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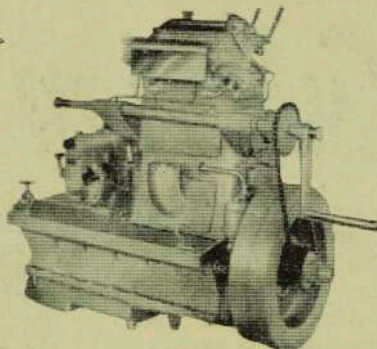
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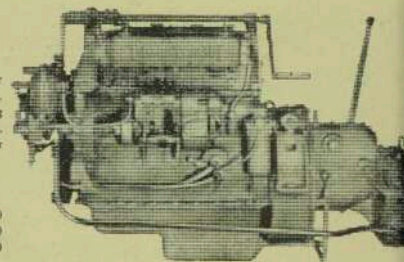


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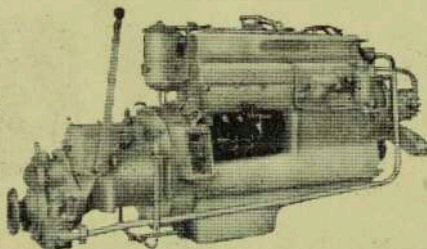


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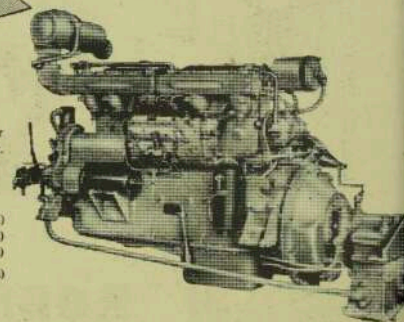


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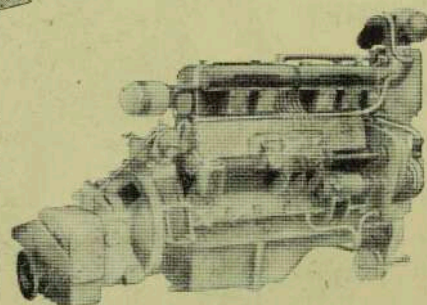


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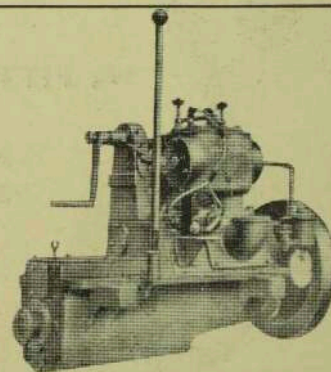
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Fateful British Decision on October 25

AUSTRALIA is the western guardian of the Pacific Islands; and the Australians, as they turn their faces towards Asia, see a picture that grows uglier every day.

To realise the fearful menace of Asia, and the dangers to which we have become exposed by political weakness and Socialist muddling, it is necessary to recapitulate a few facts.

In 1939, there was a threat in Asia; but it was concentrated in one place—Japan. The remainder of Asia was harmless—and peaceful, and reasonably secure and well-fed. The Westerners smashed Japanese aggression; and then they went back to domestic arguments, while these things happened:

China became Communist; India, under Communist direction, engaged in long-range fighting against the French; Siam became a happy hunting-ground for the Reds; the bemused British handed Burma, India and Ceylon over to their nationals, and forced the Dutch to abandon the East Indies to the Indonesians, thus exposing our frontier to Asia and opening an apparently endless era of political turmoil and economic chaos; British weakness permitted the establishment in Malaya of a murderous gang of Red terrorists, who still resist authority's bumble-footed efforts to remove them; Persia, defying all treaties and agreements, and jeering at the British Government, kicked out the British oil interests,

which had developed an enormous industry and given Persia an economic backbone; British influence in the Arabic States of the Middle East—vital to us in World War III—have been weakened and ridiculed; and, finally, the Egyptians are insisting that the British leave the Suez area and the Soudan immediately.

Surely, there can be no clearer indication of what the Attlee Socialist Government has done to Britain and the Empire than this spectacle of the Wogs "cocking a snook" at the Power which protected them for so long, gave them freedom, and defended them against Nazi invasion only a short decade ago!

THE destruction of British strength and prestige, in the fields of diplomacy and economics, has been world-wide, although it is most clearly seen under the limelight of Communist growth in Asia. A Britisher, surveying the international spectacle, feels something akin to despair. Can we retrieve our spiritual and material losses, and resume, with America, our job of maintaining orderliness in a seething world of hungry Asiatics, clamorous nationalists and crazy Planners?

There is one comforting thought. These incalculable losses of prestige, territories and trade all have occurred within seven years. The Socialists got control only in 1945.

In 1945, Britain stood beside America on top of the world. She was there not only because of her military strength, but because of the unconquerable spirit of her people, their steadiness and courage, and their capacity for sacrifice. You cannot destroy the fundamental qualities of a nation in seven years.

The bewildered, war-weary and somewhat stupid British masses have been put on the skids by the Socialists, and they have slid far and fast; but it is not too late to pull them back from the precipice of national destruction. A clear-cut policy in international affairs, jealous guardianship of our remaining Empire, close co-operation with the Americans, and the ruthless exercise of governmental authority (especially in relation to Planners!) could do much towards creating a new world, and one worth living in.

The British people, this month, go to the polls. All the signs indicate that they are completely sick of their great Socialist experiment and that Winston Churchill will be sent back to clean up the unholy mess, just as he did in 1940. Mr. Churchill is the world's greatest living Britisher, and none knows, better than he, what is needed. But it is a terrifying task—and he is now 77 years old.

The re-establishment of the British Empire as a world power may quite easily lead to World War III. Mr. Stalin, of Moscow, will resent any interruption of the processes by which he now is rapidly

conquering the world. But better a hot war, and the recovery of our battered freedom, than life under the intolerable conditions we have experienced since we achieved "the greatest military victory in human history."

FOOTNOTE: As that last line was written, Sydney "Sun" of October 11 was laid on our desk. Across the front page: "Cairo Rioters Wreck, Burn British Shops." Well, well—this from the Wogs! Hurry, Mr. Churchill.

Sir Brian Freeston and the Indian Bogey

BECAUSE of the rapid growth of the politically-aggressive Indian population in Fiji, the Governorship of that Colony, in the past couple of decades, has not been a "cushy" job. Any Governor with almost autocratic powers must, like a judge, subvert all personal feeling to the obligation which is upon him to hold the balance of justice very firmly as between races and classes, prejudices and privileges.

On what is called the "Indian problem" the Governors of Fiji have been singularly silent. It was evident that they felt that only in that way lay the safety of their careers.

The only Governor, in 20 years, who had the courage to be outspoken and forthright on the thorny subject of the future of the Indians in Fiji was Sir Brian Freeston. He caused a stir, a couple of years ago, when he said officially—that everyone was thinking—that if the Indians really wanted to contribute something to the peace and

security of Fiji, they must exercise birth control.

Privately and publicly, he told the Indians what was going to happen, if events followed the course of the last two or three decades.

Maybe the Indians were influenced by what he said. Maybe they were not. But it is a fact that, in the last two or three years, there is a better feeling in Fiji in relation to the Indian problem. Some people seriously believe that the Indians may yet co-operate with the other two races there in seeking a way out of a most difficult situation.

Sir Brian Freeston is retired, and gone to another sphere. Like all Governors, he had his friends and his critics. But he always will be remembered in Fiji as the Governor who had the courage and the honesty to drag the Indian bogeyman right out into the open, where it could be frankly examined and discussed by all the three large communities concerned.

LAKE ON CONSTITUTION OF NEW GUINEA COUNCILS

LAKE, Sept. 30.

HAVING observed the constitution of various Advisory Councils set up by the Administration, the Lake sub-branch of the RSL expressed to its headquarters its strong feeling that the claims of returned servicemen were being persistently ignored.

Within a few days, the Administration asked the RSL organisation to submit a panel of nominations, from which would be chosen a nominee for the Morobe district Advisory Council.

The RSL organisation in Lake is now urging the people to take an interest in the nomination of candidates for election to the Legislative Council, so as to avoid the selection of "yes" men.

There is strong feeling throughout this district that the disadvantages of the nominee system in relation to the Legislative Council and Advisory Councils should be offset by securing the appointment wherever possible of men who can be depended upon to express and defend the non-official view.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURE

Non-official opinion in this district is that the cutting down of public works provides an opportunity for a general overhaul of the Works & Housing expenditure methods in this part of New Guinea.

It is believed that there has been extraordinary waste of public money by W & H on all kinds of projects during the past couple of years.

For example, why is the Department proceeding with the erection of such extensive buildings along the Milfordhaven Road, for its use as stores and workshops, while operations have ceased on great necessary utilities like the Malahang airstrip and the Markham Bridge?

We contend here that the results of the Department's activities in this area during the past two years are negligible in comparison with the amount of money it has spent.

SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

The Lake and Services Club has had another good year financially. It was the first of its kind in post-war Lake; and, although the growing town has now several other Clubs (Returned Soldiers, Civil Aviation, Qantas, Works & Housing, Golf) the original Club is still going strong. The main executive positions have been filled by Messrs. R. Watson (President), S. Fernan and F. Blucher (vice Presidents), K. Reid (Secretary) and J. Hanley (Treasurer).

The Returned Soldiers are building a modern Club House in the town, on the terrace.

BAIN-EMBERSON WEDDING



—Photo by Stinsons.

The marriage of Miss Margaret Elizabeth Emberson, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Emberson, of Suva, to Mr. Kenneth Ross Bain, took place in the Suva Presbyterian Church in early September. A reception for 100 guests, who included Lady Freeston and Miss Wanda Freeston, leading Government officials and distinguished members of every community in Fiji, was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel.

The bride is a member of an old and well-known Fiji family. Her great-grandfather, H. G. G. Emberson was Receiver-General in the first post-cession Government under Sir Arthur Gordon. The groom is an administrative officer in the Colonial Service. Miss Emberson was attended by Miss Dorothy Kearsley and Miss Margaret Weaver. Dr. P. G. Griffiths was best man, and Mr. J. S. Thomson groomsmen.

LOCAL VOICE IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA ADMINISTRATION

Legislative Council Taking Shape After Long Delay

AFTER a remarkable and unexplained delay of about two years, the Australian Department of Territories—under the driving force of the new Minister, Mr. Paul Hasluck—proceeded in October to set up the new Legislative Council with a speed which left most people breathless.

Under the Act there is provision for a Legislative Council as follows:

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Natives, nominated .. .	3
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It was officially announced on October 3 that the first meeting of the new Council will be held in the Red Cross Hall (to be thus used until the Council can get its own building) in Port Moresby on Monday, November 26.

In order to elect three Europeans, the Territories have been divided into three electoral districts—Papua, New Guinea mainland, and New Guinea islands (New Britain, New Ireland, Bougainville, Manus, etc.). All adults, other than natives and aliens, who have had 12 months' residence, are entitled to vote. Any voter, who has resided at least three years in the Territories, can be nominated as a Councillor.

Rolls closed on October 11, nominations will close on October 18, and the elections in the three districts will be taken on November 10.

The returning Officers are: Papua—Mr. P. J. Mollison; New Guinea mainland—Mr. E. H. B. Britain; New Guinea Islands—Mr. G. Ormsby.

The Legislative Council will have no legislative power, of course; but its deliberations unquestionably will serve to guide the Minister and Administrator. It will provide the Papua-New Guinea communities with a forum for the airing of their views, which they now lack.

ADVISORY COUNCILS

MEANWHILE, the Administrator has continued to appoint Town and District Advisory Councils, which discuss local affairs with their respective District Commissioners—a distinct step forward,

compared with conditions a couple of years ago. The following are recent appointments:—

BOUGAINVILLE DISTRICT

Bishop Wade; Rev. A. H. Voyce; Mr. D. Colley; Mr. N. Sandford; Mr. F. P. Archer; Mr. J. Ellis; Mr. James Joyes; Mr. Paul Mason.

CENTRAL DISTRICT

Bishop Sorin (Sacred Heart Mission); Pastor C. E. Mitchell (Seventh Day Adventist Mission); Rev. Percy Chatterton (London Missionary Society); Mr. W. E. Wyatt (Port Moresby); Mr. J. P. McKenna, Senior (Kanosia); Mr. C. Sefton (Sogeri); Mr. A. L. Baldwin (Port Moresby).

MOROBE DISTRICT

Messrs. N. Wilde, F. Rose, J. Birrell, A. J. Bretag, and J. Peterson; Rev. Frerichs; Kam Hong.

MADANG DISTRICT

Messrs. W. M. Middleton, M. Perkins, G. R. Clarke, G. Bliss, G. B. Luff, W. R. Cahill; Rev. Father W. J. Saiko; Rev. A. M. Walck.

NEW BRITAIN DISTRICT

Bishop Scharmach; Rev. F. G. Lewis; Messrs. D. Barrett, W. Washington, J. A. Thurston, R. G. Marsland, R. Gallo-way, Chin Hoi Meen.

MANUS DISTRICT

Rev. Father C. Patrick; Pastor E. Boehm; Rev. J. de Roo; Messrs. Bruce Watterson, H. O. Fletcher, R. Booker, Norman Whiteley.

NATIVE ADVISORY COUNCILS

IN an official statement, made during the month, the Administrator (Colonel Murray) said that, now that European Advisory Councils had been appointed in most towns and districts, he was giving close consideration to the setting-up of Native Advisory Councils, to assist in the work of local administration. Such Councils would be appointed, in due course.

NEW DEPARTMENT

With the advent of the new Assistant Administrator (Mr. Cleland) the P-NG Administration has been somewhat re-arranged.

There has been created a Department of the Administrator, and apparently Mr. Cleland becomes its actual departmental head. This Department takes over some of the general administrative functions hitherto carried out by other Departments, notably that of the Government Secretary.

It apparently now is to be the practice that the Assistant Administrator will act as Deputy Administrator in the absence of the Administrator. Hitherto, one or

other of the Judges usually acted as Deputy Administrator in the absence of Colonel Murray.

Nominated Members

THE Minister, on October 9, announced the following appointments to the Legislative Council:—

Official Members—16

MR. D. M. CLELAND, Assistant Administrator.
MR. C. CHAMPION, Acting Government Secretary.
MR. J. H. JONES, Director, District Services and Native Affairs.
DR. J. T. GUNTHER, Director, Public Health.
MR. I. CHAMPION, Assistant Director, District Services and Native Affairs.
MR. H. H. REEVE, Treasurer, Director of Finance.
MR. W. C. GROVES, Director, Education.
MR. C. C. MARR, Acting Director, Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries.
MR. E. P. HOLMES, Secretary, Lands, Surveys and Mines.
MR. J. B. McADAM, Director, Forests.
MR. W. W. WATKINS, Crown Law Officer.
MR. T. P. BYRNE, Chief Collector of Customs.
MR. H. R. NIALI, District Commissioner, Morobe District (New Guinea).
MR. J. K. MCCARTHY, District Commissioner, New Britain District (New Guinea).
MR. J. R. FOLDI, Acting Assistant Director, Department of District Services and Native Affairs.
MR. S. ELLIOTT-SMITH, District Commissioner, Northern Division (Papua).

Non-Official Members Representing Missions—3

REV. D. E. URE, Chairman of LMS. In Papua since 1930.
REV. J. DWYER, MSC. Head of E. Papua Catholic Mission.
Rev. F. G. LEWIS, Chairman of Methodist Mission, Rabaul. In NG since 1920. Was member of pre-war Leg. Council.

Non-Official Native Members—3

MERARI DICKSON, of Papua. Described as a man of strong personality who speaks fluent English.
AISOLI SALIN, School-teacher at Tabar Islands. Educated in Melbourne.
SIMOGUN, of Wewak, NG. Won BEM in World War II, and Loyal Service Medal in NG Police before the war.

Other Non-Official Members—3

MR. B. FAIRFAX-ROSS, general manager of BNG Development Co. Pty., Ltd., Port Moresby.
MRS. DORIS BOOTH, OBE, a pioneer of Morobe gold industry. Decorated for nursing service in epidemic in 1926.
MR. J. B. SEDGERS, managing director of New Guinea Co., Ltd., of Rabaul.

Non-Official European Members—3 to be elected

SMALLER YARDAGE— RICHER GROUND

THE following were the results of dredging by the Bulolo Company in the three months ended August 31:

	1951.	1950.
Yardage dredged ..	2,605,570	3,082,200
oz. fine gold ..	16,887	13,666
Value, \$35 per oz. ..	\$590,345	\$478,310
Value, per yd. cents ..	22.66	15.52

No. 5 dredge should return to operation in January. An accident put it out of operation in 1950.

TOURISTS FOR E. SAMOA

New Governor and PAA Are On the Job

A NEW competitor for Pacific Islands tourist traffic is about to enter the field—American Samoa, in combination with Pan American Airways.

At present, Pan American operates two trans-Pacific flights per week. Persons wishing to go to Eastern Samoa, however, must leave PAA in Nadi (Fiji); go to Apia (Western Samoa) by another airline; and cover the remaining 60 miles as best they may.

Pan American now has applied for a permit for a direct flight route to Pago Pago (East or American Samoa) which will remove the need for a break of journey in Fiji. Tourists then may fly direct to attractive Pago Pago from either America or Australia.

Accommodation in Eastern Samoa is limited—as yet—but the new and energetic American civil administration is on the job. Eastern Samoa's undoubted tourist attractions are to be sold, to provide revenues to take the place of those that dried up in June when the Navy establishment was removed.

A modern hotel, with all amenities, which overlooks Pago Pago harbour, offers accommodation at 8 dollars per day. Other houses on the harbourside have the same tariff. The Goat Island Club, in the harbour, will take visitors at 10 dollars per day.

New buildings for visitors are planned. Are Fiji and Tahiti going to allow the Americans to steal the cream of this rich tourist traffic?

LACK of hotel accommodation has bottle-necked the tourist traffic available for Fiji. Whites Aviation Limited, energetic Auckland organisers, have been sending New Zealand tourists regularly to Fiji this season. But, owing to the overcrowded state of the Suva hotels, the parties have been limited to about eight persons per week. Fiji easily could provide a happy tropical holiday for 80 or 800 per week; but they all want to see Suva, and Suva cannot accommodate them.

There is plenty of capital for investment in Fiji; but private enterprise has been scared off by the lack of building materials and artisans.

However, it now looks as if American Samoa will do what British Fiji has failed to do. Perhaps Samoa's need is greater.

VIOLENT ERUPTIONS

Ambrym Island in Danger

SANTO, NH, Oct. 1.
THERE is almost continuous volcanic action at Mounts Benbow and Marram, on Ambrym Island. Several new fissures have appeared.

Ashes in some places are more than 3 feet deep, and several plantations appear to be damaged. Much vegetation is dying off—many coconut palms have only 2 or 3 fronds left.

Experts say that even if the eruptions decrease in intensity, the productivity of most plantations is finished, or at least ruined for some years.

Most of the natives have left—even those in apparently safe areas are getting ready to move to other Islands. Several plantation-owners and traders have departed.

This constant volcanic action is giving colour to the belief that Ambrym Island is in danger of complete destruction.

QUAKE DAMAGE IN SOLOMONS

HONIARA, Oct. 1.
THE earthquake which occurred on the south coast of Guadalcanal last November (1950) caused a great deal more damage than that was at first realised.

A landslide between Pite and Duindui swept into the sea the whole of one side of a 2,000 ft. mountain ridge, taking with it the village of Chaunaroga. No loss of life occurred, however—the natives were so scared by the preliminary shaking that they fled into the jungle on higher ground.

All communications along most of the south coast have been wiped out. The native tracks have been rendered perilous by the uncertain formation of the ground.

A large freshwater lake, inland from the south coast, broke out to the sea; and as it has been raining incessantly for several weeks, the native villages are inundated and the native gardens have been washed away.

As if to aggravate the situation, the sharks along this coast have been more than usually active and have taken recently a heavy toll of native fishermen.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Huxley, of Madang, New Guinea, are at present in Australia on extended vacation, touring the eastern coast by car. They spent some time in Sydney with their three children, Noya, Travers and Mike, who are at college. Mr. Huxley is a contractor and recently completed a new bakery for a syndicate at Madang.

NORFOLK ISLANDERS WANT TO REMAIN AUSTRALIAN

From Our Own Correspondent

NORFOLK IS., Oct. 1.
THE suggestion that Norfolk Island would be better off if administered by New Zealand as published in September PIM, has not been well received by residents of the Island.

NZ may be the logical market for our fruit, vegetables, flowers, etc. but those who have a knowledge of life in New Zealand feel that the bureaucratic dictation that persists there, even under the National Government, would soon dominate life here.

We cherish our freedom and lack of irksome restrictions. Present conditions under an understanding Administrator are generally very satisfactory.

However, it is felt that two-way trade between New Zealand and Norfolk Island would benefit the residents of both countries.

MR. AND MRS. 'NORMIE' NEAL LEAVE NEW GUINEA

EVERY section of the Morobe community of New Guinea was represented at a gathering Wau at the end of September, when farewell was said to Mr. & Mrs. Norman Neal, who have decided to make their permanent residence in Australia.

With the exception of the war years, they have lived in the Goldfields district of New Guinea ever since the goldfield was established and they have taken a prominent part in all developmental and social activities. They always have been held in high esteem.

Mr. Neal was a successful gold miner in the 30's. He also gave good service to the Territory as a Member of the Legislative Council. Like all his contemporaries, he served World War II, and with the rank of Major.

After the war, Mr. and Mrs. Neal re-established their residence on the hill-top in the Bulolo Valley near Wau. But a couple of years ago, he obtained a valuable tribute from New Guinea Goldfields as they moved up to Edie Creek and resided there while the tribute was worked. The tribute has shown signs of "petering out" in recent months, and the couple decided that the time had come for them to settle in a more civilised climate, probably Sydney.

They will be sadly missed in this part of New Guinea—and, compared with Morobe, they may not fit Sydney so civilised!

REDUCED AUSTRALIAN GRANT SHOCKS PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

WITHOUT warning, Papua-New Guinea has had its allocation of public funds from Australia suddenly reduced by between one and two millions of pounds.

As a result, there has been severe "slashing" of public works and departmental expenditure to which the Territories considered themselves already committed; and there is dismay in some quarters.

In the year ended June 30 last, P-NG spent £6,400,000—being £4½ millions granted by Australia, and some £1,900,000 from local revenues. A total expenditure of over £8 millions seems to have been contemplated in 1951-52. But Canberra has announced that Australia's grant this year is £5,400,000 (nearly a million more than last year, but far short of what was expected); and officialdom has been obliged to cut expenditure down to £7,000,000.

This is being done by curtailing public works; reducing Departmental expenditure by 21 per cent; reducing staffs by 5 per cent; increasing local fees and charges; and there is grave talk of imposing an income tax.

Mr. C. J. Archer (First Assistant Secretary) and Mr. J. E. Willoughby (research and planning officer) flew to Moresby on September 23 to discuss the matter and order the slashing; and it was later reported that the new Assistant Administrator (Mr. Cleland) would fly to Canberra to beg for a little mercy from the financial Molochs.

It is not likely that Canberra will give concessions to P-NG, when so much Australian money is involved, and Australians themselves are being so brutally taxed under the new Budget.

The P-NG economy, in any event, is almost entirely false. Something like this was bound to happen. There is no reason at all why Australia should keep pouring money into the Territories, on the recent scale and in the recent fashion, except for defence.

Before the war, Papua got along on a fairly regular grant of £40,000 from Australia. New Guinea was almost entirely self-supporting.

Since the war, year by year, Australia has been granting P-NG more and more money, until it has reached staggering proportions. It has not been justified on the score of defence. There has been colossal waste in the Works and Housing set-up, and in the Administration generally—mostly in the shape of ridiculous over-staffing. Money, in the Territories, has flowed like water.

The PIM has warned again and again that these good times could not last. They have not ended yet—£7,000,000 is still a huge annual expenditure—but the sight of the pruning-knife has scared a few people.

Quite a number of public works are reported as slated for cancellation. The quarter-million bridge over the Markham, the new Malahang (Lae) airstrip and the new town at Rapopo (south of Rabaul) are among those mentioned, but there is nothing official.

The hold-up of the Markham Bridge might be a good thing. Mr. M. J. Leahy's vigorous denunciation of the project, plus a general lack of faith in W-H policies, has created a certain amount of doubt about the wisdom of the Markham Point site.

NEW GOVERNOR IN NOUMEA

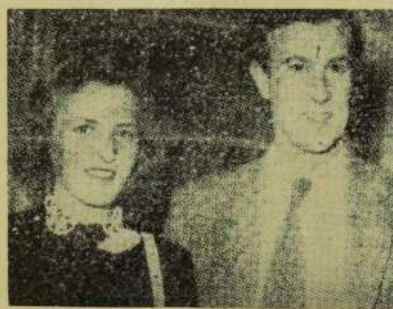
NOUMEA, Sept. 28.

FOLLOWING the refusal of M. Louveau to serve in New Caledonia and Dependencies as Governor, M. Angamarre, Governor Second Class, has been appointed to the post. He was to arrive by plane in October.

M. Angamarre will be the 33rd Governor of New Caledonia in 55 years, and will succeed M. Pierre Cournarie, who left in July.

It is M. Angamarre's first appointment as Governor. He served in New Caledonia and the New Hebrides in 1929-30. He was for several years in Madagascar, filling various positions.

Cocos Islands' New Queen



An English newspaper's photograph of Mr. John Clunies Ross, "King" of Cocos Islands (Australia's most recently acquired Territory) and the English girl he married, in England, in July last. He is the fifth Clunies Ross, in a direct line, to hold the Cocos Islands.

£5 Could Earn You £1,250!

A New Kind of Government Loan for Fiji

IF the necessary Bill is not turned down by the next session of the Legislative Council (October 24), an investment of £5 in the new Fiji Premium Bonds Loan could return you the handsome sum of £1,250.

Or, on the other hand, it could earn you only 10/- in the next 10 years.

Officialdom says that this loan is in a "novel form for Fiji," and please, not to call it a lottery—but it is enough to stir the interest of anyone with a teaspoon of sporting blood.

The loan is to raise £250,000 by the issue of 50,000 bonds of £5 each. The total interest payable on this each year would amount to something like £7,000, but instead of paying each bondholder a few shillings, a public drawing will be held annually of a hundred tickets bearing the numbers of 100 bonds, and the whole of the interest will be divided amongst the holders of these bonds. The others will get nothing that year.

These 100 prize-winning bonds will then be regarded as redeemed and they will not take part in subsequent years' drawings.

Any bonds which have not been drawn by February, 1962, will be redeemed in the following year for £5/10/- each—which will return their holders about 1 per cent. per annum.

The first drawing (if the loan is filled) will take place on February 15, 1953. The bond bearing the number of the first ticket drawn will be redeemed for £1,250; the second for £1,000, the third for £500; numbers four to six, for £250 each; the following ten for £100 each; the following 20 at £50 each; and 64 will be redeemed at £20 each.

The excitement in Fiji as each February approaches should do something to dispel the humidity of the hot season. We hesitate to mention it in the same sentence as the various Caskets, Consultations and whatnot that keep the hopes of Australian citizens high, but it should prove a tonic to the small investor in Fiji. You can't lose—and you could win substantially.

THE rest of the Colony's loan programme is dull in comparison—the raising of £1,000,000 by the conventional-type bearer debentures of £10, £1,000 and £10,000 each, bearing interest of between three and four per cent. according to when they are redeemed.

Both loans will help finance development work in the Colony.

Large Timber Consignment For Lautoka

From Our Own Correspondent

LAUTOKA, Sept. 25.
IN the course of four or five days in September, over a million super feet of oregon lumber was discharged from the Lakemba at the CSR wharf at Lautoka, Fiji.

About three times that amount had already been discharged at Suva in a similar time.

According to Lakemba's skipper, this job of unloading in the two Fiji ports—nine or 10 days in all—would take Sydney wharves about three weeks to perform. That is a pretty good testimonial to the industry of Fiji wharf labourers, as they have only the minimum of labour-saving equipment.

NEED FOR NEW WHARF

UNLOADING at Lautoka would be much faster if the wharf were bigger. At present only two hatches of a ship the size of Lakemba can be unloaded onto the wharf. Other hatches are worked onto lighters or, in the case of the lumber, is dumped overboard into the sea and pulled ashore in the form of large rafts.

However, the most important reason why Lautoka wants a new wharf is that under the existing set-up, the CSR Co. has priority at its wharf. If a CSR ship comes into port while another ship is at the wharf, the latter must move off and allow the CSR ship to tie up.

While no one disputes the company's right to use its own wharf when and how it wishes, this CSR priority naturally does not make other ship-owners anxious to discharge cargo at Lautoka and a considerable amount of Lautoka cargo is discharged at Suva and goes on by road or by small coastal ship.

SOME of the garbled press reports on the matter of the proposed Lautoka wharf seem to suggest that the CSR Co. are against it, because they want to go on using their own wharf.

There has been no suggestion that they will not go on using their own wharf; there is no proposal to pull down the existing wharf. When the new wharf is built it will be at some other site.

It was also suggested in August PIM that the CSR Co. did not charge anyone for using their wharf. Maybe the company do not—but the Government, through the port and customs authorities, charge wharfage on all goods just as in other ports.

Lautoka's wharf plan is no new thing. There have been many plans and many suggested sites ranging

from somewhere near the Lautoka Hotel in the town—which is a very long way from the CSR wharf—to adjacent to the CSR wharf, where there are already two large cranes, and provision for small-ships.

The proposed wharf was discussed with Mr. Dugdale when he visited Lautoka in August. He was of the opinion that the town probably did not need one—but, as the Governor, Sir Brian Freeston, pointed out to him, it had already been decided that Lautoka did need it, and that it was now only a matter of when, where and how much.

NEW WHARF FOR SUVA

A NEW wharf is also needed in Suva, where it is not now unusual for trucks to crash through the wooden decking.

Piers and other supports to the structure are said to be in an extremely unsatisfactory state.

A local estimate is that it would probably cost half a million pounds to provide Suva with suitable wharf facilities.

The present wharf was built 35 years ago and at that stage experts stated that the decking was not strong enough to carry laden lorries. They were therefore kept off it until the crisis days of the Second World War when the Army took matters into its own hands. Since then heavy lorries have gone onto the wharf—with unfortunate results.

MV Bulolo Back in December Copa 'Spontaneous Combustion' Theory

IT is expected that the MV Bulolo—the Burns Philp liner which maintains communications between Sydney and Papua-New Guinea—will be repaired and back in service in early December.

The Bulolo was badly damaged by a fire which broke out in her copra cargo, in No. 3 hold, when she was being unloaded in Sydney on August 29. It is doubtful if £200,000 will cover the cost of repairs, and the loss caused by the laying-up of the vessel for 3-4 months, and disorganisation of services.

Sydney newspapers said the fire was caused by spontaneous combustion in the copra. It is doubtful if there is any authentic case of spontaneous combustion in copra. If there were, many ships would have been lost at sea.

Copra fires have occurred on ships, but almost always when their cargo was being worked in port. Careless wharf labourers throw cigarette butts around; and the oil-soaked fabric of copra containers is naturally inflammable.

'Treason Felony' Case In the Solomons

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Oct. 1.

A VERY remarkable case came before the Judicial Commissioner here recently, when a Solomon Islands native, Aerial Siseli, was found guilty of treason-felony and sentenced to hard labour for 12 years.

It appears that this native was instrumental in publishing what he called the "Malaita Declaration of Independence," which appeared to be based on the American Declaration of Independence.

