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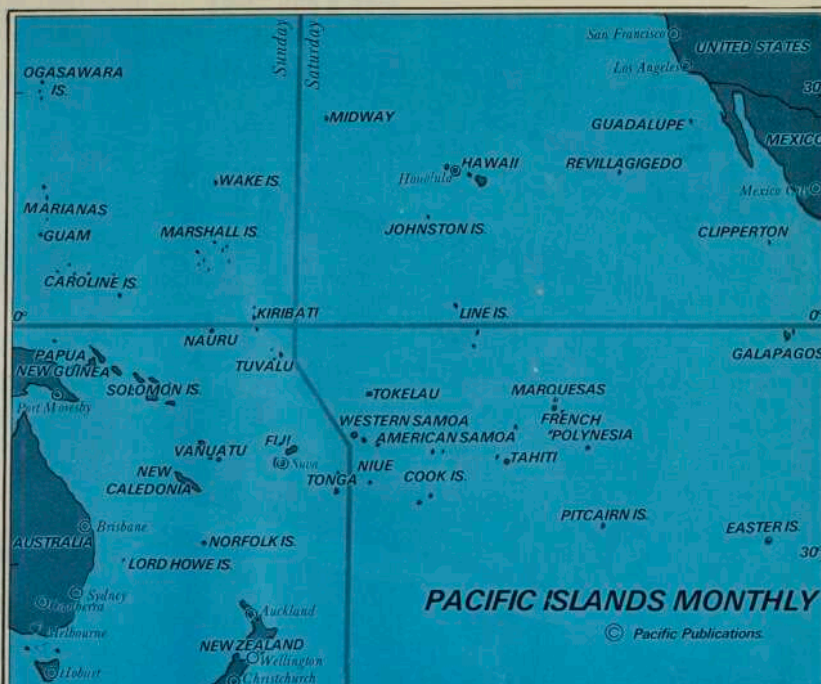
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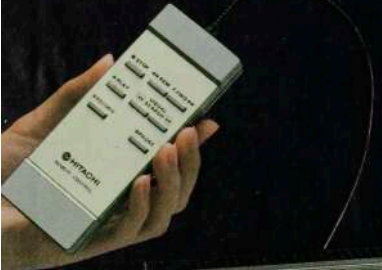
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PNG SLASHES ITS PUBLIC SERVICE

Papua New Guinea's 1983 budget provides for the abolition of five government departments and the retrenchment of 3000 public servants, or about 10 percent of the national government workforce. It earmarks K12.5 million to be paid as lump sum redundancy payments to those who will lose their jobs. The budget imposes higher taxes on alcoholic liquor, cigarettes, betting and luxury goods to raise K10.6 million (\$A14.53 million). The beer tax of 58.5 toea a litre will be linked to the Consumer Price Index, to rise yearly with inflation. A packet of 20 cigarettes will cost about 3 toea more, a standard bottle of spirits K1.2 more and a bottle of wine 30 toea more. There is a sliding scale of stamp duties on horserace bets, from 50 toea per bet of up to K10 to K2 per wager of more than K50. The bookmakers' turnover tax doubles to two percent and licence fees rise from K1000 to K5000. There will also be a 30 percent tax on instant coffee and air-conditioners; 17.5 percent duty on imported non-wooden pre-fabricated buildings, and 15 percent on ready-made cab-chassis trucks. Fruit concentrates used by the soft drink industry will be exempt but small bottles of soft drink will cost 1 toea more. The import tax on luxury goods rises by 10 per cent to 80 percent and duty on cars with engines above 2000 cc rises to 110 percent. Total expenditure will be K788.3 million (\$A1051.1 million), five percent less than the current figure, but PNG is hoping that Australia will restore the 5 percent cut in aid; otherwise 45 projects, unlisted, will be pruned or axed. An agreement signed between the public servants' union and the government the day after the budget was brought down was apparently successful in heading off threatened industrial action over the sacking of the public servants. The union's president, Napoleon Liosi, said the agreement for redundancy payments was a big achievement as it set a standard for further similar agreements in PNG. He said he was sad to see one tenth of his members losing their jobs, but the union accepted reality and hoped the terms of the agreement would stop any industrial trouble.

FOUR OVERSEE MICRONESIAN PLEBISCITES

Fiji will join France, Britain and Papua New Guinea in the task of overseeing the three plebiscites to be held in Micronesia on the terms of the Compacts of Free Association between the United States as trustee of the Trust Territories and the three political entities; the Marshall Islands Republic, the Republic of Palau and the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM). The first plebiscite is scheduled to be held in Palau on December 10 and the others will be held soon after. Palau initialled its compact in September (PIM, Oct. p5), and the FSM in October, but agreement between the Marshall Islands and the United States was delayed because of the Kwajalein Atoll landowners' opposition to the terms offered by the U.S. for continued use of the atoll as a missile-testing base. However, agreement was reached late in October when the landowners accepted new offers by the U.S. The new agreement provides for payment by the U.S. of about \$US9 million a year for current use of the base, taxes and services; a 30-year term of occupation by the U.S. instead of 50 years, as originally agreed between the Marshalls Government and the U.S.; and payment by the U.S. of about \$6 million towards a capital development program to improve living conditions for about 8000 Marshallese living in Ebeye, a few kilometres from the missile range headquarters. In exchange for the reduced term of occupation, the U.S. says it will pay \$6.5 million instead of \$22 million for the right to extend use of the base beyond 15 years. Provided the various compacts are approved without getting bogged down in the U.S. Congress or the U.N. Trusteeship Council, the stage seems set for termination of the trusteeship in 1983.

U.S.-PALAU INITIAL FUND DEAL

An agreement, which, under the terms of the Compact of Free Association, will give the Palau Government billions of dollars in U.S. aid, has been initialled in Koror by U.S. Ambassador, Fred M. Zeder and Palauan Ambassador, Lazarus E. Salii of Palau. The fund will open with capital of \$US60 million, to be invested by Palau to produce \$5 million in each of the sixth, 11th and 16th

years of the compact, and \$23.5 million a year for 35 years, commencing on the 16th year. Assuming a 12 percent rate of interest, the initial capital of \$60 million will grow to about \$3.9 billion at the end of 50 years. This is over and above the funds already provided for Palau under the compact. The fund will not be subject to the jurisdiction of U.S. courts and will be immune from seizure, attachment, currency control or freeze by the U.S. Government. The fund may be invested only in qualified instruments identified from time to time by mutual agreement of the Palau and U.S. governments.

UNION CALEDONNIENNE IN CONGRESS

Three thousand members of New Caledonia's largest pro-independence party, Union Calédonienne, have directed their leaders not to participate in discussions with the French Government on a statute of autonomy. However, the motion, which was carried unanimously at a November congress of the party, does allow for participation in discussions which lead to independence. The three-day congress, held at Sarramea, 130 km north of Noumea, followed an announcement by the French Government that it would form a commission to reform New Caledonia's governing statute and grant the territory greater autonomy. The congress also adopted a proposal for a constitution for a "Kanak socialist state in the form of a democratic and decentralised republic."

ANTI-INFLATION BUDGET FOR FIJI

The Fiji Government has produced an anti-inflation Budget, increasing taxes on beer, cigarettes, vehicles and petrol but cutting out the two percent export tax on sugar, molasses and coconut oil. A two cents a litre tax increase on petrol will take the price to 53c. Finance Minister, Charles Walker, budgeted for a deficit of the equivalent of \$A30.4 million. Fiji's inflation rate, at around eight percent, is among the lowest in the Pacific. A joint statement from the Fiji Manufacturers Association, the Employers Consultative Association, and the Suva Chamber of Commerce said it was pleasing to note the favorable financial position attained by the country in the past year. Praising the government for its efforts in keeping down inflation, the three organisations said that inflationary trends must be kept to a low level if Fiji was to develop its export potential and economic stability.

HOT PAPEETE DEBATE ON POLLUTION

Will the French Government have to clean up its own nuclear mess? This was the question hotly debated in the Territorial Assembly of French Polynesia early in November, when the Paris government submitted a draft of new legislation to prevent pollution of the oceans, especially by oil tankers. Happy to be consulted for once, the assemblymen argued that the most common and dangerous form of pollution in their islands is nuclear contamination, resulting from 41 atmospheric and 44 underground tests, and tacked on an amendment making this a criminal offence and compelling the offender to repair or pay for the damage done. Among the polluted islands the assemblymen want the French army to clean up are, of course, in the first place Moruroa and Fangataufa. Next come such islands as Hao and Mangareva, where over the years hundreds of tons of contaminated material has been dumped into the lagoons by French warships, a method of disposal which gradually has made all local fish poisonous. — Marie-Thérèse and Bengt Danielsson.

PNG MINISTER RAPS OZ JOURNALIST

An Australian journalist came in for heavy criticism in Papua New Guinea's parliament in November. In a personal explanation to parliament, Papua New Guinea's Justice Minister, Tony Bais, attacked an article that had appeared in *The Sydney Morning Herald* newspaper. Mr Bais claimed the article was inaccurate, sensational and unfair. The story was headlined "Police State Off Our Northern Shores" and dealt with the Peace and Good Order Bill then before Parliament. It reported opposition and academic concern over certain provisions of the bill. Mr Bais said the journalist who wrote the article, Kevin Ricketts of Australian Associated Press, was wrong when he wrote that Mr Bais was not strongly supporting the legislation.

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He said the reporter was even more inaccurate when he compared Papua New Guinea to South Africa, the Philippines, and South American dictatorships. Mr Bais said the provisions in the bill for limited curfews, passes and bans on demonstrations were aimed at controlling lawlessness. He claimed safeguards in the bill prevented the measures being used for political repression. He said the government was concerned about civil rights but these had no meaning for the latest victims of axe murders in the Highlands, or the notorious rascal gangs in Port Moresby. He said: "I would like Mr Ricketts to leave his comfortable foreign correspondent's home in Port Moresby and go up to the Highlands. There I would like him to travel around with police — to help them clean up the havoc after another axe attack, to be with them while they comfort the survivors and see the damage caused by a lack of order. We in the Government are concerned about the civil rights of our people."

N.F.P. SOUR ON ELECTION INQUIRY TERMS

Fiji's opposition National Federation Party has criticised the terms of reference of an inquiry (PIM, Nov. p5) into allegations of foreign interference in the country's July elections. The NFP leader, Jai Ram Reddy, has written to Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, expressing concern that the inquiry will be restricted to comments made during the election campaign and not after it. He said his party wanted the claim by the Prime Minister that the NFP had received \$1 million in aid from the Soviet Union to come within the view of the inquiry. Mr Reddy said he was also concerned that a report prepared for Fiji's ruling Alliance Party by an Australian business consultant, Allan Carroll, may not go before the inquiry.

FRENCH "YES" ON NEUTRON TEST

France's Defence Minister, Charles Hernu, says he attended a successful neutron bomb experiment at Moruroa Atoll in August, 1981. But Defence Ministry officials stressed that only the neutron bomb mechanism had been fired, not a complete bomb. Mr Henru said France was capable of building and deploying the neutron bomb, but President Mitterrand had not yet made a decision on whether to build the weapon. At the United Nations, French delegate Marcel Delagorge has said France would continue its nuclear tests in the Pacific "until there is an effective process for nuclear disarmament". He said that bilateral U.S.-Soviet arms control talks now under way in Geneva should be the main focus of efforts towards nuclear disarmament. "The French nuclear deterrent has been kept to the minimum necessary to prevent anyone attempting domination of our country," he said.

BORDALLO IS NEW GUAM GOVERNOR

Despite television ads of President Ronald Reagan warmly endorsing him, Republican Governor, Paul M. Calvo, was turned out of office in the November 2 general elections on Guam. Successful candidate was Democrat Ricardo J. Bordallo, who was himself beaten by Calvo in the 1978 general elections while serving his first four-year term as governor (January 1975-January 1979). The Democrat team for governor and lieutenant-governor was Bordallo-Reyes. They polled 15,199 votes to 13,797 for the Republican pair, Calvo-Perez. — *Mark L. Berg.*

REDDY WARNS OF "ANTI-INDIAN" MOVES

Fiji's Opposition leader, Jai Ram Reddy, has warned of an emerging pattern of hatred and ill-will against the country's Indian community. He called on the Indian people to unite, saying that insults and humiliations they had been subjected to could not be ignored. Mr Reddy was speaking at a meeting in Suva called to discuss resolutions passed at a recent meeting of the Great Council of Chiefs. The resolutions, which are not binding on the Government, seek a mandatory two-thirds of the seats in the house of representatives, and the posts of Prime Minister and Governor-General to be reserved for Fijians. The Opposition leader said the Indian community must protest against all forms of injustice and oppression.

PNG MINISTER SUSPENDED

Papua New Guinea's Public Utilities Minister Michael Pondros was suspended from office in November. The suspension followed action by the Ombudsman Commission to refer to the public prosecutor allegations that Mr Pondros misappropriated public funds allocated to Manus Province.

NEW MOVES IN N.Z. CITIZENSHIP ROW

The Western Samoa Government in November was seeking talks with the New Zealand Government on NZ citizenship as it affects Samoans following the NZ parliamentary Bill nullifying a British Privy Council ruling that all Western Samoans born between 1924 and 1949, when New Zealand was administrator of Western Samoa, are New Zealand citizens (PIM Sep p6). Samoan Prime Minister Tupuola Efi has said his government will attempt to set aside the protocol signed by the previous Vaai Kolone government agreeing to the NZ Bill. The controversy threatens to sour Samoan-New Zealand relations. Tupuola Efi has said that more than 90 per cent of Samoans supported the Government's move for renegotiation. Meanwhile, a group of Samoans led by church ministers and business people, has filed a petition to the Samoa Supreme Court asking for an order declaring the protocol unconstitutional.

TAHITIAN IN GREENPEACE PROTEST

For the first time in mid-October an activist of Tahitian origin sailed to Moruroa to protest against continued nuclear testing. He was Guy Taero, who had shortly before been released from a French prison where he had served time on "political sabotage" charges. He joined the Australian Chris Robinson and the Englishman John Castle when the Greenpeace vessel *Vega* returned once more to the site of the French bomb tests. Two weeks later the yacht was boarded by *gendarmes maritimes* and towed into Moruroa lagoon. Main charge brought against the three was that they had illegally entered territorial waters. They strongly denied this. They were subsequently charged with the additional offences of having changed their destination, and not having displayed the prescribed navigational lights. They replied that they were still bound for Auckland, but were just making a slight detour, and that the regulations referred to by the *gendarmes* applied to big ships and not small yachts. They never had a chance of replying to these strange charges in court. On arrival in Tahiti by military aircraft, they were immediately transferred to an Auckland-bound Air New Zealand flight. Since it was clearly impossible to indict Taero for having penetrated illegally into his own country, he was eventually released. His last protest concerned his cherished Tahitian Bible, which had been confiscated along with his other personal belongings at the time of the seizure. The *Vega* which is registered in Canada, remains impounded. — *Marie-Thérèse and Bengt Danielsson.*

N.C. PROTEST ON SHOOTING OF ABORIGINE

A New Caledonian trade union, the Union of Kanak and Exploited Workers, has reacted to the November shooting of an Aboriginal youth in the New South Wales, Australia, country town of Moree with the following statement: "The assassination of an Aboriginal brother in NSW by Australian racists highlights the racism and apartheid which exists in this region. We stress our support for all trade union and political organisations which are fighting in Australia for the recognition of Aboriginal rights, and for their rights to land." The statement adds that the union sees its own struggle in New Caledonia "for Kanak Socialist Independence" as running parallel to that of the Aboriginal people. — *Helen Fraser.*

COOKS P.M. INJURED IN FISHING MISHAP

The Cook Islands Prime Minister, Sir Thomas Davis, flew to New Zealand for medical treatment in November following injuries received when he fell off his seat in a fishing boat in a heavy swell after competing in a fishing contest staged for delegates to the South Pacific Conference in Pago Pago in October. X-rays revealed that Sir Thomas had a broken vertebra in the neck. The fish hooked by Sir Thomas in the contest had made him the winner.

CYCLONE JODIE VISITS VANUATU

Cyclone Jodie left a trail of damaged houses, gardens and fruit trees on the northern islands of Vanuatu in late October-early November.

FEES RISE AT U.S.P.

The University of the South Pacific has announced an increase of five percent in tuition and boarding fees from next year. The increase will raise the fees for private students from within the university region to just over \$F3000 a year.



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LETTERS

Lost treasures of Nan Madol

I was very interested to read of the Bernice P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu (PIM Oct p26) and its new exhibition "Big Men, Chiefs and Mariners", representing "the traditional cultures of Melanesia, Polynesia and Micronesia". But, at the same time, I was sorry to see for the Micronesian section no mention was made of any artifacts from what is certainly one of the greatest monuments to the ancient civilisations of the Pacific — the 11 square miles of basalt city and canals of Nan Madol on the island of Ponape in the Carolines.

My company, the Solaise Film Group, Sydney, completed a 50-minute documentary on Nan Madol in June this year. While in Ponape I learnt from the Historic Preservation Commission that a great many of the more valuable and traditionally important pieces (artifacts) found or plundered over the last few hundred years lie in museums in Europe — the Spanish, then the Germans, being the first Europeans to make contact with Ponape and to excavate the many tombs and ceremonial buildings of Nan Madol.

The Historic Preservation Commission has attempted over the years to retrieve some of these artifacts for their own museum, but to no avail. I wonder if perhaps the Bishop Museum may be able to help, both for their own exhibition and Ponape's. If indeed there is some help that could be offered the address is: Ponape Co-ordinator, Historic Preservation Commission, PO Box 275, Kolonia, State of Ponape, Eastern Caroline Islands, 96941.

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I enclose information on Parbica, the Pacific Regional Branch, In-

ternational Council on Archives. My fellow Parbica Bureau members and I have read your publication with interest and appreciate the value it has in spreading information on happenings in the area.

Parbica is an exciting development for archives in the Pacific. The inaugural conference and seminar in Suva late last year received encouraging support, with representatives from 14 different countries as well as a representative from UNESCO and from the International Council on Archives. There were 30 participants for the training seminar, and opportunity to meet and discuss common points of interest was of great value. There is growing realisation that irreplaceable records of significant value are at risk, and it is essential that there should be attention paid to the preservation of archives in the region.

In July the four members of the bureau met in Rarotonga for an intensive week of discussions on planning a program for Parbica. The result is a draft five-year program. The opportunity to meet in Rarotonga to see archival holdings there and have discussions on the spot was extremely useful.

It is hoped that a general meeting and seminar for Pacific archivists will be held in 1983 — possibly in Guam — and plans are already under way. We must follow up the promising beginning as soon as possible.

The first issue of the Parbica newsletter will be published soon. Good communication and exchange of information among Pacific archivists is crucial. The few archivists scattered throughout the vast area feel very isolated and gain much from contact with colleagues from other countries.

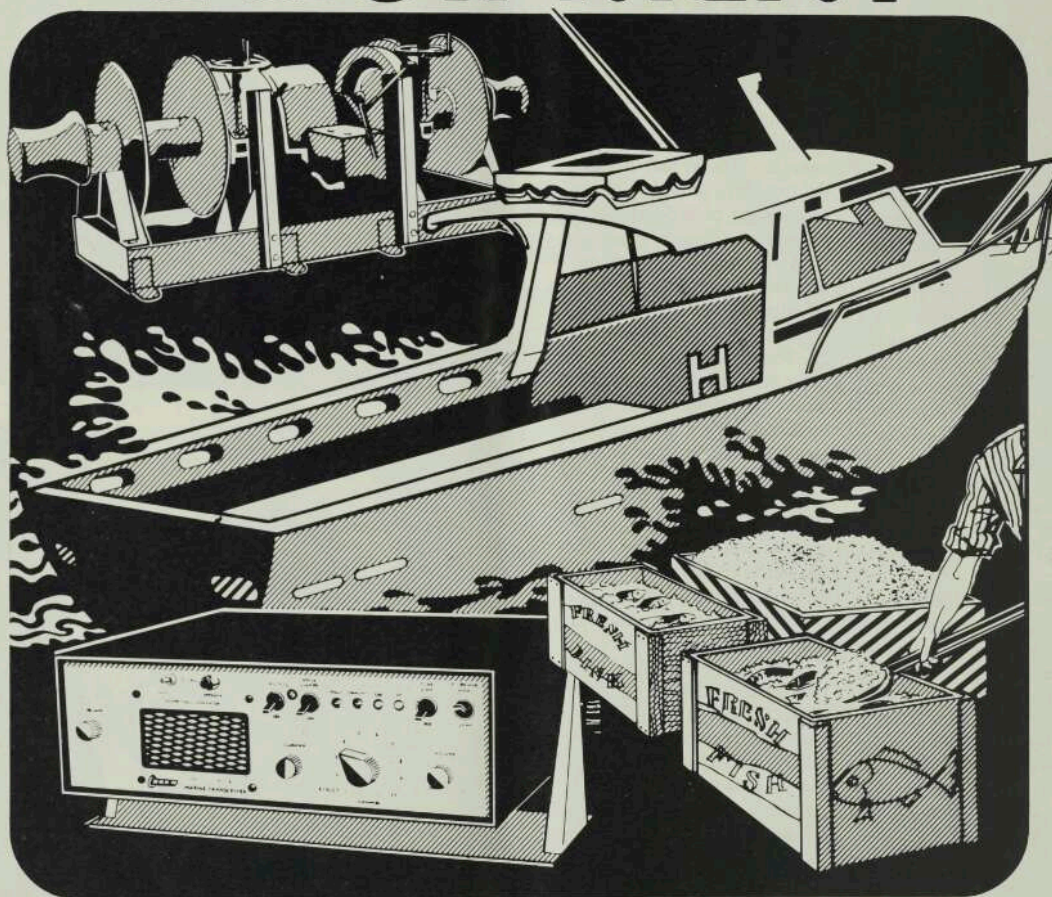
For the record, at the inaugural conference of Parbica in Suva, Alfred Wagner, Treasurer of ICA and Director of Archives, Bundesarchiv, West Germany, was the representative of ICA and adviser.

Official regional delegates attending were as follows: *Australia*: Bruce Burne, Public Records Office of Victoria; Lindsay Cleland, President, Australian



Big men, chiefs and mariners: In October PIM published details of a Pacific display in the Bishop Museum, Honolulu, a display referred to in a letter on this page. Now Robert Graham, who wrote the October article, has followed up with pictures of some of the exhibits. The figure at the top is a sacred ti'i, associated with ancestor and guardian worship in Tahiti. Above is a ceremonial mask from the Papuan Gulf area of Papua New Guinea. See page 11 for more pictures.

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As others see us ...

For your amusement in case you haven't already seen it, I enclose a quote from your publication in

our *Sports Illustrated*, our foremost sports magazine.

Last Fall my wife and I visited World War II hunting grounds — Fiji, Guadalcanal, Espiritu Santo, Efate, New Caledonia, etc. It was a glorious trip in every respect. During the voyage, we became acquainted with Bill and Carol Shamhart, who are sailing the Pacific in their yacht, *Shammy*. You ran a small article about them in one of your Fall 1981 issues, and I'd certainly appreciate having a photocopy of your remarks for a scrapbook I am preparing on the trip. (Done, PIM.) I know this will take some effort on your part, but consider it the other side of "there is no such thing as a free lunch" contra my sending you the *Sports Illustrated* article!

You've got a great magazine. I really enjoyed reading it when I was out your way.

BOB BERGER JR
Harbor Springs Michigan
USA

And the quote from PIM?

Appearing in the column "Scorecard" by *Sports Illustrated* writer Robert W. Creamer under the heading "As others see us", it said:

Pacific Islands Monthly is a lively little journal that covers doings in the islands of the Pacific, from

Tahiti to Fiji to New Caledonia to the Solomons. Sometimes the rest of the world seems a bit odd to the folks in those remote parts. For example, Great Britain. A century ago Britain regularly sent missionaries to the islands to convert the heathen. Now, according to the May 1982 issue of the *Monthly*, an ex-captain of Western Samoa's rugby team, the Reverend Faitala Talapusi of the United Reformed Church, has gone to the English Midlands to bring Christianity to the population there. "Basically, Britain is an irreligious country," says Talapusi, and the *Monthly* points out that while 80 per cent of the people in Western Samoa actively practise Christianity, 80 per cent of those in England never set foot in a church.

Nor does America get off unscathed. The same issue notes that two students from Samoana High School in American Samoa have won football scholarships to U.S. colleges. Moamoa Vaeao will attend the University of Hawaii and Taleni Wright will go to Arizona State, trying to emulate the football careers of such Samoan stars as Mosiula Tatupu and Wilson Faumuina. "American 'gridiron'," comments the *Monthly*, "like baseball, appears to be one of the main reasons why universities exist in the United States. Ability to play the game seems as much

More pictures from the Pacific display at the Bishop Museum, Honolulu. At left is a mortuary ritual mask from New Ireland in Papua New Guinea. Above is the distinctive mask of the tamate dancers of Vanikoro in the Solomon Islands.

an asset as brains when competing for a place in the university." Hmmm.

Micronesia book: Not so free ...

