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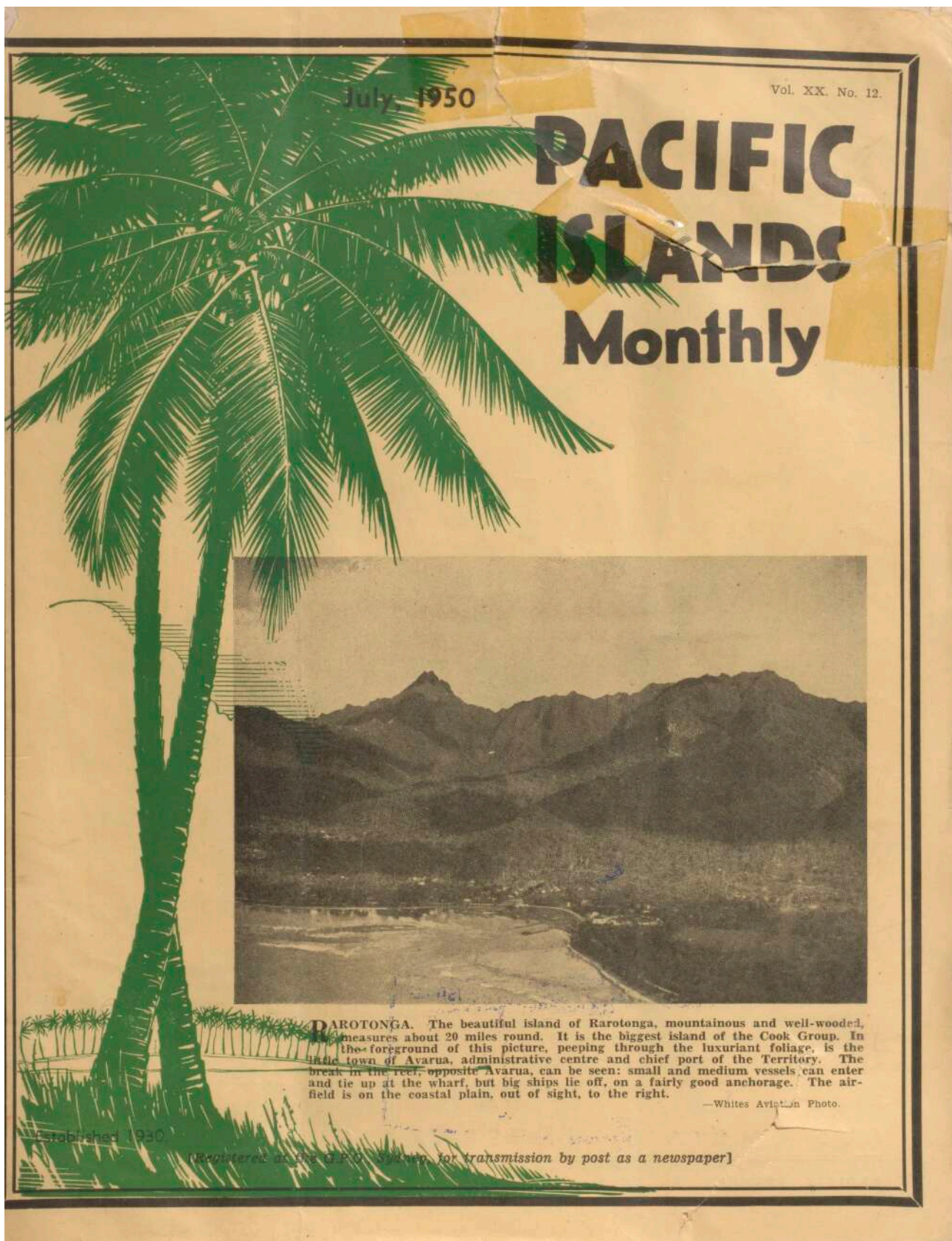
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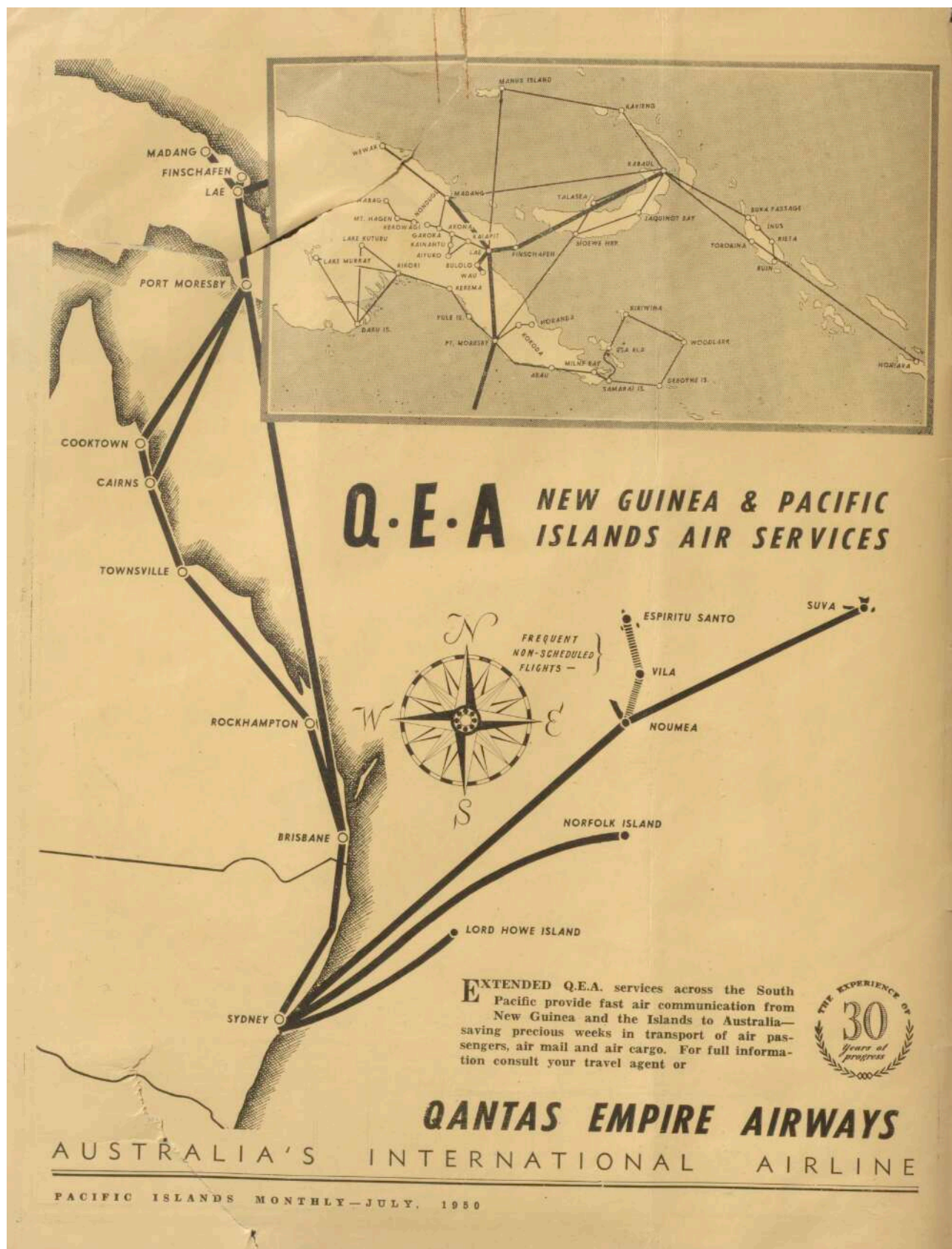
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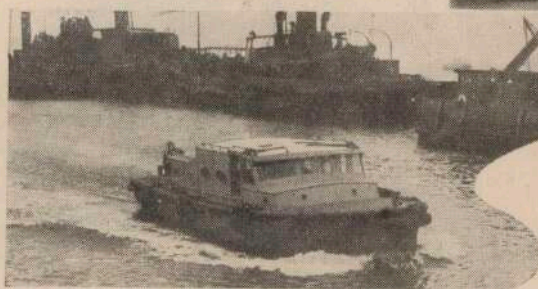
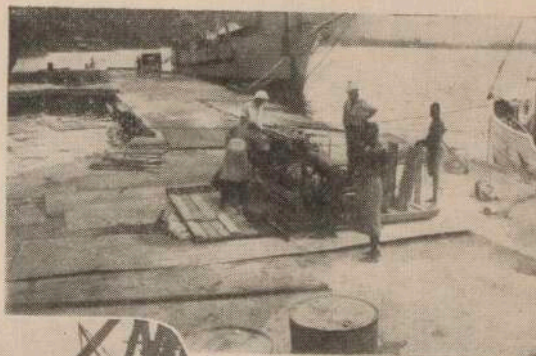
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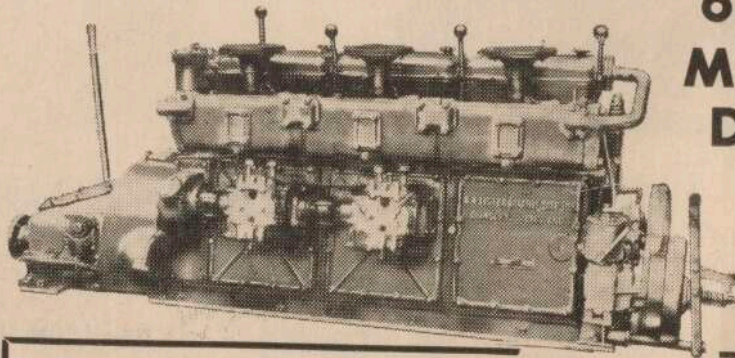
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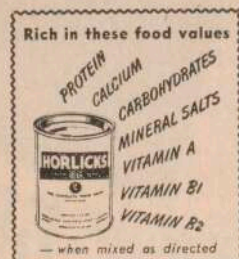
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THE END OF THE COLD WAR

THE events which will spring from this
incident in Korea will have a pro-
found effect upon the future of
mankind.

They may lead to World War III. That
is up to Russia. World War III would
mean horrors indescribable—atom bombs,
for certain, and probably bacterial war-
fare. If we fail in that war, we shall
see the end of Western Civilisation and
the beginning of another Dark Age, in
which we shall carry the yoke of Mus-
covite Communism.

If we win that war, we shall destroy
this monstrous system which the Mus-
covites have created out of the writings
of Karl Marx and their own crazy
egotism, and we shall have the chance of
establishing in the world an era of peace
and plenty—to which poor humanity
surely is entitled, after all these centuries
of horror and struggle.

IF Russia does not fight, now, her mana
will be gone. The Anglo-American
Powers then will have the oppor-
tunity of breaking down the Red Bloc,
and restoring political sanity and peace
to the world.

One or other of these things must hap-
pen. We shall know, before the northern
summer turns to autumn, which it is to
be. It is the end of the Cold War. . . .
We must pay tribute to the Americans,
for the promptness and decisiveness with
which they acted.

KOREA and the Koreans—a particu-
larly unlovable type of Asiatic—
mean nothing. It just happened
that Moscow-inspired events there pre-
sented a clear challenge to all the prin-

ciples for which we fought World War
II, and which the United Nations was
formed to establish and protect.

The challenge was bound to come,
somewhere, very soon. The Western
Democracies were bound to meet it.
Otherwise, Western civilisation would
have collapsed, and Muscovite rule taken
its place.

JUDGING them on War and Post-War
events, the Moscow gang will not show
their hand immediately. Even if
they are planning total war, we may not
know for weeks.

Russia probably will try first to involve
the Westerners in a struggle with Com-
munist China. China, at any moment,
may support North Korea, or thrust at
Formosa, or attack Hong Kong, or go to
the aid of the Reds in Indo-China or
Malaya. Anything of that kind will mean
war with China.

But a war with China, with Russia
officially neutral in the background, would
be a maddening and confusing thing.
What could we do against scores of mil-
lions of Chinese, with no strength except
in their countless numbers, ready at any
time to retire into the depths of Asia?
It could be like turning a trained boxer
loose on a feather bolster.

The Western Nations are out to get
Russia and not to dissipate their strength
against China.

INTERNATIONAL publicists have been
trying to present the Korea affair
as an attempt by the United Nations
to uphold the UN law. The British
nations and Holland have hurried to the
side of the United States. The Com-

munist members of UN are hostile, and
non-Communist members are doing
nothing.

It looks like the end of the United
Nations. It looks as if the duty of de-
fending Western civilisation will devolve
upon the English-speaking nations, with
the Scandinavian nations, Germany and
Japan coming presently to their aid.

The Anglo-American nations should
have accepted that duty and responsibility
in 1945, and become the policemen of the
world, for the general good of humanity.
Instead of that, the British people went
off on a mad Socialist spree, the two
Powers (United States and British Com-
monwealth) chiefly responsible for our
overwhelming victory disarmed them-
selves, and Russia was left free to
terrorise the world.

It is possible to argue that, if Britain
had kept Mr. Churchill in power, there
would have been no irresponsible dis-
armament, no failure to challenge Russia,
no attack on the democratic world by
Muscovite Totalitarianism, no over-run-
ning of Asia by the Reds—and no threat
of World War III.

IF World War III comes, it will flare up
in South-east Asia, the Middle East,
Europe and perhaps North Africa, on
many fronts and in a few hours.

The South Pacific countries will not
be menaced by it, however, as they were
by the Japs in 1942. The Russians and
Asiatic Communists have huge armies,
but no sea-power. Without sea-power,
they could not send troops or planes
against us.

Our chief danger would be from bombs,
and perhaps small planes, directed from
huge trans-ocean submarines. Russia has
several scores of such submarines ready
for operations in the Pacific. They could
seriously harass us, but they could not
invade us.

PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY IS NOW 20 YEARS OLD

WITH this issue, the Pacific Islands Monthly completes 20 years of life. It was published first in August, 1930. It has survived one Depression, one World War, and one Post-war Disturbance. Its editors believe that it has succeeded reasonably well, in its effort to give useful service to the communities of the Pacific Islands.

The first half of 1942, in the middle of World War II, brought a unique experience to the publisher of the PIM. The Japanese invaded the South-west Pacific and, almost overnight, half of the PIM circulation and most of its advertisements disappeared. Its subscribers were either fighting in the tropical jungles, or were refugees in Australia, New Zealand or Polynesia; and the people who directed their business announcements to Islands readers were now wholly engaged on vital war work.

However, the PIM never missed an issue. Instead of being a news-review and magazine, it became a monthly record of the War in the Pacific. In 1945-46, as the Islanders went back to their battered mines, stores and plantations, the PIM regained its readers and its advertisers—and, we hope, its capacity for giving useful service.

With the goodwill and support of our innumerable friends in the Islands, and of business folk and institutions in Australia, New Zealand and the older countries, we have enjoyed our 20 years of Islands journalism. We hope that those cordial relations will long continue.

DISTRIBUTION BY AIR

ONE important change has occurred in those 20 years. To an increasing degree, the PIM is reaching its readers in Papua-New Guinea by air transport. This movement is to be accelerated, and cheapened and widened. In a plan to give quick delivery, at reduced rates, we have been met in a generous way by Qantas Empire Airways Ltd. We hope, at an early date, to announce a special subscription rate for the PIM, under which the journal will be delivered to readers by air very soon after publication, in all islands reached by the Qantas services, including the Fiji area.

Death of Mr. C. H. Carne, MBE

FUJI lost one of her most valued citizens on June 21, when Mr. C. H. Carne died, at the age of 67.

An Australian, Mr. Carne went to the service of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company in Fiji in 1904, and was employed at Labasa, Nausori and Lautoka. He then became a senior member of the staff of Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., and he was their Ba manager when he retired after 20 years' service.

Mr. Carne had a strong sense of public duty and, in 1945, he became the Government's Rehabilitation Officer and made an outstanding success of the job of helping the servicemen back to civilian life. He assisted the Government in other ways, and was awarded the MBE in the 1949 New Year Honours.

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, and three sons.

The Rev. John Manisela Tonga, a Tongan, has been appointed to a station in Papua by the Methodist Overseas Mission. He recently has been doing deputation work in Australia.

Board-Room Headaches for Morris Hedstrom Limited

ALTHOUGH the gross profit made by Morris Hedstrom Limited in trading in the Central-South Pacific, in the year ended March 31 last, was the largest in the Company's 40 years of existence, and the net profit (£90,839) was "satisfactory," the chairman (Sir Maynard Hedstrom) told the shareholders at the annual meeting last month that he was not happy about the position.

Operations, in many respects, had not been carried out efficiently, he said; full advantage had not been taken of the trading opportunities created by the large volume of money in circulation in the Islands; and the Company's plantations had not had the full advantage from the high ruling price of copra.

Sir Maynard explained that this was not due to any failure on the part of existing staff, but mainly to the fact that the Company simply could not obtain the number of competent men whom it needed for its various operations. This condition—common throughout Australasia—had placed the Company under a severe handicap.

This company, trading in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, has a subscribed capital of £739,613, and it has nearly £1 million in reserves and P/L Account. On the assets side of its balance-sheet it shows no less than £799,740 in cash and investments—£315,000 of it in actual cash or at short-call. Only some £70,000 per annum is required for the customary 10 per cent. dividend. Little wonder that the Directorate laments the lack of investment opportunities in the Islands under the post-war Socialist set-up!

The other two big Islands trading companies met a similar situation in different ways. Burns Philp and Co. Ltd. have transferred a large part of their activities from Island to mainland trading, and are thus keeping a large proportion of their funds working. W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd., seeing what was coming, allowed much of their business to go to associated concerns in other countries, and returned to shareholders about half of the capital that had been subscribed in Australia. For years, probably in the hope that investment conditions in their area will change, Morris Hedstrom Ltd., have kept an amount equal to the whole of their subscribed capital, in cash, stocks, and bonds, which probably does not earn an average of more than 2 per cent., and therefore is an embarrassment to a concern expected to pay at least 10 per cent.

Morris Hedstrom Limited is one of the solidest and best-managed concerns south of the equator. But, under the now peculiar economic condi-

tions of this tortured world, its success and its wealth have created for it some extraordinary directorial headaches. What IS the answer to too much money, not enough investment opportunities, and not enough staff to take care of the opportunities that do exist?

This company, by the way, has a Pensions Fund of nearly a quarter of a million, which receives each year about £10,000 from the company, £6,000 from members, and £9,000 from investments. It has been built up in 23 years; and, so far, it pays out only £2,500 per annum in pensions.

Pacific Islands Year Book Available This Month

THE 1950 edition of the Pacific Islands Year Book will be available in Sydney before the end of July.

It was scheduled for publication one year ago in July, 1949. The far-reaching industrial dislocation of May-June, 1949, threw that plan out of gear. Power for all publishing was extremely limited.

Inability of printing-houses generally to pick up the lag, and the increasing shortage of skilled staff, caused postponement of publication, until it seemed that the book would never appear.

Finally, printing was finished, and it was the bookbinders' turn. Then Australia's eastern coast was swept by phenomenal storms. Colliers could not carry coal from Newcastle to Sydney; so Sydney's coal-gas supply was rationed—and still is rationed. The binders are not allowed to use gas, to heat their glue-pots, to make book-covers; and so again publication has been delayed.

However, gas-rationing is about to end. Nothing much else is left to happen. If the Russians do not drop an atom bomb on Sydney, the Year Book should be out, as indicated above.



NEW FLYING-BOAT FOR SUVA SERVICE

While in Suva after its inaugural flight from Auckland in June, the TEAL flying-boat took parties of Suva citizens for courtesy flights. Top photo shows a party, in flight. In lower photo, Mrs. Dave Butler (striped frock), wife of the Suva manager of the Union S.S. Company, is leaving the plane holding one of the souvenir ash-trays which were given to guests.

Copra Price Becoming Live Issue In New Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, July 6.
THE coconut planters of Papua and New Guinea are showing growing irritation over the failure of the Australian Government to take any action on their two main grievances. Those grievances are:

1.—Since the re-establishment of civil government, the Government has compulsorily acquired all copra produced in the Territories, and has fixed its own price to the planters. For years, the Government has deducted from payments due to planters a sum, ranging from £3 to £6 per ton, wherewith to form a Stabilisation Fund. "Stabilisation" became unnecessary after the end of 1948, when the British Government undertook to buy, for nine years, all the copra Australia's territories could produce, at a guaranteed price. But deductions still continue, and the Fund is now over £700,000. Planters say the deductions should cease, and the Fund be distributed among the planters who created it.

2.—Planters insist that the £48/10/- Sterling now being paid by Britain under the Ministry of Food guarantee is grossly under world market value. It was under market value in 1949; but the position became much worse when Britain de-valued her £, by about 30 per cent., in relation to gold and the US dollar. The copra for which Britain is paying £48/10/- per ton in her now de-valued Sterling, is now worth around £80, in the same currency.

THESE and other matters were dealt with in a statement made in Rabaul early in July by Mr. B. Barrett, President of the Planters' Association of New Guinea.

"The reply of the Australian Government on the stabilisation of the copra industry was most unsatisfactory," said Mr. Barrett.

"The so-called Stabilisation Fund—in the establishment of which Territory planters were not consulted, and have at no time had a voice—now stands at over £700,000.

"As has been pointed out to the Minister, repayment of these monies to planters—who are rightly entitled to them—would assist in the development of the country.

"The Minister has spoken of possible settlement schemes in the Territory. It is the considered opinion of the Association that such schemes are doomed to failure, unless the industry is freed from the burden of unwarranted controls.

"Planters have suffered setbacks and met with little but Government red-tape for four years. In the face of this opposition, and with difficulties of supply and transport, copra production has risen steadily, thanks to the pioneering efforts of a handful of men. It is only fitting that these men, or their families, should reap the full reward of their efforts in the way of repayment of Stabilisation Fund money deducted to date.

"At present, we go on contributing to this inequitable and illegal fund at the rate of £5 for each ton of copra delivered to the PCB. Who, we ask, it to benefit from this? Perhaps Canberra can tell us."

Planters Sacrificed To Australian Millers and British Purchasers

IN his recent policy speech, the Minister said: "... The Australian crushers, while enjoying the full benefit of the favourable prices which are

at present operating under the Agreement, are in no way bound by its other terms. Consequently, they are under no obligation to continue purchasing their requirements from the territory at the Agreement price, should any general fall in prices enable them to obtain their copra requirements from other and cheaper sources of supply."

"The agreement he refers to is the Copra Agreement with Britain. It is obvious that the Australian crushers, and Britain, are the only ones 'enjoying the benefit' from the Agreement. With recent quotes in the world markets of £88/10/- sterling per ton, and allowing for difference in freight to these markets, as against freight to Australia, the Australian crusher is at present being subsidised by New Guinea planters to the extent of no less than £38/14/6 Australian per ton.

"These figures have been brought to the notice of the Australian Government but to date no satisfactory reply has been received by the Planters' Association.

Storage and Shipping Problems

THE copra storage position at Rabaul, which was acute last month, has been temporarily alleviated by the arrival of the Teviot Bank, closely following the loading of the Ivy Bank and Tungsha.

"The necessity for more storage has been brought to the notice of the Minister for External Territories, who stated that tenders are being called for the construction of additional stores at Rabaul. This work is not yet commenced. The Minister also stated that the Australian Government was endeavouring to arrange regular calls by overseas vessels to pick up copra destined for the British Ministry of Food. This is essential if the congestion and hold-ups of May, 1950, are not to be repeated.

"Mr. D. Mackay, of the Australian Shipping Board, recently visited most of the New Ireland ports and saw at first hand the difficulties experienced by planters.

"He stated that if the Directorate of Shipping continued to operate in Papua-New Guinea waters, increases in freight and fares were inevitable, as, at present, the ships were running at a loss and fares were below those which would be charged by private operators. He was informed that the planters were prepared to meet increased freights and fares only if there were increased efficiency in the shipping services and regular sailings.

"In the opinion of the Association, it is essential that the Directorate continue in operation until private operators are running to regular schedules.

"The Bougainville sub-branch of the Association indicates that members there are in favour of the Directorate continuing indefinitely, but they stress the necessity of regular services.

"The recent review of the Customs tariff will mean some reduction in living costs, and a small reduction in the cost of production, as meat is now duty free.

"However, an urgent revision of copra prices is still our first essential and the Australian Government is strangely silent on this point."

NEW COMMITTEE TO DEAL WITH SITUATION

THE whole matter of the future control of the copra industry in New Guinea—the administration of the Stabilisation Fund, the authority and

scope of the Production Control Board, and the price that should be paid by the Australian crushers—is now under consideration, and an announcement will be made at an early date," the Minister for External Territories (Mr. Spender) informed the PIM on July 12. "It is proposed to set up a body—probably a Committee—on which planters will have representation.

"I am aware of what has been said about the price paid under the British Ministry of Food guarantee—namely, that Britain is buying our copra at a price much below world values. But we cannot find that Britain is getting any monetary benefit by re-selling our copra—there is no evidence of that, at all.

"Ceylon is not now selling her copra to Britain; but there is no evidence at all of the Ceylon planters getting high prices from the world market. Ceylon appears to be using all her own copra in her own mills."

DUTCH MAY RE-ESTABLISH SOUTH PACIFIC LINE

THE Dutch are giving serious thought to the re-establishment of their South Pacific shipping service which, before the war, ran between the East Indies and Sydney, via Papua, New Guinea, New Hebrides and New Caledonia.

Inquiries now are being made by the Royal Inter-Ocean Line, which is closely associated with the Dutch Royal Packet Navigation Line. The East Indies ports which may thus be connected with the South-West Pacific probably would be Singapore, Jakarta (Batavia) and Sourabaya.

RECORD PRICE FOR TROCHUS SHELL

ONE of the leading pearl shell buyers on Thursday Island, P. H. Mendis & Sons, are offering £120 per ton for trochus shell—the record high price for Thursday Island and £50 in advance of 1949 prices.

Inquiries are coming from Greece, Syria, Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore and USA. Production is small and it is believed the price might yet rise to £150 per ton.

There was little demand for trochus in the immediate post-war years due to the dislocation of the pearl button trade.

COLYER WATSONS RETURN TO MADANG, NG

THE old established trading business and property of Mr. Roy McGregor, Madang, New Guinea, has been purchased by Colyer Watson (New Guinea) Ltd. The new proprietors will take over at the end of August, under the control of Mr. Noel Collins (of Colyer Watson's Kavieng branch), assisted by Mr. A. J. Robinson (from Rabaul).

This step marks the return to the NG mainland of Colyer Watson (NG), Ltd. after eight years. Before World War II, they were at Madang and Wau (on the mainland), Rabaul (New Britain), and Kavieng (New Ireland). They did not re-establish at Madang or Wau after the Japanese were driven out but concentrated on reorganising at Rabaul and Kavieng in 1946-47.

Colyer Watson's will use Mr. McGregor's present stores, but their main Madang building will be in front of the old McGregor store in Patostem Street, where a large store is being erected. Timber and material recently were taken across from Rabaul in their small vessel Bell Bird. The timber came from their own mill at Waterfall Bay, New Britain. The company will continue to operate the transit camp for native labour at Modillon.

LOSS OF FAIRWIND IN NSW CYCLONE

**Skipper Was Well-Known
Captain Sandy Campbell**

THE 300 ton Navy ship, Fairwind, was lost with all hands in a cyclone off the NSW north coast on or about June 24.

Fairwind had been in New Guinea waters for the last six months on fishery research and was coming South to be returned to the Navy. The master was Captain A. Campbell, 62, of Cremorne, Sydney—better known to pre-war Papua-New Guinea residents as Captain Sandy Campbell of Burns Philp ships, Macdhui and later, Bulolo.

No bodies have been recovered but a great deal of wreckage, evidently from Fairwind, has been tossed on the beach near Nambucca heads, 250 miles south of Brisbane. This included two life boats, (one bearing the name Fairwind), hatch covers, cabin doors, etc.

The Fairwind had been away from Sydney since last September when it took a number of scientists to Papua and New Guinea to enable them to study fishing grounds in those territories. The scientists were not on board for the return trip.

The last heard of the Fairwind was at 4.30 p.m. on June 23 when the skipper radioed the Department of External Territories in Sydney stating that he was short of fuel and at that time was sheltering from heavy seas at Cape Solitary, 12 miles from Coff's Harbour.

He asked for permission to put into Coff's Harbour to obtain additional fuel.

It is believed that the Fairwind ran into the full force of the cyclone within a short time of sending out the radio message to Sydney and was possibly driven on to rocks where it broke up.

The seas that followed during the week-end after Captain Campbell's last message are said to have been the worst experienced in the memory of residents of the NSW north coast. The captain of the small island ship, Awahou, which for a few days was also feared lost on a voyage from the Solomons, said that it had been "touch and go" for his ship and that the waves were the biggest he had ever seen.

Besides Captain Campbell the white crew consisted of First Officer J. E. Wilson, 25, of Cronulla (N.S.W.); Chief Engineer L. T. Myers, 31, of Bondi, Sydney; D. Connelly, 25, Fisheries officer, of Newcastle; W. Brightwell, technician, of Sydney. There were also 11 native seamen.

Captain Campbell's Career

CAPTAIN CAMPBELL had been semi-retired from the sea for the last few years.

He served in the Navy in World War I and became well-known to New Guinea residents who travelled on Burns Philp ships between Sydney and Papua-New Guinea ports between the wars. He served as master in most BP ships, particularly in Macdhui and later the modern Bulolo. He was her skipper at the outbreak of war when the British Admiralty took her over. He then went to the Neptuna but retired altogether from Burns Philp in the mid-war period.

Towards the end of the war he was working with Mr. Leonard Murray on intelligence work for the United States forces—it is understood this work was compiling sailing directions for Islands waters.

After the war he ferried a number of small ships to Port Moresby for the Gov-

ernment and at one stage was acting Harbour Master, Port Moresby, for six months.

For the last six months he has been on the Fairwind.

Captain Campbell was of a quiet, retiring disposition but a top-ranking seaman and popular with his fellow officers.

BULK OIL INSTALLATION OPENED AT LAE, NG

From a Special Correspondent

LAE, July 9.

NEW GUINEA'S first commercial bulk petroleum terminal was officially opened at Lae on July 8, by the Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Colonel J. K. Murray.

Built by the Vacuum Oil Co. Pty., Ltd., at a cost of approximately £150,000 this new installation will open up a new era of fuel distribution for the wide area it will serve.

This will embrace Madang, Wewak, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus Island, Samarai and Port Moresby.

Commonwealth departmental officers, members of Colonel Murray's administrative staff, industrialists, and businessmen engaged in developmental work and undertakings in New Guinea, airline and shipping representatives, planters, former Vacuum Oil Company agents, and petroleum consumers from Papua-New Guinea and adjoining islands were present at the ceremony.

The weather was fine and about 200 visitors were the guests of the Vacuum Oil Company.

Mr. H. C. Smith, Operations Director, in his speech reviewed the past and future of the Vacuum Oil operations within the Territory. The Administrator after an interesting speech declared the Bulk Installation open. The guests then retired for refreshment after they had made a conducted tour of the Installation.

THE terminal received its first shipment of petroleum products from Palembang in early July when the 16,000-ton tanker Lifford tied up at the wharf at Milfordhaven and pumped its cargo through a mile long pipeline cut through the jungle to the bulk storage tanks of the new installation.

NADI AS AERIAL GATEWAY FOR FIJI TOURIST TRAFFIC

FOLLOWING upon the decision of the South Pacific Air Transport Council in Melbourne, that the Fiji international airport should be at Nadi instead of Suva Point, the notices given to Suva Point property owners (that their land was to be acquired for an airport) have been formally withdrawn.

The international air authorities concerned (especially Fiji and New Zealand) are now giving attention to the problem of providing suitable amenities for stop-over travellers at Nadi.

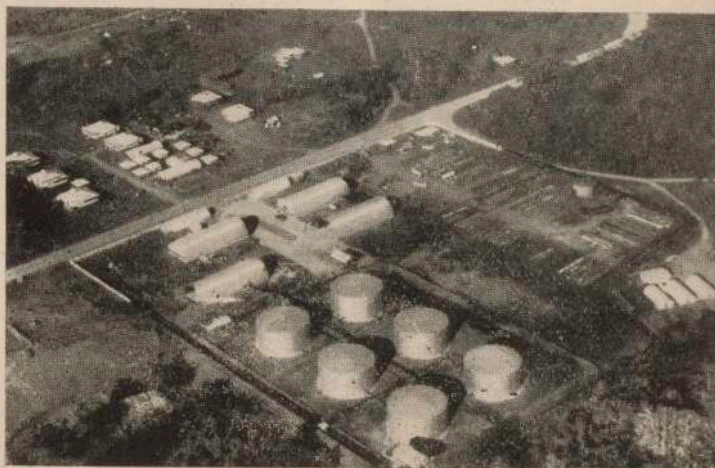
BRETT HILDER, almost as well-known now as an artist as he is a sea captain, will hold an exhibition of water colours in Anthony Hordern's Art Gallery, Sydney, between September 12-24.

Each picture is a study of a member of one of the native races of the Pacific basin—Melanesian, Polynesian, Micronesian; Chinese, Indians, Malays, etc., are also represented.

Critics have already called this collection of his work unique. Great trouble has been taken to frame and mount the water colours in a manner typical of their Island origin.

At present, there is a kind of a hostel—much improved in the last year or two, but still primitive—at Nadi airport; a small but fairly modern hotel at the Indian town of Nadi, a couple of miles away; and a large European hotel at Lautoka, nearly 20 miles away.

Fiji is anxious to secure tourist traffic; but Nadi airport is isolated on the bare and uninteresting northwestern plain—an ideal airport, but not in the least attractive. Its chief drawback is the difficulty and expense of getting from Nadi to more civilised and beautiful places. Suva, for example, is 130 miles away. It now is planned, however, to run a flying-boat service between the northwest (presumably from Lautoka) and Suva; and this at least will encourage tourists to "stop over."



An aerial photograph of the bulk oil terminal which has just been opened at Lae.

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MISSIONARIES DIE IN AIR FRANCE DISASTER

From a Special Correspondent

DEATH strikes without discrimination. Among those who perished when an Air France Constellation plunged into the Persian Gulf on June 13 were four members of the Catholic church in New Caledonia.

They were: Mother Guy of the Eucharistie, Mother Superior of the Catholic girls' school at Noumea, chosen to represent New Caledonia at Holy Year celebrations at Rome. Sister Marguerite, nursing sister at the Ducos Leper settlement.

The Rev. Father Luneau of the native catechists at Canala, on the East coast, on a Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome.

The Rev. Father Luc Amoura, recently ordained a priest and the first New Caledonian native to gain that honour, also bound for Rome.

For 20 years Mother Guy had guided the Catholic girlhood of Noumea. She was 45 at the time of her death but perennially young and, if such a term can be applied to a nun, vivacious. Her charm was felt by all who met her. After her long years of work in the tropics she was to enjoy a long holiday after her visit to Rome.

Sister Marguerite had nursed lepers for four years and was going home to France to recuperate her own health.

Father Luneau was to have a holiday in France after his visit to Rome and to visit his home and family whom he had not seen for 20 years. Father Luc Amoura, after completing his Holy Year mission, was to continue his religious education in France.

The tragic death of these people has cast a gloom over all sections of the community of New Caledonia.

TAHITI MAN LOST

DOCTEUR GAUDIN, June 18 Papeete, who owned a pharmacy business here, and who was well and favourably known, perished in the Air France disaster on June 13.

FATAL ACCIDENT AT KWATO, PAPUA

WHEN Mr. and Mrs. Neville Brent-Young, of Milne Bay, Papua, were holidaying at Kwato, their small son, 2½, fell from a jeep which his father was driving, at the mission station, and was fatally injured. Dr. Leo Petroskos, of Samarai attended the child but, despite all care, he died on July 3, and was buried at Kwato.

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

GUEST speaker at the June meeting of the Pacific Islands Society was Mr. R. W. Robson, whose subject was "Behind the Scenes at the South Pacific Conference."

The annual general meeting of the Society will be held on July 26.

NEW MEMBERS: Captain and Mrs. Brett Hilder.

MICRONESIA

Expected Change in US Administration

IT is reported that the American Trust Territory of Micronesia is to come under civilian administration as from July 1. Ever since it was taken over from the Japanese, it has been a Navy responsibility.

At first, the Territory was administered from the Mariana Islands, and considerable progress was made; but American critics have complained that in the past year, since headquarters were moved to Hawaii, they have lost some contact with the native peoples.

It was tipped in Honolulu last month that a brother of Mr. Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, would become the civilian Administrator of Micronesia and that headquarters would be at Truk, in the Carolines, which already is headquarters for various official institutions concerned with native welfare.



Mother Grey and Sister Marguerite.

NG WOMEN'S CLUB OF SYDNEY

MEMBERS of the New Guinea Women's Club, Sydney, met at the Cenotaph in Martin Place, on July 1, to pay homage to the memory of those 300 men who lost their lives on the Montevides Maru in 1942.

The annual general meeting of the Club will be held at 77 King Street at 11 a.m. on July 20.

LATE NEWS

Catalina Case

AT the Sydney Quarter Sessions on July 14, Bryan Wills Monkton, managing director of Trans-Oceanic Airways was acquitted of a charge of maliciously damaging a flying-boat.

The charge arose out of an explosion and fire on a Qantas Empire Airways Catalina, at Rose Bay, Sydney, in August, 1949.

Fourteen delegates from Australia and the South Pacific are on their way to San Francisco to attend a conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

PAPUA'S DIVORCE LAWS AMENDED

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, June 20.

PAPUA'S divorce laws are now similar to those in Australian States, although not as wide as those in some States.

Until the Matrimonial Causes Ordinance came into force last March, there were only two grounds for divorce in Papua—adultery by the wife or, in the case of a husband, adultery together with bigamy or various sexual offences. Now a husband or wife may sue for divorce on any one or more of the following grounds: (1) Adultery. (2) Habitual cruelty for one year or more. (3) Desertion for 3 years. (4) Habitual drunkenness for 3 years, coupled with—in the case of a husband—failure to support the wife, and, in the case of a wife, habitual neglect of domestic duties. (5) Imprisonment for 3 years or more for a capital crime, or any sentence of 7 years or more. (6) Conviction for attempted murder or assault causing or intending grievous bodily harm. (7) In the case of a husband, convictions totalling 3 years jail during the 5 years before the petition, together with habitual failure to support the wife. (8) Sodomy, rape or bestiality. (9) Confinement as a mental defective during the 5 years before the petition, provided that recovery is improbable. (10) In the case of a husband, habitual failure during the 5 years before the petition, to pay maintenance ordered by the court or under a separation deed.

Normally divorce proceedings are taken only in the State or Territory where the husband lives permanently. A wife who has been living in Papua one year, however, may sue for divorce in Papua although her husband has his permanent home elsewhere. In such a case, the local Supreme Court would apply the divorce laws of the State or Territory where the husband has his permanent home.

Annual Meeting NG Women's Assn. of Melbourne

THE New Guinea Women's Association of Melbourne held its annual general meeting on July 1. The following officer bearers were elected: Mrs. H. A. Gregory, president; Miss V. Youlden, secretary; Mrs. L. C. Farnsworth, treasurer.

Monthly meetings are held in Melbourne and although these have taken the form of social occasions a number of other matters have been attended to during the last year.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund has continued to grow and three scholarships were granted this year. The Queensland NG Women's Association was given £25 towards a scholarship fund for that State.

Members joined in a service with the 2/23 Battalion at Melbourne Shrine to commemorate the fall of Rabaul on January 23, 1942. And on Anzac Day they joined with the War Widows' Guild for a service.

Last December 10 a Christmas party was held and 80 members and their friends met.

At a recent meeting it was decided to make a gift to the new Anglican Church at Lae, New Guinea. This will take the form of a book case and table in honour of the men from New Guinea who gave their lives in World War II.

RABAU ROUNDABOUT

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, July 3.
RABAU is proud of its rehabilitated swimming pool which has now been restored to its pre-war size of 100 feet by 36 feet and is complete with new dressing sheds. The pool is filled by a high pressure pump electrically driven, and the surrounding grounds are well kept and planted.

Credit for this fine achievement goes to the Committee of the Swimming Club, especially to Secretary Ken Jameson and Mr. Phil James, Club captain.