If the prosecution had taken the course usual in such cases, the native would have been guilty of high treason, which carries the death penalty. Apparently it was felt that this ignorant man did not really know what he was doing and that, in any event, his activities were not likely to destroy the BSI Government; and so the charge was made one of treason-felony—a new kind of crime which does not necessarily carry the death penalty.

There has been a good deal of restlessness and discontent among the natives of the Solomons since the war. It took serious shape at one time in what was called the Marching Rule Movement—but this was broken up by vigorous official action.

These natives are mostly illiterate—many have a smattering of mission education. The importance of their political activities can quite easily be exaggerated—in fact, it has been exaggerated to a ridiculous degree by inexperienced writers in Australian newspapers.

A well-directed native policy would probably remove the causes of discontent; and it is hoped that this will be provided under the proposed new regime in the Solomon Islands.

LEFT £2,000 IN RABAU

IT appears that a baker named Lionel Charles Thomas, aged 44, who last year was sentenced in Sydney to life imprisonment for the murder of a woman, was a resident of New Guinea for a time. Thomas hanged himself in a Sydney gaol in August, and it then was disclosed that he had £2,000 in the Commonwealth Bank in Rabaul, deposited in the name of Arthur Graham, one of the aliases which he used. Thomas was a notorious criminal with a long list of serious convictions. There is now a move afoot to give the £2,000 in Rabaul to the children of the woman whom he murdered.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Paris and all That

MR. G. L. BARROW, transferred from the Western Pacific to Nigeria, after several years' service in the New Hebrides, called in on Paris on his way across, and writes entertainingly in September "Corona" of his impressions. The last two paragraphs of his article: "The Parisians have perhaps sobered down a little. There is not so much gesticulating argument in cafes and at street corners, but that is perhaps little loss. One change I noticed was the almost complete absence of pornography in the book stalls. On the other hand there seemed to be more prostitutes than ever on the boulevards in the small hours. Is this perhaps symptomatic of the French disgust with idle theorising in favour of practical action?"

"But in any case do try and get to Paris. No one seems to know quite who did what there two thousand years ago, but it all makes it more interesting and amusing for the visitor. The Englishman, I was told in Paris, always takes England with him when he travels. This is perhaps particularly true of those who go to the colonies, so why not try leaving England behind for once and have a taste of the capital of that other great Empire, the French Union?"

Incidentally, this "Corona," established only a couple of years ago, is one of the most fascinating of the monthlies that come to our desk. It is written by Colonial Office men for His Majesty's Colonial Service; and marked literary ability often combined with a delightful sense of humour, seems to be characteristic of these officials.

Heat and Copra

ANOTHER correction—this time concerning a typographical error. Mr. J. D. Whitcomb, of Auckland, describing in August an incident associated with copra, wrote: "It had been left out in very wet weather, and was rotten." The linotyper made "hot," out of "wet," which, of course, does not make sense to Islanders. Copra-makers like to put the kernels of their coconuts under the influence of heat—that is how copra is made. But the wetter the weather, the more inferior the copra.

Ronald Garvey and the Reds

A WEST INDIES correspondent says that, when the Colonial Office decided to make a Colonial Governor of Ronald Garvey (a well-known and popular official in the Central Pacific in the 30's) and sent him to British Honduras, it picked for him one of the hot spots of the Empire.

Central American States are honeycombed with Communism and full of anti-British agents, and Governor Sir Ronald Garvey soon was in holts with them.

The Belize City Council refused to hang, in the City Hall, a portrait of the King. The Council said it refused the picture because of the "numerous burdens" placed upon the country by the British.

Sir Ronald promptly dissolved the Council. "After my God comes my King," he said. "From my youth I was taught to respect my King. I will not stand for such an act of disloyalty."

Thereupon "the British Honduras People's United Party" proclaimed an indefinite period of national mourning.

Pity the Empire has not got a few more Garveys in it. We should not then see these shameful things, like the murder of the governor of Malaya, the eviction of the British from Persia and the insolence of the decadent Egyptians. Under Muscovite direction, this campaign against the British is world-wide. But the day of reckoning is not far away.

New Guinea's Snakes

THE District Medical Officer at Rabaul, Dr. R. K. Wilson, has taken us to task for publishing, in August issue, a report that a snake, found in the grass in the Rabaul district by Mr. J. A. Barrett, had been identified as a deadly Taipan.

Dr. Wilson says: "I have been unable to find out who exactly was responsible for this astonishing identification: it would appear to have originated in the mind of your reporter. . . . The snake in question was a member of the python family—all of which are quite harmless." He then gives us this useful information:—

"A good deal of ignorance and confusion exists in the public mind in the Territory with regard to snakes, dangerous and otherwise. The known position is simply this. The only important poisonous terrestrial snake in New Guinea is the Death Adder, (*Acanthopis*). It is common in Papua, west of Port Moresby, in the Central Highlands, the Morobe District and parts of the Sepik District. It has been recorded in New Britain, but is extremely rare in that island. It is unknown in New Ireland, Bougainville, and the Solomons.

"The Taipan (*Oxyuranus*) has been definitely recorded on at least two occasions from the Fly River of Papua, but nowhere else in the Territory.

"All sea-snakes (*Enhydrina*) are highly dangerous. Their venom is, quantity for quantity, more potent

than that of the Taipan or Australian Tiger Snake. Sea-snakes are common all round the coasts of the Territory and Islands."

Hunting Deer by Amphibian

ENTHUSIASTIC note from an Auckland: Tell all the hunters in the Islands, who like a cool hunt, to look into this new idea, under which deer-stalkers are taken by Widgeon amphibian plane right in onto the lakes and fiords of the southwest South Island, around which deer abound. Amphibian Airways Ltd. was formed in Invercargill, NZ, to fly shooters in to the Fiordland lakes, and this is what one of the promoters says:

"We've had a wonderful run and to date have been unable to cope with the demand of deer-stalking parties wanting to go to isolated lakes.

"Fiordland has wonderful possibilities. We've only touched the edge, but we've had overseas inquiries and I think it'll be possible to offer something really worthwhile. This winter we hope to build log cabins at selected spots, surrounded by the very best of fishing and shooting."

DWINDLING LABOUR IN SOLOMONS

WHEN Captain Georgetti (who is accompanied by his wife) arrived in the Solomons from New Zealand with his little ship Loma to engage in general trade and recruiting, he was immediately engaged by the Vanikoro Timber Co. to proceed to the island of Tikopia to recruit labour there for the timber industry at Vanikoro (South Solomons).

The Vanikoro timber industry is flourishing; but its problem is to get adequate labour. Formerly, the company engaged Santa Cruz and Reef Islands natives at £2 per month and all found; but lately the latter have intimated that, while they will go to Levers Plantations at those rates, they want £4 per month and bigger rations for the heavier work of the timber industry.

Levers Pacific Plantations have experimented with Polynesian-type natives from Tikopia and Rennell islands; but the latter suffered so much from pulmonary complaints, malaria and home-sickness that they were not a success.

The Vanikoro timber people are determined not to pay increased rates for local natives. If the new recruits from Tikopia are not a success they may try to get labour from Malaita; and if Malaita men are not useful they may seek to bring in Italian labourers from Queensland, or even direct from Italy.

Judicial Mix-Up Alleged In Samarai

SAMARAI residents are taking a lively interest in the Wilkinson-Bock case, which has some extraordinary features.

L. H. Wilkinson, a trader, and Bock, a Native Labour official, were both concerned in charges involving the alleged theft of canned meat, property of the Administration.

Wilkinson was tried by Mr. Justice Bignold, found guilty and sentenced to 18 months' hard labour. (Certain peculiar features of his imprisonment, involving two high officials in charges of contempt of court, are reported elsewhere in this issue.)

Bock then came up for trial. Mr. Justice Bignold said that, as he had already heard the evidence, he thought another judge should try Bock.

Mr. Justice Kelly tried Bock and—on what is alleged to be practically the same circumstances and evidence—found him not guilty.

The Wilkinson brothers (there are two, H. L. and John D.) have many friends in Samarai district and they, naturally, are demanding a review of the whole puzzling case. It does not appear, on what has been reported, that the authorities can very well leave it where it is.

The circumstances do emphasise the embarrassments which can be caused a judge in criminal cases by the absence of a jury system.

Jap Poacher Fined £600

AFTER the Japanese vessel *Kyoyo Maru* was arrested in the Hermit Islands, north of New Guinea, on August 5, the master (who escaped but was recaptured) was tried at Manus on a number of charges between August 23 and Sept. 3. He was fined:—

£500 for having employed his ship in fishery without a licence;

£10 for having himself engaged in fishery without a licence;

£50 for having trespassed on a reef off the foreshore of Maron plantation (Hermits);

£10 for having entered a place other than a port, contrary to Customs Ordinance.

The total fines on master and crew was £600. They were given 60 days from August 27 to pay. Failing that, the ship will be seized.

Mr. Clifford Reece, of the Fairmead Sugar Co., BSI, reached Sydney by air during September with his wife and baby. They will spend two months' holiday in Sydney, before returning to Aruligo.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

BILL COOK, one of the few survivors of the Tol massacre, has been much in the news—having unfortunately lost both legs in a Sydney train accident. He came along to see me a few weeks before his accident, and was telling me some of the ghastly details of the Tol affair. He was a cheery soul, as he tootled along on his motor-bike.

Bill was a medical orderly with the military in Rabaul before the Japs landed. Amongst the Rabaul folk he met at Tol was the ever-popular Bob Kennedy, who did a fine job up to the end. Here's wishing Bill all the best. He has guts.

Norman Bennington Watch, known to all old New Guineaites as "Squitzzy," passed away on September 11 at his home at Ashbury. An outstanding personality in the Territory, he was always ready to fight for the underdog, and when he ceased being an Administration medico he took a keen interest in public affairs, as well as dabbling in several commercial enterprises, including the Rabaul Pictures, where he acted as monitor for years.

When the Japs arrived in Rabaul, he was MO of the NGVR, with the rank of Major, and did a fine job at the Vunapope hospital. After his term as a POW in Japan, he went to Africa for a while, and returned a short while ago, owing to ill-health. He served in World War I and collected the MBE for his work in the 1937 eruption. He was 68 when he passed over. Anticipating his end, he wrote his own "Into the Silence" notice for Sydney Bulletin.

The Fadden economy shears are not leaving the Territories out of the picture. Anticipated expenditure was in the neighbourhood of £7 million; now it is cut to a mere £5.3 million. Director Rooney, of the Works & Housing, reckons no new work can be undertaken. In fact, in the first three months of the financial period they have spent nearly all the money available for the entire year. Malahang air strip is deferred, and I can't see the transfer from Rabaul to Rapopo having a very healthy time.

Now, wouldn't it have been nice to have had the Yanks maintaining the Manus base in tip-top order?

As a result of the damaging fire on Bulolo in August—due it is alleged to spontaneous combustion—

P-NG Administration might now pay more attention to copra inspections, as made in the old days, and which gave us what was called "Rabaul Copra," which commanded a higher price than other South Seas grades. From what I hear, this very necessary piece of Administration supervision is being sadly neglected. And that is something worth spending money on.

The appointment of D. M. C. Cleland as Assistant Administrator appears to be a popular one in many circles. I notice he has dropped his military title of Brigadier. One wonders why the Administrator clings so tenaciously to his colonelcy. One does not hear of the "half-colonels," majors and captains, who surround him in the Service, hanging on to their military handles. This is quite unlike the first post-war period in New Guinea, when the majors and the captains of the Military administration kept their titles long after Civil Administration had absorbed them.

Speaking of Assistant Administrator Cleland—who was Liberal Party organiser for Australia—the opinion is being widely expressed that he left his job with the Party too soon. They say that if he had been directing the Referendum campaign, "Yes" might not have lost by a mere 50,000 in a vote of 5,000,000. But then, who knows?

Dr. Mowll, Archbishop of Sydney, spent a few weeks up in the Territory in August, and on his return was loud in his praise "of the work done by the Federal Government in developing Papua and New Guinea." Not a word for the private individual living in the far-flung spots of the Territory and doing every bit as much (if not more) to develop the country—and using his own money, too.

Years ago Australia used to send out missionaries to Fiji. Now Fiji sends missionaries to Australia! A few weeks ago Penaia Motonico Sati and his wife arrived in Sydney and flew to Darwin to teach aborigines "how to love God and grow vegetables." They are Methodists, and have gone to Elcho Island.

Norman Neal and his wife were recently farewelled at Wau, where the Neal home, "Izzidizy" (is he dizzy to build on that place?) was a popular haven for the weary traveller in pre-War days.

Not only Wau, but the whole of the Morobe goldfields owe a lot to that couple. Norman was the first LC for the goldfields, and he had an uphill job in the Legislative Council at Rabaul in the early days. But he was a fighter and got places. I wish him all the best in this utterless, budget-ridden country. I can see him, later, wishing himself back where the mists rise lazily out of the valley; or, maybe, travelling on the Khindi road again.

I don't like to see these old-timers leaving the country for which they have done so much. They are a balancing influence—although the young may not think so. And each one will be missed from his own area more than is realised. But, then, New Guinea has always been looked upon as a stepping stone to a flower-garden in Killara, or some other city suburb.

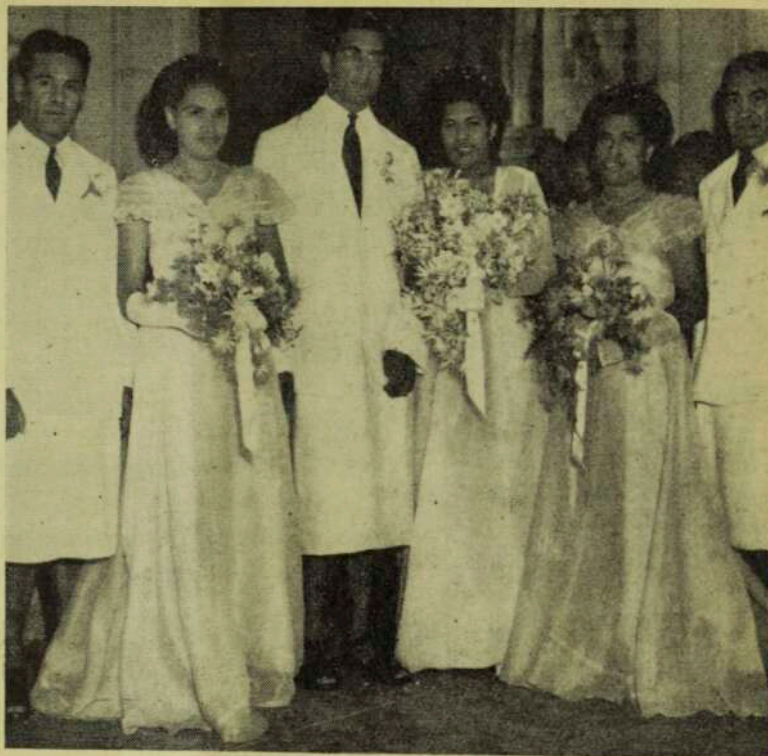
Wanton destruction of inward cargo at Rabaul is the claim of the local Chamber of Commerce there, as a result of much damage in unloading goods from overseas ships. There was a day when Jack Edwards, with his well-trained labour force, would have shuddered to have heard of such complaints. I can see the Befores shaking their heads and muttering: "Lack of discipline. What do you expect?" And that sort of wanton destruction can be but the beginning of other things to come. It couldn't possibly be organised sabotage, could it?

NEW DIRECTOR OF HEALTH FOR W. SAMOA

R. T. C. LONIE, medical officer of health for the Palmerston North district, NZ, has been appointed Director of Health for Western Samoa and takes up his new duties in October. Born and educated in Scotland, he graduated MB, ChB, in 1924. At the University of London he studied tropical medicine, and in 1925-26 worked in a West African mission hospital. From 1927 to 1930 he was employed in the Colonial Medical Service in Malaya; then went home to take a course in public health at the University of London. After working for eight years in public health services in Britain he went into general practice in Glasgow in 1940. Two years later he went to New Zealand to become a medical officer of health.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Noerr returned to Suva, Fiji, from an extended holiday visit to Australia by the Aorangi on September 14.

FIJIAN CHIEFLY FAMILIES UNITED



What was one of the most important Fijian marriages in years and probably the most interesting social event of the year in Fiji, took place on September 22, when Ratu Kamisese K. T. Mara, son of Ratu Tevita Ulukalaka, Tui Nayau, and Adi Lusiana Qolikoro, was married to Adi Jitia Lalabalavu Tuisawau, daughter of Ratu George C. Tuisawau, Roko Tui Dreketi, and Adi Asenaca Vosai'lagi, Radi Dreketi.

This marriage links two of the greatest chiefly families of Fiji. The ceremony at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva, was performed by the Rt. Rev. V. Foley, SM, Roman Catholic Bishop of Fiji, and it was attended by a large congregation, which included High Government officials and representatives of every community in Fiji.

A reception was held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva, and this was followed later by Fijian marriage ceremonies.

Ratu Mara, now an Administration official, has had a distinguished scholastic and athletic career at the University of New Zealand and at Oxford, where he spent about four years. There he became the first Fijian Oxford "Blue."

TOP (left to right): J. L. Vosailagi (groomsman), Vulasi Naceba (bridesmaid), Ratu Mara and his bride, Adi Eci (bridesmaid), Ratu G. K. Cakobau (best man).

LOWER (left to right): The bride's mother, Adi Asenaca Vosailagi; the bride and groom; Ratu E. T. T. Cakabau, master-of-ceremonies; and the bride's father, Ratu G. Tuisawau.

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MR. GREATHEAD'S FINE RECORD IN NG CENTRAL HIGHLANDS

Officialdom's New Move May Restrict His Usefulness

It is reported that the Central Highlands Administrative District of New Guinea has been split in two—Western and Eastern Highlands Districts—and that District Commissioner Greathead has been given charge of the Eastern District.

There may be good reasons for this rearrangement; but the first reaction of the average observer is unfavourable.

One of the best administrative officers in Papua-New Guinea since the war has been done on the Central Highlands by Mr. George Greathead. He was given charge of a large area, stretching from the Mu-Markham Divide westwards practically to the Dutch border; and proved to be the ideal man for the most difficult task.

He was handicapped in the beginning by lack of equipment (everything still has to be flown in), lack of trained personnel and lack of transport and communications. Within a remarkably short time, by quiet and patient work, brilliant planning and the intense personal interest he took in the District, he assembled a loyal, competent and enthusiastic staff, and gained the goodwill and co-operation not only of non-official Europeans and of all missionaries, but also of the countless tribes of very primitive natives. The whole region now is "under control"; the way is open to the development of what is really a new and rich Territory; and most of the credit goes to Mr. Greathead.

The next stage in the administration of the Central Highlands will be most important. The Administration cannot afford to make mistakes. It easily could make a mistake by putting an unsuitable man in charge of the new Western Highlands District.

No mistake would have been made if the Administration had left Mr. Greathead in charge of the whole Central Highlands area, and supported him by giving him two deputy District Commissioners—one at the eastern and one at the western. Why interfere with a system that has been so successful?

THIS kind of thing is typical of the NG Administration. We had, for example, a couple of years ago, the much-criticised switch-round between Mr. Bates and Mr. McCarthy, at Rabaul. Mr. Bates had been at Rabaul since its restoration after the war,

and had done a splendid job, and was held in high public esteem. For no reason that the non-official mind could understand, he was transferred to the less important post at Madang; and Mr. McCarthy, who was virtually a stranger to Rabaul, was sent there at a vitally important time.

The Rabaul people resented the change. This had nothing whatever to do with Mr. McCarthy, whose administrative and personal record is excellent; but the effect of it all was a serious loss in District Commissioner service and efficiency. Mr. Bates was discouraged, and was wasted in Madang, and at least a year passed before Mr. McCarthy could get anywhere as close to the difficult job in Rabaul as Mr. Bates had been.

This criticism, no doubt, will be dismissed contemptuously in high official quarters in Moresby or Canberra. But the facts and the records, in the Central Highlands and in Rabaul, speak for themselves.—RWR.

Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Exon, of Suva, Fiji, who are in Australia on long leave, have settled down at "Glencraig," near Robertson, NSW, and later will visit other States. Their two pretty daughters, Elizabeth and Jocelyn, are now residing in Brisbane. Miss Elizabeth Exon will marry a well-known Brisbane business man early in 1952.



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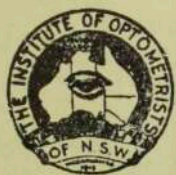
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Commandant Pierre Mariotti, of Port Vila (who, as M. Villebois, is credited with some notable exploits in World War II) was recently created Officer of the Legion D'Honneur. After the war, in Hollywood, he met Miss Ethel Nordman, of Tahiti, who was playing in "Lure of the Islands" and "Moon and Sixpence," and they were married in New York. They settled in the New Hebrides a couple of years ago.

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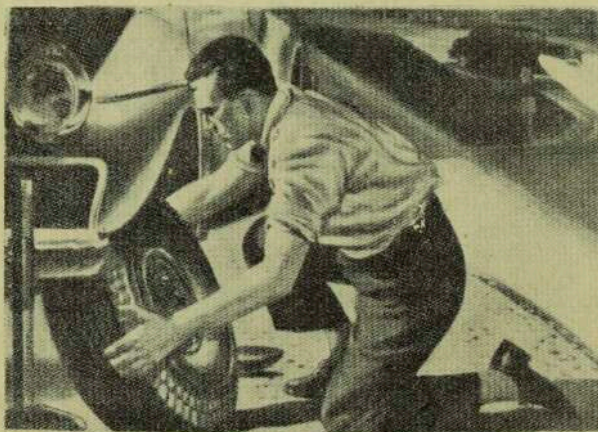
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Fiji's Tuna Fleet for Dutch New Guinea

SUVA, Sept. 22.
THE fleet of small ships which South Seas Marine Products brought to Fiji from the U.S. a couple of years ago, hoping to establish a tuna fishing industry here, are still idle and tied up at Lami, near Suva.

They have been bought by an American company which is negotiating with Netherlands authorities who are anxious to establish a tuna fishing industry and cannery in Dutch New Guinea.

Exhaustive tests showed that there were tuna in Fiji waters but, after the ships and equipment were brought here, and a cannery established at Pago Pago to cater for the American market, it was found that the tuna hereabouts refuse to be caught by orthodox tuna fishing methods.

One of the clippers, Senibua, went to New South Wales last summer but, although satisfactory quantities of the fish were caught, nothing further transpired.

The NSW Government, through an irresponsible Chief Secretary, made things as difficult as possible for the visitors and it was probably considered that the setting-up of such an industry in Australia under existing political and economic conditions was not worth bothering about.

Senibua returned to Suva about six months ago.

The Australian Government made extensive fishery surveys in New Guinea and Papuan waters in 1950 and tuna was among the fish noted in large quantities. Presumably the Dutch have made similar surveys.

Since the survey, little has been done to establish fishing on a commercial scale in P.N.G., although the industry figured largely in the Administration's post-war native policy.

Most people will hope that the extreme coyness of Fiji tuna will not extend to those in Netherlands New Guinea waters, and that the Dutch succeed in their project.

Nash-Hammond Wedding

THE District Commissioner of Madang, N.G., Mr. Ian Downie, officiated when Miss Yvonne Nash was married to Mr. Jack Hammond, in Madang, recently. Mrs. F. Bird was matron-of-honour and Mr. Ken King best man.

A group of residents assisted the bride's stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. F. Koesler in arranging the wedding breakfast.

The couple later left for a honeymoon in Australia.

Acting Gov.-General In Papua-N. Guinea

THE acting Governor-General of Australia, Sir John Northcott, (who has the title of Administrator) made a quick visit to Papua-New Guinea between October 5 and 11.

No one knows why. The Governor-General, Mr. McKell, visited the territories not long ago; and, since then, there has been a succession of tours by Ministers and VIP's and their entourages. Maybe it is part of the Menzies-Fadden plan of halting inflation by getting rid of as much public funds as possible.

General Sir John Northcott is a dignified and soldierly figure and—when he stayed long enough in one place to let the people see him—made an excellent impression. He met most of the leaders of the local communities; but, of course, did not discuss either Administration or political affairs. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss

Elizabeth Northcott, and his ADC, Lieut-Commander M. J. Gregory. His Excellency was entertained in the usual way by the usual speeches, luncheons and dinners, native dances, picnics, etc. The itinerary was as follows:—

Fri., Oct. 5—Arrive Port Moresby by special plane.

Sat., 6—Visit Sogeri.

Sun., 7—Day of rest.

Mon., 8—To Samarai by Catalina; remain overnight.

Tues., 9—At Milne Bay. Thence by Dakota to Lae via Mt. Lamington and Buna.

Wed., 10—From Lae to Momote.

Thur., 11—From Momote to Madang.

Fri., 12—Madang to Mt. Hagen. Depart 2.30 pm for Port Moresby.

Sat., 13—Return to Australia.

The P-NG Administrator, Col. J. K. Murray, accompanied Sir John on his tour.

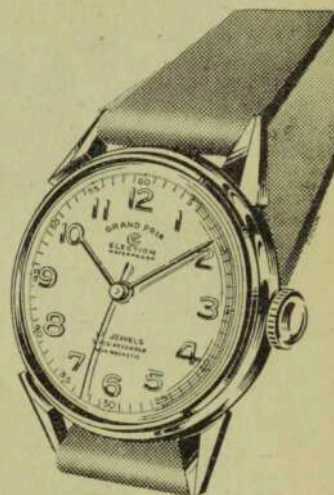
FAREWELL TO LADY FREESTON



This photograph (by Stinsons) shows some senior members of Suva's European community seen saying good-bye to Lady Freeston, before the departure of the Governor of (Sir Brian Freeston) and Lady Freeston in September. Lady Freeston received also representation and affectionate messages from representatives of the native Fijian farmers.

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All the pioneering that has been done in New Guinea in the last two decades has been done by men who stepped out on foot and, as soon as they had reached where they wanted to go, cleared a valley floor levelled off a mountain top in order that a plane might land.

That probably is the essential reason why Fiji has not gone ahead with local air transportation: there is precious little pioneering to be done here.

In many ways Fiji reminds me of old maid, quite set in her ways. At least 50 per cent. of the Euro-

pean community in the Suva area (they view things differently on "the other side"), feel that (a) they don't want an air service, anyway; (b) the fares are too high; (c) the services are too frequent; (d) it can't pay its way.

In respect to fares: If my memory serves me aright, the fare from Port Moresby to Lae, (flying-time comparable with that between Nausori and Nadi) is about three times as much. However, one concession that FAL could make is in respect of the luggage allowance of passengers arriving or leaving on the international airways. The international allowance is over 60 lbs. The FAL allowance is 30 lbs.—excess at 6d. a pound. It should be easy to arrange that concession for people holding "through" tickets.

And in respect of (a), (c) and (d)—the essential convenience of the service offered is sure to bore a few holes in even the most conservative hide in the end. In the meantime, the service is being supported fully by visitors, business folk and anyone else who wants to get something done in a specific time.

The service will probably get the full support of the Indian community — particularly when it is extended to the other islands. At present, the Indians usually have to

travel as deck passengers on the small inter-island boats. In a plane they can travel like human beings.

The Indian factor is an important one in the economics of any enterprise in this Colony.

Fiji Airways—which is owned by Katafaga Estates, Ltd., which is, almost wholly, Mr. Harold Gatty, of Suva — is a sort of by-product of the Committee set up in Fiji a couple of years ago to go into the question of internal airways.

Qantas Empire Airways, who already run the majority of the internal services in PNG, were asked to make a survey and submit a proposition.

They intended to use 24-seater Catalinas; but the set-up they proposed did not meet with the approval of the authorities in Fiji. There the matter was allowed to rest for some time, until Mr. Gatty submitted to the Committee a scheme that has culminated in the present company.

The company has at present one Rapide aircraft which is flying a twice-daily service between Nausori — 12 miles out of Suva — to Nadi and Lautoka. The frequency of this service may be varied later, depending upon how it is patronised. Another Rapide is expected in the Colony shortly, and a Drover is to



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Work is proceeding at Labasa airstrip—about six miles out of town—and when this is completed about mid-November the service will be extended there. This service, probably daily, will take the place of the present TEAL flying-boat extension service from Suva to Labasa which is run each Tuesday after the plane arrives from Auckland.

Work is also going on on the strip at Taveuni, but there has been some hold-up there due to the fact that some ground levelling had not been provided for. Finally, a strip will be built at Savu Savu, Vanua Levu.

At present the company has a subsidy of £1,250 a quarter from the Government of Fiji. When two aircraft are in use this will be increased to £1,500 per quarter; and when the Drover is in operation, the quarterly subsidy will be £1,875.

The airmail service will provide the community with speedier airmail, speedier communication and relieve travellers of some of their accommodation headaches.

Now, at the fag-end of the tourist season, hotel accommodation is fully booked and the indefinite guest, who does not know when his boat might be leaving, is a pain in the neck to himself as well as to hotel management.

In the flights between Suva and Nadi, special efforts are made to

show passengers something of Fiji from the air. Depending on weather conditions flights are made along the coast and over the reefs or, alternately, across the mountains of the interior which even permanent residents rarely see except at a distance.

The five-minute flight—at a cost of about 12/6—between Nadi and Lautoka, is popular with members of the Indian community, who are keen to try out this flying business. —JT. Suva, Sept. 10.

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Next year may not be so good. Governmental expenditure now is being slashed, and rubber is down a bit. Nonetheless, this company need not worry—the reserves it has built up should tide it over many a stony patch.

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THE rising cost of living in Fiji is indicated by the record leap in the cost-of-living index figure of Indian workmen during the quarter ended in September.

The index figure for Suva rose by 8 points to 251 and for the rest of Viti Levu to 283. (The base figure, taken to represent the cost-of-living before the war, is 100).

The increased cost of food—bread, harps, rice, dhall, condiments, canned mutton and onions—is mostly responsible. Some of these foods are imported from Australia, and reflect the inflationary spiral in that country, but some of them are Fiji-grown.

Onions previously 7½d per pound rose to 1/3 and accounted for five points of the rise. Onions are an important item in the Indian diet and cannot be grown locally. Onions in Sydney, incidentally, were 2/6 per pound in October).

In Suva imported rice rose by 2d per pound to 9d (the equivalent of about £83 Fijian per ton) and local storekeepers immediately raised the price of locally-grown rice to the same figure.

It seems utterly fantastic that locally grown rice should cost anything like this amount and probably production costs are but a fraction of the sum for which it is sold retail.

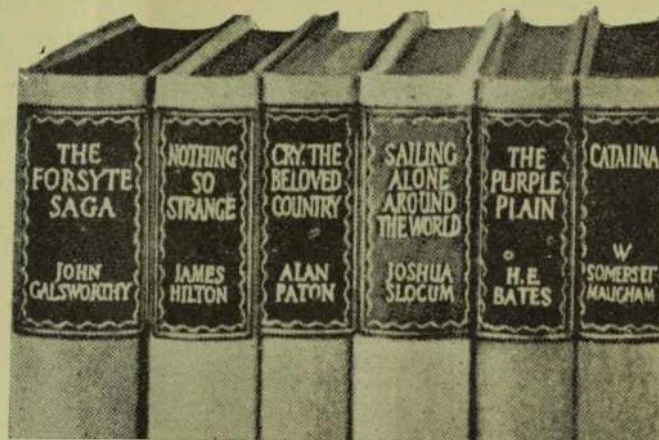
It seems unlikely, however, that under present methods of cultivation, the production of local rice can be much increased. It is grown, for the most part, in small home-head patches and suitable land for the growing of this crop is by no means unlimited. With the rapidly growing Indian population it is a mathematical certainty that they will have to depend more and more on imported rice.