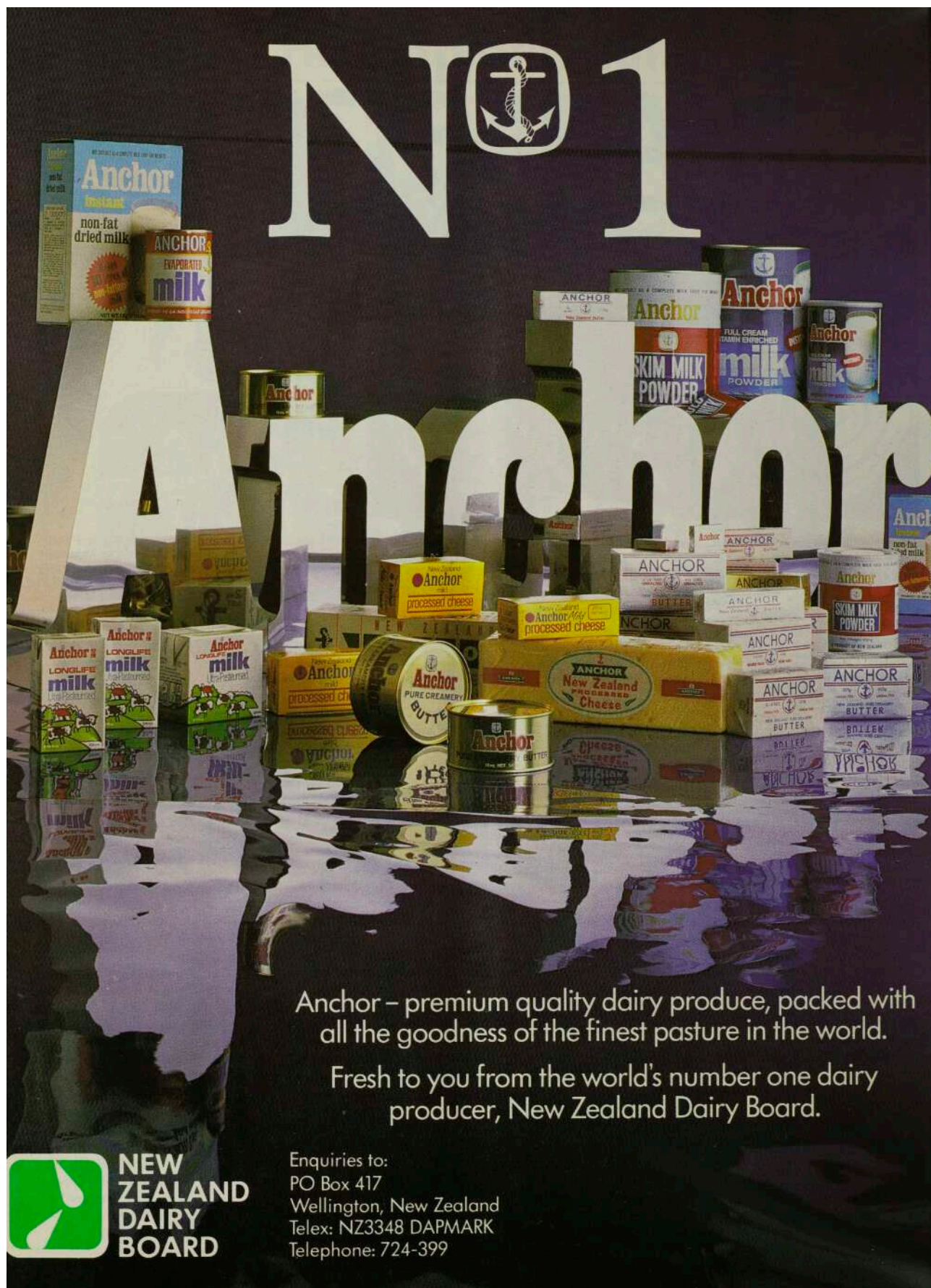
Thank you very much for publishing John Carter's *From Trusteeship to ...? — Micronesia and Its Future* (PIM Oct p53). The response to the book so far has been overwhelmingly positive, with orders coming in from all parts of Micronesia, the U.S., and internationally.

The review mentioned that the book is available gratis. I'm sure that the promotional flyer that listed the prices got separated from the book.

The prices in fact are as follows: Europe, Asia, Pacific: \$US4.50 (for surface), \$6.50 (for airmail); U.S., Canada: \$4.50 (for surface), \$5.50 (for airmail); Micronesia: \$3.50.

GIFF JOHNSON
(Micronesia Support Committee).

Honolulu Hawaii
USA



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22ND SOUTH PACIFIC CONFERENCE

PIM Associate Editor MALCOLM SALMON was in Pago Pago for the 22nd South Pacific Conference in the last week of October. He writes here of his impressions of Pago and of conference doings, onstage and off. His comments are followed by a summary of the work of the conference by Dr RICHARD A. HERR, of the University of Tasmania.



The hand of nature . . .

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 22nd South Pacific Conference in Pago Pago in October, Secretary-General Francis Bugotu of the South Pacific Commission remarked on the fact that Pago had hosted three such conferences, more than any other centre apart from Noumea (a special case because it is the site of SPC headquarters).

He said the record was a tribute to the people of a community as small as Pago, and to their interest in regional affairs.

I think there is another reason: nature has cunningly designed Pago from the start to serve as what our American cousins call a "convention center".

No pictures, no written descriptions, adequately prepare one for the beauty of the island of Tutuila. Thickly wooded mountains rearing steeply behind the narrow coastal strip at Pago are a constant source of visual delight — and of relief for eyes tired of poring over the flood of documents inevitably produced by a bureaucratic bash such as the South Pacific Conference. I grew particularly fond of the coconut-palms which, here and there, cling defiantly to the precipitous flanks of the mountains, at altitudes greater surely than is really good for their health.

Nor has nature forgotten the air-conditioning: Pago's tropical warmth and high humidity are almost constantly tempered by fresh breezes off the harbor, making a seaside stroll a ready means of cooling-off, as well as of relaxing after the day's work.

(Top left) Governor Peter Coleman: Minor miracles in the interests of the conference. (Left) SPC Secretary-General Francis Bugotu: His first South Pacific Conference since taking office. (Above right) Amata Coleman: A helping hand from USA.

The community of Pago Pago

There is yet another reason why Pago is a superb venue for events of this kind. The smallness of the Pago community referred to by Mr Bugotu means that the local people can be mobilised and schooled in how to welcome overseas guests with a thoroughness that would be out of the question in a larger centre. Governor Peter Tali Coleman and his aides performed minor miracles in going about this task.

The Governor himself set the example by assuming an absolutely crushing workload throughout the conference and its many and varied accompanying social occasions, and carrying it all off with unflinching dignity and aplomb.

Members of his family were not far behind him. His well-



favored daughter, Amata Coleman, came especially from Washington to work on the organisation of the conference. Her American husband was in charge of a small and effective group responsible for the technical preparations. As well as Amata, half a dozen of her brothers were also there and at work, having zeroed in on Pago from points as far-flung as Baltimore, San Francisco and Alaska.

But it wasn't only a Coleman family affair. Others with names to conjure with in Samoa, such as Millie Nelson, worked just as hard.

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Salute to the Rainmaker

But, again, the business was much bigger than any individuals with prominent family names. It was in truth a *Pago* family affair.

The depth of the "mobilisation" for the conference was perhaps the most impressive thing of all. Thank anyone anywhere for any service and the friendly response "You're welcome" was unfailing. Drivers like my favorite Felise, Rainmaker Hotel waitresses like Ioka Leituala, bartenders like Aheaga Tahatunu, seemed quite unfrazzled by what seemed to be 24-hour days on the job.

Yes, after Pago '82, Saipan,



Ioka Leituala

capital of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, which will host the conference in '83, certainly has the job in front of it.

The case of Malietoa

It was a fine point but an interesting one.

Printed lists of the distinguished guests at the conference opening ceremony gave precedence to King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV of Tonga over Western Samoa's Head of State Malietoa Tanumafili II.

But one could not fail to notice that the master of ceremonies at Pago Park deftly reversed this order in his spoken announcement of the presence of the guests.

It was no gesture of disrespect to Tonga's king. It was rather a recognition of the underlying unity of the society of the Samoas, and of the fact that Western

Samoa's Head of State holds a special place not only in *Samoa i Sisifo* but in *Amerika Samoa* as well.

A sort of "twin patriotism"?

The people of American Samoa appear to entertain a sort of "twin patriotism".

Samoans they certainly are, but their identification with the USA appears hardly less genuine.

While in Pago I was told the story of a conversation that took place in Honolulu in 1979 between a Suva-based Caucasian academic and a senior Samoan official from American Samoa. The U.S. hostages had just been seized in Tehran, and the academic ventured the opinion that they'd only got what they deserved.

The Samoan immediately rose to his feet, and with an obscene expression of his disgust at such a view, stalked off.

The absent anthem

The one real hitch at the opening ceremonies of the conference occurred during an inspired performance by the Amerika Samoa Choir of the national anthems of all countries represented at the conference.

The "national anthem" of Australia turned out to be a couple of minutes of pained silence, broken only by the sounds of nervous shuffling of feet from the general direction of the Australian delegation.

Various explanations for the lapse were floating around later, but according to the choir's conductor, the large and genial Assistant to the Governor Palauni M. Tuiasosopo, the tape of "Advance Australia Fair" had been sent from Canberra, but, despite frequent and increasingly urgent inquiries from the Pago end, had never arrived. So the choir had never had a chance to learn it.

Full amends were made however at the conference closing ceremony, which opened with a spirited rendition of the Australian anthem.

A cassette recording of the



choir's singing of the anthems was on sale in Pago before the conference ended — a fine example of American Samoan enterprise, and a true collectors' item to boot. Some of the Island countries' anthems are wonderfully lively and "unsolemn".

As I wasn't able to get hold of a copy of the cassette before I left Pago, I'm still in the dark as to whether it carries all four renditions of the "Marseillaise" that were given at the opening — one each for France, New Caledonia, French Polynesia, and Wallis and Futuna.

The "Marseillaise" is a great song, but four times over in one session is a bit much. There's got to be some sort of political lesson there for someone . . .

The business sponsors

The innovation of private business sponsorship of the conference, which had caused some fluttering in certain bureaucratic dove-cotes, went off more smoothly than had been anticipated by many people on both the business and government sides of the fence.

Representatives of a number of the sponsoring companies spoke at a specially arranged conference session. There was fairly general agreement that their contributions were helpful

and relevant to regional problems.

There was a good and interested crowd at a hastily organised evening "trade display" at which sponsoring companies explained what they had to offer in the Pacific.

One evening was sponsored solely by the whisky-making firm Seagram's. Free Chivas Regal flowed copiously, and for reasons I needn't go into, I, and some of my friends, remember this occasion with special affection.

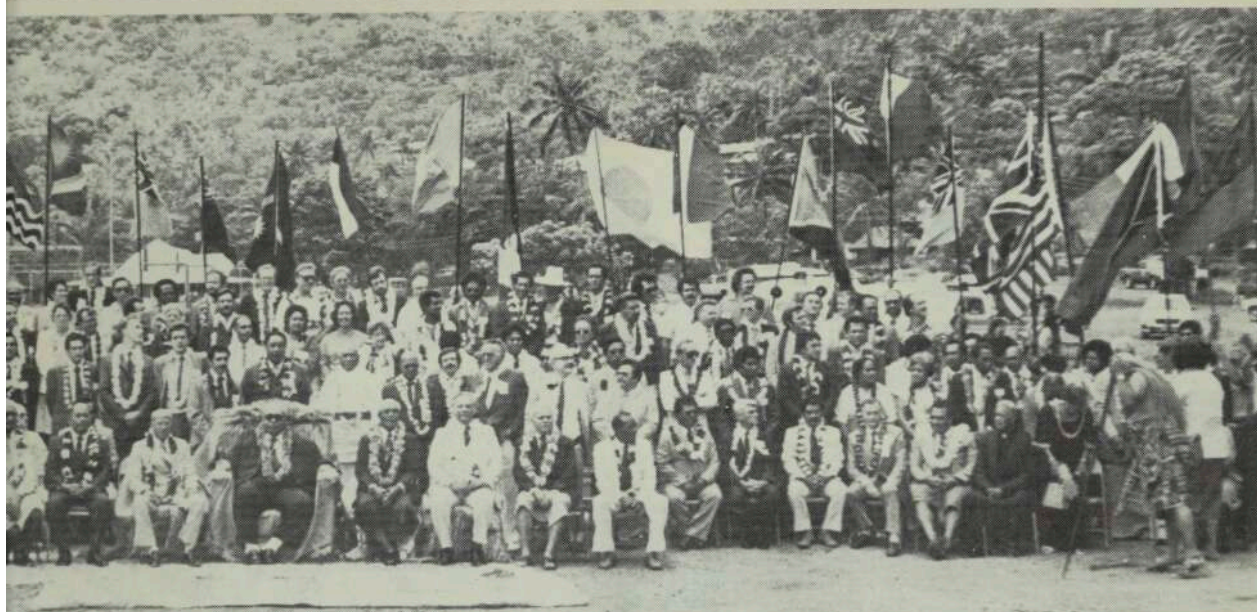
There are signs that the participation of private enterprise in South Pacific Conferences, in line with the general theme of "Partnership", might have come to stay. Much will depend on the concrete results of the contacts made by the businessmen who were there this time round on Pago.

What is certain is that the idea will be used again next year on Saipan.

Woes of the Bishop

Private enterprise of another kind figured in the conference proceedings proper.

Early in the meeting the Cook Islands Prime Minister Sir Thomas Davis raised the matter of Honolulu's Bishop Museum, its importance to the region and



The official picture of delegates, officials and observers under the flags of the SPC countries.

to the South Pacific Commission, and its present financial problems. He proposed that the matter should be discussed at a later stage of the conference. The clear implication was that the conference should consider an SPC donation to the museum.

When the matter was finally up for debate, the U.S. spokesman objected that the Bishop Museum was a private institu-

tion, and that as a meeting of representatives of governments the conference was not empowered to discuss it.

In the end a compromise solution was reached, with the following form of words: "The

conference, recognising the outstanding contribution by the Bishop Museum in collecting and recording natural materials of the region, and recognising its difficulties in obtaining appropriate finance to keep its activities at the present level, urged member countries to assist the museum by supporting its efforts to obtain finance for its activities."

One was left with the distinct impression that the full story of the museum's present troubles has yet to be told.

A whiff of the pork barrel

During my brief time in Pago, I came across an example of private enterprise of yet another kind.

My first accommodation was at a private house converted to a hotel for the occasion of the conference. It was about 12 kilometres from the heart of town, and reached by a newly sealed road running for about a kilometre off the main drag.

As the days went by, I heard more and more references to this road. It seems that local people had been agitating for years to have it sealed, but that nothing had been done. Then — hey, presto — with the South Pacific Conference on in October, and elections to the local legislature

set for November, the job was suddenly done.

People were also saying pointedly that the owner of the private house-hotel just happened to be the brother of a high official in the legislature . . .

The pork barrel is one of the oldest institutions on earth, and it seems to survive all vicissitudes, revolutions included. So, if it's flourishing everywhere else, why not in Pago?

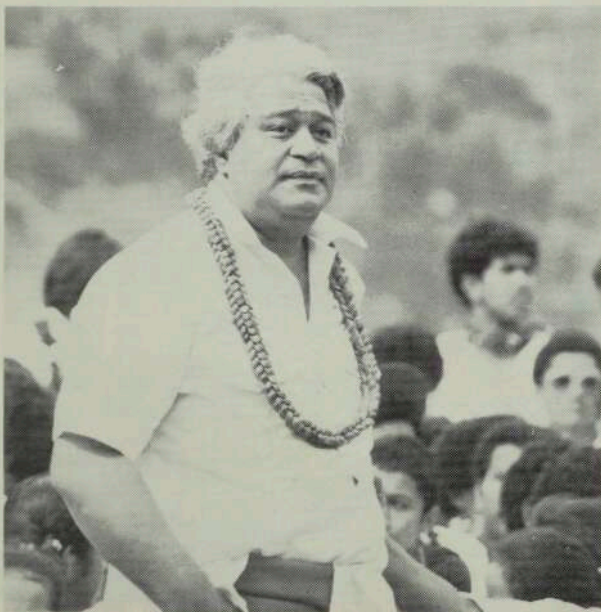
The cowboy in the bus

To conclude on private enterprise: I was fascinated to learn that Pago's bus services run to no timetables, have no scheduled stops, and are subject to no regulation at all that I could discover.

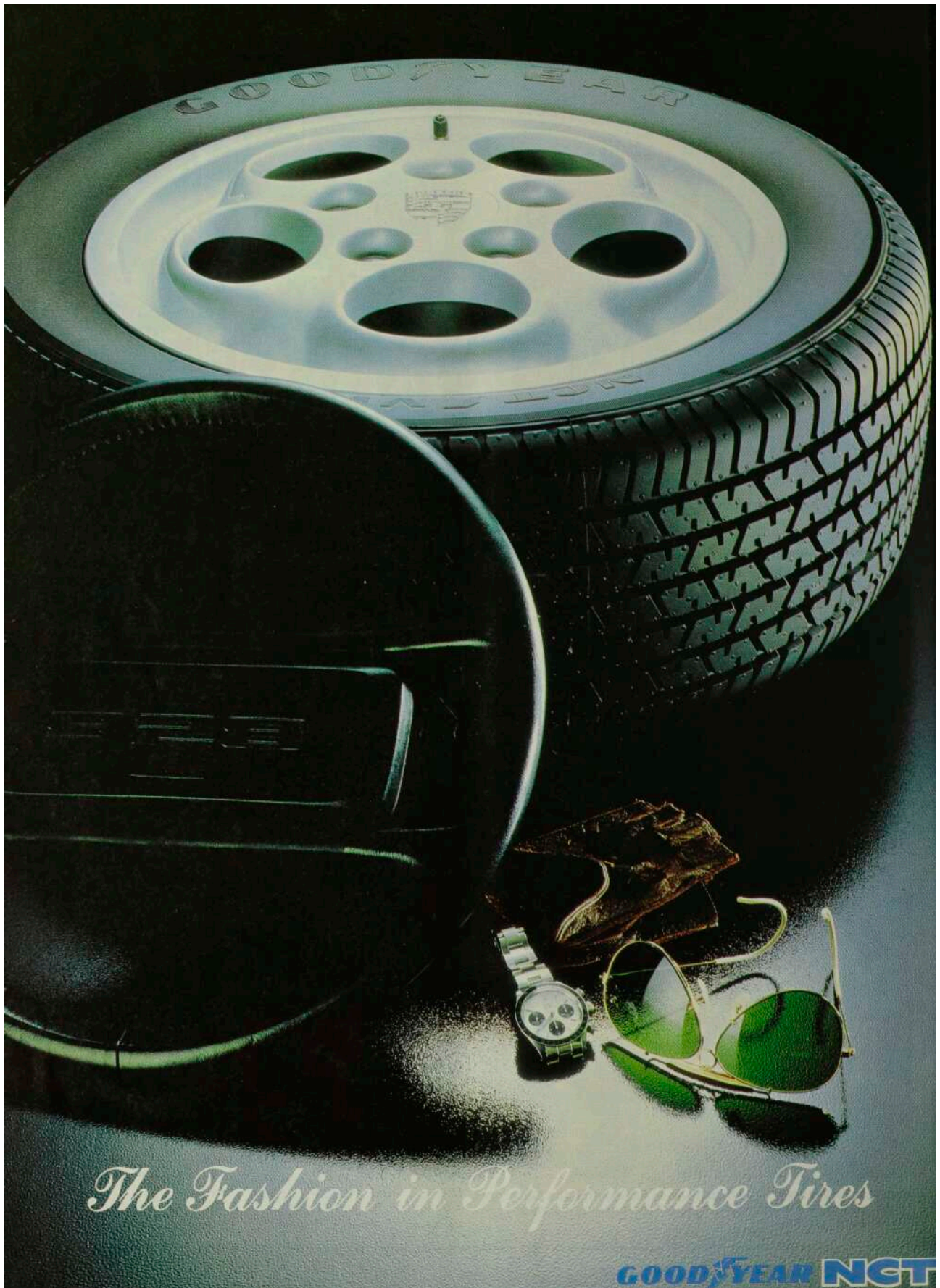
You simply buy a bus (if you can), and drive it around town at times you think might be appropriate. You pick up passengers wherever they might hail you, and drop them where they want to go.

The bus I caught one day had a driver wearing a black felt cowboy hat and cowboy gear, and a transistor radio blaring out hard rock so loudly I had to thump him on the back when I wanted to get out. He certainly couldn't have heard a word I might have had to say.

It's a town bus service with a difference. But it seems to work.



Palauni Tuiasosopo — officially he is Assistant to the Governor — conducted the choir which sang at the opening ceremony. — Stuart Inder picture.



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Pago hosts a meeting of "heavies" from politics — and business

The opening of the 22nd South Pacific Conference in Pago Pago on October 23 was almost like old times. Established names from the golden years of the South Pacific Commission — Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, Hammer DeRoburt and Robert Rex — were again present. Tonga's King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV and Western Samoa's Head of State Malietoa Tanumafili made special appearances to add further lustre to the occasion. And former Secretaries-General Fred Betham and Macu Salato were in attendance to reaffirm the continuity of the SPC. It was all an impressive display of confidence in the SPC. Or was it?

There are other explanations that could be offered. The illus-

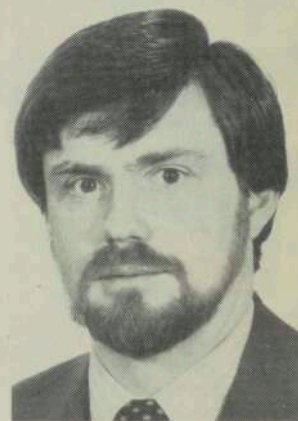
trious turnout might have been the "21st" celebrations which the conference did not have last year. It may have been just an act of respect for an ageing institution. It is even possible that the opening had nothing to do with the SPC directly but was wholly a gesture of goodwill towards host American Samoa's Governor, Peter Tali Coleman.

Whatever their intentions in attending (and informal conversation during the conference suggested that the show of support was not accidental), the momentum created by the large number of regional leaders continued into the work of the conference proper. By conference end, the vote of confidence in the SPC was unmistakable.

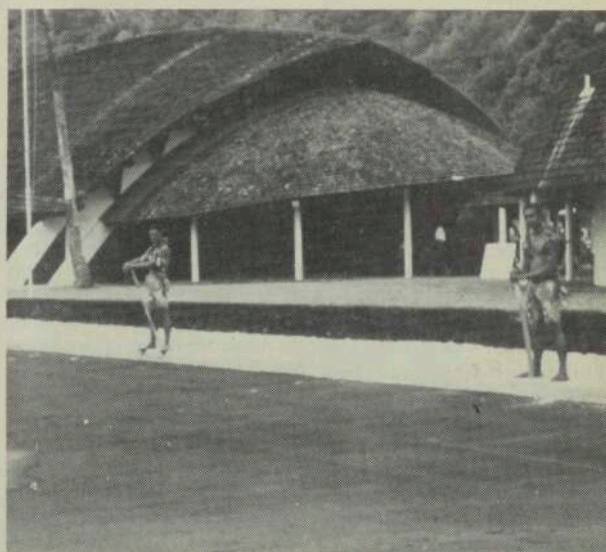
Indeed, concrete evidence of support for the conference was clear even before the opening gavel. While many of the senior leaders left shortly after the official opening, a number remained for the working sessions. These included Sir Thomas Davis, Robert Rex and New Zealand's Deputy PM Duncan MacIntyre. In all, approximately two-thirds of the 25 delegations present were headed by leaders of

Dr RICHARD A. HERR of the University of Tasmania comments on the 22nd South Pacific Conference which he attended in Pago Pago, American Samoa, from October 23-29.

He says the Pago conference showed that the conference's convening body, the 35-year-old South Pacific Commission, "has finally come to terms with middle age . . . respected for its experience, and mature enough to appreciate its own limitations".



(Below) Pago Pago has long been a popular convention venue and it has a modern convention centre, surrounded by gardens, which is used all the year round by visiting and local organisations. (Below Right) But the South Pacific Conference needed something bigger, and met in this picturesque auditorium. Traditional guards remained on duty outside throughout the talks.



ministerial rank or above. More overt expressions of support were not long in coming.

Lord Belstead, leading the British delegation, asked for the floor within the first hour to make a special statement. His remarks included references to the value of the SPC as a vehicle for regional co-operation, to the importance of regionalism to the UK, and to the usefulness of the SPC in providing his government

with access to the region. The theme of the SPC's contribution to regional co-operation was seconded from the small islands perspective immediately afterwards by Prime Minister Davis of the Cooks.

The issue of the role of the SPC, if any, in South Pacific regionalism has overhung the organisation like the sword of Damocles for a full decade now. The pendulum, however, ap-

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peared to be swinging back in the SPC's favor at Pago Pago. The dogged pursuit of a "single regional organisation" (SRO) by Paulias Matane, Papua New Guinea's secretary for foreign affairs and trade, attracted little enthusiasm. Even the Solomons and Vanuatu appeared willing to accept the Rotorua Forum's decision in August this year that the time was not yet right to attempt to secure a merger of the SPC and the Forum's secretariat, the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC).

A major reason for the declining support for an SRO stems from the failure of a series of inquiries to produce evidence of substantial duplication between the SPC and SPEC. This could

Presentation of a woven Samoan mat in one of the many ceremonies which accompanied the Pago Pago conference.

be seen in the rejection of calls for further inquiries into the question of duplication. Most agreed with the new Secretary-General, Francis Bugotu, when he said the facts were available and new studies would not add to resolving the issue of an SPC-SPEC merger.

Nevertheless, Bugotu's proposal to conduct an in-house review of what the SPC might do unilaterally to ensure the avoidance of costly duplication struck a responsive chord among the delegates. The review is not

another fact-finding expedition but rather a practical attempt to address the long-running complaint.

Politically, the proposal by the secretary-general was timed to perfection. It was raised in the Committee of Representatives of Participating Governments which immediately preceded the conference. The unexpected initiative had the effect of undercutting some of the objections of the Solomons and Vanuatu. Thus PNG stood virtually alone during the conference on the issue of an SRO or an SPC-SPEC merger.

This isolation was keenly felt by Matane but he was not to be dissuaded from carrying out his objective. He announced that PNG would not grant increases in its contributions to the SPC budget for the next three years. Matane also asserted that his Government was completely serious about "reviewing" its membership of the SPC if no progress on the SRO were forthcoming immediately. Both threats, however, have a hollow ring.

An attempt to restrict the SPC budget along similar lines was tried at the 1978 conference without marked success. And at that time PNG had the backing of Fiji.

Unilateral withdrawal from the SPC would be such a drastic step that its implications would at once extend to the South Pacific Forum. Thus, during the conference, comments were being made about PNG as the "big

brother" in the region. To force its views on the other states in this way would only heighten such suspicions of PNG's intentions in the region. Related to this is the continuing concern over Melanesian "sub-regionalism". (All three states more or less openly supporting the SRO concept at the conference — PNG, Solomons and Vanuatu — are Melanesian.)

Tuvalu's energetic High Commissioner in Suva, Kamuta Latasi, hinted broadly at these fears during his comments on regional institutional arrangements. Latasi argued that an SRO would be preoccupied by the problems and desires of the larger states. Who, he asked, would listen to the wishes of the smaller countries if the SPC were lost?

Latasi also questioned the wisdom of an SPC-SPEC merger. He pointed to the unhappy experience of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands "merger". Forced marriages end in divorce, he claimed, and the fallout is worse than any short term gains.

The address contained elements of *déjà vu*. Another Tuvaluan, former Prime Minister Toaripi Lauti, offered similar arguments in defence of the SPC during the 1976 Review Committee meeting on Nauru. That

Samoan traditions gave a special touch to occasions inside and outside the conference room. Next year Micronesian traditions will set the scene.





speech did much to turn the course of the 1976 inquiry away from abolishing the SPC.

