/6 per lb for well-dried fins of commercial quality. ICEP Pty. Ltd., 22 Taylor St., North Curl Curl, Sydney, quote 65c to 85c lb., ex-store Sydney, according to quality.

London and US Quotations

COPRA: LONDON, Nov. 18, Philippines, in bulk, $US163 (equal to £Stg.58/8/-) per long ton, c.i.f., UK/Nth. European ports. Malayan 1% c.i.f. UK/Nth. European ports, UQ. NEW YORK: Nov. 18, Philippines, c.i.f., Pacific Coast ports, nom. $US153. CEYLON: Spot, 915 Rupees per ton.

COCONUT OIL: LONDON, Ceylon, 1% in bulk, £Stg.93/10/- per ton, c.i.f., UK/Nth. European ports.

RUBBER: LONDON, Nov. 17, Spot 18⅜d Stg. lb; Dec. shipment 18½d Stg. lb; Feb. shipment, 18-13/16d Stg. lb.

Shipping, Airways Information

● PIM's shipping and airways schedules are revised each month just before publication from information supplied by the shipping and airways companies. Detailed information on ships' sailing dates should be obtained from shipping agents.

SHIPPING TIMETABLES

BRISBANE - SYDNEY - WEST NG - INDONESIA

The P.N. Djakarta Lloyd Shipping Company operates a monthly cargo service between Indonesia, West New Guinea and East Australian ports, with the Pilar Regidor, Gunung Guntur and Gunung Tambora.

Details from John Manners and Co. (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., general agents, 4 Bridge St., Sydney (27-9164).

SYDNEY - FIJI

The CSR Company operates a passenger/cargo service, usually with the MV Rona, departing Sydney every three to four weeks for Suva and Lautoka.

Details from Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., 1-7 Bent St., Sydney (2-0515).

SYDNEY - FIJI - TONGA - SOMA

Union Steam Ship Co. maintains a six-weekly cargo service with the Waimate from Melbourne and Sydney to Lautoka, Suva (including transhipments for Vavau and Niue), Nukualofa and Apia with return to Sydney via Fiji ports Auckland and Tauranga.

Details from Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ Ltd., 247 George Street, Sydney (2-0528); or other branches and agents.

SYDNEY - FIJI - UK

Chandris Line vessel Australis maintains a two-monthly passenger service from Sydney via New Zealand and Fiji to Southampton, and return via Suez to Sydney.

Details from Chandris Line, 135 King Street, Sydney (28-2451).

SYDNEY - FIJI - VANCOUVER

Pacific Shipowners Ltd., of Suva, normally operate a passenger-cargo service three times yearly with the Lakemba calling at Sydney, Melbourne, Suva, Lautoka, Honolulu, Vancouver.

Details from American Trading and Shipping Co. Pty. Ltd., 19 Bridge Street, Sydney (27-4147).

SYDNEY - GEIC - HONOLULU

Columbus Lines of New York, operate approximately monthly passenger-cargo sailings from Sydney or Brisbane to Tarawa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, continuing via Honolulu to Los Angeles.

Details from American Trading and Shipping Co. Pty. Ltd., 19 Bridge Street, Sydney (27-4149).

SYDNEY - NEW CALEDONIA - NEW HEBRIDES - FR. POLYNESIA

Messageries Maritimes Line passenger-cargo vessels, Tahitien and Caledonien from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call regularly at Papeete, Taiohae (Marquesas Group), Vila Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route.

Polynesie maintains three-weekly passenger sailings between Sydney, Noumea, Vila and Santo.

Details from Messageries Maritimes, 2 Young St., Sydney (27-2654).

SYDNEY - NZ - FIJI - HAWAII - CANADA - USA

P. and O. Lines passenger vessels call approximately monthly at Auckland, Suva and Honolulu on eastbound and westbound voyages between Sydney and Vancouver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, occasional calls are made at Pago Pago and Nukualofa.

Details from P. and O. Lines of Aust. Pty. Ltd., 55 Hunter St., Sydney (2-0317).

SYDNEY - NZ - FIJI - TAHITI - PANAMA - UK

Southern Cross and Northern Star passenger vessels each make four round-the-world voyages per year, from Southampton, UK, alternatively via South Africa and Panama, generally calling at Sydney, Wellington, Rarotonga, Papeete and Fiji (Southern Cross only).

Details from Shaw Savill Line, 8a Castlereagh St., Sydney (28-1828).

SYDNEY - NZ - TAHITI - PANAMA - USA

Holland-America Line passenger vessel Maasdam leaves Sydney twice a year for Panama and USA, calling at Wellington and Papeete.

Details from Europe-Canada Line, cnr. Bridge and Pitt Sts., Sydney (27-6432).

SYDNEY - NORFOLK IS. - NEW CALEDONIA

Jacques del Mar (owned by Societe Maritime Caledonienne, Noumea), makes a regular three weekly passenger-cargo voyage from Sydney or Melbourne to Lord Howe Is., Norfolk Is., New Caledonia (Noumea).

Details from F. H. Stephens Pty. Ltd., 13-15 Bridge St., Sydney (27-8311).

SYDNEY - NORFOLK IS. - NEW HEBRIDES - BSI

MV Tulagi (passenger-cargo) leaves Sydney about every six weeks for Norfolk Is., Vila, Santo, Honiara and BSI ports.

Details from Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney (2-0547).

SYDNEY - PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

Burns Philp passenger/cargo vessels maintain regular services from the Australian East coast to New Guinea ports.

Bulolo maintains a six-weekly service from Sydney and Brisbane to Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang and Rabaul.

Braeside sails every eight weeks from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Rabaul, Madang, Lae, Pt. Moresby.

Malekula maintains a seven-weekly service from Sydney and Brisbane to Pt. Moresby, Lae, Madang, Lombrum, Lorengau, Kavieng, Rabaul and Bougainville ports.

Moresby maintains a seven-weekly service from Sydney and Brisbane to Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Lobrum, Kavieng and Rabaul.

Montoro sails every eight weeks from Melbourne and Sydney to Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Wewak, Alexishafen, Madang, Lae and Pt. Moresby.

Details from Burns, Philp and Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney (2-0547).

China Navigation Co. Ltd. vessels Soochow and Shansi provide a regular fortnightly passenger-cargo service from Sydney to Brisbane, Pt. Moresby, Samarai and Sydney, sailing from Sydney every second Monday.

Details from China Navigation Co. Ltd. (Swire and Yuill Pty. Ltd., general agents), 8 Spring St., Sydney (27-4701).

Karlander New Guinea Line cargo vessels Sletta, Sletfjord and Sarang leave Sydney approx. weekly for P-NG ports, calling at Brisbane, Pt. Moresby, Rabaul, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Kieta and Honiara (BSIP).

Details from Karlander NG Line (F. H. Stephens Pty. Ltd., agents), 13 Bridge Street, Sydney (27-8311).

Austasia Line's passenger/cargo vessel Makati runs monthly between Australian ports (turn round at Melbourne) and Papua-New Guinea, calling at Pt. Moresby, Rabaul, Madang and Lae.

Details from Blue Star Line (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 32-34 Bridge St., Sydney (27-1271).