To date there is no indication that the Indians of Fiji have taken any heed of Sir Brian Freeston's warning of a couple of years ago that they must limit their families if they wish to survive.

But as they now have got to the stage of being unable to produce enough to eat and as the cost of imported foodstuffs continues to spiral, they probably will be forced to do something of the sort out of sheer economic necessity.

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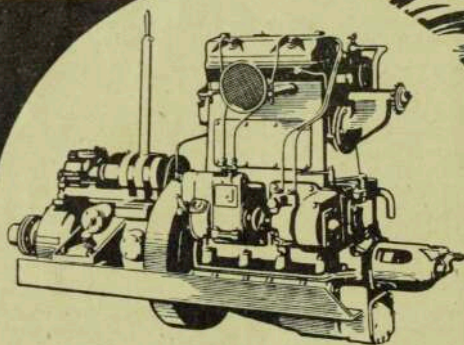
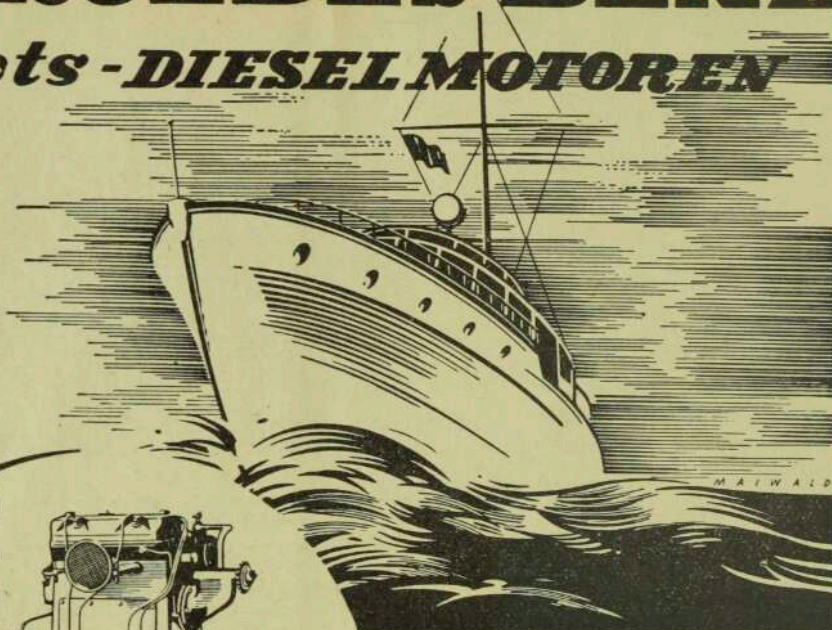
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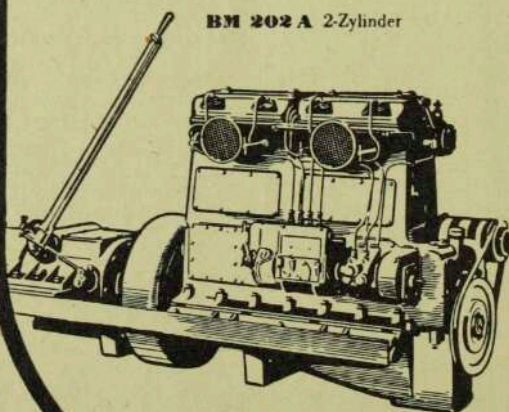
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ONE of the most pleasant sights in the world for the Britisher occurs at Pago Pago, American Samoa, when the Union Company's Matua pays a visit every eight or nine weeks.

American officials come on to the ship with large suitcases full of dollar bills, and there seems to be no limit to the amount they will exchange for New Zealand £s.

As "dollar-shortage" has now become part of the Anglo-Saxon's language, Matua passengers react accordingly and change their money frantically, regardless of the fact that, if they are Australians, each dollar bill costs them about £1, and if from NZ or Fiji, somewhere between 7/- and 8/-.

And, once having got your money into nice neat dollar bills, you begin to behave something like an American and regard the bill with about the same offhandedness as a two-shilling piece.

Something that costs one-dollar-fifty sounds ridiculously cheap. It is only when you get back on the boat and convert it into shillings and pence that you realise that you have paid about 13/- for something that would cost maybe half that further south.

It is suggested that the reason why the Pago Pago Americans pay out good dollars for NZ currency is that, while NZ takes nothing from American Samoa, that Territory gets all its frozen meat and some of its grocery lines from the Dominion, and they therefore want NZ money.

If so, it is a wonder that the NZ Treasury has not come down on this leakage of their precious £ notes.

NZ travellers are supposed not to take more than £7 out of NZ, and some tourists to Fiji, who apparently have not heard of travellers' cheques or letters-of-

credit—or perhaps because Authority in NZ is a bit sticky about issuing these things — actually bring no more than that with them, and keep within that limit for spending-money (all travel and hotel expenses being paid for in NZ).

Small wonder, then, that NZ tourists to Fiji have the name of not being very big spenders.

THE variety of exchange rates and currencies in the small area covered by the Matua on her journey from Suva through the islands back to Suva—less than 2,000 miles—is fantastic.

If you come from Australia in the first place, you change your money into Fijian, and lose 12½ per cent. in the process. First call after leaving Suva is Tonga, and here they have their own notes, worth in terms of Stg., 12½ per cent. less than Fiji (same as Australian).

The purser on the ship obligingly changes your Fijian money into Tongan; and you proceed to Niue, a NZ Territory where they turn up their noses at anything that is not good NZ currency. So

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you change your notes again with the purser and lose some more on the deal. (NZ is on Stg.)

Then on to Pago Pago, where what you have left in NZ currency from Niue you immediately convert to dollars. Your spending power

shrinks once more. Then on to Apia, Western Samoa, which has its own currency—huge notes about the size of a tabloid newspaper—and likes you to use it. This, too, is on Sterling.

Finally, you get back to Suva,

carrying with you bits and pieces of all these currencies and you take it to the bank and say "Here, give me some Fijian money for this," and they sort it all out, twirling their little calculating machines; arrive at some answer and hand you the result.

It is not as much as you hoped it would be, and you are left reflecting on the cigarettes you bought in Pago and the baskets in Niue, and you begin to realise that they weren't so dirt cheap as you imagined at the time.

Pre-World War I Britishers speak longingly of the days when a golden sovereign was accepted as currency anywhere in the world. No doubt the natives of these now complicated South Seas can become nostalgic over the days when most things could be purchased for sticks of trade tobacco.—JT, Suva, 19/9/51

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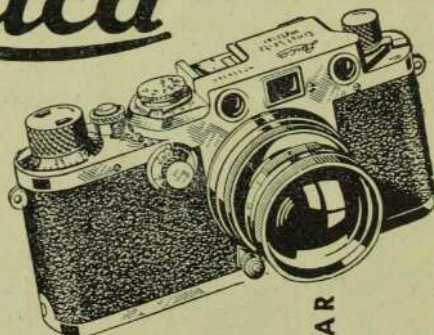
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THE Danish scientific expedition aboard the Danish frigate Galathea (see article on page 33) arrived in Port Moresby from the Philippines and East Indies at the end of September; and she will use Port Moresby as a base during October and November, while investigating the ocean depths to the eastward, between the New Guinea archipelagoes and the Solomon Islands.

It is expected that the Galathea in late November, will visit Brisbane and Melbourne, and she will go to Sydney about the end of the year for docking.

Captain Henrik Madsen commands the Galathea, with Commander K. H. Seehausen, second in command. Dr. Anton Bruun, of Copenhagen University, is at the head of the scientific party.

Mr. Hakon Mielche, who is a Danish author-traveller with many friends in the South Pacific, is aboard the Galathea in charge of the public relations section. He will receive a warm welcome in Sydney and in Central Pacific and Polynesian ports.

The Gold and Silver Ball, held on September 1, to raise funds for the St. Augustine's Church, Wau, netted £150. Mr. Dick Greatrix once again produced a Floor Show—ballets, solo numbers and the story of Cinderella in burlesque.

Mr. O. L. Speck, SDA missionary at Ambunti, Upper Sepik, New Guinea, accompanied by Mrs. Speck and their two children, returned to the Territory by air at the end of September, after spending leave in Australia.

FIJI WEDDING OF INTEREST



An interesting wedding took place in Suva in September, when Miss Dorothy Sims was married to Mr. William Kilroy. The bride is of Chinese and European parentage, the groom of Indian and European parentage. The bridesmaids are Chinese, the best man Fijian and

the groomsman, Indian. The bridal group, left to right, shows: Ratu Ravunivalu (best man), Miss Marie Hough Lee (bridesmaid), Mr. and Mrs. Kilroy, Miss Enid Hough Lee (bridesmaid), and Mr. Kuar Singh (groomsman).

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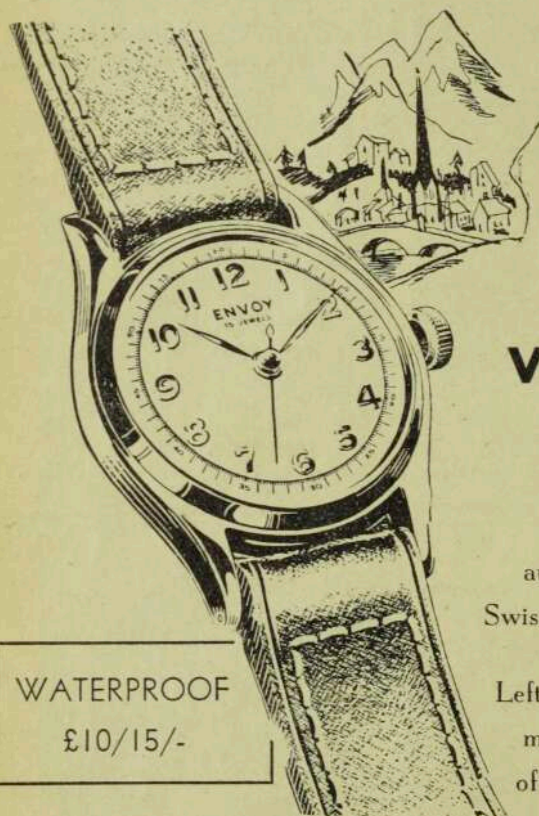
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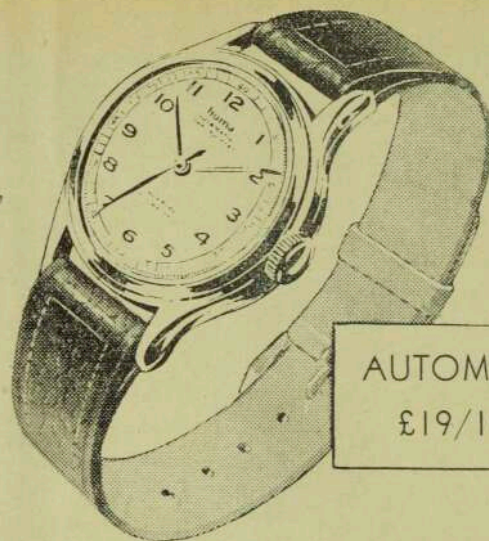


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SNAP IMPRESSIONS OF NUKUALOFA

BY
JUDY TUDOR
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TONGA has two shortages at the moment—rain and currency.

The first is an act of God and the second seems to be an act of officialdom—which of them is embarrassing the residents more is a matter of opinion.

At this date there has been little or no rain for over two months; and as Tongatabu, at least, is a flat, streamless island, tank water is practically exhausted and wells are getting down to bedrock.

Vegetable gardens, which were planted enthusiastically after the NZ shipping strike and consequent food hold-up, have been ruined by the continuing dry weather.

THE why and wherefor of the currency shortage is a complete mystery to most residents. You are told on one hand that because of good copra prices there is "plenty of money"; and, on the other, that there is none at all—and that two weeks ago even the local Copra Board had to suspend buying operations because there was not enough paper money to pay for it.

When you exclaim that the money must be somewhere—unless they have taken to burying it in the ground as the United States does its gold reserve—all you get is a look of blank despair.

The most likely explanation seems to be that Tonga, unlike other countries, has not increased her note issue to keep pace with her growing population and the prosperity that copra and fruit has brought in the last few years.

It is suggested that this is Officialdom's measure for preventing undue inflation—and those who subscribe to the theory that most of Australia's inflation problems stem from the swollen note issue of the war years, that was not recalled when peace came, will probably see merit in it.

However, a little moderation is always a good thing and the curbed note issue in Tonga has apparently now reached a state of embarrassment for most people.

Trading firms have reached the stage where they cannot get enough currency into their stores to pay the duty on imported goods and so replenish their stocks.

Tongans—who, like most Islanders, believe that money was made to spend—are hanging on to their cash, just in case there is no more where that came from.

Just what officialdom's answer to all this is, I cannot say. The Matua has made a week-end visit to Nukualofa this time.

TONGA has its own paper money, but uses Australian silver. The Tongan £, like Australia's, is 25 per cent. under Sterling.

The first question residents ask an Australian is, when is he going to revalue his £. They feel that if the Australian £ were revalued, the Tongan £ would automatically follow and imports would immediately cost less.

Why the Tongan £ should be tied to Australia is a complete mystery to me. The local explanation is

that "we buy most of our goods from Australia." Which seems no reason at all.

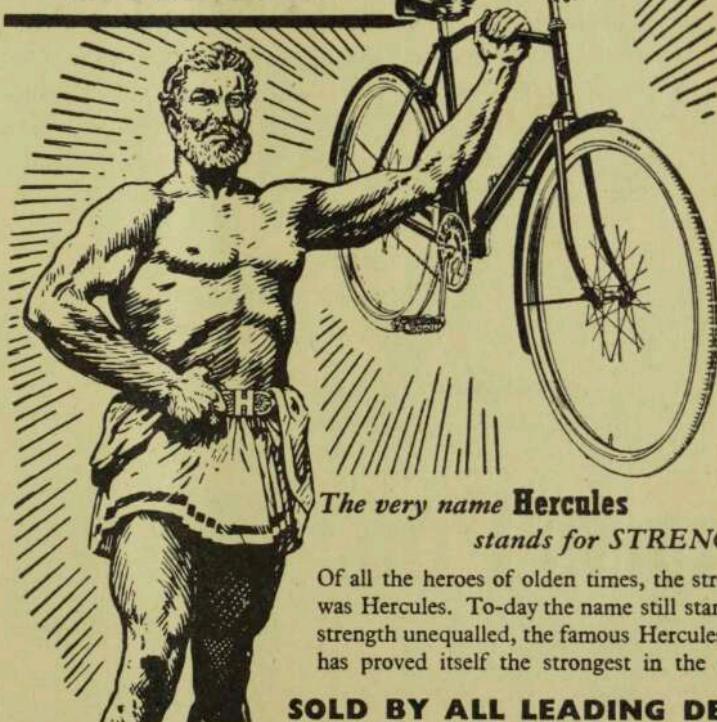
Australia must take exceedingly little from Tonga. And purchases of flour, canned meat, etc. from Australia would be less costly if Tonga had the same rate of exchange as Fiji or Samoa.

There are many things that Australia does not supply—building materials, for one example—and these are at an exorbitant price here.

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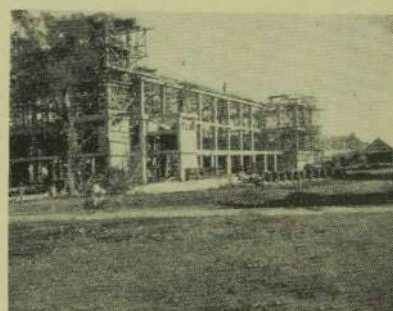
seen about is oregon, from Canada, which also is extraordinarily dear.

The high price of these materials is probably the reason why Tongan houses are in the last stages of dilapidation.

Presumably, years ago, imported timber and galvanised iron were very cheap and were used in preference to native reeds and thatch. Not a thing has been done to them for years and, consequently, these paintless, wobbly structures give an impression of extreme squalor.

In defence of rusty galvanised iron in place of thatch, it can be said, of course, that it is an essential in a place where the only water supply comes from roof catchments.

NEITHER shortage of building materials or currency or high prices has unduly affected the building of what is probably the largest church in the South Seas.



This photograph shows it in course of erection, about two streets back from the Palace, in Nukualofa; but it gives no idea of its size, which is surely sufficient to hold every Methodist in the Kingdom of Tonga and a few more besides.

It is built entirely of cement blocks, made on the spot, and there are lashings of building materials, including precious corrugated fibro roofing, strewn all over the site.

Presumably, it has been paid for by the Tongans, who will no doubt derive much pleasure from it. But why they cannot get the same kind of fun buying a little paint for their tumble-down houses is beyond me.

THE withdrawal of the New Zealand air service from Tonga has been a blow to residents. Mails now come in regularly only by Matua—with an odd copra ship calling occasionally.

Tongans say that it was not much use to them anyhow—it was more of a convenience for Europeans than anything else. But if Tonga is to take its place in the modern world and become the prosperous self-sufficient Kingdom its leaders want,

ting its air link seems a retro-
de step.

However, the £10,000 per annum
quired by the NZ Government
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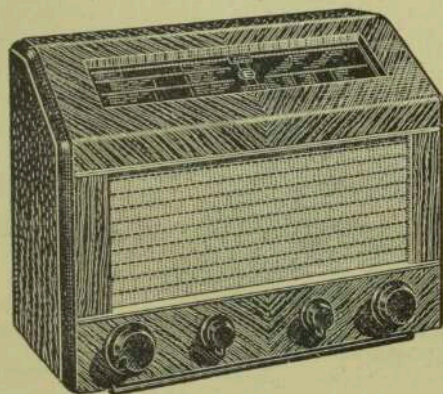
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Mr. J. K. McCarthy, District Commissioner at Rabaul, and Mrs. McCarthy, are now on leave in Australia. They are undergoing some medical patching-up in Melbourne, and hope to do some leisurely motoring before returning in January.

AN ADMINISTRATION APPEAL FOR TEAM WORK

THE composition of the Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea had been criticised said the Assistant Administrator (Mr. D. M. Cleland) in a recent broadcast. He was not concerned with that—it belonged to the past. But he was concerned with the future.

"I do not regard the Council as consisting of so many official members and so many non-official members," he said. "Rather do I regard it as a team—a team of 29 people who are concerned with three things only—and those are the future of these Territories, the welfare of the native population, and the development of private enterprise."

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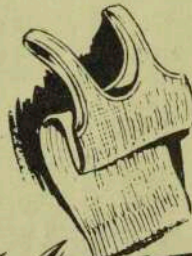
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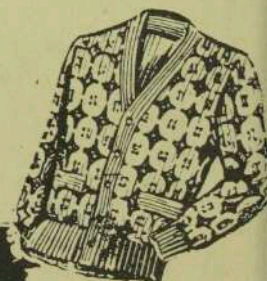
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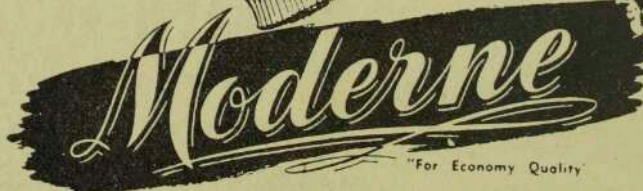


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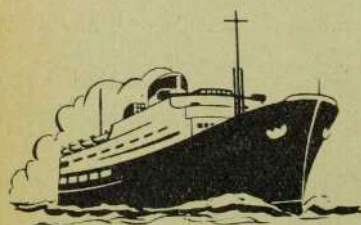
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Appointment of Dr. Thieme Urged by Samoans

Shortage of Doctors in Territory

From a Special Correspondent

APIA, Sept. 18.

NO decision has been reached by the Administration of Western Samoa on the proposed appointment of Dr. H. Thieme as medical officer of the Territory. Dr. Thieme with his wife and child, his sister, Mrs. Senning, and his brother, Mr. F. F. Thieme, recently arrived from Germany. Their father, the late Dr. F. Thieme, a German, died in Apia during World War I. Their mother, Mrs. L. Thieme, is still living in Apia. They were sent to Germany to be educated and Dr. Thieme's medical degrees are German and as such are not recognised by the New Zealand Government. Therein lies the official reason for hesitating over his appointment.

However, the Samoans are anxious to see Dr. Thieme take up medical duties in the Territory which is woefully short of doctors—three doctors to about 80,000 of a population and none at all for the large island of Savai'i which has between 25,000 and 30,000 of a population.

A motion asking that Thieme be appointed was introduced in the last session of the Legislative Assembly and supported by all elected European and Samoan members. A delegation to the Resident Commissioner in mid-September urged also that he be appointed.

It is pointed out that the fact that European degrees are not recognised in British countries did not prevent the appointment of a Czech doctor to Western Samoa, nor has it prevented the appointment of scores of refugee European doctors to the medical service of Papua-New Guinea.

Having failed to make any impression on either official circles in Samoa or the NZ Government in regard to this appointment, the Samoans feel that this is an example of discrimination against people of Samoan blood.

In the face of what New Zealand has already done to give Samoa self-expression, this conclusion seems ridiculous. But if this is not the reason, the Administration could give up sheltering behind a screen of red tape and in view of the great need of medical men in Western Samoa, appoint Thieme. They give some practical reasons why they should not.

GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER NIUE MISSION SCHOOLS

From Our Own Correspondent

NIUE, Sept. 10.

THE London Missionary Society has pioneered education on many Pacific Islands, including Niue.

Some years after the New Zealand administration took control of the affairs of the island, they commenced a school at Alofi, then at intervals they have added two more schools in the larger villages.

Recently Mr. R. J. T. Davies, Senior Inspector of the Islands Education Department, visited Niue

and made arrangements for the taking over of nine village schools which be consolidated into four Government schools.

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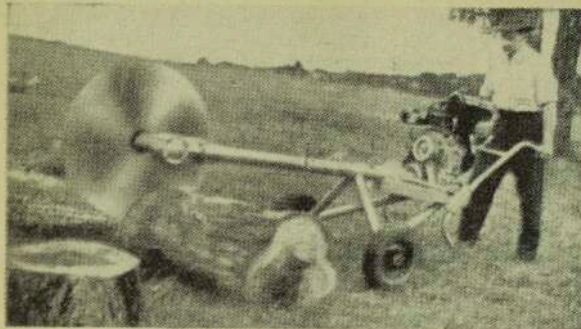
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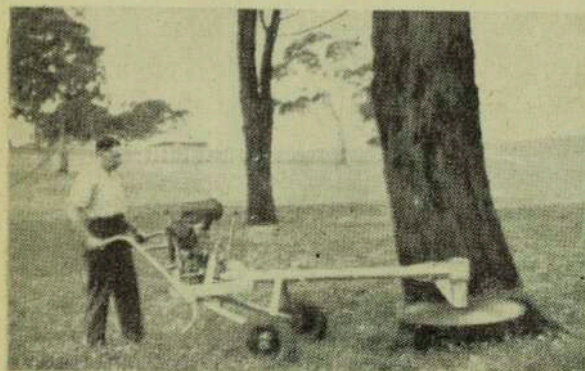
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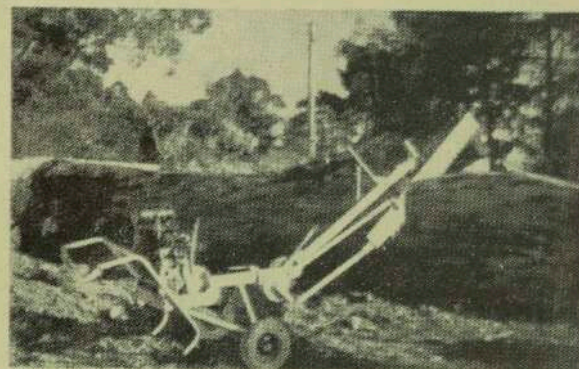
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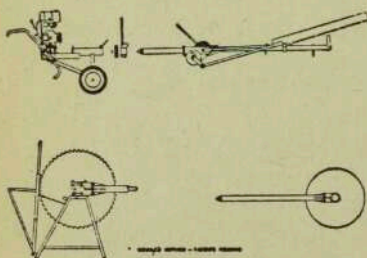
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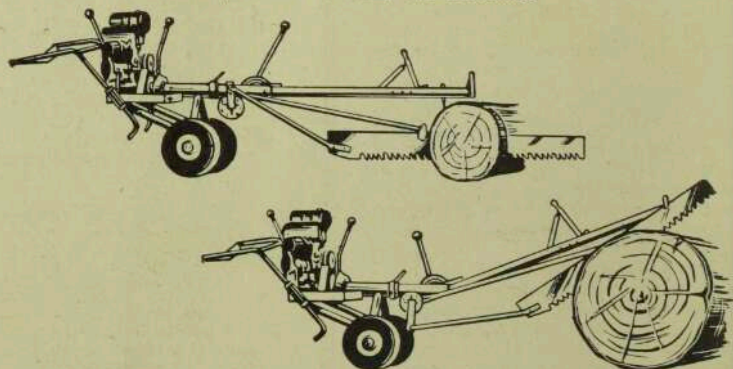


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Danish Expedition In East Indies

THE Danish naval research vessel *Galathea* sailed from Cebu (Philippines), on August 13, en route to the "Banda Deep," South Java. (For arrival in Port Moresby, see elsewhere in this issue.)

The chief scientist, Dr. Anton Bruun, stated before leaving that the *Galathea* expedition's echo-sounder had traced the outline of the "Philippine Deep," which is 175 kilometres long, two kilometres wide and a little over 10,000 metres deep.

Dr. Bruun said although living animals had been recovered from the lowest levels he did not believe there could be any of great size.

The frigate *Galathea*, of the Royal Danish Navy, is in the Pacific to explore the animal life of the greatest ocean depths. The expedition left Copenhagen in October, 1950, and is the third Danish round-the-world expedition with scientific purposes. Previous Danish voyages were made by the corvette *Galathea*, 1845-47, and the *Dana*, 1928-30. Purposes of the present expedition are:—

1. To make a collection of animals living on the sea bottom at depths

from 4,000 metres right down to 10,500 metres. This should, for instance, solve the question whether animals can live in depths exceeding about 7,800 metres.

2. Special attention is given to the quantitative distribution of the animals at different depths.

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4. By measurement of temperatures and analysis of sea water for salinity, oxygen content, etc., the life conditions of the deep-sea animals are studied. This also includes sampling the sea bottom itself and a study of the bottom configuration by echo sounding.

5. The quantity of animals present in various areas is supposed to be closely correlated to the amount of food available. Hence a study is constantly made of the production of organic matter in the surface layers, this being the food represented by the microscopic plant life. A very simple but accurate method, using radio-active tracers, has been worked out by Professor E. Steemann Nielsen, of Copenhagen.

6. Magnetic observations are made at the surface and a special attempt is made to measure the magnetic forces very deep down,

which has never been done before.

The *Galathea* is provided with Radar and Loran installations, echo-sounding recorder, deep-freeze installations, a laboratory in which 11 scientists can work at the same time, trawl winches, sounding winches, installations for magnetic deep sea research, etc. The crew numbers 100.

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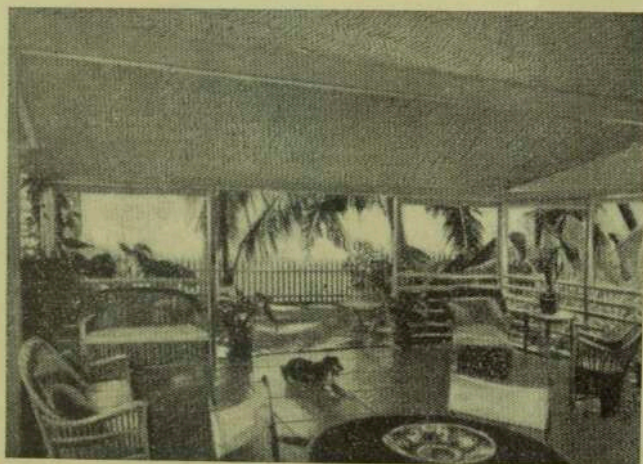
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A general meeting of the Australian Baptist Union in August was informed that the Baptists' new mission station in the Baiyer Valley, New Guinea Highlands, is steadily expanding. It has contacted new tribal groups in the Telafoin area, and activities extend almost to the Dutch border.

Fiji's Snail-Pace Airmail

From Our Own Correspondent

LAUTOKA, Sept. 25.

IF Lautoka were 1,500 miles from Suva, instead of being 150 by road and less airline, there might be some excuse for mail delays.

Air mail letters from Australia which arrive in Suva on the Saturday Qantas plane are available to post-office box holders there within an hour or two of arrival. If those same letters have a Lautoka address, they do not arrive at their destination until Tuesday.

What happens to them in the interval is a secret known only to the post office. Presumably they wait in Suva until Monday and then meander off around the island in an Indian bus.

Fiji Airways are running a twice-a-day service between Suva and Lautoka — including Sundays. As these mails do the first few thousand miles in a matter of hours, why not complete the job and send them the last 150 in the fastest possible time.

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Two High Officials Charged With Contempt of Court

From Our Own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Sept. 4.

A MOST extraordinary sequence of events came to head on August 29, in the Supreme Court at Moresby, when there were presented to Mr. Justice Kelly two of the leading officials of the Territory, Mr. Claude Champion (Acting Assistant Government Secretary) and Mr. Frank Champion (Acting District Commissioner at Samarai).

Before the Court was a motion that the two brothers be committed to prison for contempt of court. The following is what had happened.

At Samarai, on August 6, Mr. Justice Bignold sentenced Lancelot Harcourt Wilkinson, a well-known trader, to 18 months' imprisonment for stealing five cartons of fish cutlets, the property of the Administration.

While awaiting trial, Wilkinson had been kept in custody in the house of Police Inspector J. A. Phillips. There is no European gaol in Samarai. As soon as Wilkinson was sentenced, arrangements were made to send him next day by Catalina to Bomana Gaol, Port Moresby.

On an appeal by the sub-branch of the RSL, the Administrator gave permission for Wilkinson to remain in Samarai for one week, to finalise business matters.

The police inspector refused further to accommodate Wilkinson, as he had not been behaving himself.

THIS created an awkward problem. There was no place, other than the native gaol, where Wilkinson could be housed, in custody. There were urgent radiophone discussions between Acting DC and Acting GS; but the conversations were not clear, owing to distortion. As a result, it was decided to allow Wilkinson, during this week granted by the Administrator, to live in his own home on the little island of Samarai, and report daily to the police.

However, next day the police inspector found a new boy-house where Wilkinson could be kept in custody, and he was imprisoned there. He was out of gaol for 24 hours.

When Mr. Justice Bignold heard of the release of Wilkinson from custody he put in process a contempt of court motion against

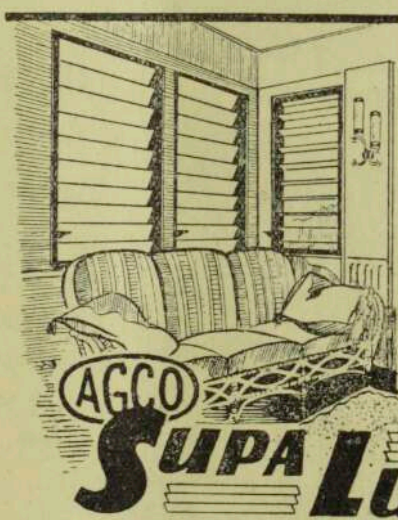
Claude Champion and Frank Allan Champion. Mr. Justice Kelly, when reviewing the case, commented that had his fellow-judge not taken this action he would have been failing in his duty.