If the issue of SPC-SPEC relations lived up to the advance billing, the subject of nuclear wastes did not. This had been tipped as a topic likely to produce sparks, especially between France and the U.S. and those Island states that take a hard line on all nuclear issues. The anticipated confrontation did not emerge, however.

The Northern Marianas' delegate, George Chan, asserted forcefully that the South Pacific Regional Environment Program's (SPREP) support for the London Dumping Convention ought to be rejected. Chan said this convention tended to legitimise the dumping of nuclear wastes at sea and this was patently unsafe.

Many other Island countries agreed with the Northern Marianas in principle but were not prepared to reject SPREP's advice. Overall the feeling seemed to be that some controls were better than none. There was scarcely a murmur therefore when the American State Department representative, Bob Brand, asked the conference to reconsider a resolution which would have called upon all SPC members to end studies into marine dumping of nuclear wastes.

One of the more novel questions to arise during the conference was the use of sponsorship.

Bill Brown, South Pacific Commission Program Director. This year's conference made him one of the longest-serving senior executives in SPC history.

The idea of raising money by inviting commercial enterprises to help "sponsor" the conference was initiated by the American Samoan Government for several reasons. Not only did the quarter of a million dollars raised assist it in upholding a high standard for hospitality, the concept of co-operation between industry and government evidently appealed strongly to Governor Coleman.

The experiment was fraught with risks. There is no institutionalised role for industry to participate in the conference. The implicit support for "free enterprise" would have been potentially contentious even if some of the early publicity had not stated openly that a free enterprise system was needed to maintain stability in the region. After all, it was not that long ago that a pre-independence European MP from Fiji had to be repudiated during a conference for his attack on indigenous co-operatives on the grounds that co-operatives were against the spirit of free enterprise.

Nevertheless, the 1982 experiment was generally well received. The presentations by the sponsors (selected by their fel-

lows to address the conference) were pertinent. The ensuing questions from delegates showed genuine interest. And the hosts for the 1983 Conference, the Northern Marianas, have indicated that they intend to continue with the idea of sponsorship.

Certainly there are advantages to be had in obtaining financial support for the conferences, which have not been held at the Noumea headquarters of the SPC since 1978. The real doubts on the concept of sponsorship rest with the role these industries are to play in the conference, if any. The SPC is, after all, an inter-governmental body, and therefore a parallel trade fair might be a more appropriate mechanism for commercial participation. Should a regular pattern of industry involvement develop, as Governor Coleman would wish, then consideration may also have to be given as to how the money paid by sponsors can be used directly by the SPC to defray conference costs.

The character of the "metropolitan" governments' participation in the conference also provided some interesting revelations. (The term "metropolitan" has been officially abandoned but no new term has been devised to replace it.) The British Government clearly wished to continue to be involved in South Pacific regionalism. There are

historical reasons for this, of course, and the UK is still a major aid donor in the area. Nevertheless, there may have been added grounds for British interest this year.

Argentina apparently made overtures to be admitted as an observer. This was rejected by the Islands without the need for any "metropolitan" intervention. The motive for Argentina's approach, however, seems to have had less to do with the Falklands war than with some islands in the Beagle Channel. These are claimed by Chile but Argentinian possession would give that country a window on the Pacific.

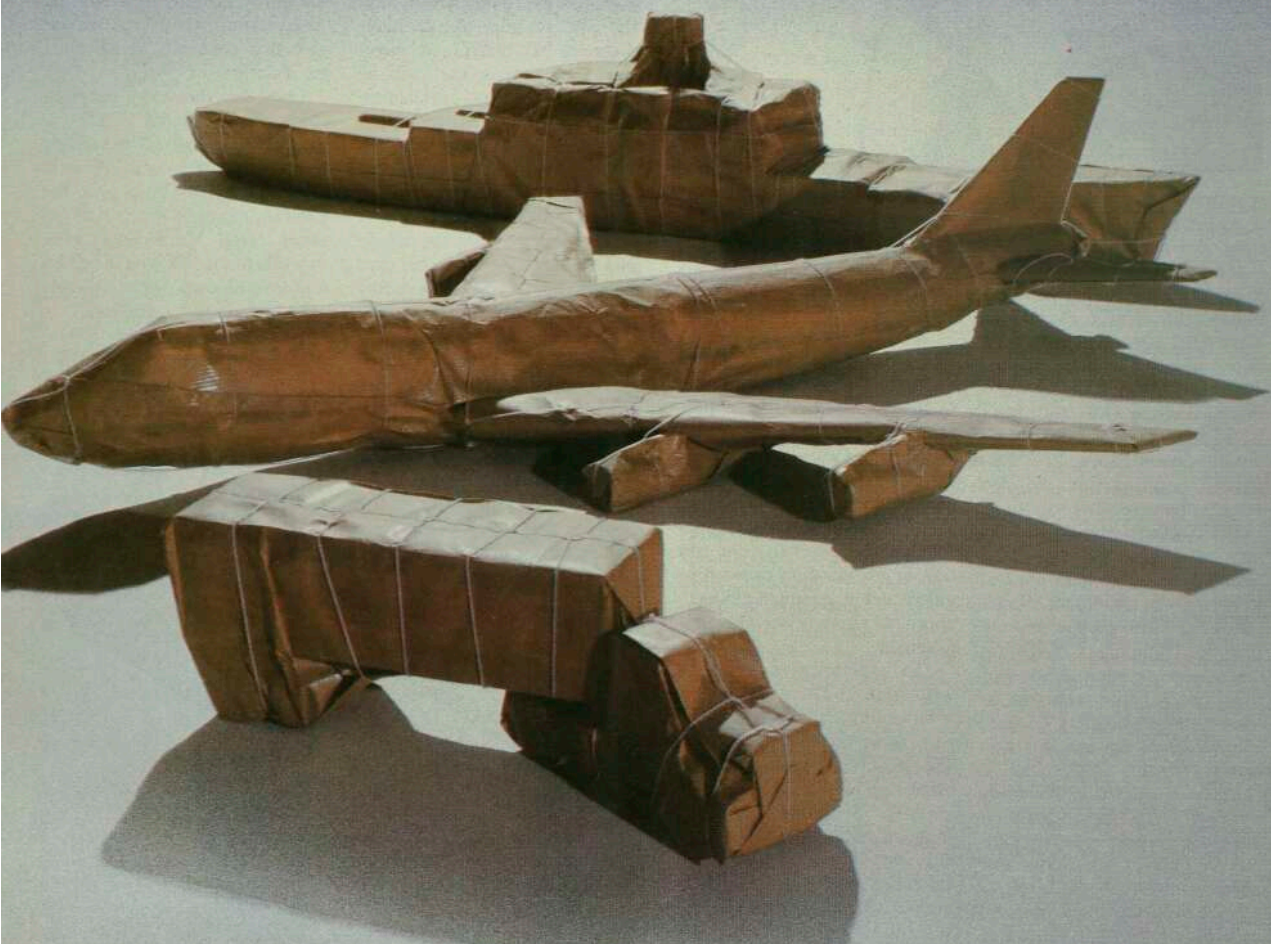
Chile, by the way, has been cultivating the South Pacific for the past five years. The catalyst was a mutual interest in 200-mile maritime zones. This year the Chilean representative, Ambassador Jorge Valdovinos, gave \$10,000 to the SPC and indicated his Government's wish to do this annually. Peru, represented in Pago Pago by its Canberra Ambassador Jose Torres-Muga, has

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Tonga had Baron Vaea of Houma at the conference. He is shown here at the opening ceremony.



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VISITING ROYALTY

Queen gets warm welcome, but PNG looks at its royal link

Wherever the Queen went there was warmth, affection, color and ceremony. But there were also developments which showed the changing nature of the Pacific scene, and which pointed to a new chapter in links between the old world and the new Pacific.

Papua New Guinea in particular illustrated the changing scene. The government there was embarrassed when a leaked report revealed recommendations that the Queen should no longer be formal head of state. But Prime Minister Michael Somare reflected the feeling of his people when he asked Queen Elizabeth to return shortly to open a new national parliament building — and she accepted.

Solomon Islands has already debated a similar report in parliament, suggesting that a local president should replace the Queen as head of state. So far Solomon Islands has not adopted any formal recommendation, and in Papua New Guinea the parliament has yet to debate certain aspects of a report from the PNG General Constitutional Commission.

Neither country is likely to make any early constitutional change, but the existence of the reports and the evidence which led to them is symptomatic of the changing politics of the Pacific.

PNG was also in the news during the Queen's Pacific visit when a newspaper published there carried an article highly critical of the Royal Family. The article led to a clash between the owner and some of his staff, and the sale of the newspaper several days later.

Fiji's welcome to the Queen was warm and spontaneous, and perhaps the only note of criticism was because it was too formal. An editorial in the *Fiji Times* described Queen Elizabeth as the people's queen, but said that the stiff formality which had surrounded her visit had given her little chance to meet the people, and little chance for them to meet her.

Queen Elizabeth of England who is also the constitutional head of state of seven Pacific countries visited the Pacific in October. She went to six Island countries: Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Kiribati and Tuvalu.

One of the highlights of her Fiji tour was to visit the little island of Bau where Fiji chiefs paid homage to her as a chief in her own right. She opened a meeting of the Great Council of Chiefs, and during the ceremonies there she presented the award of the Royal Victorian Chain to the Governor-General, Ratu Sir George Cakobau. It is a rare award today, confined to royalty or senior national leaders.

The Deputy Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order at a ceremony on board the Royal Yacht Britannia. The award was made by the Queen in recognition of the Deputy Prime Minister's part in establishing what was called a special relationship between Fiji and the throne.

Historically, the Queen's visit to Tuvalu was one of the highlights of her Pacific tour. Tuvalu has the distinction of being the smallest country of which she is Queen. It is 90 years since the country has been associated with the British Crown and there have been several visits by members of the Royal Family, but the Queen was the first reigning monarch to make a visit.

More than 20 traditional canoes escorted the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they came ashore to a colorful welcoming ceremony. They walked from the landing area on a carpet of woven mats. Children sang songs and showered the Queen with flowers.

In the Solomon Islands the Queen withstood the famous "nerve test" where men carrying spears attempt to frighten away visitors, and where the measure of the visitor's stature is to stand fast without flinching. Conch

shells were used like trumpets to welcome the Queen.

The island of Tarawa in Kiribati and the island country of Nauru had the biggest crowds to gather for many years when the Queen visited them. On Nauru white paint was used to brighten up roadside tree trunks in honor of the Queen's visit.

In Papua New Guinea the Queen's visit to the Highlands town of Mount Hagen coincided with a savage hailstorm which smashed windows and wind screens, but did not cause any injuries.

Wrapping up the Queen's four-week tour of the Islands, the English journalist Grania Forbes wrote: "It is true that at times she must have felt the strain as she battled not only against the searing heat and oppressive humidity, but also against language and cultural barriers."

"Contrary to her image as a reserved and somewhat dignified figure, she has taken the oddest of situations in her stride and with her marvellous good humor she has enjoyed every twist of this magical mystery tour around the Pacific."

Newspaper starts a royal row

Ray Thurecht is a difficult man to typify. He exudes a sort of restrained ostentation, bolstered by a history of real achievement which is his ultimate strength. Like many who have turned a basic skill or technical ability into solid commercial success, he tends to be not quite identifiable with any particular camp. And like them, too, he may not realise this himself. It's one of the penalties of a certain type of success.

Thurecht, who is just into his fifties, went from Brisbane in the Australian state of Queensland to Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea nearly 30 years ago. He went there as a Linotype technician (a fast-dying trade with the onset of new technology) for the *South Pacific Post* newspaper, now the *PNG Post-Courier*. He formed his own job-printing business, PNG Printing, in the 1960s and he hasn't looked back. He learnt to fly (his business runs an aircraft today), he became top man in the PNG chambers of commerce movement, and he kept abreast of new technology in the printing and graphic arts industries. From printing it was a natural step into publishing, and he eventually amalgamated a number of news sheets into a five-day-a-week paper *Niugini Nius*. *Niugini Nius* got into top gear just under three years ago, published in Lae and simultaneously printed in Lae and Port Moresby. Thurecht used his aircraft to freight page negatives over the mountains from Lae to Port Moresby every evening.

Like many publishers he had early editor troubles, but he eventually secured Charles Cepulis, a capable journalist who had first come from Australia to PNG to work in the *Post-Courier*. Cepulis had been a sub-editor and news editor on the *Post-Courier*, he had acted as a editor on a number of occasions, and immediately before taking up the Thurecht appointment he had worked in Suva with *The Fiji Times*.

The third man in the story was Andy Walker, a Scot who had migrated to Australia, who had worked as a journalist in Melbourne, and who had joined *Niugini Nius* in Lae.

Walker wrote an article which disparaged the British Royal Family and its relationship to PNG and which drew attention to the apparent incongruity of royalty on the other side of the world being a constitutional part of PNG. The article was published

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on the eve of Queen Elizabeth's recent visit to PNG and was critical of the whole structure of British royalty. It referred to the Duke of Edinburgh — once Prince Philip of Greece — as "Phil the Greek", it criticised the earnings and situation of the Queen and of the heir to the throne, the Prince of Wales, and it criticised the morals of the Queen's sister, Princess Margaret.

From a political and sociological point of view one of the most interesting aspects of the exercise was Walker's miscalculation of public feeling towards the British Royal Family and its constitutional position in PNG. He tended to reflect an attitude which is probably more acceptable today in sections of the old Commonwealth than in new nations which have deliberately sought membership of the Commonwealth. In any event, neither Walker nor Cepulis had much opportunity to assess reader reaction. A horrified Thurecht took one look at what his newspaper had published and ordered the destruction of the entire print run after only a small proportion of the run had been sold.

"He probably saw an honor from the Queen going out the window" was one uncharitable comment. In fairness to Thurecht it would seem that his assessment of general PNG attitudes towards the link with the British Crown was much closer to the mark than that of his newspaper.

Walker and Cepulis walked off the job in protest at their owner's action, but the paper's continuity was saved when Thurecht's aircraft flew from Port Moresby to Lae bringing two journalists from the Port Moresby paper *The Times*. Any suggestion that the two were strike-breaking evaporated when it was revealed that the company they worked for, Word Publishing, had bought *Niugini Nius*. Word Publishing grew out of an ecumenical grouping of churches, and has entered the publishing business with no small success. It has put a Papua New Guinean journalist, Sinclair Solomon, into the editor's chair at *Niugini Nius*. Cepulis and Walker have left PNG, and Thurecht has ended his flirtation



with the newspaper industry. The price of the sale was not disclosed.

PNG report calls for a president

Only six days before the Queen was due to visit Papua New Guinea the government was embarrassed by the leaking of a report which recommends, among other things, that the Queen should cease to be the formal head of state and should be replaced by a Papua New Guinean president.

In this respect the contents of the report were similar to recommendations which have been made in Solomon Islands over the past ten months.

The PNG report came from the General Constitutional Commission and was meant to have its first airing in parliament. The chairman of the commission, Mr Mahuru Rarau Rarau, was as embarrassed as the government at the disclosure of parts of the

report. The mere fact that the embarrassment was obvious tends to suggest that the sentiments of the report are not — or not yet, anyway — entrenched.

The report, which circulated in a number of quarters and which also received newspaper publicity, claimed that many Papua New Guineans wanted a break from their colonial past and a more efficient and appropriate method of recognising a head of state. The report said there was no suggestion that PNG should relinquish its membership of the Commonwealth.

Under PNG's present constitutional structure the Queen as head of state is represented by a Papua New Guinean Governor-General, but the degree of real power which rests with parliament and the Prime Minister is considerable. However, the concept is being increasingly questioned, according to the constitutional commission's report.

The report said "We accept the British Monarch as head of

Queen Elizabeth in Papua New Guinea. She was photographed at the Cheshire Home, Port Moresby, where she opened a new wing in memory of Solo Tongia, a Papua New Guinean doctor and community worker who died last year. — Ekar Keapu picture.

the Commonwealth — of which we are, and will continue to be, a member. We will continue to show Queen Elizabeth our respect and affection, and will welcome her and her family with our traditional hospitality. But that is a different thing from actually vesting the executive power in the Queen as our head of state."

The commission's recommendation for a president provides for greater effective power than that which is at present vested in the Governor-General. The appointment should be made by parliament, the report says. The recommendation also suggests the establishment of a PNG system of honors to replace the present Imperial system. Parliament has yet to debate the report.

From the ISLANDS PRESS



From The Fiji Times, Suva

A heading — Village crime groups urged.

From an editorial in Voice of Vanuatu, Port-Vila

Smart, Britain and France. This week's jail break showed up yet another example of the incompetent way you organised your New Hebrides. Former colonial masters didn't leave one secure jail in the land . . .

From a letter in Te Uekeraa, Tarawa, Kiribati, written by Ruka Betero and Ritita Arawatau, Makin Island, protesting against nuclear tests

. . . Even though little constructive or effective measures could be taken by our country, we hereby add more noise to the growing uproar.

From an article by Akio Heine in the Marshall Islands Journal on indigenous languages in the Pacific

. . . Unfortunately, when you talk in Marshallese without peppering your conversation with some big English words, you are seen as unimportant, a down to earth kind of a guy and even simple minded. Sometimes, you are seen as just a copra maker or what is known locally as "no school."

From the Pitcairn Miscellany, Pitcairn Island

Would you believe it? That 689 Pitcairn Island T-shirts arrived on Wednesday 16th and were all sold by Thursday 17th. Those Pitcairners sure wear a lot of T-shirts.

From an editorial in the Solomon Star, Honiara, on the Westminster system of government

. . . no political party has enough good men to form an effective government. Some are young, some are too inexperienced, some are corrupt. They come to be Ministers not because they are the best men for the job, but because they promise their vote to one of the party leaders. It is time to stop this. We do not need political parties; we need good men. There are good men in all three parties, and among the independents. It is the duty of these men to stop their party squabbling and form a government of national unity to save Solomon Islands from the mess the Westminster system has got us into.

From Tohi Tala Niue, regarding the reorganisation of the post office and the location of the letter boxes

The little room where the boxes are kept is not to be used for consuming of food or as a toilet facility. I know some of you would find it convenient for other purposes. Please do not urinate in that little room.

From the Marshall Islands Journal

Senator Katip Mack, the law and order senator from nearby Arno, used body language at Nitijela today to illustrate how he feels and wound up in jail for asserting his feelings too graphically. Mack, the judiciary and governmental affairs committee chairman, was arrested at the Nitijela building for busting windows. Mack not noted for diplomatic negotiations on the Nitijela floor, broke four glass windows and one door by throwing rocks at them.

From The Reporter, Papua New Guinea

Reward offered. A reward of K100 will be offered for the recovery of various items which fell out a hole in my sittingroom window while I was away in Port Moresby recently. These items include a Luxman cassette deck, a pair of EPI

speakers, a Pentax SP1000, a portable Sanyo radio/cassette player, a radio/clock, a black palm bow, four arrows and \$20. **From Uni Tavor, produced by journalism students of the University of Papua New Guinea**

The number of plates in the UPNG mess has decreased from over 1300 to about 300 after 1008 new plates were issued six weeks ago. "I think there are some well-equipped villages around," said catering manager Mr Richard Cullen. The plates, each worth K1.64, were issued along with 1200 cups. Only one tray of cups is left. Mr Cullen said, "We only have 40 pudding plates now, inadequate to provide pudding for everyone. Some people have starting buying their own plates."

From Tohi Tala Niue, Niue Island

A Japanese, British, New Zealand production of the film "Merry Christmas Mr Lawrence" which is currently being shot in the Cook Islands require 500 skinny white men to play the part as prisoners for 40 dollars a day, but Rarotonga hasn't got that many skinny white men, so 150 men are to be airlifted from Auckland. This is not enough so according to Cook Islands News 500 skinny white women are now sought to act. The news was released in New Zealand, the man who recruited 150 skinny white men has been placed with calls from skinny white women wanting parts. He has protested that all the calls are hurting his business and wants it to stop.

From the Marianas Variety News & Views, in an article reporting on the policy that passengers have priority over mail on Air Micronesia

Complaints that Yap and Palau have not received any mail for 14 days because Air Micronesia flights are booked solid with passengers, have been filed with the airline.

From a letter by Viliame Dau, of Labasa, in The Fiji Times, Suva

As an educated Fijian, I found the Prime Minister's outburst about cannibals and clubbing utterly baffling. There is nothing really to be upset about. In fact, most Fijians are quite proud of our cannibal history and joke about it to visitors. Our tourist brochures successfully use it as a drawcard in selling the country overseas. . .

From the Papua New Guinea Post-Courier, Port Moresby

The member for Namatanai and former Prime Minister, Sir Julius Chan, says the National Broadcasting Commission is giving too much prominence to politicians who were defeated in the June elections. In calling on Radio New Ireland not to give airplay to defeated candidates, Sir Julius said: "Defeated candidates are not spokesmen for the people; they do not represent any legal group and they speak without authority."

From an editorial in The Fiji Times on the aftermath of the July general elections

. . . The next few weeks and months are going to be testing times, not only for the Opposition but for parliamentary democracy. The present session of the House has generated so chilly an atmosphere that one could cut it with a knife. The resurgence of racial politics is beginning to cast an ugly shadow over the land. In a secular state like ours, it is absolutely essential to have a strong Government and an equally strong Opposition.

What U.S. lawyer Dick Gerry thinks about the U.S. negotiations with the Marshall Islands, as reported in the Marshall Islands Journal, Majuro

"They are negotiating the same way Custer negotiated with the Indians — as unequal inferiors instead of a sovereign nation," Gerry said.

From an article on Graphology in Te Uekeraa, Tarawa, Kiribati

Sexual traits are also revealed by handwriting. It can, according to Patricia Marne, suggest a lack of interest in sex, possibly frigidity or impotence; or it can suggest a tendency to boast. Male and female homosexuals write differently from heterosexuals.



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Special deal for Island members from regional Commonwealth

This year's Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (CHOGRM) was held in Fiji where the New Zealand Prime Minister, Robert Muldoon, questioned the value of the occasion. CHOGRM cost an estimated \$800,000 and Mr Muldoon wasted no time in making an assessment of value for money. "There's just not enough to talk about" he huffed, although for his own part he apparently found plenty to talk about — mainly concerning the worsening world economy and how the trend could be reversed.

Solomon Mamaloni, Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, also projected a dim view of the proceedings. They were boring, he said, and were not likely to produce anything of value. But despite these attitudes Australia and some of the Asian nations expressed confidence in the role of CHOGRM and attached importance to what was discussed.

A big part of CHOGRM's time was spent on matters concerning the Island countries of the Pacific. The outcome could mean a broadening range of benefits for the Island countries involved in the talks. In particular this could mean closer relationships and more fruitful dealings between Commonwealth Pacific Island countries on the one hand and Commonwealth Southeast Asia countries on the other.

The meeting ended with a promise of \$1.5 million from Australia and \$50,000 from Fiji to establish a fund which will aid research into energy, trade, agriculture and industry in the Island countries. Following a decision at the Suva CHOGRM, the Commonwealth Secretary-General Shridath Ramphal will co-opt an advisory committee to examine the resources in the 200-mile economic zones being declared off the shores of many of the countries. There are 17 countries in the CHOGRM group, and

Heads of government from Commonwealth countries in the Pacific and Indian Oceans held their regional conference (CHOGRM) in Fiji in October. ROBERT KEITH-REID writes from Suva that some differences of opinion were apparent about the value of the talks. But he adds there was no doubt that general agreement existed to give special recognition to the Pacific Island countries of the Commonwealth.

the move will be to assist their utilisation of the fisheries, minerals and other resources in the economic zones.

The Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, said that Australia strongly supported the CHOGRM concept because of the major role that the Island countries had to play. This was in the overall interest of the entire region, he said. Mr Fraser was speaking at the opening ceremony in the grounds of Government House where the visiting leaders were welcomed by Fijian chiefs and traditional ceremony.

The Fijian government allocated \$425,000 for the conference and received a further \$300,000 from Australia in special aid. The government took over two adjoining hotels for the occasion, and sealed them off from the city. They were the Travelodge where the delegates stayed, and the Grand Pacific

where the conference was held. Security was boosted by a special adviser from the Victoria Police in Melbourne and by an Australian anti-bomb squad.

At a concluding press confer-

ence the Fiji Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, said the conference had been valuable because of the new links which it had established between the Pacific Island leaders and their Asian counterparts. It had also put into motion planning for the development of energy schemes, agriculture, trade and industry.

Australia confirmed an earlier offer to finance the establishment of a small nations joint diplomatic mission in New York so that small countries could afford to be represented at United Nations meetings. Among Pacific Island countries the offer was accepted in principle by Solomon Islands,



A traditional Fijian ceremony at Government House, Suva, welcomes government leaders to Fiji for CHOGRM. All eyes are on Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore, as he tips his cup of yagona to show that it is empty. Watching him, left to right, are Prince Fatafehi Tuipulehake, Tonga Prime Minister; Uz Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, Maldives President; Rabble Namaliu, Papua New Guinea Foreign Minister. — Anne Livingston picture for *The Fiji Times*.

Nauru and Vanuatu. Interest in the proposal is also expected to be shown by Tuvalu and Kiribati.

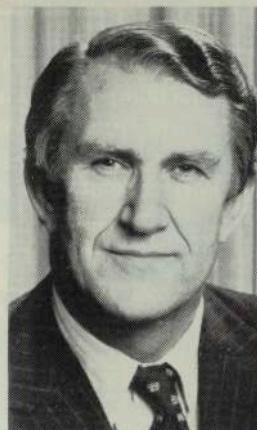
Intense interest in the development of the Pacific Island countries within the Commonwealth was shown by the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohammad. He said that the full Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting (CHOGM) in Melbourne last year had been too big and unwieldy to achieve much, but the regional nature of the Suva CHOGM made it valuable to the Pacific people. On an earlier visit to Suva he had emphasised that Malaysia was strengthening its links with the Third World, including the Pacific Island countries, rather than with Europe and USA.

He said that the variety of countries at the meeting, ranging from giant India to minute Tuvalu, presented a real chal-

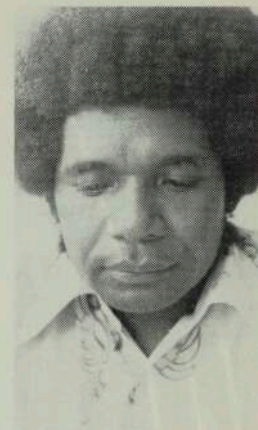
lenge to the powers of economic and functional co-operation.

As a result of the conference, India may help some of the Pacific Island countries to develop small-scale energy schemes based on water power, solar power and woodgasification. Other help from India may be applied to food production and fish farming.