SYDNEY - P-NG - FAR EAST

Austasia Line's passenger/cargo vessels Australasia and Malaysia run monthly between Australian ports (turn round at Melbourne) and Singapore, via Pt. Moresby.

Details from Blue Star Line (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 32-34 Bridge St., Sydney (27-1271).

Australia-West Pacific Line vessels maintain a regular passenger/cargo service to Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Rabaul, thence to Taiwan, Hong Kong and Manila; returning to Australia via Madang, Lae and Rabaul.

Details from Wilh. Wilhelmsen Agency, 13 Bridge St., Sydney (27-6301).

China Navigation Co. Ltd. cargo vessels Woosung, Wenchow and Wanliu call monthly at Rabaul, Lae and Madang on their way north from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to Hong Kong, Okinawa and Japan.

China Navigation Co. Ltd. vessels Changsha and Taiyuan provide a monthly passenger-cargo service calling at Pt. Moresby when northbound between Australia, Manila, Keelung and Hong Kong.

Details from China Navigation Co. Ltd. (Swire and Yuill Pty. Ltd., general agents), 8 Spring St., Sydney (27-4701).

Dominion Far East Line vessels Francis Drake and George Anson maintain monthly passenger-cargo services between Sydney and Japan (via Manila, Hong Kong and Formosa), return via Guam and Rabaul.

Details from H. C. Sleigh Ltd., 115 York Street, Sydney, Tel. (2-0253).

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SYDNEY - TAHITI - UK

Chandris Line vessel Ellinis maintains a regular passenger service every two months from Sydney via New Zealand and Papeete to Southampton, and return via Suez to Sydney.

Details from Chandris Line, 135 King Street, Sydney. Tel. 28-2451.

EUROPE - NEW GUINEA - BSIP, GEIC

Nederland Line Royal Dutch Mail and Royal Rotterdam Lloyd operate a service every six weeks from the Continent and London via Suez to Port Moresby, Honiara or Tarawa (alternating each voyage), Rabaul, Lae, Madang, Alexishafen, Wewak, Sukarnapura, Biak, Manokwari and Sorong.

EUROPE - TAHITI - NEW CALEDONIA - AUSTRALIA

Messageries Maritimes vessels Marquisien, Malais, Mauricien and Maori, run monthly between France and New Zealand, via Panama Canal, calling at Papeete and Noumea.

Messageries Maritimes passenger-cargo vessels Vivarais, Vanoise, Velay, Ventoux and Vosges run monthly between France and Noumea via Djibouti, India, Ceylon and Australia. From Sydney, vessels go to Noumea; return to France via Brisbane and southern Australian coastal ports.

Details from Messageries Maritimes, 2 Young St., Sydney (27-2654).

EUROPE - TAHITI - W. SAMOA - TONGA - FIJI - N. CALEDONIA

A regular passenger/cargo service every three weeks from the Continent and UK, via Panama, to Tahiti, Fiji and New Caledonia, calling at Western Samoa and Tonga every second voyage, is operated jointly by Nederland Line Royal Dutch Mail and Royal Rotterdam Lloyd.

Details from Royal Interocean Lines, 261 George St., Sydney (2-0573).

FAR EAST - FIJI

China Navigation Co. Ltd. vessels Kwangsi, Norman, Nanchang and Kwungtung operate a monthly passenger-cargo service from Japan and Hong Kong southwards to Fiji direct, returning to Japan via New Zealand and Far Eastern ports.

FAR EAST - FIJI - NZ - SYDNEY

Royal Interocean Lines operate a monthly passenger-cargo service with the Tjimanuk, Tjitarum and Tjiliwong from Hong Kong and Singapore to Fiji and NZ, calling at Suva and Lautoka, and returning via the Philippines.

Details from Royal Interocean Lines, 261 George St., Sydney (2-0573).

FAR EAST - P-NG

China Navigation Co. Ltd. vessels Kweilin and Chekiang maintain a regular monthly passenger/cargo service from Japan direct to Lae and Pt. Moresby, thence Tasmania, Melbourne and Fremantle.

FAR EAST - P-NG - BSI - NEW HEBRIDES - NEW CALEDONIA

China Navigation Co., Ltd., vessels Yochow, Yunnan and Chefoo maintain a monthly cargo service from Japan and Hong Kong southwards to Wewak, Rabaul,

DAIWA LINE

DIRECT SERVICE

JAPAN / SOUTH PACIFIC

M.V. "DAISEN MARU" V11

Dep. **JAPAN** December 26.
GUAM January 1.
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LAUTOKA January 18.
NOUMEA January 21.
***VILA** January 23.
SANTO January 24.

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Next sailing—M.V. "Fiji Maru", V-12, end January, 1967.

The Daiwa Navigation Co., Ltd.

OSAKA: "DAILINE" **TOKYO: "FUNEDAILINE"**

AGENTS:

GUAM: Atkins, Kroll (Guam) Ltd.
APIA: Burns Philp (South Sea) Company, Ltd.
PAGO PAGO: B. F. Kneubuhl.
NUKUALOFA: Tonga Shipping Agency.
SUVA: Banno Oceania Ltd.
LAUTOKA: Banno Oceania Ltd.
NOUMEA: Agence Maritime Pentecost.
SANTO: South Pacific Fishing Co. (N.H.) Pty. Ltd.
VILA: Burns Philp (New Hebrides) Ltd.
HONIARA: British Solomons Trading Company Ltd.
PAPEETE: Etablissements Baldwin.

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Kavieng, Madang, Lae, Samarai, Pt. Moresby, with regular calls at Honiara, Santo, Vila and Noumea returning to Japan direct.

Details from China Navigation Co. Ltd. (Swire and Yuill Pty. Ltd., general agents), 8 Spring St., Sydney (27-4701).

JAPAN - SAMOA - TONGA - FIJI - N. CAL. - N. HEB. - BSI

The Daiwa Navigation Co. Ltd. runs a monthly passenger/cargo service from Japan via Guam to Apia, Pago Pago, Nukualofa, Suva, Lautoka, Noumea, Vila, Santo and Honiara.

NEW ZEALAND - COOK IS.

NZGS Moana Roa (40 passengers) makes approximately monthly voyages from Auckland (NZ) to Rarotonga (Cook Islands), with calls at Niue and some other Cook Islands when cargo warrants.

Details from NZ Department of Island Territories, Wellington (Tel. 45-117) or any office of Union SS Co. of NZ, Ltd.

NZ - FIJI - TONGA - SAMOA

Union Steam Ship Co. passenger/cargo vessels Tofua and Matua depart from Auckland alternately every two weeks for Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.

Tofua maintains a service every four weeks from Auckland to Suva, Pago Pago, Apia, Niue, Vavau, Nukualofa, Suva, and return to New Zealand (usually Auckland).

Matua maintains a service every four weeks from Auckland to Lautoka, Apia, Ha'apai, Nukualofa, Suva, and return to New Zealand (usually Auckland).

Details from Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ, Quay and Commerce Sts., Auckland. (Tel.: 49-430).

NEW ZEALAND - TAHITI

New Zealand Shipping Co. Ltd. vessels Ruahine, Rangitoto and Rangitane, operating between NZ and UK, via Panama, make a call every two months at Tahiti, northbound and southbound.

Details from NZ Shipping Co. Ltd., Customhouse Quay, Wellington, NZ.