When required, the pool is laned off for racing events. Over Easter weekend a large crowd of Madang visitors used the pool and races were staged. Over King's Birthday weekend, a plane load of Kavieng swimmers visited Rabaul. A successful swimming carnival was held in which Kavieng, Kokopo and Rabaul all shared honours, with special mention to the Misses Stanfield and Mr. Stanfield Junior, of Kavieng, who outclassed all in their respective divisions.

With the arrival of the material, it is intended to treat the walls of the pool specially and paint them white.

A LOCAL Court case which created much interest, was held recently, when Mr. Edward Fowler, Engineer, sued Messrs. Colyer Watsons for wrongful dismissal. The Judge found for Mr. Fowler, and in his summing up stated "that the agreement of employment was indeed a fine one, for Messrs. Colyer Watsons."

THE native market is improving with regard to prices, eggs being standardised at 4d. each. Prices of vegetables and fruit, however, are still much higher than they were 12 months ago.

ON June 10, a social evening and dance was held at the Returned Servicemen's Club to present a Life-Membership Certificate of the RSL, to the Sub-Branch secretary, Mr. Phil Chapman, in appreciation of services rendered. Two hundred members and their guests attended, including Kavieng and Kokopo visitors.

DURING June, at the European Hospital, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Arrowsmith. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dunbar-Reid.

THE Carlad, a South African yacht, on a voyage around the world called at Rabaul in June. She arrived from Panama and West Indies ports via Australia, and the owners will continue their cruise as their fancy pleases.

RABAU is expanding in the way of new businesses and personnel. On the last Bulolo two dentists arrived to set up in private practice. One is Mr. R. Dickie from Fiji, who is well-known in the Territory. However, Mr. Dickie has been unable to secure suitable premises and is leaving Rabaul within the month. The other dentist is a New Australian, Mr. Baumgarten, who has temporary premises in Mango Avenue.

The medical staff has been increased by the appointment of Dr. Sawy, a New Australian, who is stationed at the Native Hospital.

Rabaul now has two solicitors, our well-known identity, Mr. Dudley Jones, and newcomer, Mr. R. F. Foy, who has had considerable experience in India. Mrs. Dudley Jones arrived on the last Bulolo to take up residence in Rabaul.

The new hotel in Mango Avenue, which is being built for Mr. Arthur Brown, is rapidly nearing completion.

Rabaul now has a European ladies' and men's hairdresser in Mrs. Leech, whose premises are located at the back of Doctor James' surgery.

A modern photographic studio is being erected for Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Smith in Mango Avenue. Pending completion of this building, which will be known as the Casurina Studios, business is being conducted at a private residence.

We understand that a chemist is shortly to open a shop in the same block. In addition to carrying the usual stocks, a soda fountain and milk bar will be installed.

ON June 7, a serious accident occurred near Tilligap approximately half way between Rabaul and Kokopo, involving a jeep and truck. The driver of the jeep, Mr. H. E. (Harry) Read, received a broken leg and abrasions. His native boss boy Milah, a passenger, had his chest crushed and died in hospital some hours later. It is believed that the accident was due to poor visibility created by the dust. Mr. Read, who is the well-known and popular secretary of the RSL Club is now convalescent at Namanula Hospital.

THE New Guinea Club is making improvements to the visitors' room, and the new dance hall at the RSL Club is quickly taking shape. The floor is of seasoned timber, and will please those who have danced on concrete floors for many years. The new building will be opened with a "Diggers' Ball."

THE dust menace becomes progressively worse in the township due to lack of rain. The scarcity of water, even from the wells, is causing some anxiety.

DUE to the increasing number of motor accidents, the Police Department is conducting a "blitz" on all vehicles.

Registration is most strict and vehicles suspected of not complying with all requirements of the Traffic Act are pulled in for investigation. This drive is commendable, as there are over 1,000 motor vehicles on the Gazelle Peninsula, the majority being ex-disposals vehicles which are much the worse for wear. Rabaul, however, has more than its share of luxurious new cars. These arrive on every ship from the East, chiefly purchased by the local Chinese.

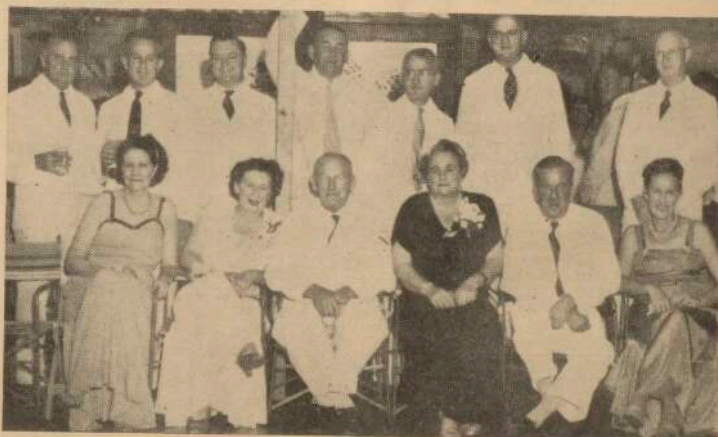
ELECTRICAL officials have been making a house-to-house check and advising householders as to what their monthly charge will be for the supply of electrical power. All agree that some charge should be made as the power supply for the last year has been all that could be desired. However, the basis of charge is on every light point and power plug, making the total somewhat excessive. It is also rumoured that payments will be retrospective to September 1949. Should this be the case, an uproar is anticipated.

SUBSEQUENT to the visit of Brigadier Brown of the War Graves Commission, and the information that he received, was the arrival of Colonel Houghton (Army War Graves), Squadron-Leader Rundle and Sgt. Henderson of RAAF War Graves.

An area surrounding Matupi was excavated, and some 30 bodies of servicemen were discovered, comprising 15 RAAF, 12 Indians and the rest American personnel. Twelve of the RAAF bodies have been definitely identified. It is intended to remove the bodies to the Bita Paka war cemetery for reburial early in July.

MR. BECKETT, an executive of Kodaks, paid a visit to Rabaul during late June. Much enthusiasm was shown by amateur photographers who met him and a meeting of all interested was held. A camera club has been formed and the first photographic competition arranged.

TAKING advantage of the dry weather, work on the town roads has been resumed. Namanula road, which was unpassable during the last floods, has been widened and made into a safe



Before departing by the Malaita on May 20 for a trip abroad, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Perriman, of Rabaul, were entertained at a farewell party at the Island Paradise Cabaret. During their leave, the Perrimans will visit Canada, USA, the United Kingdom and Europe. They expect to be away approximately six months. The photograph taken at the party shows, left to right (back row): Messrs. M. D. Lees, E. J. Thomsett, G. D. Kent, A. Corlaas, R. B. Bailey, L. E. Michel, J. E. Walsh. Front row: Mrs. J. C. M. Scott, Mrs. Thomsett, Mr. and Mrs. Perriman, Mr. J. Sedgers, Mrs. Walsh.

—Photo by C. H. Meen.

fast highway. In other parts much attention has been paid to culverts and drainage. Roads have been redressed with bitumen and in all, a most thorough and commendable job has been carried out. However, it is hoped that in the not too distant future, the sealing of all roads in the town area will have been completed. :: :: ::

RABAU Administration employees have received notice of their reclassification under the Papua-New Guinea Public Service Commission. These classifications have caused much comment and dissatisfaction.

It is understood, that when the positions have been officially gazetted a meeting of protest is to be called by local Administration employees.

DEATH OF R. MEYNELL

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, July 3
DURING last week, a native runner brought word to Mrs. A. H. Creswell of Lillinkia Plantation, Bainings, that his master was ill. Mrs. Creswell immediately set out by canoe to investigate and found Raymond Maynell, an employee of her husband's, unconscious. Mr. Creswell was summoned and Maynell was brought by boat to Rabaul General Hospital. Despite every effort, Maynell did not regain consciousness and died on July 1. Death was due to inflammation of the brain.

Maynell was only 26 and a stranger to Rabaul district. However, he was well known at Wau for his sporting activities. He served for 5 years during the war with the R.A.N.

He was buried on July 2, following a service at the Roman Catholic Church, by the Rabaul RSL with full ceremony.

SOUTH PACIFIC RESEARCH COUNCIL

To Meet In Sydney In August

ARRANGEMENTS are being completed for the meeting of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission at the University of Sydney in the second and third week of August.

The meeting will be attended by the four permanent members of the Council (Dr. Baas Becking, Dr. Massal, Professor McMillan and Mr. Maude) and between 12 and 15 associate members. Observers will be present from international bodies and scientific institutions. Officials and members of the Commission will also attend.

There will be progress reports on the activities of the Research Council, and the expansion of the Commission's programme of work will be considered. Some recommendations from the South Pacific Conference—held in Fiji in April and May—will be brought forward for consideration.

RUSSIAN SPIES IN THE PACIFIC

THIS is not an inopportune time to note that at the trial of Alger Hiss, a Communist gentleman discovered at work in the State Department of the United States, evidence was given that as early as 1933-34 Russia was carrying on espionage work in the Pacific. A witness said that 10,000 Dollars was paid to two Russian agents who were at work among the Pacific Islands.

NO NEED FOR PANIC

Scientist's Report On Rabaul's Volcanoes

From a Special Correspondent

DUE to a mistake somewhere along the line, Rabaul residents have been caused much worry and anxiety over the possibility of Matupi blowing its top and removal of the township of Rabaul to a safer place.

Dr. Norman Fisher, Geologist and Vulcanologist, during a recent visit to Rabaul intimated that it was not necessary that Rabaul should be moved a great distance from its present site, and that it could be established with safety at Tavil, Nonga and Vara Vara areas and that the Rabaul Harbour could continue to be used with comparative safety as it is most unlikely that it would ever be closed by volcanic eruption. The pumice deposits on the harbour have nothing to do with the present volcanic activity at Rabaul. It would be just as unreasonable, he said, to evacuate Mount Gambier in South Australia because it was an active volcano in past ages.

If it be thought, by some, that poisonous gases might emanate from the volcanoes at Rabaul, it should be comforting to know, Dr. Fisher stated, that there is no case known of volcanic eruptions being accompanied by poisonous gases which were, in themselves, a serious source of danger to human life. The 30,000 deaths which occurred at St. Pierre in Martinique in 1902 were caused by red hot dust charged with superheated steam and other gases. This flowed down on the town after being erupted from a volcano of considerable height. The law of gravity was responsible for this. The Rabaul volcanoes, besides being of low altitude, are of an entirely different type which do not give rise to this type of eruption.

In the report published by Drs. Stehn and Woolnough, before the war, Dr. Stehn really meant that an observatory should be established at Rabaul and that the town was not to be removed to any great distance. Dr. Fisher accompanied Dr. Stehn on a tour of Java in 1939 for several months, and is therefore in a position to know what Dr. Stehn's real opinions were.

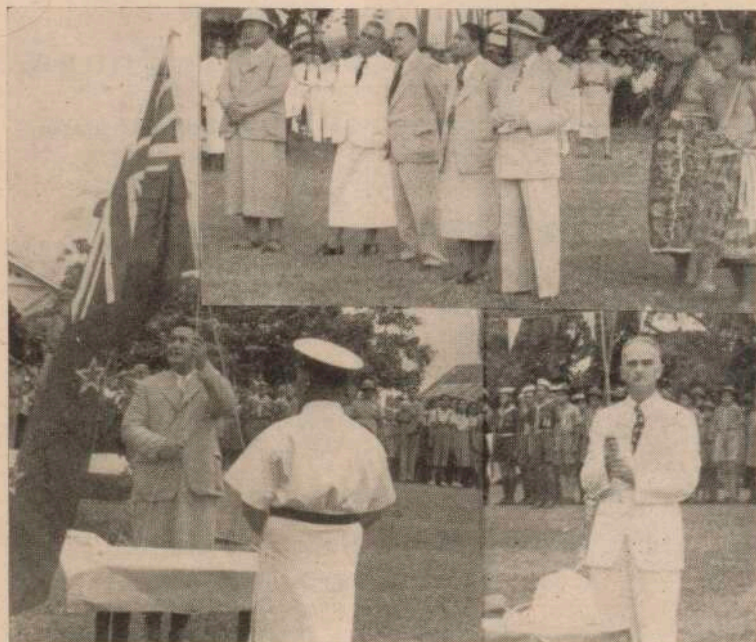
Because it was originally intended that a new capital of New Guinea be established at Lae, Administration Officers and even Ministers of the Crown have been confused. The whole question of moving Rabaul is fraught with misunderstanding.

VOLCANIC eruptions can be predicted, if, and when they should take place at Rabaul, but at Rapopo (one of the sites that were being considered prior to Dr. Fisher's revelation) earthquakes, which cannot be predicted, must inevitably be experienced every few years as it lies within the zone of tectonic weakness which exists across the Keravat-Warangi Valleys, extends to Massava in the North Baining and across the Gazelle Peninsula. This tectonic line of weakness is the source of violent earth tremors.

Being in complete contradiction to everything that has previously been published and believed, Dr. Fisher's statements are enough to make any of us sit up and take notice. They must certainly alter all projected plans that have been made in regard to the future of Rabaul.

It should be remembered that Dr. Fisher was official Vulcanologist in Rabaul for several years; that he made a close study of all the volcanic and seismic phenomena, including those leading up to the 1941 eruption of Matupi, and that he is in a position to speak with authority on these matters.

FLAG RAISING DAY IN W. SAMOA



Photographs taken during Flag Raising Day at Malinu'u, Western Samoa, on June 1. At left, the Hon. Tamasese raises the Samoan flag; at right, Mr. G. E. Powles, NZ High Commissioner in W. Samoa, raises NZ flag; top right, the official party is shown (left to right): Tamasese; Fenoti; Mr. Paul; Maietoea; Mr. F. W. Doidge, NZ Minister for External Affairs; Kalapu and Matatumua. —Superflash photo.

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MATUA TRAVELLERS



Recent travellers who left Apia, Western Samoa, by MV Matua, included (top left to lower right): Mrs. and Mr. Railey, who will make their home in NZ; Maleta, another young Samoan going to the Dominion; Miss La Schmidt, to holiday in NZ; Filisita, on her way to a job in Auckland; Mrs. Sisifo Fabricius, wife of Mr. Emil Fabricius, cabaret owner of Apia going to holiday in NZ.

—Superflash photo.

Synthetic South Sea Island Suggested

What Is Wrong With Real Thing?

THE Royal Hayman Hotel has been opened by the Australian Treasurer, Mr. Fadden, and has been described by newspapermen as the best tourist hotel south of Hawaii. It has recently been built on Hayman Island, in the Whitsunday Passage, Great Barrier Reef, by Ansett Transport Industries Pty., Ltd. Access is by sea-plane and tariff is a minimum £21 per week. Australians have liked to read about it while they are having, in the southern States, a cold and wet winter, but not many of them expect to sample its delights. It was built with the hope of attracting dollar tourists, anyway (presumably, that is why Mr. Fadden was asked to open it) but Aussies were shocked in June when a visiting American travel agent (Ansett's US agent) suggested that the place should be turned into a synthetic South Sea island with imported Polynesian singers. Australians thought the whole idea silly, even for dollars. They took the view that a holiday on the Barrier Reef, at the Royal Hayman, should be enough without the imported hula maidens. If the Americans want that, why come further south than Hawaii where such things are already organised?

THE enterprise of Mr. Reg. Ansett, who started on a shoe string, would bear study by Fiji and other South Pacific territories who are always talking about a tourist industry—and doing very little to bring it about. Where the old-established travel firms in Australia have become almost moribund since the war, Ansett has gone ahead despite rising costs and wages and all the obstacles to getting anything done in this post-war world,

and has achieved something. Presumably the difficulties have been as great for Mr. Ansett as for anyone else.

Fiji, for example, has great attractions to offer the tourist but although millions of words have been spilled on the subject, neither public nor private enterprise there has yet done the one thing that would make it possible—that is, provided the accommodation.

Maybe Fiji does want a tourist industry, but it obviously does not want it enough.—J.

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THE MONTH IN MORESBY

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, July 4.
DETAILED plans of the new classification for the Territory's Public Service have arrived in Port Moresby but have not yet been released to the public. The Public Service Commissioner, Mr. E. A. Head, says the details will appear in the Government Gazette shortly. He said the new classification provided for higher salaries in most cases. These increases would date from July 1, 1949.

THE Advisory Council has expressed its disapproval of one of the most important sections of the Town Plan. This section provides for the construction of small shops and a block of flats on and around the present site of the Elia Protestant Church. By seven votes to five, the Advisory Council passed a motion opposing the plan to resume the land needed for this project and suggested that the small shops be built on the opposite side of Douglas Street. This latter area is marked on the Town Plan as "reserved for future development."

Another suggestion by the Council was that land opposite the RSL Club be acquired and made available for additional small shops. It also mentioned the area in Hunter Street previously occupied by the Government Secretary's Department as a possible site for small shops. Council approved "in general" the proposed zoning shown on the plan and recommended that the necessary legislation be enacted. Only one letter from the public commenting on the Town Plan was received by the Council. This was from the Seventh Day Adventist Mission, which asked that it be granted a block in the town for the erection of a church. The Council recommended to the Administration that sites for new churches be provided for in the plan.

Mr. E. J. Frame, who was unable to attend the Council meeting, gave his views in a letter. He said he hoped the Council would disapprove of the plan generally. The provision of numerous small shops, he said, would be an extravagant method of distributing merchandise. "The encroachment of administrative and community buildings on Douglas Street achieves no purpose," he said.

ONE HUNDRED prefabricated houses are due to leave England for Port Moresby this month. Fifty are for the Administration and 50 for DCA. There will be two types of houses, one with two bedrooms and the other with three. Although those of each type will have the same basic design the windows and other fittings can be varied to give a slightly different appearance. The houses will be aluminium with insulated roofs and walls. They are designed for semi-tropical conditions.

IN about six months Port Moresby should have two extra buildings for social and cultural activities. They will be the Red Cross Hall, now being built on Elia Beach, and the Library Institute in Douglas Street.

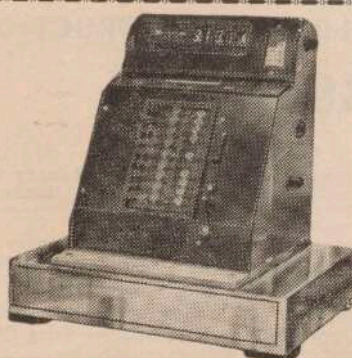
The Institute — Moresby's pre-war social centre — has just been vacated by APC, which had its head offices in the building. As soon as possible the Institute will be repaired and improved to prepare it for concerts, musicales, plays, screening of educational and documentary films, etc. It is stated that the Red Cross Hall will be completed in six months. The hall itself will be 60 ft. by 40 ft. and in addition there will be meeting rooms and offices. There will

be a small stage and dressing rooms. As well as being used for Red Cross activities, the Hall will be available for public functions.

BEFORE the end of the year the Catholic Mission expects to open a European maternity hospital at Badili, Port Moresby. The mission is already running a native maternity hospital and infant welfare centre at Badili. Work will start on the European Hospital shortly and it is hoped to have it finished by November. The hospital will be the cottage type—it will be built like a normal house, with a lounge and the usual home comforts. For a beginning it will accommodate six patients. Mission sisters will run the hospital but patients

may call in their own doctor when necessary.

THE Education Department has received detailed plans of Wau High School from the architect, Mr. Gordon McKenzie, of Moresby, who at present is in Sydney. When Mr. McKenzie finishes the working plans the Administration can go ahead and let the contract. The school's colours are dark green and gold, the motto "Love God and Be Cheerful" and the emblem is a bird of paradise. On formal occasions girls will wear a green skirt and white blouse and boys will wear whites and the school tie. Both boys and girls will have panama hats with green and gold bands. There will be a school blazer with green and gold edging. Khaki will be the normal day wear for boys. Parents will be told the correct styles after the Department has found a single source of supply for all material, to ensure uniformity. The



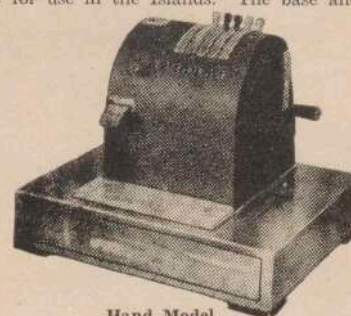
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girls' hostel at the school will be known as Elizabeth House, and the boys' hostel will be Philip House.

THE new clubhouse was the main subject of discussion at the recent annual meeting of the Murray Heights' Club. Nearly 60 members attended the meeting. They were told that work should start on the new clubhouse shortly. The clubhouse, 80 ft. by 20 ft. will be a hut several times bigger than the present club building, but has to be moved from its present position at the 3-mile. It will then be repaired and improved. A new floor will be laid, a stage erected and a verandah added. There will be facilities for film screenings. Badminton and volley ball courts are to be provided near the clubhouse.

The annual meeting was told that membership had reached 158 and finances

were in a good position. Mr. H. O'Brien was elected president, Mr. D. Milton, vice-president; Mr. G. Woodington, treasurer; and Mrs. H. French, secretary. The committee was increased from seven to 16 members.

AN exciting encounter between a European and a native at Jackson's Strip on June 6 was described in the Moresby Court of Petty Sessions recently. The European, Edgar Partridge, told the court that the native refused to work, then threatened him with an axe and chased him with a piece of piping. Partridge said he frightened the native into submission by producing a Verey pistol. Magistrate Falthorn, however, dismissed the assault charge against the native. He said he believed the native's story, which was that Partridge had started the trouble by grabbing him by the hair.

A TERRITORY-WIDE Art Union with a new car as first prize is to be held by the Port Moresby Swimming Pool Committee. About 6,000 tickets at 10/- each will be sold and this will put about £2,000 into the Swimming Pool Fund. N. F. Maloney & Co. is providing the car—a late model Austin—at cost price. Other local firms have promised to supply refrigerators, radios, cameras, etc., at cost price, to complete the price list. Tickets for the Art Union will be printed soon and it is proposed to let it run for about three months. Nearly £600 has now been raised for the Swimming Pool Appeal. Very few individual donations have been received, however.

FEDERAL President of the RSL, Mr. Holland, is expected to visit Papua-New Guinea soon. He will investigate the proposal to form a State branch of the RSL in the Territory. This will be the first visit here by a Federal RSL official.

A BRANCH of the ex-Navalmen's Association is being formed in Port Moresby. Later, efforts will be made to form sub-branches in other parts of the Territory. It is thought that there are more than 50 ex-navalmen in Moresby.

MORESBY'S supply of timber for building purposes will improve when Sawmillers and Traders increase their output at Port Romilly within the next few months. New modern machinery which went out to Port Romilly last week will enable the company to increase its output from the present 55,000 super feet per month to 300,000 super feet. The new machinery was made at Lismore, NSW, under the supervision of Mr. C. McKinnon, former managing director of Sawmillers and Traders. It is claimed to be the best timber milling machinery made in Australia. Sawmillers and Traders are also procuring tractors and other mechanised logging equipment which will give the mill a better supply of logs and, in many cases, replace native labour. Part of this new equipment is here and the rest is due soon.

THE Photographic Society of Papua was formed at a recent meeting at Port Moresby. Convened by Messrs. G. Carter and B. Lee, the meeting was attended by 17 people. A committee of five was appointed to prepare a constitution to be presented at the next meeting, at which the election will also take place. It was decided to hold a photo competition, prizes for which will be given by Kodak, Ltd. The Society intends to hold regular competitions which will be open to everyone.

THE body of Robert Cann, aged 32, a radio technician employed by DCA, was found floating in Port Moresby harbour on June 23. The body was naked except for a pair of sandshoes. The lower portion was badly mutilated, presumably by sharks or other fish. Discovery of the body by two Oduvada native students ended an intensive four-day search by more than 100 police. Cann had been missing since the morning of Monday the 19th.

He was last seen about 9 a.m. that day by taxi driver Gordon Lynch who saw him walking towards the marine base from town. He was fully dressed and was wearing the sandshoes he had on when his body was found. Between the time his disappearance was reported and the discovery of his body, an intensive search extending as far as Rouna was made by police. A police officer with binoculars searched the area from an

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Auster aircraft. Cann had been with DCA, Moresby, for 18 months. His wife lives in Sydney and it is believed that there is a small daughter.

THE Port Moresby Rugby League Association is trying to organise a trip to Brisbane by a representative Papua-New Guinea team. Brisbane Rugby League has agreed to field a team against the Territory side. Saturday, July 29, is suggested as the date for the first game. The second game would be a floodlit match on the opening night of the Brisbane Exhibition. Before the trip can be made, however, over £1,000 will have to be provided by Territory football clubs to pay for the charter of a Catalina. The Port Moresby Association estimates that its share will be £327. In addition, five plane seats at £50 each (return) will have to be allotted by the Association to non-players. The £50 includes a week's board in Brisbane. It is proposed to take nine players and two officials from each Territory.

WINNERS of this year's Port Moresby Tennis Club Championships were: P. Smart (men's singles), Miss Maureen O'Sullivan (women's singles), B. Dinning and P. Smart (men's doubles), Mrs. Koch and Miss Holt (women's doubles), Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn (mixed doubles).

ASON, Philip, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Alf Naynes, of Moresby, recently.

Miss Betty Tait, of Burns Philp, Moresby, and Mr. Ken Padgett, of Lolorua Plantation, will be married at St. John's Church, Moresby, on July 29. Mrs. Gloria Hooper will be matron of honour and Mr. Joe Worthington best man.

The Rev. Mr. Palmer, of St. John's

Church, Moresby, has been transferred to Dogura. He had been at Moresby three years. The Rev. R. R. Porter has replaced him here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lyons and family have gone south on leave.

Here on school holidays are Jill Ridge, Elizabeth Roscoe and Ward Washington.

People on the Madang (NG) waterfront had a pleasant surprise when the South African ketch, Cariad I, came into port on June 29. Formerly an English racing yacht, now owned by Mr. A. W. Fitton, it is on a world tour. Since 1948 the ship has been through the West Indies, the Galapagos, Easter Island, Tahiti and other Pacific Island groups. About four months were spent in Sydney reconditioning while Mr. Fitton tripped around the Commonwealth.

The yacht carries 4,000 square feet of canvas and is ketch rigged.

It has spacious cabins, a stateroom for the owner and a huge area devoted to refrigeration space.

DEATH OF MR. G. POWELL

THE death occurred at Suva, Fiji, on June 10, of Mr. George Powell, of Levuka. Mr. Powell, who was 58, had been in ill-health for some time.

He was the second of six sons of the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powell of Lomaloma, and had lived in Levuka for over 30 years. From 1920 he worked for Mr. Henry Palmer in the Fiji Trading Company as a carpenter and overseer. He joined the staff of Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., in 1930 and was due to retire on pension at the end of this month.

The Rev. C. F. Gribble, returned to Sydney on June 7 after an extensive tour of the Pacific Mission fields. He attended the South Pacific Conference as an observer representing the NSW Overseas Mission Board, and with Dr. J. W. Burton, took part in the official service held in the Jubilee Church, Suva.

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Treatment of Indentured Labour in N. Hebrides

Letter to the Editor

I NOTICE that the PIM has commented adversely upon a statement made by a Mr. McAlpine, who claims that natives were improperly treated under the indenture system.

After some years of Islands life, I think there is much to be said against a lot of planters and their methods; but the term slavery, as Captain Cook knew it, is a little too strong. I have seen boys

(natives) kicked, and some fairly sharp practices put over them at times, by odd planters. But, there are not many of that breed, and the kicking I refer to was performed by certain Frenchmen, who seem to like practising their strong-arm African methods.

I have also seen a gang of natives recruited by a French planter. After arrival, four of the boys (who were young, maybe 16 or 17) were told they did not cut enough copra for £8 per month wages, as was agreed on, on engagement, so they would only receive £4. This they were compelled to accept, as they could not swim back to their homes on other

islands. It is also a common practice for a planter to hold one gang until he has others on the ground, just to be sure. I have seen boys who volunteered for three months held for 6 weeks over that period, until Master arrived with the new gang again.

Another hurdle the native cannot overcome is the plantation store, where the native spends his wages. Master has a Ned Kelly method, and wages and store prices always seem to come out level, and no money goes away from the plantation. These are but a stray trick or two that Master has.

To give the natives a fair deal, and to keep the dishonest Master in his place, from the time natives are recruited their papers should be in the hands of the officials (British or French) whether in New Guinea or here, and the officials should see they get their rights, and be returned home at the right time, under a penalty of £100 and imprisonment. For every gang going home one should give a statement to an official about store charges, treatment, and wages agreed upon on engagement, and actually paid at settlement. If any government wishes to stop complaints and give all the natives "a fair go," this is one way to do so.

I am etc.,

C. JACKSON.

Aoba, New Hebrides,

EDITORIAL NOTE.—The practices which Mr. Jackson describes may occur in the New Hebrides. They are not common in New Guinea. In Papua-New Guinea the native labourer, from the moment of his engagement until he is returned home, is kept under supervision by Government officials, and is guarded at every point. If anyone is exploited in New Guinea, nowadays, it is the employer of native labour, who has to pay enormous indirect taxation, and is threatened with direct taxation.



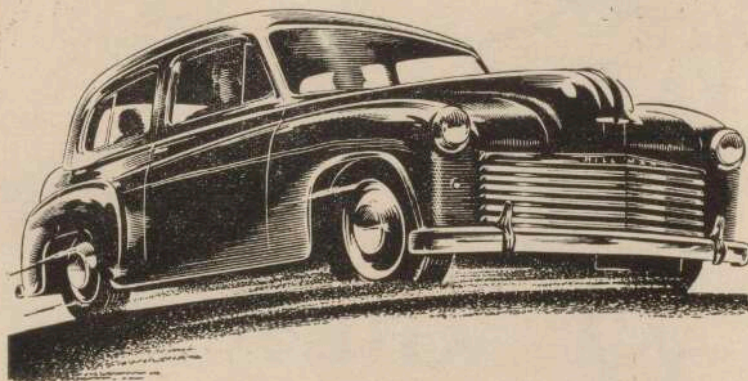
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THE King's Birthday Honour list, in June, included the name of Ronald Garvey, Governor of British Honduras. He receives a Knighthood.

Sir Ronald Garvey is well-known all over the South Pacific—he served in Fiji, the New Hebrides, and the Solomons, and he was acting as Resident Commissioner in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony when the Japanese invaded in 1942. He and his staff were taken off Ocean Island, at dead of night, by the Free French destroyer Triomphant. Sir Ronald afterwards served in Africa, and was sent to the Caribbean area two or three years ago. The Governorship of British Honduras is no bed of roses. The Territory has one or two unpleasant neighbours, who either want to start a war with British Honduras concerning disputed territories or are hotbeds of Communism.

Lady Garvey—who shared much personal popularity with her distinguished husband in the South Pacific—is a daughter of Dr. V. W. T. McGusty, who was Director of Medical Services in Fiji, Dr. and Mrs. McGusty now live in retirement in New Zealand.

FRANCE'S PACIFIC COLONIES

Future of Trade and Currency Values

A RECENT article in the Paris review, "L'Alliance Nouvelle Union Française," entitled "New Caledonia, A Paradise Lost by the French but Coveted by Foreigners," has started the usual exchange of compliments between Metropolitan Frenchmen, and French residents of New Caledonia.

Lieut-Colonel Bichon, who represents the Colony on the Council of the French Union, in entering the discussion, denies that New Caledonia is "decadent," though he admits it is a little behind Europe in some matters. He reminds certain critics that he can leave his car outside all night, unlocked and unattended, without fear of gangsters; and he declares that the New Caledonian community has less filth and a greater addition to individual baths, than may be found in communities of similar size in France.

M. Bichon ridicules the Metropolitan's fear of Anglo-Saxon economic influence, and argues that it is no use ignoring the facts of geographical position and lack of overseas exchange.

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As was pointed out in June, certain interests in France are uneasy concerning the strong economic bonds created in the war and post-war periods between the French Pacific colonies and the contiguous countries of United States and Australia. They resent the fact that the Pacific franc is much more valuable than the Metropolitan franc.

Since then, New Caledonia has been assured, both by Senator Larfleur and M. Bichon, that there is no likelihood of any attempt to modify the Pacific franc in relation to the Parisian franc, and that the future of the franc depends entirely on Governmental decisions and not on the views of the French Union.

GAOLED FOR ILL-TREATING NATIVE

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, July 4. PATROL Officer, Roy Edwards, was sentenced to six months gaol in the Supreme Court at Port Moresby on June 29 for staging a mock burial with a native as the "body."

Edwards made a native named Kou Geru lie in the open grave of a native girl, then covered him with banana leaves. He would not let Kou Geru get up for some minutes. The native girl's grave

had been opened earlier by an unknown person who took away her head.

Edwards alleged that Kou Geru had confessed to murdering the girl. However, he denied having made Kou Geru lie in the grave. Edwards, who faced six assault charges, was acquitted on the remaining five. These related to allegations by Kou Geru that Edwards slapped his face, made him climb a pole then had a fire lit under the pole.

Edwards described the charges as a "frame up." He said Kou Geru had made up the story in an effort to escape the consequences of his own crime. Edwards said he arrested Kou Geru during a five-months' patrol from Gollala. Judge Big-nold presided over the hearing.



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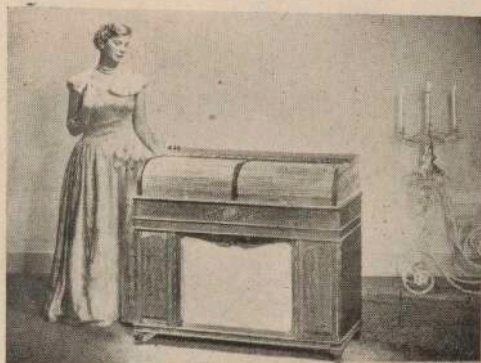


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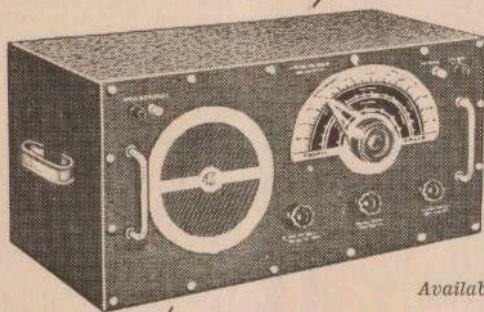
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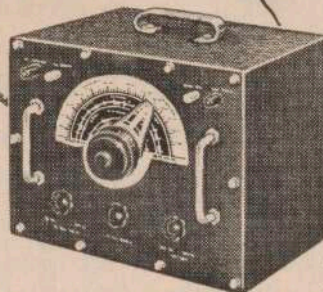
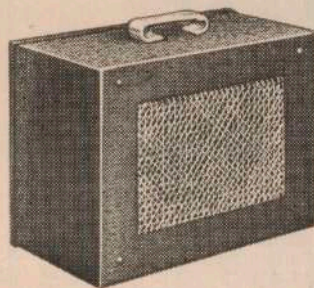
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Lucille Iremonger Writes Two Entertaining Books

LUCILLE IREMONGER, who lived in the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and in Fiji and New Zealand, in the early 'forties, is having a considerable—and well-deserved—success as author, broadcaster and lecturer. Her new book, "Creole" (Hutchinsons) is already among the best-sellers.

Mrs. Iremonger was born, and spent her early years, in Jamaica; and "Creole" is a vividly-written study of what is called the "colour problem," as it is seen in the West Indies. A young Englishman, with a background of good birth and culture, is lonely in Jamaica, and is

trapped into marriage with the 16-years-old daughter of a family of mixed blood—French and coloured. Soon, he is involved in social, economic and emotional troubles which threaten to wreck his life. The author, while telling an enthralling story, also presents to us the age-old problem of the mixed-blood. It is a story that has its counterpart on many islands of the South Pacific. The author, quite skilfully, gives it a happy ending.

Pacific Islanders are certain to be interested in Mrs. Iremonger's first book, "It's a Bigger Life," published in 1948. It not only has literary craftsmanship and high entertainment value (it ran quickly into a second edition, and was awarded the Lady Brittain Trophy), but it also describes faithfully, and most amusingly, her experiences in Ocean Island, Tarawa, Funafuti and other islands of the Ellice Group. The book is written with rare humour and shrewd

comment; but Mrs. Iremonger had very little to be funny about.

Mr. Tom Iremonger—a cousin, by the way, of Anthony Eden—met this young writer in London. She had graduated MA at Oxford, and had already established herself in Fleet Street as journalist and script-writer. Iremonger had joined the British Colonial Service and, just before World War II broke out, they were married, and he was sent out to Ocean Island as a Cadet Officer. Ocean Island (then G & E Colony headquarters) posted him to Funafuti as Administrative Officer; and they had about a year there, together. Life in the "Lousy Islands"—that long chain of unproductive, mosquito-ridden atolls—is very hard on women; and it was especially tough on Lucille Iremonger because she became most seriously ill, and spent months in bed, before the thrice-welcome move to Fiji was decided upon.

Nonetheless, she describes faithfully, and very amusingly some of the more famous institutions of the Colony—the etiquettes of Ocean and Tarawa, the furious speed of the now defunct John Williams V, the graceful lines of the Nimanoa (a war victim), the extra-marital habits of the Ellice folk, and the special kind of seasickness kept for passengers by the Kia Kia—still floating, by the way, and still loathed by sea-travellers.

In the Colony, in 1940, Mrs. Iremonger met the five civilians who, with 17 New Zealand soldiers, were so foully murdered by the Japs on Tarawa on October 15, 1942—Captain I. R. Handley, the Rev. A. L. Sadd, Messrs. R. G. Morgan (official), B. Cleary (hospital staff), and A. McArthur (trader). That massacre shocked her profoundly, and all the details of it are given in a series of appendices, of historical value. Here, for example, is the story of how that grand, 80-years-old mariner, Isaac Handley, defied and fought his yellow torturers right up to the moment they cut off his head; and of how the gentle LMS missionary, Mr. Sadd, tried to use his own body to shield his fellow-prisoners against the murderers' bullets.

It is a delightful, readable book. The writer has taken no liberties with facts and—except for references to the Kia Kia—there is not a spiteful word in it.

One notes, by the way, that Tom Iremonger was a Conservative candidate in Birmingham in the last British elections.

DEATH OF R. O. FREEMAN

THE death occurred suddenly in Sydney on June 18 of Mr. R. O. Freeman, who was until recently manager of the Metropole Hotel in Suva.

Mr. Freeman, who was 46, was born at Bailevu, Naitasiri. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Osbert Freeman who were very well-known among the older settlers on the Rewa.

Early in the 1939/45 war he enlisted in the Fiji Military Forces and was one of the original officers of the 1st Battalion of the Fiji Infantry Regiment. When the battalion left Fiji for the Solomons in April, 1943 he had attained the rank of Captain and was in command of B. Company. It was this Company which carried out the noted harassing action behind the Japanese lines on Bougainville from a base at Ibu. The withdrawal from Ibu was described by the Allied commander on Bougainville, General O. W. Griswold, as "a minor tactical classic."

By the end of the war Mr. Freeman had become a Major and had been awarded the Military Cross. He travelled to London with the Victory Contingent from Fiji and Tonga as second in command.

Mr. Freeman left Fiji recently to join his wife in Sydney.



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LAKE IS GROWING

Effect of Much Building Activity

From Our Own Correspondent

LAKE, June 20.
TOWN-PLANNED Lake is taking shape. Building operations, and the construction of new roads, are slowly, but surely, altering the landscape in and to the rear of the "Terrace," more popularly described as "Long-arp."

The policy of the Administration precludes the erection of permanent buildings along the water-front and adjacent areas, including the slopes of Namanula; and, in time, Lake will be situated "on top." This policy has not deterred business firms from erecting more or less temporary stores in a group centre in the water-front area, and more are being added from time to time.

The street plan bears the American imprint and commences at "First Street" and progressively continues down Emery's Road. A move has been made by the local sub-branch of the RSSAILA to utilise the names of battle engagements and areas in the district in the naming of streets, and the outcome of the suggestion is awaited.

The most pressing need is a modern hospital; and, whilst it was mooted many months ago as a first priority job, it still remains in the blueprint stage. It is sorely needed as the existing accommodation, apart from being inadequate to meet the demands of the district, is a reminder of Army days, and has deteriorated. This does not apply, however, to the operating theatre, pathological and X-ray sections, which are recent additions.