Karl Stack, Minister for Commerce and Industry in Papua New Guinea, chaired a working group on industry. His group reported to the conference that there were more than 80 industries which could be successfully established in Pacific Island CHOGM states. The total investment involved would be about \$10 million, about 2000 jobs would be made available and the industries had a good potential. The Stack committee reported that PNG had already begun tests with solar power, salt-making and cane furniture production;



Malcolm Fraser, Australia: Support for the CHOGM concept.



Solomon Mamaloni, Solomon Islands: The CHOGM sessions were boring.

CHOGM decisions

The formal agenda at the Suva CHOGM was split into three main headings: World and regional political trends, international economic issues, and regional functional and economic co-operation.

Much of the discussion had a specific Pacific orientation, and Islands leaders secured prominent inclusion in the final communique which made reference to decolonisation, nuclear weapons testing, a zone free of nuclear weapons and the Law of the Sea Convention.

The communique which was put out by the leaders at the end of the talks was remarkable for what it didn't touch on, rather than for its stated contents. Hidden among many of the international issues were matters which perhaps most worry the Forum states.

Major items touched on by the communique were the Middle East situation, international disarmament, South Africa, Namibia, Kampuchea, Afghanistan, great power rivalries, trade barriers, and the world economy in general.

One of the clauses from the communique was "Heads of Government agreed that the South Pacific was an area of great economic and strategic importance, and they endorsed the concern expressed for the security of the area.

"They agreed that an intrusion of great power rivalry in the South Pacific would introduce a new and undesirable element of instability."

The communique also stated that all peoples of the South Pacific were entitled to independence, and it welcomed reforms being introduced in New Caledonia by France. The communique said it was hoped these reforms would "assist the Kanaks of New Caledonia in their efforts towards a smooth and speedy transition to independence".

The communique condemned French nuclear tests in the Pacific, and called on all countries in the zone not to store or dump nuclear wastes.

The communique also contained an effective reprimand for the United States over failure to sign the Law of the Sea Convention. The communique said the convention was of special significance to the countries of the region, and the U.S. attitude was deeply deplored. It was felt that the convention was worthless unless all countries supported it, and the communique urged all countries to give their signed support and to proceed without delay to the ratification process.



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Vanuatu was considering opening a tannery a sawmill and a coconut oil expressing mill, Kiribati was considering the production of coconut oil, soap and exercise books, and the fabrication of sheet metal products; and Western Samoa was considering the establishment of a tannery. Mr Stack said that one of the practical advantages in the new industrial movement was the opportunity for economic and technical co-operation between the developing countries of the region. They were reaching out together at a time when each could help the others, he said.

Under instructions from the conference, the Stack committee will continue with its inquiries and practical recommendations. It may also consider schemes for publishing investment brochures on behalf of specific countries, for transfers of technology between countries, for promoting standards of packaging and quality control, and co-operation with United Nations to promote investment in industry.

Eight prominent industrialists and bankers accompanied the Malaysian delegation at the talks, and they carried out a survey of Fiji's potential for attracting investment. The leader of the Malaysian commercial group, Mohammed Hashim Shamsudin, who is director of the Bank of Bhumpiputra, said that possibilities for a number of joint ventures had been found. The Malaysian interests are examining proposals involving the production of ginger, melons, orchids, and palm oil, and also the possibilities of the hotel industry, agricultural estates and prawn and lobster culture.

The situation of the Soviet Union in relation to Pacific affairs was raised by newsmen at the conference with some of the leaders. Earlier the Fiji Prime Minister, Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, had claimed that there had been Soviet influences in the July general election in Fiji.

At a CHOGRM press conference the Australian Prime Minister, Malcolm Fraser, was asked if, in view of Ratu Mara's claims, he considered the Soviet Union was a threat to Pacific security. Mr Fraser said it was



PNG Industry Minister Stack: No stranger to industry studies. Here he inspects an oil rig in Australia during an earlier stint as PNG Minerals Minister.

apparent there was "nervousness" about what the Soviet Union might do. He said that some African countries had accepted Soviet aid, but because of the strings attached they had subsequently wished they could relinquish the arrangement.

He said that most countries wanted aid without strings — which was how Australia and New Zealand aid was given — and he believed that this was a far more satisfactory arrangement.

Subsequently the Fiji Foreign Minister, Mosese Qionibaravi, told the local press that he believed the Soviet was "a real threat to the Pacific". He believed the Soviet Union was anxious to establish a Pacific base to match existing America involvement. The effects of this thinking were a very real in the Pacific, he said.

NEW CALEDONIA

Unionists meet SLN cuts with "lock-in"

HELEN FRASER reports from Noumea on a recent "lock-in" of nickel company management by angry unionists, problems for New Caledonia's tourist and aviation industries — and the arrival of a new High Commissioner from Paris.

Tensions in New Caledonia's troubled nickel plant, SLN, came to a head on October 19 when several hundred angry unionists held general manager Jean Lanchon and three others hostage for 12 hours. The unionists were demanding the right to be included in decision-making on austerity measures the company is taking to meet the effects of the slump in nickel demand.

SLN, which is 70 per cent French Government-owned, has a current deficit of around \$400 million. The management, which is reducing production by 40 per cent, had proposed the closing of two of New Caledonia's four mines and laying off 800 of their 3000-odd employees.

The result of the action taken by the unionists led by the secretary of SOENC (Union of New Caledonian Workers), Gaston Hmeun, was that they were to be permitted to participate in weekly meetings with management over the company's future.

The union has proposed that instead of laying off workers, all SLN employees, including management and white-collar workers, should accept pay for a 30-hour week as opposed to the present 37½-hour week. In addition the SLN management agreed that there would be no hiring or firing of staff until a meeting of all parties concerned had taken place on November 19.

The Australian Seamen's Union also became involved in SLN troubles when they held up one of the company's ships, *Nickel 1*, at Newcastle, Australia. The boat was released after three weeks when the seamen were satisfied that their fellow seamen

in the SLN were not sacked as part of the austerity measures.

The company has three crews of 24 each for their two ships and had proposed that only one ship remain in use and that crew numbers be reduced by more than half. The Australian boycott cost the company \$10,000 per day since it had to use crude oil instead of Newcastle coal to run its plant.

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New Caledonia's minister for tourism, Stanley Camerlynck, returned from talks in Paris with French aviation officials, "pessimistic" about the chances of



Stanley Camerlynck

opening Melbourne-Noumea and Brisbane-Noumea flights before April, 1983. This could be a blow to the New Caledonian tourist industry as 250 new hotel beds are planned to be completed by this date, and new flights are necessary to encourage tourists to fill them.

Mr Camerlynck said he was



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depressed and frustrated with the Paris talks. Australian aviation officials have already given their agreement to the new routes, but French officials had still not given a reply despite having received the relevant documents months before. Tourism is New Caledonia's second biggest industry after nickel, with Australians making up 30 per cent of the 10,000 visitors each year.

Another topic for discussion between Mr Camerlynck and French officials in Paris was the possibility of a regional airline based in New Caledonia. As a French territory, New Caledonia has to receive approval from Paris for such a company. Paris has agreed to its establishment on condition it takes over the Noumea-Wallis service. At present UTA loses nearly \$1 million a year on the route, and Mr Camerlynck said that there is no possibility that New Caledonia will accept the responsibility.

The islands of Wallis and Futuna are French dependencies with large populations resident in New Caledonia.

Mr Camerlynck said the only way to solve the problem is for New Caledonia to become more autonomous and gain the power to create a regional airline company without intervention from Paris.

On top of all this, New Caledonia's domestic airline, Air Calédonie, has run into problems over a 30 per cent fare rise. Supporters of the Independence Front and the Palika party on the Loyalty Islands (east of the main island) blocked runways at Lifou on October 31 and at Mare on November 11. The protestors say that the rise will cause further hardship to the Kanak inhabitants of the islands, most of whom are unemployed. The government council, which had approved the rise, then reviewed the situation and decided on an immediate 18 per cent rise to be followed by a further rise of 15 per cent in March. This was not acceptable and the runway at Lifou was blocked again on November 6 as protestors demanded that the increase be restricted to 15 per cent for one year. Government Council and Territorial Assembly politicians, together with Air Calédonie officials, held a public

meeting in Lifou and the blockade was called off.

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France's High Commissioner to New Caledonia of 11 months, Christian Nucci, bade a tearful farewell to the territory on October 22, with his replacement, Jacques Roynette, 46, arriving two days later.

Mr Nucci, a senior French Socialist Party politician, was sent to New Caledonia to help the implementation of the French program of economic and social reform. Mr Roynette, also a socialist, is a former high school teacher and has been active in French local politics since 1971. He said that his top priorities during his indefinite stay in New Caledonia will be dealing with the nickel crisis, continuing with the reforms and working on a revision of the statute which governs New Caledonia.

Mr Roynette was greeted at Noumea's Magenta Airport by several dozen demonstrators from the newly formed Front

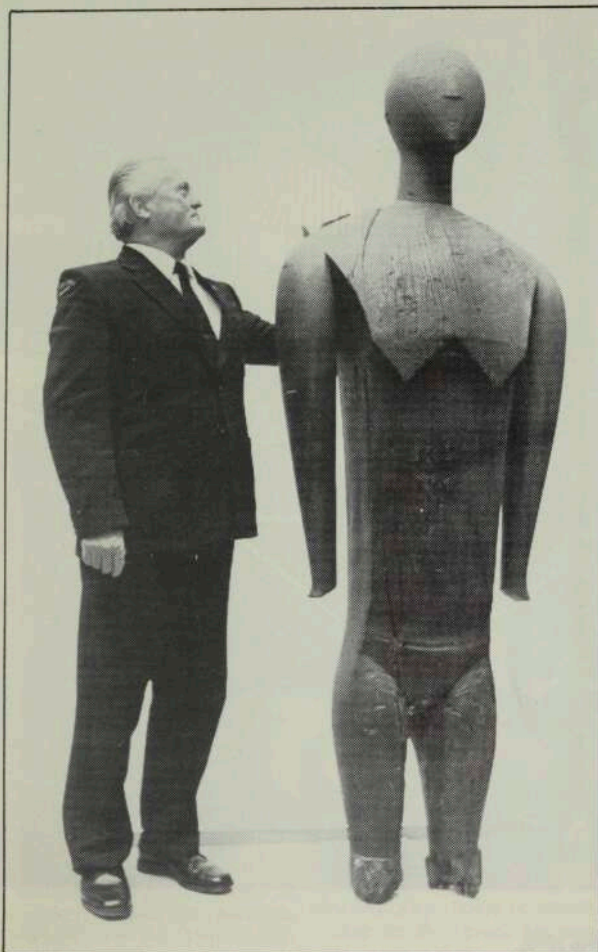


Christian Nucci

Calédonien. Led by Republican (RCPR) Party member of the Territorial Assembly, Justin Guillemard, the demonstrators carried banners demanding new elections for the assembly and equality for all races. The banners also said "No to Kanak socialist independence." Mr Guillemard said his new group, which is now a political party, will concentrate on mobilising people for large public rallies.



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Carolines carving's worth \$5m

A carving in the Auckland Institute and Museum which lay forgotten for nearly 40 years in a storeroom is now valued at \$5 million.

The carving, known as Kave de Hine Ali'gi, was brought to Auckland in about 1875 from Nukuoro in the Caroline Islands.

The assistant director and ethnologist, David Simmons, said the carving was put in storage about 1930, then rediscovered in 1968 and placed in the Hall of the Pacific.

He believed the carving, which represents an important goddess, was taken off display because of deterioration in her feet from weakness of sappy wood and borer infestation.

"When techniques became available for treating her, a special iron bath was made in the courtyard and she stayed in an epoxy mixture for two years," he said.

In the late 1960s a Japanese delegation offered three million pounds to borrow Kave for display at the coming Expo.

"We thought the risk was too great so we did not let her go."

The museum director, Stuart Park, said: "There is nothing

wrong with the idea that she was in storage.

"What is wrong is that for a long time it was not known that she was here. She has importance for world culture."

He said the Nukuoro people who were matrilineal sold carvings of their gods in the 1870s after they became disenchanted with them.

"She is the biggest and the most important of the figures."

Mr Park said he thought there could have been an element of coyness in putting her into storage.

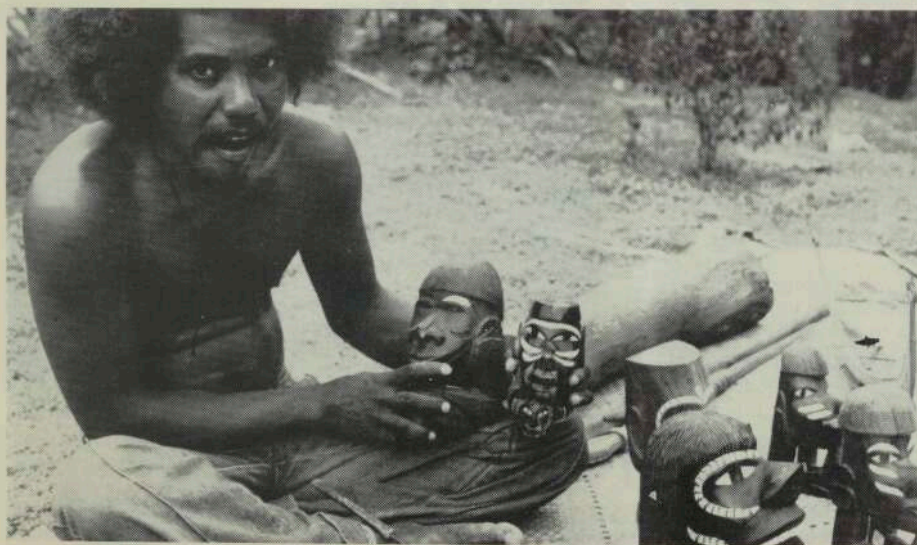
"I wonder because she is so explicit in her sexuality. Other explicit carvings used to have little skirts placed on them."

The carving was recently formally valued by the museum when its council decided to take out insurance cover for the museum's contents, which are valued at \$51 million.

Mr Park said the museum had decided to place monetary value on its artefacts — although it did not naturally think in these terms — as a way of making people responsible for their safeguarding and to make the public aware of their worth.

Many of the artefacts in the museum — including Kave, the Kaitaia carving (valued at \$2 million), the Pataka boards (\$5 million), the Maori canoe and meeting house and the Japanese Zero fighter plane — were irreplaceable and priceless.

Some items were only one of a kind at the time they were fashioned, such as the Kaitaia carving, which is a Maori work strongly influenced by the traditions of the Marquesas and Austral Islands, which had survived



Graham Taylor, Auckland Institute and Museum attendant, with Kave de Hine Ali'gi, retired goddess. The wooden carving from the Caroline Islands is well over 100 years old and today is valued at \$5 million. And while old carvings become rare because of the decline of the cultural elements which sponsored them, there's new interest in modern carving based on traditional forms. At left Solomon Islander Charlie Lamondy Pinau carves *gnuzu-gnuzu* figurines as part of an export drive. (See Tradewinds, this issue).



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intact while similar items had not, like the Zero.

Although it was ironic the museum should be required to place a monetary value on unique artefacts there was a need for a way of gauging the level of risk when collections went on loan.

Insurance was more valuable as a means of providing for repair or restoration.

"People tend to think in monetary terms, but the value of these things is a cultural one — scientific, historic and aesthetic," Mr Simmonds said.

"Since they are not for sale they do not, strictly speaking, have a monetary value — unless someone pinches them. For that reason the museum has allocated an extra \$20,000 this year to upgrade security." — *New Zealand Herald*.

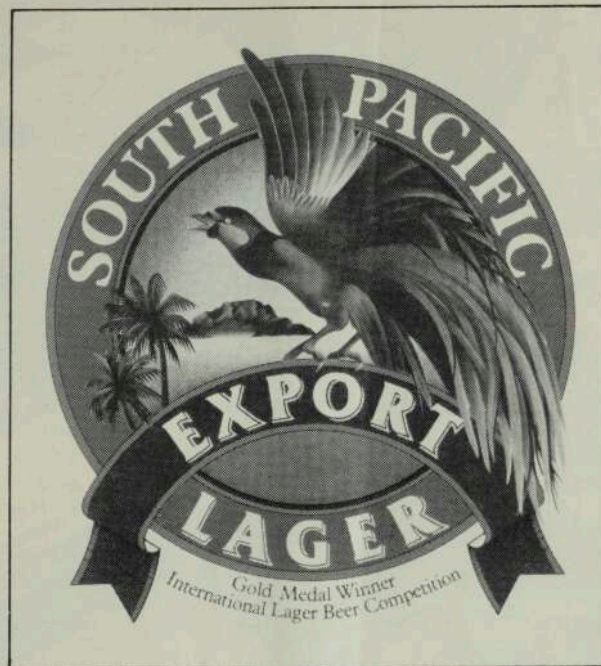
TAFEA's big '82 show

DAVID KOUKARI of Tanna, Vanuatu, reports on what is becoming one of the biggest events in the life of the island — the annual TAFEA Agricultural Show.

After weeks of rain, brilliant sunshine drew a large crowd to Lenakel, Tanna, in southern Vanuatu, for the 15th annual Agricultural Show of TAFEA — the five southern islands of Tanna, Anatom, Futuna, Erromango, and Aniwa. Among the special guests were the Prime Minister, Father Walter Lini, and Mrs Lini, High Chief Willie Bongmatur, the Australian High Commissioner and other dignitaries.

Each year since 1967 the TAFEA Show has been held in August, the month for harvesting. The first show was organised by local British and French agricultural officers. It must be admitted that at the start it really meant nothing to TAFEA's subsistence farmers.

The 1967 TAFEA Show was largely unnoticed. But the organisers persisted, and each year more and more farmers began to see its value. Gradually, increasing numbers of subsistence farmers began to grow different kinds of vegetables and crops to sell, and began to pay more



attention to the quality of their livestock. Today, the Agricultural Show is an important date in the people's calendar. It is a time when proud farmers can display the fruits of their labor, and perhaps win the \$30 first prize for the best English cabbage, or the best yam, onion or lettuce.

For the first time, the show this year was held over two days, a reflection of the attempts by man-TAFEA to make their new country economically independent.

More than ever, the islands' farmers understand the need to produce good crops and vegetables, and to develop their land wisely. Now it is more than earning a living. Now it is a case of feeding ni-Vanuatu in places like Port-Vila, and of gaining export earnings for our young country.

The 1982 TAFEA Show was more, however, than just an agricultural show. There were impressive displays of art and craft work from French-speaking and English-speaking schools. This was to show the people of TAFEA how the standard of education in our islands has improved, and to encourage people to send their children to school.

There were carvings from the islands' skilled craftsmen, intricately woven mats and baskets,

The Papua New Guinea bird of paradise has been given yet another role. This time it is on a newly-designed beer label in connection with an export drive to sell beer brewed in Port Moresby to a number of Pacific countries. South Pacific Brewery has already launched the beer in Hawaii, and more recently in Australia. A bird of paradise emblem was used for many years on a brand of tobacco sold in PNG, the bird appears on the PNG flag and national emblem, and it is also the emblem of the PNG national airline, Air Niugini.

shell jewellery and traditional and modern dresses. There was a traditional custom dance and a modern string-band competition. And there were floats, encouraging both the old and the young to pay more attention to their own culture and environment, encouraging the people of TAFEA to use their own skills to help develop their country.

If the first day of the show was a contest between yams and cabbages, the second was a contest between politicians.

The day began on a festive note, with the string-band competition and a female tug-of-war. Then, at mid-morning, a procession of cars and trucks carrying excited Vanuaaku Pati supporters

wound its way through the show crowds. On the first truck was a smiling Barak Sope, secretary-general of the Vanuaaku Pati, fresh from his by-election win in Vila the day before.

From the back of an open truck in the centre of the showgrounds, speaker after speaker used a noisy, and at times cranky, loudspeaker to turn the show into a political rally for the Tanna by-election which was only a week away.

Barak Sope was repeatedly interrupted by applause as he outlined the achievements of the Vanuaaku Pati Government. His reference to new development projects for Tanna, and more access to the New Zealand market, drew a warm response. But it was his statement that the government would honor its 1979 election promise to provide a system of free education before the end of 1983 that gained the warmest applause.

Only metres away, a hastily-organised opposition rally competed with loudspeakers for the crowd's attention. Tempers flared as speakers tried to outblast their opponents and the "Moderate" candidate shouted that the Vanuaaku Pati had turned the Agricultural Show into a political sideshow.

Given the reasons for the by-election (the fatal shooting in June 1980 of an opposition M.P.) the confrontation might have become serious. But the parting gesture of the candidates, as they shook hands, displayed the underlying co-operative spirit of the TAFEA Show.

The TAFEA Agricultural show is each year attracting more tourists, not least because it is held on an island which boasts the famous "Yasur" Volcano, wild horses, white beaches, blue sea and brilliant sunshine. Come and see for yourself. I think you will have more pleasure on TAFEA island than on any other island in the Pacific. — *David Koukari*.

Not spooky, just a heart attack . . .

The head of Suva's Colonial War Memorial Hospital, Dr Ken Lal, has quashed speculation that a



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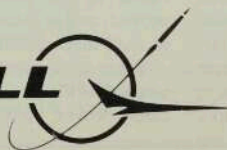
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man who died while taking part in a spear dance for the Queen at Bau island late in October was a sacrifice (*madrali*) for the recent resiting of the chiefly burial ground on the island.

He said the post-mortem on the man clearly showed that he died of a heart attack and not of any supernatural cause, as rumored.

The dead man, Livai Ikarokodo, a farmer of Navatu in Cakaudrove, collapsed while performing the dance for the Queen on October 31.

He was rushed by helicopter to Bau landing and taken from there to the hospital in an ambulance but was dead on arrival.

"Spear dancing is a strenuous exercise and at the age of 62, taking part in such activity could be dangerous," Dr Lal said.

Remains of old Bau chiefs were moved to a new burial place when renovations were made because of the Queen's visit and a subsequent meeting of the Great Council of Chiefs.

Towards the '84 arts festival

The Council of Pacific Arts meeting, held at South Pacific Commission headquarters, Noumea, from September 15 to 17, was officially opened by the vice-president of the Governing Council of New Caledonia, M Jean-Marie Tjibaou. M Rock Wamytan of New Caledonia chaired the meeting, and the Venerable Archdeacon Kingi Ihaka of New Zealand was vice-chairman.

First item on the agenda was the proposed draft constitution for the council. There were no changes effected to the status of the council, although the basic draft constitution, together with appropriate comments, will be circulated to member countries by the SPC Secretariat. The matter will be discussed further at the next meeting of the council.

For all future festivals, the host country will be responsible for producing an anthem for that particular festival. In the case of the 1984 festival the organising committee will consider anthems submitted by Fiji, French Polynesia, Marshall Islands, Palau

and Papua New Guinea, along with any anthem which they may produce themselves. The host country, New Caledonia, will also decide who is to produce the official film of the 1984 Festival.

After the report by the organising committee of the Fourth Festival of Pacific Arts had been discussed and highly commended, proposals for the organisation of the festival were examined by the meeting. The suggested subtitle of the Fourth Festival was altered from "Pacific My New Home" to "Our Pacific Home," and six areas for discussion proposed by the committee were outlined:

- (1) The festival is focused on the cultures of the natives of this region.
- (2) The festival fits in with today's reality and therefore we must examine the cultural problems we are faced with in our society today.
- (3) New data.
- (4) The dominating place of our knowledge and traditional values.
- (5) The heart of the festival: our artistic tradition.
- (6) The theme of the festival, "Pacific 2000."

The council considered a request from the South Pacific People's Foundation of Canada (SPPFC), for the Vancouver and Charlotte Islands' Indians to participate in the Fourth Festival. After lengthy discussion, the request was turned down and it was agreed that participation in the festival would be restricted to member countries of the council only.

The Council of Pacific Arts will not meet in 1983 unless the organising committee feels that a meeting is necessary for the organisation of the Fourth Festival. The Fourth Festival of Pacific Arts is scheduled to be held in New Caledonia in 1984.

230,000 in maths competition

Anne Kreag, a young American student at the Tonga High School, was among the 18 Wales medallists who gained top marks in the 1982 Australian Mathematics Competition.

Apart from one New Zealand

der, the rest of the medals went to Australian students.

The competition, which is sponsored by the Canberra College of Advanced Education, the Bank of New South Wales and the Canberra Mathematical Association, attracted 230,000 entries from more than 2100 secondary schools in Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific region.

Of other prizes to non-Australians, awarded in junior, intermediate and senior divisions, New Zealand won a total of 46, Fiji 19, French Polynesia 13, Papua New Guinea nine, Western Samoa seven, Tonga five, Vanuatu two, and Solomon Islands, New Caledonia, Kiribati and Tokelau one each.

40th anniversary of Guinea Gold

November 19, 1982, marked the 40th anniversary of the founding of *Guinea Gold*, the Allied fighting man's newspaper in the Southwest Pacific in World War II.

Writing in the Australian newspaper *The Weekend Australian* on the occasion, the last editor of *Guinea Gold*, Horace Chisholm, recalled the problems and satisfactions of working on the four-page paper.

Produced in Australian and American editions, *Guinea Gold*, when it ceased appearing on June 30, 1946, had a record of 1320 days of unbroken publication.

Mr Chisholm describes the origins of the paper in the mind of Melbourne *Herald* war correspondent R. B. Leonard, who was "appalled at the news starvation of the troops in the southwest Pacific — all they could depend on were a few radio sets."

Mr Leonard put his idea for a newspaper to General Sir Thomas Blamey of the Australian army, who replied: "If you think it can be done, you had better do it yourself."

But Blamey immediately elevated Leonard to the rank of major, solely responsible to him, and gave the new-born paper transport priority after ammunition but equal with rations. He also named the paper *Guinea*

Gold, a polite echo of the term "GG", or "Good Guts", a slang expression for "the truth", or "accurate information" among the troops.

Chisholm ends his account of the three-and-half-year life of *Guinea Gold* with these words:

"At its peak it had been read by 800,000 men: by Australians, Americans and New Zealanders. It had been read by white men, black men, brown men, red men and yellow men."

"Sir Thomas Blamey had been asked for a final message. It began: 'The ending of the career of *Guinea Gold* is, to me, something like the passing out of a very favorite pet'."



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ESCAP acts on pesticide perils

The United Nations' Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific has announced that a special training program is being organised for the South Pacific region in relation to the safe handling and efficient use of agro-pesticides.

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Former publisher and editor of PIM **Stuart Inder** was in Pago Pago in October for the 22nd South Pacific Conference in his present capacity as South Pacific affairs writer for the Sydney, Australia, magazine *The Bulletin*.

As a veteran attendee at the annual conferences of the South Pacific Commission, he writes here on some of the personalities who were in Pago for the occasion. (He also took the pictures of the people he mentions.)