The Acting Crown Law Officer, Mr. W. Watkins, appeared for the Messrs. Champion; and, having heard him, and the brothers' affidavits, Mr. Justice Kelly said he was satisfied an innocent mistake had been made by District Commissioner Champion, and that Government Secretary Champion had taken such steps as could reasonably be expected of him. He condemned the absence of gaol premises in such a place as Samarai; and suggested that District and

Police officials should not be expected to add to their normal duties the incarceration of prisoners not otherwise provided for.

He then quashed the motion, and the Acting Assistant Government Secretary, temporarily handling the duties of Government Secretary, and the Acting District Commissioner for the Samarai Division, stepped from the shadow of a possible committal to gaol without a stain on their characters.

(Since the foregoing article was written, there has been a further extraordinary development in what is now known as the Wilkinson-Bock case. For details, see an article elsewhere in this issue.)



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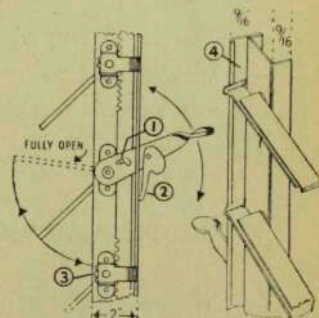
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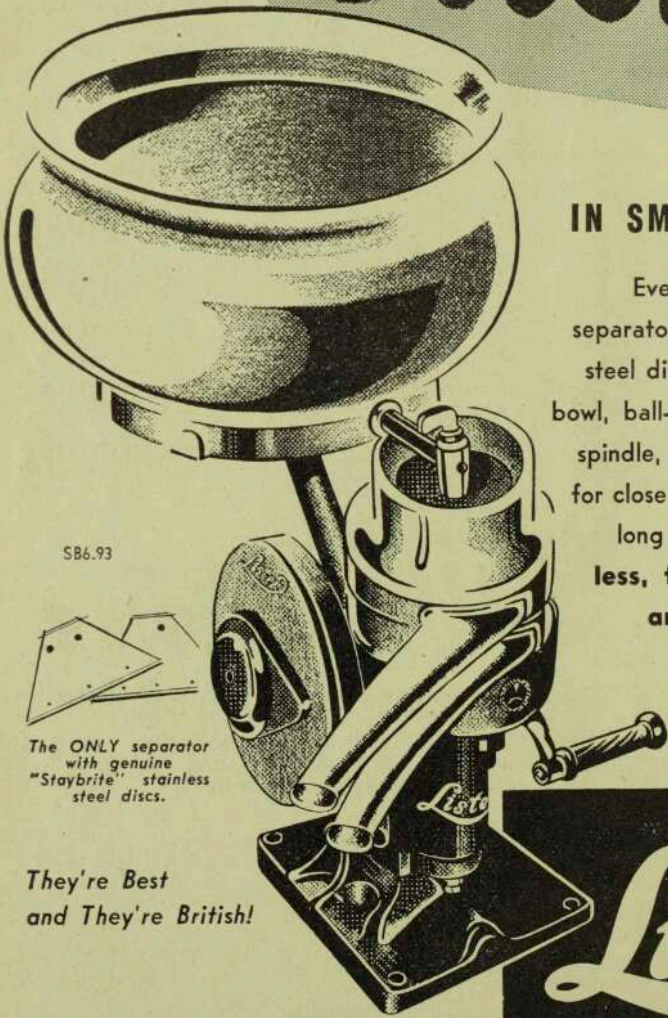
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A Tribute to the Lik Lik Doctors

BY ERIC FELDT

THE recent deaths of two well-known Medical Assistants, Cyril Lambert and Robert Findlay Armstrong, call for a tribute to them and to the other "Lik Lik Doctors" of the Territory—a hard-working body of men whose deeds remain unsung.

Between the wars, the Mandated Territory had a remarkable medical service, whose record is insufficiently appreciated.

The organisation consisted, in general, of a District Hospital, with a Medical Officer in charge, and with two or three Medical Assistants under him. In the villages were Medical Tuituls, who gave elementary first-aid treatment and brought more serious patients to the hospital.

In sub-Districts, a Senior Medical Assistant was in charge of the hospital with, sometimes, a Junior under him. As the Doctor had to be always available for serious cases, this resulted in his being tied fairly closely to the hospital and the outside work fell on the Medical Assistants.

Hospitals, of course, are a fetish of the Australian public. A public health service is judged by its hospitals, by the number of its beds, the amount of technical equipment,

and instruments being carried in boxes, as well as food and patrol equipment. Walking itself was a major feat, over some of the country encountered.

Conditions under which treatment had to be given were primitive in the extreme. Natives could

by the staff and the qualifications of its doctors.

This is all very well in its way; but in New Guinea, where roads are scarce and the native population scattered in small villages, it is only half the story. In addition to hospitals, medicine must be brought to the natives themselves to achieve a public health service. It was brought to them by the Medical Assistants, the "Lik Lik Doctors."

ADDED to the difficulties of travel, there was a deep-rooted native aversion to going to hospital which had to be overcome. Every native belief made the patient cling to his own surroundings. He distrusted the strange atmosphere and the novel methods of European medicine until results gave him confidence.

Added to these initial superstitions, the hard facts meant that only serious cases were sent to hospital, of whom many died—from which the native mind soon inverted it to mean that if one went to hospital, one died.

It was against this background of belief, as well as the difficulties of treatment, that the Lik Lik Doctor had to struggle.

Medical patrols went out, drugs

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not explain their symptoms, and would not carry out the treatment given them, unless watched. Only slowly, in the early twenties, was confidence established.

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certain grade, but must always be junior to a Doctor.

But they carried on, until in the thirties yaws and hookworm were under control, malaria was being treated and ulcers were fewer than ever before. This preventative medicine was probably the greatest benefit that the native population

received in those years; and, although directed by Doctors, it was mainly carried out by Medical Assistants.

OF such was Cyril Lambert. I remember his arrival on the Sepik in 1924, his first outstation. He arrived wearing a collar and tie which, with his slicked-back, wavy, fair hair and tenor voice, made us wonder. But when I saw him stripped for the evening shower, the rippling muscles under the white skin corrected any misapprehension. Later, we heard that in Rabaul he had been called "Pansy"; but not to his face.

Cyril loved good living, and particularly a cigar, but cheerfully put up with every discomfort and hardship that came his way.

He was sent to the goldfields soon after the rush to Edie Creek, and rendered sterling service in the dysentery outbreak among the labourers there.

Then he was carried away by the lure of gold, resigned, and went prospecting. The search was a failure, and he rejoined the Administration, losing all his seniority, but with never a complaint against the luck.

Though years over age, he served in Angau during the Second World War, and retired only a few months before his death.

Bob Armstrong joined the Ad-

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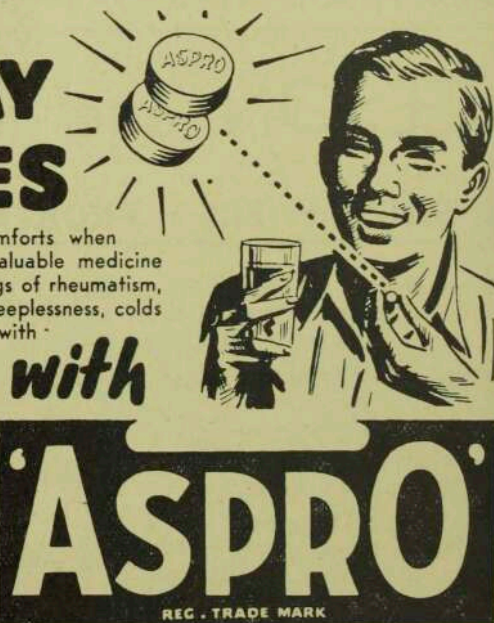
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OFFICIALS IN LOSING TUGGLE WITH E. J. HALLSTROM

SOME of the endless regulations which bureaucracy loves to fasten upon us have got across the neck of Mr. E. J. Hallstrom, the Sydney philanthropist who gave pondugl and the sheep industry to the New Guinea Highlands.

Mr. Hallstrom, who is also the pre-eminent genius of the famous Taronga Park Zoo, in Sydney, recently presented to the Zoo some 300 birds-of-paradise, the biggest and finest collection in the world, and something calculated to give even greater distinction to Taronga Park. He says he spent many thousands of pounds in collecting these birds in New Guinea.

But Australian officialdom said he could not bring the birds into Australia. It was against the law. They might introduce Newcastle disease, which affects poultry.

Mr. Hallstrom was surprised. He said there is no Newcastle disease in

New Guinea. The officials shook their heads. Mr. Hallstrom then offered to set up a quarantine station in New Guinea, under the supervision of a Government expert, so as to show whether the birds-of-paradise are diseased. Officialdom did not answer his letter.

So now Mr. Hallstrom has offered to contribute £10,000 towards Polio research if officialdom can show that Newcastle disease exists in New Guinea.

At this writing, officialdom is still silent. But obviously it is beaten. Taronga will get the birds-of-paradise. No one can stand long against EJH when he makes up his mind.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Exon, of Suva arrived in Sydney in August in the Aorangi, on leave. Mr. Exon is Fiji manager of Amalgamated Wireless interests there.

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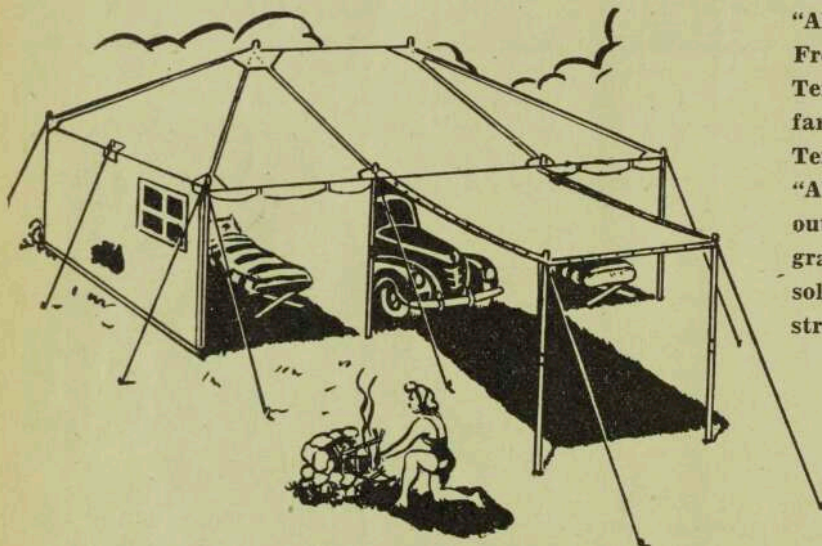


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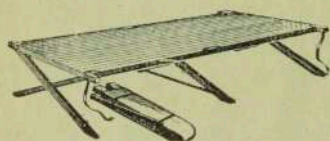
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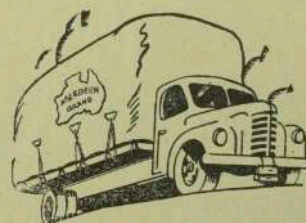


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"DUISIGA"

Fiji Language Newspaper Is Established

BY JUDY TUDOR

SUVA, Aug. 31.

Fiji's first Fijian-language weekly newspaper is 27 weeks old with the current issue; and the publisher-editor, Richard Abel, feels that he can uncross his fingers to certain extent: "Duisiga" seems to be going to take.

The name was given to the paper by Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna but is one of those words rather impossible of literal translation into English. The nearest approach seems to be "a very good day" but means more than that to a Fijian and that is what counts in this case.

The paper is printed at the Ocean Printery, which was taken over by N. Dean, an Indian resident of Suva, about last November. Duisiga is the same size and has the same format as the defunct Oceanic Daily News.

It usually runs to 12 pages, is attractively set out and is entirely Fijian. It has the blessing of the Government of Fiji and the chiefs, and there seems to be no doubt about its popularity among the Fijians. At the beginning it

printed only 2,000 copies; circulation has already increased to 3,100 and is growing each week.

Because circulation figures can sometimes mean little, and to see if its popularity were not mere wishful thinking on the part of the owner, I checked with the local Public Relations Office and also asked a few stray Fijians what they thought about it.

The PRO feel it is a "very good thing" and the Fijian answer invariably was a big grin, and the reply that the Fijians liked it "very much." Fijian enthusiasm for it is borne out by the fact that when it is displayed on various bookstalls round town, invariably there is a Fijian there getting a free read of the front page—checking up on the progress of the Fijian Rugby team now touring in NZ, most likely.

There now are about 130,000 Fijians in the Colony. The great majority cannot read English but they are all literate in their own language.

All these people are in the market for certain overseas manufactured goods and this all-Fijian paper could be a first-rate medium for advertising. It already carries a good amount of local advertising, but so far has not attracted much from Australia or New Zealand.

Duisiga sells at 6d. per copy.

French Ships May Call At Suva

SUVA, Sept. 18.

NEGOTIATIONS to have Messageries Maritimes vessels call at Suva, en route from Papeete to Noumea, are now in progress.

It is expected that, if bunkering facilities can be arranged, the call will be made.

At present, there is no regular shipping connection between Fiji, and the New Hebrides and New Caledonia. The Norwegian vessel Thor I provides an irregular connection on its run from the United States.

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PCB SHIP ON FIRE

PRABAUL, Sept. 6.
PROMPT action by the Rabaul Fire Brigade, led by Police Inspector Palmer, prevented serious damage by fire aboard the PCB vessel Katika, last night.

The fire was reported at 9 pm and the fire brigade was called. After a fierce fight the fire was controlled.

Extension to engine room or copra cargo would have destroyed the vessel. The fire apparently was caused by a native in the galley who was filling a lamp with spirit. Estimated damage is £500.

In July and August, Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd., of New Guinea, recovered 123 oz. of gold from 1,800 cubic yards.

REV. K. LAUFER, MSC, FRAS

WELL-KNOWN anthropologist and writer, Father K. Laufer, MSC, returned recently to New Britain after an extensive tour of Europe, where he gave addresses at Universities and to learned societies. His 20 years' scientific work among the Qunantuna natives, and his perfect knowledge of their language, give him a rare understanding of the working of the native mind. He has been recently awarded the Fellowship of the Royal Anthropological Society.

During the past 20 years, Father Laufer has written no less than 21 books, pamphlets and scientific articles, dealing generally with the life and customs of the native Islanders, especially those at the eastern end of New Britain.

Fiji's Health Stamps

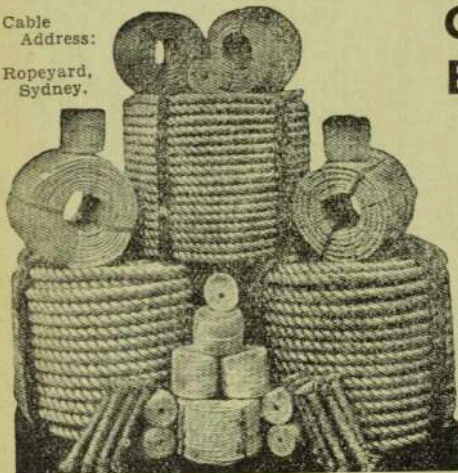
FIJI's first health stamps were on sale on September 17. The stamps are in denominations of 1d. and 2d., each of which carries a surcharge of 1d., which goes to the Colony's War Memorial Anti-TB Fund.

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Notes From Madang, NG

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Sep. 3.

WHEN being towed to Kar Kar Island, Sek, by the Joseph, a lighter broke its tow rope and, in tumultuous seas, drifted on to a reef off Kerosene (Beliau) Island. In attempting to recover the vessel, the Joseph's engine broke down and she was nearly dumped on the reef, too. Despite attempts at refloating, the lighter is still on the reef.

The Golf Club is raising funds, to complete three new holes. Sister E. Kiernan organised a delightful "evening" and netted £125.

Sister Joyce Jones—once well-known in Madang as Taffy—was here en route to Moresby from Kavieng. Somehow, in a rushed few hours, "Taffy" saw most of her friends and admirers. In Moresby she organises the child-welfare clinic, and is doing a grand job.

Yagaum Hospital in the Amele District has a busy time with the stork. Four Madang babies arrived there in August—for Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (of Colyer Watson), Mr. and Mrs. Doering, Mr. and Mrs. Spehrs and Mr. and Mrs. Fenske (of Lutheran Mission).

Some dig for gold. Others go diamond-crazy. Hal Herriot unearthed jeeps. While bulldozing on the golf course, he dug up the body and wheels of a jeep. They tell me the golfers now are digging in preference to helping the grass line.

Changes are noted for SDA Mission personnel. Pastor and Mrs. Boehm return from Manus to take over from Pastor and Mrs. Ward Nolan. Pastor Nolan has been appointed secretary of the Medical Mission Society for the Coral Sea.

Good work is being done by Hygiene Inspector Tom Cunningham in draining the large swamp in the centre of Kalibobo Area. This seems to be assisting eradication of mosquitoes from the new residential area thereabouts.

The small-ships wharf is now in use, after protests from the Advisory Council on the long delay by officialdom in sanctioning its use.

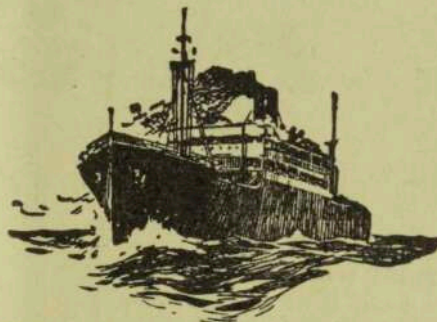
At last Madang has a public library, under the direction of the Education Department, and conducted by a staff of voluntary librarians. We all appreciate the services of these citizens.

Surveyor Webb and party, from Lae, have been in town surveying the hotel site and further residential sites and industrial areas.

Miss Joan Wheeler, of Coconut Products Ltd., has transferred to Rabaul, where she will be trained in the mechanics of the new accounting machines to be used by the Company.

Navy dentist, Ron Collins, attached to the RAN establishment at Manus, New Guinea, recently married Miss Pat Lumley, of the Trobriands Group, Eastern Papua, who had been serving as an RAN nurse. They travelled specially to Losuia, in the Trobriands, to be married in the old thatched-roof home of the Lumley family on Kiriwina Island.

In 1896, the Rev. H. P. Schlenker left London for Papua, where he remained as a missionary, often among dangerous tribes, for 32 years. On Sunday, August 19 last, in his 85th year, he preached a sermon in the Congregational Church, Woody Point (near Brisbane) where he now lives in retirement. He was trained for the ministry at Hackney Training College, London and was ordained in 1896.



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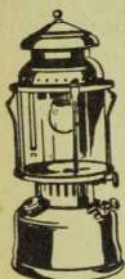
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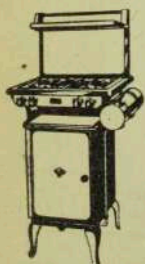
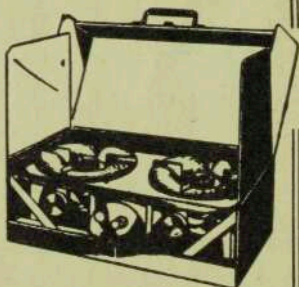
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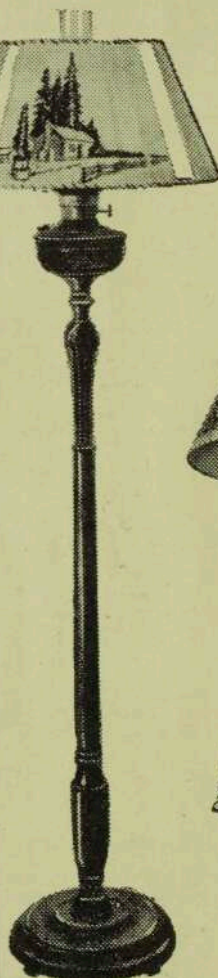
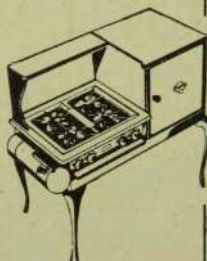


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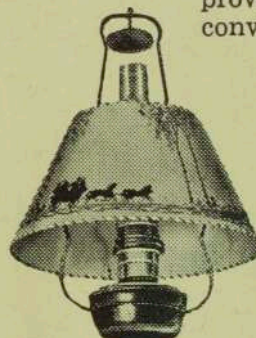
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They are brought in from Nadi airport to Lautoka hotel in cars, given rooms and drinks, much fine food and loads of tropical fruit and, in the afternoon, are taken sight-seeing to surrounding villages and the beach.

After dinner at night there are more cars that whirl them away to the establishment of Mr. Jerry Adams, one of Lautoka's first citizens and certainly its most enthusiastic fan.

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dancers and singers, with grass skirts and guitars, and they are presented with leis and led into a suitably darkened lounge and asked to sit down.

In the very nature of things (financial) about 95 per cent. of international travellers are well past middle-age, and by this time they are feeling pretty jaded. Then the guitar players start to strum and the girls begin to dance and the travellers sigh a deep sigh and begin to relax.

It doesn't matter two hoots to them that these lads and lasses are predominantly Fijian; that there is only one Polynesian amongst them; that traditionally Fijian males do not wear Hawaiian grass skirts and play ukeleles; or that Fijian females do not make and serve kava, or do the hula. The visitors like grass skirts and hulas and ukeleles—what's tradition got to do with it, anyhow!

LATER, the music quickens in tempo. This is the tralala. Somewhat reluctantly, at first, the travellers are prised out of their chairs; then, in a jiffy, they are prancing and capering, whirling and twirling—that oldster, never to see 60 again, slightly soured you'd say, probably got a heart or an ulcer, is claspings a grass-skirted Fijian lass round the middle and kicking up his heels like a two-years-old. Don't know what he is at home—

maybe a bank president—but right now he's wearing his hula shirt—all purple palm trees and riotous pineapples—hanging out of his pants and is having fun.

Mrs. Bank President, grey-haired and plump, possibly the prop and stay of society back in Melbourne or Vancouver, is jigging madly about, clasped in the arms of a large and agile Fijian.

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It is a sobering thought that 12 hours hence these people will be back in their little grooves—dark suits and plain shirts, tight corsets and nylon hose. Back to Pitt Street, and the International Situation and the H Bomb; the Russians and the excess-profits tax.

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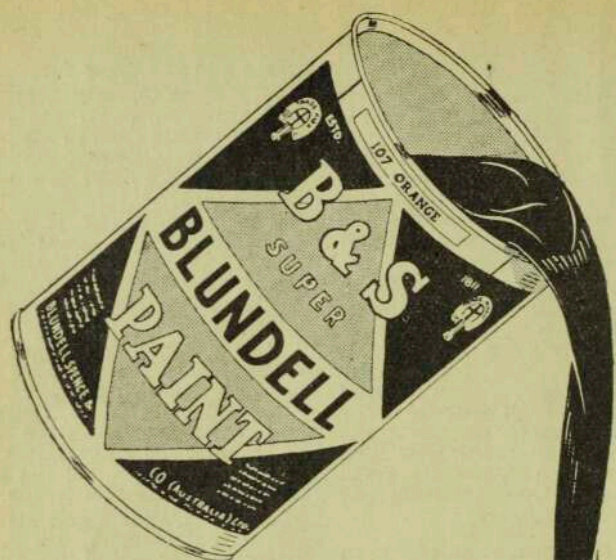
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Yacht Inspire In Sydney

THE South Pacific cruising yacht Inspire, 30 tons, and 80 ft. long—formerly a Brixham trawler—which reached Newcastle in a somewhat battered condition on August 15, was quickly repaired, and arrived in Sydney three weeks later. Owner-skipper H. Williams, an Australian, who sailed her out from England, via Panama Canal, French Oceania and the Cook Islands, thinks he may offer her for sale.

The Inspire spent a considerable time in Polynesia. All the original English crew, except one, went home; and Captain Williams brought the vessel from the Cook Islands with one European and three lads from Rarotonga.

Captain Williams's chief grievance is that the Australian officials will not allow him to take ashore his favourite fox terrier, although the dog has first-class health certificates, and comes from West Indies, where rabies are practically unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Malcolm, of Wau, New Guinea, well-known old residents of the goldfield, were on furlough in Sydney in October.

Samoa's Fatal Bus Accident



This is where the motor-bus was wrecked at Solosolo, Western Samoa, on July 26. The bus left the roadway (top, right hand) and fell 30 feet down the bank on to the rocks, killing four and injuring 16 people. The smashed bus is seen in foreground.

—Photo: Apia Photo House.

BRITAIN-TONGA

How The Treaty Was Signed

By F. T. Goedicke-van Asten

TOTOFOA, TONGA, Aug. 1.
celebrate the Jubilee of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship and Protection between Britain and Tonga, the Tongan Government has issued a new set of postage stamps.

In this connection, the following entries from my Diary of 50 years ago may interest you:

April 30, 1900—HMS Porpoise arrives in Nukualofa with Mr. Basil Thompson on board.

May 5—HMS Porpoise sails for Niue.

May 18—Basil Thompson takes up his quarters with Dr. McLennan, at Fangalooga.

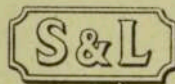
May 18, a.m.—I called on my old friend Dr. McLennan, who introduced me to Basil Thompson. Mr. Thompson tells me that he is waiting for Premier Satiki and U. Tungi (Minister of Lands) to sign a Treaty of Friendship and Protection. At 8 o'clock Lateki arrived, and Mr. R. Hanslip, who is going to do the interpreting, but at 10 o'clock there was still no sign of Tungi. A messenger was sent to his home and an answer came back "Kataki." At 11 o'clock Tungi

arrived in his invalid chair, pushed by his servant Helu Nima Motu. At midnight the treaty is signed.

June 13—U. Tungi dies.

February 16, 1901—HMS Tauranga arrives with the Governor of Fiji, to sign the Ratification of the Treaty of Friendship and Protection, signed in 1900.

All the persons who signed or saw the signing of the Treaty, such as Sir Basil Thompson, Premier Sateki, U. Tungi (Minister of Lands), Robert Hanslip, Dr. McLellan, are all dead—only your humble servant, who sends his kind regards, is still alive, but in poor health (and now 90 years old).



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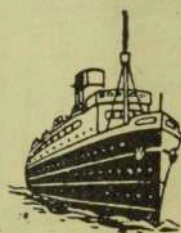
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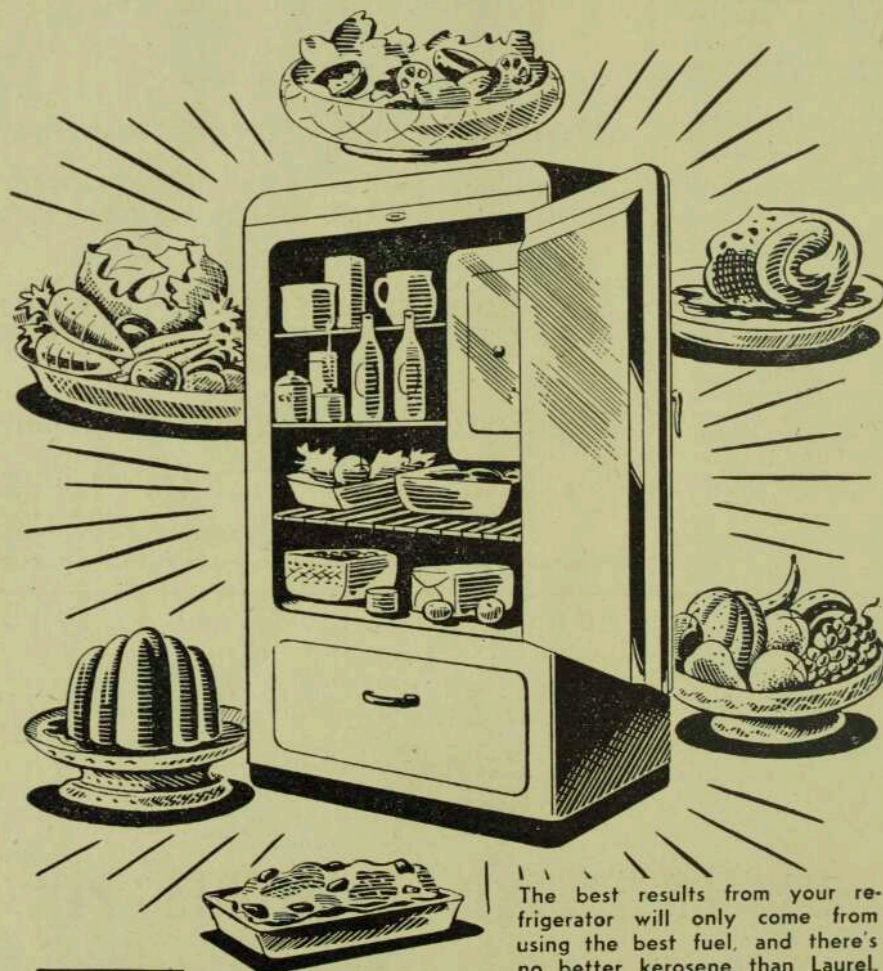
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RUGBY followers and admirers of good sportsmanship generally will salute the Fijian tourists on their excellent win over the Maori representatives at Wellington yesterday.

Few of the many overseas teams that have travelled through the Dominion have established a finer or friendlier reputation than these island neighbours. They readily overcame the handicap of race, language and our cold climate to win admiration, respect and full acceptance into the generous circle of the Rugby code.

They achieved that by their seemly conduct, open friendliness and genuine appreciation of hospitality, and by the football they played.

On the field they were an instantaneous success as crowd-pleasers. And they succeeded simply because they insisted on playing the style of Rugby that, quite obviously, New Zealand crowds want.

Perhaps they did not know any other style. Their game is a care-free, open-passing form, contrasting with the dour, colourless forward struggles that the Springboks have largely dictated as the correct and only thing in international competition.

IN the light of the heart-searching that has been going on in Rugby's concentric circles, a remark passed by the Fijian team's manager sharply rings a gong.

"One thing we will not take away with us," he said, "is this grim forward game you have here. It may be sound, but it is dull and does not suit the Fijian character."

Judging from the delighted reaction of the crowds at the Fijian matches and the sporting response of New Zealand teams in playing the visitors at their own exhilarating game, it suits the New Zealand temperament but little better.

Our club, provincial and national sides (as many of our school sides ready do) could provide the Fijian kind of sport even within the existing rules — if there were the example, the will and the encouragement both on and off the field. The example has been given

us once again, for it can fairly be said of the Fijians that they came to learn and stayed to teach.

Will the lesson stick? The last two local representative matches, in which the level fell so dismally below that in the game against Fiji, more than hint that there has been a swift lapse into old, uninspiring ways.

It has been reported that Lloyd's of London will probably leave on the ocean bed off Lae, New Guinea, the £35,000 worth of gold lost in a plane accident on July 16.

Marine salvage expert, Captain J. W. Herd, said in Brisbane recently that he would recommend resumption of a search for the gold, in his report to Harvey Trinder Pty., Ltd. (NSW), Lloyd's brokers. They employed Captain Herd to search for the gold. Captain Herd thought that the brokers would probably call off a further search, and that Lloyd's might decide to sell the salvage rights to another organisation.

The Baptist Union Assembly, which met in Brisbane on September 13, was informed that Baptist missionaries in New Guinea will use a plane in their work next year. Two missionary trainees are already qualified as pilots.



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Sunday, September 2, was observed as New Guinea Martyrs' Day in Brisbane Anglican churches. September 2 is set aside each year in remembrance of the 9 white missionaries and 2 native lay helpers who were killed in New Guinea by the Japanese. Six were from Queensland.