The statement by the Minister for External Territories that the Government

intends to proceed with the construction of modern hospitals in the Territory has been welcomed on all sides.

Qantas, Civil Aviation, the "Met" section of the Department of the Interior and the Department of Works & Housing are moving apace, with the erection of single and married quarters in the new area. The last-mentioned Department, after months extending into years, has almost completed the long-overdue accommodation for its workmen and staff. The old quarters probably had the most squalid and ill-adapted living conditions in the area.

THE most progressive move can be credited to the Vacuum Oil Co. Pty., Ltd., whose bulk depot, in Air Corps Road, is now a landmark. Commenced many months ago, the installation has now been completed, including the new wharf pipe-line.

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reduction in the near future.

Whilst the official opening ceremony is listed for early in July, and at which the Administrator has consented to officiate, and will be attended by senior executives of the company as well as senior Government officials and representative citizens from both Papua and New Guinea, the first tanker—the Lidford—from Palembang, is expected mid-June, to be fol-

lowed by a three-monthly service of bulk tankers.

ONE of the very pressing needs in Lae is an up-to-date hotel to provide accommodation for through traffic. With Lae as the focal point, air services extend throughout the territory and islands, and the flow of passenger traffic is very heavy.

Happily, the new hotel is well on the way, in spite of vexatious delays in supplies of materials and timber. (One wonders what has become of all the timber forming the basis of the famous Bulolo Timber Lease Case.) This building is also on the waterfront and, considering its size and cost, it could hardly be classified as a "temporary" structure. But neither are the Houses of Parliament at Canberra!

The completion of the new wharf is in sight and will facilitate the handling of cargo in this port. With the exception of minor works, the construction of the wharf has been carried out by the Department of Works and Housing in its entirety.

THE new plan provides for sports and recreational sections, gardens and reserves, etc., but it is too early to pass any judgment on these ideas except to say that most progress, in respect to sports areas appears to be in the provision of grounds for the native population.

An area has been set aside for the European sports oval, but beyond regular attacks on the undergrowth by hordes of "calaboose" boys and other native labour, very little has been done to make it available for actual sport.

Two very live organisations, in the Returned Servicemen's League and the Citizens' Association, are to be commended for their efforts in the advancement of Lae, in general; but the brush fences of Administration policy continually loom up as formidable steeplechase obstacles, ready to baulk those who are not most persistent in their endeavours.

The proposed removal of the insidious Canberra control, or at least a portion of it, to give the Administration more scope and authority, may be the remedy.

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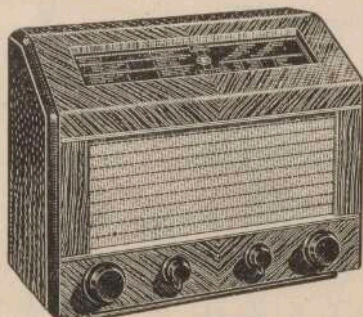
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HAWAII OR ALASKA?

Which Will Be 49th State

HONOLULU, June 10.

THERE is better than an even chance that 1950 will see Hawaii's aspirations to Statehood fulfilled. The former schedule, however, of its becoming the 49th State of the Union must be revised. Due to political considerations, Alaska is being groomed for that honour. Hawaii must concede pride of place to Alaska because of administrative insistence that the latter, a Democratic community, should be considered first.

Statehood opponents in Washington are said to be counting strongly on the outcome of present investigation of Communist activities in Hawaii. Administrative position is that evidence of such activities is no bar to Statehood. Hawaii is no worse off in this respect than some States, and as a State could more effectively control her affairs.

From a field of 342 contestants, 80,514 voters of the Territory of Hawaii have now nominated 63 who may seek election for membership of the Convention, which is about to meet to draft a Constitution for the State of Hawaii. Included among the nominees is a representative roster of lawyers, housewives, educators, businessmen, tax-experts and land appraisers.

The document they will draw up will constitute the basic code of law to which all subsequent acts of the new State must conform. Since April 30, 1900, when Hawaii became a Territory of the United States, its fundamental law has been the Organic Act imposed on it by the Federal Congress, and not by the people of the Territory themselves.

SAMOANS IN HAWAII

At a recent meeting of the Samoan Civic Association of Hawaii the following officers were elected: Lawrence R. Coleman, president; David R. McMullin, secretary; Kuresa C. Afalava, treasurer; Kipeni Su'a, vice president. The former three have in various capacities held office since the foundation of the association five years ago. Mr. Coleman is president of Samoan Area Airways.

UNEMPLOYMENT

Drastic government action may be needed to solve Hawaii's unemployment problem, the Governor's employment committee was informed at its recent meeting. Mr. James H. Shoemaker, Bank of Hawaii economist, reported that it is a question of whether to keep unemployed workers on relief, or to put them to work on projects which will increase productivity. The committee, he affirmed, has not conceived its job in big enough terms, and its proposals to date are not adequate.

HAWAII'S MOSQUITO PLAGUE

Residents of the island of Oahu, site of Hawaii's proud capital, are vigorously swatting mosquitoes. Private sources have raised funds to supply government workers with chemicals wherewith to fight the pests. The Board of Health reports it has no funds for this purpose or to buy "fog" machines with which to keep the insects under control.

This is a sorry picture for such a wealthy community. They would do well to take a leaf from the book of less affluent Tahiti where, in consequence of the campaign against filariasis, mosquitoes have become a thing of the past in the districts affected.

Mr. P. H. Nightingale will act as Financial Secretary of Fiji during the absence on long leave of Mr. R. M. Taylor.

LARGER AIRCRAFT FOR NEW HEBRIDES

VILA, June 6.

COMMENCING with its May 9 flight from Sydney, almost 18 months after the first of the regular flights from Sydney to Santo (October, 1948) Qantas Empire Airways replaced its Catalinas with Sandringhams.

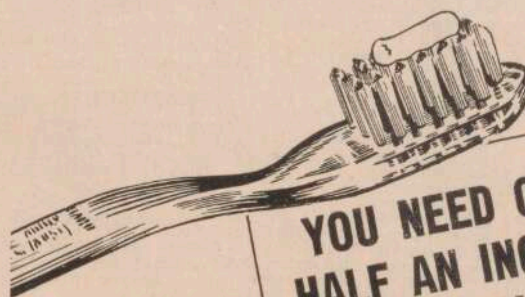
Approximately the same size as the Sunderland, though more modern, the new Sandringham will carry 30 passengers, more freight and a crew of eight

(including two stewards against the Catalina's one).

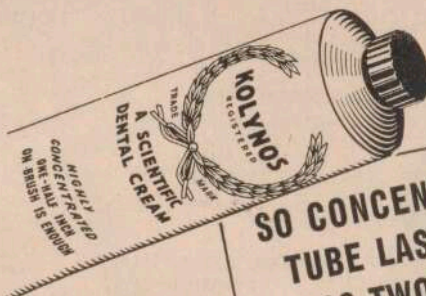
Captain Solly, long familiar to passengers flying between Sydney and Santo, was Captain of the new aircraft on its initial voyage.

The many friends of Mrs. W. C. Groves, wife of the Director of Education in Papua-New Guinea, will learn with regret that she has been seriously ill, in Melbourne; but latest reports indicate that she is making satisfactory progress. Mr. Groves went South, from Port Moresby, in June, to be with her.

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How Condominium Paralyzes Initiative and Enterprise

AN Australian who went to the New Hebrides since the end of the war has written to the PIM, asking why Press and politicians do not do something to compel "the big companies" to give up some of their grip on the New Hebrides lands, and thus encourage new settlement and production.

"These islands will grow anything, and run any kind of stock," says our correspondent. "So why not open them up for selection, before they are over-run by Asiatics?"

At first glance, this seems a reasonable complaint. The New Hebrides—especially the southern islands, like Tanna, Anietyum and Erromanga—are among the best islands of the South Pacific—fertile, well-watered, beautiful and reasonably cool, and they are capable of much agricultural development.

But they are hopelessly handicapped by two things—the administrative paralysis of the Condominium Government, which has no thought or intention of immigration and settlement; and the slow and inefficient Joint Land Court. The duty of examining land claims and issuing titles was delegated to the latter Condominium authority 40 or 50 years ago, and not a tithe of the land claims have been dealt with. They are not likely to be dealt with while the Condominium system persists.

It is true that large areas in these at-

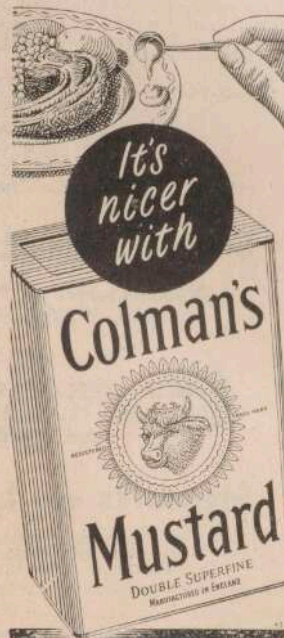
tractive islands are held by big commercial interests; but, in the majority of cases, their titles to the lands are questionable, and subject to confirmation by the Land Court. The present titles are so unstable that the present holders, for the most part, are not able to contemplate the subdivision and sale of virgin lands.

BEING so near to the big and growing markets represented by Australia, it must seem strange to the casual observer that the rich and fertile lands of the New Hebrides are not brought to production; but there is little chance of anything being done while Britain and France sit grimly on either side of the Condominium barrier, and jealously watch each other.

Plain commonsense would say that the whole group—with the British Solomons thrown in for good measure—should be handed over to Australia, for administration and development, along with Papua, New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago. But plain commonsense seems never to enter into these matters.

Nearly fifty years ago, the late Sir James Burns handed over to the Australian Federal Government all his rights and title to about 100,000 acres of New Hebrides lands, in the confident belief that Australia would settle and develop

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1880 and 1900, and were subject to confirmation by the Land Court. To-day, nearly 50 years later, the Land Court is still contemplating the colossal task of examining and checking the titles. Australia, for 30 years, maintained a solicitor in Vila, to advance her claims before the Land Court; but, since the war, Canberra appears to have lost heart, and has no legal representative in Vila now.

TAHITI LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, June 10.
MONSIEUR Jean Malarde, known to all as Nono, died suddenly on May 9, of a heart ailment. Born November 13, 1899, he was the son of Georges

Malarde, who arrived in Tahiti in 1897, on the well-known French bark, France Cherie.

Nono will be generally missed throughout the community. His cordiality and ever-ready assistance were always at the call of the many who went to him for advice.

He was a fine orator and writer. As a member of the Health Department of Papeete he was always to the forefront in advancing the improvement of the city. In 1939 he opened the first meat and vegetable market and refrigerators in Papeete and lately was sponsor at the inauguration of a new highway in the District of Tiarei.

A staunch Catholic, his funeral was one of the largest in Papeete for many years. He is survived by his widow, numerous children and grandchildren.

AIR FRANCE SERVICE TO TAHITI

From Our Brisbane Correspondent

ACCORDING to newspaper reports Brisbane's tired business men will soon be able to spend their vacation in Tahiti.

An Air France service between Brisbane and the island is reported to be commencing on July 15. The Australian general manager of Air France (M. Petit) said recently, in Brisbane, that the new service would cater for tourist traffic between Australia and Tahiti, and that it would be via Noumea, Fiji, the Cook Islands, and the Society Islands.

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Huge Losses Force Aorangi Off Trans-Pacific Run

THE Sydney manager of the Union Steamship Company announced on July 3 that the Aorangi, only passenger ship on the Australasia-North America run, will be withdrawn from the beginning of January, 1951. Huge losses, he said, have forced the company to this action.

The Canadian Australasian Line, which runs the Aorangi, has been negotiating for some time with the governments of New Zealand, Australia and Canada for subsidies to keep Aorangi running. New Zealand was prepared to pay its share of the subsidy—£10,000 a year—but the governments of Australia and Canada refused. Therefore Aorangi comes off the run, and what was once regarded as a vital shipping route will be without passenger ships.

The American Matson line ships, Monterey and Mariposa, were withdrawn after the war and since she went back onto the run in 1948, Aorangi has had the Pacific service to herself. Passenger accommodation has been fully booked at fares twice pre-war rates—yet even under what once would have been favourable conditions, the company has sustained substantial losses.

Greatest factor in the present state of affairs is lack of trade between Australia and North America because of "dollar restrictions." Although the travelling public has always been sceptical of the ship owners' adage that "passengers do not pay" it is evident that they do not, in this post-war era of labour shortages, inflated wages, ever mounting cost of everything from food to furnishings, and slow turn around in ports—particularly Australasian ports. Nor does Aorangi carry as many passengers now as before her post-war refit. Passenger cabins were reduced considerably to make way for improved crew's quarters.

A contributory cause of Aorangi's losses is the competition of three trans-Pacific air services carrying mails and passengers at not much higher fares than by ship.

Dollar restrictions, if not actually invented by the Socialist governments, became a pivot of their policy. It is unlikely that the present Australian government will rely on such a negative means of solving this problem of trade and exchange with the Americans. Prime Minister Menzies left Australia in mid-July for America and the United Kingdom where it is believed that he will try to iron out some of the dollar difficulties in a positive way.

There has been much talk in Canberra of attracting dollar tourists in the Matson ships, if and when they return to the Pacific run. There seems no reason why these tourists should not be attracted in Aorangi—if they can be attracted at all. It is six months yet before the Aorangi actually comes off the Pacific run. Much can happen in that time and it is likely that some solution to the problem will be found before then. No one is more keenly aware of the necessity of removing the ridiculous restrictions on trade with America than the present Australian government.

THE 17,490 ton Aorangi was launched in 1924 which makes her something of a veteran. She was a troop ship during the war—carrying Empire Air Scheme trainees to Canada; Americans

across the Atlantic; Tommies to Malaya in the early days of the Pacific war. She was at North African landings; was a "mother" ship for a while and later went back to the Pacific.

She began her post-war refit in Sydney in April, 1946. It took two years (four times longer than it took to fit her out originally); she became known as the

"Iron Lung" because of the number of men it kept going; and cost £1,750,000—much more than the original cost of the whole ship.

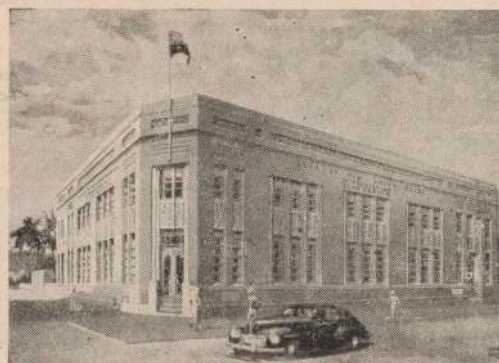
She left Sydney on her first post-war voyage in August, 1948. It is reported that the loss on that first voyage was £150,000. If the Socialist experiment in Australia and New Zealand did nothing else it can, at least, be said to have annihilated the once flourishing South Pacific shipping business. The so-called "big shipping interests" have always been a target for these hed gentlemen. They seem, however, to have achieved their end without benefiting their "working man" to any extent.

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WEDDING IN PAPEETE



Photograph taken after the marriage in Papeete, in April, of Miss Ivane Asmus, daughter of the Acting British Vice-Consul, to Sergeant P. Tribot. Photograph shows, back row (left to right): Mr. J. Asmus (bride's father), Mrs. M. Garcia, Mr. P. Frogier, Lance-Sergeant M. Garcia. Front row: Mrs. P. Frogier, Miss M. Asmus, bridegroom and bride, Miss O. Frogier, Mrs. J. Asmus (bride's mother).

Mr. H. G. Boys-Smith, who retired from the office of Marine Superintendent for the Western Pacific High Commission last year, is now living in Hampshire, England. He is preparing a book of reminiscences

covering his long years of interesting service in the South Pacific Islands.

Dr. William Swaan is now settled down in Vancouver. He went to Borneo in

1932 as a missionary, and has also lived in or visited Fiji, Western and Eastern Samoa, and Tonga. He has written a good deal, both prose and verse, and was awarded a Doctor's degree in literature for a book on psychology.

Mr. George Digby Chamberlain, of the Western Pacific High Commission, was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George in the last Birthday Honours.



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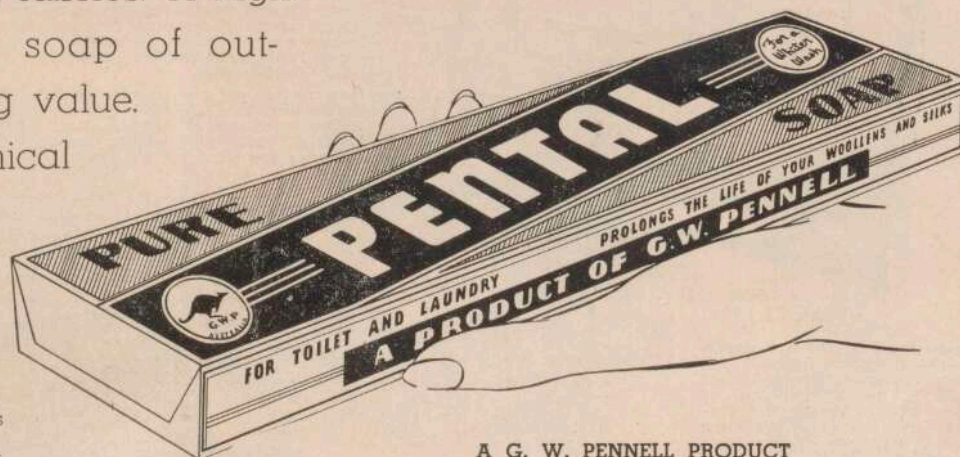
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Death of Chief Micheli

THE death was reported in Tahiti, in April, of Chief of Arue District, Tauniua Pihatarioe Micheli, Chevalier de l'Etoile d'Anjouan, and Chevalier du Merite Agricole.

Chief Micheli died after a brief illness in the office in which he had served for upwards of 15 years with distinction.

At his funeral, the Governor of Tahiti

was represented by his Chief Assistant of State.

Pastor and Mrs. D. A. Brennan, of the Seventh Day Adventist Mission recently went to live in Perth, WA after 12 years service in New Guinea. They will stay at least three years in Perth in order that their 14-year-old daughter Frances may attend school.

FIJIAN LEADER WHO IS NOT A CHIEF

Joeli K. Ravai, MLC, On His Way To Britain

JOELI K. RAVAI, Roko Tui Tailevu and one of the five Fijian members of the Legislative Council, passed through Australia in June en route to Great Britain, where he will be the guest of the British Council.

He will stay in Britain until October and will take short university courses in the English language, life and institutions. Looking much younger than his 50 years, J. K. Ravai—who, not possessing the chiefly title of Ratu, is not even "Mr." until he departs from Fiji—has had a notable career. He is the first non-Ratu outside the Fijian chiefly hierarchy to win the high appointment of Roko Tui (the high chief of a Fijian Province), and as Roko Tui Tailevu he takes his place in the Council of Chiefs.

Born in Tailevu, he was educated in New Zealand and for many years was an assistant master at Queen Victoria School. During the war he was transferred to the Labour Department until in 1946, he was appointed head of his province.

In February, 1947, he became a member of the Legislative Council, where his keen observation and condensed speeches—usually terse and effective statements of fact—won him immediate respect.

Members of the R.S.L. Dramatic Club Rabaul, are beginning rehearsals for the production of "A Cuckoo in the Nest," a three-act play by Ben Travers. The play is expected to be ready for the public about the middle of August.

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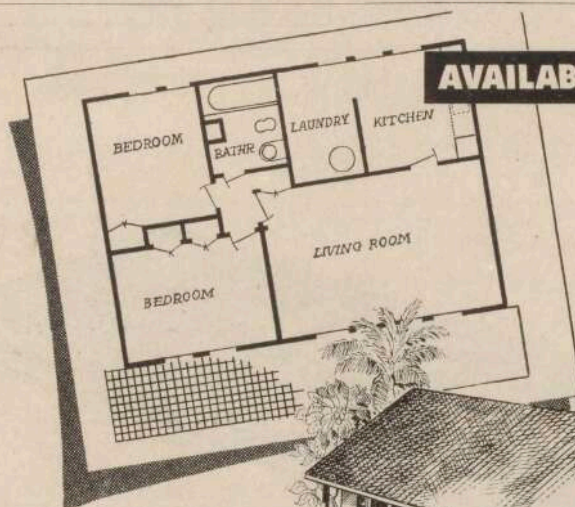
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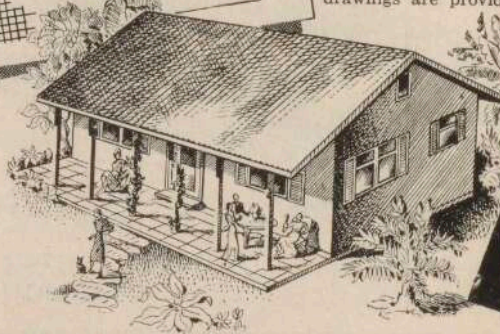
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Mangaia's Self-Sown Orange Trees Failing

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, CI, April.
TO the consternation of many planters, the orange-season for 1950 upon Mangaia bids fair to be a much poorer one than any previous year's, excepting possibly those following serious hurricanes of the past.

The trees, all of which are of the "wild" variety and have been neither planted nor kept in order by human agency, are bearing very poorly in some areas; in others there is no fruit at all. The situation has been worsened by the depredations of bush-beer addicts, who have raided the bearing trees to secure material for their favourite—and illegal—tipple.

The effect upon the islanders' purse must inevitably be bad; oranges are the chief export of Mangaia, and this year's results will be of no very prosperous nature.

The Mangaiaans have been warned for long years of the imminent dying-off or sterility of their trees, but all advice upon the subject was ignored until now.

For the best part of 70 years the islanders picked the trees in plantations which, like Topsy, "just grewed" — in actual fact, from thrown-away pips. This effortless money-making, as compared with the other islands' conditions, where all plantations require care and upkeep, lulled the Mangaiaans into a false sense of permanent availability of large supplies of fruit. For the first time in a cyclone-free year, that supply has failed to materialise. From the point of view of those who desire the Island Council to relax its ban upon imported seedlings, the failure is opportune for the institution of a replanting policy.

Two, or at most three, steamers will suffice to remove this year's supplies, and trade prospects for 1950, both for Mangaiaans and storekeepers, do not appear rosy.

DEATH OF REV. FATHER RAYMOND MEYER

REV. Father Raymond Meyer of the Catholic Mission died at the Apla Government Hospital, on June 6, after a short illness. He was 61.

Father Meyer arrived in Samoa in May, 1920, and spent eight years at Leauvaa,



where he assisted at the completion of the large church for his community.

In 1928 he was transferred to Safotu, Savai'i, succeeding Father Mennel. He served in Safotu for 22 years until his

death, beloved and revered by his congregation, for which he organised and supervised the building of a new church, one of the largest and most beautiful in the territory.

He was known as Patele Leme, to his Samoan parishioners; he was the father and guide of his people.

Father Meyer was the brother of Father F. Meyer of Apla, who has lived for 41 years in Samoa.

Mrs. Gordon Steege, of New Guinea, was, in July, on holiday in Melbourne.

British Council Sponsors Club For Young Fijians

THE British Council's representative at Suva (Mr. H. Lawrence), in April, established the British Council Viti Club, an organisation for young Fijians. He intends to create a similar club for Indians in the near future.

The Viti Club, which is being strongly supported, mainly by young Fijians in the Government service, had its first important engagement on June 1, when it took part in a well-contested debate with Teachers' Training College students.

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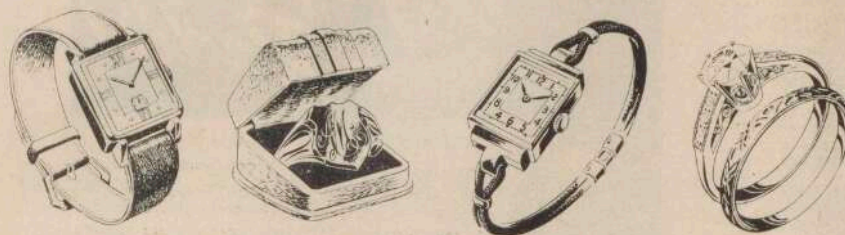
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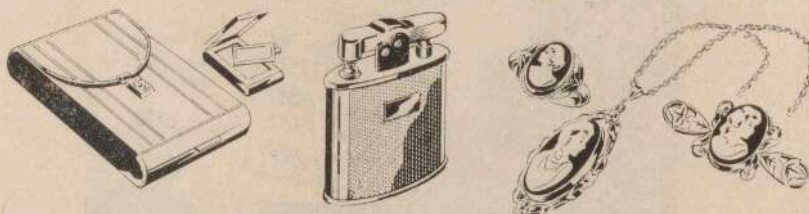
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UN Trusteeship Council Still in a Fog Over Trust Territories

At a time when they could conceivably be better employed, certain members of the United Nations Trusteeship Council are still criticising the administration of New Guinea.

On the whole, they "approved" New Zealand's administration of Western Samoa but made several suggestions including:

- Efforts be made to diminish the present differentiation between Samoans and Europeans;
- Intensification of measures for control of tuberculosis;
- Introduction of elementary social legislation as soon as possible;
- The taking of all measures necessary to ensure that Samoan women had ample opportunities to take part in the political life of the territory.

DELEGATES from the Philippines, Iraq and China charged that the administrative union of Papua-New Guinea was contrary to the aim of preparing Trust Territories for self-government. The Iraqi member said, further, that commercial exploitation of the territory took precedence over everything and Australia was making too much of an excuse that war shortages prevented rapid recovery.

At Lake Success this time, to defend Australia's policy, were Mr. S. Loneragan, Government Secretary, Papua-New Guinea, and Mr. R. A. Peachey.

The Chifley-Evatt Government was un-

duly sensitive to similar criticism in recent years. It is unlikely that the present Liberal Government will lose any sleep about the opinion of gentlemen from China, Iraq or Philippines as to Australia's fitness, or otherwise, to administer New Guinea. While in Opposition the present government took the view that "New Guinea was Australia's business." It would be interesting to know what the Iraq Government—or the Chinese Government—have to offer their people that makes life there so vastly superior to that lived by the "oppressed" natives of New Guinea.

NEW GUINEA NATIVES ARE "STATELESS"

THE Australian Government is studying the national status of New Guinea (former Mandated Territory) natives. This area, as distinct from Papua, which belongs to Australia, has not been annexed and therefore its natives are stateless.

The same matter was brought up in respect of Western Samoans last year. It does not matter very much to the New Guinea natives whether they are stateless or not, as none have, as yet, shown any desire to travel abroad under their own steam. With the Western Samoans it is a more serious matter although presumably some means have been found of docketing them for international purposes.

Doctor Massal, Member for Health on the South Pacific Research Council, had a lucky escape in June. He had booked through from Noumea to Paris, and was to have been a passenger in the Air France plane which crashed in the Persian Gulf area, with heavy loss of life. Fortunately for him, he was obliged to stop over in Saigon for a couple of days, and did not go on with that ill-fated plane.

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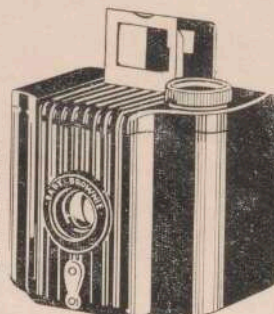
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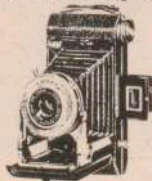
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owners and traders are showing a growing disinclination to face them.

A good example is provided by the new French ship *Mekong*. She travelled recently from Marseilles to Melbourne in 27 days, and proceeded to take on cargo for New Caledonia. She was forced to spend no less than 41 days in three Australian ports, before she could get loaded and away. New Caledonian merchants have complained bitterly—but to no purpose.

All Pacific traders and shippers voice similar complaints.

DEATH OF TERRITORIAN



A recent photograph of the late Mr. H. G. Murray, well-known planter of Witu, New Guinea, whose sudden death was reported in June PIM.

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COUNCIL OF CHIEFS UNDER FIRE

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 12.
THE Fiji Council of Chiefs will hold its biennial meeting at Nasova, Suva, next month at a time when its powers and functions have been brought into public discussion as a result of the implacable Fijian opposition, in the Legislative Council, to any proposed change in the Colony's constitution.

The advocates of "democratic representation" (certain European and Indian political groups or individuals) have made no secret of their ambition to force, if possible, some sort of "democratic system" on to the Fijians whether the mass of the Fijians want it or not.

But as far as independent observers can discover, the idea of "party politics" and election brawls is utterly foreign and distasteful to the average knowledgeable Fijian. As far as can be learned by any non-Fijian, the Fijian people are profoundly suspicious of any move to foist anything on them before they know exactly what it is all about. And this attitude rises from an openly-expressed fear that Fijian "democracy" as interpreted by the hopeful constitution-changers of other races would be wide open to dangerous manipulation by interested Europeans, or Indians, or both.

To the constitution-changers the Council of Chiefs is an autocratic group of dictators subservient to the Government and concerned primarily with maintaining its own privileges and its undoubtedly great power as the Fijian ruling body. To European and Indian Leftists it is anathema as a "great stronghold of reactionism."

To non-political moderates, the Council of Chiefs is nothing of the sort.

There is nothing to show that it is merely a deadweight stifling all Fijian political and social advancement, but there is a good deal to show that a fairly large proportion of the members have an eye to chiefly interests rather than the interests of the Fijian people as a whole. And this point is important at a time when there are almost daily signs of intense Fijian awareness of the urgent need for energetic and well-directed moves if the Fijians are to retain their rightful place in their own land.

After all, it is the Fijian people who are faced with the mounting pressure of alien competition, not the chiefs.

In recent months (and notably during the Anti-TB Fund campaign) angry and sometimes furious European protests have been voiced in the press and elsewhere against the continual exploitation of the Fijians by means of "appeals"—nominally voluntary "appeals" but actually presented in the form of veiled compulsion—which realised tens of thousands of pounds at the expense of people who simply could not afford to pay.

Lately this has developed into criticism of some aspects of taxation as applied to Fijians by the Fijian Administration, and it has been recalled that long ago a Government report stated that Fijian taxation had reached saturation point. The questions are now being asked: What return do the Fijians get for the taxes they pay to their own administration? And what exactly does the Council of Chiefs, with its wide powers under the Government, do for the Fijian people as a whole?

Unless this question can be answered effectively by proof of the council's recognition that its main function is to speak for and guard the interests of the Fijian race, it will remain the target for bitter political assaults from outside its preserves.

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Mr. Patrick Costello has been re-appointed a member of the Fiji Executive Council until September 30, 1950.

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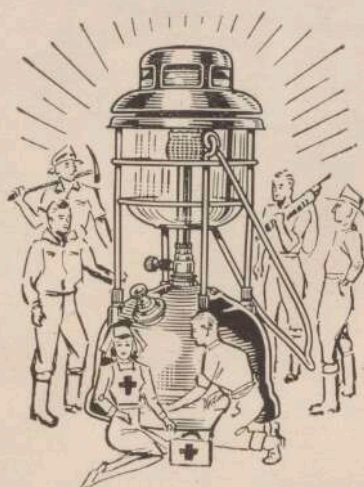
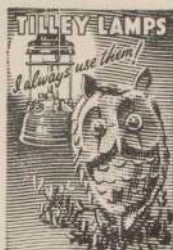
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FIJI TUNA FISHERS

Looking Towards Australia

THERE have been changes in the plans of South Sea Marine Products, Ltd., organised by Mr. Harold Gatty, and registered in Suva, to exploit tuna fisheries in Fiji.

After the necessary equipment had been installed in Fiji, the Co. experienced difficulties because—for some reason never explained—the feeding habits of tuna in Fiji waters were found to be different from those of tuna elsewhere, and they would not take the baits offered by the Fijian fishing-boats.

A great deal of additional research took place, but the position in May last was reported by Mr. Gatty to be precarious.

The following appeared in Sydney Sun on June 26:

A tuna-fishing project with experienced overseas crews operating modern American craft is being considered by Australian authorities. The proposal is being sponsored by a joint British-American group whose representative is now in Sydney.

The British unit is South Sea Marine Products, based at Suva. The American company is Island Packers Inc., registered in American Samoa. Founder of the two companies was Mr. Harold Gatty, best known as an airman, who made a long investigation into commercial fishing in the South-West Pacific.

The two companies were established two years ago, a modern cannery being set up at Tutuila, in American Samoa, and the fishing fleet being based on Suva. Special equipment included a Grumman Goose amphibian and a Piper Cub seaplane for spotting. Joint objective was to catch the tuna in Fijian

waters and, after freezing it, to ship it to Samoa for canning.

Recently Mr. Gatty resigned from the operational control of the joint companies and Mr. Don M. Haywood the new general manager, came to Australia from Fiji to investigate reports of tuna in NSW and southern waters.

After a brief survey Mr. Haywood put his project to Mr. F. F. Anderson, Commonwealth Director of Fisheries.

It is believed Mr. Haywood wants to bring to Australia a clipper, a refrigerated cargo vessel and a live-bait fishing boat at present stationed in Fiji for tuna fishing tests here.

In the US the annual tuna catch totals £50 million. If Mr. Haywood's fishing flotilla operates successfully here an Australian company may be formed.

Large schools of tuna occur off the south-east and east coast of Australia, and already a considerable canning industry has been based on tuna-fishing there.

MR. RICHARDS NOT RETIRING

IT was reported in Melbourne at the end of June that Mr. R. S. Richards, Administrator of Nauru, would soon be retiring because of ill health.

Mr. Richards later denied this. He said that he had not been well because of overstrain but was "much better."

Mr. Richards, formerly Leader of the Labour Opposition in the South Australian parliament, was appointed Administrator of Nauru by the Chief of Labour Government just before it went out of office. He has been in Nauru about seven months.

Although Mr. Richards had had no experience of the tropics or Islands administration, it is said that he has shown himself a "sound and wise administrator."

DEATH OF MRS. E. M. FADDY

MRS. E. M. FADDY, a well-known resident of Sigatoka, Fiji, died on June 22. She was the widow of Mr. P. Faddy, a former MLC, and was keenly interested in Fijian affairs and held in high regard by the Fijian people with whom she came in contact.

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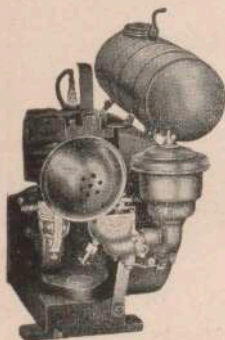
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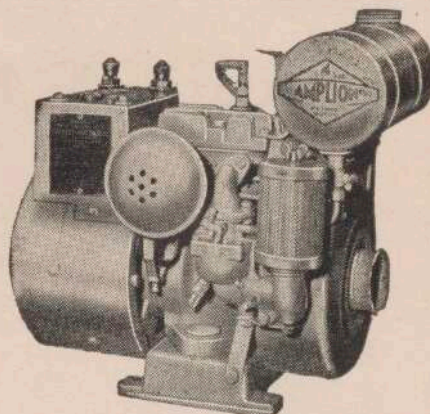
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DEATH OF MRS. MAUD GOSLING

MRS. MAUD GOSLING, wife of Captain H. Gosling, a well-known pilot, died at Suva on June 20 two days after her 59th birthday. She was the eldest child of the late Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs T. M. Williams, of Suva, and lived all her life in Fiji, except for a short visit to Australia. She was a

keen worker for patriotic and charitable causes.

She is survived by two sons and three daughters of whom Mr. J. Gosling (Suva), Mrs. L. M. McGowan (Vatukoula) and Mrs. O. Bentley (Suva) live in Fiji.

Mr. W. R. Cahill, Madang, New Guinea, recently spent a few days in Brisbane en route to the Territory from Sydney.

Short Session of Fiji Legislative Council

Elections to be Held Shortly

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 26.
A THREE-DAY session of the Fiji Legislative Council was held at the end of June—the last meeting before the elections to appoint new European and Indian unofficial members. Business consisted of a debate on Forestry policy, and 204 questions—203 of them put by three Indian members.

Forestry Policy Approved

AFTER rejecting six amendments moved by Mr. A. A. Ragg, the Legislative Council on June 21 adopted the Government's Forest Policy.

The policy which was supported by three of the five European unofficial members and all five Fijian members, but was opposed by Messrs. Ragg, F. G. Archibald and all the Indian members, adopted the policy by 27 votes to seven.

Its main aims are to conserve existing forest areas, to reforest suitable areas—including some of the denuded hill country in the dry zone of Viti Levu—to control and prevent soil erosion, and to increase timber supplies without permitting the wholesale destruction of forests that has been common in the past.

The Forest Policy debate was the principal business of the last session of the Legislative Council before the elections.

204 Questions

OUT of 204 written questions by Legislative Council members at the three-day session, 203 were asked by three Indians. One member, Mr. A. D. Patel,

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filled up eight pages of the 12-page printed business paper on the first day by producing 180 questions involving details of the distribution of freehold, leasehold, Fijian and Crown lands in the Colony.

The Government's reply grouped 155 of the questions and dismissed them with the statement that the information sought was not available and could not be made available unless the Lands Department were provided with additional staff. It added that an officer is now working on a land title index which "would enable a portion of the information asked for to be compiled in due course by the Government Statistician."

Twenty-four further questions relating to Indian interest in the demarcation of Fijian land reserves in Rewa and north-western Viti Levu were also grouped in a reply stating that in neither area has the Reserves Commission completed its investigations.

The one exception to the Indian monopoly of questions was a Fijian request, from Ratu George Tuisawau, for details of the main examination results at Queen Victoria School (Fijian) and the principal Indian and European schools.

The tabulated reply showed that four years of disorganisation and semi-neglect after QVS had been moved out when its Nasinu home was commandeered for an American Army hospital, followed by staff shortages and improvised quarters at Nasinu, had not helped the only real centre of Fijian education to keep pace with the uninterrupted progress of the schools of other races.

But There Wasn't Any Brass Band!

Rotoiti Shows Flag At Mangaia

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, CI, May 30.
HIS Majesty's NZ warship, Rotoiti, made her first call at this island on May 28 and 29, after a stay of several days at Rarotonga.

The weather was favourable, and the reef dead calm, which is not always the case when a ship of size arrives off the island. A party of officers, with the Commander, and two successive detachments of selected ratings, spent the 48 hours ashore in the customary way—the usual round of Polynesian feasts, visits, and entertainment at the official Residency, where the officers spent a night. The men returned to the ship.

The period immediately prior to this call was spent, by one stratum of our villagers, in preparing large supplies of bush beer in bottles, with a view to good sales at 1/-. The brew, it is to be feared, was not always of praiseworthy vintage; it is a well-known fact that native beer is made, only too often, under highly insanitary conditions, in kerosene tins, which the illegal tipples-merchants frequently store in a latrine, as being the least likely place for a police search.

Jolly Jack, judging by the cheerfulness of some of the visitors after a tour of the villages, did not let this interfere with his enjoyment of the day ashore, however.

The naval visit closed with a much-appreciated night display of star-shells, and searchlight drill, during which half-hour the whole ship was illuminated as for a Royal Review.

With these visits promising now to become a definitely annual affair, Islanders have something to look forward to for next season—but they still want a brass band, the only item missing from a very successful and impressive naval call.

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From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 26.

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Pastor and Mrs. C. Pascoe, Seventh Day Adventist missionaries who have served in BSI, New Britain, Bougainville and New Guinea mainland stations, are at present on leave in Australia. With them is Esther Tati, a young Melanesian girl from Lae, NG.

Mr. Les Weekes, Qantas engineer, and Miss Betty Isaacs, of 9PA, were married at the Ela Protestant Church, Port Moresby, on May 20. Miss Margaret Bruce was bridesmaid and Mr. Don Cody best man. The reception was at the Papua Hotel.

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THE Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Ltd., at a meeting with representatives of the five canegrowers' associations at Lautoka, Fiji, on June 16, agreed to increase the price paid for sugar cane.

This has the effect of increasing the price of cane by 1/8 a ton over the February offer by the CSR to growers, at a yield of 7.1 tons of cane to a ton of sugar and at the present estimated f.o.b. value of £31 (Fiji) a ton of 94 net titre sugar.