A feature of the 22nd South Pacific Conference in Pago Pago in October was the number of high-ranking visitors who turned up, and the great variety of other guests and observers. I can't recall a conference with such an array of participants.

The roll-up was largely through the organisation of American Samoa's Governor **Peter Tali Coleman**, an islander himself, who initiated the idea of attracting international businessmen with interests in the islands as "sponsors", and invited them to submit papers and take part in discussions on the "Pacific 2000".

Governor Coleman was determined to show these sponsors that the Pacific truly was a *partnership*, which was the theme of the conference, and he used his personal influence to get as many leaders as he could to show the flag.

Many were able to stay only a day or two for the opening cere-



In Pago Pago for the conference: **Robert Rex**, Niue Prime Minister; **King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV**, Tonga; **Malietao Tanumafili II**, Western Samoa Head of State; **Sir Thomas Davis**, Cook Islands Prime Minister.

monies, but they made an impressive group — dominated by Tonga's King **Taufa'ahau Tupou IV**, looking very relaxed in the usual outsized chair provided for him.

Making a rare visit was Western Samoa's Head of State, His Highness **Malietao Tanumafili II**, but Western Samoa's prime minister didn't attend — the current political situation there being in a pretty fluid state.

Fiji Prime Minister **Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara** chartered a plane to make it to the opening

ceremonies: it was the only way he could arrange his schedule so that he could be on hand in Fiji the following week to greet Queen **Elizabeth II** on her Royal tour.

President **Hammer DeRoburt**, of Nauru, was one of those who arrived at the last minute, because he had just farewelled the Queen on her first visit to the small republic.

Other prime ministers present were **Sir Thomas Davis**, of the Cook Islands, and **Robert Rex** of Niue. Deputy Prime Minister **Duncan MacIntyre** represented New Zealand, but Australia was represented by the Minister for Defence Support, **Ian Viner**. Lord **Belstead**, Minister of State for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, led the UK delegation.

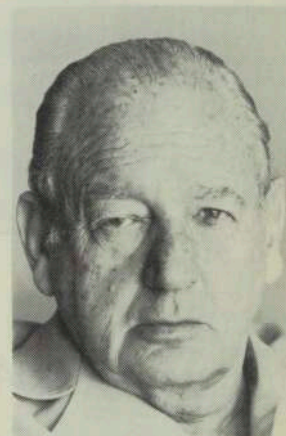
There was a large contingent from the US Micronesian states, Northern Marianas being represented by Governor **Pedro Tenorio**. There was an even larger contingent representing the US State Department and the Department of Interior, and there was a number of US Senators.

Fred M. Zeder, President **Reagan's** Personal Representative to the Micronesian Status Negotiations, stayed for most of the conference.

Governor Coleman invited former secretaries-general of the SPC as guests for the opening ceremonies, and two who arrived to renew old friendships were **Fred Betham**, of Western Samoa (in office from 1971 to

1975), and **Dr Macu Salato**, of Fiji (1975 to 1979). — *Stuart Inder*.

Papua New Guinea's largest advertising agency, **Gordon Sioni Pacific**, has appointed a new chairman of directors.



Joe Joel

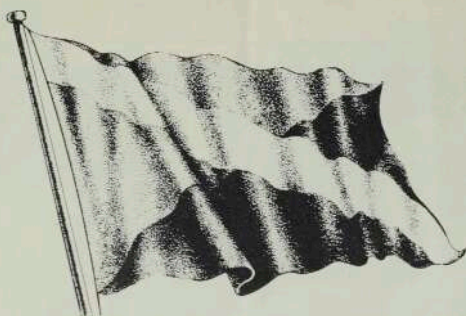
He is **Joe Joel**, a well-known public relations consultant now based in Sydney, Australia. Two senior Papua New Guinean executives of the agency have also been appointed to the board of directors. They are **Willie Stevens**, associate creative director, and **Angelyne Tukana**, media director.

The agency's founder, **Chris Gordon**, continues as managing director and chief executive.

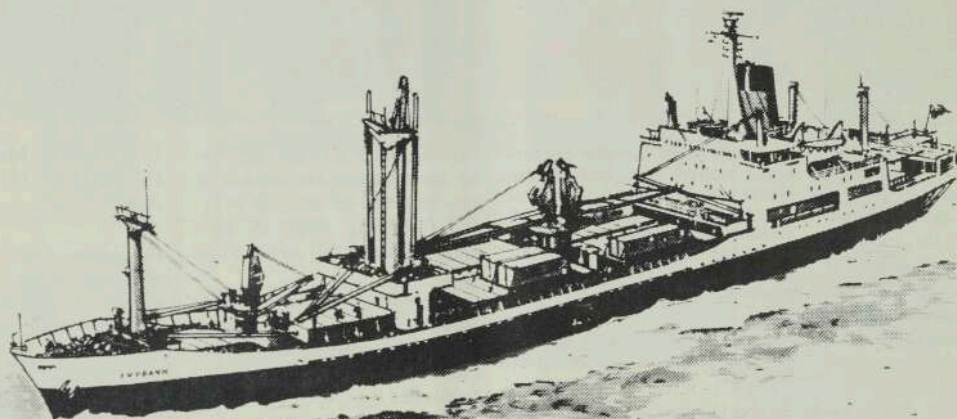
Solomon Islands' new roving ambassador is **Francis Saemala**,



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Emma Randall of the Purple Onion Lounge, a nightspot in Pago Pago, American Samoa. "You need Emma NOW" was her election slogan nailed to coconut palms during recent campaigning for the House of Representatives.

who will double as secretary for foreign affairs and trade.

Mr Saemala succeeds **Francis Bugotu**, who is the new secretary-general of the South Pacific Commission.

Mr Saemala served for several years as special secretary to former prime minister of the Solomons, Sir **Peter Kenilorea**, who now leads the parliamentary opposition.

Mr Saemala's first major assignment was to lead the Solomons delegation to the 37th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

Rory Scott has been appointed one of three new vice-presidents for the Asia/Pacific region of the Hongkong-based Asian Holiday Inn chain. He will have responsibility for franchise relations.

Mr Scott was formerly the chain's director of marketing and sales for the Asia/Pacific region, a position he held for four years.

Before that, he was director of the Office of Tourism of Papua New Guinea, and previously worked for 11 years for the government of Fiji, as district officer and later as general manager of the Fiji Visitors Bureau.

Mr Scott's new position as

regional vice-president for franchise relations marks the establishment of a new function within the chain, and reflects its rapid growth — by the end of this year, according to a press release, it will comprise 21 hotels.



Rory Scott



Pago Pago's "own" Queen Emma is **Emma Randall**, owner of the Purple Onion Lounge nightspot, and widely appreciated locally as "the hostess with the mostess".

Ms Randall was widely tipped to succeed as a candidate in the November elections to the territory's House of Representatives.

"You need Emma NOW" was the slogan seen by many October visitors to Pago on cardboard sheets nailed to coconut palms in the vicinity of her home village.

It was a good slogan, too, according to old Pago hands. The elections, they pointed out, were "issue-free".

Dr **Gidon Blumenfeld** has been appointed as the representative of the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in Western Samoa.

Dr Blumenfeld, who served as

Aggie Grey, the Western Samoa businesswoman who, in 25 years, turned a hamburger and coffee shop into a major hotel enterprise, turned 85 on October 31. At Aggie's Hotel in Apia she is shown here on her birthday autographing a copy of her biography, the Nelson Eustis book *Aggie Grey of Samoa*.

a senior agricultural adviser/FAO representative for the South Pacific, based in Fiji, from 1975 to 1980, arrived in Apia earlier this year to establish a new FAO Representation.

Costs of operating the representation are met from FAO's regular program — that is, from membership fees paid by FAO member countries — and from a special contribution by the government of Western Samoa.

FAO developing member countries in the Pacific are Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Tonga and

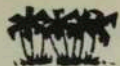


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Baron Tuita, Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga, with Australian officials and industry representatives during his Sydney visit to assess the potential of solar energy for water heating. In the picture, left to right, are: Don Hazeltine, Technical Manager of Rheem's Appliance Division; Sione Kite, Deputy Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister, Tonga; Graham Hall, General Manager of Rheem's Appliance Division; Baron Tuita; Max Boyley and Derek Thompson, Australian Prime Minister's Department.

Western Samoa, and it is expected that the FAO office in Apia will eventually serve them all.

Deputy Prime Minister of Tonga Baron **Tuita** of Utungake, studied the development of Australia's solar water heating industry during a recent visit to Sydney.

Baron Tuita visited the solar production plant of Rheem Australia Ltd., largest hot water system manufacturers in Australia. He also studied the latest developments in gas and electric water heating during an official inspection of the company's plant in the Sydney suburb of Rydalmere.

Helen Framhein Wong of the Cook Islands has taken up a post

with the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation (SPEC) headquarters in Suva.

The first Cook Islands woman to serve in an executive position with SPEC, Mrs Framhein Wong is working on a three-year appointment as project officer in charge of carrying out studies in the areas of economic development, trade, telecommunications, shipping and tourist development in the Pacific region.

She was formerly a senior public servant in the Cooks.

Saturday December 11 has been set as wedding day for HRH Prince **Lavaka Ata**, youngest son of King **Taufa'ahau Tupou IV** of Tonga, and **Nanasipau'u Vaea**, eldest daughter of Tonga's Minister of Labor, Commerce

and Industries, Baron **Vaea** and Baroness **Tuputupu**. The young couple's engagement was announced on July 12 (PIM Sep. p43).

French High Commissioner to New Caledonia **Christian Nucci** finally left the territory on October 22.

Earlier in the day, opening the budget session of the Territorial Assembly, Mr Nucci had said of his experience in the territory: "I knew that this was going to be a tough assignment before I ever came here. Along with the various compensations that have come my way, it certainly has been. My feelings have certainly been hurt by insidious and unfounded criticisms that have been levelled at me. But I'm a politi-

cian, and I knew I owed it to myself not to reply to them, and to leave the Caledonian people to act as the only judge."

Mr Nucci's successor, **Jacques Roynette**, arrived in Noumea on October 24.

In an arrival interview with the Noumea daily *Les Nouvelles*, Mr Roynette emphasised that no time limit had been set for his mission in New Caledonia.

He said he had chosen the post of high commissioner in New Caledonia from a number he could have had because it promised to be "exciting".

Dr **Geoffrey Caston**, former registrar of Oxford University, has been named vice-chancellor of the University of the South Pacific in Suva.

He succeeds Dr **James Maraj**, who has joined the World Bank as a consultant.

Dr Caston takes up his post early in 1983.

Fiji and Papua New Guinea are among 12 countries with army officers at historic **Queenscliff Fort**, now a modern military staff college, on the Australian coast. They are training for higher rank at the college at the entrance to Port Phillip Bay, Victoria. Among the officers are (below) Major **Jioji Konousi Konrote** of the Royal Fiji Military Forces with his Australian sponsor, Major **Stephen Yates**, and (below left) Major **Jack Passingan Tuat** of the PNG Defence Force with sponsor Major **Dave Mills**. — Patrick McArdell picture for AIS.



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Concluding the story of German New Guinea

German New Guinea: The Draft Annual Report for 1913-14. Edited and translated by Peter Sack and Dymphna Clark. Published by the Department of Law Research, School of Social Sciences, Australian National University, Canberra, 1980. PP vi, 170. ISBN 909596 45 X. \$A5.95.

This book presents the final report on the German administration of her German New Guinea (Melanesian) colonies for fiscal year 1914 (1 April 1913-31 March 1914).

The various reports translated here were not polished and revised for final publication, but they still read as easily as the rest of the reports presented in the authors' previous book, *German New Guinea: The Annual Reports* (reviewed in PIM, Sep '81, p53).

Following the translators' in-

troduction, there are a general report, seven reports prepared by district officers in the seven administrative centres (Kawieng, Namatanai, Manus, Kieta, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Eitape and Morobe), five reports prepared by the five mission societies active there (Methodist, Marist, Rhenish, Divine Word, and Neuendettelsau), and, finally, seven special reports and sets of statistics (the most notable being the report on the two government schools in Rabaul).

The translators' main hope is to have readers "appreciate various 'games' which went on at various levels as the result of various tensions" between district or mission officials and the headquarters staffs (introduction, vi). But this is in fact only brought out in marginal comments added in this edition as a handful of footnotes to district and mission reports. More interesting are the details of colonial

and mission activity in the field, and the general patterns of German colonial behaviour into which they fit.

It is clear from the general and district office reports that Morobe and Friedrich Wilhelmshafen were centres for the spread of colonial rule inland to encompass hill tribes, which required a good deal of pacification at first because of inter-tribal feuding brought on by guides serving German officials. We see Rabaul growing up in a period of rather rapid urban development, and we watch as Australians flock into the German Solomon Islands to take advantage of the freehold land tenure permitted by the Germans, as well as of the labor and the favorable commercial laws.

Medical *tutul*, where they could be found, were appointed to lead the way to improved public health and personal hygiene.

Gold was being sought in the Friedrich Wilhelmshafen and Morobe districts, although labor recruiting had seriously depleted the numbers of coastal young men in Morobe district.

The missions were all increasing their staffs and calling for official actions to assist their

Two of the historic markers which once indicated the border between German New Guinea and Australian Papua. This photograph was taken almost due north of Port Moresby across the Owen Stanley Range which formed a natural barrier between the two territories. The site is just east of Mount Strong and in the Waria River area, and today is on the path of the domestic border between the Northern and Morobe Provinces of Papua New Guinea. — Picture from Australian government archives.

efforts. The Methodists had Samoans and Fijians working for them, and ran over 200 Sunday schools. The mission was pleased with its progress along the Rai coast but wanted the government to ban "unregulated relationships" among the islanders so as to stabilise marriages. The greatest mission efforts were those of the Neuendettelsau mission, which had arrived in New Guinea in 1886 at the start of German administration. It was based in Finschhafen, where it grew copra (50 tonnes in calendar 1913). It also ran a sawmill near Butaueng, and was building a medical centre at Butaueng to treat serious illnesses under the

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direction of Stessel. It ran 34 schools and called on the government to restrict labor recruitment of teenagers to allow them to complete their educations and undergo confirmation. In what hindsight would call an unrealistic, possibly xenophobic, moment, the mission urged the administration to suppress the spread of Pidgin English so as to foster the spread of German.

On the practical level, there were two government schools in Rabaul, one for Europeans (which had only 13 students in fiscal 1914) and one for islanders, which had 120 pupils (37 from Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, 26 from New Britain, 22 from elsewhere in German New Guinea, 15 from the Admiralties, 10 from New Ireland, six from the Solomons, and four others). For some reason, all 12 pupils from Morobe spent long spells in the hospital. Students were given vocational training in book-binding, carpentry, joinery, metal work and printing, although Barschdorff, the schoolmaster, considered the main function of the school to be a full six-year German language program for islanders.

Through all these details run the recurrent themes of increasing commercial emphasis (aided by the explorations of trained specialists), extensive public works in district centres, compulsory labor for those public works, and a keen awareness of the racial composition of the local populations — all of which

factors played a corresponding role throughout the German colonial empire before World War I.

The editors have done a service in presenting all the annual reports in English and have rendered the German into English with only occasional syntactical irregularities. Continuing the policy of their previous volume, despite ample space in which to overcome it, the editors have omitted about a dozen paragraphs dealing with German Micronesia (Nauru, the Marshalls, Carolines and Marianas, except the American-held Guam). This is regrettable since information on these islands, referred to as the Island Territory (*Inselgebiet*) in this book, is virtually non-existent in such usually reliable sources as the *Deutsches Kolonialblatt*, an official organ and the *Deutsche Kolonialzeitung*, organ of the *Deutsche Kolonialgesellschaft*. Furthermore, there is other information on these islands left in the translation. It is hoped the editors will feel an urge to completeness and provide a translation of these and similar passages from the earlier annual reports.

This *Draft Annual Report for 1913-14*, though the last of the series of annual reports, would make a good introduction to this field of history, to be kept on hand as readers go through the first volume and chart the successes and failures of German colonial achievement in Melanesia before August 1914. — *M. L. Berg.*

Dillingham: How a dynasty was born

Millstones and Milestones: The Career of B. F. Dillingham. By Paul T. Yardley. Published for the B. F. Dillingham Company, Ltd, by the University Press of Hawaii, Honolulu. ISBN 0 8248 0761 8. \$U.S.17.50.

The name Dillingham has been one to conjure with in Hawaii for at least a century.

Paul Yardley gives us in this authorised biography the best introduction yet published to the history of that family. It is a useful, though not strongly critical, contribution to the scanty literature on Hawaii's economic history, based mainly on business records and family documents held in the Bishop Museum in Honolulu.

Benjamin Franklin Dillingham, the subject of this study, was an able young ship's officer in 1865, when an accident which occurred while he was ashore in Honolulu forced him to remain there to convalesce. During that period he formed attachments, both business and romantic, which led him to make the island capital his home. What makes his story remarkable is the way in which his hard-driving, basically clean-living, personality, combined with associations among Hawaii's missionary-descended elite, led him to fortune and the founding of a business dynasty.

Young Dillingham, known to family and friends as "Frank", married the daughter of Lowell Smith, one of the leading Protes-

tant ministers of Honolulu. Through the rest of his life he continued an association with the mission churches, teaching Sunday school classes, singing in the choir, and sharing with his wife in many church activities and charities. What may strike today's reader is the manner in which this strong, strict, moral outlook could blend with the ability to drive a hard bargain, inflate the value of railroad or plantation stock, influence government bodies to his own profit, and spend lavishly on his family lifestyle.

Some of the business practices Mr Yardley describes raised eyebrows even in the business world of B. F. Dillingham's day. Yet Dillingham would certainly have resented and dismissed as unfounded any charges of dishonesty levelled against him. His intentions were good, and he seems always to have believed that the works he brought into being — railroads, docks, or plantations — were truly for the good of the community. Yet the tensions involved in his constant promotions and constant indebtedness were such as to bring him major nervous collapses at least twice in his career, and to lesser illnesses many times.

Through all the vagaries of his many business enterprises Dillingham profited from the close associations which his marriage into the missionary elite had brought him. Time and again he was bailed out of rash promotions, first by Samuel Northrup Castle, later by Charles Bishop or by Samuel Damon, among others, where another man would have been forced into bankruptcy.

Special influence was however by no means the sole source of Dillingham's success. He was able to secure financial support in San Francisco, New York, and even London. His charm, openness, unbounded self-confidence, and obvious ac-



An important figure historically in German New Guinea was Rudolph Wahlen who worked originally for German commercial interests which were vested with administrative powers in parts of the New Guinea Islands. Wahlen later became one of the influential businessmen who helped shape German policies in the Pacific. World War I ended his association with New Guinea.



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quaintance with good living helped him secure financial backing in major financial centres when cautious provincialism in Honolulu withheld support.

Yardley's story does not emphasise the tight, oligarchic control of Hawaii's economy in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, but it illustrates it dramatically. "Frank" Dillingham was a promoter, a "boomer", and his restless, imaginative ways put him at odds with nearly every one of the major factoring concerns that controlled the sources of financing, transportation, purchasing of supplies, and, above all, access to good agricultural land throughout the Hawaiian group. Yet in the long run it seemed nearly always possible to arrange a new loan or delay payment on an old one with men who did not want to see one of their own circle go under.

Few Hawaiians enter this story and virtually no Orientals, though they made up the majority of Hawaii's population. This account is concerned with the doings among the Caucasian (*haole*) elite, and the others appear only as servants or as faceless laborers. Only once does Mr Yardley permit us a glimpse of Dillingham's relations with the Hawaiian working people, in a passage which speaks of the respect and affection which his generosity, friendliness, and free-spending personal ways had brought him among the Hawaiians in his younger days.

Similarly, there is in Yardley's account little indication of widespread small-investor involvement in Dillingham's enterprises. If there were those who benefited or lost from the wild fluctuations in value, the delayed dividends, or the steady growth of the Oahu Railroad or Olaa plantation, we have no clear picture of their consequences to laborers, small investors, or creditors. Only a few incidents of personal beneficence to the promoter's acquaintances whom he knew to have suffered are mentioned here.

By the beginning of the 20th century the bulk of B.F. Dillingham's most productive work had been achieved. From that point

on he was engaged in a constant struggle to maintain a semblance of solvency and control in spite of bad investments, overcapitalisation, and bankers' jitters. The Dillingham sons, Walter and Harold in particular, took increasing amounts of the load off their father's mind, but they could not stop him from plunging, as of old, into a few more dubious ventures. Appeals to his vanity, his generosity, or to old associations often swayed the senior's mind in which sound, prudent business judgment had never been the strongest feature. But the results of his efforts can be seen today in the powerful Dillingham Corporation and its affiliates. There is the vast area of leeward Oahu, which Dillingham's railroad opened up to agricultural development. There are parts of the island of Hawaii where his vision pioneered transportation and plantation growth, now long since passed into other hands. There are vast improvements to Honolulu and Hilo harbors, carried out or promoted by Dillingham. And finally there are charitable religious, and other social institutions which survive today at least partly as a result of his beneficence.

At his death in 1918 Benjamin Franklin Dillingham was a wealthy man, honored by a devoted family and a respectful community. Certainly many felt that what he had contributed to Hawaii's economic growth more than justified the wealth he had accumulated. — Donald D. Johnson.

Essays in Solomons biography

Ti-Evarane: People of Courage from the Solomon Islands. By George G. Carter. Published by Unichurch Publishing, Rabaul and Auckland. 1981. No price, ISBN provided.

Very little has been produced in the way of Solomon Islands biography. George Carter's book thus breaks important new ground in making some amends

for this great deficiency. While he does not attempt full-scale biographies, he has woven together 32 descriptive accounts of some of the outstanding Melanesian leaders and personalities in the Western Solomons of this century.

Drawing on his deep personal knowledge and experience of the area, using to the full archival and other unpublished material (including the diaries of local people), enriching his material with painstakingly gathered oral history, he provides something which is rather remarkable in Pacific history. His work gives insights into the lives of men and women who were caught up in the great events which have radically altered life in the Western Solomons: from the coming of the labor traffic, traders, planters, missionaries and colonial government to the Japanese, the Americans, and then independence.

But the uniqueness of the book lies in the way in which these outside influences are perceived through the eyes and actions of the local people. The focus of the book is on the way in which the Solomon Islanders responded, from their own culture and tradition, to the new ideas and values with which they were forced to grapple.

As the sub-title, "People of Courage," suggests, these biog-

raphical glimpses are given within a positive and sympathetic framework. They are also seen in the context of the work of the Methodist Mission in the Western Solomons, and provide new and valuable insights into the impact of Christianity and the leadership of people like J.F. Goldie and J.R. Metcalfe.

But these stories are told from the point of view of the local people themselves and show something of the acceptance of Christianity by Solomon Islands people on their own terms. This is seen in such things as the way in which they promoted peace and maintained the work of the Church during the war.

In concentrating on the courageous and even heroic aspects of the lives of the people described in the book, little critical insight into these individuals or the work of the Church and government has been given. But to look for such things is really to ask the author to give something which does not fall within his purpose. What he has given are stories which have their own intrinsic interest because of the personality and local color which each provides. A very worthwhile foundation has also been established for more extensive historical and biographical research and writing with respect to the people of the Western Solomons. — Allan Davidson.

Decentralisation: The continuing dilemma

Decentralisation: Options and Issues — A Manual for Policy-makers. By Edward P. Wolfers, Diana Conyers, Peter Larmour, and Yash P. Ghai. Published by the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 1982. 6 pounds Sterling.

Politics is about power over people and resources. In democracies, this power, commonly called government, is in the hands of popularly elected men and women. In some nations such as Sweden and France, government is centralised; in others, particularly where there is a federal system such as in the USA and Australia, government is exercised at several levels. Tiers of government — that is, sharing power — is always characterised by competition between the tiers. In India, this competition, mainly from religious, tribal and linguistic divergences, led to a division into three nations; in Nigeria, it caused a bitter civil war. Most of the nations which have emerged during the past 30 or so years contain within their

boundaries a number of linguistic and culturally distinct groups which have insisted upon (and usually succeeded in winning) some form of distribution of the power of government.

In our part of the world, the people of Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea have gone to some lengths, by means of their new nations' constitutions, to transfer some of the powers exercised by the colonial overlord from the national to regional and local levels. This transfer, often referred to as decentralisation, has, among other things, resulted in 19 provincial governments in PNG, each with a premier, deputy premier and other ministers, with a concomitant burden upon provincial revenue; provincial public services in far from friction-free relationships with the national public service; confusion in dealings with foreign enterprises; and frequent failure to make the best of national and local resources.

There are three main forms of decentralisation: political, involving the power to pass laws and make policy decisions; administrative, primarily concerned with the control of public services and other public sector organisations; and geographical, relocating the headquarters of a ministry or department and/or posting staff from headquarters to the regions. In *Decentralisation: Options and Issues*, it is rightly pointed out that "whatever the size of a country, there will almost always be pressures for decentralisation . . . to increase local participation, to improve access to government, and to

People of Courage: Carter's book is based on a close personal knowledge of the Solomon Islanders — seafarers, landholders, traditionalists and innovators, whose lives today are a balance of old and new.



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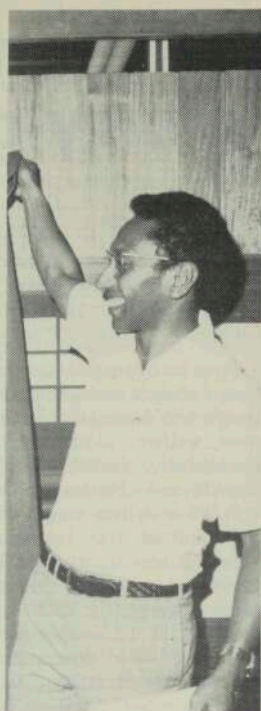
make government more effective and responsive to local needs . . . But decentralisation does not by itself generate additional resources. In practice, the decentralisation of powers may often necessitate the subsequent provision of extra resources, but additional resources do not necessarily follow . . .

And as Michael Somare, PNG's prime minister, and Sir Julius Chan, his predecessor, know only too well, decentralisation leads to substantial changes in government policy.

There is, of course, the question whether a very small nation such as Solomon Islands (200,000 people), or a small one such as Papua New Guinea (3 million), at low technological levels of development, ought to adopt a centralised form of government in order to optimise human and material resources. The authors of this manual leave the answers to politicians — mindful, no doubt, that politics is the art of the possible. Their purpose is to set out the main aspects of decentralisation and the advantages and disadvantages of the relevant choices before the politicians.