TONGA - FIJI - AUSTRALIA

The Tonga Copra Board vessel Niuvakai operates a six-weekly passenger-cargo service from Melbourne and Sydney to Lautoka, Suva, Apia and Nukualofa.

Details from Burns Philp and Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney (B 0547).

TONGA - FIJI - SAMOA

Tonga Shipping Agency operates a cargo and passenger service between Nukualofa and Fiji (Suva, Lautoka, Ellington, Rotuma) with MV Aoniu. Calls are also made as required at Apia (W. Samoa) and Pago Pago (Am. Samoa). Turn-round in Suva is usually two days, and the agents there are Morris Hedstrom, Ltd.

UK - PANAMA - SAMOA - FIJI

The Fiji Direct Service is maintained by Conference vessels, sailing at regular monthly intervals out of London, via Panama, for Apia, Suva and Lautoka. Bethell, Gwyn and Co. Ltd., act as Loading Brokers in London.

UK-PANAMA-TAHITI-AUSTRALIA

Cogedar Line vessel Flavia, operates a passenger service regularly from Southampton, via Panama and Papeete to Sydney.

Details from agents: H. C. Sleigh, 115 York St., Sydney. Tel. B 0253.

UK - PAPUA - NG - BSI

Bank Line operates a monthly direct service from Europe to Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Kavieng, Rabaul and Honiara, occasionally extending to Tarawa, GEIC, and other Pacific Islands.

Details from Bank Line (A/asia.) Pty. Ltd., 269 George St., Sydney (27-2041).

USA - AMERICAN SAMOA - FIJI - AUSTRALIA

Matson-Oceanic Line operates a monthly passenger-cargo service from Los Angeles with the Sonoma, Sierra and Ventura. Terminal ports, in Australia, vary with cargoes offering. Vessels call at Sydney, Brisbane, Melbourne, Fiji, Pago Pago, Papeete (occas.) and Honolulu.

Details from Matson Lines, 50 Young St., Sydney (27-4272).

USA - PACIFIC PORTS - NZ - SYDNEY - USA

Matson Line vessels Mariposa and Monterey maintain a regular service every three weeks from San Francisco and Los Angeles to Bora Bora, Papeete, Rarotonga, Auckland, Sydney, and return via Noumea, Suva, Niuafoou, Pago Pago and Honolulu to San Francisco.

Details from Matson Lines, 50 Young Street, Sydney (27-4272).

USA - TAHITI - AUSTRALIA

Farrell Lines passenger-cargo ships on US Atlantic Coast-Panama-Sydney service make three-weekly calls at Tahiti on southbound voyages.

Details from Wilh. Wilhelmsen Agency, 13 Bridge St., Sydney (27-6301).

USA - TAHITI - SAMOA - FIJI - NEW CALEDONIA

Pacific Islands Transport Line's vessels Thorsgaard and Thor I maintain approximately monthly services from West Coast Nth. American ports to Papeete, Pago Pago, Apia, Suva, Lautoka, Noumea, and return.

Details from agents: Birt and Company (Pty.) Ltd., 2 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (2-0313).

AIRWAYS TIMETABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

SYDNEY - BRISBANE - HONOLULU - NORTH AMERICA

By QANTAS (with 707's)

Sun.: Dep. Sydney 0900, arr. Brisbane 1015, dep. 1100, arr. Honolulu Sat. 2340, dep. Sun. 0100 for San Francisco, arr. 0740.

Sun.: Dep. San Francisco 1000, arr. Honolulu 1310, dep. 1415, arr. Nadi Mon. 1830, dep. 1900, arr. Brisbane Mon. 2040, dep. 2125 for Sydney, arr. 2235.

SYDNEY - FIJI - HAWAII - USA

By QANTAS (with 707's)

Thurs., Sat.: Dep. Sydney 0900, arr. Nadi 1450, dep. 1535, arr. Honolulu Wed., Fri. 2340, dep. Thurs., Sat. 0100, arr. San Francisco 0740.

Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sun.: Dep. Sydney 1900, arr. Nadi 0050, dep. 0135, arr. Honolulu 0940, dep. 1050, arr. San Francisco 1730. (Extends to Vancouver alt. weeks Dec. 2, 16, 30, Jan. 13, 27, etc.).

Mon., Wed., Sat.: Dep. Sydney 1900, arr. Nadi 0050, dep. 0135, arr. Honolulu 0940, dep. 1050, arr. San Francisco 1730. (Extends to Vancouver alt. weeks Dec. 2, 16, 30, Jan. 13, 27, etc.).

Mon., Wed., Fri.: From New York, dep. San Francisco 2000, arr. Honolulu 2310, dep. 2359, arr. Nadi Wed., Fri., Sun. 0415, dep. 0500, arr. Sydney 0715.

Tues., Thurs., Sat., Sun.: Dep. San Francisco 2000, arr. Honolulu 2310, dep. 2359, arr. Nadi Thurs., Sat., Mon., Tues. 0415, dep. 0500, arr. Sydney 0715. (From Vancouver via San Francisco alt. weeks Dec. 3, 17, 31, Jan. 14, 28, etc.).

Thurs., Sat.: Dep. San Francisco 1000, arr. Honolulu 1310, dep. 1415, arr. Nadi Fri., Sun. 1830, dep. 1915, arr. Sydney 2130.

(International Dateline is crossed between Nadi and Honolulu.)

SYDNEY - FIJI - TAHITI - MEXICO

By QANTAS (with 707's)

Mon.: Dep. Sydney 1000, arr. Auckland 1445, dep. 1545 for Papeete, arr. Sun. 2240*, dep. 2340 for Acapulco, arr. Mon. 1130, dep. 1230 for Mexico City, arr. 1315.

Wed.: Dep. Sydney 2000, arr. Nadi 0150, dep. 0235 for Papeete, arr. Wed. 0850, dep. 2230 for Acapulco, arr. Thurs. 1020, dep. 1120 for Mexico City, arr. 1205 (to Nassau, Bermuda, London).

Tues.: Dep. Mexico City 2210, arr. Acapulco 2300, dep. 2359 for Papeete, arr. Wed. 0410*, dep. 0510 for Auckland, arr. Thurs. 0855, dep. 1000 for Sydney, arr. 1105.

Sat. (from London, Bermuda, Nassau): Dep. Mexico City 2210 for Acapulco, arr. 2300, dep. 2359, arr. Papeete Sun. 0410, dep. 0510 for Nadi, arr. Mon. 0750, dep. 0835 for Sydney, arr. 1050.

(Asterisk indicates technical stop only.)

SYDNEY - HAWAII - USA via FIJI, NZ OR AM. SAMOA

BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (with 707's)

Tues., Sat.: Dep. Sydney 1730 (arr. Nadi 2320, dep. 2359), Honolulu arr. Tues., Sat. 0805, dep. 1000 for Los Angeles, arr. 1655.

Mon.: Dep. Sydney 1730 for Pago Pago (arr. Mon. 0140, dep. 0230), Honolulu arr. 0835, dep. 1000 for Los Angeles, arr. 1655.

Thurs.: Dep. Sydney 1530 for Auckland (arr. 2010, dep. 2115) for Honolulu arr. Thurs. 0745, dep. 1000 for Los Angeles, arr. 1655.