Scientists who have returned to United States from an exploration of the Pacific report discovery of a mountain rising more than two miles from the ocean floor, 700 miles NW of Hawaii. It is probably the world's largest, has a base 18 miles wide, and lies a mile below the surface.

INVITATION TO ISLANDERS VISITING SYDNEY

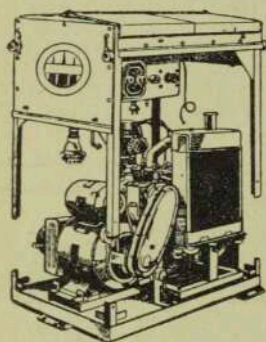
BY special resolution, adopted at the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Society, Sydney, in August, it was decided to issue to all Islands visitors to Sydney an invitation to join the members of the Society, at their monthly gatherings, whenever they pleased. Visitors are always welcome.

The Society's members meet in History House, 8 Young Street, Sydney (near Circular Quay) at 8 pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month. Sometimes the meeting is wholly social—usually a cocktail party or something of the sort in honour of distinguished visitors—but usually the meeting takes the form of a short address on some interesting subject, and a social gathering later over supper. Intending visitors should telephone the Secretary, Mr. Price Conigrave, on BU 1160.

The annual meeting elected the following office-bearers:—

President: R. W. Robson; vice-presidents, Aubrey Halloran, Major. C. A. Swinbourne; Council: H. Sabben, N. Casey, H. E. Maude, A. E. Sturt, Lionel Haynes, Mrs. M. S. Williamson and Captain Brett Hilder.

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The show took the form of a revue and included songs in Chinese (beautifully sung by Mrs. Gordon Honson), a sword dance by Misses B. and D. Leaver, violin solos by Miss Anne Evetts, hula by Miss Anz Swani, and concerted numbers by the Fijian Boys' Choir and the Harmony Three. There was also a popular tango danced by Mrs. Kitty Carter (who also trained the Ballet) and Paddy Mulelly.

The revue was the first production of the Suva Group Theatre, which has been formed by James Crawford and Paddy Mulelly. The Group will present Patrick Hamilton's Victorian thriller "Gaslight" at the end of November, with Howard Hayden in charge of production.



Hon. E. F. Paul, a well-known merchant of Apia, Western Samoa, who recently was elected M.L.A., is photographed at a club dance in Apia. His partner is Miss Oretta Haged, of Apia; and they won the waltz dance, in which they competed.

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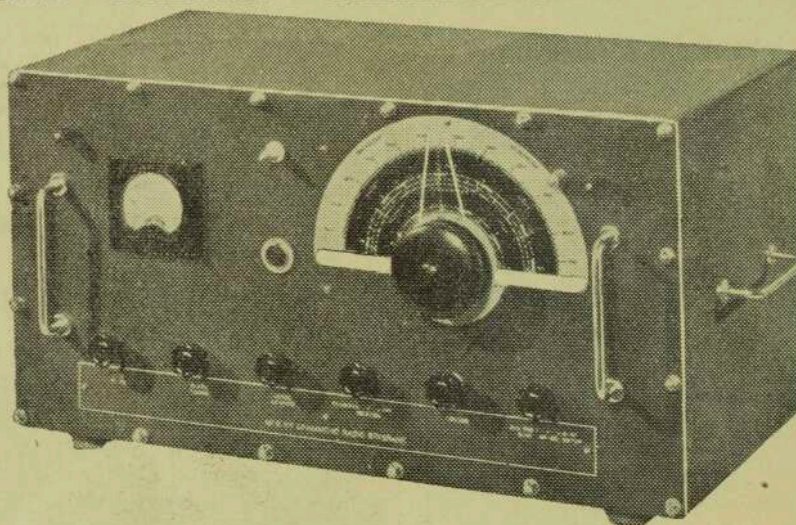
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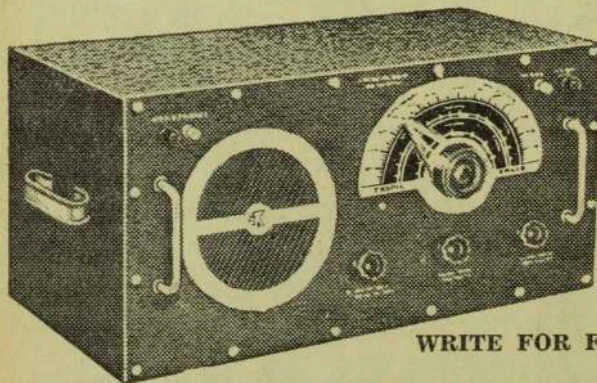
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Notes From Lae, NG

From Our Own Correspondent

LAE, Sept. 4.

AT the annual general meeting of the Lae Cricket Association, held on September 4, congratulations were extended to the members of the Levien Trophy team for their part in winning, for Lae, the long-established Levien Trophy. Principal new office-bearers are: Mr. Ray Watson, president; Mr. Leo Bowman, secretary; Mr. J. V. Knight, treasurer. The new ground, in the town area, is not yet ready for cricket; but it has been used for football, and should be available by November. Meantime, the old Army oval in Busu Road is used.

NATIVE WOMAN'S TRIPLETS

ANATIVE woman, in Lae, gave birth to triplets. Both husband and wife are Markham people. Last year the woman had twins, which died shortly after birth. No better luck was in store for the latest arrivals—they lived only a few days. Commenting on the event, the District Commissioner, Mr. H. L. R. Niall, recalled that triplets were born to a native woman at Samarai last year, but it is a very unusual occurrence in these districts.

PERSONAL

Mr. Dick Lowe, electrical engineer, Works and Housing, with his wife and small son, returned by the last Bulolo . . . Mr. C. Jacobsen, plantation owner, who has been sojourning on the mainland for many months, is back. . . Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Eekhoff have departed on leave, taking little daughter Judith Ann along . . . Owing to the departure of Inspector Steeples from Port Moresby, on sick leave, Inspector Bill Dix, of Lae, has been transferred to fill the vacancy. Superintendent Ron Hicks, who is no stranger to Lae, has returned as officer in charge . . . Assistant Sub-Inspector J. Kelleher and wife have departed on leave . . . Mrs. Flora Stewart, of the Hotel Cecil, has gone on a world tour by air. During her absence (only six weeks) Miss Flora Stewart is managing the hotel . . . The return of Mr. Leo Bowman, formerly of the staff of the Commonwealth Bank, Lae, was welcomed in all sporting circles; and he has taken up duty with Vacuum Oil Co.

The maternity section of the Lae Hospital is still kept busy. Recent arrivals include: Sons for Mr. and Mrs. Dudgeon (Works and Housing) and Mr. and Mrs. A. Joyce (Lucas & Ducrow). Daughters for Mr. and Mrs. Dick Collins (Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd.), Mr. and Mrs. J.

Ducrow (Lucas & Ducrow), and Mr. and Mrs. J. White (Morobe Transport Co.).

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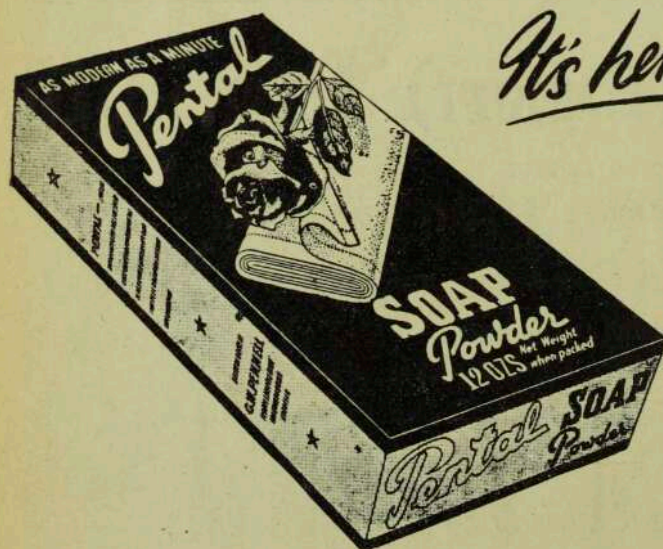
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Northern Hotels Not Opposed

(A Letter to the Editor)

In an article in August PIM headed "Nadi Makambo Closed" (incidentally it should be spelt Mocambo") you say among other things that:—

"Other interests are opposing the plan for providing tourist and hotel facilities at the airport, and it is thought this is being done for the sake of Northern Hotels, Ltd., and it is being resented accordingly."

To correct any false impressions that readers may gather from the article, as far as my company is concerned, we wish to inform you that at no time has it been against the provision of suitable facilities at the Nadi Airport. On the contrary, it has long advocated such a move.

Our managing director (Sir Hugh Hagg) and the writer have attended numerous meetings in the past with this end in view.

Your correspondent is very wide of the mark and in the writer's opinion it is "lack of interest" by those concerned, and not "other interests" that is responsible.

I am, etc.,

DAVID P. RAGG,
General Manager,
Northern Hotels, Ltd.

Nautoka, Fiji,
Sept. 11, 1951.

In Defence of Nadi's Mocambo

CANNOT find any reason for all this "beefing" about the Mocambo at Nadi airport. At the moment it is undergoing renovation and it may, or may not, have been as grim as some people say, before this work commenced.

As it is at present, however, it is a very pleasant spot in which to spend a few hours which are about the average air-traveller is asked to spend there.

There is a large dining room, a very pleasant lounge in which native materials have been blended attractively with European, a bar, plenty of easy chairs, and a shop where Fiji souvenirs and other goods may be purchased.

In the same building they have just installed excellent shower-rooms, toilets, powder-rooms for the ladies, and for the babies a special room equipped with baby-baths and decorated with an animal frieze executed by an Indian signpainter. The animals may be zoological oddities in some respects, but

neither the babies nor their mothers will be fussy about that.

In separate buildings are the sleeping quarters which once took in, as over-night guests, those travellers who were joining or leaving planes at odd hours. This accommodation is now not available—except in the event of a plane being grounded and emergency sleeping accommodation being called for.

This accommodation is certainly not exciting; but it seems to me that if the air-line companies want something better they should do something about it themselves, either off or on the airport area.

From the point of view of tourism,
(Continued on Page 73.)

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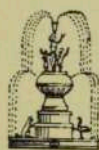
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MARGARINE WITH A J

SUVA, Sep. 30.

PRESUMABLY there are she-economists in this sad world; but it always seems to me that the crazy shortages of this and that are usually caused by the interference and brain-storms of the male of the species.

I felt this more than ever to-day as I examined the Carpenter oil and margarine factory in Suva; saw copra being fed in one end and margarine coming out the other, and reflected that in the two weeks before I left Sydney I could buy only one-quarter pound of butter—and no margarine.

I thought even less highly of the set-up when I learned that the Australian margarine that one cannot buy in Australia is also available at some establishments in Suva. It may make economics. It doesn't make sense.

MAKING margarine from copra is comparatively easy. You grind it and toast it and squeeze the oil out of it; then you filter it and neutralise it, hydrogenise it, deodorise it, put in colour, flavour, a few odd vitamins, salt—and there you are—so like butter anyone might be fooled.

The only catch is that between the crude lumps of copra and the finished, wrapped pat of margarine, there is, I should judge, about half a million pounds' worth of machinery and equipment.

If you have built so little as a chicken coop in the past ten years, then you would be staggered, as I was, at the amount that has been done in this Suva oil-mill. I don't know how long it took; but there was nothing there six years ago when I last visited Suva.

The initial difficulty must have been the provision of power. Most countries seem now to have perfected methods of restricting the use of electricity; in Sydney they have their celebrated blackouts; in NZ there is a ration.

Suva solved its difficulty by not connecting any more consumers to the supply.

The oil mill and margarine factory, therefore, provide all their own requirements in this direction, with oil fuel and two generators that look large enough to supply a small town. Each generator can produce 500 kilowatts; but only one in use at a time. The mill works 24 hours a day, seven days a week—and there are two of everything so that the process never stops.

The basic operation is the production of crude coconut oil—and it



Suva Oil Mill.

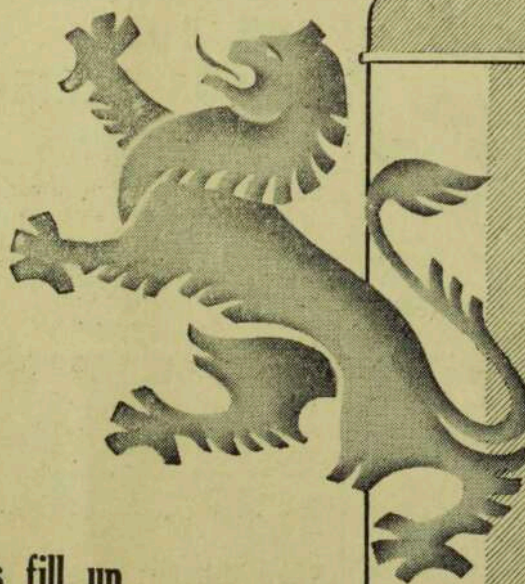
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is with this that the factory is mostly concerned. The manufacture of margarine and cooking oils is regarded as of secondary importance. A by-product of the oil manufacture is coconut meal, which is shipped to New Zealand and the UK for use in stock and poultry food.

FIRST stage between crude oil and margarine is neutralisation of the acid content; next is the addition of hydrogen, which supplies the hardening agent, making it a fat rather than an oil (they manufacture their own hydrogen); then deodorisation by adding chemicals, and heating in a vacuum. The whole thing takes place in a chamber that looks like a cross between a dairy and laboratory, and nowhere during the manufacture is the product handled by the operators.

As well as margarine, the company makes a pure cooking oil, a mustard oil much favoured by the local Indians for curries, etc., and a ghee-flavoured oil which is also a growing favourite with the Indian population.

While I was there they were putting out a special brew of vitaminised oil at the request of the South Pacific Commission for some atoll folk in the Line Islands.

Also, somewhere around the neutralising phase, liquid soap is made. This is supplied to local institutions, but is not sold commercially at present.

The margarine sells locally at 1/11 per pound. (Butter is 3/4) It is exceedingly popular with local housewives and has a growing export market in Samoa, Tonga and New Caledonia.

It would be welcome in Australia—but until such time as Australians are at starvation point there is about as much chance of the Commonwealth abandoning the White Australia policy as there is of letting Fiji margarine through the protective barrier Australian farmers and politicians have built up.

TWO other points of interest: One — they spell their margarine with a J instead of a G, allegedly because margarine in one of the local languages means something nasty.

Two—the queer things that find their way in from the plantations with the copra. In a special chamber of horrors reserved for these mementoes which have been plucked out of the crushing machinery are large stones, a pipe (tobacco, for the use of), a huge piece of iron, rusty hinges, an iron ball, and a miscellaneous collection of bolts, nuts, screws, nails, and wire.—JT.

Mr. D. Claasen has been appointed Chief of Police, Niue Is. He succeeds Mr. J. O'Rourke, who has returned to New Zealand.

HISTORICAL RECORDS IN THE ISLANDS

Need For Collecting System

A PLEA for the co-operation of the members of the organisation in gathering historical records relating to the Pacific Islands was made by the President (Mr. R. W. Robson), at the annual meeting of the Pacific Islands Society, in August.

Mr. Robson pointed out that most countries had an Historical Society, the chief purpose of which was the preservation of the country's records in an orderly fashion; but there was no such organisation for the Pacific Islands. Islands' records were preserved by such institutions as the Mitchell Library, in Sydney, and the Historical Societies of Australia and New Zealand; but that happened only where such islands' records were connected with their own country's records.

Some of the most interesting, fascinating and romantic data in the world had accumulated in and around events in the various groups of the Pacific Islands during the past 150 years, but there had been no attempt made to collect and correlate it at some central place. Anyone wanting to study records

relating to the events of the past century in a particular islands group, for example, had usually to travel over half the world, on a sort of hit-or-miss system. Thousands of people, carrying valuable and irreplaceable facts in their memories, had passed away, without any adequate record having been made of their knowledge. It was not yet too

late to do something, but no more time should be lost.

The meeting approved of a suggestion that the subject be discussed with the NSW branch of the Royal Historical Society.

Mr. William Reiher, of the Gilbert Islands, is now the master of the Administration vessel Maureen.

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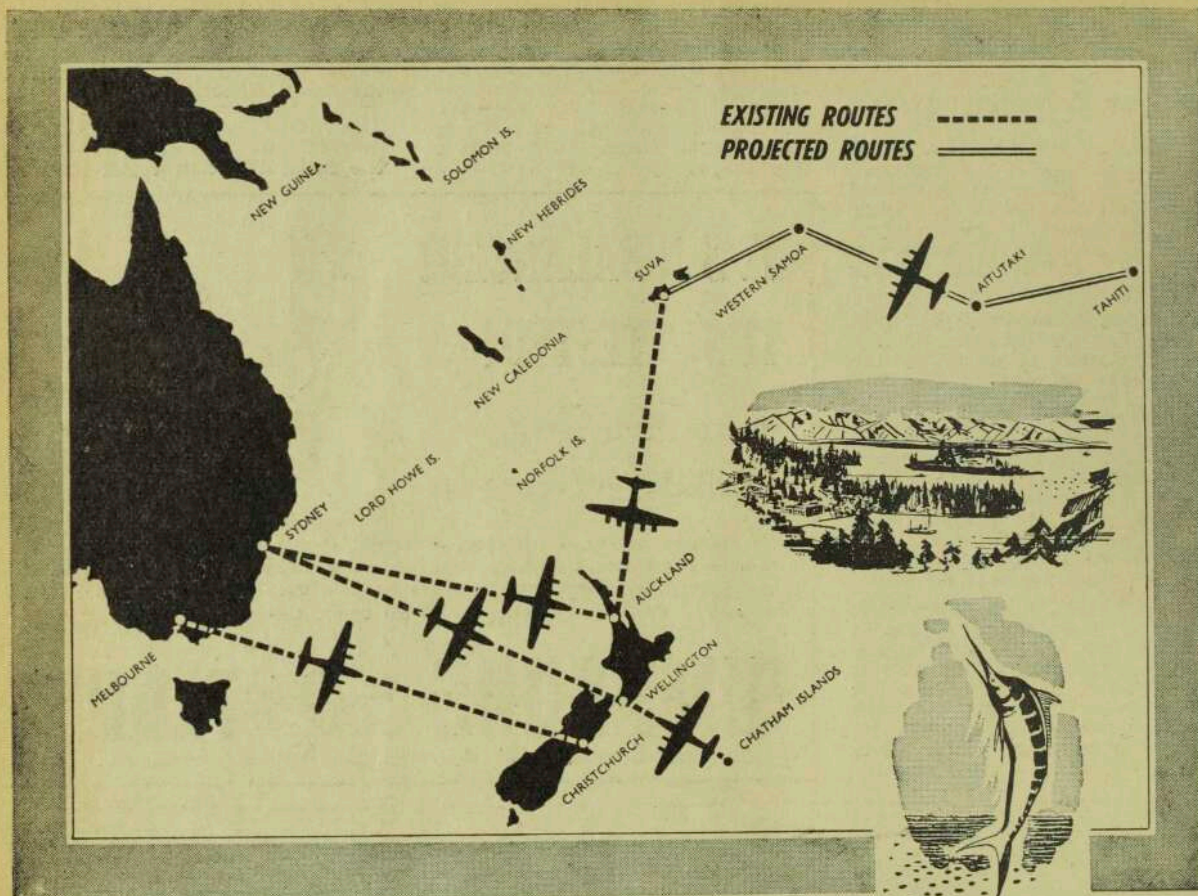
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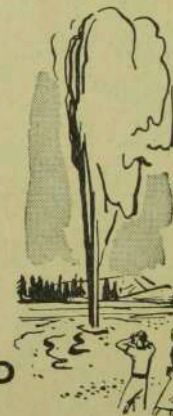
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MAGAZINE SECTION



We Plough the Fields —and Scatter

BY JUDY TUDOR

NEVER been chased over a bumpy field by a wild-eyed Indian, driving a tractor behind which, packed up like a bustle, is a six-horse harrow?

In a sentence, that is an agricultural field-day and machinery demonstration in Fiji.

That is the kind of hazard one must expect in the tropics these days—and it is a mighty far call from the tropics of our great-grandfathers.

Those other-day tropics! Where we sat on a shady verandah, a mug, cold and stimulating drink at hand. And, outside in the blazing sun, a long line of willing, dusky servants who produced the food and sewed the coconuts that brought profits to the bank account.

Alas, there are no countries of cheap labour force these days—none in Fiji, where there is a plentiful supply of (a) Indians and (b) Fijians. The machine is doing man's more laborious chores there—and (something else grandpop did not calculate on either) the old dusky servants are in the agricultural business for themselves, and the market for tractors and power-post-hole diggers and manure-spreaders.

Well, after the demand for machines, there come the men to

sell them; and, after that, the Department of Agriculture to whip up a field-day, where farmers can gather and size up the relative merits of the various gadgets.

And that is what we had on Mr. L. L. Hunt's farm at Tailevu, at the end of August.

I JUDGE this area has an annual rainfall of somewhere around 120 inches, but this day was fine and hot with a sun that blazed down and blistered. Gathered to see the five types of tractors and all their attachments (operated by wild Indians and some Fijians) were Suva bank managers, Directors of Agriculture, veterinary officers, District Officers and plain farmers—European, Indian and Fijian—in shirts and shorts and sulus and turbans, Australian digger hats, and straw sombreros, and Simple-Simon felts, and large mops of hair.

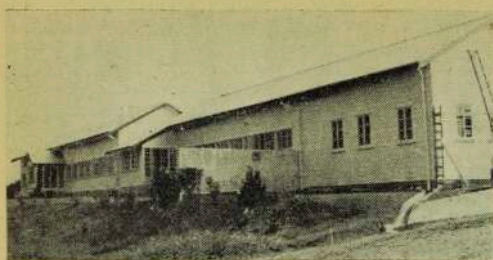
A pretty dull day, you might imagine, for the layman. And, in

HEADING PHOTO: A general view of the scene.

DOWN SIDE: Top—Mr. F. S. Ohman, Senior Vet. Officer, brought along his umbrella (sun and manure-spreader), and Mr. C. H. Harvey, Director of Agriculture, his sun-glasses. Centre—The Red Peril—



an Indian who appropriately wore a red shirt and whirled tractors around where they should not be whirled. Lower—Fashions in hats; Mr. W. J. Gatward, in straw model.



The new Gatwood Hotel at Tailavu—now almost ready for occupation.

the ordinary course of events, you would probably be right.

But all blood sports are at least stimulating; and get into a small paddock with six Indians loose on tractors, which are trailing various lethal instruments, and you can take it from me that you won't have a dull moment.

The average Indian, given a piece of machinery that does something, immediately develops the bright eyes of a fanatic and proceeds to do all possible with it, at full speed, regardless of what or who happens to be in the way.

Pick out what seems a safe place, and stand in it, and immediately a mad Indian charges up on a tractor and proceeds to cut a swathe of grass from that very place. You move smartly out of range, only to encounter another fanatic who suddenly waltzes his outfit round like a top, forgetful of the disclough or whatnot sticking six feet out at the rear.

For a while I stuck close in the shadow of Mr. C. H. Harvey, on the mistaken theory that they wouldn't dare mow down the Director of Agriculture.

It was no safer than any other spot. Nehru himself would not be safe in that bunch.

AT midday we retired for lunch to the old hotel on its knoll above the river. This old landmark, owned now by Mr. W. J. Gatward, and perhaps other members of the Gatward clan, is soon to be abandoned for a fine new establishment now nearing completion some miles away, and close to the main road.

Mr. Gatward's father, who operated the old hotel for many years, began the new one, but died some time ago. His son is an enthusiastic farmer, but a not-so-enthusiastic publican. He shrugs his shoulders over the new pub—and rushes to gloat over a three-tyne harrow or a mechanical scrub-cutter.

The new hotel is well designed, with spacious lounges and large bedrooms, each with its own shower and toilet. It should be a pleasant spot to stay, and a rendezvous for local folk.

AFTER lunch the piece de resistance was a manure-spreader hitched behind a tractor and worked by an over-enthusiastic Indian who spread manure successfully over an area of half a square mile, with no apologies to anyone.

Mr. F. S. Ohman, Senior Vet. Officer, had brought along a large umbrella. I guess he had heard about the potentialities of that manure-spreader in advance.

The talk throughout the day was farmers' talk; what to plant and what not. What might be profitable and what not. Cocoa, maybe was worth a trial, some thought—although it does not look to me like cocoa country. What did surprise me is the number of European farmers who seem tempted to go in for sugar cane which, at its present price, can no longer be regarded merely as a peasant farmers' crop.

That must be just about full circle as far as Fiji economy is concerned.

OPEN ROAD . . . OPEN JEEP

It's time someone sent me
(Won't someone invent me!)
A hat that stays on in a jeep:
Something capacious
And rather vivacious
That doesn't bounce off at each leap.

When wearing a topee
I look rather dopee
And feel it a weight on my brow:
If I had a toupee—
Besides looking droopee—
It might stay behind on a bough!

But hoodless (and snoodless))
We bounce (oh, my goodness)
On sand with the sun overhead:
While some people natter
A hat doesn't matter—
We might buy a new jeep, instead!

—NOELLE MASON.

Bougainville.

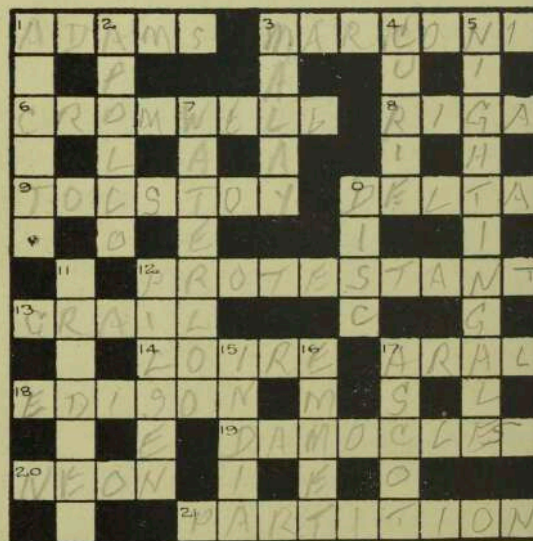
A new trade store, being built by N.G. Estates, is almost completed at the northern end of Chinatown, Madang, New Guinea. Mr. Jack Morgan is the manager.

Crossquiz—No. 22

(Solution on Page 71)

ACROSS

- 1.—Who succeeded Washington as President of the USA?
- 3.—Who transmitted the first trans-Atlantic wireless messages?
- 6.—What was the name of the first General of the Roundheads?
- 8.—What is the Lettic capital?
- 9.—Who wrote "Anna Karenina"?
- 10.—Which Greek letter forms a triangular diluvial tract at the mouth of a river?
- 12.—What Christian bodies separated from the Roman Communion in the Reformation?
- 13.—What is the name of the platter used by Christ at the Last Supper?
- 14.—Which is the largest river in France?
- 17.—What is the inland sea in Russian Central Asia?
- 18.—Who patented over 1,300 inventions?



DOWN

- 19.—Who had to sit, during a banquet, beneath a naked sword suspended by a single hair?
- 20.—Which inert gas is used for electrical lighting?
- 21.—What is the legal expression for division of real property between joint tenants?
- 1.—Who was the author of "Little Women"?
- 2.—Which Greek god was the son of Jupiter and Latona?
- 3.—What peninsula is the most southern part in Asia?

- 4.—Who discovered radium?
- 5.—Who was the "Lady with the Lamp"?
- 7.—In which battle was Napoleon defeated by Wellington in 1815?
- 10.—What type of jockey handled musical recordings?
- 11.—Which Poet Laureate first practised medicine?
- 12.—Where in Czechoslovakia is world-famous beer brewed?
- 15.—Which Asiatic country has a total area of 1,808,679 square miles?
- 16.—Which 25-year-old youth led the Irish rebellion in 1803?
- 17.—Where is the famous racecourse Berkshire, near Windsor?

Tropicalities

MR. DUGDALE ACHIEVED SOMETHING FOR FIJI

A POLITICIAN can get things done, sometimes.

Some months ago the bar at the Mocambo, the establishment that caters for transient air travellers at Fiji's international airport at Nadi, was closed by Authority.

This sad fact was pointed out to Mr. Dugdale, Minister for State for the Colonies, when he visited the Lautoka district in August. And, he reports have it, the MP was suitably horrified.

"Surely something can be done about this," he said. A procession of officials appeared before him and three days later the bar was restored to the Mocambo.

Coincidence, maybe. But local residents are generously giving the credit to Mr. Dugdale.

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PERILS OF TRAVEL

THEY have a new Fijian girl at the Sigatoka Hotel. She speaks no English, but is supposed to know something about chip bath-ers; and was told off to prepare me a bath the following morning. Seven a.m. was fixed as the time.

About 6.30 I was awakened to the sound of frantic fire-makings in the bathroom next door—the rattle of sticks and the reek of kerosene.

But no one came near and, after 10 minutes, I went to investigate. There was a furious fire going in the heater and everything was smoking and red hot. But she had neglected to do that very necessary thing—turn on the water.

No one was in sight so I approached cautiously, and, expecting the whole works to explode in my face, gingerly turned the water on. There was a great hissing of steam, tremendous spattering of solder and with a dull clank the spout of the contraption fell off into the bath.

Boiling water immediately started gush out of the hole where the spout should be, all over the floor and I was marooned on the wooden bath-mat. The room got full of steam and the fire burned more madly than ever.

Where my Fijian handmaiden had told me I haven't a clue; but, after contemplating the gusher for some time—as the little Dutch boy of yore must have once contemplated the hole in the dyke—I fished the spout out of the bath and, holding

it on with a towel, managed to catch sufficient water to wash.

The old-fashioned shower bucket may be less efficient—but is not so lethal in the hands of the uninstructed Islanders.—JT.

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CONSANGUINITY—CI FASHION

I HAVE often smiled at the solemn injunction in both the CI native Bible, and the English Authorised ditto, that a man shall not marry his grandmother.

Personally, I wouldn't be keen on the move, even if permitted.

Lately, I've been wondering just what the ancient prophets would have had to say about a man

marrying his **step-mother**. I always understood that it is illegal. But, upon my island in the Cooks, it has been done—and nobody seemed to mind!

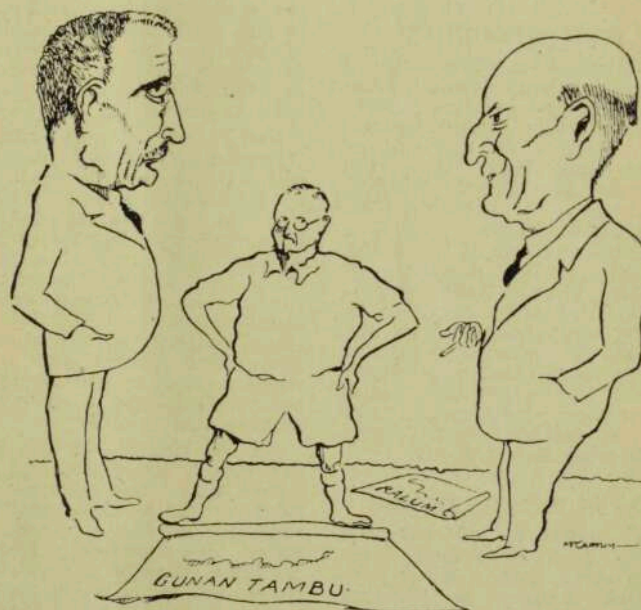
There was an old codger—call him Rori—who had married a woman much younger than himself. She proved, alas, no model of fidelity, and left him for his neighbour, a similar oldster, slightly more virile possibly than decrepit Rori.