The titles of the manual's nine chapters reflect these main aspects: Provincial boundaries, Political structure, Powers and Functions, Staffing Arrangements, Finance and Planning, Some Special Issues (e.g. control of land), Relations Between Governments, Implementation, and Legal Framework. One or more working papers follow the introduction to each chapter. This is a sound way of dealing with the topic and, apart from the chapter Finance and Planning which ought to have been treated in much greater depth, the authors have achieved their purpose.

In Finance and Planning, they mention that "the arrangements for raising, managing and spending money are central to the entire process (of decentralisation)", and they look at most of the main matters, e.g. taxation, long-term funding, distribution of wealth, foreign aid. They ought to have pointed out that, at all times, there is what economists call opportunity cost: within



Two men, two ceremonies — but the same old story. Julius Chan (left) and Michael Somare are the only two men to have held office as PNG Prime Minister. Both have unveiled new financial and planning institutions, and both have been forced to decentralise, perhaps more than they wanted to. As reviewer Harry Jackman says on this page, Sir Julius and Mr Somare know only too well how decentralisation can substantially change government policy.

the inevitable limitation of funds, the choice, for instance, of achieving objective A, universal primary education, has the cost of delaying the achievement of objective B, technical colleges in all provinces.

The manual's origin lies in working papers prepared for the Special Committee on Provincial Government in Solomon Islands. The committee was set up in 1977, its members directed to keep in mind that (a) no recommendation should be made which substantially increases the cost of local administration, and (b) no recommendation should be made the effect of which would bring provincial governments into conflict with national government. Just a brief extract from the introduction to the first chapter, Provincial Boundaries, gives a very good idea of the kind of basic issues facing political policy-makers in Solomon Islands

and other Pacific nations, and of the difficulties inherent in achieving a balance between tiers of government which is in the nation's best interest:

" . . . in an island country . . . the basic issue is whether provinces should have any powers over sea areas bordering their provinces, and, if so, what sort of powers these should be and how far out to sea they should extend. The issue can become exceedingly complicated because it raises questions of access to maritime resources, including strategic resources such as oil and minerals, and 'mobile' resources like fish and crustaceans. It tends to become all the more contentious where a 200-mile fisheries or economic zone has been declared, as in almost all of the South-west Pacific, especially where there are international disputes over national jurisdiction."

(Remember the recent "arrest" of a U.S. vessel by the PNG Government?)

This manual, the first of its kind, should serve as a model for a similar book to be produced by every new nation in the South-west Pacific. The political policy-makers need to give most careful consideration to the questions raised, and choices listed, in such a manual. Moreover, they need public servants and other advisers who can provide them with the best possible information. Only then ought policy to be laid down. — *Harry H. Jackman.*

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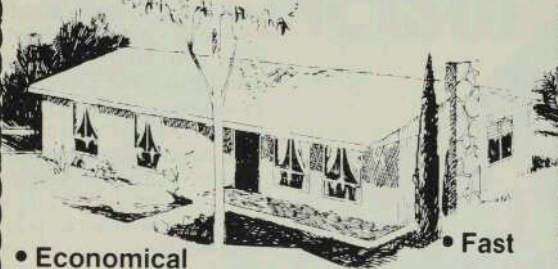
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Tale of a Tahitian merry-go-round

The key figure in the new parliamentary majority emerging from the May 23 elections to French Polynesia's Territorial Assembly was obviously Gaston Flosse, the astute leader of the pro-French Tahoeraa Huiraatira party, which is affiliated with the metropolitan-French Gaullist RPR party of Jacques Chirac (PIM Jul. p22).

From his new position of strength, Flosse promptly undertook to steer a straight course towards a better life for all — which most people who'd voted for him took to mean more money, more jobs, more welfare, more cars, more TV sets and more booze. (Incidentally, this also was the basic program of the former majority under Francis Sanford — which was booted out because it failed to deliver the goods . . .)

But instead, to the amusement — or dismay — of the people of French Polynesia, what has happened in the four months since Flosse and his team of able young technocrats took over the reins of government is a kind of political merry-go-round, in which those astride the wooden horses have bickered with and pushed and shoved each other, to the accompaniment of howls of abuse and shrill denunciations. And when the merry-go-round finally ground to a halt, everybody was back precisely where they started . . .

The key element in these farcical proceedings is the simple fact that Flosse's party had won only 13 seats in the 30-member assembly. To obtain a working majority, the 13 Tahoeraa Huiraatira assemblymen had therefore to ally themselves with another group holding at least three seats.

The logical choice for the role of ally had seemed to be the new Aia api party, with its three seats in the assembly. The party had been formed shortly before the elections as a breakaway from Francis Sanford's Ea api party. Foremost of the three turncoats was the young mayor of Mahina, Emile Vernaudeau, who is nicknamed "the Sheriff" because of his predilection for American police methods and uniforms (PIM Aug. p24).

Mathematically speaking the thing seemed perfect, since it provided a 16-14 majority and catapulted Flosse into the position of vice-president of the assembly. (The president is still the French High Commissioner, who is appointed by the government in Paris.)

But Flosse had overlooked the human factor — in particular, the ebullience, whimsy and outright megalomania of "the Sheriff". He certainly must have had his apprehensions, since he sought at the outset to neutralise his coalition partner by appointing him to the largely ceremonial office of speaker of the assembly. But he overlooked the fact that this post also provided Vernaudeau with ample opportunity for meddling and scheming behind his back.

Flosse's accession to the vice-presidency meant that he had to resign his seat as deputy to the National Assembly in Paris, a position he'd held since 1978. For unfathomable reasons the constitutional set-up is so arranged as to prevent Flosse's electoral proxy, Tutaha Salmon, from automatically filling the vacated seat. So a by-election had to be held for the Eastern constituency. The event was made all the more pointless by the fact that the electorate had been especially rigged-up in '78 to ensure Flosse's victory, and his proxy was equally sure to win it. That is, until

Flosse's new-found coalition partner Vernaudeau himself decided to contest the seat. In the event, he did not seriously threaten Salmon, who got twice as many votes as his unwelcome runner-up. But what was worse than this act of defiance, in Flosse's eyes, was the venomous smear campaign waged against the Tahooraa Huiraatira candidate by Vernaudeau and his cohorts, especially the appropriately-named Napoleon Spitz.

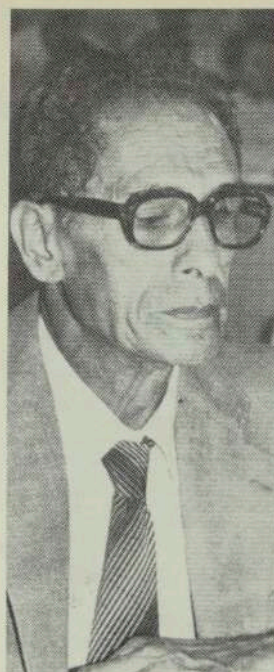
Vernaudeau's impudence can only be explained by his apparently firm belief that Flosse desperately needed his support to stay in power, and that no other possible coalition partner was available to him. On the face of things, this did indeed seem to be the case: the two other parties represented in the assembly — by six members in one case, three in the other — appeared to be at the opposite end of the political spectrum from Flosse. The larger group, John Teariki's Pupu here aia (Polynesian Patriots), has an essentially rural, Polynesian and Protestant base, while Flosse's party appeals primarily to French and part-European businessmen, and Polynesian Catholics. The three-member Ia mana te nunaa, for its part, stands for what Flosse and his associates dread most: an independent state run by Polynesians on socialist lines, and developing close co-operation with other Pacific nations.

There was general amazement, therefore, when at the end of September Flosse announced (a) that he had broken with Vernaudeau, and (b) that he was going to form a new majority with Teariki.

Most people regarded the proposed alliance as tantamount to an act against nature. But, as we have related in these columns before, for several years now these two political adversaries have had an identical line on two important issues.

The first concerns internal self-government. In March, 1980, Flosse suddenly did a political U-turn in which he came out so strongly for full local autonomy that Teariki and Sanford, leaders of the Autonomist majority of the day, accused him of having cold-bloodedly stolen their program (PIM May, '80, p27).

The second issue is nuclear testing. Flosse, in December, 1981, went a step further and introduced an anti-bomb resolution in the Territorial Assembly: it called for an immediate halt to nuclear testing and the establishment of an independent committee of inquiry (composed not only of civilian French radio-biologists, but of similarly qualified scientists from New Zealand, Australia and



John Teariki



Gaston Flosse

between the two sides — because they could not agree on the method of allocation of the seven seats on the Government Council

Vernaudeau's party comrades in the assembly immediately jumped into the breach with an ingenious but quite unscrupulous prescription for setting the merry-go-round in motion again: they declared themselves ready to dump their own party and stick with Flosse. Three other assemblymen, elected as independents, joined them, thus offering Flosse an 18-12 majority — which he, of course, was delighted to accept.

Vernaudeau sought to hit back by expelling the defectors from his party — a totally ineffectual gesture, since they had already left it of their own free will. He then claimed it was in his power to expel them from the assembly, announcing darkly that he had in his possession letters of resignation from the assembly which he had had them sign, as a precautionary measure, before they were ever elected to it.

However, with the majestic Napoleon in the van, the two defectors refused to acknowledge the smallest whiff of a Waterloo, and in fact displayed such fighting spirit when they turned up in the assembly that they traded insults with hecklers in the public gallery, and almost got into fist fights with some of them.

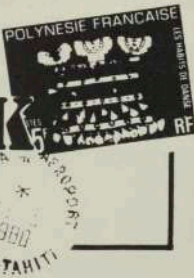
For some reason Vernaudeau has never been able to produce his "guillotine" letters. Instead, he took the extraordinary step of flying off to Paris to ask President Mitterrand to dissolve the assembly and organise new elections.

Considering that he alone of the 30 members wants the assembly dissolved, and considering also that in his campaign speeches he has never ceased to vilify everything that Mitterrand and the Socialist Party stand for, his chances of success seemed slim indeed.

The most that can be said for his antics is that they show he at least understands one basic fact of the political life of the territory: that the real power of decision over the destiny of the people of French Polynesia still lies in the hands of politicians in far-off Paris. — Marie-Thérèse and Bengt Danielsson.

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Japan) into the health hazards resulting from the explosion of more than 90 bombs in the islands. Once again, Teariki accused Flosse of blatant opportunism.

But whatever Flosse's motives, the fact was that the two parties now had common goals on two crucial issues in the political life of the territory.

This time again, however, the human factor prevailed over fine-tuned parliamentary arithmetic. As things turned out, the followers of Flosse and Teariki, who for a full 25 years had been bitterly at loggerheads, simply could not shake off their mutual distrust, and refused to endorse the deal.

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Charles John Orr, engineer and shutterbug in 1930s New Guinea

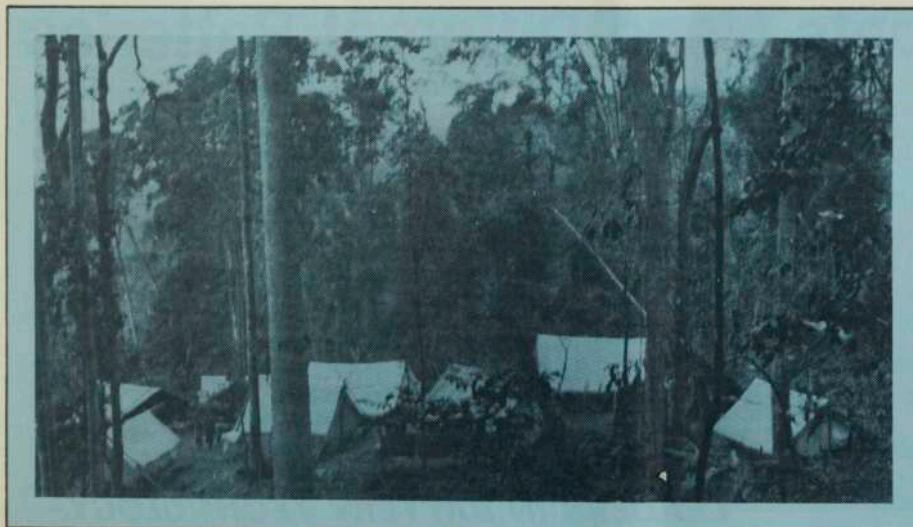
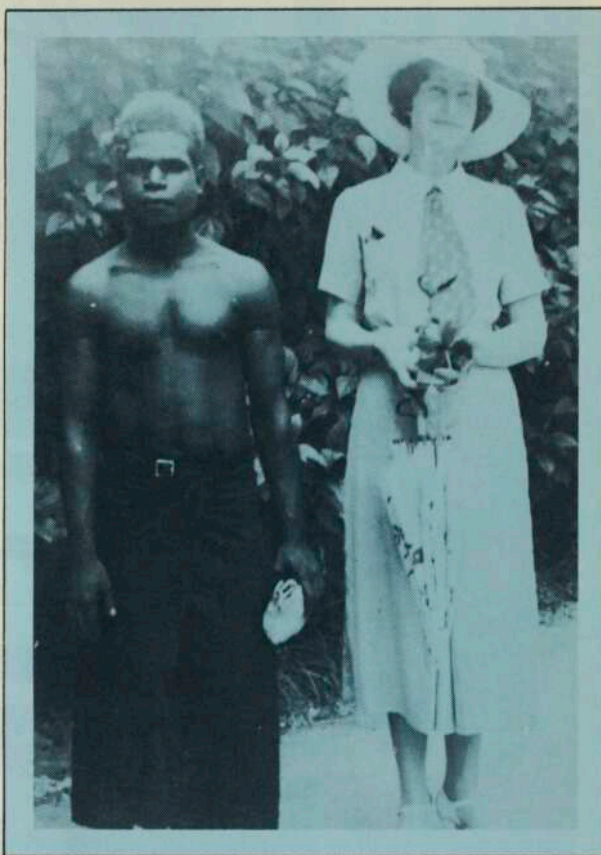
Reader JOHN C. ORR is proud of the photographic skills of his late father, the Australian CHARLES JOHN ORR, who worked as an electrical engineer in the New Guinea goldfields in the 1930s. The examples of Orr Senior's work reproduced in these pages seem to justify this pride.

Orr Junior writes: "Dad did not caption many of his photos — that's where the difficulty lies. But, for the first two years anyway, there are clues.

"The photos that he sent to his fiancée Florence Mae Webb ('Myra' to her family in Forbes, in the central-west of New South Wales) mostly had brief explanations written on the backs.

"He took hundreds of photos in the Territory. The emphasis as one

Elegance in the Pacific tropics in the 1930s, and the touch of ethnic contrast which has served so many photographers — amateur and professional — since the early days of cameras. Myra Orr, wife of the photographer, holds a hibiscus. The picture was taken in Wau in 1936.



A line of tents in an untamed jungle. This was the 1934 construction camp for the power station at Wau, and Orr helped instal it.

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might expect, is on the electrical plant and its operations. But there are photos of Duk Duk dancers, tennis matches, and a score of other aspects of life in the Territory in those days, aspects of both a local and an introduced character.

"The incidence of aircraft in the photographs — as much as the mountains, cloud and jungle in the backgrounds — proclaim 'New Guinea gold country, 1930s'.

"The camera Dad used was a German Agfa, which he bought in Sydney, after signing on with New Guinea Goldfields Ltd, which had its office at 67 York Street, Sydney.

"I think PIM readers will agree, from the photos seen here, that my father had an instinct for photography: that quality which is more than a sense of composition, but the ability, by instinct, to register an image. We have a pic-

"Health hazard? Don't you believe it."

Charles Orr took this picture in Port Moresby in 1936.

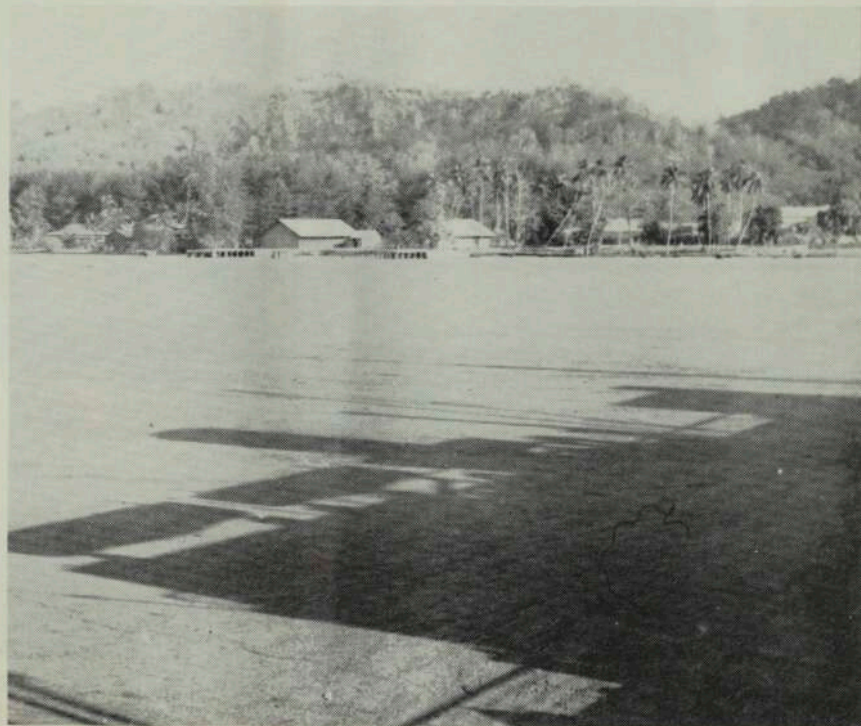


ture then, and not a flat copy of what, after the click, returns to itself.

"Dad never regarded his photography as 'work', although I'm sure he loved it. He did it in 'offs' and 'ons', with the 'offs' most of the time longer than the 'ons'. It was a hobby of his.

"But let the pictures speak for themselves."

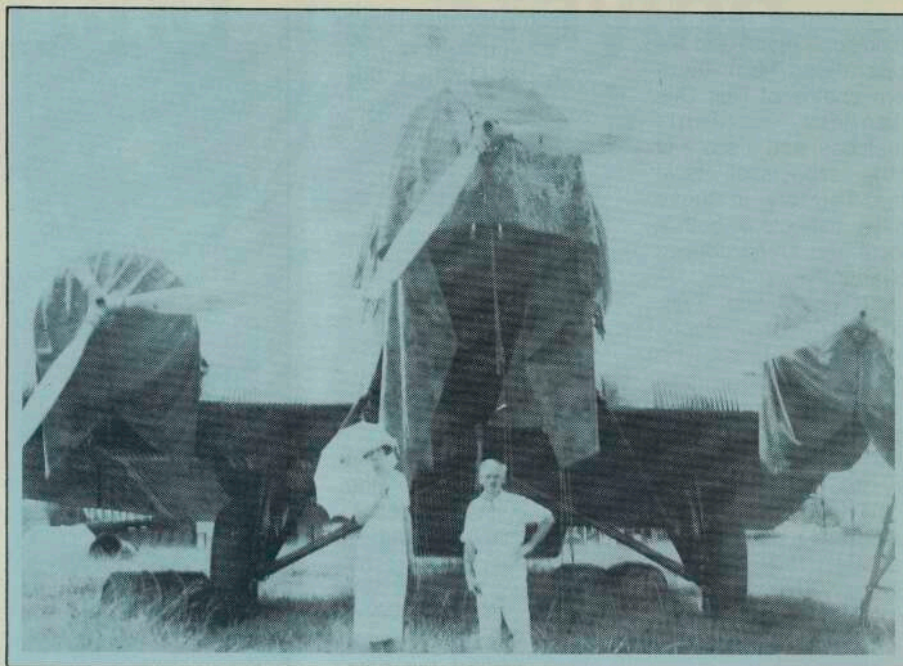
This remarkable picture was taken after the Rabaul volcanic eruption of 1937. The shadow of a ship which appears to be cast on flat land is actually on the waters of Simpson Harbour, covered with floating pumice.



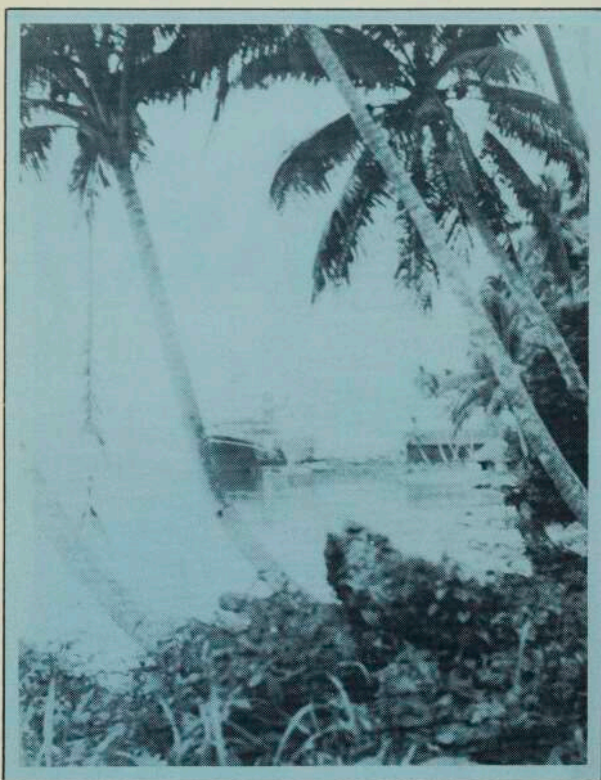


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The high-lift wing profile and fixed-pitch propellers are features of this Junkers transport aircraft at Wau in 1936. One wing has been removed, presumably because of a technical fault or accident. Lae was the usual base for routine major maintenance.



The historical camera of Charles J. Orr



The Burns Philp ship *Montoro* in 1934 off the coast of Papua. *Montoro* operated for 43 years, more than 30 of them with Burns Philp. (Above) This picture shows the Golden Ridges gold treatment mill in the New Guinea goldfields in 1935.



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With Tonga's Isaac in mind, NZ firm builds a "Hurricane House"

A scientific test took place in Auckland recently which had much more to do with the tropical Pacific than with temperate New Zealand.

With Tonga's "Cyclone Isaac" disaster still fresh in mind it's timely that an Auckland company, The Woodyard Ltd, should release the news of its cyclone-proof house design.

Dubbed the "Hurricane House" a small prototype of the design underwent destruction tests devised by consulting engineer Brian Marino to stimulate the worst possible extremes of wind and earthquake forces. The tests, specifically on the wall structures, were conducted and supervised by the New Zealand Government's Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in consultation with the Building Research Association of New Zealand (BRANZ).

Using a 23-tonne bulldozer, a hydraulic jack and steel bars reaching right through the structure to a massive laminated beam DSIR scientists and engineers subjected the house to repeated and prolonged stresses increasing by the tonne until the pull exceeded nine tonnes.

At this stage, when the theoretical cyclone was blowing 330 kilometres an hour, the concrete floor and foundation began to lift . . . and with it the building itself, all intact.

Remarkably, there was no damage or outward sign of stress.

David Jonkers, managing director of The Woodyard, said he

(Right): The prototype "Hurricane House" undergoes the 10-ton bulldozer test — a heavy side loading to demonstrate the strength and stability of the structure. (Top): An established "Hurricane House" during tests in New Zealand to produce information for Pacific Island governments.



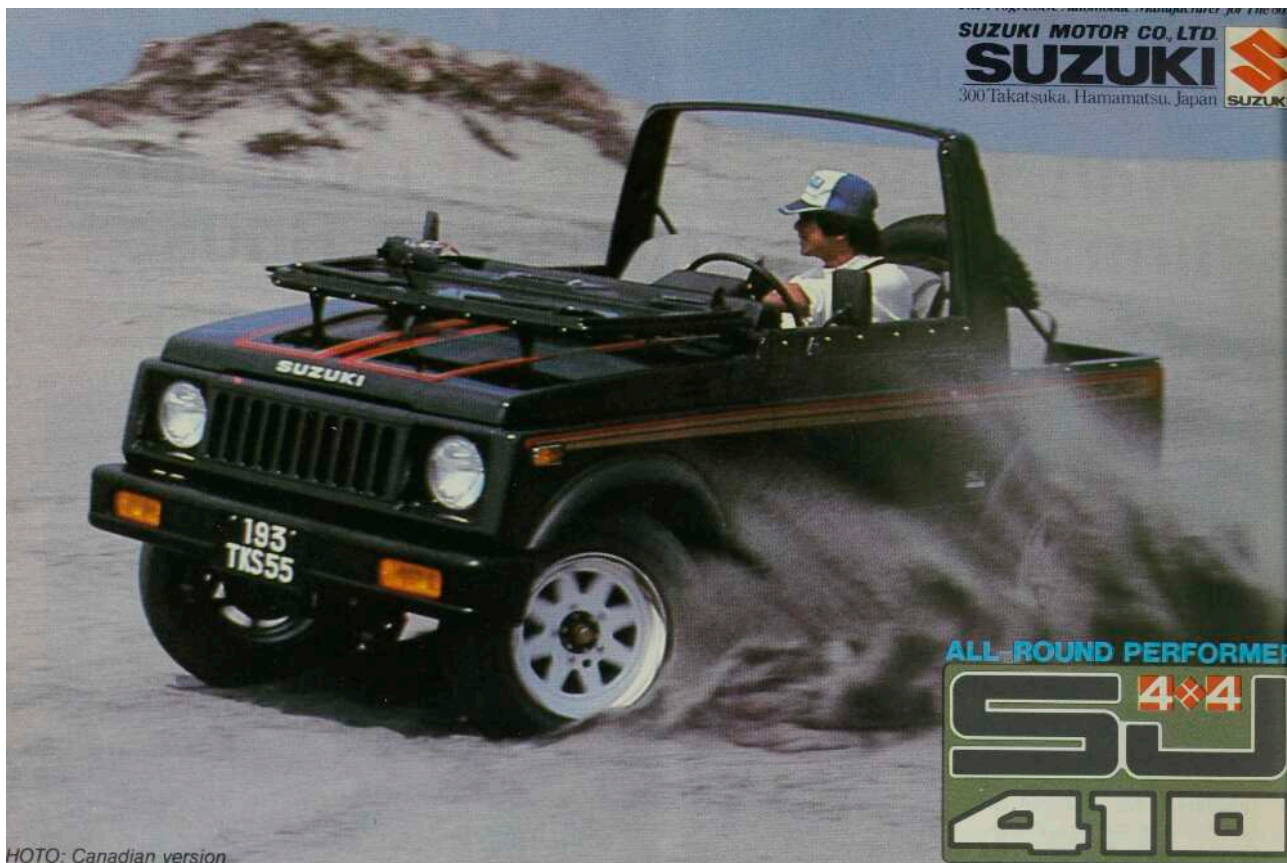


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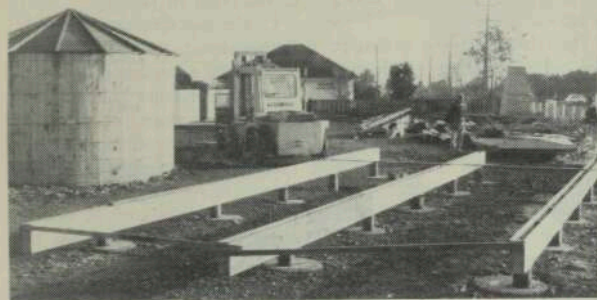
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Instant house: Seven hours in the construction of one of the "Hurricane Houses" designed for Pacific Island communities. (Left): It's 8.30 a.m. and the foundations have been put down. (Second picture): One hour later, the floor is in position and the first wall frame is going up. (Third): Another three hours and the walls and roof panels are in position. (Fourth): Soon after 3 p.m. and the basic structure is complete, ready for fitting out.