The figure is based on the United Kingdom Ministry of Food's offer for the 1950 sugar-crop. At this yield and price it is estimated that the price per ton of cane (including the value of molasses) will be as follows:

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Because of lower sweetness of its cane it is usual for Nausori prices to be somewhat lower and it was estimated that they would be about 44/8, 45/8, and 46/8 a ton of cane with sugar output as stated. However, the secretary of the Rewa Farmers' Union (F. Mohammed) issued a statement that "no separate figure for Nausori was negotiated, and the price accepted by us is 47/01d. in respect of 1950 for Fiji."

The average price at all mills in 1948 was 35/-.

After the meeting representatives of the five associations told the growers that they considered the offer reasonable and advised them that they should proceed with the harvesting of this season's crop.

SAMOAN COCOA AT £260 PER TON

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, June 16.

THERE has been a further rise in the price of cocoa and a parcel of Samoan cocoa has been disposed of to English buyers at an f.o.b. price of £260 per ton.

There will, however, be only a small crop picked in Western Samoa this year, as adverse weather has seriously affected flowering cocoa trees.

(Samoan currency is equivalent to sterling.)

PREPARATIONS FOR UN MISSION VISIT

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, June 16.

AN elaborate programme has been drafted for the coming visit of the Trusteeship Council Mission to Western Samoa.

During the 11 days of its stay the Mission is to meet Samoan and European leaders and members of the various governing bodies for discussions. Conferences will be held with senior Government officials and visits will be paid to various districts on the islands of Upolu and Savai'i, where the Mission will meet the district fonos.

Visits to hospitals, schools and other institutions are proposed and the Mission will also have an opportunity to hear the views of the Chamber of Commerce and private residents in interviews. The Mission is to leave Samoa by plane on the morning of July 16.

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Success of Pitcairn School

WHEN Mr. A. Dobbs of the Western Pacific High Commission came back from a routine inspection of Pitcairn Island recently, one of the things he reported was the success of the government school that had been established there a couple of years ago.

Mr. A. W. Moverley, the New Zealand schoolteacher, who is in charge of the

school, says that the Pitcairn children are as bright as those in New Zealand and show no ill effects of generations of in-breeding.

The Rev. H. E. Palmer has been appointed priest-in-charge of Dogura, Papua, sub-dean and canon residentiary of the Anglican Cathedral of S. Peter and S. Paul, and as diocesan chaplain to the bishop.

US NAVY LEAVES EAST SAMOA

New Civil Officials With Huge Salaries

PAGO PAGO, June 10

ONE by one, United States Navy officers are taking leave of this South Pacific base with the traditional ceremony of Sunset Parade on the malae at Fagatoga.

Following the field exercises, the Fita Fita band plays "Tofa ma Feleni" ("Good-bye my Friend") and when they sing the final chorus one sees many misty eyes and hears the whispered query "Who among us will be the next to go?"

Navy men are deeply sentimental, and after 50 years of administering the most benign rule any people ever have known, it is with profound regret to both the navy and the Samoans that this rule is now to pass into history.

It was on April 17, 1900, that Commander B. F. Tilley first raised the American flag over the newly established naval base at Fagatoga. And the celebration in April of this year, which was planned as the fiftieth anniversary jubilee, was saddened by the fact of its being also a final tribute of farewell.

During June and July, most of the navy personnel will be departing as air transportation is available. The Interior Department already is moving in.

The change of government came as a surprise to the Samoans, since the chairman of the Congressional Commission, in November of 1949, made the public statement that no change of government was contemplated at the time; even though a new organic act already had been drafted in the House of Represen-

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tatives in Washington, and had been submitted to the Samoan fono (council of chiefs).

To date, no official status has been given to the Samoans as to form of government. They do not know whether it will be territorial or a trusteeship such as has fallen to the lot of other island groups in the Pacific.

However, the matter of their small population in Samoa may preclude a territorial form of government—although the new organic act specifies the right of an elected delegate to sit in Congress without voting privileges. The 1940 census showed a population of only 12,908, but it is estimated that the present census will reveal an increase to approximately 18,000 in all six islands—Tutuila, Aunu'u, Swain's, and the Manu'a group of Ta'u, Ofu and Olosega.

A REPRESENTATIVE of the Interior Department already is in Samoa, and is being tutored by Governor Darden and his staff. The Navy Governor expects to be relieved soon.

The new organic act provides that the President of the United States will appoint a governor, at a salary of \$16,000 (£9,000 Australian) a year. A lieutenant-governor is to receive \$13,000 per year, and a civil judge the same amount—all to be paid by the U.S. government. Free housing goes with these salaries, and free transportation for family and household effects. Also free travel and salary for a holiday every two years.

Minor officials and appointees of the Governor will be paid from Island funds accruing from taxes, assessments on property, internal revenues and license fees and royalties for franchises, privileges and concessions.

An important clause in the new organic act is the promise that the Navy government's buying of copra will be continued throughout the current year. The loophole for private buying is left open for subsequent negotiations, such as prevailed when the Navy found it necessary to protect isolated growers from imposition by unscrupulous traders.

Mass Grave Discovered Near Kokopo, NB

Fate of Australian POWs

SECRETS of the Japanese invasion period in New Britain are still being uncovered. Natives recently found a secret Jap burying ground near Kokopo, and Army and Air Force Search units, in June, were investigating this and the report that the Japs threw the bodies of some Australian prisoners-of-war into Matupi crater.

Five bodies were recovered from the burial ground near Kokopo and have been identified by means of service identification discs and teeth, to be Army and RAAF personnel who are believed to have been in Rabaul hospital at the time of the Jap invasion. At the end of the war, the Japs claimed that these men had been in one of their ships which had been torpedoed by the Americans.

The discovery of these bodies opens up new possibilities as to the fate of several civilian internees who mysteriously and completely disappeared during the Jap occupation.

In charge of RAAF identification is Flight-Lieutenant Keith Rundle who received the MBE in the last Birthday Honours.

As Officer in Command of all search parties in the New Guinea area between November, 1945, and August, 1948, he

walked through miles of unexplored jungle in Papua, Dutch New Guinea, the New Guinea mainland, New Britain, New Ireland and nearby islands.

He was responsible for the discovery of 71 of the 112 RAAF aircraft lost in the area. The other aircraft were presumed to have been lost at sea.

While in command of Australian search, Ft.-Lieut. Rundle acted as adviser and assistant to the American Pacific Search Unit.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Nina Marianna Minkslin, of Sydney, to Mr. I. L. Mansell, of Suva, Fiji. The couple met when Miss Minkslin was holidaying in Suva.

Mrs. J. R. Metcalfe, who with her husband, the Rev. Mr. Metcalfe, has lived in Choiseul, BSL, for many years, has recently translated an abridged version of Pilgrim's Progress into the Banbatana tongue and this has been published and is available for use of the Methodist mission which maintains mission stations on Choiseul.

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NEWS FROM THE NG HIGHLANDS

From Our Own Correspondent

KEROWAGI, June 14.
THOUGH the recruiting of Highland natives has been suspended, there still remain many hundreds of recruits to be moved out from various centres. At Kerowagi there were so many awaiting transport that the local natives had no hope of keeping the necessary amount of kaukau up to the demand. To overcome the difficulty in supplying food, large quantities of kaukau were purchased at nearby airstrips and flown into Kerowagi, as much as 10,000 lb. being brought in in one day. Planes used in this "Operation Kaukau" were Dragons, and an Auster.

DURING the month past the superintendent of the Lutheran Mission, the Rev. Mr. Kudor, paid a visit to most of his outstations in the Highlands. He was at Ogelbung for the second big post-war baptism held there—over 500 natives were baptised.

TO cope with the large amount of work, an Auster from Gibbes Sepik Airways has been stationed at Goroka under command of Mr. Pat. Fainton. This has already proved a good thing for both the Administration—its biggest customer—and private enterprise alike.

MR. and Mrs. N. Blood, of the Nondugl Livestock Experimental Station in the Wahgi Valley, have recently left for South on a few weeks leave. Mr. Blood expects to be away for about five or six weeks, but Mr. Blood will probably stay longer.

THAT the incidence of malaria amongst the Highlanders is on the increase is shown by the large numbers of patients being treated for this disease. One hospital which has come under the notice of the writer, treated over 100 cases during the past month, quite a few of the cases being confirmed malaria by microscopic examination of blood films taken from patients before any treatment. Thus it would appear that "no malaria above 4,000 ft." is a myth.

IT seems that the Highland native has not yet accepted fully the medical services which are available to him in most areas.

The following case came to my attention recently: A native's baby became suddenly and seriously ill, and its mother wanted to take it to the native hospital just an hour's walk away. Her husband refused his permission. A few days later, the child became unconscious and the mother, herself ill by this time, again wanted to go to the hospital. This time she received a belt over the ear for her trouble, and was asked by his lordship who would look after the fowls, pigs and gardens while she was away? She replied that he could, as there was nothing else for him to do. For this impertinence she received another belt over the ear.

The following day the baby died, and was buried. The mother did not attend the burial, she was too ill.

Some days later, a Native Medical Assistant, on patrol, heard of the death of the infant and made inquiries. These took him to the sick mother, now herself unconscious. He ordered the husband to take his wife to hospital immediately, but she died on the way.

The native was prosecuted and received four months hard labour. Released, he went to his home hamlet, and found that he had no wife, no baby, no

gardens, pigs or fowls—the latter being stolen while he was in the calaboose. Poetic justice?

The King has granted permission for the Suva Yacht Club to adopt the title of Royal Suva Yacht Club. This was announced by the Governor (Sir Brian Freeston) at a club dance on May 6. The Governor, who is patron of the club, made the application on its behalf during his recent visit to London.

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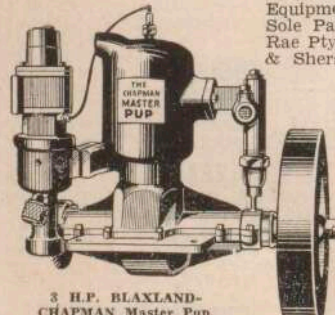
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Inauguration of New TEAL Service

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 12.

THE Mayor of Auckland (Mr. J. A. C. Allum) sent a Maori carved box to the Mayor of Suva (Mr. Alport Barker) to commemorate the first flight in TEAL's Auckland-Suva flying-boat service on June 6. In the absence of Mr. Barker in Canada, the commander of the Solent, Awatere (Captain J. R. McGrane), handed the box to the Deputy Mayor (Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane) at a Suva Town Hall ceremony.

Mr. McFarlane gave Captain McGrane a Suva-made shell lamp resting on a coconut bowl with a yaka wood base to present to the Mayor of Auckland from the Mayor, Town Councillors and people of Suva.

The ceremony was attended by the general manager of TEAL (Mr. G. N. Roberts) and six visiting New Zealand pressmen as well as by councillors and officials.

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ADVICE has been received from Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing that during the months of April and May, 1950, 135 oz. of gold were recovered from 14,194 cubic yards of material treated at their Morobe district base in New Guinea.

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Good Reports of N. Guinea Highland Labour

From A Special Correspondent

BY proclamation in the P & NG Government Gazette, of January 6, 1950, authority was given for the employment of native labour units from the Highlands of New Guinea. Before this, however, New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., of Wau, operating under a special permit, were utilising the services of Highland boys, and are, in fact, still using them.

The first contingent—a plane-load—arrived in Port Moresby shortly after the proclamation, engaged by Australasian Petroleum Company, and have proved very satisfactory, not only from the viewpoint of their work. All, before leaving for their new destination, are given BCG vaccination against TB and very few cases have occurred where physique has not proved satisfactory. Generally, these boys are fine physical specimens and there is a continuous demand for their services.

The Administration recruits the labour which is, at present, freely offering, and the applicant for labour appoints an agent at Goroka, to whom the Administration passes on the recruits. Two very well known island identities—Messrs. J. Leahy and Jerry Pentland—are the agents at Goroka and the period of service for the boys is 12 months, at the completion of which they will return to their villages. As no boy has yet completed the full period, their impressions of life in the new spheres will be awaited by the Administration.

The boys are fitted out at their place of employment and issued with such items of gear as provided for in the Native Labour Ordinance—a blanket, cup, spoon, plate, mosquito net (where necessary), two lap-laps, with a replacement of one every two months, and a box, case or ruck-sac. These items cost approximately £4/4/- and the boys are paid 15/- per month with food provided (food for one boy costs 22/6 per week in Lae).

THERE is a steady demand by private people and commercial firms for their labour and already boys are working at Kanasea, Robinson River Plantation, near Abau, Papua, Sagari and Itiki. They are to be found also in New Britain, Madang, Wau and Bulolo. Plantation owners say that the boys pick up plantation work very quickly. Recently the Department of Agriculture, at the Buba Experimental Station, Lae, and the Buambub Estate, secured a batch of boys and express satisfaction.

Shortage of labour, primarily, was the cause of the discussion to open up the Highlands as a source of supply; at the same time the boys have an opportunity to see what goes on away from their homes. At first, they are very raw. Many have never seen the sea or motor transport. But they soon settle down and follow instructions readily. A new contingent who recently arrived in Lae was taken to Milfordhaven, where they ran into the sea and scooped up the salt water, not knowing that it was salty.

There is little or no friction between the boys and other sections of the native community although it is a well known fact that boys from different districts don't as a rule mix.

(Editorial Note: It is reported elsewhere this issue that recruiting in the Highlands has now been suspended. Whether this is merely a temporary measure we do not know.)

LAST GRANDSON OF JAMES WHIPPY DIES

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 12.
THE death of Mr. James O'Connor Whippy, the last surviving grandson of David Whippy, the founder of a family that is now well-known in almost every part of Fiji, occurred at Suva on June 4.

Mr. Whippy, who was born at Wainunu 66 years ago, is survived by his wife, a son, six daughters and eight grandchildren. His home was at Kasavu, Vanua Levu.

David Whippy, of Nantucket, Massachusetts, came to Fiji in 1832.

Joeli Ravai, Fijian Member of the Legislative Council, was one of six men guests, most of them of the legal profession, at a Royal Empire Society Ladies' Auxiliary

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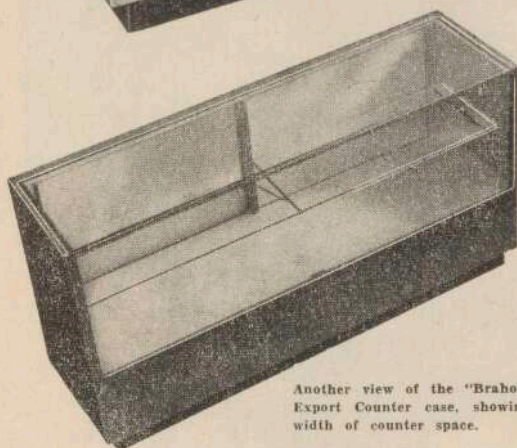
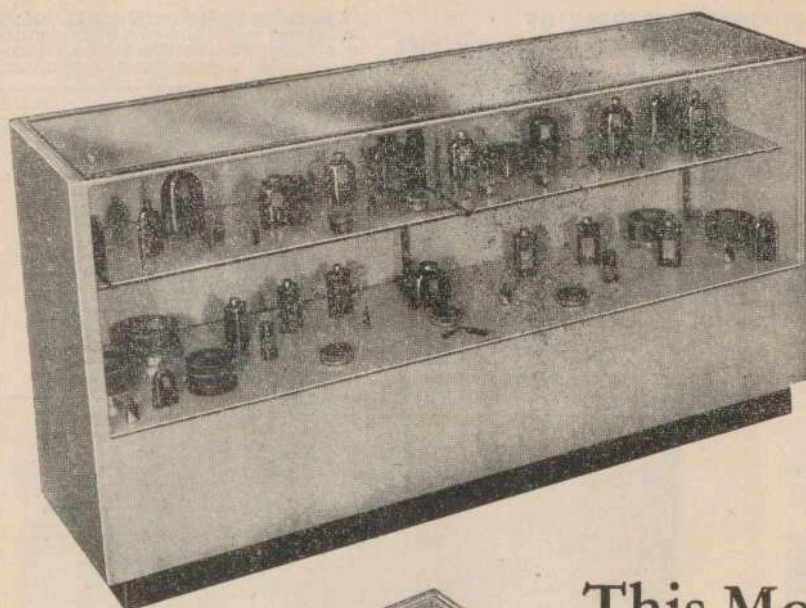
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IN a recent issue of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture's Journal, the rehabilitation of the phosphate industry on Nauru and Ocean Island is discussed by Sir Albert Ellis. Sir Albert is New Zealand's representative on the British Phosphate Commission, and he draws attention to the fact that in the last six months of 1949, shipments of phosphate from the two islands were equal to the best results in pre-war years:—

SOMEONE has said about phosphate that it is one of those things whose value is not realised until the supply ceases.

Since the acquisition of the Nauru and Ocean Island phosphate industry in 1920, when the organisation known as the British Phosphate Commissioners was set up, the requirements of high-grade phosphate for New Zealand were met almost entirely from those two islands. With ever-increasing agricultural and pastoral production in New Zealand and Australia the demand for phosphate rose proportionately, as it must continue to do in the years that lie ahead, but by developing the resources of Nauru and Ocean Island all requirements were met, and by 1939 the annual output had risen to 14 million tons.

In the Second World War Hitler became aware of the vital importance of

these supplies and in the latter part of 1940 two German raiders arrived in the Pacific. Part of their programme was to put the phosphate industry out of action. Five of the Commission's vessels were sunk. Nauru was bombarded for two hours, and enormous damage was done, mainly to the shipping plant. The cantilever came in for most attention, but though it was hit repeatedly by shell fire and was doubtless considered wrecked by the raider commander, the main structure still stood upright.

Repairs were put in hand immediately, but by the time one of the arms was ready to resume loading the Japanese came into the war and we knew the position was hopeless, for they too were fully aware of the value of the phosphate deposits. Their bombers attacked both islands the day after Pearl Harbour and repeatedly afterwards, doing much damage. Defence was impossible and evacuation became necessary.

SHORTLY after, the enemy occupied the islands in strong force, remaining there for 3 years, during which time the places were fortified very thoroughly. An air base was constructed at Nauru, long naval guns were installed, and round the coast was a series of tank traps, machine-gun posts, and under-

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ground shelters. Both islands seemed practically impregnable.

Meanwhile, strong American forces had become established at Tarawa after the great battle there. Fleets of bombers were soon over Nauru, the air base was put out of action, and further damage was done not only to the enemy equipment but also to our phosphate plant. This was revealed by aerial reconnaissance photographs. On one occasion a squadron of capital ships made an early morning call off Nauru and opened fire with 16 in. guns, adding to the devastation. They left as a memento an unexploded shell near the main road, and it is still one of "the sights."

With the cutting off of phosphate supplies from the two central Pacific islands the position soon became serious in New Zealand and Australia. In close touch with the Department of Agriculture in each country, the British Phosphate Commission was given a free hand in obtaining phosphate supplies wherever possible. Makatea, a French island in the eastern Pacific, was of great value in this connection. A rigid rationing system was set up and naturally farming interests suffered considerably through shortage of fertilisers.

AFTER the war ended, an Australian Expeditionary Force went to both islands and the surrender of the Japanese forces there was accepted. As a representative of the New Zealand Government, the writer had the privilege of being present on these important occasions. Simultaneously, a party of the British Phosphate Commission's managers and engineers landed to report to headquarters on the damage and make preparations for the restoration of the industry. A tragic story of war crimes and atrocities on both islands was revealed; the natives and a limited number of Europeans, all of whom were dead when the surrender took place, suffered dreadfully at the hands of the enemy. Considering their size it is doubtful if any islands in the Pacific had such a bad time as these two small isolated places.

Inspection showed that Nauru was wrecked; "it was a shambles," to use the term of the expeditionary officers; our settlement was a tragic scene of desolation and war damage and would require rebuilding entirely. The same pertained to the administration and mission stations. This destruction was not unexpected and preparations had been made for the work of restoration, as far as the phosphate industry was concerned, by accumulating at Melbourne an enormous quantity of material such as prefabricated houses and work-shops, diesel engines, machinery, motor trucks, powered lighters, mooring material, provisions, etc.

The Commission's sole remaining vessel after the attentions of the German raiders, the *Trienza*, was loaded up and with an enthusiastic crowd of our island staff, mostly old hands, set out for Nauru and Ocean Island.

There was considerable hardship at first, for the Japanese had left the islands in a disgusting and insanitary state, particularly at Nauru. Simultaneously with these activities a large force of Gilbertese and Ellice Island natives was recruited, many of them being old hands and glad to re-enter our employ. Not long afterwards a Chinese labour force from Hong Kong arrived, many of them being mechanics who, under the supervision of our experienced staff, proved most useful.

PLANS had been prepared beforehand for the reconstruction work and it was found possible to make the whole layout of the settlement, the labourers' quarters, hospitals, workshops, stores, etc., on much more convenient and

suitable lines than was the case previously. Buildings went up and it was not long before living conditions on both islands had greatly improved.

Meanwhile preparations for the resumption of phosphate shipping operations were pushed ahead. With the cantilever so badly damaged and the Ocean Island jetties destroyed, it was necessary to make improvised arrangements, using the old jetty at Nauru and the boat harbour at Ocean Island for shipping by means of lighters. Long conveyors were installed connecting the phosphate bins with these points of shipment. The elaborate pre-war system of deep-sea moorings at both islands had been completely destroyed. To re-lay these a vessel with a special, massive mooring winch and other appliances was required. The German raiders had sunk both of the Commission's vessels which were thus fitted, but we were able to get one built during the war and she did the work of re-laying in good style. It was thus possible to resume phosphate shipping 7 months after the reoccupation of the islands, though necessarily at a much slower rate than in pre-war years.

Early attention had been given to the phosphate quarrying, transport, artificial drying and storage plant, all of which was badly damaged. The tram lines had all been ripped up by the enemy, the sleepers being used for firewood and the rails cut into short lengths for building their machine-gun posts, pill boxes, dug-outs, etc. Many rails were placed upright in lines on the reef as barriers to landing craft. Worst of all, our elaborate cableway towers built of latticed steel were toppled over and cut into suitable lengths for constructing underground shelters and so forth. Costly conveyor belting was cut into short lengths and

used as floor covering for the enemy's defences. Our engineers devised ways of using much of the damaged steel work, for such material was scarce and difficult to purchase. A great deal of electric welding of cableway towers, tram rails, etc., was done, necessitating much extra work. The position led to the use of mechanised plant for quarrying and transport of phosphate, much more than

in pre-war days, and this at least had proved an advantage.

Mechanical shovel loaders of various types, also grabs, were obtained and are proving very serviceable, though they can be used only in selected phosphate country where the lime-stone pinnacles are not too numerous. Elsewhere the hand

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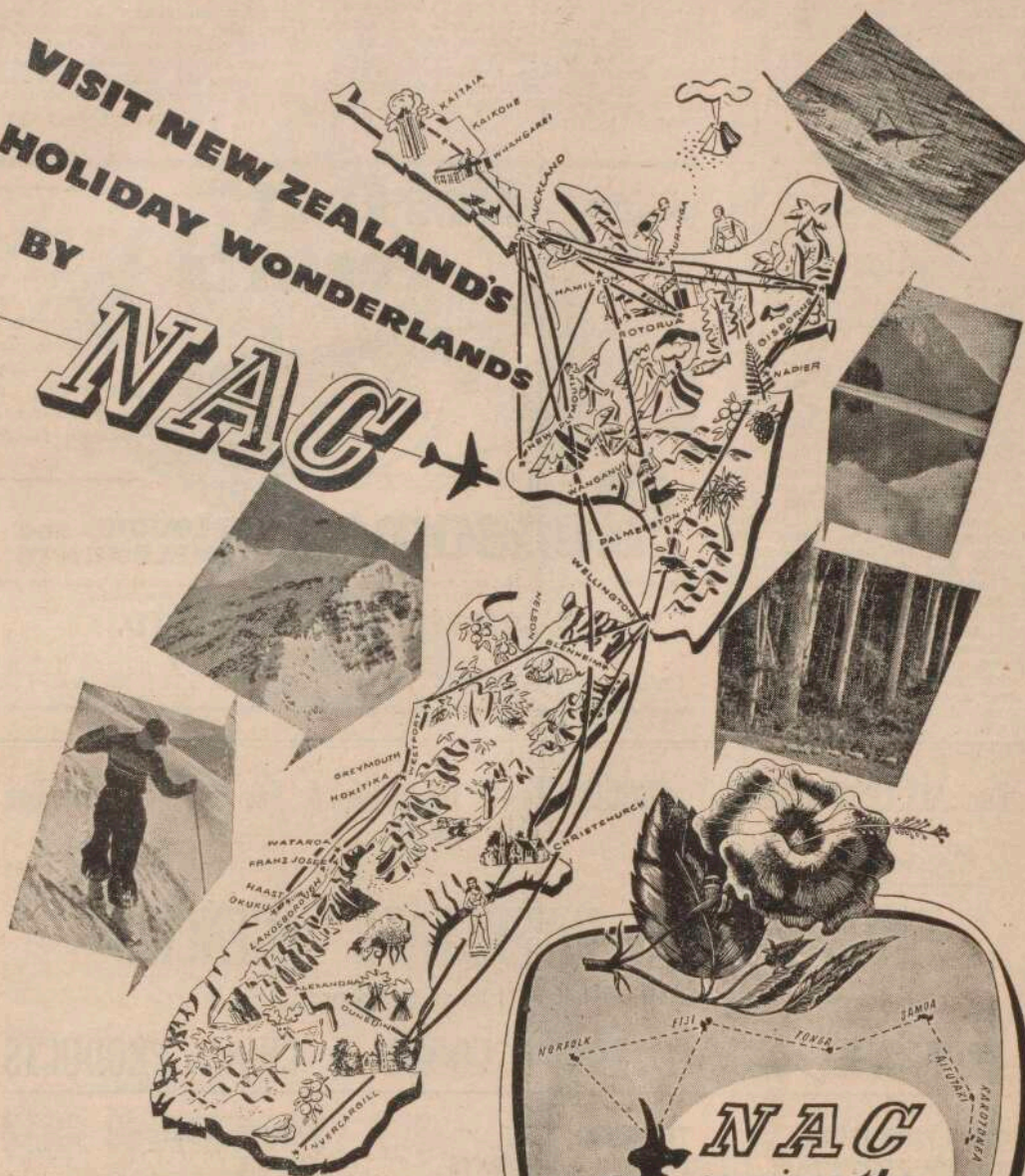
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MAGAZINE SECTION

Territories Talk-Talk

By "Tolala"

LADY CILENTO, who arrived in Sydney last month from Europe, was well in the news during her short stay in the Big Smoke before she left for her home in Brisbane. She had the opportunity of telling Sydney women about the Pan-Pacific Women's Conference she attended at Honolulu last year, and of the good work this organisation is doing for all the Pacific races. Lady Cilento is better known to old Rabaul residents as Dr. Phyllis, when her husband was PMO in TNG. She spent much of her time doing practical welfare work, especially among the Chinese women of Rabaul, many of whom remember her with grateful hearts. She left Sir Raphael in the Middle East, still engaged on international relief work.

WAR crime trials at Manus are certainly focussing general reading on the northern portions of TNG. As a result "special correspondents," in their spare time from reporting war crimes, delve into the whys and wherefores of the local set-up, and with usual journalistic enthusiasm they leave little to the imagination.

Sydney morning and afternoon papers were filled with the startling depopulation of the Western Islands, and the lone Anchorite Island inhabitant had more than usual publicity. (Who would want to live on the Anchorites, anyway?) Nobody who knows them from personal knowledge, I am sure.

And, talking of the Anchorites, I am reminded that Charles (call me "Yorkie") Booth spent some time in the group in the early years of his Expro-board experiences as a planter. It is certainly one of the last places in the world on which to live.

NOT having sufficient "copy" of real interest from the war crimes, Sydney journalists have devoted their spare time to working up human interest stories of the Manus group, which has now, apparently, reverted to its old name of the Admiralty Islands, which certainly sounds more romantic.

There comes to mind one story from a Sydney writer, detailing the hardships of an eminent military lawyer, engaged on the war crimes trials, who has to carry out his own laundry duties, whilst the local "boy" enjoys his afternoon siesta.

If there is truth in the story it is indeed a sorry state of affairs that some arrangements cannot be made, either by the Administration or military authorities, for laundry work to be carried out, in a manner suitable for this part of the world. Or are the two authorities—Administration and Military—again at such daggers drawn, as was the case in the just-before-the-war II period? If so, it is a great pity that the whiteman's prestige must suffer under Red-Tape-ism.

All whites should be properly catered for, and there should be no question whatsoever of their being provided with adequate service in every respect. Lack of it only indicates ignorance of the correct thing in a native country, and makes Australians a laughing-stock in the eyes of the world.

MR. STEVE LONERGAN, the very able Government Secretary of the PNG, had an unenviable job recently when he presented Australia's annual report on the New Guinea Territory to the UN Trusteeship Council in New York. Mr. Lonergan, who should know all the answers—from his long experience with TNG and the League of Nations set-up—did quite a good job in answering the UN quizzes.

In particular (says the newspaper report from New York) Steve was asked about Australia's peaceful penetration into uncontrolled areas, and about the absence of suffrage. Seeing that peaceful penetration of uncontrolled areas has been going on for 20-odd years, he should have been able to satisfy his questioners. As for the absence of suffrage, it is to be hoped Australia is not precipitated into action in giving natives the franchise merely to satisfy UN ignoramuses. Natives wouldn't know what to do with it if they had it.

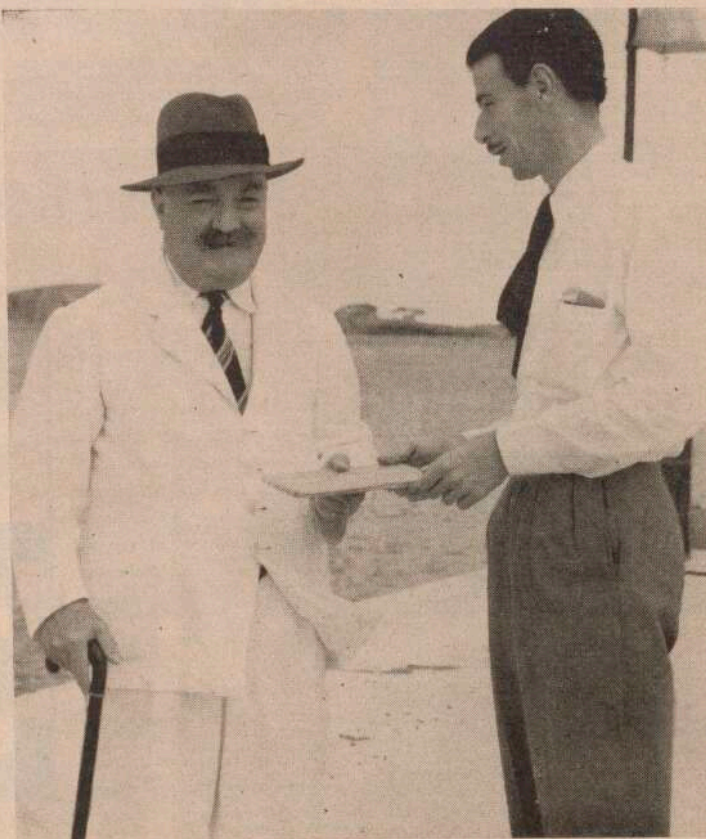
It is time Australia took a stand in this regard and told the UN Trusteeship Council to go and mind its own business,

and leave the development of the NG natives to people who know something about it. Bring forward the franchise in another 20 years' time.

IT is good to see that the Minister for External Territories is awake to the dangers of paying out such large sums to native claimants for war damage. The system only corroborates the natives' own ideas as to "cargo."

Money should never have been paid out like that in the first place. Compensation should have been made in kind—pigs, material, vegetable seeds, fowls and the like—and all claims should have been thoroughly checked—which they were not. It was an easy way to try and re-capture the natives' goodwill after the Jap occupation; but it wasn't appreciated, and never will be.

Not until the white man in New Guinea can command the respect of the native will that native ever have any appreciation of what has been done for him. Benefactions and largesse showered upon the indigenes do not make for appreciation, unless they primarily hold respect



These two men are well-known Pacific personalities: M. Henri Sautot, Mayor of Noumea, on our left; Mr. Colin Simpson, of the ABC, on our right. They met in New Caledonia, when Mr. Simpson was on his way to Fiji recently. Mayor Sautot is shown presenting Mr. Simpson with a copy of his book dealing with the dramatic events in New Caledonia during the war.

—Photo by F. E. Dunn.

for the donor. A tightening-up of discipline among the natives is the surest way of breeding respect, and that is the best preventive of internal unrest.

There is little discipline left in NG, but it may still not be too late to resuscitate it.

I WAS interested in reading about the revival of an old-time custom in Rabaul; The Frangipanni Ball at the New Guinea Club on May 27. It created a nostalgic feeling, for well do I remember the first one in 1938, when the slogan "Frangipannis Bloom Again" was on everyone's lips, and there was a song, made up by some of the local optimists sung to the tune of "Happy Days are Here Again."

Incidentally, it may not be generally known that the phrase about the frangipanni blooming again arose from an article in one of the Rabaul Times eruption editions (referred to recently by Judy Tudor in her article on volcanoes) wherein editor Gordon Thomas spread the happy tidings that Rabaul was rehabilitating itself "and the frangipannis bloomed again." A phrase that is long remembered as it should be.

Let's hope that many Frangipanni Balls are held in Rabaul in the years to come.

IT was indeed sad news to read of the disappearance of the small motorship, Fairwind, travelling down from NG along the NSW coast recently. It is hard to believe that Captain "Sandy" Campbell should have met his fate in this manner after his most adventurous life. There are many Islanders who will regret his passing, for he was well-known—ever since his earlier days in the old Mataram and Macdhui, and later in the luxury liner Bulolo, which he first sailed into NG waters before the last war. He was a most able skipper, and the friend of many.

BITS AND PIECES: Congratulations to Matron Mary Mae, of Lae, on her OBE decoration for gallantry at Kavieng in 1942. It was well deserved. . . . With regret I read of the death of that well-known gold-fields identity, Mrs. Claire Bowring, at Lae, on June 26. She will be sadly missed. . . . Here's a shopping account from Rabaul, the middle of last month: 2 lb. butter, 10/-; 1 lb. bacon, 5/-; 6 eggs, 3/-; 2 lb. celery, 3/6; 1 doz. apples, 7/-; 2 lb. chops, 6/6. Time for the Prices Commissioner to get busy, surely. . . . I liked that extract from the Norfolk Island annual report: Main exports—bean seed, £4,125; empties, £3,909. It was a disappointment to learn, later, that the empties were mostly drums which had carried aviation fuel to the island.

They Think The War Is Still On

IT is reported from Honolulu that 21 Japanese on the tiny mid-Pacific island of Antanan, in the northern Marianas, are still holding out. They think the war is still on (and how right they are!)

The island is so small and unimportant that the Navy will not risk sending a landing party to take it by force, a Navy spokesman said.

Pamphlets and food have been dropped from planes, and boats off the island have broadcast over loud speakers that World War II is over, but the Japanese, who man machine guns, are not convinced.

WHEN THE MATUA COMES IN

BY AMEL

EVERYBODY goes a little crazy when the dear old Matua calls at Pago Pago—once every 6 weeks or so.

It is so good to see the neat, trim lines of her coming into the harbour, and to see new faces, and some familiar ones, and to hear the latest gossip from Suva; and of course it's very nice to get fresh eggs and things.

Lots of visitors drop in to say hello; and, somehow, we local inhabitants gravitate towards the Matua, about an hour before sailing time, no doubt to the exasperation of various officials, who nevertheless are very polite, probably thinking that we are only savages who don't know any better.

On one trip to Pago Pago, she was supposed to sail at midnight. So naturally we went on board at 11 p.m., in the wake of a genial soul who tempted us with the promise of some luscious New Zealand beer.

There were Ronnie and Mary, Alec and Mabel, Val—and I don't know who all. Well, you know what these cabin parties are. One chair for 12 people, so somebody sits on a suitcase, somebody on a bunk, somebody in a wash-basin, somebody on top of the wardrobe, half a dozen on the floor, and everybody happy. Sandwiches and liquid refreshment vanished like bubbles in a breeze.

Time flew. A sepulchral voice on the loud-speaker said "Attention please—all visitors are requested to go ashore."

We stood up, milled around, trod on

each others' toes and sat down again. Must have another beer or you'll never get down the gangway. Sure. So we sat there, shooting the breeze, for another half hour. A romantic looking man in a straw boater strummed a ukulele, while Mabel danced.

Then Val—a tall, youthful, lovely blonde from Auckland—who had been eyeing Ronnie's Aloha shirt for some time, said suddenly, "I like your shirt."

"It's yours," he replied, gallantly, taking it off and giving it to her. Amid howls of laughter, Val tried it on. Though it was four sizes too large, we reckoned she'd be a sensation on the Auckland beaches this summer.

Time marched along. A small man put his head in the cabin door and barked, "All visitors ashore!" We went right on talking. The Chief of Police came and bawled, "All visitors ashore!" Nobody took any notice. It was really disgraceful. It's a wonder the Captain didn't come and put us all in irons.

We decided to take ourselves off at 12.30 a.m. and wandered down the gangway, with Ronnie busily explaining to everyone en route just what happened to his shirt!

As the Matua, ablaze with lights and crammed with passengers, pulled out at 1 a.m., I had a kinky feeling that next time she hits Pago Pago, there will be a great big beautiful notice displayed in a prominent place, and on it will be printed, for all to read, "NO STRAY VISITORS ALLOWED ON BOARD."

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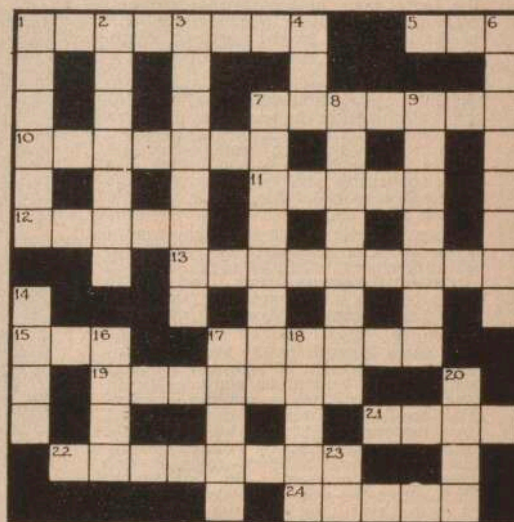
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ACROSS

- 1.—What is the science of garden-fruit?
- 5.—What is the Scottish equivalent to the English Fitz?
- 7.—Which is the second town of Wales?
- 10.—Who wrote "Literary Lapses"?
- 11.—What is the song of farewell in Hawaii?
- 12.—What is used to separate the course from the fine?
- 13.—What is a charged plate in a plating bath?
- 15.—Three and a half divided by one and three-quarters?
- 17.—To which part of the foot is the leg articulated?
- 19.—Who was the heavyweight champion of 1932?
- 21.—What is a flow of matter?
- 22.—What was Shakespeare's term for twilight?
- 24.—What is the capital of Alaska?

DOWN

- 1.—The term for young turkeys?
- 2.—What is a feature of every Mohammedan mosque?
- 3.—The colloquial term for marijuana?
- 4.—To deviate from the course?
- 6.—What riddles are acted?
- 7.—Which part of the North Sea stretches between Norway and Denmark?
- 8.—What is the abandonment of one's religious beliefs?
- 9.—Which climatic effects are brought about by the changing of the earth's position?
- 14.—In which American State do the Latter



Day Saints number three-quarters of the population?

- 16.—What is the term for a simple but wholesome lunch?
- 17.—What is an appointment to meet?
- 18.—Which riddle is pictured?
- 20.—Make a fish from a nut?
- 23.—Turn a letter into a tree?

Tropicalities

THAT readable book, *Anatomy of Paradise*, by J. C. Furnas, was reviewed in PIM many moons ago—but that was the American edition. The English edition has just reached Australia.

Some reviewers are now wondering, as we have wondered, how the book came to have such a silly name—American publishers usually have more salesmanship than that and can be relied upon to glamorise and dress up the dish nicely for the consuming public. They seem, however, to have become bemused by this word "Paradise" in connection with the Pacific, which seems ridiculous to plain citizens who live there. There was, you remember, Lambert's Doctor in Paradise (as well as Furnas' current number); and that well-known Hawaiian monthly, orientated mostly now towards tourism although it was founded in 1888, is called *Paradise of the Pacific*.