With hubby II she lived a while; and then he and Rori both snuffed it within a few weeks of each other.

The widow not long after "up and married" a son of Rori by his first wife. So, after being his mother, she became her final husband's lawful spouse—and Rori's daughter-in-law!

I shall be interested to see how it works out in the Hereafter; but it seems odd that the High Court of CI never investigated the matter upon this mundane sphere, for one suspects that the parties had no legal right to wed at all.

SEARCH FOR A TOWN SITE IN NEW BRITAIN



TWO morals may be drawn from a study of the above sketch.

The first is, Never pick your Port until it is chosen by the Town Planners. The second is Administrators and sea-going captains keep their hair better than those who live at Canberra.

The thoughtful figure at the left is His Honour the Administrator of Papua and New Guinea, Colonel J. K. Murray. Opposite him, in happy mood, is Mr. Reg. Halligan, Secretary of the Department of Territories. The vigorous young man in the centre is Captain James

Duncan, of Rapopo Plantation, Kokopo—the site of the new town which will eventually replace Rabaul.

Captain Duncan, who has spent some 35 years in the Territory, recently advised a party—which included the Administrator and Mr. Halligan—on the respective merits of Gunantambu and Ralum as ports for the township. It may be indicative that the matter of Ralum seems to be cast aside and that Captain Jimmy looks sad as he contemplates the nearby site of Gunantambu.—JKMcC.

Next thing, someone will be marrying his mother-in-law!—ETI.

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FIVE-TOED PIGS

ACCORDING to Mr. Leo Austen (writing in the Star, Lismore, NSW), Papua has a unique species of pig—one with five toes. Pigs, since time immemorial, have had a cloven hoof, and Mr. Austen believes that the five-toed variety, which he has seen in the limestone country of Papua, has descended from a freak pig which by interbreeding had produced a static species. According to local accounts the breed has been there for centuries and although there has been much controversy as to whether the Papuan pig came from Sumatra or is a modified form of European domesticated pig, there is no doubt about the part played by the animal in the social life of the Papuans.

Pork, says Mr. Austen, is considered the most delectable of all flesh—except here and there where human flesh occasionally forms the piece de resistance—and even when sago-grubs abound, pork is considered the best food for warriors and elderly wise men.

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FLYING WEDDING

SOMETHING of a world's record must have been created when a complete wedding party arrived in Norfolk Island by the Skymaster service at the end of September—they had flown 900 miles so that the ceremony could be performed in the beautiful old Melanesian chapel here.

The party consisted of the bride, Miss Norma Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Bailey (formerly of NI); the bridegroom, Mr. O. Judd, of Sydney; the best man, Mr. Micky Bailey; groomsmen Baker McCoy and Bernie Bailey, formerly of NI and now of Sydney; Miss Ruth Christian, bridesmaid; and the bride's mother, father and younger brother Leonard.—G.

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NO GLASS BEADS, PLEASE

THIRTY members of the NZ Rugby League football team complained bitterly when they found that oranges in Pitcairn Island—where they called en route for England—were threepence each. Bananas were eight-a-shilling.

They said that they were "staggered" and had expected to buy oranges by the case and bananas by the bushel "more or less for nothing."

Probably none of the 30 footballers have ever grown any kind of fruit, tropical or otherwise, and lived under the delusion that one can buy anything in a distant land for a few glass beads.

The footballers were surprised that the islanders not only could all speak English but were aware of

the value of money.

It is said that more Pitcairners now reside in NZ than on their island so maybe neither accomplishment can be regarded as surprising.—AJS.

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THE MURRAYS OF PAPUA

A SYDNEY writer recently commented on the fact that four Murrays have been prominently connected with Australia's tropical territories.

Sir John Hubert Murray was the distinguished Lieut.-Governor of Papua—he died "with his boots on" in 1940.

His nephew, Mr. Hubert Leonard

Murray, was his successor in Papua until the Japanese invasion forced evacuation in 1942; and he was later prevented from returning to his office by the Socialist Minister, Ward.

Mr. George Murray was in the Papua service before he became Director of Agriculture in New Guinea. He was in Rabaul when the Japs invaded, and he lost his life in the Montevideo Maru.

Mr. Jack Keith Murray, a former Queensland Professor of Agriculture, was appointed by Mr. Ward to be Administrator of the combined Territories of Papua-New Guinea and he is still at the head of the Administration.

35-Years-Old Memories of Seeadler, Raider

THE story of how Count von Luckner, early in World War I, lost his raiding vessel Seeadler in the lagoon at Mopiha (most westerly island of French Oceania), and was himself captured in Fiji, has been told many times; but these photographs have never before been published.

The Count took the Seeadler, for careening, into the shallow lagoon in the lonely and uninhabited atoll of Mopiha; but was blown ashore in a sudden storm. So the Germans practically destroyed the ship and took to the boats.

Von Luckner and four others turned up on Wakaya (in the Koro Sea, Fiji), many hundreds of miles to the westward, and told a plausible tale to the lightkeeper and others. One of the latter was suspicious, and carried his suspicions to Levuka. Levuka thought he was mad, and officialdom acted with great reluctance. But later, by a smart subterfuge, they captured the resourceful Count and his companions just as they were on the point of seizing a schooner and making their escape.

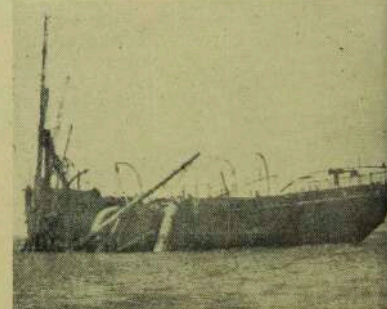
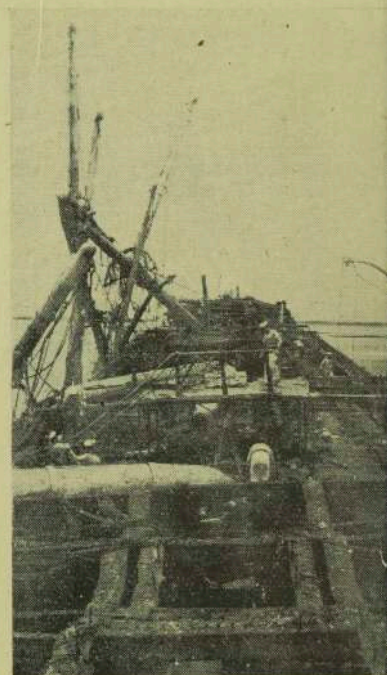
Mr W. Hansen, of the Economic Controls Office, Suva, and then an Army man, had charge of Von Luckner for a time, until he was sent to Auckland. Twenty years later, in Auckland, Count von Luckner (then on a lecturing tour) recognised Mr. Hansen from across a street, and rushed across and greeted him warmly. He was that kind of a man.

When the capture was made on Wakaya, the Navy decided that the Seeadler must be somewhere around, and a cruiser was sent to look for her.

The lower photograph shows the raider, as they found her on Mopeha reef.

The top one shows the complete destruction achieved by the Germans before they abandoned the ship.

These photographs, part of a



unique set in the possession of Mr. Hansen, were taken by the Navy in 1916. Mr. Hansen died in Suva recently. See elsewhere this issue

Rehabilitation of A Citizen

ONE day—on August 21, 1951—a messenger came to the door of Oscar Nordman's residence, overlooking the harbour, in Papeete. The presence of Monsieur Nordman was requested, immediately, at the head office of the Administration.

Oscar looked speculatively at his wife. "I wonder what this can be, Margot," he said. "More trouble, eh?"

Oscar, on occasion, had found high officialdom difficult. There was a recent occasion when, called to the office of the Government Secretary, he had been sternly colded, and accused of being false to his French citizenship, because of an article he had written for the 'I Monthly' about the French Pacific colonies. They would not accept his assurance that he was not the author. Yet Oscar spoke the whole truth. (I know, because I wrote the article.)

Slowly—for he is getting on in years—Oscar made his way to headquarters. On every hand, he was greeted cordially by Tahitians, Chinese, Europeans. He is known for his simple kindness, his love of children, and the endless hospitality of himself and his charming wife.

A commissioner ushered him straight into officialdom's largest assembly-room. Gathered there were most of the departmental heads, leading citizens, the judges—everyone of importance, except the Governor himself. Oscar's natural alarm faded, when he saw in their faces only friendship and goodwill.

Oscar was led before the judges. In a simple, but impressive public ceremony, he was given civil rehabilitation.

BACK 25 years, to the late 20's. A little gang of unscrupulous gentlemen concocted a plan to make some quick, easy money. They were to get possession of a large, old schooner which lay in Papeete, quip and load and clear her for Rarotonga, insure her heavily, and then make of her a total loss under such circumstances that it would appear to be an accident.

To round out the plot, they needed a representative in Papeete, and an approach was made to Nordman. Nordman had just retired after a couple of decades at sea—most of it as a purser on

Trans-Pacific liners. He had a young business, an attractive wife, three young children. Nordman accepted the commission.

He was not in the plot. He did suspect that there was something wrong somewhere, but he foolishly carried out instructions—transmitted to the crew certain orders which were sent to him from Rarotonga.

The plan to cast away the ship misfired completely. She went ashore in Raiatea, in circumstances which clearly showed it was a case of barratry.

Oscar was arrested, put on trial, convicted of barratry—and sentenced to 20 years' hard labour. It was clear there were others in the crime—but Oscar closed up and would give no information. As the waterfront expressed it: "Nordman took the rap for the Rarotonga gang."

Very strong representations were made to Paris. The 20 years' sen-



Oscar Nordman.

tence was reduced to 5 years; and then a new Governor, who made his own inquiries into what he regarded as a peculiar case, was instrumental in getting the sentence cancelled at the end of three years, and Oscar was released.

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OSCAR resumed his business and family life in Papeete, where it had been interrupted on his arrest. Generally, people were as kind and as friendly as ever. He prospered. He did his duty and more than his duty, as he saw it, by the community. The circle of his friends grew ever wider.

But the stigma remained. Officially, he was a man who had been convicted of a crime. Important personages did not receive him socially. He was denied certain privileges of citizenship—the vote, for instance. When a prominent man in Paris offered marriage to one of his good-looking and charming daughters, the girl replied: "Maybe you had better first inquire about my family—my daddy has been in gaol."

Oscar himself said nothing, and carried on. But, among prominent men in Tahiti,

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TRIBUNAL SUPPLÉMENTAIRE
de Papeete (de Tahiti)

CASIER JUDICIAIRE
de l'ASSURÉ

de Papeete

RELEVÉ des condamnations concernant
le nommé Oscar Georges NORDMAN
(d'après) Feu Edward Axel Nordman
et sa femme Julia Thompson
né le 5 février 1892
à Papeete-Tahiti
domicile à Papeete
Etat civil de la famille marié, 3 enfants
profession commerçant
nationalité Française

Date des condamnations	Tribunaux	Nature des crimes ou délits	Durée des peines ou amendes	Nature et durée des peines	Observations
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Le Procureur de la République

Le 21 août 1951

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The document that makes it legal.

it was said that this clearly was a case for "rehabilitation." Whether or not Oscar was guilty of the crime, the fact remained that since that time, by an exemplary life and good citizenship, he had won the esteem and respect of his fellows. Influential men took the matter to the Governor.

AND so, on August 21, 1951, a Decree was placed in the hands of Oscar Nordman. He brought the document to Sydney with him in September, and we photographed it, and it is reproduced on the previous page.

This "rehabilitation" is a French institution which might very well be copied into English law.

In British countries, a man who is convicted of a crime is for ever damned. If, fifty years afterwards, he is again in trouble, and no matter how blameless in the meantime his life has been, his early conviction can be brought against him.

But in France a man, by good conduct, can rehabilitate himself and restore himself to full citizenship. As is shown by the line drawn across the face of Oscar Nordman's Decree, the slate is wiped clean. His name is expunged from the criminal records. The Decree is rarely issued; and, when it is, the French public accepts it completely—that man is re-established in their minds as a worthy fellow-citizen.

Every man in that assembly-room rose and walked over to Oscar, and shook him warmly by the hand, and embraced him. There was far more in this than an official decision.

I tried to make Nordman tell me the names of the men for whom he "took the rap" over 20 years ago. But he would not discuss it, no more than he would discuss the character of a plausible rogue who robbed him of a large sum in Sydney, in 1949. He waved his hands in the French manner. "There is a God up there," he said. "They will be punished."

OSCAR thinks that Tahiti is the finest place, not only in the South Seas, but on the earth. When the Chungchow was pulling out from Sydney wharves, in the evening of September 26, he stood at the top of the gangway, and played "Aloha" on a large mouth-organ-like instrument. When he had got the full attention of the crowd, he leaned across the rail and, in some picturesque phrases, described the beauty of Tahiti, the hospitality of its people and the charm of life there. "Vive Sydney—Vive l'Australie—Vive Tahiti!" he concluded.

"Come to Tahiti—soon," he cried, as the ship moved away; his enraptured audience cheered him to the echo.—R. W. ROBSON.

TAHITI—Then and Now



THESE two photographs by Mr. F. H. Simpson (who has returned to Tahiti after 3½ years in America) illustrate the changes that have taken place in the South Pacific in the last century and a half.

One is a photograph of a painting by Gaston Alaux, now in the Tahiti Museum. It is the artist's reconstruction of the scene on the waterfront on April 6, 1768, when the ships of the Comte de Bougainville (La Boudeuse and L'Etoile) entered the Bay of Hitiaa, in Tahiti, not far from Papeete.

Wallis was the first navigator to find Tahiti, in 1767. Bougainville

was only nine months behind him. Captain Cook was a year behind Bougainville (April, 1769).

To these early navigators the Tahitians gave a welcome which echoed through history, and still colours with romance even today's records of life and conditions in French Oceania. Alaux's painting conforms to the early navigators' descriptions of what they found.

The other photograph shows Papeete waterfront, as it was a few weeks ago—lined with pleasure yachts and trading schooners.

Tahiti has become a rendezvous for wealthy yachtsmen from all the

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THE NEW TELEPHONE

By Rosa Moore

ANYTHING might have come out of the jungle—out from under those curious bush trees with their random scarlet leaves, and the prim little kapok tree, and the berry-laden bushes which, a moment before, were heavy with healthily swinging fruit doves, and the trees with the perfumed green flowers—anything at all, after the curious chopping noise, the tramping and the shouts heard for the last half-hour, coming nearer and nearer up the steep hill.

Mrs. Gordon, leaning on the verandah rail, listened to the approaching sounds in a state of interested diagnosis. It was a typical Guadalcanal day: frying-pan sun, seamed pudding ground, jellied blue sea, clouds like meringues.

Down below, the leaf-roofed Government buildings positively waggled in a haze of heat.

Her cookboy joined her, quite respectfully, polishing a glass with a dingy tea-towel to show her he was no mere sightseer. And at that moment, out from the trees, there came a heated party of six Solomon Islanders struggling with what appeared to be a particularly unco-operative python.

They swayed on the brilliant green clover lawn, the sun beat down on torsos glistening with sweat; and what they carried between them was a gigantic reel of wire.

"Me think," said the cookboy, with a rare flash of perception, "altogether make 'im telephone come now."

"Ah, the Messrs. Bell," murmured Mrs. Gordon.

Four Messrs. Bell sat down suddenly and heavily on the writhing wire. Two Messrs. Bell gathered up the slack, fell down into the jungle and then re-appeared on a higher level among the violent greenery, where they hung sundry little garlands of wire and nails and optimism on to handy trees.

An anxious cry, full of question, drifted up from below. All lifted their heads and gave triumphant tongue: "HIM NOW!"

And Mrs. Gordon heard the tid-

ings dropping down the hillside, relayed from boy to boy, until the merest whisper from the valley below seemed to indicate that the news must have finally arrived at the office, where presumably Captain Gordon sat in state, awaiting the happy moment when he could demand at a moment's notice a thermos of tea or the file of papers in the left-hand top drawer in the dressing table from his dutiful spouse.

AND now the subdued and amenable wire was dragged slowly towards the house. Up three ladders darted three Messrs. Bell, and the leaf roof rustled furiously as the line was hauled around the eaves and on to the gallery.

It was a tricky business, persuading it to climb up over the shower-room wall, around the corner past the verandah door and along the wall to the gun cupboard, without leaving any loops to choke door hinges or catch unwary heads.

Triumph: Everybody congratulated everybody else. Diminished triumph. Nobody had remembered to bring the telephone itself.

The smallest expert was bundled off down the hill to fetch it, while the others sat down on the grass and held a departmental conference until he came gasping back.

Then came tattooed Toleoli's big moment. Nonchalantly hitching up his calico, he stepped into the house with the make-talk box. He set it on the floor and, calm under a battery of saucer eyes, he squatted down beside it and somehow crocheted loose ends of wire on to suitable spots.

Solemnly he turned the handle and, picking up the handset, he shouted, without preamble, "You hear 'im me? You stop, eh? You hear 'im me good fella? You stop, eh?"

Results were apparently disappointing. "Him'e no stop," he announced, cranking briskly and pressing the earpiece to an ear like a soup plate.

"Me talk now," he bellowed. "You talk more. Me listen."

No sound from the ether.

Toleoli tried cajolery. "More better me listen first time, you talk long me," he wheedled. (Speak, oh speak, beloved).

AS long as fiddles were the faces round him. But reluctant science could be dealt with yet.

To the edge of the jungle sped an enterprising Mr. Bell. Leaning over

into the valley, he uttered at length to the effect that Toleoli'im'e wait now long telephone—and again Mrs. Gordon heard the message dropping and fading down to the office in the valley.

Sensation! The telephone gave a delicate but unmistakeable tinkle.

"You stop now, eh?" Toleoli roared menacingly, cross-eyed with the effort to hear. "You hear 'im me goodfella?"

A small squeak from the telephone.

"Talk more strong," urged Toleoli anxiously. "Me hear 'im little bit no more."

A loud bark from the telephone.

Toleoli recoiled and rubbed the operative ear.

"All right, all right, now me try 'em bell-o," he cried. "Shut 'im up and listen more."

Somehow, that broke the magic spell; the telephone went to sleep.

The experts buzzed like flies and shouted their distress down to the valley. Toleoli grew into a household fixture there on the floor, while houseboys dusted round him and Mrs. Gordon accepted, as part of the morning, his anguished, pleading, threatening conversation, broken occasionally by tired little rings from the telephone.

"Il faut souffrir pour etre Mr. Bell," she thought irrelevantly.

But slowly, slowly, coherence crept into Toleoli's monologue. "Him'e sing out good now, eh?" he declaimed at last. "You hear'm me time me talk all the same? Yes, me savvy everything something long talk belong you. Me think telephone number one now. Tha's all."

HE hung up with a triumphant grunt, hauled down his calico, and with a glorious flourish lifted the telephone to the top of the cupboard.

"I now declare telephonic communication between home and office formally established," was what he conveyed in his final leave-taking phrase of "Him now." Away filed the glowing Messrs. Bell, and the crashing in the jungle died away behind them.

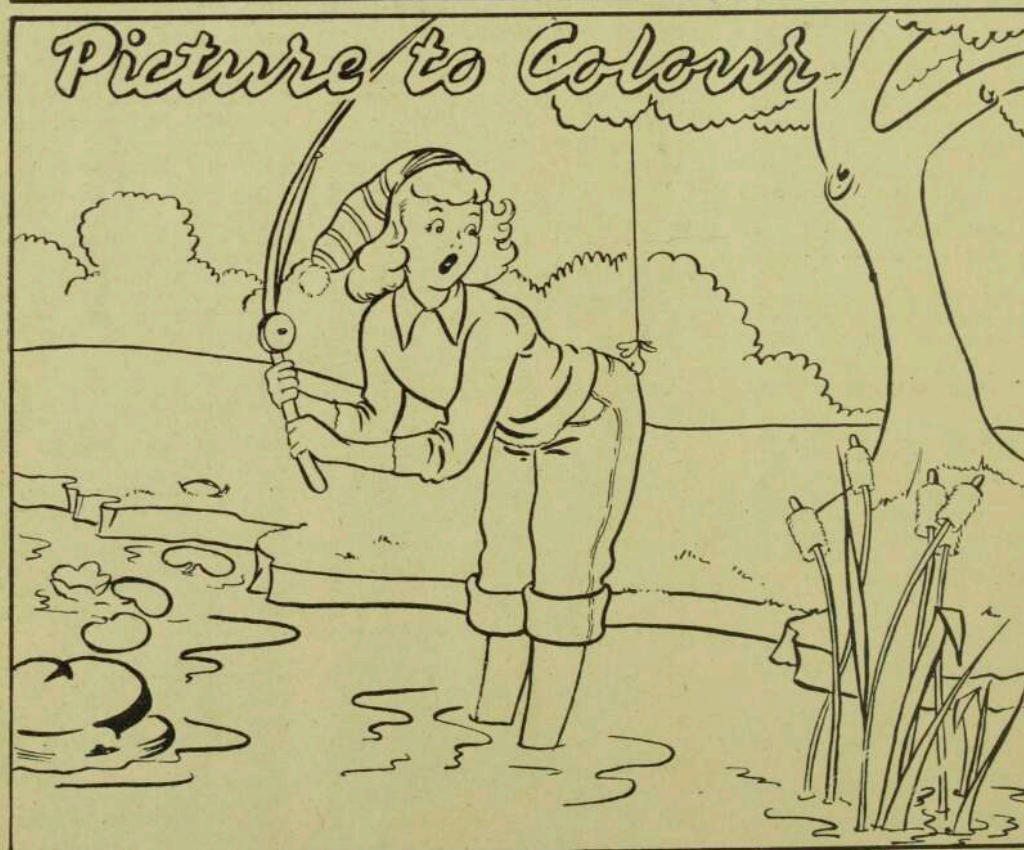
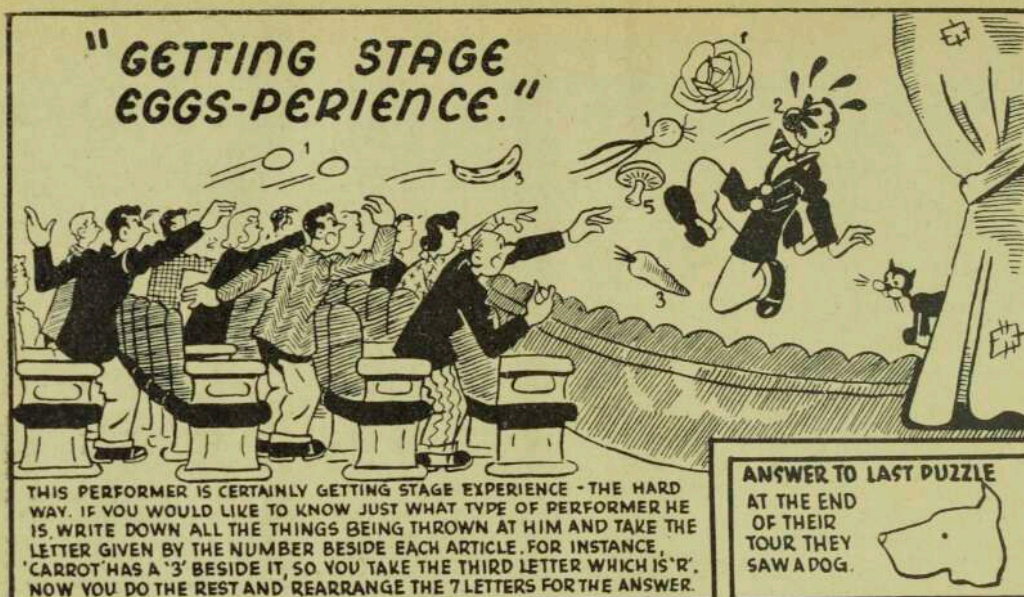
Mrs. Gordon wondered briefly whether to ring Captain Gordon with the cheering news that the gap of half a mile had now been bridged between them. But she decided against it, picturing him purple and growling after trying to work in an atmosphere racked with such suspense. Time enough for the telephone to ring when it had to, she thought, and went back to her letters.

Next day, Mrs. Gordon was surprised to hear more curious chop-

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even seas. It is especially popular with rich Americans, who sail to the West Indies, and thence through the Panama Canal to Tahiti, before going north to Hawaii. In this picture, Millionaire Cornelius Crane's yacht Vega is in the foreground.



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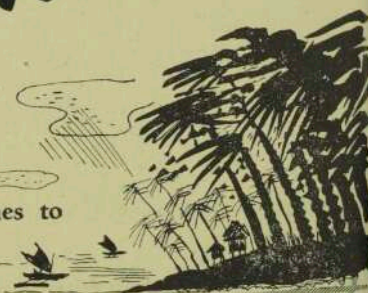


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THE NEW TELEPHONE

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ng noises down in the jungle. Then there was a sinister creaking sound, a chorus of yells, a shattering crash and, finally, a horrifying rinding, tearing and thumping all about her, while the house swayed potestingly and the leaf roof apped like a banshee.

Out skittered the houseboys to vestigate and Mrs. Gordon anxiously trailed behind.

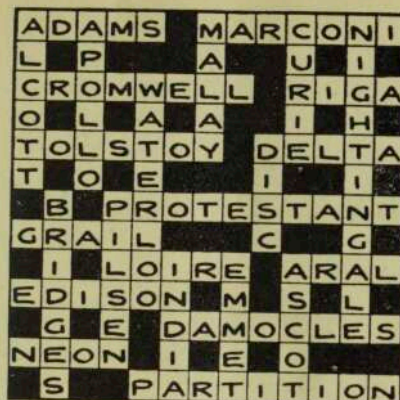
Away from the house, like hairs egged from a head, and away from e trees had been pulled all the ephone wires, supports, nails and matnot. And the new and still used telephone lay sombrely on e coral path.

The omnipresent cookboy brought e explanation in five minutes flat. A rival gang, clearing scrub for e new water scheme, had oughlessly felled a tree smack to yesterday's masterpiece.

So, soon after, there backed on the clover lawn a party of six olomon Islanders struggling again th what appeared at first glance be a particularly unco-operative thon.

And this (Mrs. Gordon pictured e Messrs. Bell sadly murmuring) where we came in . . .

Solution of Crossquiz from Page 62



The Rev. S. G. Cowled and Mrs. Cowled, Methodist missionaries from Fiji, are on furlough in Australia. They have been also in the Papuan mission field. Mr. Cowled was awarded the OBE for notable service in World War II.

Dr. G. A. and Mrs. Milne, with their family of three daughters, have arived at Niue. Dr. Milne is

Chief Medical Officer and Mrs. Milne, who is a trained teacher, is engaged in educational work. The doctor was a medical missionary in China for five years. The European population welcomes a qualified medical man to the Island as there has been no permanent resident doctor there for over two years.

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Mr. E. A. F. Head, at present Papua-N. Guinea Public Service Commissioner, has been appointed Chief Commonwealth Public Service Commissioner in Western Australia. He is not expected to leave the Territories for several months—his original appointment was for 4 years, of which he has served half.

Bougainville Notes

THE new road on Small Buka grows apace, and is now up to Ahila Mission and it has been inspected and praised by high officials. They travelled by jeep to near Malasang, in order to get a true picture of the job ahead of

Roadmaster John Cox. They also visited and inspected ground at Ramun Bay, with a view to the establishment of a wharf and copra depot there.

The present set-up of District Services at Sohana appears to be very happy one:—Mr. Malcolm Wright, District Commissioner; Mr. Col. Maclean, Assistant District Commissioner; Mr. Denis Jones, Cadet Patrol Officer; Mr. Roy Clammer, inspector of the RPC and last, but not at all least, Mr. F. K. Bartlett, Postmaster and Treasurer. These gentlemen keep the wheels of Administration running smoothly.

Within the past month, Bougainville has been receiving a far better shipping service than has hitherto been experienced, thanks to the efforts of Mr. Fred Archer (President of the Bougainville Planter Association) and large accumulations of copra are gradually being reduced. The vessels most frequently calling are, the Katika, Duali, Durour, Rauluana, and occasionally, the Muliama.

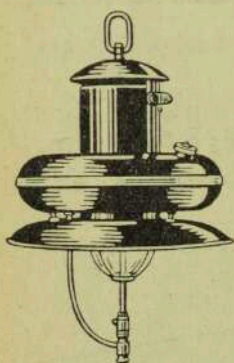
M. Desjardins, Administrator in Chief; has been appointed Resident of Wallis and Futuna, replacing M. Cressone. M. Desjardins, who arrived in Noumea recently, will take up his post as soon as a ship is available.

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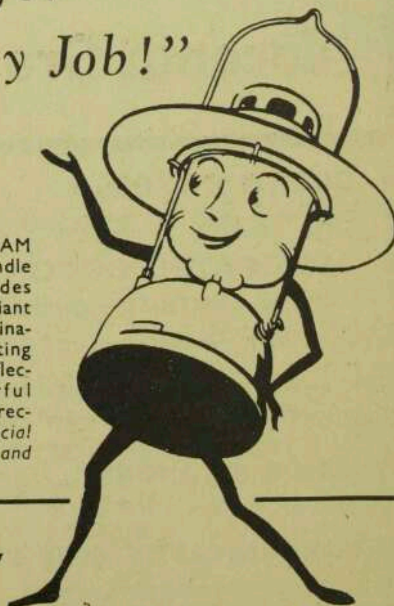
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Defence of the Mocambo

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course—and that is becoming a big industry in Fiji these days—it should be considered the business of the Fiji Government also.

To a tourist is going to be favourably impressed if he arrives in the all hours of the morning and has to spend the first hours of his stay in the country sitting upright in a chair awaiting daylight!

There are, of course, two hotels within 20 miles of the airport; but they cannot always take guests at short notice.

It is hard to believe that, in these days of overcrowded travel, any tourist would get himself into a position whereby he lands unannounced in a strange country at a time when he has no arrangements made for accommodation. But apparently some still do.

And, of course, there is no way of telling just how many dollar tourists have scrapped the idea of popping off at Fiji just because they arrive in the early hours and then faced with a long car ride.

Possibly a better type accommodation and Pan American's own chief at Nadi lives in a very special bureau—this would solve the difficulty for both airlines and tourist authorities in

THIS is a matter on which the airlines and the Fiji Government could probably work together for their own good. The sort of problem of transient travellers occurred in Lae, in New Guinea. Qantas, who are the international operators in that territory, solved it in their own way by building an establishment which was admirably for these passengers.

It is a failure to see why Nadi accommodation is the concern of the New Zealand Government—which through its Civil Aviation Department is the licensing authority for the Governments of Australia, NZ and the UK in respect of Nadi international air-

traveller northbound from Melbourne to Fiji, arriving early at Mascot, Sydney, for a midnight flight, does not expect the Australian Department of Civil Aviation to provide him with a bed.

And, incidentally, the overseas terminal at Mascot—a huge tin shed—is about as uninspiring as a terminal can make it. With luck one might get a cup of tea or coffee. But there certainly is no lounge, and, if you want to buy a newspaper or a book, you must walk a long way to the terminal buildings of the TAA or NAA.

The Mocambo, however, is not only faultless, and attention to

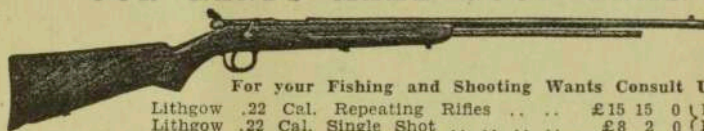
small details would make for more comfort.