Sun., Thurs.: Dep. Los Angeles 2100 for Honolulu, Nadi, arr. Tues., Sat. 0545, dep. 0645, and Sydney, arr. 0900.

Sat.: Dep. Los Angeles 2100 for Honolulu, Pago Pago, arr. Sun. 0540, dep. 0640, and Sydney, arr. Mon. 0930.

Tues.: Dep. Los Angeles 2100 for Honolulu, Auckland, arr. Thurs. 0815, dep. 0900 for Sydney, arr. 1000.

SYDNEY - N. CALEDONIA - FIJI - N. ZEALAND

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINE (with Caravelle)

Tues.: Dep. Noumea 1200 for Sydney, arr. 1420, dep. 1600 for Noumea, arr. 1955.

Wed.: Dep. Noumea 0930 for Auckland, arr. 1320, dep. 1500 for Noumea, arr. 1705.

Sat.: Dep. Noumea 1435 for Nadi, arr. 1735, dep. Sun. 1025 for Noumea, arr. 1140.

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SYDNEY - N. CALEDONIA - FIJI - TAHITI - USA

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINES (with DC8's)

Wed.: Dep. Sydney 0940 for Noumea, arr. 1320, dep. 1435 for Nadi, arr. 1720, dep. 1805 for Papeete (cross Dateline) arr. 0020, dep. 1000 for Los Angeles, arr. 1950.

Sat.: Dep. Los Angeles 0100 for Papeete, arr. 0725, dep. Sun. 0700 for Nadi (cross Dateline) arr. Mon. 0940, dep. 1025 for Noumea, arr. 1120, dep. 1235 for Sydney, arr. 1430.

Fri.: Dep. Noumea 1435 for Nadi, arr. 1720, dep. 1805 for Papeete (cross Dateline) arr. 0020, dep. 1000 for Los Angeles, arr. 1950.

Thurs.: Dep. Los Angeles 0100 for Papeete, arr. 0725, dep. Fri. 0700 for Nadi (cross Dateline) arr. Sat. 0940, dep. 1025 for Noumea, arr. 1120.

(NOTE: Flights from Sydney to Noumea and return are operated in association with Qantas.)

SYDNEY - NEW ZEALAND - FIJI

BOAC (with 707's)

Mon., Fri.: Dep. Sydney 0900, arr. Auckland 1345, dep. 2130, arr. Nadi 0020 (Tues., Sat.).

Tues., Sat.: Dep. Nadi 0505, arr. Auckland 0755, dep. 0930, arr. Sydney 1035, thence London via Singapore.

SYDNEY - NEW ZEALAND - FIJI - HAWAII - CANADA

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (with DC8's)

Fri.: Dep. Sydney 1535, arr. Nadi 2130 Fri., dep. 2230, cross International Dateline, arr. Honolulu 0640 Fri., dep. 0800 for Vancouver, arr. 1625, dep. 1800 for Amsterdam.

Alt. Fri.: Dep. Sydney 1800, arr. Nadi 2355 Fri., dep. 0040 Sat., cross International Dateline, arr. Honolulu 0850 Fri., dep. 1010 for Vancouver, arr. 1735, dep. Fri. 1900 for Amsterdam.

Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri.: From Amsterdam, arr. Vancouver 1740 Wed., dep. 1910, arr. Honolulu 2155 Wed., dep. 2355, cross International Dateline, arr. Nadi 0410 Fri., dep. 0520 for Sydney, arr. 0735 (alt. Fri. to Auckland, arr. 0810).

Mon., Wed., Sat.: From Amsterdam, arr. Vancouver 1550, dep. 1800, arr. Honolulu 2145, dep. 2245, cross International Dateline, arr. Nadi 0305, dep. 0345 for Sydney, arr. 0600. (Alt. Fri. to Auckland, arr. 0640).

NOTE: Canadian Pacific also operate a weekly non-stop service from Toronto to Honolulu.

Wed.: Dep. Toronto 1625 for Honolulu, arr. 2115 Wed.

Sun.: Dep. Honolulu 1845 for Toronto, arr. 0840 Mon.

NEW ZEALAND - TAHITI - USA

BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (with 707's)

Thurs. Dep. San Francisco 1400 for Honolulu, dep. 1815 for Papeete, arr. 2340.

Fri.: Dep. Papeete 0130 for Honolulu, arr. 0650, dep. 0900 for Los Angeles, arr. Fri. 1555.

Sat.: Dep. San Francisco 2200, dep. Los Angeles 2359 for Papeete, arr. Sun. 0615, dep. 0700 for Auckland, arr. Mon. 1050.

Mon.: Dep. Auckland 2359 for Papeete arr. Mon. 0655, dep. 0800 for Los Angeles, arr. Mon. 1750 and San Francisco, arr. 2005.

AUSTRALIA-NEW ZEALAND

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Four times weekly, both ways.

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AIR-NZ (with Electras)

Three times weekly, both ways.

SYDNEY - AUCKLAND

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Daily, both ways.

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SYDNEY - CHRISTCHURCH

QANTAS/AIR-NZ (with DC8's and 707's)

Daily, both ways.

SYDNEY - WELLINGTON

QANTAS/AIR-NZ (with Electras)

Daily, both ways.

AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC ISLANDS

SYDNEY - FIJI

AIR-INDIA (with 707's)

Tues.: Dep. Sydney 1010, arr. Nadi 1555.
Wed.: Dep. Nadi 0730, arr. Sydney 0955.

SYDNEY - LORD HOWE IS.

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SYDNEY - NEW CALEDONIA

QANTAS/UTA (with 707's)

Fri.: Dep. Sydney 1100 for Noumea (arr. 1430), dep. 1545 for Sydney, arr. 1735.

SYDNEY - NORFOLK IS.

QANTAS (with DC4's)

Mon., Wed., Sat.: Dep. Sydney 0800, arr. NI 1445. Flight extends NI-Auckland-NI. (See "Inter-Territory Services").
Tues., Thurs., Sun.: Dep. NI 1445, Sydney, arr. 1845.

SYDNEY - PAPUA - NEW GUINEA

Trans Australia Airlines and Ansett-ANA operate from Sydney to Lae and return with Electras.

NORTHBOUND

TAA: Daily (to Dec. 24, thence daily exc. Tues., Sun.): Dep. Sydney 2340, arr. Brisbane 0110, dep. 0155, arr. Pt. Moresby 0600, dep. 0650, arr. Lae 0740.
On Dec. 2, 9, 16, only (Boeing 727): Dep. Sydney 2330, arr. Pt. Moresby 0215.
Ansett-ANA: Daily, exc. Wed., Sat., dep. Sydney 2345, arr. Brisbane 0115, dep. 0200, arr. Pt. Moresby 0605, dep. 0655, arr. Lae 0745.

SOUTHBOUND

TAA: Daily (to Dec. 25, then daily exc. Mon., Wed.): Dep. Lae 0930, arr. Pt. Moresby 1020, dep. 1100, arr. Brisbane 1455, dep. 1530, arr. Sydney 1705.
On Dec. 3, 10, 17, only (Boeing 727): Dep. Pt. Moresby 0340, arr. Sydney 0625.
Ansett-ANA: Daily, exc. Thurs., Sun., dep. Lae 0925, arr. Pt. Moresby 1015, dep. 1055, arr. Brisbane 1450, dep. 1525, arr. Sydney 1700.
NOTE: The Ansett-ANA service from Sydney to Lae and return will operate daily to the above schedule from Nov. 28 to Dec. 25, and Jan. 18 to Feb. 13. The TAA service from Sydney to Pt. Moresby and return will operate daily from Nov. 23 to Dec. 24.