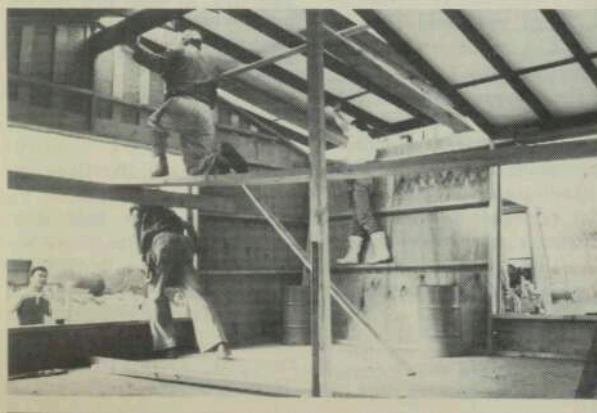
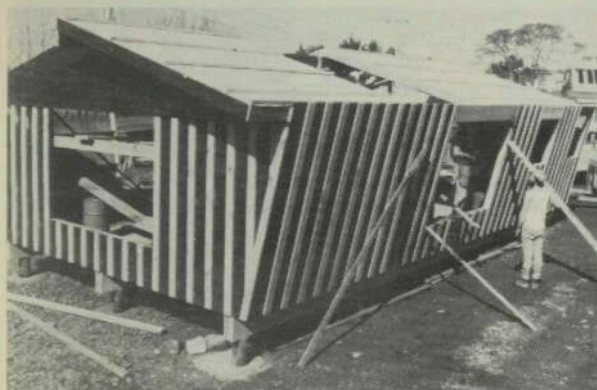
was thrilled with the result. As 240 kilometres an hour is more than the highest design wind-velocity requirement by any authority, the point had been well and truly made.

The concept of the "Hurricane House" was developed during company investigations into ways of building cheaper homes which were conducted by designer Fred Smith and consulting engineer Brian Marino. Fred Smith, a builder who since 1937 has worked in the USA, Australia, Malaysia and Fiji, put for-

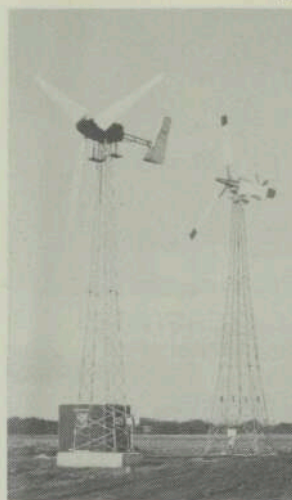
ward the basic idea of a tough little house able to withstand cyclones, but with the essential ingredient of economy and low cost.

The design produced by Brian Marino added simplicity to the list of benefits, and the prototype boasts an absence of special materials or excessive bracing. In fact it's a house with a lot more timber than usual. Ordinary treated standard grade radiata pine plywood and timbers are fastened with ordinary galvanised nails. Its ability to withstand high loads relies on even distribution through many small fixings rather than a few large ones.

Thinking of the Tonga situation, where whole communities were left homeless, David Jonkers spoke of pre-assembled panels in simple "Hurricane House" factory-packages able to be transported to remote areas where unskilled labour could erect permanent, cyclone-proof shelter in a matter of hours. Under normal circumstances, a



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Further information on the "Hurricane House" and DSIR testing is available from David Jonkers, The Woodyard Ltd, PO Box 81-033, Whenuapai, Auckland, New Zealand, 'phone 416-8142.

A brewery for Port-Vila

Vanuatu's finance ministry has announced plans for a brewery costing 600 million vatu (\$A6 million), which is to be established in Port-Vila by 1983.

The project is a joint venture between the newly established company, Vanuatu Brewery Ltd, and Brauerei Haase, a Hamburg-based brewer.

Production of beer was expected to commence in 1984, with a labor force of 70 people.

Watch factory for Nukualofa

German-born watchmaker Jurgen Redtke is expected to open a watch factory in Nukualofa, Tonga, in December in partnership with two local businessmen.

The company, Pacific Time Co, is expected to have an initial production of 8000 watches a year, rising to 48,000 by 1985.

It will employ 15 workers for a start, expanding the workforce to 25 after a year's operations.

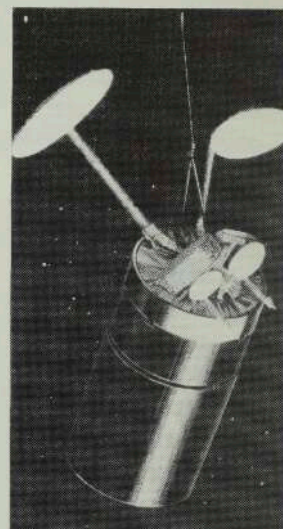
Satellite theme for PTC '83

Satellites — how they work and what we can do with them —

will be Topic A at the Pacific Telecommunications Conference in Honolulu in January.

Conference director Richard J. Barber reports that PTC '83 will begin with a workshop on Satellite and Computer Communication. Its sessions, open to all attending the conference, will include reviews of satellite services, technology, costs, and policy issues as well as discussions of the satellite from the user's perspective.

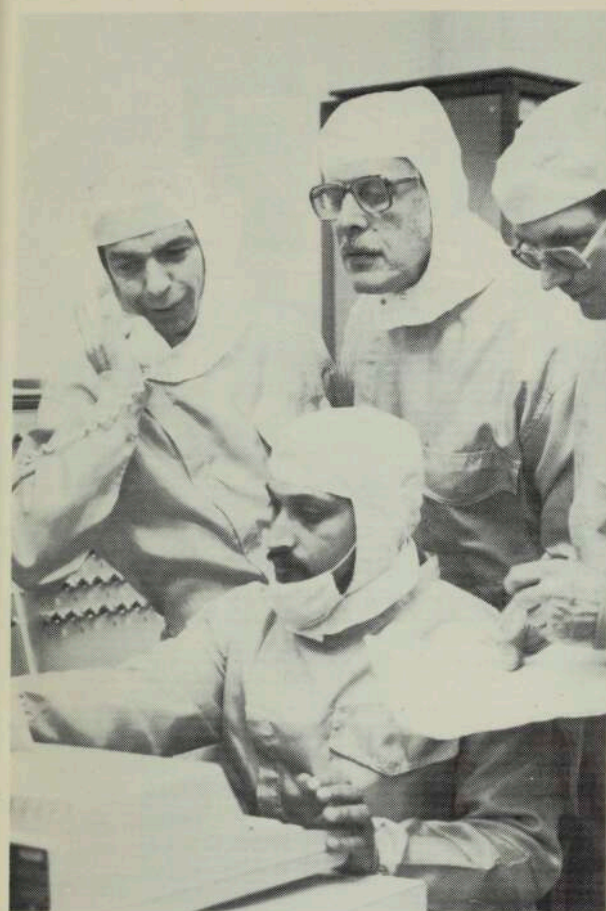
Also part of the conference will be a satellite round table, bringing together users, planners, and providers to talk about alternative ways to enhance the use of telecommunications in the Pacific through the use of both existing and planned satellites and associated terrestrial systems. Case studies from Japan



INTELSAT VI, one of the new generation of communications satellites. At least five will be put into orbit in fixed positions relative to the earth's surface, and another 11 could be launched. The Hawaii conference in January will discuss satellite development.

and Intelsat will also focus on satellite plans and usage.

PTC '83 will be held from January 16-19 at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel. For information and registration forms, contact Pacific Telecommunications Council, 1110 University Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96826, 'phone 941-3789.



While satellite services provide an increasingly flexible communications network for the more remote parts of the Pacific, work is now well advanced on the new ANZCAN undersea cable which will provide a trunk route linking Australia and Canada through Norfolk Island, Fiji and Hawaii. It will be a supplementary service to the satellite services and is due to go into service in late 1984, replacing an existing cable (PIM Mar. p51). Picture shows Fiji-born Mohamed Iqbal (seated) working on one of the cable repeater units at the Australian factory of STC in Liverpool, New South Wales. He and his colleagues wear special clothing to prevent any contamination entering the repeater. When the cable and its repeaters lie on the bed of the Pacific the workmanship and materials will have to be good enough to allow operation for at least 25 years without maintenance or repair.

SPIA-Lan Chile joint offer

Officials of South Pacific Island Airways (SPIA) and Lan Chile Airlines have announced that the two carriers have filed a new Circle Pacific Fare available for sale between Honolulu, New York and Miami.

The routing for this new fare includes stops in Papeete, Tahiti; Easter Island; Santiago; Chile; and Lima, Peru, en route to Miami or New York. SPIA will

provide the service between Honolulu and Tahiti, with the rest of the sectors being flown by Lan Chile.

Unlimited stopovers may be made in any of the cities along the route and the fares are valid for one year. Fares also may be combined with any domestic or inter-island fares within the USA or Canada.

(Right) Rabbie Namaliu: His Singapore visit will strengthen links with Papua New Guinea.

Singapore to have its "week" in PNG

A Singapore "week" in Port Moresby is planned for mid-1983 to introduce Singapore consumer goods to Papua New Guinea.

Details of the trade promotion were announced at the end of a week-long visit to PNG by a Singapore trade delegation.

The visit to Port Moresby by the nine-member delegation coincided with that of Singapore's Prime Minister, Lee Kuan Yew, and the Minister of State (National Development), Lee Yock Suan.

A spokesman for Singapore's Trade Department said the delegation had received several requests from various sources seeking investment from Singapore. The spokesman said Singapore textiles and foodstuffs were expected to sell well in PNG, and these would be featured in next year's trade promotion.

PNG is hoping to send a mission to Singapore next year to seek an inflow of investment.

The Singapore Broadcasting Corporation quoted PNG Prime Minister Michael Somare as say-

ing the mission was expected to promote specific projects on a joint-venture basis.

"We are particularly keen to approach Singapore for investment, finance, and technical know-how for our industrial development," he said, according to the SBC report.

Relations between Singapore and PNG have grown steadily since the latter obtained independence in 1975, and observer status at meetings of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in 1976.

The relationship has become closer in recent months following:

- The visit to Singapore by PNG's new Foreign Minister Rabbie Namaliu;
 - The appointment of Singapore's roving High Commissioner to PNG, Lee Chiong Giam;
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Big display of Solomons' handicrafts for Sydney

A major exhibition and export promotion devoted to handicrafts of the Solomon Islands will be staged in Sydney in January, 1983. The exhibition, at the

ANZ Bank Exhibition Centre, 20 Martin Place, will run from January 5 to 21.

Chief driving force behind the promotion is Australian-born

Bruce Saunders, of the Honiara-based BJS Agencies Ltd.

Mr Saunders has lived in the Solomons since 1968. He first became interested in promotion of local handicrafts exports in 1972, following recommendations contained in a report prepared by a visiting mission from the International Labor Organisation.

He has already staged exhibitions in the United Kingdom,

The 20th Overseas Import Fair was held in Berlin, Federal Republic of Germany, in September and for the first time since the annual fairs were established a display was mounted by Solomon Islands. The display attracted wide interest, particularly in polished wooden carvings based on traditional Solomons art. The Solomons display will be seen in Australia in January. At left is the entrance to the Solomons display in Berlin, and below, the director of the Solomons display, Bruce Saunders (in white jacket) shows the carvings to Dr Karl Carstens, President of the German Republic.



Holland, Germany and Japan. More recently he took part in the South Pacific Trade Exhibition at the International Trade Centre in Sydney (PIM Sept p58).

Largely as a result of Mr Saunders' efforts, export markets for the remarkable handicrafts of the Solomons have already been established in Papua New Guinea, Vanuatu, New Caledonia, Guam, Fiji and Hawaii.

Expected to be present at the January exhibition is one of the Solomons' finest young carvers, Charlie Lamondy Pinau. Mr Pinau, 33, was never formally taught carving, but through watching his carver father, Baru, at work, he mastered the art. He is now proficient in many of the varied types of carving done in the Solomons, and has fulfilled a number of local and overseas orders for his work.

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Southwest Pacific: "Some petroleum potential"

Six South Pacific marine geological and geophysical projects which ended in August (PIM Aug p6) were aimed at better understanding the regional geology, and the mineral and petroleum potential, of the island arcs of the Southwest Pacific.

The projects were financed by Australia, New Zealand and the United States, and were carried out under the auspices of CCOP/SOPAC (Committee for Co-ordination of Joint Prospecting for Mineral Resources in South Pacific Offshore Areas), the UN-sponsored organisation based in Suva which is responsible for promoting offshore mineral exploration programs for member

countries in the South Pacific.

The research took place in the waters of Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea. Participating scientists came from the three donor countries, the five island countries involved, CCOP/SOPAC and France. Each project had American and CCOP/SOPAC nominated co-chief scientists; the latter included Dr David Falvey of Sydney University and Dr Neville Exon of the Bureau of Mineral Resources (BMR), Canberra. Altogether there were 11 Australians aboard ship, drawn from both the Bureau of Mineral Resources and from universities belonging to the

Australian Consortium of Ocean Geoscientists (COGS).

Three projects used the 1500-tonne United States Geological Survey research vessel *S.P. Lee* which normally works in the cold waters off the American west coast including Alaska. (There was certainly no lack of volunteers to work in the South Pacific for a change). The projects were designed to better evaluate the petroleum potential of offshore areas in Tonga, Vanuatu and the Solomons. Research started from Pago Pago in late March and ended in Rabaul in early June.

The *S.P. Lee* concentrated on sophisticated multichannel seismic surveying which revealed details of the sedimentary strata to depths of more than 5 km beneath the sea bed. A great deal of computer processing and scientific analysis is needed before final results will be available. During the surveying, continuous measurements were also made of the earth's magnetic and

area have long been prominent exponents of the art of carving, which is traditionally one of their main income-earners.

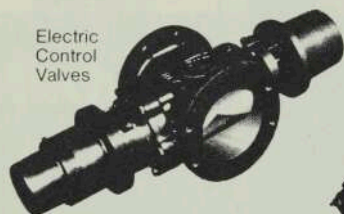
Mr Pinau plans to demonstrate his skills to visitors at the January exhibition in Sydney.

The exhibition is receiving the active support of a number of companies, and of the Sydney-based South Pacific Trade Commissioner, Mr Bill McCabe.

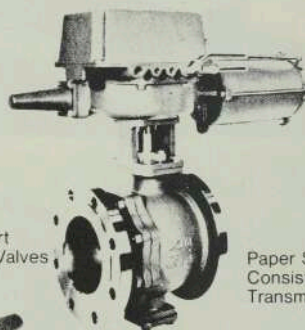
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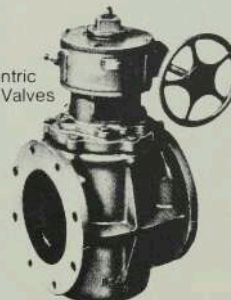
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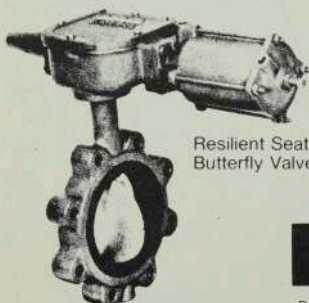
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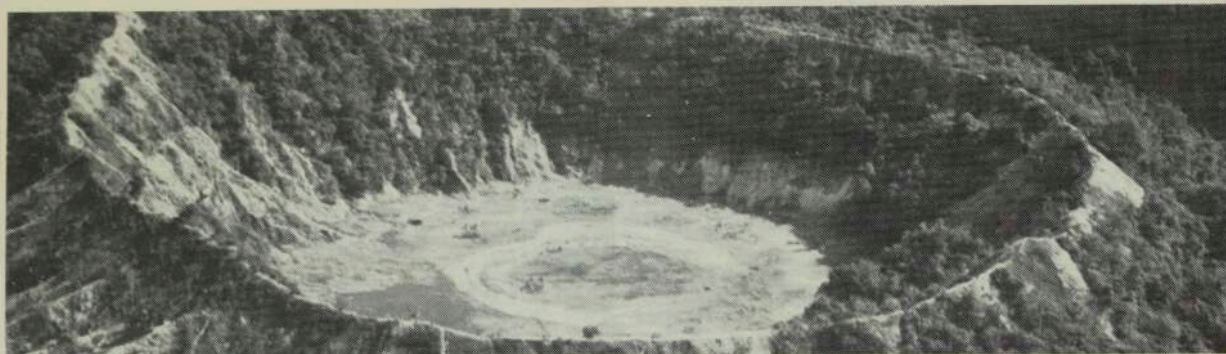
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gravity fields. These will provide additional information about the earth's crust in the region. Dredging and coring of outcrops will allow the scientists to develop a more accurate idea of the underlying strata.

Altogether about 8000 kilometres of high-quality seismic data was obtained by the *S.P. Lee* in thick sedimentary basins south of Tonga, and between the twin chains of islands in Vanuatu and the Solomons. An initial interpretation of the results suggests that all three areas have some petroleum potential.

A short survey was carried out

The volcano rim of Simpson Harbour, Rabaul, is under constant surveillance in the interests of pure research and as a warning system in case of increased volcanic activity. The recent survey by the United States ship *S. P. Lee* took in several established test points in the Rabaul area. Top picture shows the Rabalnakaka crater on the edge of Rabaul, and above is Matupi which has a recent history of eruption. Both are tested regularly.

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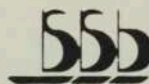
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Hawaii research vessel *Kana Keoki*. This vessel's projects were generally of a more basic research nature than those conducted with the *Lee*. *Kana Keoki* started from Pago Pago in late March, and ended at Honiara in early June. The first project was an investigation of the deep trench and volcanic islands 500 kilometres north of Fiji.

The second studied the rifting of the basaltic oceanic crust between Fiji and Vanuatu, where it was hoped metal deposits would be forming as new basalt welled up to fill the rifts. The third concentrated on the eastern Solomons Sea and sea floor to the nearby volcanic islands of New Georgia. Here the young crust of the sea floor apparently plunges beneath the islands, to be melted at depth, and then to be erupted as volcanic ash and lava.

Bank of Guam to open on Ebeye

The Bank of Guam is expected to open a branch on the island of Ebeye, Marshall Islands Republic, in December.



In late November Islands exporters were still receiving orders and inquiries following the September trade display which was held in Sydney under the sponsorship of the Australian Government and the South Pacific Bureau for Economic Co-operation. The display was designed to help island countries find wider markets in Australia. Reports in November indicated that clothing was one of the export items attracting widest interest. Picture shows Pravin Sundarjee (right), of Sunwear Industries, Suva, at the display. Paul Barrett, Deputy Secretary of the Australian Department of Trade, is with him. — AIS picture.

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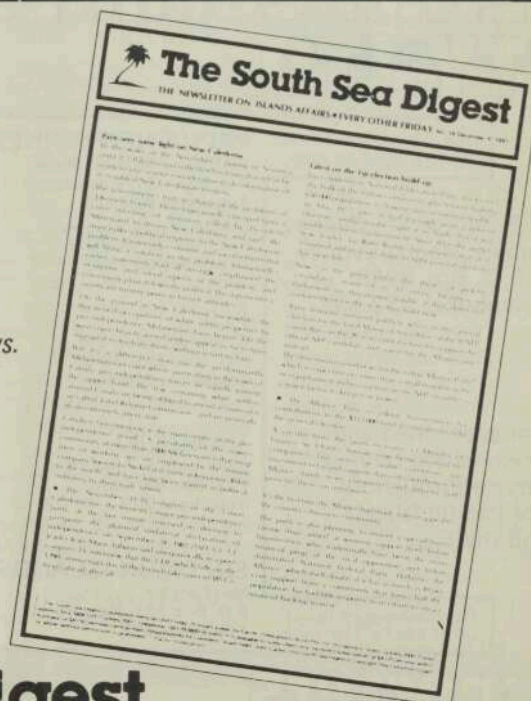
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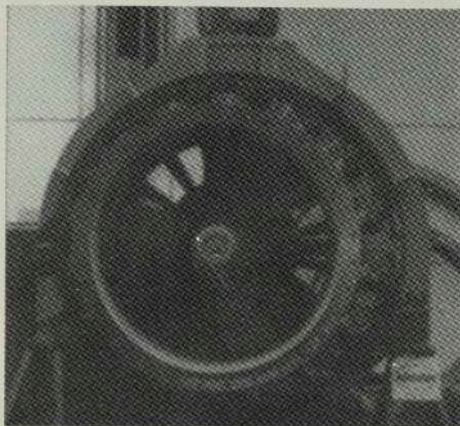
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New Honolulu- Fiji ship service

Beginning in October, the Marshall Islands Maritime Company inaugurated a direct shipping service from Honolulu to Fiji and Tonga.

Announcing the service, Mike Noland, president of the Maritime Company of the Pacific, general agents for the MIMC, said that until now cargo to Tonga and Fiji from Honolulu had to be routed via Canada, the U.S. West coast, and New Zealand before reaching its destination.

Ipseco plant in action

The 12 mW power station built on Majuro by the British company Iperseco was expected to be supplying power by the end of November.

The plant cost the equivalent of \$US24 million, which was borrowed by the Marshalls Government from the British-owned Midland Bank.

The government of Belau is also reported to have been negotiating with Iperseco for a similar power station, also to be financed by a British bank loan.

Tonga tourism worth \$6m

Tonga's tourist industry brought in more than \$T6 million in 1981.

Remittances from overseas totalled \$12 million, and copra exports \$5 million, according to figures released by the Tonga Statistics Department.

Developing the jade of Ouen

The Suva-based monthly *Island Business* reports that the curator of Noumea's museum, Luc Chevalier, plans to help the 200 Melanesian inhabitants of Ouen Island, south of New Caledonia's main island, develop the jade deposits on their home island.

Mr Chevalier told reporter Julie Richardson: "I would very much like to help them work on the mine and export the jade. The chief, Chief Tein, is very interested."



Aiwa Olmi, Senior Trade Officer for Papua New Guinea, who has been in Australia selling his country's exports.

Malaysians look Fiji over

Malaysia may help Fiji with a variety of business ventures from prawn hatcheries to coconut processing mills and tourist hotels, according to a high-powered business delegation which accompanied the Malaysian Prime Minister, Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mahamad, to the October Commonwealth Heads of Government Regional Meeting (CHOGRM) in Suva.

The delegation which included eight of Malaysia's top industrialists and bankers, hand picked by Dr Mahathir, spent four days travelling around the country and was favorably impressed by the investment climate in Fiji. — Zarin Nandan in *The Fiji Times*.

Oz tourists swarm to Fiji

Australia's current economic problems have started a tourist boom for Fiji.

Asha Lakhan reported in *The Fiji Times* in October: "Thousands of Australian tourists are flooding into Fiji in search of cheaper holidays."

"Resort hotels in Nadi and Coral Coast areas are reporting occupancy rates well above 90 per cent."

"According to figures released by the Bureau of Statistics for August, visitors to Fiji for the first eight months of this year were up 7.1 per cent over the same months last year."



YACHTS

TOHI TALA NIUE reports from Alofi, Niue:

● **HAPPY.** A 4 m sloop built and owned by 33-year-old Howard Smith, of Toronto, Canada. *Happy* is planning on making her mark in the Canada Institute of Expeditions Manual.

Fair and fit-looking, Howard arrived in Niue in October after 17 days crossing from Tahiti. He missed Aitutaki in the Cooks because of "gale" forces, and planned to arrive in Brisbane, Australia, before the end of the month.

Built in Vancouver at a cost of \$C23,000 and registered at Toronto, the sloop boasts a 2 m beam which leaves lots of storage room for water and supplies.

Howard's next big plan is to buy himself a small single-engine plane in which he aims to make a round-the-world flight which could also make an entry in the institute's manual.

Bob White, a retired Union Oil department manager from California, USA, is fulfilling a promise to his daughter Kathleen to cruise with her in the family Cal 36 yacht *Patina*, most recently reported in New Caledonia waters. This slipway photograph shows the fine lines of the Cal 36 design. — Jane DeRidder.



In the meantime he planned to leave for Vavau, Suva, and, if time allowed, to pop into New Caledonia before Brisbane during the hurricane season.

We hope it's "fiafia" weather all the way for you, Howard!

PETER McQUARRIE reports from Funafuti, Tuvalu:

● **IONE.** A 10 m Sparkman and Stevens-designed Yankee sloop, *Ione*, with Jim and Joanie McCammon of Redondo Beach, California, on board, called at Funafuti in September.

The McCammons have been cruising the Pacific since 1978, sailing through Eastern Polynesia to Samoa, Tonga, and Fiji, and then south to Australia and New Zealand.

Totally captivated by the quiet charms of Western Polynesia, they have visited Tuvalu three times in the past three years, each time visiting the atolls of Funafuti and Nukufetau.

This time *Ione* arrived in Tuvalu from Lautoka, Fiji and departed for Tarawa, Kiribati.

● **NINA B.** A 13 m fibreglass ketch built in Taiwan for Marshall Boker, who sails with his niece Marsha Boker and crew David Finneman. The *Nina B* arrived in Funafuti from Tarawa, Kiribati, and left for Pago Pago in American Samoa, then Christmas Island, and expects to be in Hawaii by Christmas.



The scene in Pago Pago at the official opening of the 22nd South Pacific Conference. Governor Coleman is greeting delegates as they arrive by car for the ceremony.

● *South Pacific Conference report — continued from Page 19.*

also been active in the SPC in recent years.

The American delegation was perhaps at the highest level for any South Pacific Conference. The reason was evidently a show of support for American Samoa — although some wires did appear to be crossed between Pago and Washington. Governor Coleman referred several times during the conference to American Samoa's internal political responsibility. At odds with these assertions, however, was the fact that the American delegation was headed by Interior Department Assistant Secretary, Pedro Sanjuan, who is responsible for the U.S. dependencies.