This is what John Hetherington, Melbourne Herald reviewer, has to say about *Anatomy of Paradise*:

"A reader of no more than average timorousness might well shy away from a book of 541 pages entitled 'Anatomy of Paradise,' with a dust-jacket advertising it as a study in racial relations."

"Mr. Furnas will be unfortunate if he loses readers for this reason. Australians who pass up his book on the suspicion roused by the evidence I have mentioned will be even more unfortunate. For Mr. Furnas has written not only one of the most informative, but also one of the most entertaining books to come this reviewer's way in many months. He takes material which would be dull stuff even in the hands of most skilled writers and makes it enchantingly alive."

SOMETHING of a sensation was caused in Australia in June (at least it was mentioned in metropolitan newspapers and over the ABC), when an Indian woman from Fiji mistook the Customs Hall at Mascot airport for a dressing room.

They say her name was Solochini Hubbard and, with her husband, she was on the way back to Fiji from a visit to Calcutta. They arrived on one of Sydney's wet days (it rained over 25 inches in June) and on the way from the plane to the Customs Hall she got her thin white sari very wet.

In the hall she opened her bag, took out a pink confection and, ignoring everybody else, put it on. With a wiggle and a bit of string tugging she shed her wet garments.

Officials yelled: "There is a dressing room over there, madam!" But Solochini Hubbard took no notice. She does not speak English.

One paper said Western ideas of modesty "were shocked." Apparently Australian newspaper editors do not frequent Bondi beach in summer.

MISS AILEEN ALLEN, of South Australia, has returned after several months visit to New Guinea, fascinated at the combination of the primitive and the modern labour-saving devices used there. Miss Allen has been with her brother, Mr. Robert Allen, at Baiune, near Bulolo (Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., get electricity from Baiune) and this, no doubt, explains the "modern labour-saving devices"—life in the rest of New Guinea may be fascinating but it contains few mod. cons.

One thing that surprised Miss Allen was the way natives, who had lived in

the most primitive surroundings, took to modern devices. The boys, most of them first-class cooks, picked up the timing and principles of cooking with electricity quickly.

"It was amusing," she said, "to watch a comparatively new hand nonchalantly regulating the stove and then, having abandoned further worry over the meal, playing football until it was ready."

CAN it be true?

The Adelaide Advertiser, in reporting that Dr. and Mrs. M. F. Glaessner have returned to live in Adelaide after living in Port Moresby, say that Mrs. Glaessner, who trained at a Moscow ballet school and later as a dancer in Moscow's Bolshoi Theatre, "took ballet to New Guinea."

Starting out with a class of 29 children of Port Moresby residents, she later had a class of 16 young girls then "young men civil servants, planters and others."

We always thought their hobby was drinking beer.

AND while on the subject of beer—the Norfolk Island annual report, presented to the House of Representatives in June, showed that the two chief exports of the island were:—

Bean seed, worth £4,125.
Returned empties, worth £3,909.

There is no hotel on Norfolk. It is another of those Pacific paradises where one can obtain liquor only on a permit issued by the Administration.

It is only fair to point out however, that the "empties" include other things but beer bottles—petrol drums and the like.

THERE are prizes for this:

If, in the next few months, any Island dweller finds a small bottle on his beach and within it a message from the Seamen's Church Institute of New York, he may receive a prize of a miniature ship in a bottle.

Hundreds of these messages will be cast forth in bottles by the United States Line freighter, Pioneer Gulf, on her current trip across the Pacific. (She sailed from New York on June 17.)

HERE is something further to round-off Mr. William Courtenay's story of the late Dr. G. H. Vernon (Feb. PIM). It is from *Eti, of Mangaia, Cook Islands*:

The book that the late Dr. Vernon missed the ending of was banned in NZ when it appeared about 30 years ago, but I managed to get hold of a copy. It is called *Kimono*; author, John Paris. I'm a little hazy now, myself, as to the exact ending, but as far as I recall, the European's Japanese wife, whose fortune was derived from the notorious Yoshiwara (or red-light district of Tokio), waived her

share of the ill-gotten lucre, and lived happily ever after.

The book is not at all pornographic, and I, for one, am puzzled to see why such a fuss was made about it. As far as I know, it is still in print.

BRITAIN'S luxury, dollar-earning ship, 34,000-ton *Caronia*, is scheduled to make a trip to Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands, including the Solomons, early next year.

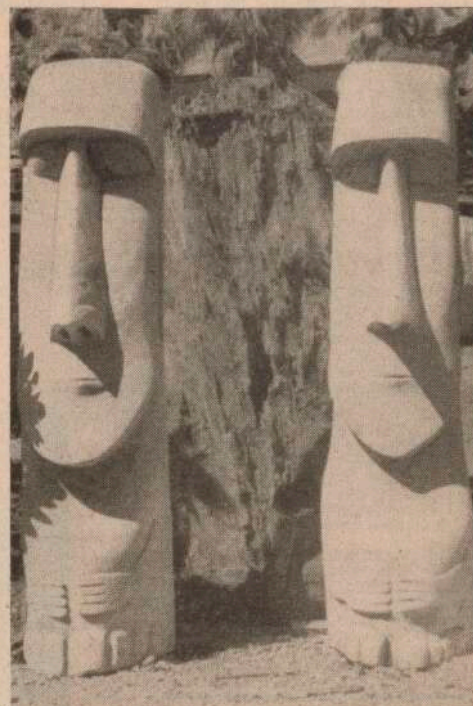
If the Solomons, in their present state, do not rattle these American dollar millionaires out of their mink coats and diamonds, then nothing will. Presumably, inclusion of BSI in the itinerary is to show the folks back home Guadalcanal, where the US Marines first put a crimp in the Japs' tails.

Caronia has been done up regardless to attract dollar tourists. The best suites cost something like the equivalent of £7,000 stg. for a 10-weeks cruise. In a recent cruise of Europe, Africa and the two Americas, *Caronia* earned £750,000 sterling—in dollars. Food was lush, but, complained the stewards, much of it was spurned. There seems to have been a high proportion of ulcers on board and their owners fed exclusively on plain milk and biscuits.

THE new Resident Commissioner of the BSIP (Mr. H. G. Gregory-Smith) is spending only the minimum time necessary for administration at Honiara and is systematically touring the Protectorate in the Government's 60-foot vessel, *Mary*.

He has received a warm welcome everywhere, and a few surprises. One of these came during a recent visit to Sikiana,

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Not for some strange pagan rites—but to guard the doorway of a nightclub in San Francisco. They were carved by native craftsmen in Samoa and here they are ready to be shipped. They are 14 ft. high.

—Photo by Superflash, Apia.



A woman of Avatip, Sepik River, working sago.

SEPIK SURVEY

ALTHOUGH the really unknown places of the earth are becoming fewer each year, the mighty Sepik River of the New Guinea mainland, still comes within that category. With its many tributaries—most of them full-grown rivers in their own right—its tenacious people living their amphibious lives, its teeming crocodiles, it is an area seldom written about—and little known outside a small circle of missionaries, Administration officials and a few recruiters.

This present article, by S. H. Gander, a visiting missionary, tells a little of the life that is lived among the mud and mosquitoes of three of the big river's tributaries—the Yuat, the Keram and the Karawari.

WE have returned from an interesting journey up the Yuat River which flows into the Sepik 101 miles from its mouth. The Yuat is distinct from all other Sepik tributaries in that the course is less winding and the banks less swamped. Where it joins the Sepik it is about 140 yards wide and upstream for 32 miles generally not under 100 yards.

After this first 30-odd miles are the first hills—Lookout Mountains being close to the river on the west side. Just south of these hills the river narrows to 80 yards and the current, even in normal water conditions, is considerable. There are many villages along both banks and these extend to the plain on both sides.

The people are able to grow such food as yams, greens, taro, eschalots, and tomatoes, having better garden land than the natives on the Sepik proper. They plan their crops so that their main food—yam—is taken out before the "high." In the wet season the river rises 20 feet and overflows its banks and the gardens. Houses are flooded to a depth of three feet, although they are all built high up from the ground. During the five months of the "high" the natives live on their store of yams. At this writing the high has hardly begun but it is interesting to see the river banks breaking and high trees falling into the river; and one sees

how much the river changes its course—50 yards in some places. Wherever the banks break they build up on the opposite side. We travelled through one channel 50 yards wide that was only a canoe barad

Village on a Canal off the Sepik.



five feet wide a year ago. It would be 20 feet deep now.

WE called at many villages and found the people very friendly. We had a party of natives on board—it pays to have locals along because of the tricky navigation. We anchored at Biwat and spent the night there. Our draught was too great for the hazards ahead. But we were only 80 miles from Wabag and would have liked to go on.

We returned down-stream next day, spent the week-end at Moim on the Sepik, near the Yuat mouth.

After visiting Angoram to receive and send mail we next paid attention to the Keram River. The trip was scenically beautiful and as I write this we are 50 miles upstream and anchored with the Bobtain people.

It is a strain to be at the wheel of a boat on a river with as many bends as this one. "One good turn deserves another" would apply here. When we arrived at 3.45 p.m. I had had it. There is a current of three knots with which to contend, also submerged trees and sandbanks. Always in my mind is the thought that these ships cost money, and the handling of the craft is therefore a responsibility. No matter how good the native, he fails to realise the value of such a ship and if left to himself is inclined to take risks.

THE Keram River flows into the Sepik 73 miles from its mouth and another stream—the Clay—flows into the Keram 32 miles from its mouth.

Yesterday we anchored at Kambot and there examined the greatest native structures I ever expect to see in this Territory. We first examined the house of the Tultul (or secondary chief). It is 178 feet long by 40 feet and is decorated with paintings and carvings that astonished me. The front porch, which is 20 feet up above the ground, has a huge roof like the mouth of a crocodile, and on what would be the roof of the mouth is a painting of a man about 15 feet in height. There are carvings of doves and other birds—a work of art.

I thought I had seen something that could not be surpassed but then they invited me to visit the House Tambaran. This building was the same size as the one already described, with centre posts three feet in diameter planted 18 feet in the ground, with a total length of 70 feet. The paintings are something to see, so are the carvings. The ridging and rafters are decorated with carvings and coloured drawings. The place is colossal and took five years to build.

In the House Tambaran all the heathen ceremonies and initiations took place. They could not build such structures today, as the line of the native builders is broken. I was told that during the war a great sickness came to these parts, that men and marys would be sick in the bush and unable to attend to the food supply, and that they just died of starvation. Of those who now remain, none understand the art of such traditional building. When the present House Tambarans decay there will be no builders among the younger generation to restore or replace the unique structures.

These people believe in safety first—a long cane is tied to a centre post of the House Tambaran and as one walks down the long and steep stairs of the house he holds the cane and goes quietly.

Modern conveniences are coming into this village; I saw only one typical Sepik woven mosquito sleeping bag; all the rest were made of net and parachute silk. But as I sit on the boat and write this report I see many women making sac-sac (sago) for daily food in the age-old way. How they toil! When we arrived here the marys whipped off their skirts, climbed the coconut palms and picked up some green nuts to drink. The men sat by and said proudly, "Our women always get the nuts."

ONE hundred and seventy miles from its mouth, the Sepik River is joined by the Karawari River, and opposite the junction is the village of Mindimbit. We stayed the night there ready to enter the Karawari at daylight, and picked up some lads who knew the river well.

Mindimbit village is nicely set out and the homes are neat and clean. We entered several. In one was a polished table made by the owner, and jars of fresh flowers. Although he had never left his district, this man was very tidy in shirt and shorts and had the smile of a super-salesman. Some homes had attractive blinds made of native material.

The women here make pretty mats and we purchased some. The usual trade of mirrors, brilliantine, razor blades, salt, etc., proved irresistible.

Next morning we left Mindimbit at 7.30 a.m. and arrived at Kundimai at 4 p.m., very glad to tie up at the bank. There was the usual business of purchasing native food for the crew.

Next day we decided to enter the Arafundo River and take the ten mile run to Yimas. The river was low so we had to navigate with care but it winds through tall timber on either side in which fly numerous birds. A beautiful red creeper festoons some of the trees, and crocodiles abound in the water. The local natives are very game. They go out in their canoes at night with an electric torch and spear the crocs behind the head. It is food to the native so he means business. Once the croc looks at the torch he betrays his position.

The marys here on the Arafundo, make beautiful fish baskets and traps, and as the finny creatures are found in abundance in this area, one can purchase plenty of the smoked product. Well I know it, for the ship is reeking with the odour. Grille, a form of ring-worm disease, gives the natives a horrible scaly skin hereabouts, therefore it seems odd to us to hear them saying, as they press their fish supplies upon you, "Good fella fish, he got grille,"—meaning that the fish have scales.

REACHING Yimas, we found that we were right up near the gorge leading into the Wabag area, although between us and that place there was a stiff climb of some 9,000 feet and a distance of 60 miles, as the crow flies. We did not try it. It was through this country

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It's Happened Before — It Will Happen Again

BY "DAIKA"

THE interpreter walked into the Native Hospital Office, accompanied by a group of kanakas armed with bows and arrows. They weren't locals by the look of them, and anyway, the locals didn't go armed as routine, any more. More trouble.

The Medical Assistant looked up from the stack of papers on his table and sighed.

"Master," said the interpreter, "All this man 'e talk bigfelo sick 'e come up long place belong 'em." Putting down his pen, the Medical Assistant asked where, what kind of sick, and how many people had died, if any. There followed a rush of garbled jargon as the kanakas answered the interpreter's questions. Finally, the interpreter turned to the Medical Assistant and said, "Long Binj planty man 'e die. Neck 'e strong, head 'e pain, man no can turnim head. Sick come up, now man die quick."

Asking a few more questions, the Medical Assistant decided to send a Native Medical Orderly to investigate, as the hospital was full of patients, and he didn't want to leave them to the not-so-tender mercies of the station orderlies. He was in the midst of selecting various medicines to send along, when once again he was interrupted by the interpreter. This time he had a note from the missionary at Binj, which read, in part: "It would appear that there is a certain amount of some serious disease in this area as the natives tell me that quite a few of their people have died. I would be grateful if you could investigate, as the position seems serious."

Deciding to investigate the position himself, the Medical Assistant sent a note to a newly arrived wife asking her to pack a few things as he was going on patrol. Back came a note from her in double quick time, "Am going with you. Will not stop on this station by myself under any circumstances."

The position was explained to her, but the young missus was determined to go along.

Preparations complete, the small patrol set off early next morning for Binj. Normally it was three days walk away, but the patrol intended to try to reach there in two days. There followed first, a walk over roads which at the best were only pig tracks, but everything went well until the young missus developed a blister. The pace was slackened; and slackened again. The offending shoes were exchanged for sandals, and after a six-hour walk the Government Rest House was reached where a stop for the night was made.

Peace reigned supreme until early morning when the young missus, sure that hostile natives were attacking, woke her husband. Thereafter came periods at regular intervals when whispered reassurances were necessary to pacify a nervous wife. Sleep, though ardently wooed, was unattainable. It was a tired and heavy eyed couple which set off next morning, still with the intention of reaching Binj, a day and a half walk away even yet.

Not knowing much about that particular area, and hoping that there was a short cut to Binj, the Medical Assistant asked the interpreter if there was another road they could take which would get them there that night. There was, it appeared, and the interpreter was only too pleased to show the way. In much better spirits the party moved on. It

wasn't long, however, before the spirits hit an all-time low. The "short cut" was an abandoned road, overgrown by the notorious kunai grass and thorny creeper. The young missus was suffering from sunburned legs—received the day before—and the kunai and thorns played havoc with it. The early morning mist had left the kunai wet, and there was no escaping it. To walk at all it was necessary to actually force one's way through it. The sun came out, and down in the high kunai, the party was almost cooked. Later in the day, the sun became hidden behind clouds, a wind sprang up and it began to rain.

CROSSING the Wahgi river over a broken bridge was the next thing. All the cargo had to be untied and carried across two strands of not-too-strong cane. This put the young missus in a "home to mother" mood, and she swore that if she finished the walk alive, she would pack up and get out of the place, never to return. She was pacified, and was happy to learn that Binj was only a short distance away. The "short distance" developed into a further three hours, with Binj still not reached.

Just as dusk was approaching, and on topping a small rise, there lay Binj, only a few minutes walk away. It looked to the weary patrol much the same as the promised land must have looked to the wanderers in another age. Five minutes later the Rest House was reached, and the final indignity descended upon the shoulders of the long-suffering young missus. The Rest House was just in the course of construction, and consisted of only wall studs and roof. No floor, no walls. Hysterics were averted only by the timely arrival of the local missionary who invited the party to stay with him. The invitation was gladly accepted.

THE following morning the investigation into the epidemic was commenced. Word was sent out to all boys to report in to the station immediately. The boss boys arrived, but there was a noticeable lack of sick people. Puzzled, the Medical Assistant asked the missionary what had become of all the sick people; where was the epidemic?

"Oh," replied the missionary, "what we thought was an epidemic appeared to be common colds."

"But what of the deaths that were reported?" queried the Medical Assistant.

"It appears now that three or four people died of old age in the local hamlets in a week, and you know what these natives are like at exaggeration."

If the Medical Assistant had not known, then he surely learned in a hurry.

Further investigation proved that the missionary was correct. No epidemic, or serious disease; no sudden deaths. Just three patriarchs dying of old age within a short time of each other. The Medical Assistant wasn't game to tell his wife; he just let it slide.

The return trip was taken over a different route, with short walks each day, over better roads.

Good experience, you might say. Agreed. A good lesson well learnt, and one which is not likely to be forgotten in a hurry. If you don't believe me, ask the Medical Assistant's wife.

Sepik Survey

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during the war that a priest and some nuns escaped from the Japs, taking five months to reach Bena Bena, in the Central Highlands. The Japanese penetrated right up into Yimas.

The river bends are sharp, and as the river is narrow, about sixty feet at times, the trees are almost touching the masts. This area has many lakes teeming with fish and Gouria pigeons are found in abundance in the bush.

We were warmly welcomed by the natives and they were sorry to see us leave. It was here that I decided to put on races for the children and although a very big rain came up during the night and filled our ship's tanks and brought the river up two feet, naked and shivering, the children were at the boat at 6 a.m. Rain? What of it!

The good folk of Australia who gave me the nice things I distributed would have been delighted to hear the screeching and see them slithering in the mud. Mum and Dad joined in, because after all, they are only children. The races were a huge success and we pulled away in the blinding rain.

The current of three knots sent us downstream at speed and we all relaxed as we entered the larger Karawari two hours later.

Our trip was not all joy, however. In one village there is a bomb crater filled with ninety skeletons. The hands of the unfortunate victims were tied behind their backs and they had been butchered with tomahawks and spears and thrown into the crater and left uncovered. This atrocity was committed by natives in the

presence of and under instructions from the Japanese.

Although 150 miles from Angoram, and the sawmill, the people at Yimas are co-operating in the Sepik's new timber-milling venture.

While we were there they had two rafts of trees, with houses on board, complete and ready for the journey. The three-knot current takes them down and they will be a week on the trip. Even mothers and babies go along. The huge logs roped together make a solid raft and provide a comfortable trip, as well as finance for all.

Tropicalities

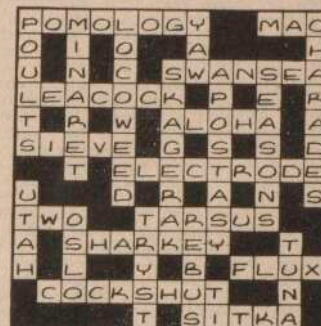
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when he was seized unexpectedly by a bunch of brawny Sikiana men and respectfully dunked in the sea. Only his moustache and the tip of his nose remained above water. This ceremony is a great honour, rarely accorded to visitors. It was conferred also on Bishop Baddeley when he was in the Solomons. The Resident Commissioner very much appreciated the spirit in which this honour was done to him. But he said that, if he had been expecting it, he would have taken his tobacco out of his pocket and his watch off his wrist first.—K.

THE recent visit paid to the NZ Navy warship, Rotoiti, by Mangaian Girl-Guides has caused some unsettlement in those well-educated young Polynesian ladies' minds about the oneness of the British Empire.

The NZ Navy is, apparently, not over-strong in NZ-born personnel, and aboard the ship were many Scots, and not a few of the Tyneside-Merseyside types known by the generic title of "Geordie," whose

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patois greatly resembles that of famous Gracie Fields, only more so.

The pulchritudinous Guide-Captain (a Euronesian damsel), who functioned as interpreter for the lads in blue, was faced, upon taking up her duties, with the problem of finding first some linguist to translate into NZ-ese, for her benefit, the riverside dialects cited. This not being forthcoming, the interpreter made somewhat heavy weather of conveying, for jolly Jack Tar, the welcome of the ship to its young guests and later, their thanks for the Naval entertainment.

The young ladies left the ship under the impression, till corrected, that the "Jocks" and the "Geordies" were some kind of foreigners—possibly European DP's, who had been permitted to join HM New Zealand Navy!—EG.

Scouting in New Guinea

THIS photograph is of the 1st Port Moresby Rover Crew and the 1st Poreporena Crew both from Port Moresby.

The European Crew started off 3 years ago with a membership of six and since that date 42 members have been through the Crew, the present membership of which is 12.

The Poreporena Native Rover Crew has been operating for two years and has a total membership now of 32. Most of these lads were pre-war Scouts.

In that time Scout troops have been started at Hanuabada, Koki, Gemo Island, Idubada, Sogeri and Fife Bay in Papua and at Rabaul, Lae, Madang and Buln in New Guinea.

There is also a European Scout Troop and Cub Pack in Port Moresby and a strong Cub Pack at Hanuabada. Biggest problem is to provide Scouters for all these sections.

If there are any people in the Territory with previous Scout experience; or people who would like to help with this worthwhile job, the Association would be pleased to give them assistance in starting a Scout Troop in their area.

The Association can be contacted through Mr. W. C. Groves, DC for P-NG, Education Department, Port Moresby; or Mr. B. Heape, Secretary Local Association, Treasury Department, Port Moresby.



The Land of Opters

By JOHN
ROLLEY

I STOOD behind the counter wrapping a parcel of rice, talcum powder, three-inch nails and twist tobacco. The customer put down 15 shillings and 80 francs. For change I gave him a packet of chewing gum and a box of matches. Then, at the last minute, he traded in the chewing gum, matches, and a withered five franc note for a bottle of lemonade.

That customer (who was a genuine "man bush") wore just a belt with a narrow strip of calico tied to the back of it which was drawn up and tucked in the belt again at the front, thus out-briefing the briefest of French bathing costumes. Such things are commonplace in the New Hebrides, which is neither French territory nor British, but a combination of the two, known as a Condominium.

HAVE you ever opted? Every foreign arrival in the Condominium must opt. In other words he must choose to abide by either the French or British legal system. Having done so, he comes, for all practical purposes, under the administrative protection and authority of the Power for whom he has opted.

Having lived for six months in this interesting territory, I have come to the conclusion that much I heard and read about the place before arrival, is quite fallacious. For instance, a popular misconception, which I have seen alluded to more than once in magazine articles, is that the Condominium might be better named the Pandemonium. To my way of thinking, the Administration of the New Hebrides archipelago of over 80 islands and some fifty thousand inhabitants, operates remarkably smoothly — taking everything into consideration.

I have also read, in a book about the Pacific, that there are three different currencies in operation, three separate police forces, and two kinds of traffic regulations—the French driving on the right side of the roads and the English on the left. Let me state here in contradiction; there are two currencies used in the group—the Australian pounds, shillings and pence, and the New Hebrides francs. (Issued by the Bank of Indo China in Noumea). There are two types of police, French and English. The right hand rule of the road is observed by all and the conduct of traffic compares quite favourably with other Pacific Island territories.

Briefly, the Administrative structure of the New Hebrides can be explained under three headings: The British National, the French national, and the Condominium. The British Resident Commissioner and the French Resident Commissioner each deal with, and control, their respective nationals with regard to such affairs as births, marriages and deaths, national property and deceased estates, national prisons, finance, education, shipping, police, and up until the present, hospital and medical services.

The Condominium Government consists of the two Resident Commissioners and their assistants, working together to operate such joint-services and items as the Treasury, Public Works, Radio, Post and Telegraph, Lands, Harbours, Public Health, Native Administration generally, and the Joint Court and Survey Department. The Joint Court has a judicial President, who is a neutral, one British Judge, one French Judge and various other neutral and national officers. Although this Joint Court is financed from the Condominium Budget it is a more or less autonomous service.

Under such an administration, French, British, Chinese, Tonkinese, the New Hebrides natives, and those of mixed parentage live and have their being, with probably as great a degree of freedom as any people in the world. There is no income tax—every penny or franc you earn is yours to do with as you like. There are no compulsory unions; no prohibitions about going into business, nor restrictions about the type of work you undertake. You can open a store, or work as a labourer, operate a trading boat or just spend a holiday. Your religion, or lack of it, will not be held against you. You can marry whom you like, or live in sin. In fact you can buy, sell, spend, live, love, think and speak — very much as you please.

The country is prosperous. In 1947 exports exceeded imports in value by over £A70,000.

THE chief product for export, of course, is copra.

Copra has to be smoke-dried owing to the humidity and the generous rainfall which ranges from 50 inches in the extreme south, to 200 inches in the extreme north of the group. In 1947 the export figure for copra was 20,000 tons. Other exports are trochus shell, coffee and cocoa, also some Kauri timber from the island of Anietyum and a small quantity of wool from Erromanga.

Types of Kauri and other millable timber exists also on Santo, by far the largest island of the group. The area of Santo is 1,500 square miles, and the island, like most in the group is rugged and well wooded, rising, in parts, to 6,000 feet.

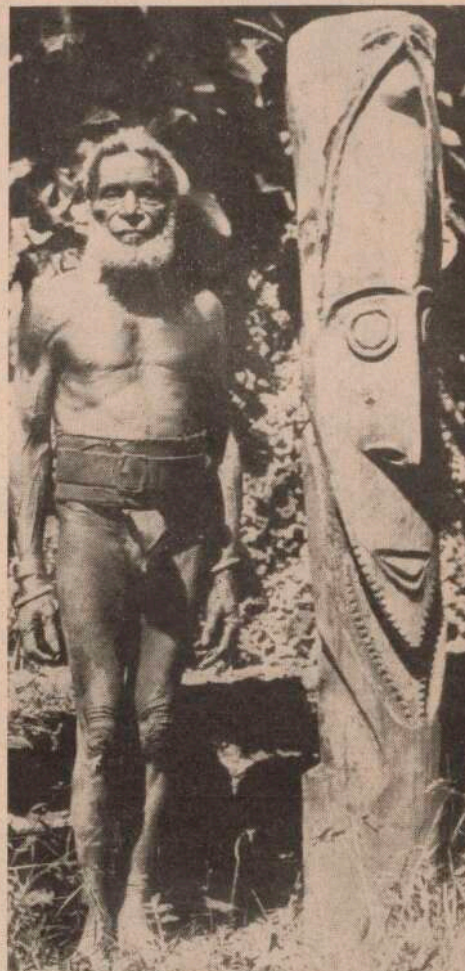
The New Hebrides cannot, however, be looked upon as a place of glamour and romance. The cloying scents, the haunting hues and glances of Pierre Loti, O'Brien and others, are not there. The dark frizzy-headed Melanesian native is often repulsive, with his grim features and unclean habits.

For languorous loveliness, music and merriment you must look further east, to Tahiti and Hawaii, where girls with flowers in their hair and a moonlight rendezvous have a higher priority than shipping schedules and the price of copra.

However, for a fair deal, a good standard of living and many opportunities of earning excellent returns in exchange for energy and enterprise—think of the New Hebrides.

The Condominium came into being in 1906. Thus for nearly half a century it has been demonstrated that two races, differing considerably in emotional outlook and social practices, can jointly govern a country in amity.

Vive le Condominium!



A Hebridean of Ambryn Island with one of the results of his own handiwork. He is a traditional carver of these wooden figures.

A CARTAGE contractor in Lae, New Guinea, in a vain attempt to reduce road accidents, has placed two notices on the rear of his trucks. One reads "Passing Side"; the other, "Suicide." But Lae's native drivers, whose souls apparently are not responsive to such subtle humour, are driving as wildly as ever, to the embarrassment of other road-users, and the terror of pedestrians.

Mrs. Doris Booth, of Cliffside Bulolo, N.G. was in Brisbane on a holiday in July. She is much more optimistic about the future of the Territory since the Liberal Party Government came to office in Australia.

Four London Missionary Society veterans retire this year from active service. They are the Revs. R. Kate L. Hutley, L. G. Phillips, A. Barber, and Mrs. E. Barnes.

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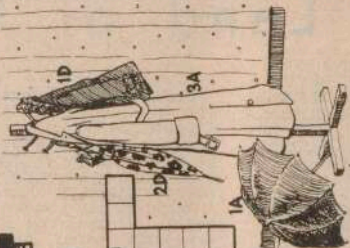
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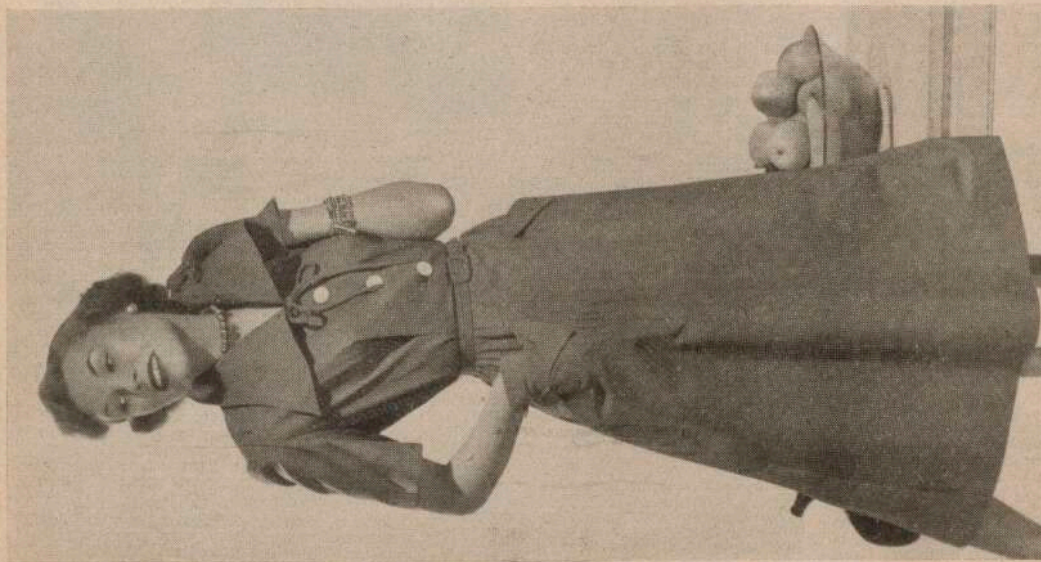
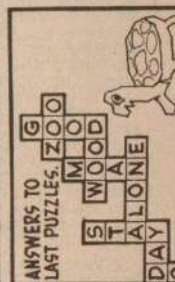
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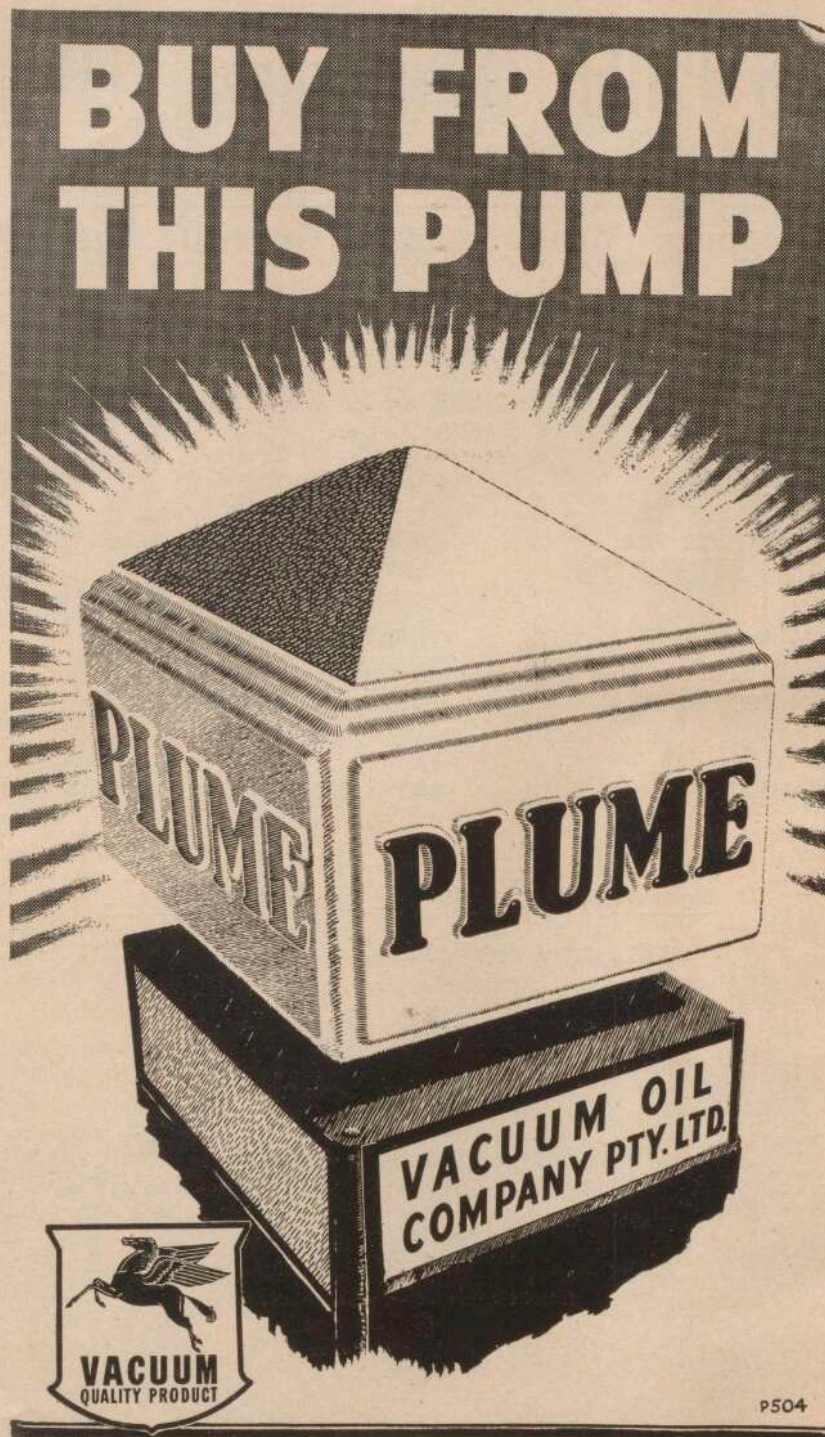
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EXPORT TARGET REACHED ON OCEAN IS. AND NAURU (Continued from Page 51.)

labour methods of pre-war days are necessary.

The artificial drying plant had suffered very badly, but fortunately the enormous steel dryer cylinders were intact and are now in use; the electric dust-precipitating plant was damaged beyond repair. For some months it was necessary to dispense with drying the phosphate and to ship it wet.

In the powerhouse several of the damaged diesel engines have been repaired and the new machines installed, placing this vital portion of the plant in a strong position.

Great improvements have been made in the workshops and stores buildings. Whereas in pre-war days they were more or less scattered about the settlement, they are now contained in two large prefabricated steel framework buildings, suitably placed and most convenient for their various purposes, thereby effecting a great saving of labour.

THROUGHOUT the tragic war experiences the Nauru cantilever seems to have had a charmed life, for, though greatly damaged, the vital parts escaped, and so the main structure remained standing. Repairing it has been a long and costly job, but here again our engineers found that they could "go one better." Whereas the original specifications called for a shipping rate of 550 tons per hour, it was found that the structure permitted of speeding up the rubber belt conveyors and increasing their size. The main belt is now 4 ft. wide and phosphate is delivered direct into the holds of vessels at the rate of 1,600 tons per hour, nearly three times the original rate. This improvement is

of the greatest importance, and quite frequently a large 10,000 ton vessel arrives at Nauru in the morning, hauls under the cantilever, and is away in the evening fully loaded.

At Ocean Island the damage was not nearly so serious, but the plant and general arrangements were not on such an extensive scale in pre-war years as on Nauru.

And so the work of rehabilitation has gone on, all departments under experienced heads pulling their weight and working together toward the one end. There is still much to be done in the way of construction work and improvements on existing procedure, but when finished Nauru and Ocean Island will be more efficient and labour-saving than was the case in pre-war days. Labour has been a serious problem at times, as

elsewhere, but all has gone well for many months and we hope for the best.

WHAT of the phosphate shipments? Our forecast early in 1946 was to restore the full output capacity in about 4 years from the time of recommencement of shipments. This has been achieved for during 1949 the shipment figures were:—

	Nauru Tons	Ocean Island Tons	Totals Tons
January-June	290,250	127,750	418,000
July-December	499,150	133,150	632,300
Totals	789,400	260,900	1,050,300

It will be seen that during the latter 6 months the figures were up to our best results in pre-war years.

Mrs. W. O. Garnett was in Sydney in May staying with her parents, but has since returned home to Fiji.



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Colonel G. V. Vanderbroucke, commander of the French forces in the Pacific and military attache to Australia, has been paying a month's official visit to the eastern states, accompanied by his American-born wife. The Vanderbrouckes are stationed in Noumea.

Mrs. F. Tattle, of Norfolk Island, was holidaying in Sydney in June.

The first four months of 1950 provided Suva with 62.23 in. of rain. There is nothing sensational about that—for Suva. But in the early hours of May 7 the temperature slumped to 69.9 deg. and during the day the maximum was only 77.5 deg. This early arrival of the rigours of winter produced a semi-epidemic of colds and influenza. Shops, offices and Government departments were wailing about short-staffing.

NZ Contribution To Pacific Health

BY E. E. BUSH

DURING the last two or three years, attention has been paid to particular health problems as they affect the life, either of a particular community or of a people as a whole—not the whole field of tropical diseases, or of tropical hygiene, but some particular disease that has its origin in, and a devastating effect upon, Island life.

This research into causes, effects, and means of alleviating these particular diseases, and of eradicating them, will no doubt win the gratitude of Island peoples. Fostered by the New Zealand Medical Research Council, and by the Department of Island Territories, teams of workers have gone out to islands under the care or the trusteeship of New Zealand, to study at first hand the particular health problem to which they have been assigned, and for which they have special qualifications.

Last year, a team went to Western Samoa, to study skin diseases; this year, two teams have been operating. The first team, led by Sir Charles Hercus, DSO, OBE, MD, BDS, DPH, Dean of the Medical School of the University of Otago (NZ), went to the Cook Islands to study the incidence of filariasis, and the mosquito *Culex*, that causes so much distress.

Accompanying Sir Charles were Drs. G. H. Satchell and F. Paine, and Mr. J. A. Samuels, all of the University of Otago, and Dr. P. R. A. Davidson, resident medical officer, Cook Islands.

The team returned to New Zealand in the middle of February, and we eagerly await the outcome of their research. We know results do not necessarily follow

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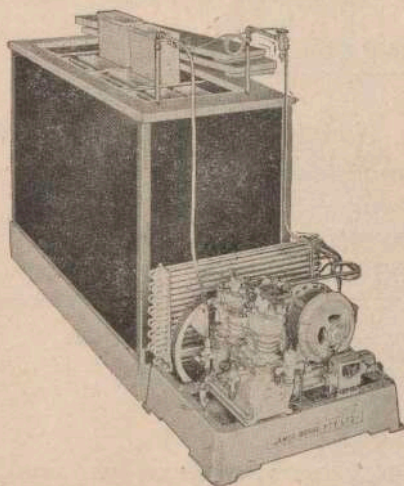
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upon the investigations. Much careful and painstaking laboratory work has to follow, and then the results have to be arranged, codified, and made to assume some meaning. Filariasis is a long-staying and often unsuspected guest. Then, after receiving hospitality for years, it ungratefully turns upon its host, and attacks savagely, leaving him a victim of elephantiasis.

We dread that possibility, so with eagerness and faith, we await the findings of the team, and hope that Culex now has met his doom.