QLD. - PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

TAA (with Fokker Friendships)

Mon.: Dep. Townsville 1300, arr. Cairns 1355, dep. 1500, arr. Pt. Moresby 1720.
Wed.: Dep. Pt. Moresby 1445, arr. Cairns 1705, dep. 1800, arr. Townsville 1855.

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ANSETT-ANA (with Fokker Friendships)

Fri.: Dep. Cairns 1330, arr. Pt. Moresby 1545.
Fri.: Dep. Pt. Moresby 1625, arr. Cairns 1840, dep. 1920, arr. Townsville 2015.

NEW ZEALAND-PACIFIC IS.

NZ - FIJI

AIR-NZ (with DC8's and Electras)

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sun.: Dep. Auckland 2130, arr. Nadi 0020.
Wed.: Electra dep. Auckland 1000, arr. Nadi 1355.
Wed., Sun.: Electra dep. Auckland 1000, arr. Nadi 1355.
Wed., Sat.: Electra dep. Auckland 2030, arr. Nadi 0025.
Tues., Wed., Fri., Sat.: Dep. Nadi 0505, arr. Auckland 0755.
Sun., Thurs.: Electra dep. Nadi 0505, arr. Auckland 0900.
Mon.: Dep. Nadi 0930, arr. Auckland 1220.
Mon., Fri., flights ex-Auckland and Tues., Sat. flights ex-Nadi are operated by BOAC.
Sun., Wed.: Electra dep. Nadi 1500, arr. Auckland 1855.

NZ - FIJI - AM. SAMOA

AIR-NZ (with DC8's)

Sun.: Dep. Auckland 2130, arr. Nadi 0020 Mon. Dep. Nadi 0200, cross International Dateline, arr. Pago Pago Sun. 0445.
Sun.: Dep. Pago Pago 0715, cross International Dateline, arr. Nadi Mon. 0815. Dep. Nadi 0930, arr. Auckland 1220.

NZ - HAWAII - USA

AIR-NZ (with DC8's)

Wed., Fri.: Dep. Sydney 1500, arr. Auckland 1945, dep. Auckland 2100, arr. Honolulu 0720, dep. 0900, arr. Los Angeles 1555.
Wed., Fri.: Dep. Los Angeles 2000, arr. Honolulu 2315, dep. 0030, arr. Auckland 0715 Fri., Sun., dep. Auckland 0900, arr. Sydney 1005.

NZ - NEW CALEDONIA

AIR-NZ (with Electras)

Fri.: Dep. Auckland 1315 for Noumea, arr. 1540.
Fri.: Dep. Noumea 1645 for Auckland, arr. 2105.

NZ - NORFOLK IS.

AIR-NZ (by Qantas DC4's) (Charter)

Sat.: Dep. NI 1600, Auckland, arr. 1945.
Wed.: Dep. NI 1600, arr. Auckland 1945. (Also operates Tues., Sun., from Dec. 18.)
Sun.: Dep. Auckland 1030, arr. NI 1330.
Thurs.: Dep. Auckland 1030, arr. NI 1330. (Also operates Mon., Sat., from Dec. 19.)

NZ - TAHITI

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINES (with DC8's)

Fri.: Dep. Auckland 1430 for Papeete (cross Dateline) arr. Thurs. 2115.
Thurs.: Dep. Papeete 0900 for Auckland (cross Dateline) arr. Fri. 1230.

INTER - TERRITORY SERVICES

FIJI - GILBERT & ELLICE ISLANDS

FIJI AIRWAYS LTD. (with Herons)

Fri.: Dep. Suva 0745, arr. Nadi 0825, dep. 0910, Funafuti, arr. 1305. Sat., dep. Funafuti 0700, Tarawa, arr. 1140.
Sun.: Dep. Tarawa 0630, Funafuti, arr. 1130, dep. 1230, Nadi, arr. 1625, dep. 1655, Suva, arr. 1735.

FIJI - NEW HEBRIDES - BSI

FIJI AIRWAYS LTD. (with Herons)

Mon., Thurs.: Dep. Suva 0900, Nadi, arr. 0940, dep. 1025, Vila, arr. 1300. Next day (Tues. or Fri.) dep. Vila 0900, Santo, arr. 1015, dep. 1045, Honiara, arr. 1440.
Wed., Sat.: Dep. Honiara 0630, Santo, arr. 1025, dep. 1055, Vila, arr. 1205, dep. 1235, Nadi, arr. 1705, dep. 1735, Suva, arr. 1815.

FIJI - TONGA

FIJI AIRWAYS LTD. (with DC3's)

Tues., Thurs.: Dep. Nadi 0615, arr. Suva 0700, dep. 0800, arr. Nukualofa 1200. Dep. Nukualofa 1245, arr. Suva 1445, dep. 1600, arr. Nadi 1645.
Details from Fiji Airways Ltd., Victoria Parade, Suva.

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Fri.: Dep. Apia 1350, cross Dateline, arr. Suva Sat. 1700, dep. Sat. 1730, arr. Nadi 1815.

HAWAII - AM. SAMOA - TAHITI

BY PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS (with 707's)

Tues.: Dep. Honolulu 1000, arr. Pago Pago 1410, dep. 1500, arr. Papeete 1850.
Tues.: Dep. Papeete 2230, arr. Pago Pago Wed. 0040, dep. 0130, arr. Honolulu 0735.

NEW CALEDONIA - NEW HEBRIDES

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINES (with DC4's and Herons)

Tues.: Dep. Noumea 0800, arr. Vila 0955, dep. Vila 1230, arr. Santo 1345, dep. 1415, arr. Noumea 1655.
Sat.: Dep. Noumea 0800, arr. Santo 1040, dep. 1110, arr. Vila 1225, dep. 1400, arr. Noumea 1555.

NEW CALEDONIA - WALLIS ISLAND

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINES (with DC4's)

Monthly service (second Wednesday)
Wed. (Dec. 14): Dep. Noumea 0800, arr. Wallis 1530.
Monthly service (following Friday)
Fri. (Dec. 16): Dep. Wallis 1000, arr. Noumea 1530.

P-NG - SOLOMONS

TAA (with Fokker Friendships and DC3's)

Alt. Tues.: Dep. Lae (DC3) 0600 for Rabaul, Buka, Munda, Yandina, Honiara, arr. 1620 (Dec. 13, 27, etc.).
Alt. Wed.: Dep. Honiara (DC3) 0730 for Yandina, Munda, Buka, Rabaul, Lae, arr. 1545 (Dec. 14, 28, etc.).
Alt. Tues.: Dep. Lae (Fokker) 0845 for Rabaul, Buka, Munda, Honiara, arr. 1630 (Dec. 6, 20, etc.).
Alt. Wed.: Dep. Honiara (Fokker) 0715 for Munda, Buka, Rabaul, Lae, arr. 1235 (Dec. 7, 21, etc.).