It was somewhat surprising that the element of dependency should have been emphasised. In recent years, the U.S. ambassador to Suva has led the U.S. delegation. It was rumored that the present incumbent, Fred Eckert, would have been available but Washington decided otherwise. Since Eckert was appointed to Suva as a friend of the president, the decision seemed doubly curious.

President Ronald Reagan made a video appearance at the Conference to welcome delegates to Pago Pago. His address received more than polite attention as most felt it gave the conference greater visibility in the U.S.

The Australian delegation was headed by the Minister for Defence Support, Ian Viner.

Perhaps because alphabetical order dictated that it was called upon first when "metropolitan" interventions were sought, Australia tended to take a more cautious line than some of the others. It may be, however, that Australia now has so much invested in its relations with the Islands that Canberra is becoming rather too careful about rocking any regional boats. This was particularly evident on SPC-SPEC relations where Australia's comments could have been taken for either side.

Finally, the success of the conference depended substantially on the work of the secretariat. The new secretary-general and his staff carried out their duties without a single false step. Indeed, Bugotu had some notable successes to his credit. He managed to get a rise in the budget. The work program was adopted without serious modification. His proposal to conduct an in-house review greatly strengthened the SPC's position during the debate on SPC-SPEC relations. And he spoke with authority in defence of the SPC and its work in the region. In all, it was a very polished performance for his first conference.

Having attended South Pacific Conferences for the past 11 years, I would have to conclude that this was the most "normal" Conference since Rarotonga in 1974. The SPC is now 35 years old and it seems that the organisation has finally come to terms with middle age. It is respected for its experience, and mature enough to appreciate its own limitations.

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Minghua Cruises operates cruise services from Sydney to Hawaii, Tahiti and most Pacific ports, with several cruises to South East Asia, including Japan, the Philippines, Singapore, Hongkong and China.

Details Minghua Cruises, 7 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000 (2-0547), Burns Philp Travel offices in Melbourne (62-0151), Brisbane (31-0391), Darwin (81-2871), Auckland NZ (31-544); National Bank Travel in Adelaide (212-7347) and Perth (320-9365).

AUSTRALIA - MICRONESIA

Nauru Pacific Line operates a regular container service from Melbourne to Majuro, Kosrae, Ponape, Truk, Guam and Saipan. Details Nauru Corporation (Vic.) Inc. (Shipping Division), Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, (653-5709), Nedlloyd Swire, 8 Spring Street, Sydney (2-0522).

AUSTRALIA - TUVALU

Karlender operates a three monthly service from Sydney and Melbourne to Tuvalu (Funafuti).

Details from Karlender (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 19-31 Pitt Street, Sydney (232-1011).

AUSTRALIA - PNG

Karlender New Guinea Line's cargo vessels call at Melbourne, Sydney, Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Wewak, Manus, Kimbe, Rabaul, Popondetta.

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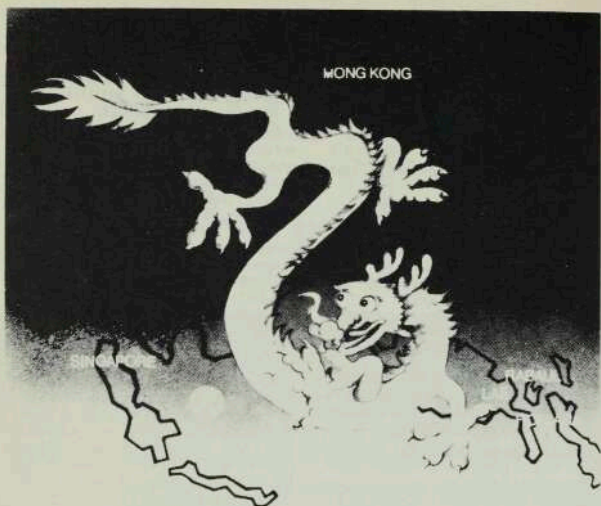
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New Guinea Express Lines operates a fortnightly container service from Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane to Port Moresby, Lae, Alotau, Kimbe, Rabaul, Kieta, Honiara.

Details from New Guinea Express Lines, PO Box R73, Royal Exchange, Sydney (241-3991); McArthur Shipping Agency Co., 39 Creek Street, Brisbane (229-3777); New Guinea Express Lines, 327 Collins Street, Melbourne (61-3053); Niugini Express Lines, Port Moresby (21-4572); Lae (42-1536); Rabtrad Niugini Pty. Ltd., Rabaul (92-2911) and Kieta (95-6185); Alotau Stevedoring & Transport, Alotau (61-1318); Ngatia Wholesalers Pty. Ltd., Kimbe (93-5102); and Island Co-operative Shipping Federation, Honiara 175.

Sofrana-Unilines (PNG Line) operates a monthly service to Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kieta, Honiara from main ports on the east coast of Australia.

Details from Sofrana-Unilines, 19 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-9851); Trans-Austral Shipping Pty. Ltd., 570 Bourke Street, Melbourne (67-9162); ACTA Pty. Ltd., Brisbane (221-3116); Elders ANL Pty. Ltd., Port Adelaide (47-5688).

AUSTRALIA - TAHITI

Compagnie Generale Maritime operates a monthly service from Sydney to Papeete for containerised and break-bulk cargo.

Details Compagnie Generale Maritime, 12 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (231-3700).

AUSTRALIA - TAHITI - US

Karlender operates a monthly cargo service from Melbourne and Sydney to Papeete, US west coast.

Details: Karlender (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 19-31 Pitt Street, Sydney (232-1011).

AUSTRALIA - NZ - WEST COAST SOUTH AMERICA

South Pacific Seaboard Service offers a regular cargo service from Brisbane, Sydney, Adelaide and Melbourne to New Zealand ports Lyttelton and Tauranga and to the west coast of South America, calling at Beu'ventura, Guayaquil, Callao and other ports on indentment.

Details from South Pacific Seaboard Service agents, Meridian Shipping & Transport Agencies, 50 Clarence Street, Sydney (290-1633), Tlx 25970; Melbourne (67-5173); Brisbane (267-5055); Adelaide (47-6600); Ocean-bridge Shipping Ltd., 22 Emily Place, Auckland (33-279), Tlx 60523; Ian Taylor Y Cia Ltda, Prat 827 — Of. 301, Valparaiso, Chile (59096), Tlx. 30331.

FAR EAST - FIJI - NEW ZEALAND

New Zealand Unit Express (NZUE) operates a monthly palletised cargo service from Manila, Keelung, Kaoshiung and Hongkong to Lautoka, Suva and thence to NZ.

Details from Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson Street, Suva (312-244), Tlx FJ2199, Burns Philp, Suva (311-777) P&O S.N. Co. Wellington (736-477) or Nedlloyd Swire Pty. Ltd., Sydney (20-522).

Nedlloyd operates bi-weekly cargo service with four ships from Sourabaya, Jakarta, Bangkok, Port Kelang and Singapore to Suva, Lautoka and NZ ports.

Details from Nedlloyd (Aust.) Pty.

Ltd., 8 Spring St., Sydney (27-3801), Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd., Suva and Lautoka.

FAR EAST - MID-S. PACIFIC

China Navigation's New Guinea Pacific Line operates a regular container service from Hongkong, Taiwan, Manila, Port Kelang and Singapore to Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul and Honiara monthly and to Wewak, Madang and Kieta every three months. Cargo from the same Far Eastern ports to the South Pacific ports of Noumea, Santo, Vila, Papeete, Pago Pago, Apia, Rarotonga and Tarawa will be shipped via Japan on the monthly Bali Hai service.

Details from Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., P.O. Box 1, Port Moresby (22-0222).

Kyowa Shipping Ltd., operates monthly services from Japan to Guam, Saipan, Solomons, New Caledonia, Fiji, Western and American Samoa, Tahiti, Cook Is. Tonga and Vanuatu.

Details: Heatherington Westfarmers Shipping Agency, 37-49 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-1671); Carpenters Shipping, Suva (312-244), Tlx FJ2199.

JAPAN - FIJI - NEW ZEALAND

Kyowa Shipping Co. Ltd., operates a monthly service from main ports of Japan to Suva and Lautoka and thence to island ports and NZ.

Details from Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson St., Suva (312-244), Tlx FJ2199.

JAPAN - FIJI - ISLAND PORTS

Bali Hai service operates a monthly service from main ports of Japan to Suva and Lautoka and thence to island ports.

Details from Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson St., Suva (312-244), Tlx FJ2199 and Burns Philp, Suva (311-777).

JAPAN - MICRONESIA

The NYK Shipping Line operates a monthly cargo service from Japan to Micronesia, calling at Yoko, Nagoya, Kobe, Guam, Saipan, Truk, Ponape and Majuro, returning via Yoko, Nagoya and Kobe.

Details from Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (2-0547).

JAPAN - PNG

Mitsui O.S.K. Lines operates a monthly service from main ports Japan and Port Moresby, Rabaul, Lae, Madang, Kieta and Kimbe.

Details from Robert-Laurie (PNG) Pty. Ltd., Port Moresby (21-2466/21-1898).

NEW CALEDONIA - FIJI - WEST COAST NORTH AMERICA

PAD Line operates an approx. 3-weekly ro-ro service with Noumea and Suva to Honolulu and West Coast USA and Canadian ports.

Details from Sofrana-Unilines SA, BP 1602, Noumea (27-51-91), Tlx NM048; Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson St., Suva (312-244), Tlx FJ2199.

PNG - INTER - MAINPORT

Papua New Guinea Line offers scheduled 10/20 day coastal liner services linking all PNG major ports with containerisation, reefer, heavy lift and transhipment facilities.

Details from PNG Line, Box 543, Port Moresby, PNG (21-1174), Tlx 22269.

PNG- UK/CONTINENT

The Bank Line operates regular cargo service from Port Moresby, Oro Bay, Kieta, Rabaul, Kimbe, Madang and Lae to Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Le Havre.

Details from The Bank Line (A'asia)

Pty. Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-2041); Burns Philp (PNG) Ltd. PNG ports.

SOLOMONS - UK/CONTINENT

The Bank Line operates regular cargo service from Honiara to Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp and Le Havre.

Details from The Bank Line (A'sia) Pty. Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-2041); Tradco Shipping (588).

NZ - COOK IS - NIUE - TAHITI

Shipping Corporation of NZ Ltd. operates cargo services based on pallets and similar units from Auckland to Niue, Cook Islands and Tahiti.

Details from the Shipping Corp. of NZ Ltd., PO Box 3420, Auckland (797-210); Waterfront Commission, PO Box 61, Raratonga; Cook Islands; Niue Govt. Offices, Niue Island Compagnie Maritime Polynesienne, BP 368, Papeete, Tahiti.

NZ - FIJI

Reef operates a regular 18-day service from Auckland to Suva and Lautoka.

Details from Reef Shipping Agencies, PO Box 3382, Auckland, NZ (77-1221-3); M.V. Fijian Shipping Agencies Ltd., Private Bag, Suva, Fiji (31-1056).

Pacific Line with one ship operates fortnightly ro-ro cargo service New Zealand, Lautoka, Suva.

Details: Sofrana Unilines, 18 Customs Street, Auckland (773-279) PO Box 3614, Telex: NZ2313; Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson Street, Suva (312-244), Tlx FJ2199.

NZ - FIJI - NORTH AMERICA (WC)

Blue Star Line Ltd. Pacific Coast container services. Only direct service to and from New Zealand. Blue Star vessels call at Suva and Honolulu on NZ-US-West Coast voyages.

Details from Blueport ACT (NZ) Ltd., PO Box 192, Wellington (739-029); Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd., GPO Box 355, Suva, Fiji (311-777), Tlx. FJ2168 Burship.

NZ - FIJI - SAMOAS - TONGA

Pacific Forum Line operates a fully containerised three-weekly service (Gen/Reefer) from Auckland to Lautoka, Suva, Apia, Pago Pago and Nuku'alofa.

Details from Pacific Forum Line, Auckland; Union Co. Auckland, Lautoka, Suva and Nuku'alofa; Pacific Forum Line, Apia.

NZ - N. CALEDONIA - VANUATU - PNG - SOLOMONS

Sofrana Unilines with three ships operates to Vila and Santo, to Honiara and Papua New Guinea and to Norfolk Island and Noumea.

Details from Sofrana Unilines, 18

Customs Street, Auckland (773-279), PO Box 3614, Tlx. NZ2313.

NZ - TAHITI

Compagnie Tahitienne Maritime SA (as CTM-Tahiti Line) operates one ship, MV Bounty 111, monthly Papeete — New Zealand. Details from Sofrana Unilines, PO Box 3614, 18 Customs St., Auckland Tlx NZ2313; Agence Maritime Cowan, PO Box 9012, Papeete (39042), Tlx Tahiti 322 FP Tahiti).

NZ - TONGA - SAMOAS

Warner Pacific Line services Auckland, Nuku'alofa, Vavau, Apia, Pago Pago fortnightly carrying general and freezer cargoes.

Details from McKay Shipping Ltd., Downtown House, 21 Queen St., Auckland, PO Box 1372 (30-299). Cables MACSHIP, Telex NZ2554, Warner Pacific Line, Box 93, Nuku'alofa, Tonga; Mealelei (Western Samoa) Ltd. Box 4171, Apia, Western Samoa; Kneubuhl Maritime Services, Box 39, Pago Pago, American Samoa, 96799.

NZ - NEW CALEDONIA

CP Line operates a monthly cargo service from Auckland, Lyttelton, Napier and Mt. Maunganui to Noumea. Details from McKay Shipping Ltd., PO Box 1372, Auckland (9-30229); Tlx 2554 NZ.

EUROPE - TAHITI - NEW CALEDONIA

Compagnie Generale Maritime operates services from Europe and Mediterranean ports to Papeete and Noumea using three ro-ro and multi-purpose vessels thus ensuring a bi-monthly sailing to and from.

Details Compagnie Generale Maritime, 12 Castlereagh Street, Sydney (231-3700).

EUROPE - TAHITI - NEW CALEDONIA - NEW ZEALAND - SOLOMONS - PNG - EUROPE

Polish Ocean Lines offers regular monthly sailings for containerised and breakbulk cargo from Hamburg, Antwerp, Dunkirk and Rouen to Papeete, Noumea, New Zealand, Honiara, Lae, returning to Europe via Suez. Other ports in the South Pacific can be served with inducement.

Details from Sotama, BP 9170, Papeete (27805), Tlx. 296; SATO, BP C2, Noumea (272094), Tlx. 163NM SATO; Union Steamship Co of NZ, PO Box 50, Apia, Tlx. 25; Williams and Gosling, PO Box 79, Suva (312633), Tlx. 2163; Warner Pacific Line, PO Box 93, Nuku'alofa (21089), Tlx. 66219; Universal Shipping Agencies, PO Box 2282, Auckland (30930), Tlx. 21517.

EUROPE - TAHITI - W. SAMOA - FIJI - N. CALEDONIA

Nedlloyd offers regular cargo ser-

vices from Northern Europe and U.K. to Papeete, Apia, Fiji and New Caledonia.

Details Nedlloyd (Aust.) Pty. Ltd., 8 Spring Street, Sydney (27-3801); Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thomson St., Suva (312-244), Tlx. 2199 FJ and Vetari Street, Lautoka (63988), Tlx. 5215FJ.

EUROPE - TAHITI - W. SAMOA - TONGA - FIJI - SOLOMONS - PNG - VANUATU

Columbus Line Reederei GMBH operates regular services from Hamburg, Hull, Rotterdam, Antwerp, Dunkirk, Le Havre, to Papeete, Apia, Suva, Lautoka, Noumea, Port Moresby, Lae, Honiara, Kieta, Rabaul, Lae, and return to Europe.

Details from Columbus Overseas Services Pty. Ltd., 333 George Street, Sydney (290-2966). Columbus Maritime Service, 17 Albert Street, Auckland (77-3460); Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson St., Suva (312-224), Tlx. 2199 FJ.

UK - N. CONTINENT - FIJI

The Bank Line operates a regular cargo service from Hull, Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Le Havre to Suva and Lautoka.

Details from The Bank Line (A'sia) Pty. Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-2041); Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd., Suva and Lautoka.

UK - N. CONTINENT - PNG - SOLOMONS

The Bank Line operates a regular cargo service from Hull, Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Le Havre to Port Moresby, Lae, Madang, Kimbe, Rabaul, Kieta and Honiara and on inducement to Yandina.

Details from The Bank Line (A'sia) Pty. Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-2041); Burns Philp (PNG) Ltd. PNG ports; Tradco Shipping (588).

UK/N. CONTINENT - TAHITI - N. CALEDONIA

The bank Line operates a regular cargo service from Hull, Hamburg, Bremen, Antwerp, Rotterdam and Le Havre to Papeete and Noumea.

Details from The Bank Line (A'sia) Pty. Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-2041); Ets A M. Fare UTE, Papeete; Ets. Ballande, Noumea.

US - FIJI - TAHITI - NZ - AUSTRALIA

The Bank Savill Line Ltd. operates regular cargo services from U.S. Gulf ports to Australia and N.Z. Calls at Suva, Lautoka and Papeete on demand.

Details from The Bank and Savill Line Ltd., 51 Pitt Street, Sydney (27-2041) or Orient Shipping Services, 32 Bridge Street, Sydney (241-2753).

U.S. - HAWAII - KIRIBATI - MICRONESIA

Philippines, Micronesia & Orient Navigation Co. (PM&O Lines) operates regular container service on self-sustained ship with ro-ro capabilities from Oakland, Portland and Honolulu to Tarawa, Ebeye, Majuro, Kosrae, Ponape, Truk, Saipan, Yap and Koror.

Details for Micronesia can be obtained from Larry Guerrero, PM&O Owners Rep. PO Box 803, Saipan, MI 96950, Cable COMMONTIME, Tlx 783605; PM&O: PM&O Lines, 181 Fremont St., San Francisco, California 94-105, Cable PMONAV.

US - HAWAII - NAURU - MICRONESIA

Nauru Pacific Line operates regular conventional container and passenger service from San Francisco and Honolulu to Majuro, Ponape, Truk and Saipan. Cargo is accepted for Nauru and Kosrae with transhipment at Majuro and Ponape.

Details from Nauru Corporation (Vic.) Inc. (Shipping Division), Nauru House, 80 Collins Street, Melbourne (653-5709); North American Maritime Agencies, 100 California St., San Francisco, California 9411.

HAWAII - TAHITI - SAMOAS

Marshall Islands Maritime Co operates a service every 32 days between Honolulu, Papeete, Pago Pago and Apia.

Details from the Maritime Co. of the Pacific, Honolulu, Hawaii, Morris Hedstrom, Apia, Western Samoa and the Marshall Islands Maritime Co., Majuro, Marshall Islands.

US - NOUMEA - FIJI

PAD Line operates an approx. 3-weekly ro-ro service from West coast USA and Canada to Noumea and Suva.

Details from Sofrana-Unilines SA, BP 1602, Moumea (27-51-91), Tlx. NM048; Carpenters Shipping, 100 Thompson St., Suva (31-2244), Tlx. FJ2199; Trans-Austral Shipping, Box R232 PO, Royal Exchange, NSW (27-2441), Tlx. AA21204.

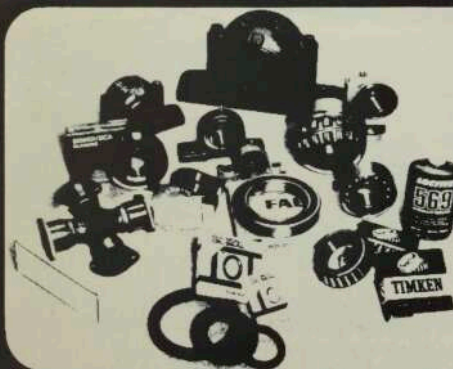
US - TAHITI - SAMOA

Pacific Islands Transport operates a five weekly cargo service from North America west coast ports to Papeete, Pago Pago, Apia.

Details from Polynesia Shipping Services Inc. PO Box 1478, Pago Pago 96799.

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DEATHS of Islands People

Paul Yawiga In Papua New Guinea in September, aged 74.

Mr Yawiga, from Marunumbo Village, Wewak, was well known for his distinguished role in World War II, during which he lost an eye and an arm. He was awarded several medals, including the Pacific Star and MBE.

A former policeman in the old Australian Mandated Territory of New Guinea force, Paul Yawiga excelled in the harsh wartime conditions on Bougainville where he served alongside the coastwatchers. For him, the war was a sudden opening of horizons, with encounters with many foreigners, opportunities to travel, and the praise of Allied servicemen and governments.

In the postwar period, he tried, in spite of his own lack of education, to lead his Sepik people into a wider and more complex world.

He was one of the key informants for the recently completed documentary film *Angels of War* (PIM Jun p23).

A scholarship will be set up in his honour, to allow two students from the Kubalia area to enter secondary schools each year.

Claude Champion At Dee Why, Sydney, in Sep- tember from liver failure.

Born in Port Moresby in 1906, the youngest son of Herbert William Champion, CBE, government secretary of Papua 1913 to 1942, Claude was one of Papua's "Outside Men," first as a patrol officer and later assistant resident magistrate.

In 1929 he accompanied B. W. Faithorn on a patrol up the

Turama River and followed the Erave River to its confluence with the Purari.

In 1937 he led a patrol, accompanied by F. W. G. Anderson, from Kikori and after eight weeks' travel made a base camp at Lake Kutubu. From there they went into the Wagafurari and Tarifuroro valleys.

In 1940 he led another patrol, accompanied by R. C. M. Turner, from the Strickland to the Tiomu.

From 1942 to 1945 he served with the Australian New Guinea Administrative Unit (ANGAU).

After the war he became assistant government secretary and later director of civil affairs. He retired to live in Australia in 1961. He was very active in the affairs of the Retired Officers Association of Papua New Guinea.

Claude was a member of a family all of whom made great contributions to the administration and exploration of British New Guinea, Papua and Papua New Guinea over a period of more than 60 years. — H. E. (Lynn) Clark.

Harry Charman In Suva on October 9, aged 67.

Mr Charman was awarded an MBE for his work for Fiji youth. A Cockney, he was always an attraction when he paraded in his "pearly" button suit in Suva's Hibiscus Festival processions. In younger days in London, he was a professional boxer and served as sparring partner for the British and Empire boxing champion, Harry "Kid" Lewis. He founded Charman's All-Races Sports and Social Club and was a personal

friend of several prominent British politicians who supported the club with donations.

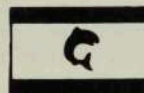
Louis Mahabir In Britain on September 29, in his 80s.

Louis Mahabir was a former leading scout in Fiji. He was the first Indian to become a scout-master, joining the movement before World War 2. He served in the home guard during the war

and was a member of the Special Constabulary. He worked as an engineering foreman in the Public Works Department before migrating to Britain 15 years ago.

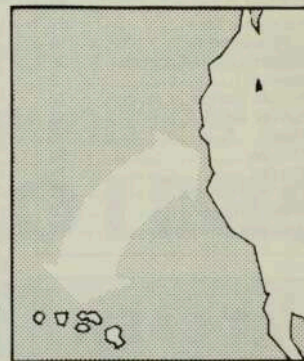
Ratu Naiqama Lalabalavu On Taveuni, Fiji, on October 13, aged 51.

Ratu Naiqama served in the Royal Fiji Police Force 1949-1951. He then enlisted in the Royal Military Forces and saw



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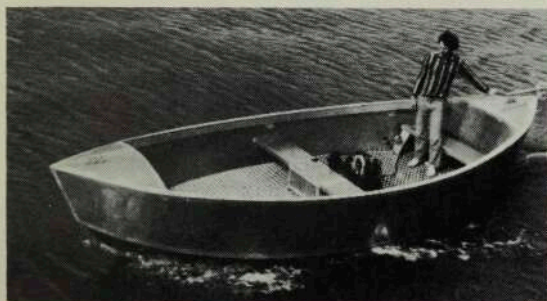
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active service in the Malayan campaign. In 1957 he joined the Fijian administration and was appointed Buli Cakaudrove, and promoted to Roko Tui Macuata in 1970. Ratu Naiqama retired in 1979 as the Roko Tui Tailevu.

Mabel Marion Howes In Timaru, New Zealand in October, aged 72.

Born in New Zealand, Miss Howes became a qualified teacher in 1932 and in 1946 was appointed to Leifiifi school in Western Samoa. Her three-year contract was continually renewed. A local tribute read: "We don't need to build a memorial stone to remind us of Miss Howes' outstanding service to our young people. There are over a thousand living memorial stones, who hopefully, through their effort in life, will carry the good name of Miss Howes throughout Samoa and to other parts of the world and remind us of how this humble and gentle lady spent much of her life educating our children."

Molik Ishiguro In Majuro on October 10, aged 54.

One of Majuro's most prominent businessmen and owner of Hotel Majuro, Molik Tshiguro died unexpectedly of heart complications.

Tai-o-Tonga Henry In Rarotonga on October 23, aged 69

A brother of the late Albert Henry, Mr Henry had been a radio operator for over 30 years, starting his training in the field in 1937. He served on most of the islands as relieving operator, although Rarotonga was his main station. Retiring 10 years ago, Mr Henry became an assistant pastor for Nikao. He was one of the longest serving members of the Boys Brigade.

Mrs Nesta Makin In Port-Vila on October 24.

Mrs Makin was the assistant education officer in charge of curriculum change, having started her career as a primary school teacher in the 1960s. She was a member of the Kasten family from the Banks Islands, and was married to Bob Makin of Radio Vanuatu.

Simon Lauru On Ifira Tenuku, Vanuatu, on October 3.

Simon Lauru was one of the first people on Ifira Tenuku to be educated when the Presbyterian missionaries came to Vanuatu, studying at Tangoa Bible College, South Santo. He was one of the first Ni-Vanuatu to take Christianity to Malakula. He la-

ter became a teacher at Iririki District School. His son, Masing Lauru, is deputy commissioner for labor.

Indira Vera Jayant In Suva, in October, aged 59.

Mrs Jayant was well known for her active role in the community. She served as a member of the board of St. Giles Hospital and also helped women prisoners serving extra-mural terms by offering them accommodation in her house. A keen organiser of fund-raising schemes, Mrs Jayant was also a needlework and crochet enthusiast.

Correction: Based on information published in *The Coconut Telegraph*, Savusavu, Fiji, PIM reported (Sep p73) the death of Mr Maika Brown of Levuka. A more recent issue of the newsheet has reported: "In an earlier number of *The Coconut Telegraph*, it was incorrectly reported that Mr Maika Brown, aged 108, of Levuka, had passed away. We are happy to say that Mr Brown is very well."

PIM too is happy at the news, and offers its sincere apologies to Mr Brown and all readers for its earlier incorrect report.

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