THE second inquiry into a particular health problem in the South Pacific was in the capable hands of Dr. Muriel Bell, well-known New Zealand nutrition expert. At the invitation of the Director of the South Pacific Board of Health (Dr. Cruickshank) and of the Director of Medical Services in Western Samoa, Dr. Bell went to Fiji and to Western Samoa and stayed for a fortnight in each place to study nutrition problems. (Fortunately for the people of Western Samoa her outward plane was delayed a week, which gave her extra time in the Territory.)

Dr. Bell confined her attention to a search for possible protein deficiency, as this would give an indication of blood condition, and, by deduction, food and diet deficiencies. She used a test that had been used in the Army—it gives immediately the specific gravity of the blood. Both from the field work, and further tests in the laboratory, she was able to make some definite statements about her findings.

The village women must have thought the days of witchcraft and black magic had returned, when they saw the doctor alight from the Mobile Clinic, and from her black bag put out on a table a number of bottles each filled with a greenish-blue mixture. Then the women and children were invited to line up. Each was pricked, until a drop of blood appeared. This drop Dr. Bell put into one of the bottles. Before their amazed eyes these people saw their blood float, sink or remain suspended. After a few tests, Dr. Bell would know the specific gravity of the blood that had been tested. From this she could derive certain facts. Another sample of the blood was collected and taken back to the laboratory for tests on the plasma and a corpuscle count.

In Fiji, Dr. Bell found that results compared favourably with those of children in New Zealand, but in Samoa, her results showed a very high protein content of the blood. This led her to suspect that the protein was being taken from some other portion of the body, to attack some infection, such as hookworm, which the person tested might have.

In some cases Dr. Bell was able to give immediate advice, for example about weaning a child; or a prescription to combat anaemia. In general the anaemia was due to some infection.

NOW we can look forward to the next step in tackling these health problems, when the South Pacific Health Board meets shortly in Suva. No doubt the team which went to the Cook Islands will have a report to present, and Dr. Bell's work will be available for the information of all the medical services in the Pacific.

Mr. E. W. P. Chinnery, formerly Government anthropologist in New Guinea, is back in Australia after a survey of the native population of New Ireland. He retired last year but did the survey at Government request as he had done a similar survey 21 years ago. His 1950 survey showed that the natives, after the set-back of the war, were thriving.

FIJIAN ATHLETES MAY BE INVITED TO MELBOURNE

SOME officials of the Victorian Amateur Athletic Association are interested in bringing two or three Fijian athletes to Melbourne next summer. It is possible some New Zealanders and Americans may also appear.

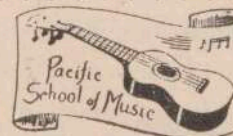
Athletic officials realise the presence of overseas champions at their title meetings would be profitable, and the popularity of the Fijians at the Empire Games in Auckland was marked.

The best of the Fijians are field games men, Tulcakai and Tunabuna. Tulcakai won the shot put and was second in the discus at the Empire Games. Tunabuna was second in the javelin.

Trevor Evans, Ian Reed and Les McKeand (NSW) would be strong opposition for them, but field games lack the colour of track events.

The only Fijian runner at the games was sprinter Dawal, and he is not in the class of Treloar and other Australians.

Mr. Norman F. Way, mining overseer in the service of the BPG, Nauru, arrived in Sydney in June, en route to England, where he will spend long leave. He expects to return in November.



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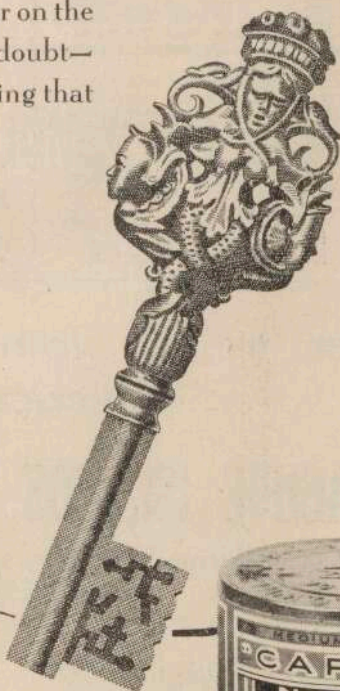
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COPRA PRICE AND DEVALUATION

Letter to the Editor

MR. SULLIVAN'S letter (April PIM) clearly covers the copra situation and you may rest assured that we in Fiji are most interested in the first three questions raised by New Guinea planters for Mr. Spender's consideration.

It is, indeed, a peculiar anomaly that such a commodity as coffee, for example, should have received the necessary price adjustment following last year's devaluation of sterling, while such an adjustment in regard to copra, a powerful dollar earner, has been discreetly ignored.

No doubt the British Ministry of Food was making a handsome profit out of buying and reselling copra prior to the devaluation of sterling; and, since devaluation they can add an extra 30 per cent. to their profits, which should, of course, be rightfully passed on to the producer, who, since devaluation, finds production costs, maintenance and cost of living soaring.

As all our imports come from the sterling zone, prices have risen accordingly, with no compensation granted to the copra planter, who, whether he likes it or not is contributing a great deal to Britain's dollar reserve.

It seems that the Ministry of Food lost the trust and goodwill of most copra planters when, at the end of 1949, in the face of a rising market for copra and despite the devaluation of the pound, they made their initial offer of £45 sterling per ton for the 1950 price.

The question arises as to just how much profit the MOF want out of their dealings with us.

It is gratifying to know that people in other territories are raising their voices

in protest, and it is to be hoped that Australian producers, through their new "Free Enterprise Government" may achieve a revision in the price of Pacific copra.

As nearly all of the copra planters in Fiji are either native Fijian or Europeans they are far less vociferous in their demands, than say, the Indian sugar producers, and are consequently more imposed upon.

There is invariably in this Colony much talk about safeguarding and improving the lot of the Fijian, such talk usually emanating from the Government. As the only cash crop an average Fijian ever has is copra, here then is an excellent opportunity for Government to exert themselves on the Fijian's behalf, even if they care little about the European planters, who nevertheless contribute more than heavily to the revenue and prosperity of Fiji.

I am, etc.,

C. J. T. KRONE.

Taveuni,
Fiji, June 3, 1950.

P-NG INFANT MORTALITY IS 25 PER CENT.

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IT was stated in Canberra in June that the overall mortality rate among native infants in Papua-New Guinea is probably 250 in 1,000. In some areas in which medical services are not fully operative, it is anything up to 500 deaths per 1,000 live births. It was pointed out that in its present state of development, it was impossible to get absolutely accurate vital statistics for the native population of the Territory.

It was stated, also, that Medical Services for Papua-New Guinea for the year 1948-49 cost £489,000.

The above information was made available in a reply to questions put by Senator Kendall.

Mr. N. B. Casey, former Superintendent of Prisons in Fiji, and Mrs. Casey were in Fiji in June on a holiday visit from Sydney.



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The agreement establishing the South Pacific Health Service has been extended for a further five years from January 1, 1950. It was established in 1946 between Governments of New Zealand, Fiji and the Western Pacific High Commission. The Service covers Fiji, Tonga, G and E Islands Colony, BSIP, Western Samoa, Cook Islands, Niue and the Tokelaus. The Service is advisory but also recruits and trains staff for health work. The executive head is the Inspector General,

who also is at present Director of Medical Services, Fiji.

The Commonwealth Department of Works and Housing is offering carpenters £13/3/10 per week, a free air trip, and meals and accommodation at 16/6 per week if they will go to work on Australia's most denuded Naval Base at Manus Island. There is only one catch—men cannot take their families with them, so single men are preferred.

PLANE CRASH NEAR WEWAK, NG

WHEN Pilot John Dawe, 26, of Gibbs Sepik Airways, crashed into the jungle at Wom near Wewak, Northern New Guinea, in mid-June, he was seriously injured and the Auster aircraft was wrecked.

(Wom had the first aerodrome on the coast in the Sepik district (Maprik, over the range was made about the same time.) It consisted of one runway about the width of a road and was used by Mr. Ray Parer and Guinea Airways Junkers at the end of 1936 and early 1937.)

There is a Roman Catholic mission station near Wom; members of it rescued Dawe and took him in to Wewak where he was flown to Moresby.

He suffered a fracture of the leg and hand and also eye and head injuries. Later he was flown to his home in Adelaide for further medical attention. It will be some months before he is fully recovered.

OPERATION ABERDEEN-ANGUS

IN early June a QEA Skymaster flew a very young pedigree Aberdeen-Angus bull calf from Sydney to Norfolk Island. Four hours after leaving Sydney the calf walked off the plane right into the care of a nurse cow which was waiting to give him nourishment.

Transport of livestock by air is commonplace in Australia where freight planes are available but it is not so usual on overseas passenger air services. This experiment in transporting very young animals is, however, one solution to the great need for stock improvements in the Islands. The importation of mature beasts is almost prohibitive even when shipping is available.

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BIG FUTURE FOR RICE GROWING

ACCORDING to Mr. A. Simons, a Sydney rice miller, who has been associated with the industry for 45 years, and is a member of the Rice Industry Committee and Rice Equalisation Association, Ltd., there is a big future for rice-growing in Australia.

Anything concerning Australian rice-growing is of interest to South-west Pacific residents who, at the present time, are dependant on Australian rice—at a cost six times greater than they paid for Eastern rice before the war.

Practically the whole of Australian rice production of recent years has been exported to feed nearby rice-eating peoples, but it is expected that later this year a certain amount will be released for home consumption, at about 7½d. per pound.

In a Rotary Club address in June, Mr. Simons said:—

THE Australian rice industry does not fear competition from the Eastern countries with their cheap native labour, because Australian rice-fields produced two tons to the acre, compared with six cwt. in the East. Australia produced 72,000 tons of rice this year, but there was a generation of young Australians who had never tasted it legitimately.

"I say legitimately, because there is not a truckload of rice consigned in any direction which is not subject to pillage all along the line," Mr. Simons said.

Supplies allotted to Asiatics or to people with doctor's certificates are the other two sources by which rice has been obtained since the war began.

But the reason why rice is still one of the items not available for general consumption is that the whole of Australian production is still feeding rice-eating Eastern countries.

Rice was taken off the Australian market in the first place to feed the natives of New Caledonia, Papua, New Guinea and other island groups. These people ate up to 8 lb. per week and Australia supplied it to them.

"Papua receives 15,000 to 16,000 tons each year from Australia, and as yet has no alternative supply," he said.

Normally Australians consume about 20,000 tons of rice—about 4 or 5 pounds per head annually.

Mr. Simons said he did not think rice could be over-produced in Australia. There is a world deficiency of this food, which is the staple diet of half the people of the globe. Burma, Siam and China have not reached their pre-war production. These countries, with scorched earth policies, war and lack of political stability were millions of pounds behind their former output.

The rice market is also widening, with the rice-eating people of the world increasing by five million per annum.

Australia has had inquiries from the Philippines and Saudi-Arabia, but has not got enough rice to cope with these orders.

He said that he did not think white people would ever develop the taste for rice held by the people of the East. In the United States, where rice is plentiful, a company spent millions of dollars recently on a publicity campaign to increase sales of rice—but nothing happened. They found that Americans, who can obtain 40 different kinds of rice from

their grocer, still regard it as an occasional dish and are unlikely to develop into a pound-a-day eaters.

MR. SIMONS said the Australian rice industry had "a tremendous future."

Three hundred farms on the Murrumbidgee this year produced 72,000 tons, which netted £1½ million. There was scope for development in Queensland, the Northern Territory and the NSW Northern Rivers.

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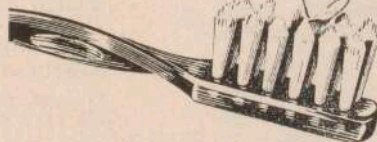
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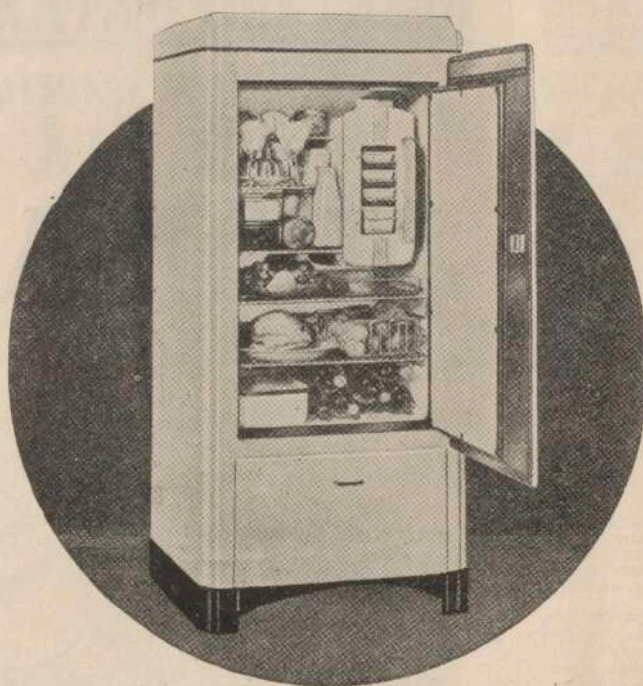
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From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, June 15

THE King's birthday was celebrated in Honiara, British Solomon Islands, on June 8. Early morning parade was held at the Police Depot and Training School, at which the Resident Commissioner (Mr. H. G. Gregory-Smith) took the salute and inspected a smartly turned out detachment of the Solomon Islands Constabulary. Most of the European residents of Honiara and some hundreds of natives were present. Senior Government officials wore their white dress uniform with white helmets and dress swords. Europeans, Solomon Islanders and Chinese later joined in drinking His Majesty's health in fruit cup in the Police Pavilion. This building, a converted Quonset hut, has been lined with "leaf" panels, and the supporting wooden pillars have been covered with black and white patterns in woven cane, making a most effective interior.

The small Chinese community at Matanikau, about a mile from Honiara, sent a cable to the King which read "The Chinese community of the British Solomon Islands kowtow to His Majesty the King and wish him all good luck and a long and healthy life."

Parades were also held at Auki, on Malaita, and Gizo, in the Western Solomons.

CSR CO. AS THE VILLAIN OF THE PIECE

Letter to the Editor

IN your April issue there was an article in which Mr. Solicitor Nat Chalmers was badly slated. I am not writing this in defence of Mr. Chalmers; I only met him as a child, and I have not seen him since. But his policy in assisting cane growers against the CSR Co. is looked upon, by "old timers" like myself, as just retribution.

I came to Fiji early in 1891 and, at that time, there were somewhere about 20 privately-owned sugar mills in Fiji, one of which was at Ellington (Viti Levu) and owned by the Chalmers brothers—grandfather and granduncle of the aforesaid Nat Chalmers. This mill in particular produced very excellent quality sugar, as did most of the others, which quality has never been equalled in Fiji by the CSR Coy.

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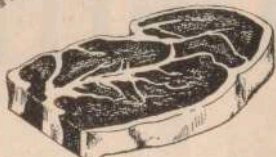
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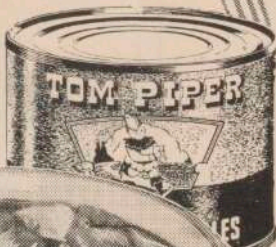
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Replying in Brisbane to a question as to whether he favoured solving Japan's population problems by migration to New Guinea, **Dr. Michael Yashiro**, Anglican Primate of Japan, said "I don't know. The Japanese are a home loving people who do not favour migration anywhere."

Major W. F. N. Clemens, who was a District Officer in the British Solomon Islands during the war, and who is now a District Commissioner in Cyprus, has

been spending leave in Australia with his wife. Mrs. Clemens is a daughter of Mr. Richard Turnbull, Chairman of the Victoria Racing Club. Major Clemens was in London in 1946 and he marched in the Victory Parade as the sole representative of the Solomon Islands. (It will be remembered that WPHC has been criticised for not sending BSI soldiers to the Victory Parade). Major Clemens spent 18 months in Palestine, as a more or less daily target for Jews and Arabs, before his transfer to Cyprus.

NEW ROADS FOR MANGAIA, COOK IS.

THE newly-commissioned Administration ketch, *Ranui*, which has not hitherto appeared as far south in the Group as Mangaia, made her first call here in the second week of May. She carried a small mail and supplies for the Public Works Department, including a quantity of blasting explosives, which are not carried in bulk by the fruit steamer.

As the *Maui Pomare* restricts gelignite carried to one case, the extensive roading operations being carried out on the island have been delayed, but now the projected cliff-village traffic tunnel may be finished. The new Tavaenga road was completed without blasting, by native labour, and is now available for the transportation of fruit from plantations in that locality, formerly reached by a path through thick bush.

Our energetic RA, Major W. H. Ryan, is anxious to finish the roading projects within the next few months, in view of his scheduled transfer to Rarotonga as supervisor of other and Group-wide PW projects.

Mangaia still has no hospital, the old sick-hut built nearly two decades ago being still in use, any "overflow" is occasionally accommodated in the Court-house. This state of affairs, it is hoped, will soon be superseded with a well-equipped building, for medical purposes only, with regulation beds and a native nursing staff, which may obviate the present necessity of sending seriously-ill patients to the already overburdened Central Hospital at Rarotonga.

The Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colonies, Mr. W. J. Peal, arrived in Suva, on June 21 in H.M.N.Z.S. *Tutira*.

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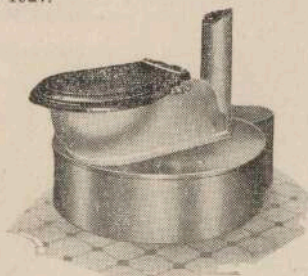
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NOTES FROM TALASEA, NG

From Our Own Correspondent

MRS. KEN McMULLEN, late of New Guinea Company, Rabaul, has taken up residence with his family at Garia Island Plantation.

Mesdames Skinner, Page and Phillips-Veirke, who were all at various times in the Rabaul hospital, have now returned to Talasea. Getting to hospital from this area has always been something of a problem, but now that Dr. Roelze has arrived, residents feel they will not be forced to rely on Directorate boats or the once-fortnightly Catalina service, to quite the same extent.

Mr. P. (Rusty) Phillips-Veirke, manager of Numundo, advises that this extensive property, owned by Coconut Products Ltd., is being opened up. The property suffered severely in a fire lit by natives in 1941. Coconuts will be planted, also cocoa. Cocoa will also be planted in the area that is producing at present.

Mr. Geoff Hitch, late manager of San Remo plantation, has now gone to the Bainings where he is managing Guntersohe.

Mr. Ken Douglas, of San Remo, has returned with his family from a vacation in Australia. His particular bete noir of the moment is the weed *Ageratum*, a noxious species which, in his experienced opinion, is poisoning the ground. This weed is found both on San Remo and Numundo plantations, and springs up strongly with the secondary growth.

An aviation official has been making a reconnaissance trip of Stettin Bay (where the two above mentioned plantations are situated) seeking a suitable alternate landing base for Catalina aircraft.

Cocoa is reported to be doing well both on Walindi and Lafenda plantations. Mr. and Mrs. Lou Searle are now returned to Walindi. It is also reported that Solupai, managed by Mr. Bill Wills, is keeping up a steady copra production.

There is a rumour that the Japanese snail has been seen in the Nakanai area. This is disquieting news to cocoa-growers hereabouts, and it is hoped that the snails will confine their activities to the other side of the Nakanai. The snails are believed to have been brought in unwittingly on cargo.

A farewell party was recently given in Talasea for Mr. Rod Marsland, of Lafenda, who is going south on leave. Mrs. Phil Page, wife of P. O. John Page, and Mr. Bill Wills, supervised, and arranged the cooking of the chickens and mushrooms, and the roasting of the pig (on hot stones) all of which were delicious. Toon Pen, trade store proprietor, provided the piece de resistance with huge bowls of chow mien, noodles, etc. The party was held in the gardens at the rear of the Page house, and guests sat at tables under the trees in the moonlight and talked, and occasionally sang and ate. It was voted one of the best outdoor parties yet.

Concerning the native Batari, I did not, I think, write that he was "the local luluai sanctioned by the Administration notwithstanding;" for he holds no official rank and is certainly not a Luluai or a Tultul, and is not recognised by the Administration as an official of any sort.

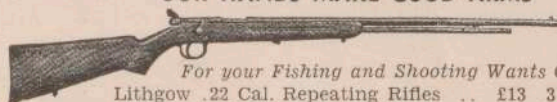
His Lordship Bishop Foley has returned to Fiji from an overseas journey which included a visit to the United Kingdom and the making of the Holy Year pilgrimage to Rome. Members of the Roman Catholic Church in Suva arranged an extensive series of functions to welcome him back.

The Returned Servicemen's League Queensland State Congress decided recently, to recommend to the Federal Government that it approach the Netherlands Government on the possibility of negotiating a treaty for the mutual development and defence of New Guinea. The State President said that any talk of buying Dutch New Guinea would strengthen Indonesia's claims in the area. But if the Indonesians got

Dutch New Guinea, Australia and New Zealand would be the only white nations in the South Pacific surrounded by a teeming mass of coloured people.

Mr. F. M. O'Driscoll, a former Queensland Police Inspector and crime expert, died recently in Brisbane. He was the father of Mr. Andrew O'Driscoll, Crown Prosecutor of Papua-New Guinea.

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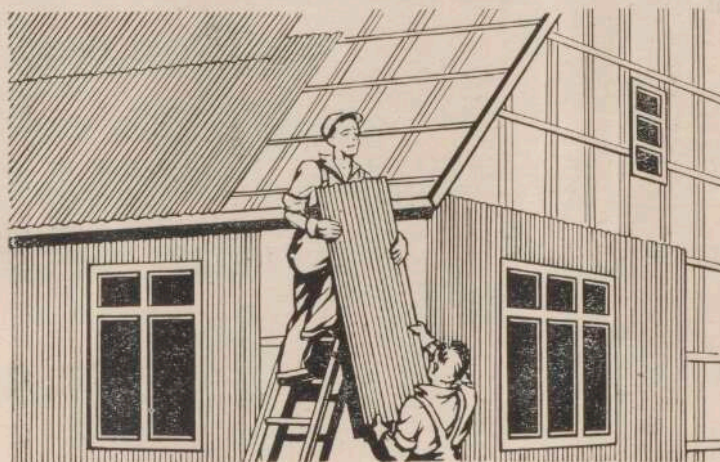
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High Level of Prosperity Continues in Western Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, July 6.
THE first session of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa was opened on June 8, at the Fono House, Mulinu'u by the High Commissioner, Mr. R. G. Powles. He welcomed members of the Assembly and distinguished visitors who included Captain Ruck-Keene, officer commanding the New Zealand Navy Squadron then cruising in the Pacific, and Mr. W. D. Forsyth, Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission.

The following points concerning the overall picture in Western Samoa are taken from Mr. Powles' speech:

TRADE for 1949 continued to increase over that of the previous year—Imports were to the value of £881,000 and exports to the value of £1,345,000 (£7,000 less than in the record year, 1947). There was thus, in 1949, a favourable trade balance of £463,000—the largest on record in the Territory.

As trade figures given in money are often misleading in these days of inflation, it is interesting to compare the quantities of the chief exports in 1949 with those of 1939, as follows:

	1939	1949
Copra	12,500 tons	16 450 tons
Cocoa	600 tons	2,900 tons
Bananas	200,000 cases	87,000 cases
Desiccated coconut ..	nil	700 tons

These four items are now the most important items of Western Samoan export.

In the financial year ended March 31, Government expenditure had been £84,000 less than estimated, and also less than for the year 1948-49. Revenue collected was £75,000 more than anticipated and therefore 1949-50 closed with a surplus, and an anticipated expenditure of £118,000 from Reserves was not necessary.

Accumulated reserves at the end of March 31, 1950, amounted to £705,000, excluding insurance accounts and copra fund.

Part of the reserves above £500,000 are intended to be expended this year on developmental works. Grants and subsidies to a total of about £88,000 by the New Zealand government has assisted the Territory. This is in accordance with the policy of applying the profits of New Zealand Reparation Estates to the benefit of Western Samoa.

During the year, activities of the Government increased, particularly in regard to educational and medical services. A separate Western Samoan Public Service had been established and total number of employees is now 1,066.

A Department of Agriculture was established during the year and the Public Works Department completed 23 miles of new road and the erection of a number of school and hospital buildings.

Mrs. J. K. Murray, wife of Colonel Murray, Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, left Brisbane by plane recently for New Guinea. She spent several weeks in Sydney and Melbourne before concluding her vacation in Queensland.

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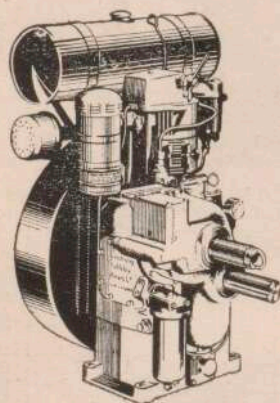
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From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, CI, June 5.
THE recent passing of Captain Hoddinott, formerly of the Union Steamship Company's inter-island steamer service, is regretted by local planters, who recall him as "the captain who brought his ship nearer to the reef." Most skippers give the fanged and

frothing door-step of this isle a fairly wide berth, there being no anchorage, and, of course, absolutely no wharf or harbour. This lying well off the reef meant much fatigue for the boatmen engaged in loading or lightering, especially upon a rough day. The late Captain Hoddinott had a peculiarly intimate knowledge of the Mangaia coast, and would keep his ship as near to the reef as was consistent with safety—much nearer than other Masters ever attempted, forming a lee for the boats

and canoes at reasonably short distance from the channel. His Waipahi was always loaded up in good time.

Present Masters stay further out; in one ship's case a full mile of offing was thought prudent. There is definite danger in the hurricane months, and many skippers have this fact in mind, Mangaia Island possessing no sort of shelter where ships may ride out a sudden storm. The only thing to do if an uria arises is to get away—and without delay.

On most of the calls made by the late captain the weather was very good indeed, a circumstance that caused Captain Hoddinott to be regarded locally as a lucky shipmaster, so that an auspicious loading day was often referred to as "Hoddinott's weather."

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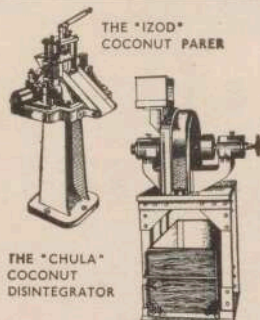
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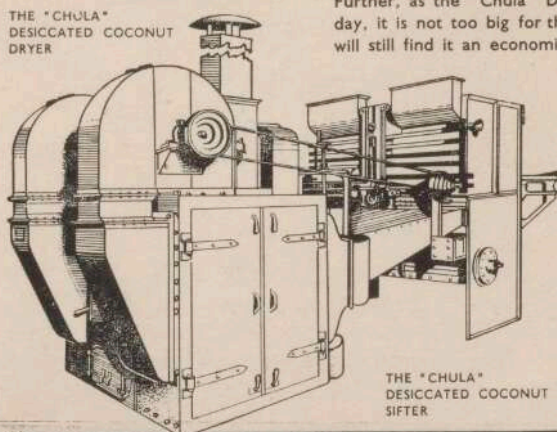
HONIARA, June 30.
THE B.S.I.P. Government is still trying to get breeding cattle from Australia to replace the herds lost during the war, but so far progress has not been encouraging.

Very high prices in Australia have added to the replacement problem, but the great difficulty is lack of shipping, and up to mid-June no suitable ship for transporting cattle had been found.

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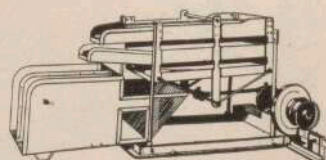
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Troubles of an A.M.P.

By BERT (PETT) WILLIAMS.

FEW who have read of the work done by Assistant Medical Practitioners in the Pacific have any conception of the discouraging phases of our job. Yet we must keep patiently hammering at our problems, especially those concerning mothers of young children. If we can stimulate an interest in the well-being of this coming generation, future generations will take care of themselves.

It is this care of babies that is our greatest concern, and the one that presents the most baffling complexities. To tell the typical island mother that she holds the welfare of a future generation in her arms is simply to bring a smile of tolerance to her face and a shrug to her brown shoulders.

From practical experience of the past ten years I know that one of the major contributory causes of retarded development and often death of infants is improper feeding. Errors in feeding are due mainly to superstition and bigoted ignorance. The average mother too often scoffs at the so-called "white man's magic" (medical science) and is too prone to ignore us, especially after the old bush doctor tells her that our methods are good only for papalagi (Europeans) because we know nothing whatever of treating diseases of native children.

The talks and lectures we are constantly giving are usually wasted on unheeding audiences—literally wasted, I say, for no sooner have many such talks been given than we find mothers reverting to their old methods of infant feeding, satisfied with the ridiculous assurance that natives always have been reared in the same environment and exposed to the same conditions that exist to-day.

By comparing the living standards of the past with those of the present we have the example of the last and the present census. In 1940 the population of the entire Samoan group was 62,000; the present estimate is approximately 88,000. Credit for this increase must be given primarily to improved standards of health and living conditions brought about by the untiring efforts of the Public Health Department.

THE most important feature to be remedied is that of malnutrition of babies. This is responsible for most of the worries and anxieties of consulting practitioners and has become a dread scourge of infants and children in Samoa.

The average Polynesian mother has no regard for that most important element, time. Therefore she has no understanding of the value of regular feeding, or the necessity of one feeding being digested before another is given. So, when baby cries, all mother thinks of is putting it to the breast. She simply rolls up her dress over the breast to be used, the organ thus dangling within easy reach of baby's mouth, while his little form is snugly fitted into the crook of mother's crossed legs and lulled by a to and fro motion of the limbs, hence not interfering with mother's share of village gossip.

Mother meanwhile does not realise that this awkward and rigorous feeding has the serious consequences of wind, gas and resultant pains in the stomach—result: more crying.

At other times baby's crying goes unheeded because mother is busy with domestic duties and does not give her baby the required nourishment, stopping to do so only when she is tired and overheated and her milk unfit for the child. Yet many mothers rebel at the idea

of weaning the child early, for the "bush doctor" has taught them that this will cause poor growth of teeth and other bones and that weaning is only an ex-

ALTHOUGH most people in the Pacific have a general idea of the work performed by Suva-trained Assistant Medical Practitioners, and can imagine that they encounter many difficulties, we have heard little or nothing from the AMP's themselves. This article gives us just one facet of their fight against their arch enemy—native indifference.

The author, writing from American Samoa, says that he attended the Central Medical School in Suva, at the same time as Geoffrey Kuper and James Rennie, who have given great service as AMP's to their own Solomon Islands. After graduation he returned to work in Upolu, Western Samoa, for five years; but for the last five has been in American Samoa.

cuse for those errant mothers who would seek amusement and pleasure outside their homes. This belief persists in spite of the obvious tendency of the child to

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become emaciated. To my more persuasive arguments I am most often challenged by the mother's remark that the child is thin "because he is growing."

Mother is very fearful that her newborn baby may be exposed to the danger of cold wind, or draught, so in its kapok-filled swinging cradle she covers it with a suffocating pile of blankets. Naturally this shutting off of all fresh air results in heat rash which mother calls 'mumu' (herpes erythematousus) and forthwith rushes baby to the "bush doctor" for treatment. This condition is believed to be inherited by all Samoan babies and as a prophylactic—begun often as early as the second week of infancy—the baby is immersed up to the neck in cold water early in the morning or late in the evening. I have often seen lines of mothers parading to the river for this cruel baptism of their babies, following with the usual massage. I have had the painful duty of vainly trying to save cases of pneumonia resulting from these immersions. Yet no amount of telling would convince the mothers that the pneumonia was not due to mumu getting beyond their control. I would like to see some of these get a dunking in the cold mountain streams!

HOWEVER, the ultimate in disgusting forms of child feeding is the pre-masticated food. This revolting practice still prevails throughout the islands to-day, notwithstanding hygienic teachings and repeated warnings as to its dangers. This consists of the mother, grandmother, or any other adult for that matter, chewing the food into pulp and giving it to the eagerly expectant infant.

Walking along almost any village path toward mid-day one will frequently see the child held up with one arm while with the other free hand an adult is scooping up with the forefinger these "pulp" of chewed food arranged in a

row along the bare leg of the feeder, and pushing it into the child's gaping mouth.

At every possible opportunity we have protested violently against this abhorrent practice, but ignorant mothers through sheer laziness or unconcern continue the business immediately the medical practitioner is out of sight, though promising smilingly to desist. They actually believe that babies thrive on this food which is already well masticated and which offers no obstruction to free passage into the stomach for digestion.

They wonder at the frequent vomiting and stomach upsets—if no worse—among their offspring.

Often a child when able to chew is given a sizable portion of taro, perhaps along with an identical piece of beef or pork. Flies literally feed on the food as well as stud the baby's face before he gets the food into his mouth. More often than not the taro and pork, in the course of eating, is rolled all over dirty mats where feet have trod; thus the

food is exposed to contamination by soil and this frequently leads to worm infection, one of the most ravaging diseases prevalent in the islands.

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Mr. R. S. Beaumont, accountant of the Methodist Mission's New Guinea District, left Melbourne on June 12 to return to his work. Mrs Beaumont will follow later.

Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna has been appointed Honorary Colonel of the Fiji Infantry Regiment. He has had military associations for almost 40 years. In 1914 he was at Oxford University and at the outbreak of war he joined the French Foreign Legion where he won the Medaille Militaire. In World War II he played an outstanding part organising the war effort of the Fijian people.

SEARCH FOR GOLD IN THE SOLOMONS

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, June 20.

MR. J. C. GROVER, of Sydney, newly appointed Senior Geologist to the British Solomon Islands Protectorate Government, expects to leave shortly on a geological survey expedition to the mountainous area which extends behind the Guadalcanal coastline, north-east of Point Cruz. He hopes to make a detailed survey of the Gold Ridge area as well as investigating the Sutakiki and Sutakana areas near Lion's Head Mountain. He will probably return by way of the head waters of the Tenaru River.

It was in the area between the coast and Lion's Head that a scientific expedition, led by an Austrian, was attacked by hostile villagers towards the end of the last century. Some members of this expedition were killed, including their leader. The samples which the survivors of that expedition took back to Germany were not assayed until 1929, and promising results were obtained from the assays.

Sutakiki and Sutakana were declared mining areas before the war, and some gold was recovered there, but the swiftness of the rivers, and the speed with which they come down in flood, made mining on any large scale impracticable in the areas then being worked.

The Fiji 1950 Civil List has been published by the Fiji Government Printer. Copies are available at the Government Press. The price is 4/-.

A party of Methodist Missionaries in Papua and New Guinea, left their stations in early July and under the leadership of the Rev. E. Clarke and the Rev. G. Young, will make a survey of NG Central Highlands areas with the idea of establishing Methodist Missions there.

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BOUGAINVILLE NOTES

SOHANO, June 23.

MR. MAX BABBAGE, of Karoola Plantation, Buka, has returned from a health and business trip to Australia. He is the honorary secretary of the Bougainville Association and, while in the South, had several interviews with Mr. Spender and his Parliamentary Under Secretary (Mr. John Howse).

Mr. C. I. H. Campbell, of Raua Plantation, Bougainville, is at present in England after a visit to the Continent taking in France, Belgium and Germany.

A recent visitor to these parts was that old timer, Mr. A. Richards ("Richie"), who is Inspector for the Custodian of Expropriated Properties. He was going his rounds of inspection in Buka and Bougainville having a look over the former German plantations now in the hands of returned soldiers from World War I.

Mr. and Mrs. Sid Paisley, of Baniu Plantation, are back again after furlough in New South Wales.

Mr. Gordon Wilson, in charge of Agricultural activities in Buka, has now moved to his new residence up near Hahella, which is a much better position than Karkil—right on the Passage, where mosquitoes abound.

Mr. E. M. A. McKinnon, of the PHD, at Sohano, has been most energetic recently in Medical Patrols around Buka and Northern Bougainville, and considerable benefits to native health and village sanitation are bound to result. Patrol Officer Jackson has also been conducting some patrols in the area which have been much appreciated by those—European and Native alike—who have matters to settle, and which can be done on the spot without a weary trip to the Passage and the District Office. Plantation people hope to see a lot more of this officer with his pleasant manner and desire to "get on with the job."

DICK FERRIS, formerly of the PHD at Sohano, who left the Administration for plantation work, is now looking after Arigua Plantation, on the Bougainville east coast.

Our former medico, Dr. Ken Pike, is tackling his new job out in the Ninigos with gusto—the idea being to ascertain what particular vitamins the natives there are short of! When here, he had some young folk whom he put on "a balanced diet" and the progress which they made was really amazing. If the Doc. gains the confidence of the Ninigo people, as he did with the Buka and Bougainville conservative indigenes, he will achieve much. No more popular medico was ever in this area.

Mr. Mackay, the Executive Supervisor of the Directorate of Shipping at Sydney, is now making a tour of Buka and Bougainville in the Mirigini, with the object of making himself familiar with our shipping problems. Mr. Geo. Hill, now in charge of the Papua-New Guinea Division of the Directorate, accompanies him, and they have been calling on many planters. This is a fine idea and much appreciated. Mr. Max Babbage, on behalf of the Bougainville Association, made the round trip with the visitors.

Mr. Miller, who bought out the Parer Bros. interests in the Torokina salvage business, is now at Torokina getting the rest of the saleable gear together, which is no light job. Mr. Miller got himself a nice launch, whilst over in Madang recently, and had her slipped and done up in Rabaul. Like the Parer Bros., he is a Victorian. Mrs. Miller is also at Torokina.

During one of Eastern Australia's recent innumerable storms, fears were expressed for the safety of the 450-ton vessel Awahou, which left Honiara, Solomon Islands, on June 14 with a cargo of wartime scrap. She was so severely battered that for days she could not use her radio; but she turned up, eventually. She is owned by Carr Shipping and Trading Co., of Sydney. This is the little ship that was reported lost in a storm north of Fiji, last year. She evidently carries a lucky charm.

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HONOURS FOR LAE CITIZENS

From Our Own Correspondent

LAE, June 20.

At the last monthly meeting of the local sub-branch of the RSL, Lae, the meritorious services of two of Lae's leading lights in fostering the interests of ex-servicemen, were recognised

by the presentation of Life Memberships to Charlie Beckett and Jim Peterson. The former is the well-known "Sparks" of OTC and the latter, until recently, was the genial manager of BP's here. His recent departure to take over the reins of the Head Office at Port Moresby meant the loss, to Lae, and the RSL in particular, of a good citizen and a true Digger.

750 PEOPLE ON ISLANDS WEST OF MANUS

A SYDNEY journalist, reporting from Manus at the end of June, said he had made a quick visit to the Hermit, Ninigo and Western Islands—three small groups of small islands lying westward of Manus, in the Trustee Territory of New Guinea—and it was estimated that there are 750 natives there now.

The biggest community (350) is on Wuvulu atoll, in the Western group. They are light-skinned, highly intelligent folk, with a strong Micronesian strain; and their two villages, Onei and Auna, are famous for (a) the languorous beauty of their young women and (b) the fertility of their taro gardens, or swamps.

The 85 people on the other Western atoll of Aua are described as unhealthy, unhygienic, backward and given to both polygamy and polyandry.

The reporter found some 30 people on Luf, in the Hermits. The Hermits are not atolls. A German planter, Henry Rudolf Wahlen, built a famous mansion, staffed by Chinese, on Maron island, in the Hermits, before World War I, and lived there like an Oriental potentate.

All these islands appear to be fertile and well-forested; but the three groups are so small they are shown on few maps.

The New Guinea Administration has sent a party of experts to investigate in these islands. They are: Medical officer Dr. Kenneth Pike, an authority on tropical diseases; Agricultural Officer Thorvald Sorenson, an expert on tropical agriculture; Pathology Technician Thomas Miller; Assistant-District Officer Pat Molison; Cadet Patrol Officer Brian O'Neill.