P-NG - WEST NG

TAA and Garuda Indonesian Airways, using DC3's, run services between Lae and Sukarnapura Both services are fortnightly.

TAHITI - HONOLULU

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINES (with DC8's)

Sat.: Dep. Papeete 1000, arr. Honolulu 1530, dep. Sat. 1700, arr. Papeete 2230.

TAHITI - USA

UTA-FRENCH AIRLINES (with DC8's)

Wed.: Dep. Papeete 1000, arr. Los Angeles 1950, dep. Thurs. 0100, arr. Papeete 0725.
Fri.: Dep. Papeete 1000, arr. Los Angeles 1950, dep. Sat. 0100, arr. Papeete 0725.

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Suva-Savusavu-Matei-Suva: Mon.
Suva-Matei-Savusavu-Suva: Sat.
Suva-Labasa-Matei-Labasa-Suva: Tues., Fri.
Suva - Labasa - Savusavu - Labasa - Suva: Sat.
Suva - Savusavu - Labasa - Savusavu - Suva: Wed., Thurs., Sun.
Details from Fiji Airways Ltd., Victoria Parade, Suva.

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Bora Bora-Raiatea-Papeete: Daily.
Bora Bora - Raiatea - Huahine - Moorea - Papeete: Thurs.
Bora Bora-Rangiroa-Papeete: Thurs.
Details from RAI, Quai Bir Hakeim, Papeete, or any UTA office.

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GUAM-CAROLINES

Guam-Yap-Koror: Thurs. (DC4).
Koror-Yap-Guam: Fri. (DC4).
Guam - Yap - Koror - Yap - Guam: Sun. (DC4).

GUAM-CAROLINES-MARSHALLS

Guam-Truk-Kwajalein: Tues. (DC4).
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Noumea-Isle of Pines-Noumea: Daily.
Noumea-Thio-Noumea: Daily.
Noumea-Houailou-Noumea: Daily.
Noumea-Poindimie-Noumea: Daily.
Noumea-Hienghene-Noumea: Daily.
Noumea-Kouaoua-Noumea: Daily except Sun.
Noumea - Kone - Voh - Koumac - Voh - Kone-Noumea: Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
Noumea - Tontouta - Noumea: Charter only.

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Santo - Walaha - Longana - Sara/Lonorore*-Walaha-Santo.
Santo - Norsup - Lamap*-Santo.
Tues.: Vila-Tongoa-Vila.
Vila-Lamap-Norsup*-Santo.
Santo-Vila-Santo.
Santo-Norsup*-Lamap-Vila.
Wed.: Vila-Tanna-Vila.
Vila - Tongoa* - Lonorore/Sara* - Longana-Walaha-Santo.
Thurs.: Santo - Walaha - Longana - Lonorore* - Sara - Longana - Walaha - Santo.
Santo-Walaha-Longana-Vila.
Vila-Santo-Vila.
Fri.: Vila - Lamap* - Norsup - Santo.
Vila-Tanna-Vila.
Santo-Norsup-Vila.
Tanna - Aneityum - Tanna (fortnightly).
Tanna-Futuna-Tanna (monthly).
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Vila-Tongoa-Vila.
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Mon., Thurs.: Lae - Madang - Wewak - Manus-Kavieng-Rabaul.
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Mon.: Madang - Baiyer R. - Hagen - Banz-Minj-Goroka-Lae.
Tues.: Lae - Goroka - Minj - Banz - Mt. Hagen - Baiyer R. - Madang.
Wed.: Madang - Wabag - Hagen - Banz - Minj-Goroka-Lae.
Fri., Sat.: Lae-Goroka-Madang-Wewak.
Thurs.: Lae - Goroka - Minj - Banz - Hagen-Wabag-Madang.
Tues., Sat.: Mt. Hagen-Goroka-Lae.
Sun.: Lae - Goroka - Minj - Banz - Mt. Hagen-Madang.

PT. MORESBY-POPONDETTA-LAE (DC3)

Sat.: Pt. Moresby-Kokoda (opt.)-Popondetta-Garaina-Lae.
Sat.: Lae - Garaina - Popondetta - Kokoda (opt.)-Pt. Moresby.

PT. MORESBY-BULOLO-LAE (DC3)

Thurs., Sun.: Pt. Moresby-Bulolo-Lae.
Thurs., Sun.: Lae-Bulolo-Pt. Moresby.

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Sat.: Pt. Moresby-Wau-Bulolo-Pt. Moresby.

MADANG-GOROKA-LAE (DC3)

Tues.: Lae - Goroka - Minj - Banz - Hagen - Baiyer R. - Madang.
Mon.: Madang - Baiyer R. - Hagen - Banz-Minj-Goroka-Lae.

PT. MORESBY-GOROKA-MADANG (DC3)

Fri., Sun., Tues., Thurs.: Madang-Goroka-Pt. Moresby-Goroka-Madang.

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Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.: Lae-Rabaul.
Fri., Sat., Sun., Tues., Thurs.: Rabaul-Lae.
Thurs.: Lae - Finschhafen - Cape Gloucester - Talasea - Hoskins - Jacquinot Bay-Rabaul.
Sat.: Rabaul - Jacquinot Bay - Hoskins - Talasea - Kandrian - Cape Gloucester - Finschhafen-Lae.

RABAUL-BUIN-RABAUL (DC3)

Mon., Wed., Fri.: Rabaul - Nissan Is. (optional Fri. only) Buka-Wakunai-Kieta - Buin - Kieta - Buka - Nissan Is. (optional Mon. only) - Rabaul.

RABAUL-TALASEA-RABAUL (DC3)

Sat.: Rabaul - Jacquinot Bay - Hoskins - Talasea.
Sun.: Talasea-Hoskins-Rabaul.
Tues.: Rabaul-Hoskins-Talasea.
Thurs.: Talasea - Hoskins - Jacquinot Bay-Rabaul.

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(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Rorona (opt.)-Aroa (opt.)-Kairuku (opt.)-Bereina-Woitape - Tapini - Bereina - Kairuku (opt.)-Aroa (opt.)-Rorona (opt.)-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby - Tapini - Woitape (opt.)-Pt. Moresby.

Tues.: (DC3) Pt. Moresby - Popondetta - Kokoda-Pt. Moresby.
(DC3) Pt. Moresby - Daru - Balimo - Daru-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Cape Rodney-Paili (opt.)-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby - Woitape - Tapini-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Rorona (opt.) Aroa (opt.) - Kairuku - Bereina - Pt. Moresby.
(DC3) Pt. Moresby-Mt. Hagen-Pt. Moresby.
(DC3) Pt. Moresby - Gurney (Samarai) - Pt. Moresby.

Wed.: (DC3) Pt. Moresby - Kokoda - Popondetta-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby - Tapini - Woitape-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Rorona-Aroa-Kairuku-Pt. Moresby.
(DC3) Pt. Moresby - Bereina - Pt. Moresby.

Thurs. (Piaggio): Pt. Moresby - Woitape - Tapini-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Rorona (opt.)-Aroa (opt.) - Kairuku - Bereina - Kairuku (opt.)-Pt. Moresby.

Alt. Thurs. (Dec. 1, 15, 29, etc.): (DC3) Pt. Moresby - Popondetta - Wanigela - Vivigani - Losuia - Popondetta - Pt. Moresby.