Refreshment service could be improved. It functions only when planes are there. Surely people who have come from Fiji towns, to join planes, should get refreshment

while waiting.

Tea-makers should be taught how to make tea. The concoction now handed out, as tea, tastes like the witches' brew once given children for their bodily good—Senna tea.—JT, at Nadi, 3/10/51.

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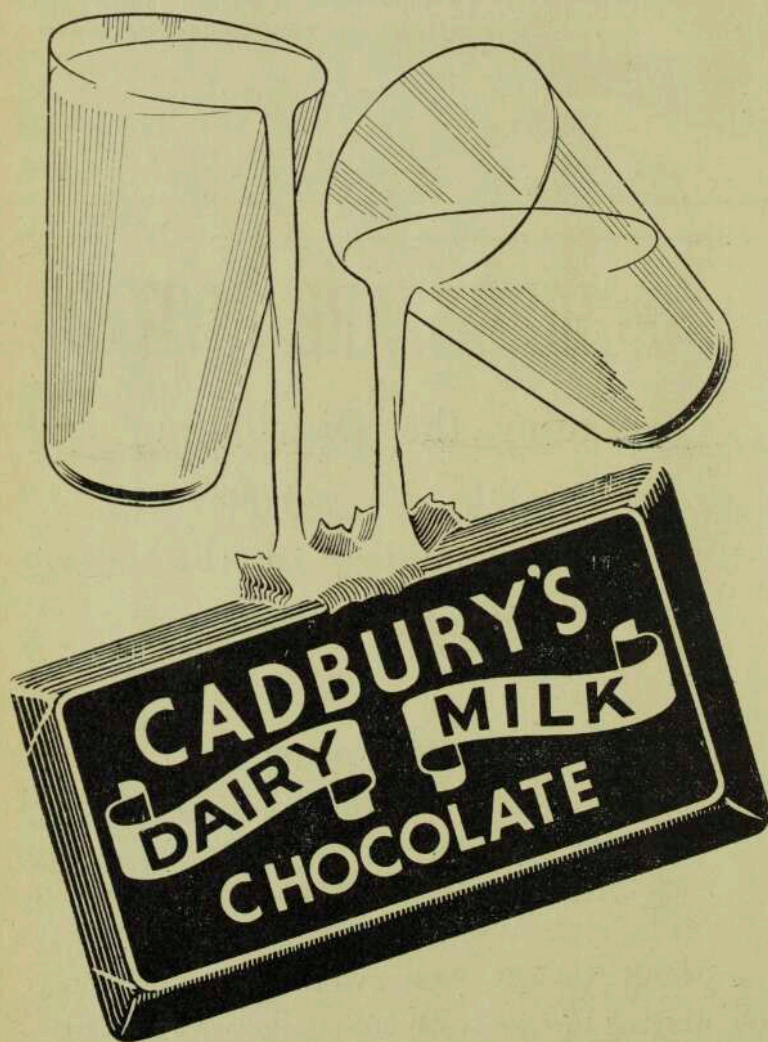
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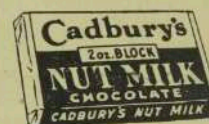
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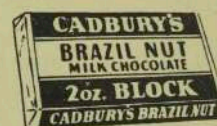
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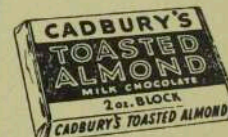
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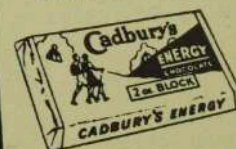


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With the present high frequency flights on the trans-Tasman route, we believe the route via New Zealand should be very popular," said Mr. Wisdom. "The company is at present operating 10 flights per week from New Zealand to Australia, and this total will be increased during the summer months.

Passengers taking advantage of the new reduced fare can book and for sight-seeing itineraries in New Zealand before leaving Suva. Hotel accommodation in New Zealand can also be reserved in advance."

SEASES, INSECT PESTS CAN BE CARRIED BY PLANES

NOW that air services are crossing the Pacific in all directions between Asia, Australia and North America, it is vital to welfare that a strict watch be kept upon them, as potential carriers of pests," said Dr. McMillan, when recently in Sydney. He is Economic Development Member of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission.

To show what can happen, I cite the case of Canton Island. Hawaiian war interests maintain a research organisation, and the latter carried a survey recently on Canton Island. It showed that, since the trans-Pacific planes began stopping at this isolated sandbank near the equator, the number of species of insects on the island has doubled."

Dr. McMillan said that only the most care could prevent the rapid spread of pests. Pandanus brought in Papua or the Solomons for making of coarse fabrics carried the insects. The Rhinoceros beetle everywhere, and could easily be carried. The Pacific areas were comparatively free of the terrible sand-mouth disease, but it was common in Europe and America. It could be carried in carcase meat. That applied to other animal cases.

There is much talk, but no action," said the doctor. "Yet the senses of preventive measures

are as nothing compared with the cost of fighting the plague, once it is introduced. Co-ordinated action throughout the Pacific is urgently needed."

Mr. John H. North, a Medical Department officer on leave from Lae, New Guinea, recently gave the Murwillumbah Rotary Club, NSW, an interesting account of the experiences of the medical officials who went to the rescue of the people injured in the Lamington eruption.

Fiji's Record Trade

THE Trade Report for Fiji, 1950, has been published and is available for sale from the Government printer for 7/6.

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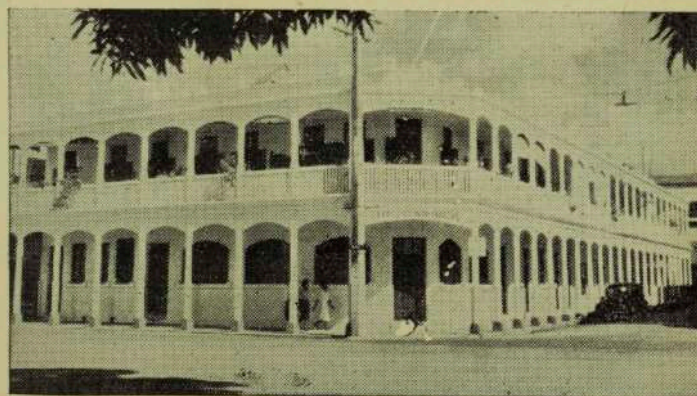
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Count Nils Gyldenstolpe, head of the Ornithological Department of the Royal Natural History Museum of Stockholm, and the Countess, were met on their arrival in Sydney in early August by Qantas by the Chairman of Taronga Park Trust, Mr. E. J. Hallstrom. Mr. Hallstrom met the Count and Countess while on a recent visit to Sweden, and invited them to Australia. They will go to New Guinea to collect specimens.

THE MONTH IN PAPUA-N. GUINEA

More 'Chimbu' Areas Opened to Recruiters

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 3.

THE Central Highlands area from which natives can be recruited for coastal jobs, has now been extended to the central section of the Waghi Valley, around Minj.

Previously the main sources from which recruits were drawn were Goroka, Bena Bena and Chimbu—they are known generally as Chimbus.

Right now, the Chimbus have not time to spare for work, as the all-important sing-sings are either in progress or the villages are just recovering from the effect of these energetic celebrations.

So the middle Waghi and Mt. Hagen sub-districts have been opened for recruiting. Apparently, there are very large numbers of Minj natives eager to try their luck in the world outside the valleys, and it is believed they are of the right type.

Central Highlanders have made a very big difference in the labour position throughout the Territory since they became available to employers two years ago.

Some groups have proved very satisfactory; but others have wrung tears of anguish even from planter case-hardened to the vagaries of native workers. However, that is not dissimilar to reports on European employees today, or of any day for that matter.

But good, bad or indifferent the Chimbus' addition to the labour force has helped to overcome the acute shortage.

It will be interesting to see if the Minj boys put up any records when they get to grips with that hitherto unknown quality, steady work.

DEMONSTRATION BY HANUABADA

Hanuabada Native Village Council celebrated the first anniversary of its establishment under the new Ordinance on September 15. Several thousand villagers and a considerable number of Europeans gathered at Hanuabada for the occasion, and the Council staged an excellent programme to mark the anniversary. The Administrator (Colonel Murray) and the Assistant Administrator (Mr. D. M. Cleland) headed the official party, and were entertained at the Council hall and taken on a tour of the village.

These were colourful native dances and a grand parade of scouts, rangers, cubs, girl guides and other village organisations to the cricket ground for the Administrator's speech, and the Ceremonial Retreat staged by the police force band.

The Councillors had taken pains to have the village cleaned up for the occasion, and its cleanliness and tidiness might well have set a standard for the whole community.

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It is considered that this experiment in a new type of Village Council has worked out well, and is a concrete step towards teaching the natives to assume responsibilities in a democratic organisation.

Similar Village Councils, with statutory powers, have been established in New Britain and Manus, and others are about to be set up in the Milne Bay area.

'PLANE ACCIDENTS

After a long accident-free period, New Guinea aviation has had a number of serious accidents lately.

A Qantas Dragon aircraft, piloted by Flight Officer Frederick George Barlogie, crashed at Karanka, in the New Guinea Highlands, on September 21. The pilot, the only occupant, was killed. He encountered bad weather, and a wing struck trees along the top of a ridge, sending the machine crashing into a gully.

On October 5, Gibbes Airways' Norseman made a crash landing near Madang. Mr. Gibbes, who was the pilot, was unhurt, but the plane was damaged.

PUBLIC HALLS AVAILABLE

The Port Moresby Library Institute Hall, on Douglas Street, has been extensively renovated. The Trustees have spent about £3,000 on repairs and alterations to this pre-war building, which now will be available for public functions. This gives the town two public

halls, as the Red Cross Hall was completed a few months ago.

It was not easy for either the Red Cross or the Library Institute to get these buildings erected, for today any construction work in the Territory means a battle for supplies. Slowly, even if the pace at times slows to almost a standstill,



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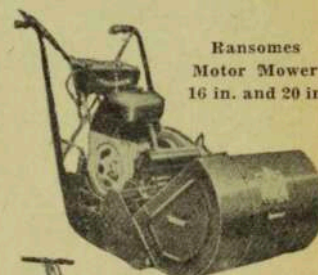
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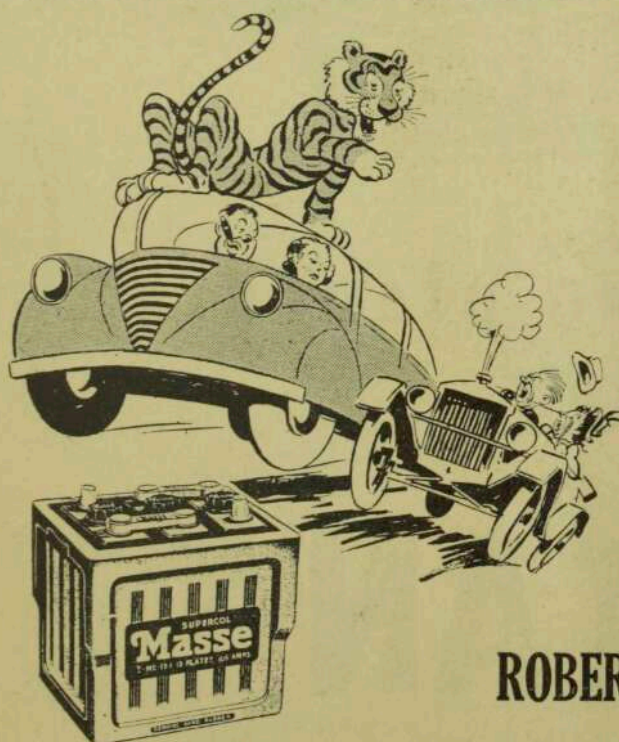
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ANOTHER "SPLEEN" CASE

A plantation assistant, James Allen Swallow, 26, was acquitted in the Supreme Court on a charge of having killed a Chimbu plantation worker.

Evidence showed the native, Gawale, had not been well on the night of July 16, and next morning was carried from the native quarters, on an Abau plantation owned by Robinson River Plantations Limited, to the sick line. Two natives who carried the sick man alleged that Swallow kicked him in the stomach. Swallow denied this, and said he had immediately recognized that the native was very ill, and arranged for him to be taken to the hospital. He died shortly after. The post-mortem showed that Gawale's death was due to a reupture of the spleen, and there was no evidence from the medical examination that he had been kicked.

Passing judgment, Mr. Justice Kelly said that as the post-mortem failed to indicate that the deceased had been kicked, he was not entitled to find that any kick had been given, and he found Swallow not guilty.

MORE RED CROSS BRANCHES WANTED

The Papua and New Guinea division of the Australian Red Cross Society is launching a membership drive and an appeal for funds. At the annual meeting, on September 24, the chairman, Mr. J. L. A'Hearn, expressed disappointment at the Territories' low membership and lack of branches.

The Society has 550 members in Papua and New Guinea, and one branch, which is at Wewak. The new headquarters building at Port Moresby, which cost nearly £9,000, has emptied the Society's cash box, and the raising of funds must now be a major task to carry on Red Cross work and prepare for any emergencies which may arise.

The Wewak Branch, with a membership of 40, in a small community, has set an excellent standard for other centres. It is hoped to have branches at Lae, Rabaul, Madang and other areas.

The native Red Cross movement now has five Junior Red Cross branches. The Hanuabada group is the largest membership, and is doing an excellent job.

APPEALS FOR FUNDS

The committee in charge of the appeal for funds for a memorial to the late Sir Hubert Murray comprises Mr. Justice Gore (chairman), Mr. E. A. James (deputy chairman), Mr. J. H. A'Hearn (secretary), Mr.

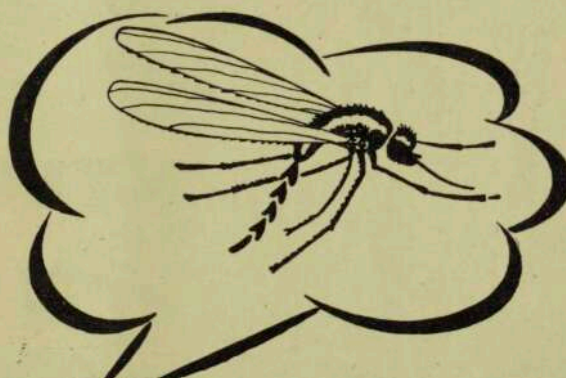
C. L. Anthony (assistant secretary) and Mr. W. N. Chester (treasurer). The form which the memorial will take depends upon the amount subscribed. A request has been made for suggestions from the general public.

Mr. H. M. King, Brisbane, who will be president of the Queensland Congregational Union in 1952, is the son of the late Rev. Joseph King, who was a missionary in Samoa in the 1860's, and for 22 years was general secretary of the London Missionary Society for Australia and New Zealand. The president-elect is 71, and served in both World Wars.

By next year it is expected that passengers in Canadian Pacific Airlines planes on the Pacific service will be able to travel between Sydney and Nadi in about four hours. CPAL expect to introduce Comet jets to the Sydney-Hawaii service. These travel at 500 miles per hour—200 mph faster than the fastest of the present planes in use in Pacific services.

Now that the NZ elections are over, increased numbers of tourists are arriving in Norfolk Island (says our correspondent). There were 39 on last Sunday's planes—all glad to be in the warmth and sunshine after experiencing New Zealand's coldest winter.

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PAGE-STEVENSON WEDDING

This happy snapshot was taken at the wedding in New Zealand recently of Miss Anne Pamela Page (daughter of Mrs. Ann Page and the late Mr. Harold Page, of New Guinea), and Mr. J. W. B. Stevenson (son of Mrs. Stevenson and the late Mr. N. B. Stevenson, of Upcot Station, Blenheim, New Zealand).

Old residents of New Guinea will remember Pam Page, the pretty second daughter of their Government Secretary. Harold Page was one of the hundreds of men who, through official blundering, were left in Rabaul in January, 1942, without arms or resources, to face the Japanese invasion. They became prisoners of the Japanese, and a few months later, when being sent to Japan, they all were lost on the *Montevideo Maru*. Mrs. Page now is a resident of Neutral Bay, Sydney.

TWO RABAUL WEDDINGS

IN a beautiful setting of flowers in the Masonic Hall, for which Mrs. Normoyle and Mrs. Blackford were responsible, Mr. Normoyle gave away Miss Pamela Palfreyman in marriage to Mr. John Best, our new resident vulcanologist. Bestman was Mr. Tony Taylor (who previously held the position of vulcanologist here).

The bride's lovely gown of Parisian simplicity was designed for her by her mother, late of Rabaul. Nearly 100 guests assembled at the reception at the Women's Club.

MISS JACQUELINE PALMER was married to Mr. Roy Park, of the Royal Papuan Constabulary, on August 31, at the Masonic Hall.

Jacqueline was a beautiful bride in ivory embossed satin with a three-quarter length veil. She was attended by Miss Valerie Lange and groomsmen were Sub-Inspector Holloway. The bride was given away by her father, Inspector Palmer.

From the Cooks

From Our Own Correspondent

AUCKLAND, Aug. 20. MOST of Auckland's Cook Islands community met the Maui Pomare from Rarotonga, when he berthed in Auckland on Sunday morning, August 12.

His passenger list included returning Resident Commissioner William Tailby and Mrs. Tailby, and regular Don Read and his wife and family.

Mr. Read, for a good many years secretary to the Resident Commissioner at Rarotonga, has more recently been serving in the same capacity at Niue. He now quits the island—temporarily, it is hoped—for a position at Islands Territories Department, Wellington.

Also aboard were the two sons of veteran Cook Islands skipper Andy Tomson—long associated with the island schooners Tagua and Tiare Topor, and now master of A. B. Donald's latest acquisition, Charles Donald. Tony, war-time naval aviator, has, like his younger brother Sammy, been following in his father's footsteps since the war, first in the Tiare Taporu, then on the NZ coast, and lately in his father's present command. He now comes to Auckland to attend the Navigation School and sit for his ticket. Meanwhile, Sammy

is getting in his time in the "Maui Pomare" as AB—and getting some free trips back home!

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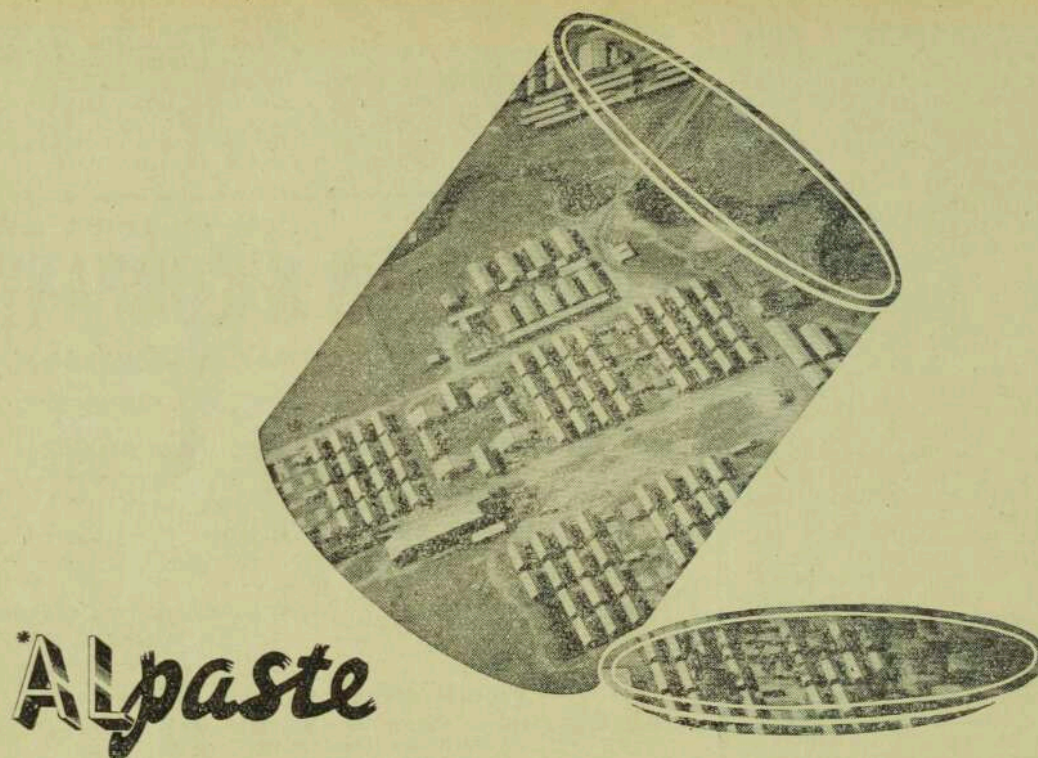
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MEMENTO OF NORDHOFF-HALL PARTNERSHIP



This photograph (kindly loaned by Miss Leeson) is a memento of the Pacific's famous literary partnership. It shows Nordhoff and Hall at the top of their success—after the *Bounty* trilogy had been published, and during the filming of "*Mutiny*."

On the left is Charles B. Nordhoff, who

died in California some three years ago. In the centre is Frank Lloyd, famous producer, who came from Hollywood to direct the Tahiti section of the extraordinarily successful film. On the right is James Norman Hall, whose unexpected death in Tahiti, in July, was noted with regret throughout the world. The photograph was taken about May, 1935, in Papeete.

NEW HEBRIDES NOTES

SANTO WHARF: It is reported that the French Government is providing a considerable sum for the construction of a new pier at Santo. Present Pier 3 has the best approach and is most suitable, and the new pier probably will be there. Customs offices, holding sheds, cargo sheds and other offices are

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included in the plans. Santo's piers now are a shocking mess, and the rotten timbers, which fall from the decking at regular intervals, leave gaps which are a menace to both man and vehicles, particularly at night. It is also reported that Santo will have a telephone service. This is much needed—it will link the township, which straggles over almost the entire length of the Second Channel.

SHIPPING: The Sagittaire is loading copra for France. The Morinda has been in, and it seems

that she will make her last visit here early in the New Year. She probably will be replaced by another of the Company's ships.

PERSONALITIES: Mr. and Mrs. Don Gubbay recently arrived back from a world tour, mostly by air, which embraced Australia, France, England and America. Mrs. M. and Miss D. Morris will leave shortly for Australia. Mrs. D. Hooker and Miss V. Whitford are to visit Norfolk Island.

SOCIAL OCCASIONS: To mark

the twentieth anniversary of their wedding, Commandant of British Police, Mr. P. Colley, and Mrs. Colley entertained a large gathering of friends at a dinner-dance at their residence in Vila. They received innumerable congratulations. Before coming to the Condominium Mr. Colley served in the Solomons.

The Resident Commissioner for France, and Madame Anthonioz recently were dinner guests at the Burns Philp bachelors' mess in Vila. Joint hosts for the occasion were Messrs. Hoey, Chisholm, Higgins, Bender and Christmass.

Mr. Dick Carruthers, of I. H. Carruthers, general merchants of Apia, and his wife, Tina, returned to Western Samoa recently, after a holiday in Australia. Other well-known residents of Apia who were in Sydney at the same time were Mrs. Aggie Grey (proprietress of one of the two main hotels in Apia) and Mr. Fred Fairman.

Mrs. Keith Winters, wife of a meteorological officer on Nauru, told Melbourne newspapers last month that she has 30 Nauruan girls, aged 3 to 12, in a dancing class. Before her marriage she was Miss Moya Dunn, a Tivoli ballet girl. She praised living conditions on Nauru.

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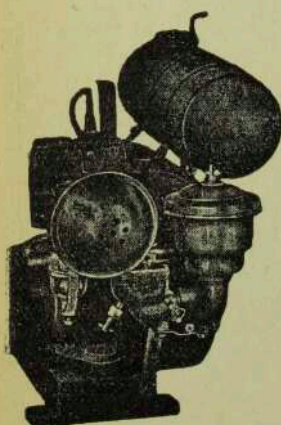
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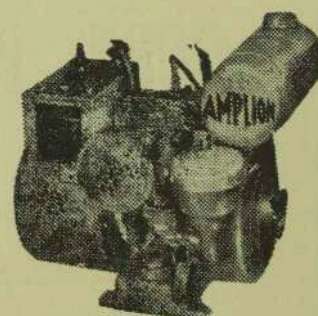
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World Demand For Nickel

Soldiers Go To Mine In New Caledonia

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Aug. 28.

SOME little perturbation was caused in New Caledonia when it was officially announced that the Army, under the command of Colonel Vandenbergue, had been ordered to work the nickel mines at Thio.

The High Commissioner's Chief of Cabinet, Mr. Gavarry, explained that owing to increasing demands from the US and France for more nickel, work had to be accelerated. He said that the soldiers would be called back to their barracks in Noumea as soon as a projected carrier for the ore could operate. Between 40 and 50 soldiers have been sent to Thio.

The Nickel Company's smelters in Noumea expect to produce more than 10,000 tons of nickel by the end of 1952. New equipment is being installed, principally in the smelting plants.

LARGE SUMS INVOLVED

ONE American, Mr. Patterson, who has important interests in the newly formed "Societe Caledonienne des Metaux" has opened his offices in the new building of Mr. Pentecost, Rue de l'Alma, Noumea.

At the same time an official dispatch has announced ECA's loan of some 857,000 dollars to the "Societe Caledonienne des Metaux," to promote the production of chrome in the Caledonian mines. The "Societe Caledonienne des Metaux" will also be assisted in Metropolitan francs, and a sum of 146 millions has been put at its disposal. The company will reimburse this by exporting chrome to the United States. It will pay 4 per cent. interest. The funds in dollars and francs are being made available through the medium of the "Caisse Centrale de France d'Outre-Mer" (Caifom).

ANXIETY IN BRITAIN

USERS of materials containing nickel will be "hard hit" by the increasing scarcity of the metal as the result of a great expansion of demand, said the manager of a Birmingham company at the conclusion of a six-weeks' visit to Australia.

He said that large quantities of nickel and nickel alloys were needed for defence, while at the same time there was a growing demand for commercial and domestic uses.

TARO FOR AUCKLANDERS

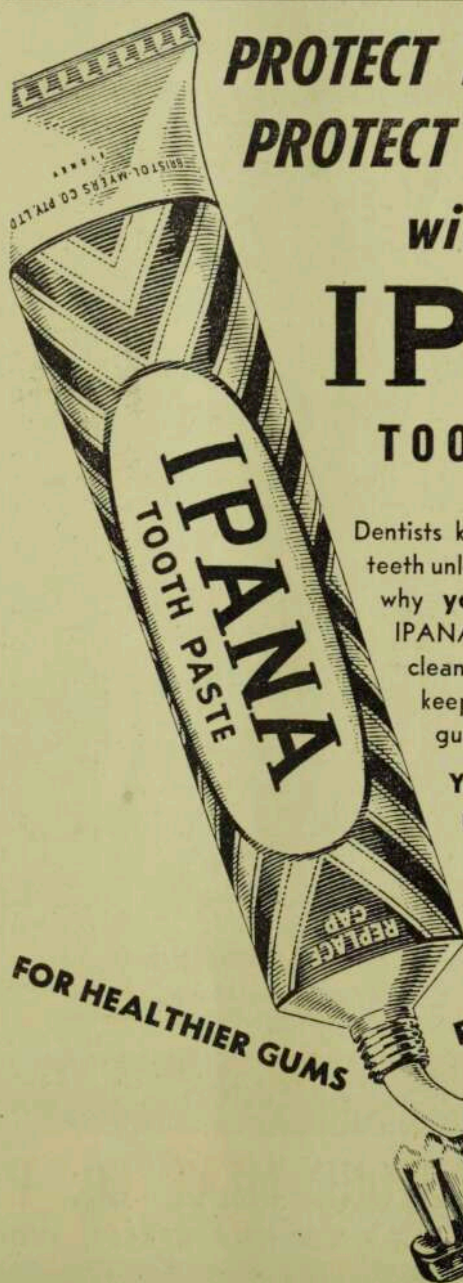
PROMINENTLY displayed in many Auckland fruit and vegetable shops is Island-grown taro, at 1/- per pound.

This indicates some effort being made to cater for the several thousand Cook Islanders, Samoans and Niueans now resident in New Zealand. The price seems high, in comparison with various well-subsidised NZ foodstuffs.

Most Auckland greengrocers are Chinese who probably will let the taro rot (as it will, after a while) rather than lower the price.

Pawpaws of modest size can be bought in Auckland for 3/6d and 4/6.—AJS.

Mr. Angus MacDonald, head of the Apia agency firm of A. MacDonald Ltd., Western Samoa, who was in Sydney recently, returned to the Territory by air, via Fiji.



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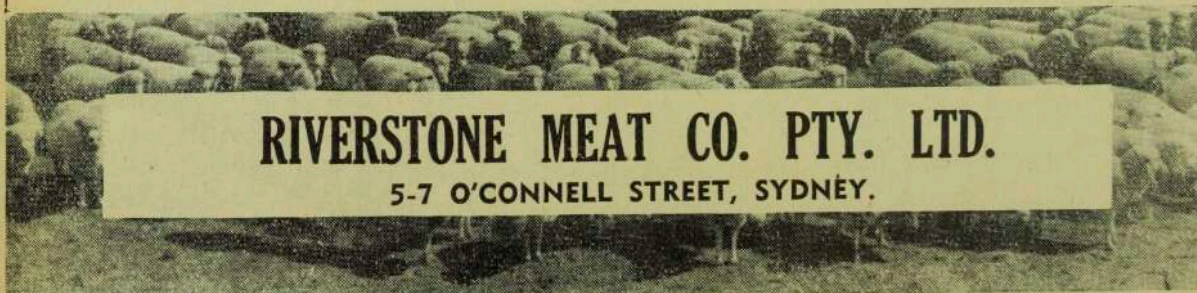


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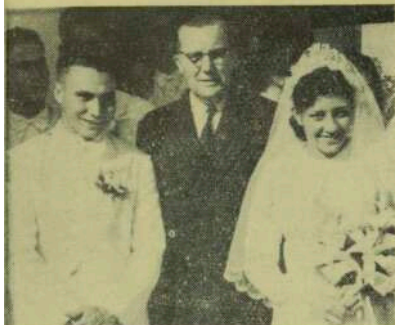
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Top: The bride and bridegroom, with Pastor Christian, who performed the ceremony.

Lower: The bride, with her attendants, enters the church with her father, the well-known Mr. Edmond Stehlin. Mr. Stehlin has been a member of the Samoan Government service for 30 years, and has been closely connected with Station 2AP, where he is chief announcer.

—Photos by Superflash Studios.



BSI Mission Still Seek WD Compensation

THE Rev. A. H. Scrivin, general secretary of Foreign Mission Board of the Methodist Church of New Zealand, travelled to the Solomon Islands in mid-August to appeal to the Rt. Hon. John Dugdale (British Minister for Colonial Affairs) concerning his Mission's war-damage claims. The Mission lost all its buildings on the islands of New Georgia, Vella Lavella and

Choiseul (as well as in Bougainville and Buka, which are in TNG).

The NZ Methodist Times of August 25 said the Mission's war-damage claims "have so far met with no response as far as the British Solomon Islands are concerned."

Owing to his overcrowded programme in Fiji, Mr. Dugdale could not see Mr. Scrivin in Suva.—AJS.

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From Our Own Correspondent

PAPEETE, Aug. 10.

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J. Frost has discovered that even blue-water yachtsmen are not entirely free—there are rules to which they must conform.

When Captain Georges Bailly, harbour-master at Papeete, arose on the morning of August 2, he noticed a blank where, the previous night, there had ridden, in the harbour, the British 8-tons yacht Axelle, registered in London—and

sailed out to Tahiti by her owner-skipper and his brother, via Cowes, Madeira, Barbadoes, Saint Lucie, Panama, the Galapagos and the Marquesas. They had gone without clearance.