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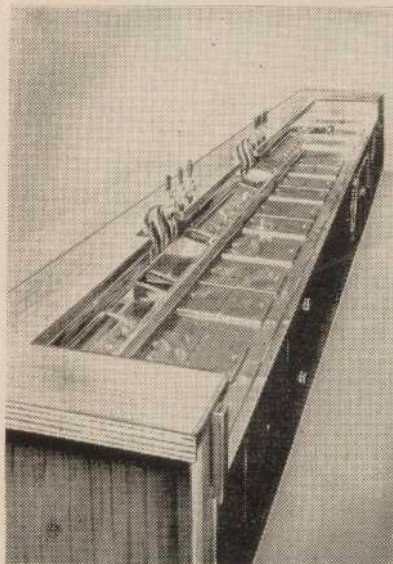
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The Origin Of The Polynesians

BY means of a book recently published, and by newspaper articles, Mr. Thor Heyerdahl, leader of the Swedish expedition which drifted across the South-eastern Pacific on the raft Kon-Tiki, is plugging away at his theory that Polynesia was peopled from South America.

The theory is interesting, but not convincing. The overwhelming mass of evidence indicates that the Polynesian folk arrived in the South-eastern Pacific in a series of migrations which started originally in East Africa and South-East Asia.

There seems to be little doubt, however, that there was some communication between South America and the Polynesian Islands—there is botanical and other evidence which cannot be refuted. This evidence has been a puzzle to investigators for a long time; but the drift of Mr. Heyerdahl's raft provides the explanation. It is quite possible—in fact, it seems certain—that a few people from South America were blown to sea, and were caught up in one or other of those great currents, and eventually arrived in some of these islands groups of what is now French Oceania. Thus Polynesia got the sweet potato, and some remnants of South American native culture which are in evidence up to the present day.

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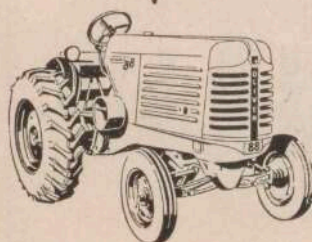
OIL EXPLORATION IN PAPUA Future Programme Defined

THE general manager of the Australasian Petroleum Company Pty., Ltd. (Mr. Pym) has recently returned from London and New York where he has been discussing the company's drilling programme with Vacuum Oil Co. and Anglo-Iranian Oil Co., Ltd.

As a result of the visit, drilling in Papua has now been adjusted to accelerate the search for oil. Operations have been suspended at Malalaua and efforts concentrated on more favourable sites in the Delta area.

At Hohoro difficult rock conditions have been a handicap to drilling. The bore reached 4,721 feet but when it was decided to put casing in the open section of the hole, cave-ins prevented it. Repeated attempts have been made to clear the hole in the last two months. If it becomes necessary to abandon this hole a second location will be drilled where it is unlikely that the rock formation previously encountered will be met.

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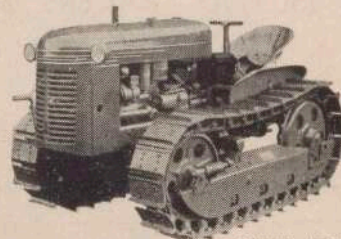
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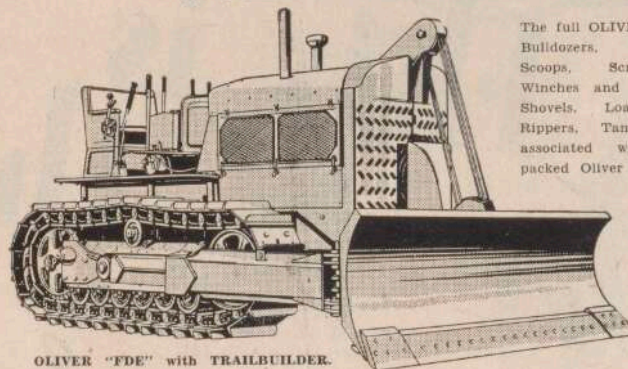
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Many parties of local celebrities assembled at the beautifully decorated special tables reserved for their entertainment.

Mr. Robert Warren Brown, son of Mr. Charles Brown, of Uturoa, Raiatea, French Oceania, has announced his engagement to Miss Polly Simone Bambridge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Bambridge, of Papeete.

Mr. W. F. Hayward, OBE, Postmaster-General in Fiji, left Suva this month for England, on long leave prior to retirement. Pending the arrival of Mr. J. A. Marais to take up the position, Mr. L. C. P. M. Grant, OBE, is acting as PMG.

MANGAIANS FAREWELL

H. H. HICKLING

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, CI, April.

MR. and MRS. H. H. HICKLING, who have been in charge of local schools since 1947, when they returned to this island after a term at Aitutaki (where Mr. Hickling was Resident Agent during the war years), have again left Mangaia, this time for an appointment at Ngatangia, in Rarotonga.

An unusually large farewell feast was given in their honour by the teachers and pupils of the Tuviriviri School, in the cliff-village, to express the esteem in which both are held in that district.

Mr. Hickling was originally Resident Agent of Mangaia, as well as headmaster of the island's schools, having taken up that post in 1938. His transfer in 1941 to Aitutaki left the schools without European supervision for no less than six years; now that he has again been moved by the Education Department, there is little likelihood of the local schools having another white teacher at their head—Mangaia is not a post that appeals, it would appear, to the average NZ educator, with the result that the standard of English, etc., on this island is noticeably lower than that of Rarotonga and Aitutaki.

The grandchild of the Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Lelean was christened recently in Victoria from a christening cup that was used for the christening of John Wesley, an ancestor of the Lelean family. The cup, which has been in the family since 1752, is of gold lustre, with blue outside and symbolic figuring. Mr. Lelean, who formerly served the Church in Fiji, is now minister of the Mount Pleasant Church, in Ballarat (Vic.).

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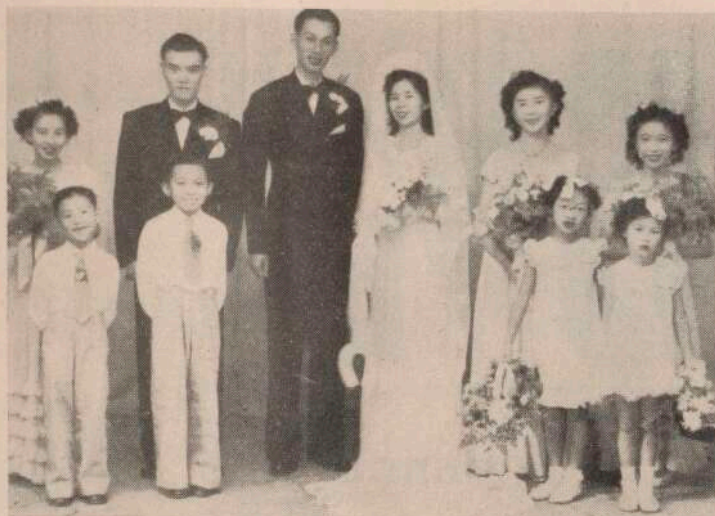
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Memories of Charley Caldwell of Fiji

(A tribute to Mr. C. V. Caldwell, who died in Sydney in May: Written by Commander William Burrows.)

I WAS one of the fortunate ones who knew Charley Caldwell intimately. He was a notable sportsman—a brilliant gun-shot who made his own cartridges; a fisherman of both sea and river—he was one of the few I have known who could fill a basket of "Ika-droka" from any of the inland rivers.

Charley excelled in any sport which he took up. As a youngster, boxing was a hobby of his. He excelled at tennis and had but one rival in the colony—Claud Monkton. Year by year the several championships were fought out between them. Charley, with his wonderful stamina, was invariably successful except, as far as I can remember, on one occasion in the singles finals at Ba.

As a Fijian-born he was in tune with the Fijians in the country districts where he was the District Commissioner. On one occasion—he told me this story himself—he made a mistake in a matter of Fijian custom. In the upper waters of the Sigatoka River he had observed a small fish, not the Ika-droka, but something new to him. He had a light rod with him so, without consulting anyone, he put it up and started to cast into a likely-looking run.

From the village there stormed a dozen or more hefty Fijian women, who attacked him from behind, and deposited him in the river. It appeared that these fish are "Tambu" for men to catch. They are the women's perks. Unruffled, he wanted me to avoid a similar situation!

At Natabua Government Station a pack of wild dogs was a nuisance, especially on moonlit nights. Charley's answer to this was to saw off the barrel of a shot-gun and fill some cartridges with nails and buck-shot. Very successful.

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On his retirement in 1942 Charley settled in New South Wales, and became the Secretary of the Gosford Golf Club. A sportsman to the last.

TROCHUS GOODS INDUSTRY SUGGESTED FOR LEVUKA

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 12.
WITH trochus at £70 a ton at Suva and 360 dollars a ton in America, Captain H. M. Frewen, of Suva, has suggested to the Government of Fiji that consideration be given to the establishment of an industry to turn out the finished products (mainly perforated shell discs for buttons and finely-ground powder for use in the manufacture of cosmetics) instead of exporting the raw material and then importing it after it has been processed.

In the letter to the Colonial Secretary, Captain Frewen suggests that such an industry could be started at a centre like Levuka, where sites are available and where there are large numbers of girls constantly seeking whole-time or part-time employment.

TB PROBLEM IN SOUTH PACIFIC

From Our Brisbane Correspondent

DOCTOR E. A. North of the Commonwealth Serum Laboratories and Dr. T. Jamieson of the Health Department, Papua and New Guinea, recently addressed the Medical Congress in Brisbane on TB immunisation.

They said that in New Guinea coastal areas, tuberculosis had long been a menace, and to check its spread, a mass BCG immunisation scheme was started in December, 1949. Results, they said, had been satisfactory. (Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) is inoculation with living organisms, which do not possess sufficient virulence to produce ill effects, but stimulate the body to raise its defensive mechanism against invasion by the more harmful tubercle bacillus).

The incidence of TB the speakers said, among most of the indigent people of the South Pacific was difficult to assess. What

was known of it was disquieting.

The people referred to in the address included Australian aborigines, and natives of New Guinea, the Solomons, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Gilbert and Ellis Islands, New Zealand, Fiji, Samoa, and Tahiti.

Dr. E. Massal, health member of the South Pacific Commission's research council, considered TB a major health problem throughout the area. He proposes to conduct epidemiological surveys in the different countries when data is collected and to organise research into methods for controlling the disease.

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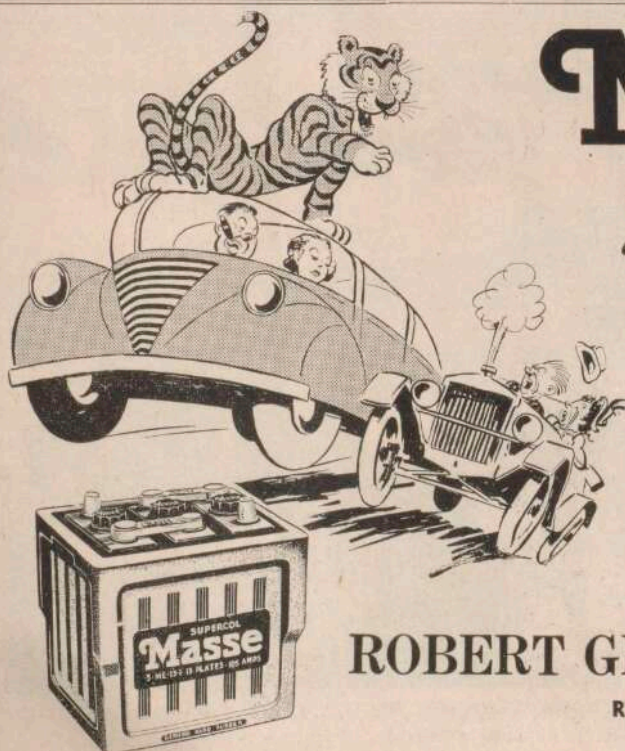
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Mr. W. Grainger Johnson, of Suva, managing director of W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji), Ltd., is at present on a visit to Australia. He proposes to spend a

month's holiday in Christchurch, NZ, with his family, before returning to Fiji.

The Governor of Fiji, Sir Brian Freeston and Lady Freeston, visited the Yasawas, Rotuma and some of the Lau Group in July. They were able to do this by taking advantage of the cruise of HMNZS Bellona which was visiting Fiji and other Pacific Islands.

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From Our Own Correspondent

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THE annoying scarcity of lamp-glasses, burners, wicks, and the complete oil-lamps themselves, is giving Cook Islanders cause to wish that these useful items might be imported from non-British sources—Makatea Island, for example, where they are plentiful.

For 10 years now it has been next to hopeless to attempt to purchase a mantle or a wick for Aladdin-type lamps, or a wick and burner for the "fish-tail" common glass oil-lamp, once sold for six shillings, complete.

If such an item were to be had now, nobody would object to paying a pound for it; but there are none to be had, while lamps bought before the war, still in use, blacken the hut roofs because there are no chimneys for them.

Germany turned out in pre-war days uncountable numbers of hurricane-lamps (tin) and glass table-lamps, at prices suited to the Polynesian buyer. This quasi-monopoly of lighting looks like being resumed, unless British manufacturers realise that a fine opportunity awaits them in the Pacific islands, where more-modern devices than the humble oil-lamp have not yet penetrated.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: Australia is manufacturing more kerosene, spirit and

petrol appliances than ever before in history. They range in price from a few shillings to many pounds. But it is doubtful if there are any over for export once the home demand is satisfied. Before the war such devices were found only in country stores. Now whole departments in the cities' largest stores are

devoted to them. No modern house is complete without an electric (or gas) refrigerator, stove, hot water service, fire, washing-machine—and a whole series of primus stoves, kerosene lamps, oil room heaters and pressure lanterns to take care of gas and electricity blackouts, power shortages, miners' strikes, and what not.)

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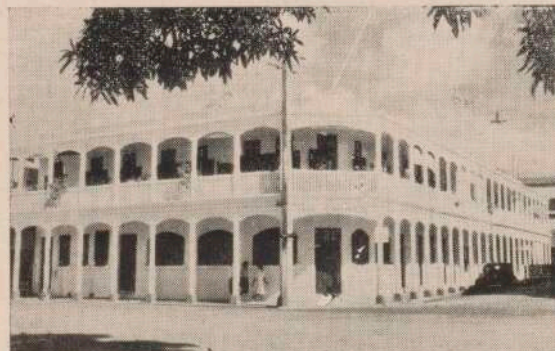
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NEW IRELAND

Freighter On and Off the Reef

From Our Own Correspondent

KAVIENG, July 1.

PERCHED with her bows high and dry, the Burns Philp 250-ton freighter, Kokoda, ran on a reef and remained there for two days, until a high tide and the gallant little 40-footer, MV Sepik, got her off. The accident occurred on the eastern side of Steffen Strait, about two miles inside the southern entrance, not far from Selapui. District Officer I. F. G. Downs, former RAN officer, went out to the scene of the accident, and his experience, advice and assistance were invaluable. The Sepik towed the Kokoda to Kavieng Wharf. Only slight damage was done.

NEW CLUB IS OPENED

AFTER many vicissitudes, Kavieng Club (1949), was officially opened on June 29. Mr. Ian F. G. Downs, District Officer, was re-elected president for the ensuing year. The bar was crowded by local residents and visitors from far afield; and dancing took place until the early hours of the morning. Much building and improvement remains to be done, but now that the club is actually functioning, with an assured income, it should not be long before it regains some of the prestige of its popular pre-war rival.

The engagement is announced of Miss Patricia Audrey Stanfield, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. F. Stanfield, of Bolegilla Plantation, near Kavieng, to Mr. Peter Ross Kennedy Murray, of Perth, WA. Mr. Murray is a plantation manager, and Miss Stanfield is a member of one of the oldest and best-respected families in New Ireland.

Pasinganlos, an Enuk Islander, near Kavieng, dived a second time from a canoe to spear fish and was seen no more. Some time later, two other natives dived for him and found his head severed from his shoulders and indications pointed to his having been attacked by a shark. Enuk Islanders are now attempting to catch the man-eater.

The engagement is announced of two popular members of our Chinese Younger Set—Mr. Seeto Aid Kwong and Miss Seeto Linheung. Joe Seeto was our local postmaster. He is a son of one of New Guinea's most wealthy Chinese residents. Miss Seeto is the attractive sister of Nurse Francis Seeto, who has done fine work at our Asiatic Hospital.

Baseball will soon be a popular sport among our local natives, and they are also going to take up Soccer seriously by marking out the ground correctly and adhering strictly to the rules of the Football Association (Sepiks v. Markhams barred!). Their Club House has many amenities, and is also open to all religions for Divine Service. But what we really need is a keen young anthropologist interested in the Boy Scout Movement. There would be no dearth of native recruits if shorts, shirts, scout knives, belts, billy-cans, etc., were supplied; and, when one's personal servant ran away or got "kalabus" for drinking "metho" or playing cards, there would be myriads of ebony devotees of BP (Baden-Powell) only too ready to hop in and do a good turn for the unhappy "master"!

An Australian tourist back from Noumea advises against going to New Caledonia. The French do not want tourists he says. He quotes Noumea hotel rates as £28 per week.

AMERICAN CLUB FORMED IN TAHITI

From Our Own Correspondent

ON May 9, prominent businessmen of Papeete, inaugurated the American Club of Tahiti. The need for such an organisation, to form a rallying point for American nationals, has long been recognised and discussed. Prime mover on the present occasion—and, indeed, founder of the Club—was Mr. Alexander Taran, landowner and exporter, who was elected President. Other officials appointed were Captain C. A. Williams (owner of the yacht Seaward) vice-president; and Messrs M. D. Shields and A. L. Bougerie, secretary and treasurer respectively. Eligible for membership in the Club are all US Citizens and their spouses.

It is not intended that the Club shall develop into a social organisation but that it shall afford opportunity for camaraderie among its members. A Planning Committee was appointed to make Independence Day, July 4, the occasion for a grand Annual picnic for the Club.

Among those who helped to inaugurate the Club are Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cave, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Schultz, and Messrs. John Farnham, Edgar Leeteg, G. DeFlesselle, C. Hight, Ed. Norman, W. McCall, I. Allen, R. White, Mike Fogle, Max Dupont, J. M. Clemens, Oscar G. Nordman, L. G. Blackman, Reg. Chambers, A. Morgan, Murray Gilderbloom.

On June 2, Mr. Oscar Nordman was introduced to a brand-new grandson, Oscar Georges Helaroha Nordman, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Nordman. At the grand tamaaraa, or native feast, held in honour of the event, Mr. S. Durkin, of Sydney was announced as godfather of the infant, and Mrs. Eliza Persegale, of Papeete, godmother.

It is officially announced that the Administration has been notified telegraphically of the intention of the Compagnie Air France to inaugurate a monthly air service to Tahiti by D.C. 4 plane, landing at Bora Bora on July 18.

The information has been received with satisfaction by the business com-

munity. Our long isolation from a frequent mail service has been a source of embarrassment and loss.

Mr. Ernest Marchal, for many years in the employ of The Banque De L'Indo-Chine, at Papeete, passed away after a long illness. He is survived by his wife and family.

The Waihemo arrived in Papeete on May 31, bringing a Ferris Wheel and Merry-go-round, to be erected in the new Amusement Park in Papeete, under the direction of Mr. Oscar Nordman.

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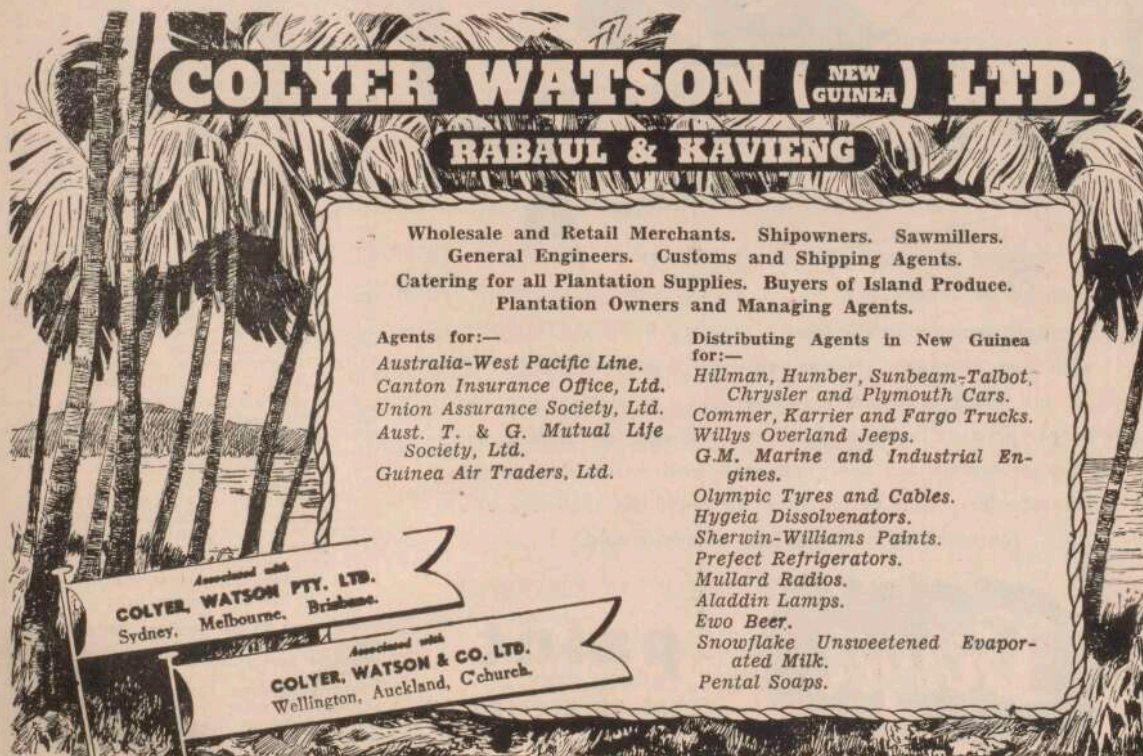
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G. and E. Colony : A Headache In Administration

IT was suggested, some time ago, in the PIM, that the High Commission for the Western Pacific is a wasteful anachronism—that the Solomon Islands should be handed over to Australia, the Gilbert Group added to American Trust Territory of Micronesia, and the Ellice Islands added to the Fiji or Micronesian Administration.

The following notes (written by an old resident of the G and E Colony) carry the discussion a little further.

PERHAPS the most glaring absurdity about the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony is that the Resident Commissioner, at Tarawa, pretends to control the administration of the three distant out-posts, namely:—

Ocean Island;

Canton Island and the Phoenix Group; Fanning Island and the Line Islands.

Ocean Island lies about 150 miles to the west of Tarawa and has a population of 1,351, all engaged in the phosphate industry of the BP Co., except for a dozen Government European or Native officials. The company conducts its affairs in an efficient manner; it engages its own Medical Officer, and provides very satisfactory sanitary and hygienic conditions for all its employees. There is no reason why the Company should not continue its operations, as at present, and put the District Officer and other officials (Post, Police, etc.) directly under Fiji. It has been estimated that the phosphates on Ocean Island will be exhausted in another 35 years.

This amazing coral island of Canton lies at the very centre of the Pacific Ocean. It has a population of only 60, and a series of magnificent air-strips. Planes arrive every day of the year, either from Honolulu or from Nadi (Fiji). Canton Island lies about 1,000 miles due east of Tarawa, which has no plane and only on very rare occasions sends a small steamer to Canton Is. There is really no communication between Tarawa and Canton. The Government District Officer on Canton Island should certainly be appointed and controlled direct from Fiji.

The other three islands in the Phoenix Group are Hull (526), Sydney (293), and Gardner (94)—a total population of less than a thousand. Under the present absurd link-up with Tarawa they have never yet been properly visited by a Government European Medical Officer.

The Fanning and Line Islands are another thousand miles to the north-east, from Canton Island, so that their distance from Tarawa makes control from that station still more ridiculous. It is a well-known fact that official letters from Tarawa have taken six months or more to reach Fanning Island, and well over a year to reach Christmas or Washington Island. The Cable & Wireless Co. is chiefly responsible for Fanning Island, with Burns Philp in charge of the copra plantations.

The position will be rendered much easier if the Bank Line of steamers continues to send a cargo steamer every three or four months to the Line Islands for copra.

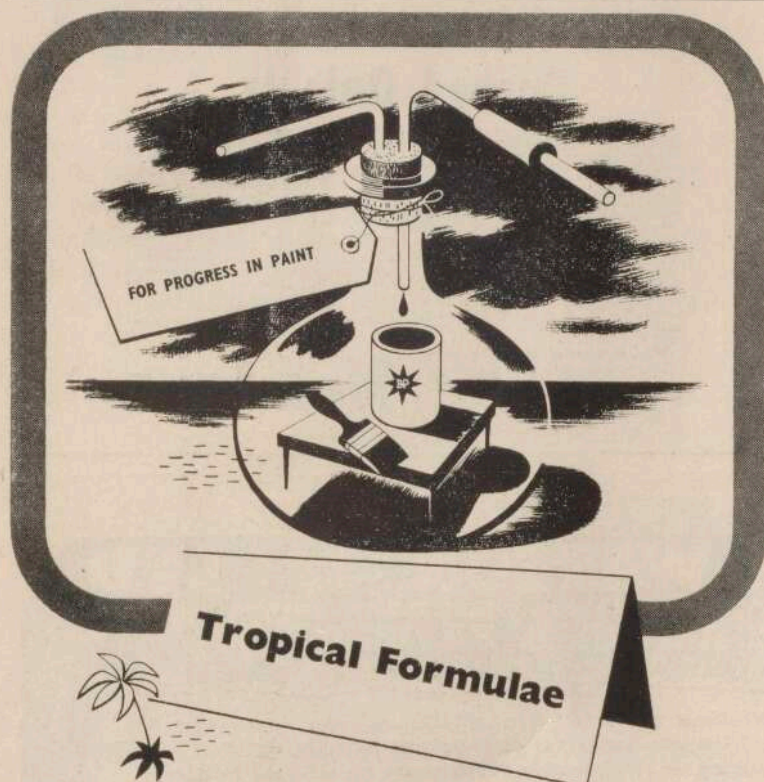
For all administrative purposes the control of these three islands (Fanning, Christmas and Washington) should be direct from Fiji, and not from Tarawa.

If the administration and control of the three outposts were taken from the Resident Commissioner at Tarawa, there would remain only the administration of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands proper—30,000 Gilbertese on 19 islands, and 5,000 Ellice Islanders on eight islands.

No simple solution to this problem presents itself—and it is easy to say that the simplest solution would be to hand the islands over to the USA, which is in control of the Marshall and Caroline groups, to the north.

Whatever form of administration is devised for these G & E Islands proper, its success will depend on the market value of copra—unless the parent Administration is prepared to subscribe adequate funds to meet any annual deficit.

The new Fijian product, Delana Margarine—made by the Carpenter copra-crushing mill in Suva, Fiji—has been well received. The manufacturers report a lively demand in Fiji and Tonga, and a substantial order from Noumea. Samoa has a duty on margarine—but there is hope that this will be amended in favour of the Fiji product.



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SHIPPING AND PLANE SERVICES

THE following sea and air services are running to schedules in the Pacific. Not all of the regular services which were suspended, owing to war conditions, have been restored; but preparations are under way for their early reintroduction. As they become available they will be announced here.

SHIP SERVICES

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	RMS "Aorangi"				
Honolulu	May 4	July 6	Sept. 7	Nov. 9	Jan. 11
Suva	May 13	July 15	Sept. 16	Nov. 18	Jan. 20
Auckland	May 16-18	July 18-20	Sept. 19-21	Nov. 21-23	Jan. 23-25
Sydney, arr.	May 22	July 24	Sept. 25	Nov. 27	Jan. 29*
Sydney, dep.	June 1	Aug. 3	Oct. 5	Dec. 7	—
Auckland	June 5-6	Aug. 7-8	Oct. 9-10	Dec. 11-12	—
Suva	June 9	Aug. 11	Oct. 13	Dec. 15	—
Honolulu	June 16	Aug. 18	Oct. 20	Dec. 22	—
Vancouver	June 23-29	Aug. 25-31	Oct. 27-Nov. 2	Dec. 29-Jan. 4	—

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*Aorangi will be withdrawn from the trans-Pacific run after she reaches Sydney.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

LINERS of the Messageries Maritimes maintain a service at about two-monthly intervals between Sydney, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea (New Caledonia) and Papeete (Tahiti), en route to Marseilles, via the Panama Canal; and they return by the same route.

NEW CALEDONIA-NEW HEBRIDES

THE New Caledonian Government has subsidised and maintained the coastal shipping services. The East Coast, the West Coast, and the Loyalty Islands, under present conditions, receive 10 round trips per annum. The ships call at the following ports:

EAST COAST.—Yate, Ounia, Thio, Nakety, Canala, Kouaoua Kua, Moneo, Ponerihouen, Tibarama, Poindimie, Wagap, Touho, Tipindje,

Hienghene, Tao, Oubatch, Pouebo, Delade, Pam, Arama, and return.

WEST COAST.—Pouembout, Kone, Temala, Voh, Ouaco Gomen, Koumac, Tangaio, Tiebaghi, Nehou, Poume, Baaba, Belep and return.

LOYALTY ISLANDS.—Mare (Tadine), Lifou (Chepenehe) Ouvea (Fajouze, St. Joseph) and return.

The steamer "Neo Hebridaïs" runs regularly between Noumea and Sydney, with occasional trips to the New Hebrides (mostly Anaitum). The owners are Societe Maritime et Maniers Hagen, Noumea. Sydney agents: H. C. Sleigh, 254 George Street, Sydney.

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Apia*	July 9-12	Aug. 12-15
Suva	July 15-16	Aug. 18-19
Auckland	July 20	Aug. 23

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AIR SERVICES

Summary of Pacific Air Services

PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA.—Regular Qantas service from Sydney.

SOLOMON ISLANDS.—Frequent regular flying-boat service from Sydney by Trans Oceanic Airways. Qantas service also from Lae, NG, to Honiara, BSI.

NEW HEBRIDES.—Frequent regular flying-boat service from Sydney by Trans Oceanic Airways. Service from Noumea by French plane runs twice weekly. Qantas plane from Sydney to NH on alternate Tuesdays.

NORFOLK ISLAND.—Regular service from NZ by NZ National Airways; from Sydney by Qantas; from Fiji by NZ National Airways.

LORD HOWE ISLAND.—Regular weekly service from Sydney by Qantas and Trans Oceanic Airways.

FILJ.—Regular services from Australia by Pan American, BCPA and CPA (to Nadi); from Auckland by NZ National Airways (to Nadi); from Australia by Qantas (to Laucala Bay, Suva); from Auckland by NZ National Airways (to Laucala Bay, Suva). Irregular calls from Australia to Laucala Bay, Suva, by Trans Oceanic Airways. Regular service from Suva to Labasa by NZ National Airways.

WESTERN SAMOA, COOK ISLANDS AND TONGA.—Regular service from Fiji by NZ National Airways.

TAHITI.—Monthly service from Noumea by TRAPAS plane via Fiji, W. Samoa, Cook Is.

DUTCH NEW GUINEA.—Regular weekly service from Batavia by KLM.

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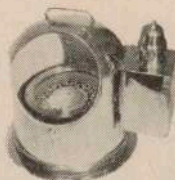
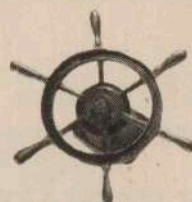
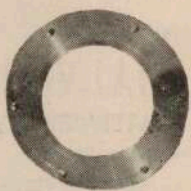
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Pan-American— Trans-Pacific Service

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The return flights are made from San Francisco every Tuesday, Saturday, via Honolulu, Canton Island, Nadi and Tontouta; and from Seattle every Tuesday, via Portland, Honolulu, Canton Island, Nadi and Tontouta.

Planes leave Auckland every Thursday and Sunday, and fly via Nadi, Canton Island and Honolulu to San Francisco. They leave San Francisco for Auckland every Monday and Saturday by the same route. Fares, in Australian currency, are:—

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	Single.	Return.
Sydney-Seattle	265 10 0	477 18 0
Sydney-Frisco	265 10 0	477 18 0
Sydney-Fiji	58 0 0	104 8 0
Sydney-Honolulu	217 15 0	391 19 0
Auckland-Seattle	246 5 0	443 5 0
Auckland-Honolulu	199 0 0	358 4 0
Auckland-Fiji	39 0 0	70 4 0
Auckland-Frisco	246 5 0	443 5 0

(Time-tables and fares subject to alteration without notice.)

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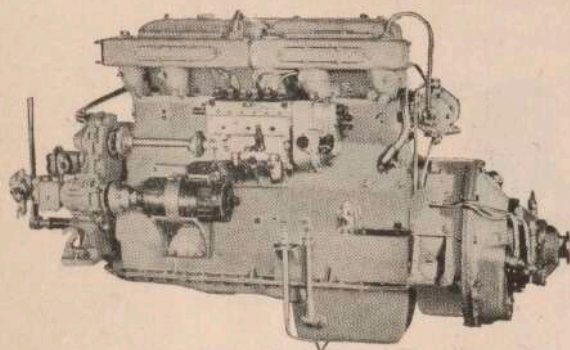
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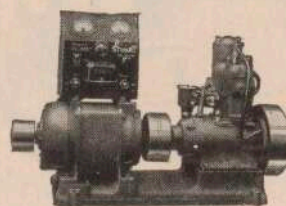
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The aircraft used are C-47s, a type of DC-3, and the single fares are Batavia-Biak Island £A80; Batavia-Hollandia £A91/15/-; and Biak Island-Hollandia £A11/15/-. Return fares, double single.

New Caledonia— New Hebrides

TRAPAS (French Air Line) operates a service between Noumea and the New Hebrides. The plane leaves Noumea every alternate Tuesday, and flies direct to Vila and Santo, and returns. Return fare for the journey, Noumea-Santo, is approximately £42 Australian.

France—Indo-China— Aust.—N. Caledonia

THE French national airways, Air France, runs a fortnightly service between Paris and New Caledonia, and return. Stops are made at Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta, Saigon, Batavia, Darwin, Brisbane.

DC4 Skymasters are used in the service between Saigon and New Caledonia. Lockheed Constellations between Saigon-Paris, and Messageries Maritimes are agents in Australia.

Fare between Brisbane and Tontouta (Noumea) are £30/12/6 single, £55/2/6 return. Sydney-Tontouta, £37/10/- single, £63/17/6 return.

Sydney—Queensland— New Guinea

QANTAS Empire Airways, Ltd., employing DC3 planes, operate a regular service between Sydney, Port Moresby, Lae, Finschhafen, Madang, Rabaul, Bulolo and Wau, and return via Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville and Cairns.

This service is now known as the "Bird of Paradise" Service. Skymaster and DC3 aircraft are used.

Skymaster aircraft leave Sydney every Tuesday and Saturday at 8.30 p.m., and making a night-flight calling only at Brisbane, arrive at Port Moresby the following morning at 7.20 a.m. They return to Sydney the same day (Wednesday and Sunday). A DC3 shuttle service operates between Moresby and Lae to connect with Skymaster service. This is only a temporary measure, pending repairs on Lae strip, when Skymasters will complete the journey as formerly.

DC3 aircraft leave Sydney every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.15 a.m. for Lae, calling at Brisbane, Rockhampton, Townsville, Cairns, Cooktown, Port Moresby. An overnight stop is made at Townsville and Port Moresby is reached at 11.10 a.m. the day after leaving Sydney.

Return trips are made from Lae to Sydney (calling at the same intermediate airports as on the northern journey) each Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Planes depart Lae at 5.45 p.m. and reach Sydney at 10.15 p.m. the same day.

The plane that reaches Lae from Sydney on Tuesdays later that afternoon flies on to Bulolo and Wau and returns to Lae.

The plane that reaches Lae from Sydney on Thursday flies on to Rabaul, Lae, Finschhafen, returning to Lae the same afternoon.

The plane that reaches Lae from Sydney on Saturday at 1 p.m. flies on to Madang, returning to Lae the same afternoon.

Bookings may be made at Qantas offices at any of the towns named. At present, berths are available only to passengers holding official permits to visit Papua or New Guinea.

QANTAS SUBSIDIARY SERVICES IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA-SOLOMONS

Qantas Empire Airways run the following subsidiary services in Papua, New Guinea, and British Solomon—
A Douglas DC3 leaves Lae, New Guinea, every

Wednesday, and flies to Rabaul, and Kavieng, and returns to Lae; but every alternate Wednesday the plane goes on from Kavieng to Manus, and returns via Kavieng to Rabaul (overnight) and returns to Lae on the Thursday morning.

Every Wednesday a plane flies from Lae to Madang and Wewak, and thence direct to Rabaul. It returns from Rabaul to Lae on Thursday. This service is primarily for the carriage of native labour to and from Wewak, and Europeans travelling on this service are always advised of the fact.

Every alternate Monday, a Qantas Catalina flies from Port Moresby, westward to Daru, via Yule Island, Kerema, Kikori, Lake Kutubu and Lake Murray, remaining overnight at Kikori and returning to PM next morning.

Every alternate Wednesday, a Qantas Catalina flies from Port Moresby eastward (dep. 9 a.m.) and calls at Abau and Samarai before flying out to the Archipelagoes in the afternoon. Calls are made at Esa'ala and Lonua (where an overnight stop is made), and the following day (alternate Thursdays) at Deboyne Lagoon, before returning to Port Moresby, via Samarai and Abau.

Every alternate Monday, a Qantas Catalina

leaves Port Moresby for Rabaul, via Moewe Harbour, and Talasea (New Britain); next morning (Tuesday) it flies to Buka, Kieta and Buin (Bougainville) and returns to Rabaul; next morning (Wednesday) it flies to Talasea, Moewe Harbour and Jacquinot Bay, and returns to

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Rabaul; and next morning (Thursday) it returns from Rabaul direct to Port Moresby.

Every alternate Monday a Qantas Douglas flies from Lae to Rabaul, and continues on to Honiara (British Solomon Islands), via Torokina; remains overnight at Honiara; and returns to Lae the following day (Tuesday), via Torokina and Rabaul.

Every Tuesday and Friday a plane leaves Port Moresby at 7.30 a.m., reaches Kokoda at 8.35 a.m., flies on to Hlgatura (Popondetta) at 8.55 a.m., and leaves again for Port Moresby at 9.5 a.m., reaching there at 10.15 a.m.

NZ National Airways South Pacific Services

THE Pacific services run by the New Zealand National Airways Corporation are as follows:—

AUCKLAND-NORFOLK ISLAND-FIJI-TONGA-WESTERN SAMOA-COOK ISLANDS: A "Douglas" airliner leaves Whenuapai, Auckland, on alternate Tuesdays at 9 a.m. (July 11, 25, etc.) for Norfolk Island (arr. 12.55 p.m.; dep.

2 p.m.), Nadi (arr. 8.40 p.m., dep. 5.40 a.m. Thursday), Nausori (arr. 6.25 a.m., dep. 7.30 a.m.), Tonga (arr. 10.50 a.m., dep. 11.50 a.m.), *Faleolo, Western Samoa (arr. 4.5 p.m. Wednesday, dep. 8 a.m. Thursday), Aitutaki, Cook Islands (arr. 1.50 p.m. Thursday, dep. 2.50 p.m.), Rarotonga, Cook Is. (arr. 4.5 p.m.).

The aircraft departs from Rarotonga on the return journey on alternate Saturdays (July 15, 29 etc.), at 8 a.m. for Aitutaki (arr. 9.15 a.m., dep. 10 a.m.), Faleolo, W. Samoa (arr. 3.15 p.m., dep. 8 a.m. Sunday), *Tonga (arr. 10.55 a.m. Monday, dep. 11.50 a.m.), Nausori (arr. 2.40 p.m., dep. 3.40 p.m.), Nadi (arr. 4.25 p.m., dep. 5 a.m. Tuesday), Norfolk Is. (arr. 10.55 a.m., dep. 12 noon), Whenuapai, Auckland (arr. 4.50 p.m.).

*Crosses International Date Line.

AUCKLAND-NORFOLK ISLAND: A "Douglas" airliner leaves Whenuapai, Auckland, every Sunday at 8.15 a.m. for Norfolk Island (arr. 12.10 p.m.), and departs on the return flight at 1.10 p.m., arriving at Whenuapai at 6 p.m.

FARES, single (in NZ currency): Auckland to Norfolk, £12/10/-; to Fiji, £31; to Tonga, £31; to Samoa, £34; to Aitutaki, £39; to Rarotonga, £39/10/-; Norfolk to Fiji, £19; Fiji to Tonga, £8/15/-; to Samoa, £13; to Aitutaki, £29/15/-; to Rarotonga, £31. Samoa to Rarotonga, £17/15/-; to Aitutaki, £16/10/-; Return fares, less 10 per cent.