Alt. Thurs. (Dec. 8, 22, etc.): (DC3) Pt. Moresby - Popondetta - Losuia - Vivigani-Popondetta-Pt. Moresby.

Fri.: (DC3) Pt. Moresby - Popondetta - Pt. Moresby.
(DC3) Pt. Moresby - Gurney (Samarai)-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Cape Rodney-Paili-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby - Tapini - Woitape-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby-Rorona-Aroa-Kairuku-Pt. Moresby.
(DC3) Pt. Moresby - Bereina - Pt. Moresby.

Sat.: (DC3) Pt. Moresby - Popondetta - Kokoda-Pt. Moresby.
(Piaggio) Pt. Moresby - Woitape - Tapini-Pt. Moresby.

ANSETT-MAL (with DC3's and Piaggios)

Mon.: Rabaul-Lae-Rabaul.
Madang-Lae.
Lae-Goroka-Madang.
Goroka-Lae-Bulolo-Pt. Moresby.
Pt. Moresby - Bulolo - Lae - Goroka - Mt. Hagen-Madang.
Lae-Wewak-Vanimo-Wewak.
Madang-Momote-Kavieng-Rabaul.
Lae-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Banz-Lae.
Mt. Hagen - Wapenamanda - Wabag - Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Goroka-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Madang.
Mt. Hagen-Mendi-Mt. Hagen.

Tues.: Rabaul-Lae-Rabaul.
Wewak - Madang - Lae - Goroka - Madang-Wewak.
Rabaul - Kavieng - Momote - Wewak - Madang-Goroka-Lae.
Madang - Mt. Hagen - Banz - Minj - Goroka.
Mt. Hagen - Erave - Kagua - Ialibu - Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Lae-Mt. Hagen.
Wewak - Lumi - Nuku - Wewak - Hayfield-Yangoru-Wewak.
Wewak-Telefomin-Ambunti-Wewak.
Wewak-Angoram-Wewak.
Mt. Hagen - Goroka - Kainantu - Goroka-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Mendi-Mt. Hagen.

Wed.: Rabaul-Lae-Rabaul.
Lae-Madang-Wewak.
Madang-Lae.
Lae-Goroka-Madang.
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Goroka - Lae - Bulolo - Pt. Moresby - Bulolo-Lae-Goroka-Madang.
Wewak-Lae.
Mt. Hagen - Kainantu - Lae - Kainantu-Goroka-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Mendi-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen - Wapenamanda - Wabag - Mt. Hagen.

Thurs.: Rabaul - Kavieng - Momote - Wewak-Madang-Goroka-Lae.
Mt. Hagen-Mendi-Mt. Hagen.
Wewak - Hayfield - Yangoru - Wewak.
Mt. Hagen-Goroka-Mt. Hagen.
Wewak-Aitape-Dagua-Wewak.

Wewak-Vanimo-Tadji-Wewak.
Wewak-Angoram-Wewak.
Wewak-Ambunti-Wewak.

Fri.: Rabaul-Lae-Rabaul.
Madang-Lae.
Lae - Madang - Wewak - Momote - Kavieng-Rabaul.
Goroka - Lae - Bulolo - Pt. Moresby - Bulolo-Lae-Goroka.
Wewak - Lae - Goroka - Minj - Banz - Mt. Hagen.
Madang - Mt. Hagen - Banz - Minj - Goroka-Madang.
Mt. Hagen-Pt. Moresby.
Mt. Hagen - Erave - Kagua - Ialibu - Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Tari-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen - Lae - Mt. Hagen - Wapenamanda - Wabag - Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Lae.
Lae - Madang - Wewak - Tadji - Vanimo-Wewak.
Rabaul-Kavieng-Rabaul.
Mt. Hagen-Mendi-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Goroka-Mt. Hagen.
Wewak - Lumi - Nuku - Wewak - Hayfield - Yangoru - Wewak - Angoram-Wewak.

Sat.: Rabaul-Lae-Rabaul.
Wewak-Madang-Lae-Madang.
Rabaul - Kavieng - Momote - Wewak - Madang-Goroka-Lae.
Goroka-Lae-Goroka.
Pt. Moresby-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen - Kainantu - Lae - Kainantu-Goroka-Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen - Mendi - Mt. Hagen.
Mt. Hagen-Goroka-Mt. Hagen.

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Honiara-Yandina (Russell Is.)-Honiara: Thurs. (Fortnightly, Dec. 8, 22, etc.).

Honiara - Yandina (Russell Is.) - Sege - Munda, and return: Wed. (Fortnightly, Dec. 7, 21, etc.).

Honiara-Kira Kira-Honiara: Wed. (Fortnightly, Dec. 14, 28, etc.).

Honiara-Munda (New Georgia)-Barakoma (Vella La Vella)-Munda-Honiara: Fri. (Fortnightly, Dec. 9, 23, etc.).

Honiara - Yandina - Munda - Barakoma - Munda-Yandina-Honiara: Mon. and every second Fri. (Dec. 9, 23, etc.).

Honiara-Avu Avu-Honiara: Thurs. and every 4th Sat. (Dec. 3, 31, etc.).

Details from Megapode Airways, PO Box 103, Honiara, BSIP.

DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

Miss M. Scott

Miss Mary Scott, a former postmistress at Konedobu, Port Moresby, died recently in Brisbane, where she had been living in retirement.

She was discharged from Army Signals at Port Moresby in 1946 and joined the P-NG Posts and Telegraphs Department, for which she worked till she retired in 1962.

Mrs. L. Poulton

Mrs. Letty Poulton, well known to many of the older people of Fiji, died on November 9, aged 91. She was born in South Africa.

Her husband, a contractor, died 31 years ago.

She leaves a son and three daughters.

Mrs. Woo Kun Young

A New Guinea woman who became one of the heroines of World War II died in Nonga Base Hospital, Rabaul, recently at the age of 84.

She was Mrs. Woo Kun Young, who risked her life many times to help Australian soldiers escape through the Bainings area of New Britain following the Japanese invasion.

Mrs. Woo also provided food, clothing and medical supplies for the escapees as they passed through her plantation at Klinwata, in the north Bainings.

Her son, Jerry, was beheaded by the Japanese and she and her family were arrested and tortured for almost five months for aiding the escapes.

Mrs. L. G. Doherty

Mrs. Lorna Gertrude Doherty, who was well known in the Lae district of Papua-New Guinea, died on October 22 after a short illness, aged 49.

She and her husband, a Works Department foreman, arrived in the territory in 1950.

She was a prominent tennis player in her youth.

She is survived by Mr. Doherty, a daughter, Mrs. Judy Bignell, and a son, Bill, a Works Department carpenter.

Mrs. B. Russell, MBE

Mrs. Beatrice Russell, a pioneer of the Girl Guide movement in Fiji, died in Auckland on November 1, aged 78.

She went to Fiji in 1919 with her husband, who served in many parts of Fiji and who became Director of Education.

The Girl Guide movement, then in its infancy, attracted her attention and energies, and in 1930 she became the first Girl Guide Commissioner, an appointment she held till she left Fiji in 1943.

She was awarded the MBE in 1931, mainly for her work for the Guides.

Her husband survives her.