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TOA Services

TRANS Oceanic Airways run the following Pacific services:—

SYDNEY-LORD HOWE IS. A regular fortnightly service with large four-engine flying-boats from Rose Bay. Fare: £12 single; £21/10/- return. Free baggage allowance 50 lb. Excess baggage and freight rate 8d. per lb.

SYDNEY-NEW HEBRIDES: A regular monthly service with large four-engine flying-boats from Sydney, via Noumea, to Vila and Espiritu Santo (overnight stop). Fare: Sydney-Vila, £45; Sydney-Santo, £50; Noumea-Vila, £12/10/-; Noumea-Santo, £18/15/-. Freight: Sydney-Vila, 2/- per lb.; Sydney-Santo, 2/3.

SYDNEY-SOLOMON ISLANDS: A regular monthly service from Sydney, via New Caledonia and New Hebrides to Tulagi and Honiara, Solomon Islands. This service is frequently extended to Lingatu, in the Russell Islands, and calls are sometimes made at Vanikoro, in the Santa Cruz Group. Fares: Sydney-Tulagi-Honiara, £65. Free baggage allowance, 60 lb.; excess baggage and freight, 3/6 per lb.

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Noumea	dep. 7.55 a.m. alt. Wed.
Suva	arr. 3 p.m. alt. Wed.
Suva	dep. 6 a.m. alt. Fri.
Noumea	arr. 11.05 a.m. alt. Fri.
Noumea	dep. 12.30 a.m. alt. Fri.
Sydney	arr. 8 p.m. alt. Fri.

Intending passengers may book through Qantas offices in Australia, Burns Philp (South Seas) Company, in Suva; and T. Johnston in Noumea.

The fares for this service in Aust. currency are:—

	Single	Return
Sydney–Noumea	£37 10 0	£67 10 0
Sydney–Suva	55 10 0	99 10 0
Noumea–Suva	20 5 0	36 9 0

CPA Sydney–Vancouver Service

CANADIAN Pacific Airlines, Ltd., run a trans-Pacific service between Sydney and Vancouver. For the present there will be one northbound and one southbound trip per fortnight. Stops are made at Nadi (Fiji), Canton Island, Honolulu and San Francisco. The northbound flight commences from Sydney every alternate Tuesday.

Four-engined, pressurised "Canadair" aircraft are used; 36 passengers can be carried and a crew of 7. Flying is done in daylight. Overnight accommodation is provided at hotels in Nadi and Honolulu, which is, of course, complimentary.

Fares are (in Australian currency: Sydney–Vancouver, San Francisco–Los Angeles and Portland–Seattle, £265/8/- single, £477/14/- return; Fiji–Vancouver, £207/8/- single, £373/7/- return; Sydney–Fiji, £57/15/- single, £103/19/- return; Sydney–Honolulu, £217/13/- single, £391/16/- return.

Bookings may be made at the Union Steam Ship Company of New Zealand, Limited, Sydney, or Melbourne; Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ, Ltd., Fiji; Canadian Pacific Airlines, Vancouver.

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WITH new 45 seater Solent flying-boats. Tasman Empire Airways, Limited, operate a weekly Auckland–Suva–Lambasa and return service.

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dep. Auckland	0.30 a.m. Tuesday
arr. Suva	7.00 a.m. Tuesday
dep. Suva	9.00 a.m. Tuesday
arr. Lambasa	10.00 a.m. Tuesday
dep. Lambasa	noon Tuesday
arr. Suva	1.00 p.m. Tuesday
dep. Suva	7.00 a.m. Wednesday
arr. Auckland	1.30 p.m. Wednesday

Fares (Single): Auckland–Suva, £31 (NZ), £34/9/- (Fiji); Auckland–Suva–Lambasa, £55/10/- (NZ), £61/19/- (Fiji); (Return): £69/15/- (Aust.).

Suva–Lambasa (Single): £4/10/- (NZ), £5 (Fiji); (Return): £8/2/- (NZ), £9 (Fiji), £10/2/6 (Aust.).

Reservations may be made through TEAL (New Zealand), Qantas or TAA (Australia), NZNAC (Suva) or any leading travel agents.

Papua–NG Local Services

MANDATED Airlines, Ltd., of Lae, New Guinea, and other private operators, run air services between Lae and the New Guinea mainland centres of Wau, Bulolo, Madang, Wewak, Aitape, Mt. Hagen, Finschhafen, Moresby, Kokoda—in fact anywhere in Papua or New Guinea where there is an air-strip. These planes carry passengers, mail and cargo on regular schedules or charter flights.

WINDFALL FOR CI NATIVE TEACHERS

From Our Own Correspondent

MANGAIA, CI, June 1.

DUE since shortly before the late Labor Government of NZ went out of office, and possibly a last gesture by that altruistic administration, the long-awaited Teachers' Drawback—a cash bonus, graded according to length of service—has been paid out to the local school staffs, amid much rejoicing.

The bonuses, amounting to from some £10 to £30, had been scheduled to arrive last year, but owing to some hitch in the arrangements, were not paid until recently.

The way in which this windfall was spent would have interested students of Polynesian psychology and Gallup-poll enthusiasts. Girls on the staff indulged

in a positive orgy of artificial silks and gay print; the males went in for gas-lamps, clocks and other artifacts of European civilisation, until in most cases there was nothing left of the bonus, though a few Scot-like souls salted down a few pounds in the PO Savings Bank, just to be on the safe side!

There is foundation for this canniness. A similar largesse of the Education Department bestowed during the war, proved to be a departmental error, and was revoked—the teachers had to repay the amounts granted, out of salary at £2 monthly. Pervert hopes have been expressed that the present one may not be a similar Indian gift.

Mr. J. R. Keenan, Assistant District Officer Rabaul, NG, departed on the Tung Sha on June 3 for England. He will join Mrs. Keenan who has been in the UK since the beginning of this year. He will be away about 12 months.

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GOM OF NEW CALEDONIA

NOW approaching his 90th birthday (he was born on March 30, 1861, in Noumea — then called Port de France), Mr. Charles Antoine Gaertner, now of Willoughby, Sydney, might be called "the grand old man of New Caledonia."

Despite his great age, he has complete mental clarity, and recalls, with zest, details grave and gay of long past days, and takes a keen interest in current events.

Mr. Gaertner received his early education at Port de France, but in 1872 he was sent to Sydney for tuition at a private school. He remembers playing games with his contemporaries on the site of the present Sydney Town Hall;



an old cemetery was hard by. He recalls paying 1d. toll when crossing Pyrmont Bridge. Back at Port de France he pursued further study under Mons. Martell, erstwhile French Consul at Cork, Ireland. He eventually embarked upon the serious affairs of life as a jackaroo on a cattle station, but he became interested in chrome with some degree of financial success. He was the first to export chrome in any quantity from New Caledonia. He entered into successful partnership with Mr. W. G. St. George in a general merchandise business, and he was agent for the Nickel Co. for over 35 years.

In July, 1891, he married Mdlle. Marie Kresser, now deceased, and there were three children of the union, two sons and a daughter, Catherine Marie, the latter his deeply devoted and constant attendant.

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THE largest trading vessel to go to New Guinea for private interests has been bought in Sydney by New Guinea Industries, Ltd.

She is the Viria, of 1,000 tons. The sale was made by Captain W. L. Kennedy, shipbroker of Sydney.

New Guinea Industries, Ltd., is a post-war company mainly interested in mining, timber and shipping. It is understood that the Viria will be used for distributing oil and other petroleum products.

A very successful dance was held at the New Britain Club, Rabaul, on June 2 by the Women's Basketball Club. Several prizes were given and a delightful supper was provided by Mrs. Finn.

NEW MODERN HOSPITAL FOR VAVA'U

VAVA'U, TONGA, June 15

PRINCE FATAFEHI TU'IPLEHAKE, Governor of Vava'u, to-day laid the corner-stone of the new 70-bed hospital at Neiafu, Vava'u.

Answering a long-felt need in the community, the new hospital, of hollow concrete blocks, is being built in accordance with the latest theories of hospital architecture. In addition to a spacious theatre and ample wards, it will include a smaller theatre for eye, ear, nose and

throat operations, a laboratory, an X-ray room, and a number of private rooms. It will be known as the Gnu Hospital—Gnu being the Tongan word for strength.

Aiding the prince in dedicatory services were a group of Neiafu ministers, headed by the Rev. Kaivai Heimuli, of the Free Wesleyan Church. Music was furnished by the Leimatu'a Brass Band, conducted by Peni Latu, Senior Dresser at the hospital.

In addition to Prince Fatafehi Tu'iplehake, the official party including his wife, Princess Melenaite; Head of the Gnu Hospital, Tongan Medical Practitioner Lutui Fonua; and Government Medical Consultant, Dr. Farquhar Matheson.

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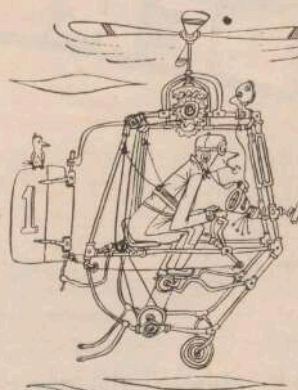
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From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, June 10.

A CENTURY has passed since the celebrated author, Pierre Loti, was born at Rochefort, France, on January 14, 1850. Ceremonies in commemoration of the event were held at Paris, at Rochefort sur mer (in the Basque country), in Turkey and in Japan.

Often decried, Pierre Loti gave to the youth of his generation the longing for travel. While all his books cannot be considered suitable for the young, they yet fostered in their readers a desire to tempt distant horizons and to visit glamorous countries.

Of Tahiti, where he made two brief sojourns, he wrote imaginative stories which, while not without exaggeration, helped to make Polynesia known to the world, and left in the mind of the reader the desire, some day—if only for a brief sojourn—to respond to the lure of the South Seas.

Although Loti presented a somewhat fanciful impression of regions few have seen we cannot forget that he introduced a school of literature which is not foreign to the glamour of French Oceania; and for this he is entitled to our recognition and gratitude.

An old employee of Morris Hedstrom Ltd., Mr. Reginald Main, is to retire shortly. Mr. Main arrived in Fiji in 1911 from Lincolnshire. Since his arrival in the Colony he has been in charge of the hardware department of Morris Hedstrom Ltd.'s Levuka branch.

LOVAINA

Christening Awakens Colourful and Romantic Memories

From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, June 10.

CHRISTEN the Lovaina," were the words of the minister when he recently baptised the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Rouleau, at Papeete. The mother, Mrs. Rouleau, is granddaughter of the famous Lovaina, hostess of the historic Tiare Hotel, thus making the new bearer of the beloved name great-granddaughter of its first possessor.

Among names throughout the colourful history of the East Pacific, which conjure up to us memories of the past, none is more glamorous than that of Lovaina, who long presided over the fortunes of the flower-embowered Tiare Hotel, of the Papeete of long ago. Not even around the names of Pierre Loti or Queen Aimata herself do romance and nostalgia cluster more closely than around that of the beloved Lovaina.

It was she who, by her camaraderie and engaging personality, first made the touring world conscious of the lure and charm of Tahiti. Enconced in her ample chair on her fern-enclosed verandah, she presided as a queen, receiving with gracious dignity all who approached her. Young lovers were married there; newcomers were royally entertained; and on all her cordiality impressed an unforgettable memory.

It was on her celebrated verandah that Jack London wrote most of "The Cruise of the Snark" and Frederick O'Brien his "White Shadows of the South Seas." Here, Charles Nordhoff and Norman Hall collaborated on the books that make them famous. Here, Lord Kitchener rested his long limbs on her comfortable settees, and the Duke des Abruses danced with the glamorous Papeete belles, with fragrant tiare blossoms in their hair. Here, too, Zane Grey hung up for proud display the record breaking sword-fish, marlin and dolphin he brought to gaff. And here, also, Commander Ault of the non-magnetic ship Carnegie held his festive party, unmindful of the fate to befall him and vessel on the ill-starred voyage he was about to undertake.

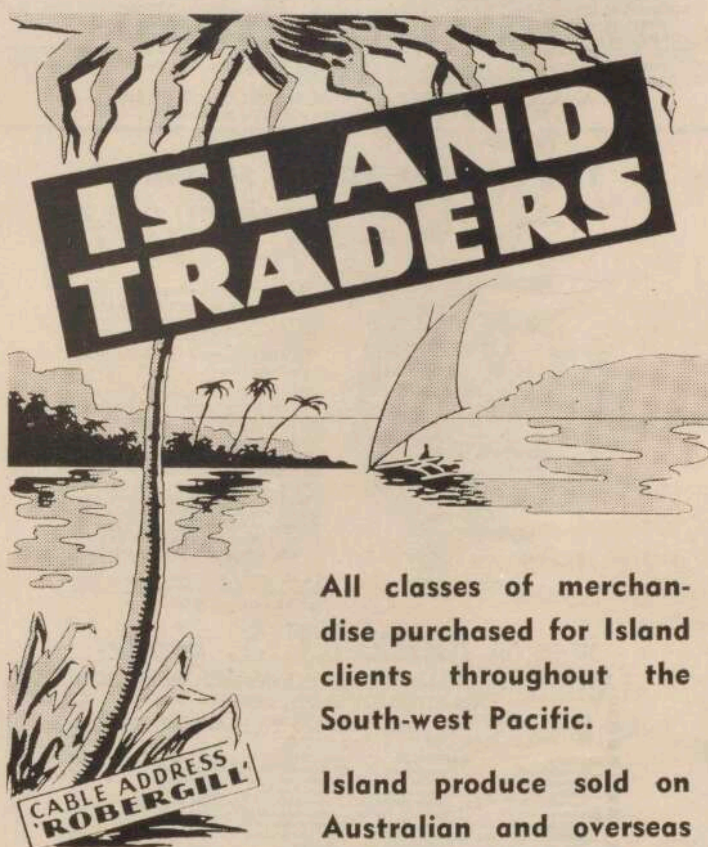
Not all the trusting Lovaina's guests requited her confidence fairly. On one occasion, a certain Mr. Stevens, arriving aboard the steamship Mariposa, on Oscar Nordman's recommendation registered at the Tiare Hotel. Of personal appearance and engaging manner, and seemingly equipped with funds, he soon became popular.

After a tempestuous wooing he won the heart of Miss Lina Drollet, a leading Papeete belle. The couple were duly married on Lovaina's verandah, and the feasting and champagne-drinking lasted a full week.

Before the confiding Lovaina awoke to the situation, the gallant Mr. Stevens had decamped on the Union liner, Talune, taking his bride with him. The long trail of debts he left to his sorrowing creditors was never collected.

At Rarotonga, the bridegroom deserted his wife and fled to California, leaving his bride to be fetched ingloriously home by her father.

However, the San Francisco police had been alerted, and the absconding Mr. Stevens was laid by the heels. He proved to be a paroled criminal and he met his just deserts. Thus ended an episode in the history of the Tiare Hotel which filled a conspicuous page in the profit-and-loss account of that famous hostelry. But the profits far outweighed such losses.



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NEWS NOTES FROM WESTERN SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

A PLEASING ceremony took place on May 24, when the foundation stone of the new Methodist Church (now in course of erection) was consecrated by the Rev. C. F. Gribble, General Secretary of the Methodist Overseas Mission Society of Sydney, who has been paying a visit to Samoa.

The recent visit to Samoa of NZ Navy cruiser, Bellona, for which an elaborate social and sports programme had been planned, was marred by atrocious and abnormal weather conditions—strong winds and torrential rains preventing all outdoor sports events, including tennis, football and cricket matches, and the race meeting which the Turf Club had specially arranged.

Desiccated coconut may develop into a major export industry and several new factories are to be erected shortly by the Government and private enterprise. The New Zealand Press quotes the latest price as being in the neighbourhood of £230 per ton, which leaves a handsome profit.

Increased attention is also being paid to the planting of coffee in the Territory in an endeavour to diversify production. Many inquiries for Samoan coffee have been received lately, but production is insufficient to satisfy the local demand at present.

The SS Ericbank has lifted an additional 1,500 tons of copra consigned to the British Food Ministry.

FAREWELL FIRES

IN a Northern capital, they are chuckling over a recent incident. A young administrative official had gone on leave, and he felt that some sort of lamentation by the natives would be in order. A few days later, a resident of the place he had just left received from him a note:

"Please let me know urgently if those farewell fires on the beach at So'n'so Village were intended for me."

The answer was simple and direct: "No."

Those fires were just some kanakas burning rubbish on the beach.
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DEATH OF MRS. CLAIRE BOWRING

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Size	13	14	14½	16	16½	17	18	18½
Bust	32½	33½	33½	35	35½	34½	36	37
Waist	26	26½	28	27½	30	29	30	32
Seat	35	36	37	38½	38½	37½	40	40½
Length	46	46	46	47	46	48	49	47.

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Waist	34	36	38	32½	35	36	39	42	45
Seat	42½	44½	46½	41½	44	46	47½	50	54
Length	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	48	49

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DANGER OF DEER IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

From Our Own Correspondent

YOUR readers, particularly those in deer-ridden New Caledonia and New Zealand, and rabbit-ridden Australia, will be surprised to learn how even some "scientists" will not learn from experience.

In spite of common knowledge as to the destructiveness of deer, when once introduced into an island environment, Mr. Colin Lennox, president of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry in the Hawaiian Islands, has decided to introduce axis deer into the Island of Hawaii.

This decision is causing a flurry of excitement and alarm, not only among local nature-lovers, but in Federal circles in Washington, DC, as well, because these deer, when once liberated on Territorial lands, will undoubtedly migrate to one of the most precious areas of Federal lands, the famed Hawaii National Park.

With no native carnivorous animal in Hawaii, the deer will reproduce by leaps and bounds, until checked by starvation; and this, unfortunately, follows the eating and destruction of every edible plant within reach. The island and its peculiar flora, which has taken millions of years to evolve, is threatened with devastation by the ill-advised plan of one man.

I am, etc.,

OTTO DEGENER.

Honolulu, 15/6/1950.

Newspaper correspondents, who are covering the Manus war trials, have discovered Peter Deneszczulo, a New Australian, whom they christened the "Over-time King of Manus." He works about 11 hours a day and earns £25 a week.

NEW IRELAND SPORTS CLUB IN RABAU

NIDSA members travelled by air to Rabaul on the King's Birthday holiday week-end, and a very good time was had by all.

NIDSA is the happy contraction used for the New Ireland District Sports Association. It has its headquarters in Kavieng, and — under the stimulus of a few enthusiasts — it has regained its pre-war place in the social life of the Trust Territory.



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The Future of Cocoa — As A Scientist Sees It

THE following report on cocoa, taken from a survey on cash crops by Dr. H. G. MacMillan, member of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission, is of interest to cocoa growers, actual or intending, in the South Pacific.

THE position of cocoa at the present time has caused some concern for the future supply. The plant is South or Central American in origin, and still exists in a wild state. It has been transplanted to other parts of the world, notably Africa. There it has been attacked by two severe diseases which are reducing the acreage and the yield. The diseases are difficult to control. The acreage cannot reasonably be replaced there under the present uncertainty of disease control, so that the situation will need to be relieved by other means. These indicate strains resistant or immune to the disease, additional acreage where the cocoa grows well, or new acreage in parts not before in production.

In the meantime the demand has in-

creased, both in those countries which have always been users, and in places which have discovered its merits since the war.

The cocoa tree needs a rich, well-drained soil. It does not endure droughts or cold. When young it is sensitive to sun and must be sheltered from winds. Not every location is adapted to its growth, or can be so changed as to warrant the attempt.

The principal thought to-day is to keep new areas clean, free from the devastating diseases which have done so much damage in Africa or elsewhere. The diseases are not thoroughly understood, but the precautions which are required to prevent their transfer are, and constitute much of the consideration given to the topic of cocoa in London, Washington, and throughout the Caribbean. The disease problems are being investigated fully in experiment stations in Africa and in the Caribbean and adjoining areas. Improved strains have been bred. But these improved strains could be introduced into our area only after what will seem to be elaborate precautions to separate the plant from any taint of disease it may carry. For the British Empire this has invited the proposal to grow all planting stock under controlled conditions at Kew before distributing it to the growing areas throughout the Empire.

The other important factor is that of quality. Certain varieties are used for body and bulk, others for flavour and quality. The quality is determined in the end by what the Trade decides. As a manufactured product, it is sold on a restricted market and to relatively few buyers. Possibly the best authority to-day is the Association of Cocoa and Chocolate Manufacturers of the United States. When in Washington I had conversations with the General Council of the Association, who wrote me in part as follows:

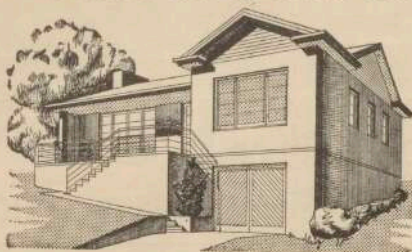
"Since last talking to you, I have had an opportunity to discuss the potentialities of cocoa growing in the South Pacific with several of our larger manufacturers. I am told that the particular grade and type of cocoa grown in that area is in relatively short supply and is in demand by manufacturers here. In view of its character and usefulness for blending purposes, it commands a price premium on the United States market. It is my understanding that a much greater quantity than is presently available could be advantageously marketed in this country."

This statement is not a warrant for an indiscriminate venture into cocoa growing. It indicates there is a market for cocoa of desirable quality. What potential acreage in the area may be devoted to this crop is unknown. We are at the beginning of this investigation, not the end.

Mr. Ragnar A. Lindahl, who was well-known in Pacific Islands trading circles before World War II (he was Swedish Consul for New Guinea) is now a resident of Halsingborg, Sweden. He still is part owner of Landolavit Plantation, Lihir Island, planted for him by the late Mr. P. Kyllert. In a note expressive of the usual Islands nostalgia, Mr. Lindahl says: "I have returned to working turtle-shell—a craft I learned in the Pacific long ago. I inlay it with gold, and make trinkets, eardrops, armlets, etc."

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TRUSTEESHIP DELEGATION IN NAURU



Left to right: Mr. Stan Marquis (Inspector of Chinese Labour in Nauru who, with Mr. W. Bott, has gone to Hongkong to engage more Chinese labour); Sir Alan Burns (leader of the Mission); and Mr. Richards, Administrator of Nauru. The party is inspecting a Chinese labour-line kitchen in Nauru.

Photo by John Hoare.

Mr. Lew Meek, of Madang, New Guinea, will take over the post office from Mrs. Bill Hansen, who has resigned.

SWITCH FROM C OF E TO RC FAITH

IT is reported from the New Hebrides that Mother Margaret, who has been head of the Melanesian Mission girls' school at Torgil, Aoba, has returned to the Solomons with five European and five native Sisters. There, they will leave the Church of England and come under

the authority of the Roman Catholic Church.

They are to retain their Order and habit, and conduct a school on Guadalcanal.

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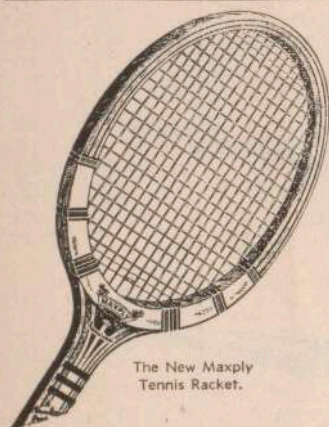
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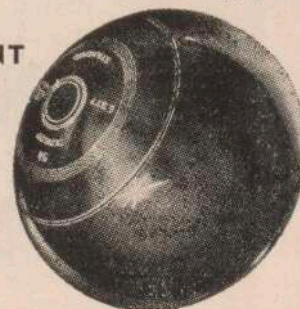


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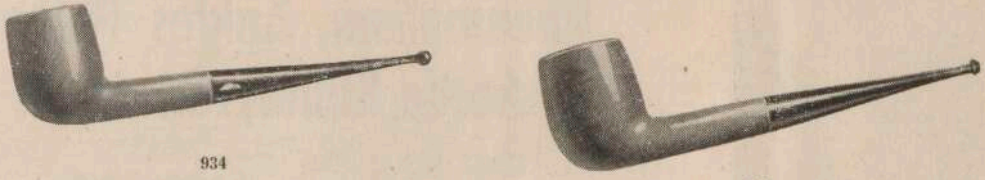


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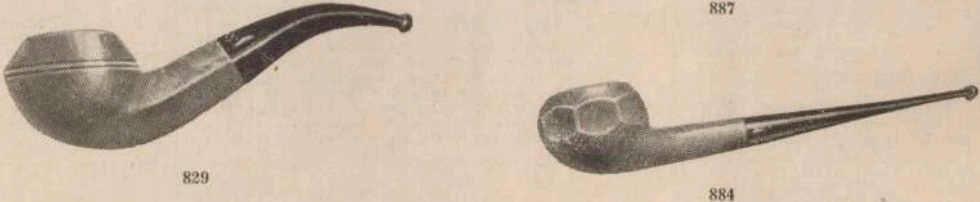
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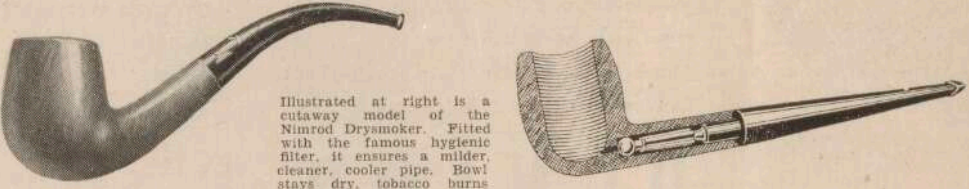
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From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, June 30.

THE travelling representative for Kodak, A/sia, Ltd., Mr. Beckett, recently gave an interesting address on the history of photography at the Madang Forum. From the time when photographers needed a boy to carry all their equipment, he traced photographic history to modern times when criminology uses it as an important branch of its work. In a speech of thanks, the Rev. A. A. Maahs, a keen amateur photographer, said he must be on the retrograde path, as on a recent expedition through the Finisterres, he required three boys to carry his gear.

MANY Madangites view with sadness the passing of two old rain trees on the road to the District Office: these trees had become dangerous and had to be cut down. Several Australians claim to have planted them, but old Chinese residents claim that the majority of them were part of the original lay-out of Madang made by the Germans.

AT Tusbab, the Native Education Centre, a celebration was held on June 15 and 16 on the anniversary of the school's opening. The first day was spent in competitive sports arranged by the schoolmaster, Mr. Jim Kernan. Prizes were given out by the District Commissioner, Charles Bates. The second day was devoted to a grouped sing-song. Since the opening of the school, the roll has grown to over 100 pupils.

In attendance with a recorder was Mr. Peter Livingstone. Later the recordings will be heard over 9PA.

MR. LEW MEEK, formerly of Modillon Garage office, has been appointed to the Treasury Department of District Services. He has taken over the Post Office from Mrs. Bill Hansen who resigned during the month. He has been in Madang about four years.

MANDATED AIRLINES, LTD., have built a new hangar. The passengers' lounge will be greatly appreciated. It is believed that Mr. Bill Passlow, MAL's chief pilot, is Madang's crack Canasta player. He can recite any one of the 61 rules without difficulty.

THE Rev. A. A. Maahs returned from the Highlands after a visit to some of his mission stations. He has plans to construct a road from Madang to Yabob, including a Bailey Bridge for the Gum River. This will open the road for private enterprise as well as the Lutheran Mission School at Amele. It is understood that the plan has the co-operation of the Administration. This may be the start of a long dreamed of road to the Highlands.

THE new picture theatre, a bigger and better one, built over the site of the old is nearing completion. Extra comforts will include more seating accommodation of a permanent nature, and a cement floor.

Plans are in hand for a golf course and a large cement swimming pool.

MR. BOB BOGLE is back after his recent trip South for health reasons. Mrs. Dunne (Sister Kremer) has gone South on well-earned leave. Mr. Dunne will join her in Australia in a few weeks' time. Mr. Jack Sedgers, managing director of the New Guinea Company, returned to Madang after a tour of inspection of various branches in the Territory. His daughters,

Jae and Jill, are back from Sydney after an extended holiday. Miss Betty Schilling is also back from leave in Australia.

Most of the pupils in Mrs. T. Radke's Asiatic School speak good English (or American, anyway) and in some cases have completed in a year an education missed during the Japanese invasion. Mrs. Radke's latest effort is to teach them touch-typing.

A Texan, Mrs. Radke celebrated her 25 years of mission work in New Guinea this year. Few people's names will have the lustre in Madang history to equal this missionary teacher's reputation.

RESIDENTS are wondering whether they are experiencing an exceptionally long "wet" season or a wet

"dry" season. In either case, the last week in June saw deluges in the daytime—most unusual in the district—while Lae and Kavieng report droughts.

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In the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of **RICHARD WALTON TALBOT**, late of Beverly Hills, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, retired planter, deceased.

Application will be made after 14 days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament dated March 21, 1949, of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to **BURNS PHILP TRUST COMPANY LIMITED**, the sole Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the undermentioned address. All creditors in the Estate of the deceased are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the undersigned.

W. S. GRAY & PERKINS, Proctors for the Executor, 375 George Street, Sydney, N.S.W. Dated July 20, 1950.

In the matter of the Charitable Trust known as the "ANZAC HOUSE FUND." Notice is hereby given that a Petition in connection with the abovenamed "Anzac House Fund" was presented to the Supreme Court of the Territory of Papua and New Guinea on June 22, 1950, by Albert John Gaskin, Percival Francis Bailey and Leslie Henry Corbett, the Trustees of the said Fund, asking as follows:—

- 1.—That directions be given by the said Court as to the disposal of the said "Anzac House Fund."
- 2.—That the said Court determine the persons who are entitled to share in the said Fund.
- 3.—That the Petitioners' costs of and incidental to the Petition be provided for.
- 4.—That such further or other Order may be made as shall seem meet.

The Court directed that the said Petition be heard before the said Court at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, September 28, 1950, at the Supreme Court House, Port Moresby. Any person desiring to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition should appear in person or by his Counsel at the time fixed for the hearing of the Petition.

J. IRWIN CROMIE, Solicitors for the Petitioners, Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea. Dated July 3, 1950.

PUBLIC NOTICES

IOMA (PAPUA) RUBBER ESTATES LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION).—Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of the abovenamed company which is being voluntarily wound-up are required on or before the 31st day of August, 1950, being the day for that purpose fixed by me, the undersigned, the Liquidator of the company, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, and if so required by notice in writing from me are by their solicitors to come in and prove their said debts and claims at such times and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

Dated this 30th day of June, 1950.

—**MORTON B. COHEN**, Liquidator, 14 Martin Place, Sydney, N.S.W.

Re the Estate of **ANTON RINGEL**, late of Miller's Point, in the State of New South Wales, Retired Goldminer, deceased. **LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION** granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales on the 4th day of November, 1947, Pursuant to the Wills Probate and Administration Act, 1898-1947; Testator's Family Maintenance and Guardianship of Infants Act, 1916-1938; and Trustee Act, 1925-1942: **The Public Trustee**, the Administrator of the Estate of the said Anton Ringel, who died on the 4th day of August, 1946, intestate, hereby gives notice that creditors and others having any claim against or to the Estate of the said deceased, are required to send particulars of their claims to the said Public Trustee, at 19 O'Connell Street, Sydney, N.S.W., on or before the 21st day of September, 1950, at the expiration of which time the said Public Trustee will distribute the assets of the said deceased to the persons entitled having regard only to the claims of which he then has notice.

—**P. J. P. PULLEN**, Public Trustee.

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Pacific cocoa beans were quoted on the Sydney market in July at:—

New Guinea: £A255 per ton, ex wharf.

New Hebrides: £A260 per ton, ex wharf.

W. Samoa: Prices have risen during the month, one Sydney merchant quoting at £337/10/- (£270 Samoan) per ton, l.o.b., Apia. (Samoa currency equals Sterling.)

TROCHUS SHELL

Nominal Sydney quotations are: Thursday Is., £101 per ton, l.o.b.; N. Guinea, £88 per ton, c.i.f.; Sydney, Solomon Is., £95; Fiji, £F70 (£A76/7/3) per long ton on the beach at Suva; New Caledonia, 14,000 francs per ton, Noumea. A TI firm is offering £120 per ton for trochus.

COFFEE

Nominal quotations are:—

New Caledonia: Production exported to France at above normal rates (equivalent to £A400, per ton for Arabica, £A350 for Robusta).

New Guinea and Papua: Nominally £350 to £370 per ton (c.i.f.), according to quality.

VANILLA BEANS

Papeete merchants quote 325 francs per kilo for French Oceania vanilla beans.

Prices for Tahiti beans quoted in Sydney (by J. C. Merrillees Pty., Ltd.) are White Label, 16/8 per lb., Yellow Label, 15/6 per lb., both c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands ports has been price-fixed at: New season's crop, £50 per ton White and £34 per ton Brown.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

Nominal quotations in Sydney are at £65 per ton, c.i.f., for f.a.q. shell.

PEARL SHELL

By a three-years' contract between the Otto Gerda Company (USA) and the majority of Torres Strait pearlers, TI shell prices were fixed in 1949 at: Sound grades, £A325 per ton, f.o.b., TI; "D" grade, £A225; "E" grade, £A125—all prices to be plus bonuses.

Torres Strait pearling season re-opened in April-May. Purchase price for the independent pearlers' output has been the subject of much negotiation by overseas buyers' representatives at TI recently—one firm has offered £A580 per ton for Sound grades, £A465 for "D" grades and £A340 for "E" grades.

COPRA

Papua - New Guinea.—Production Control Board's fixed price, delivered to ship's slings or ANGPB warehouses, as from May, 1950: At main ports, Hot-air Dried, £48/10/- per ton; Smoked, £47/7/6 (subject to premium up to £1/5/- for superior grades). Official price (as from May, 1950) for Papua-New Guinea copra sold in Sydney to crushers: Hot-air Dried, £67/15/-; Smoked, £67/2/6. Australia has a 9 years' contract with Britain for the disposal of all Territories' copra surplus to her own needs.

Fiji.—From January 1, 1950: £53/14/3 Fijian per ton, FMS (UK Ministry of Food price). Fiji has a 9 years' contract with the British MOF for all copra exported.

New Hebrides.—Price at Vila: £59 Aust. per ton.

Western Samoa.—Producers receive £45 Samoan per ton (£3 held for Stabilisation Fund) under a 10 years' contract with the UK Food Ministry.

Fr. Oceania.—Papeete merchants have been paying 9,350 Pacific francs per 1,000 kilos for Tahiti copra.

RUBBER

Sydney trading firms use the London and Singapore day-to-day quotations as a basis when buying Papuan rubber. An average rate during July for No. 1 grade RSS was: 29½d. Stg. per lb., c.i.f., London (88½ cents, f.o.b., Singapore), equivalent to 36½d. Aust. per lb.

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

FIJI

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Sunshine Gold ..	b6/5	b7/-	s10/-

PAPUA

Cuthbert's Misima	s16/6	b7d.	b6d.
Mandated Alluvials	b3/8	b3/-	s3/6
Oil Search ..	s3/11	b4/6½	b3/6
Orlomo Oil ..	b5/-	b2/-	b1/9
Papuan Apinaipi	b4/11	b2/6	b2/9

Price of gold.—Commonwealth Bank of Australia's fixed price for gold bought in Australia and Territories is: Fine oz., £A15/9/10; Standard oz., £A14/4/-.

Exchange Rates

THE following exchange quotations show the rates existing in Sydney in mid-July:—

FIJI

Through Bank of NSW and Bank of New Zealand:—Australia on Fiji on basis of £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; selling, £A113. Fiji-London on basis of £100 London:—

	Buying	Selling
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer ..	111 2 6	113 0 0
On demand ..	111 2 6	113 0 0

WESTERN SAMOA

Through Bank of New Zealand:—Australia on Western Samoa on basis of £100 Samoa: buying, £A123/12/6; selling, £A124/10/6. Samoa-London on basis of £100 London:—

	Buying	Selling
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Telegraphic transfer ..	100 7 6	101 10 0
On demand ..	99 9 3	101 10 0

Samoa on New Zealand, on basis of £100 NZ:—Buying, £100; selling, £100/10/-.

Samoa on Fiji, on basis of £100 Samoa:—Buying, £111; selling, £110.

Samoa on USA on basis of £1 Samoa (telegraphic transfer): Buying, 2.7991 dollars; selling, 2.7886 dollars.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Commonwealth Bank of Australia (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and Bank of New South Wales (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote an exchange rate between Australia and Papua-New Guinea of 10/- per £100.

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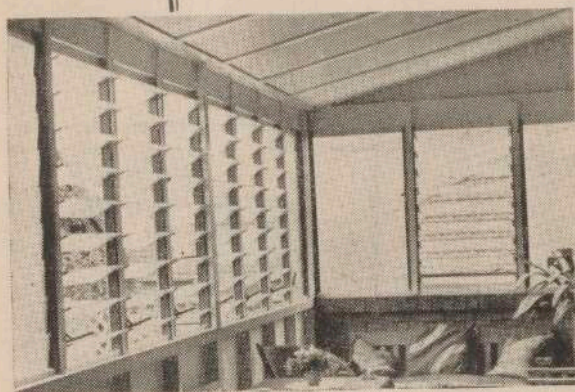
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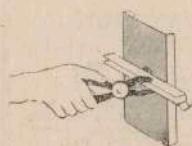
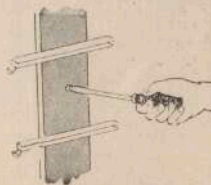
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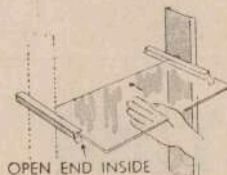
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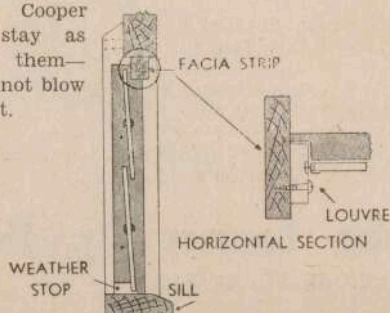


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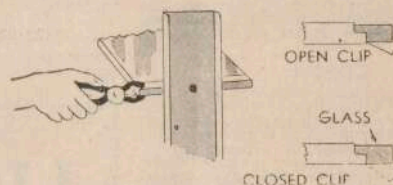


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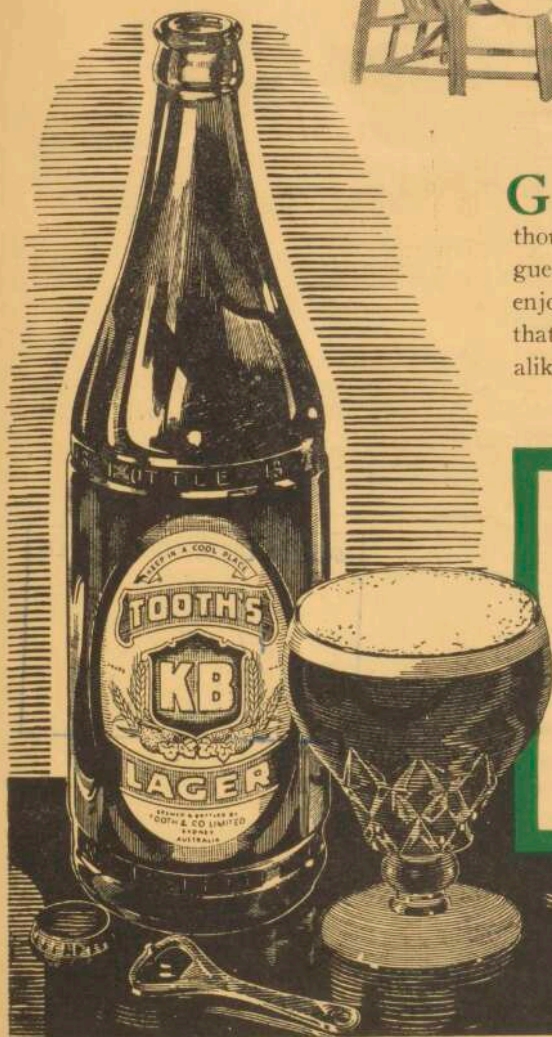
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