Mr. J. MacLean

Mr. John MacLean, a former resident of Rabaul, died in Brisbane recently, aged 83.

Mr. MacLean leaves a widow, a son Donald, who is a member of the New Britain District Advisory Council, and a daughter.

For a report, see p. 35.

Tamatoa Brander

The death occured in Tahiti in early November of Tamatoa Brander, a descendant of a Scottish merchant, John Brander, who settled in Tahiti last century and married into the island's now-deposed Royal family.

The deceased was linked with the Pomares of Tahiti, the Mai clan of Bora Bora, and the Tati clan of Papara, Tahiti. He was entitled to the title of prince.

Mrs. A. A. Roberts

Mrs. A. A. Roberts, wife of former P-NG Director of Native Affairs, Mr. Allan Roberts, died in Melbourne on November 21.

As Matron Alice Thorburn, OBE, she was one of the Territory's best-known woman residents, serving as matron at Rabaul, Salamaua and Lae Hospitals before being appointed senior matron for P-NG. She married Mr. Roberts in 1961.

Mr. R. F. Reid

Mr. Richard Frederick Reid, a member of one of American Samoa's oldest merchant families, died in Pago Pago on November 12. Mr. Reid was a grandson of Edgar Reid, who went to Samoa from Scotland in the late 19th century. Born in 1911, he was the son of the late G. H. C. Reid, whose name the family business now carries.

The deceased was educated in Pago Pago and at St. Joseph's College, Sydney. For many years, he worked for the Port Administration under the US Navy. He entered the family business after World War II, but lived in the United States from 1958 until late last year, when he returned to Pago Pago.

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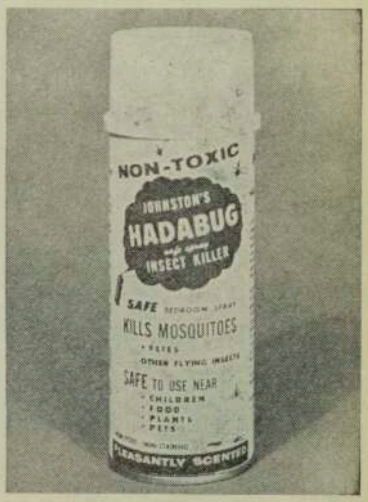

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Preview Of Noumea Games Chances

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At a sports meeting in Vila early in October, there were several performances which would have won medals in Suva. Allan Bell registered 22 ft 4¼ in. for the long jump (worth a bronze medal in Suva); Miss Sane Mafi, with 33 ft 7 in. for the women's shot put, exceeded the second placing in Suva; and Yves Rolland clipped a tenth of a second off the time for third place in the men's 100 metres.

In the team sports, the New Hebrideans are likely to be to the fore in men's and women's basketball and soccer; and as only four teams are competing in cycling and Rugby, they will probably win medals in those events also.

Solomon Islands: With 14 athletes, a soccer team and a netball team, the Solomons contingent is slightly larger than it was last time.

The Solomons competitors will undoubtedly show more finesse than they did in Suva, but it is difficult to see them getting among the medals in a big way. Their best hope appears to be David Gale for a minor placing in the 110 metres hurdles.

Tonga: "Small in numbers, but big in ability" is the way Tonga's team manager, Mr. L. W. Robertson, describes his contingent of eight athletes and four tennis players.

The athletics team includes two gold medallists at Suva—Samiuela Tu'ifangaloka (1,500 metres) and 'Alipeti Latu (pole vault)—and two athletes who have bettered the Suva records in recent trials.

Penisimani Tu'ipulotu has been hurdling under the previous Games records in both the 110 and 400 metres, and should put up a fine showing in Suva.

Miss Losaline Vaka'uta, who will take part in the women's discus, shot put and javelin events, has broken the Suva records for both the shot put and the discus, although she only took up the shot put in 1964, and the discus last year.

Tonga had no women athletes at the Suva Games. This time there are three, so there could be some upsets in this department.

Wallis and Futuna: This newcomer territory, which is "sports mad", will field teams in soccer, Rugby, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's athletics, boxing, cycling and weightlifting.

The territory has an excellent chance of a gold medal in weightlifting, as Sako, its star in this department, is the New Caledonian heavyweight champion.

Little is known of the capabilities of its athletes; but its boxers have much of the prowess of the Samoans, and it would be no surprise if it collected several minor medals in the team events.

Western Samoa: Western Samoan sports officials are confident that their team will bring home more than the silver medal for women's basketball and the two bronze medals for Rugby and the women's shot put that were collected at the First South Pacific Games. This time Western Samoa is counting on seven gold medals, one silver and three bronze.

According to Tufuga S. Atoa, the general team manager, Western Samoa should win the women's basketball, the middleweight and middle-heavyweight weightlifting, the men's 5,000 metres, and the light welterweight, welterweight and light middleweight boxing. The silver medal is expected from the 400 metres men's hurdles, and the three bronze from the men's tennis, the table tennis and light-heavyweight weightlifting.

Western Samoa's team comprises 43 competitors and officials.

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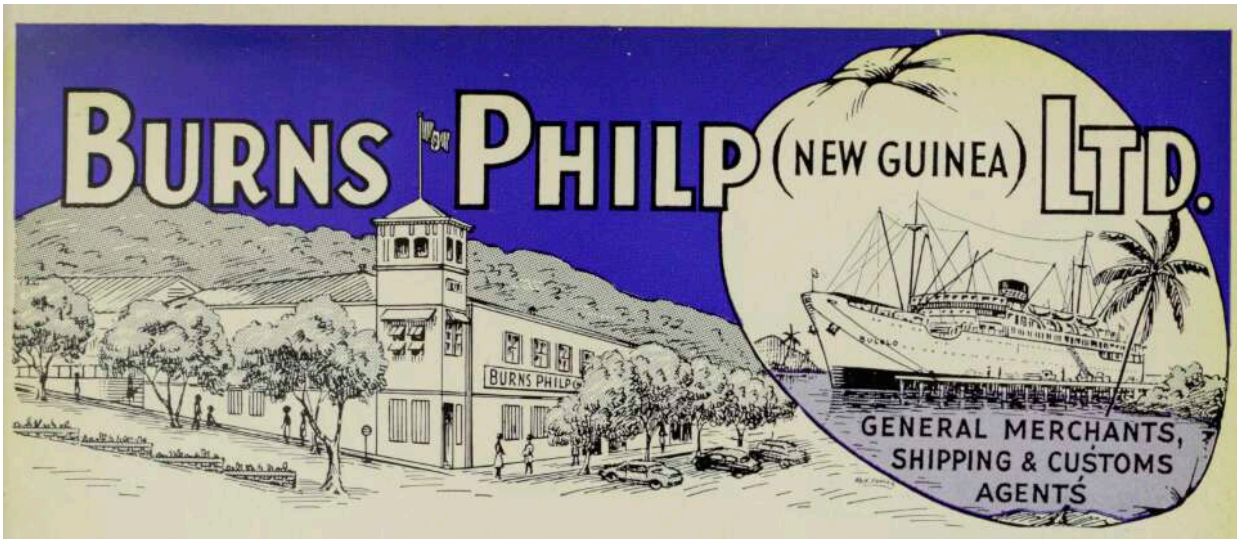

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