Captain Bailly called the pilot boat, and went out to sea. Ten miles away, he overtook the Axelle. He ordered the yacht back to port—and the Frost brothers obeyed.

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(The yachtsmen (Messrs. Frost), who are now in Suva, have quite a different story to tell. See their statement elsewhere in this issue.)

Mrs. Flora Stewart, owner of the fine new Hotel Cecil, at Lae, New Guinea, left by air for Europe and America, in August. She is seeking a change, after two very strenuous years—and also seeks new ideas in decoration and management for her hotel, which should be open for business by the end of the year.

British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines Ltd. have now opened their own office in Suva, Fiji. Previously BCPA worked entirely through travel agents in Fiji.

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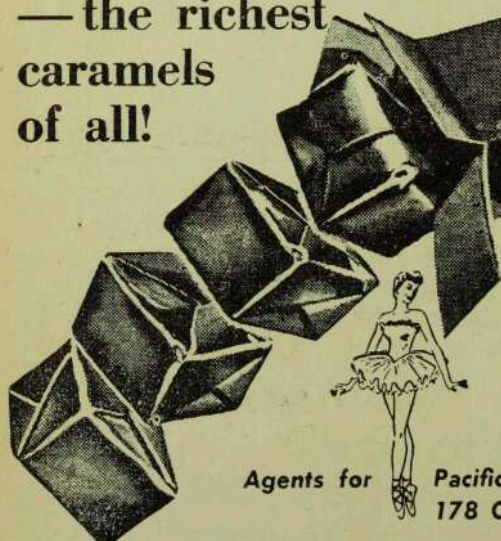
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Rawhiti Will Go To Great Lakes

WHEN the LST Rawhiti, owned by the Roose Shipping Co., of Suva, berthed at Roselle Bay, Sydney, on August 20, with 170,000 feet of sawn timber from Tauranga, NZ, it was soon known that this would be her last appearance in the Pacific trade. An American buyer has secured the handy 3,600-ton landing-craft for the iron ore trade in the Great Lakes.

The Rawhiti and her skipper, Captain D. K. Matheson, formerly of the NZ Government-chartered schooner, Tagua, are well known in the Islands. Since the Roose Co., with headquarters at Mercer, NZ, purchased the ship in Hawaii after the war, she has been seen in the Solomons, New Guinea, and Micronesia, variously engaged as a live-stock transport, a carrier of war surplus, or, latterly, on the trans-Tasman timber trade. She carried urgently needed general cargo from Auckland to Suva during the NZ waterfront tie-up.

Her Chief Engineer, Mr. Sugar, is well-known to the various port customs officers who, glancing down the lists of Declared Items, have always found opposite his name "live fishes" and, investigating further, have discovered his cabin to be a veritable floating aquarium, with all kinds of tropical fishes swimming leisurely among the fresh green plants which decorate the big glass tanks in his cabin.

The Rawhiti arrived back in Auckland late in September. She had immediately for San Francisco, where she will go into dock. Her big bow doors will be permanently welded shut, and the big steel ramp which poured tanks ashore on a Normandy beach-head and again in the invasion of Italy, and which has since felt the tramp of cattle or the weight of big timber trucks driving inside with their ads, will no more go down.

NEW TIMBER ENTERPRISE IN SOLOMONS

HONIARA, Oct. 1. MENARU TIMBERS LTD., a company planning to utilise some of the forest area near Honiara, has already started shipping operations and seems likely to be of great value to the BSIP. The timber at present being cut, while of secondary importance to the trees that will be accessible later, has great commercial possibilities. It is a lightcoloured wood with dark-brown markings, very well suited to

plywood veneers. A small mill arrived for the company by September Morinda, and it is announced that 120,000 super feet of timber was shipped by Muliama to Sydney on September 30.

Prime movers in the company are Mr. Norman Wallis of Sydney, and Mr. R. Dethridge and Mr. K. H. D. Hay, of Honiara, and keen local

interest is being taken in its progress.

The survey sloop HMS Challenger—namesake of the first survey ship to visit Fiji waters in 1874—visited Fiji on September 4, and went on to Funafuti, G.&E. Colony. She is commanded by Commander G. S. Richie, DSC, RN.



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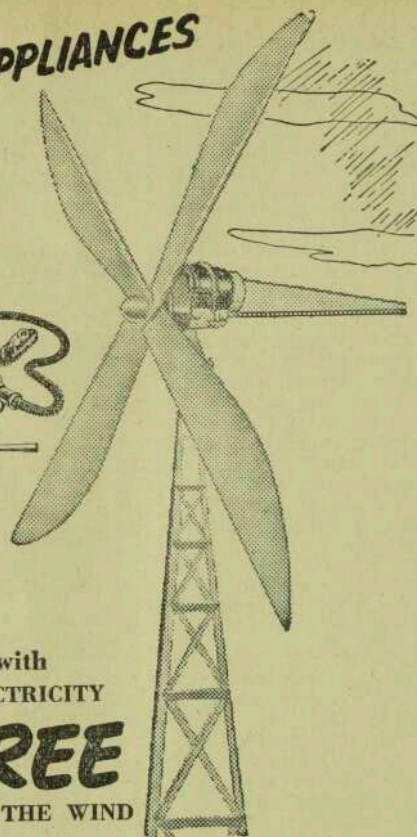
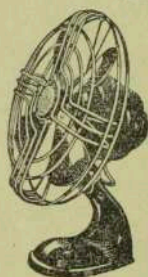
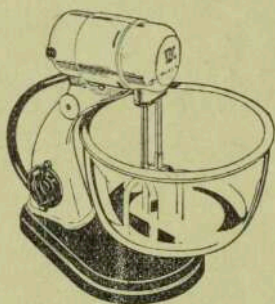
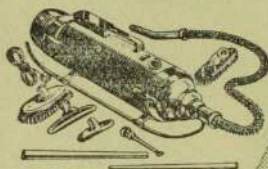
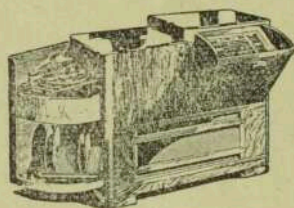
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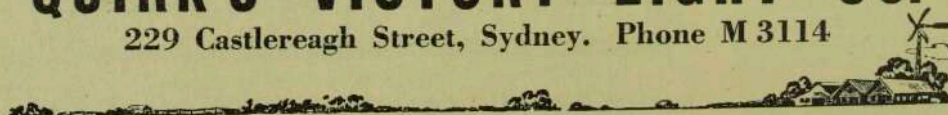
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Eastern Pacific Notes

VISITORS to Auckland from Tahiti are liable to be pleasantly surprised these days on discovering that the face through the cross-harbour-ferry ticket-office window is that of Mr. Karl (Charlie) Swenson, who for many years, and until recently, was attached to the staff of Etablissement Donald, in Papeete.

NEW ERA FOR NASSAU

Mr. H. E. Maude, formerly of the administrative staff of the Western Pacific High Commissioner and now member of the South Pacific Commission's Research Council, in NZ in July, prior to his departure for Nassau, Northern Cooks, where he organised another self-supporting colony, similar to the Commission's experimental project in Fiji.

About 100 settlers were transferred to Nassau from Pukapuka by the Cook Islands Administration last year. The Island had been abandoned since the Coastwatchers were withdrawn at the end of the war.

Prior to the Japanese entering the war, Nassau had been operated as a copra plantation by Burns Philp, from Apia, for many years. Captain Williams, now Union Steamship Co. agent at Apia, managed the land during that period—and

reared a fine family on the 300-acres outpost.

It is understood the Cook Islands Administration intends establishing a radio station at Nassau at an early date, this now being the only inhabited Island of the Group without radio communication. A new station recently came into operation on Manuae.

ANOTHER SHIP FOR NEW HEBRIDES

According to a news item from Radio New Zealand on August 27, the well-known New Zealand coaster, "Holm Glen," of the Holm Shipping Co., Wellington, has been sold to a New Hebrides shipping company, and was expected to sail for Vila early in September.

LATEST NEWS OF HERO OF DRIFT

Sydneyites, hurrying down George Street past the GPO, probably little realise that the candid-camera man who operates there is none other than Mr. "Screwball" Johnson, whom PIM readers will recall figured in a remarkable 4-months' drift voyage from just south of Hawaii to near destruction on the reefs of the Fiji Group in late 1947.

The story was told in an issue of PIM early in 1948, under the title, "Operation Screwball."

Towed into Suva by a British ship which picked up the derelict war-surplus sub-chaser to windward of the Fiji Group, Mr. Johnson had

her fitted out and converted to trading requirements. Later she was sold to W. R. Carpenter & Co., present owners, and Mr. Johnson, coming to Sydney, purchased a cruising yacht, aboard which he now lives in Sydney Harbour.

Asked whether he is planning further "operations screwball" Mr. Johnson was nonchalant, but suggested that this may depend upon just how many of his George Street customers return with those little paste-board slips to collect their photographs.

WEATHER MAN MOVES ON

Cook Islands residents will be interested to know that Mr. Jim Harper, former meteorologist at Rarotonga, has lately been promoted from his position at Ohakea Airfield, NZ, to take charge of the Weather Office, Hokitika. Jim sometimes pines for a return to the

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Islands, but Mrs. Harper is less enthusiastic, with a young and growing family on her hands.

A BOOM IN SHELL

The islands of Manihiki and Penrhyn, in the Northern Cooks, have been experiencing a wave of prosperity, with the price of mother-of-pearl black-lip shell con-

stantly on the increase, since operations resumed after the war. The price paid on the beach has risen in the past five years from 4d to as much as 1/8 per pound. Several diving machines are now operating below the minimum 15-fathom line permitted to machines—and every able-bodied man and boy is skin-diving the shallower water.

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The McRaes sent an expedition to investigate their purchase. They found there was no reef thereabouts called Jourmand. Eleven miles from the position indicated they found a wrecked barge, which was not a tanker. They sued, and the High Court awarded damages. It said the officials had been reckless and irresponsible in wording their advertisement.

French Government Costs

NOUMEA, Aug. 31.

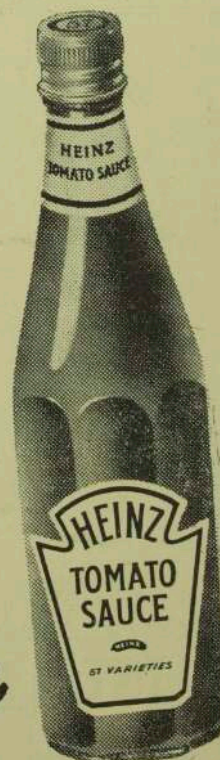
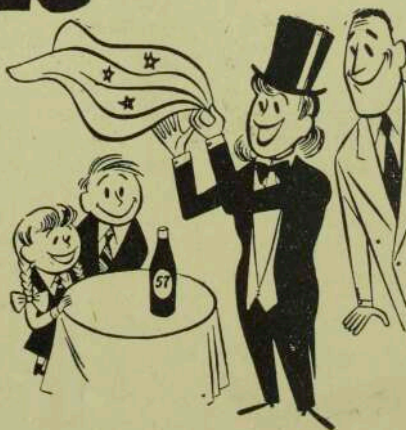
THE French Ministry of Overseas Territories has sent the sum of 42,970,000 metropolitan francs (£A45,000), representing France's share in the budget of the New Hebrides for the 1951 financial year.

The budget of the Wallis and Futuna islands has been established for the financial year 1951 at 5,690,000 Pacific francs (£A42,500). —FD.

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Islands Fall Down on Job of Providing Fruit

SUVA, Sept. 18.
NEW ZEALAND'S search for tropical and semi-tropical fruit has now extended to the West Indies.

In September, a representative of the NZ fruit distributing company which has succeeded the Government Internal Marketing Division, is in Suva, en route to Jamaica to buy oranges for the Dominion. Apparently, the Cook Islands cannot supply them in quantities to fill the NZ demand the whole year round. Norfolk Island does not grow sufficient to take up the slack—and shipping facilities are inadequate. NZ is so afraid of importing fruit-fly that it will not use Australian coastal fruit, and imported fruit from the Murray Goulburn Area is said to be too expensive—in special export packs, about 10/- per case, Sydney.

Dollar troubles prevent the importation of Californian oranges, which found a ready market in NZ the days before currency restrictions.

To one but an economist or a planner could see sense in the necessity of importing fruit from as far away as Jamaica when the Dominion is surrounded by countries capable of producing excellent oranges.

New Zealand's fruit problems are merely the outcome of the post-war banana boom. Copra is an industry that suits the average islander—something that can be done when the spirit moves him, or left conveniently until the following week. But, on the other hand, has an unfortunate habit of becoming overgrown if left on the tree too long.

Falling Banana Production

THE September Matua left Apia with 2,000 cases of bananas—fewer than provided for; Fiji was 1,000 cases down on its quota.

The long spell of dry weather is partly responsible; but it is certain that if the Islands' fruit industry is to benefit by the action of the Union Steamship's new Tofua to the south Pacific at the beginning of next year, something will have to be done in a hurry to boost banana production. Tofua and Matua will run regular services except that one of them will go to a NZ South Island port to discharge fruit. At present the Matua's terminal port is Auckland and all fruit has to be shipped there.

All Islands fruit production has

fallen drastically since the war. If they cannot fill one ship now it seems unlikely that they can fill two in three months' time.

The theory is that once the islanders know that regular shipping is available they will turn to and produce more fruit; but, while copra and cocoa are bringing such high prices, this seems unlikely—except in Fiji, where a banana planting campaign was undertaken some months ago.

Fruit Juice Industry

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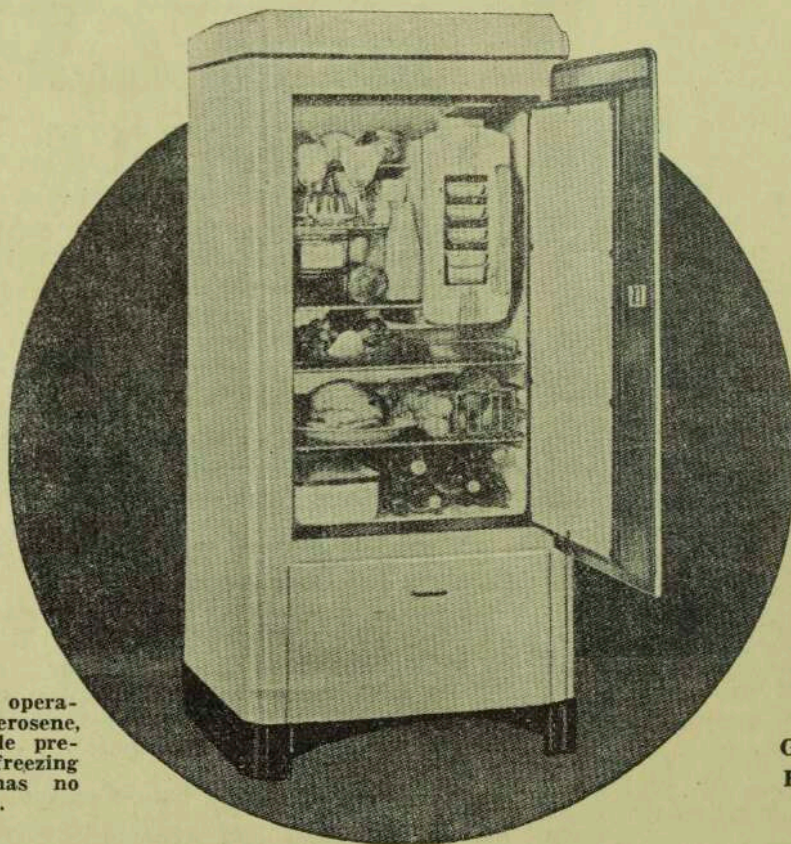
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RECENT EVENTS IN NEW CALEDONIA

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Sept. 1.
IGN of New Caledonia's post-war prosperity is the number of cars in the Noumea streets and the week-end procession out of town. To this number, 222 vehicles are added during the first six months of 1951—145 of them from France and 76 from the USA. The Siamese Government has bought one of the three planes of the Trapas line of Noumea, now out of service. A Siamese ship, headed by an American pilot, delivered at Tontouta airport. On his return from a first visit to the Loyalty Group and a tour around New Caledonia on the sloop, the Acting Governor (M. Gardier) said he thought Australs would find New Caledonia an ideal place for a camping holiday—that is if they came prepared to make their own arrangements. He spoke enthusiastically of the coastal mountain scenery, and the work of the Catholic and Protestant missions among the natives, whose patriotism, intelligence and standard of life he warmly praised. M. Paul Pascalon, visiting French architect and town planner, finds Noumea too spread-out, having re-

gard to the number of inhabitants. He expects the town to grow, but says that one of the finest sites in the world is being spoiled by haphazard and unregulated building by commercial interests.

Two big warehouses are in course of construction at Noumea wharf—one for goods imported from overseas, and the other for goods arriving from other parts of the Colony and its surrounding islands.

In Paris, M. Lenormand, recently elected deputy for New Caledonia, has been appointed a member of the committee of the National Assembly studying matters relating to the Press.

The new French track-cycling champion is Andre Beyney, of Noumea. In honour of his numerous victories in Europe, New Caledonia has voted him a substantial sum to add to his prize winning achievements.

A party of American archaeologists, led by Professor Gifford, from the University of California, is expected in New Caledonia in February.

At the suggestion of the Colony's Economic Affairs advisers, and in agreement with the Noumea Chamber of Commerce, the New Caledonian General Council has agreed that certain goods from Japan should enter the island at minimum customs rates.

New Caledonia is introducing the 40-hours week (173 hours per month) for workers. It seems likely that most employers will adopt the five days week system, with week-ends free. Up to 44 hours a week overtime will be paid at normal rates after that 25 per cent. higher.

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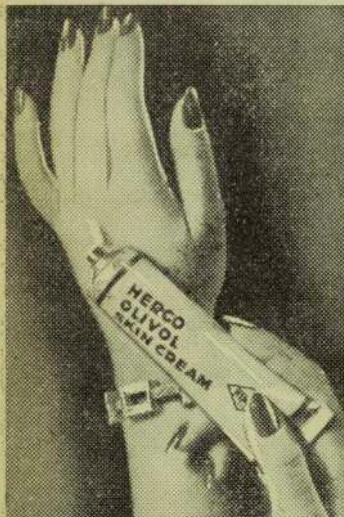
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A Sydney Morning Herald writer says that the new High Commissioner for Western Pacific, will suppress the "Marching Rule" or "Marxian Rule" movement in the British Solomons. He says that the correct name is "Masinga Rule," and that masinga is the local word for "brother."



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New Air Services Expected In The West Pacific

PLANS were announced during the month for two new air services which will affect the Western Pacific countries—one from

the Netherlands and one from Japan.

KLM, Royal Netherlands Airlines will begin a regular weekly air service between Sydney and Amsterdam, in November.

An agreement between Australia and Holland provides for reciprocal services by Netherlands and Australian airlines—between Holland and Australia, Australia and Dutch New Guinea, and Dutch New Guinea and Papua.

The weekly service between Holland and Australia will run via Biak, on the north coast of Dutch New Guinea.

KLM ran a well-known service between Holland and Australia, via Batavia, before the war.

A writer in the Sydney Sun on August 26 said that the Japanese are planning a regular air service to Indonesia as part of a world airway system, once the peace treaty is signed. They hope that this will bring them within striking distance of a service to Australia and, ultimately, reciprocal flying rights with Australia.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Cole and Miss J. E. Cole returned to Fiji in September from leave spent in the U.S.

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W. Samoa Spurs Legalised Labour Recruiting

From a Special Correspondent

APIA, Sept. 18.

THE manpower shortage in New Zealand, plus the fact that the Western Samoan population is increasing faster than certain kinds of jobs, has opened the way for migration from the Territory to the factories and industries of the Dominion.

This has suited the NZ employer and also the part-European youngsters and the more adventurous Samoans who find it easier to make a niche for themselves in NZ than in the Territory.

It has also suited a few Territory citizens who set themselves up as sort of labour recruiters for NZ employers and made a pound or two for their efforts (£5 a head has been suggested as the recognised recruiting fee).

DURING the recent session of the local Legislative Assembly, a Bill was introduced to legalise this recruiting and for the licensing of agents—the purpose of the legislation being to safeguard those undertaking to work for a specified NZ employer.

However, the bill had a hostile reception from most of the assembly members who held that labour recruiting was a retrograde step much too reminiscent of the blackbirding days to find an honoured place in the legislation of a freedom-seeking country like Samoa. Therefore, after numerous amendments, the Bill actually ended as legislation to prohibit the recruiting of labour in Samoa for NZ.

This does not, of course, prohibit the youth of Samoa from going to NZ to work. It simply means that they must, officially at any rate, go under their own steam and in the hope that the laws, migration and otherwise, of both countries will give them the necessary protection from exploitation.

Indentured labour and recruiting labour have, merely as terms, merited such criticism, often un-merited, that it is surprising that anyone ever got as far as introducing the matter to the Assembly. If members had been able to overcome their dislike of the whole business of recruiting, it probably would have been no bad thing for the young people of Samoa. Most legalised forms of recruiting give more protection to the employee than to the employer. With the programme the 80,000 Samoans have mapped out for themselves, there is little future in

Western Samoa for the majority of those people of mixed parentage who wish to live as Europeans. They are landless, and the sort of jobs they want to fill are strictly limited. Their best chance of a place in the sun seems to lie in migration and in this they have been helped considerably in recent years in the fortuitous fact that NZ has been short of manpower.

Mr. Tom P. Byrne (Chief of Customs) was injured in a jeep accident at Port Moresby on September 19.

When driving a jeep from the driveway of his house on Paga Hill the vehicle swung off the main road on the turn, and tilted over the edge. Mr. Byrne suffered a fractured leg, shock and injuries to his chest and nose, and was admitted to hospital.

The Fiji Amateur Sports Association will hold a championship meeting at Albert Park, Suva, on Monday, October 8—Cession Day—which is a public holiday throughout the Colony.

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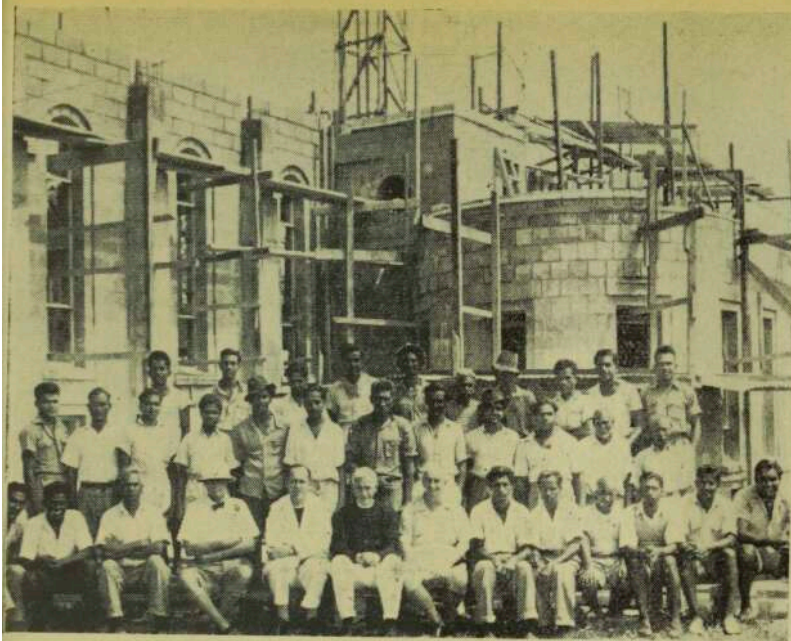
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photograph taken of the workmen outside the building on September 14. In front row, third from left, is Mr. W. Wise, who has given technical advice. Next him is the Rev. H. W. Figgess, Rector in Suva. The Bishop in Polynesia, the Rt. Rev. L. S. Kempthorne, is shown in dark coat, and next to him is Dr. R. H. Beattie, Secretary of the Chapter.

SUVA'S NEW CATHEDRAL GROWS UPON ITS HILL

SUVA, Sept. 20. **ALTHOUGH** it has had all the normal hold-ups in the supply of building materials, the new Anglican cathedral in Suva is now rapidly taking shape. Next operation is the putting on of the roof and, according to the traditions of the country, a feast for the workmen was held this week to celebrate the event—which perhaps could be said to indicate the success of the appeal for the building fund. In more "advanced" countries, by the time the roof is ready to go on, the owner is looking somewhere for a second mortgage and is not interested in the social habits of his plutocratic workmen.

However, although the building and appeal has been successful, the amount received is still over £1000 below the £10,000 target, and the task of raising this amount falls mostly on the comparatively small Anglican community of Fiji.

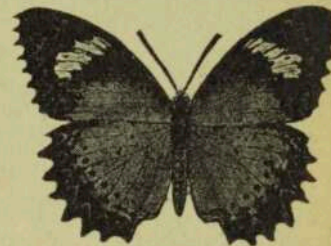
A particularly valiant effort is being made by Mrs. Kempthorne, wife of the Bishop in Polynesia, who runs a second-hand clothes stall in Suva markets. Her stock-trade she gathers from friends as far afield as Honolulu and the United States.

The Anglican Church has few

missionary activities in Fiji and Polynesia and is thereby financially handicapped. But the new cathedral will be a Suva landmark and an object for civic pride and is therefore also the business of everyone who is not necessarily a member of the church.

It is expected that this first stage of the building will be completed by Easter and that it might be far enough advanced when the Archbishop of York arrives here at the end of the year for some ceremony to be held there.

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65 years. A fussy little grandmother kind of a building, she seems to look up at the new cathedral and say, slightly disapproving, "Well, I was considered elegant in my day—and I cost only £600."

Since then a tower has been added for extra beauty, and some steel stays to keep the old lady together. She is the enduring kind—like most pioneers in Fiji—and even when the new cathedral is functioning her useful life will not be over. Part will be removed out to Suva Point to carry on the good work there.

A DANCE and "social evening" was held in the Parish Hall, on September 18, to celebrate the 65th birthday of the church—it was established in Suva just four

years after the transfer of the capital from Levuka.

Church members came from every community—European, Chinese, Fijian and Indian—and under the direction of the indefatigable Charles Stinson and his sister, Mrs. Lester, all thoroughly enjoyed dancing and singing together.—JT.

Census of W. Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Sept. 22. A CENSUS of the whole population of Western Samoa will be taken on September 25.

The figures may show a total population of about 85,000 people against a total of 68,197 in 1945 when the last census was held and 37,157 in 1921.

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Accordingly, there were celebrations. There were pleasant social functions; the plane's crew were decorated in Aitutaki and Rarotonga with leis by pretty dancing girls off the Cook Islands; Commander R. J. C. Barclay and Engineer Asprey were photographed under happy conditions in Western Samoa and formally congratulated in the Cook Islands by Acting Resident Commissioner Walker; and NAC received many compliments on the record of 100 flights without any serious accident, cancellation or interruption.

The New Zealand Air Force actually pioneered the routes referred to; and NAC took over in November 1947—two Sunderlands running the service between Auckland and Lautoka Bay (Suva), and landplanes opening the two routes Auckland-Norfolk Is., and Auckland-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga-Cook Islands. (Tonga was cut out only recently).

These services have been exceedingly valuable to the Islands Territories concerned. It is not known at this stage, whether the new TEAL service along the same route, but extending from Cook Islands to Tahiti, will supplement the NAC service, or will take its place. NAC already has a big job in carrying on all the numerous and growing internal air services in New Zealand.

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A second survey flight over the proposed route of the new TEAL service (Auckland-Fiji-Samoa-Cook Islands-Tahiti) was carried out during September by a 360-seater Solent. A new Solent, named Aparima, arrived in Auckland from Britain in mid-September, for the TEAL services.

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Comptoirs Francaise des Nouvelles Hebrides, meant love at first sight. The photograph, by John Sang Studios, shows the happy party which assisted in the ceremony—notable, incidentally, for the good looks of the young women of Port Vila. M. and Mme Binnvenu plan to make their future home in France.

Exports of gold and silver bullion from the Colony of Fiji have been exempted from the payment of the Export and Customs Service Tax of 5 per cent.

Ratu George Cakobau has been selected to be a Fijian member of the Legislative Council in the place of the late Ratu George Toganivalu, OBE.

The New Guinea Administration recently bought two Port Moresby residences, in an attempt to solve its staff housing problems—the Ela Beach residence of Mr. Tom Nevitt (retired to Australia) for £9,000, and the Lawes Road residence of the late Mr. A. K. Edwards, for £6,250.

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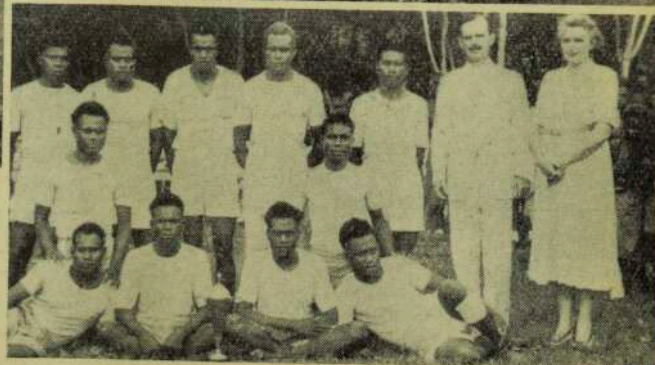
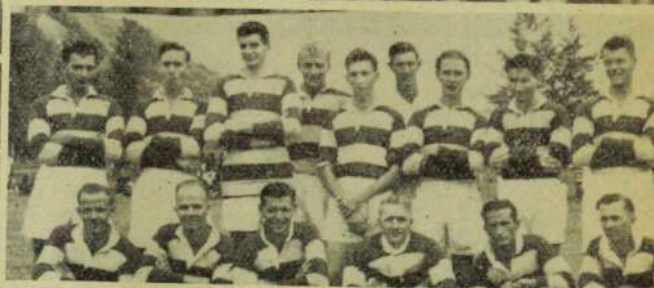
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TOP LEFT.—Rabaul, No. 1 Team. MIDDLE, LEFT.—Rabaul, No. 2 Team. LOWER, LEFT.—Lae, No. 1 Team.

TOP, RIGHT.—Elementary A School Team, Rabaul. SECOND FROM TOP, RIGHT.—Rabaul No. 2 Team. THIRD FROM TOP, RIGHT.—Black Dragon Team, Rabaul. LOWER, RIGHT.—Matupi Village Team, Rabaul.

Mr. William Smith, who has spent 28 years in Tonga, left Nukualofa on the September Matua and will settle permanently in New Zealand. He has been interested mainly in the meat business in Tonga and before that was cattle raising in Fiji for the late Sir Henry Marks.

Tahiti Accused of Hounding Tourists

More About the Frost Case

THE report on page 88 of this issue, of the *Affair Frost*, which caused a teacup-storm in Papeete, seems to bear only a slight resemblance to the story told me recently, in Suva, by the brothers themselves.

Ron and Don Frost, in their 30-ft yacht *Axelle*, are now in Fiji prior to sailing on the last lap of their

journey to New Zealand. They are migrating to the Dominion from the UK the hard way. When they get there they expect to sell *Axelle* and become farmers.

Their version of their Papeete adventure is substantiated by Mrs. Russel Foreman, who was Renne Beveridge and who, at the time the Frosts were in Tahiti, held an official position with the Tahiti administration and, in the line of duty, had a deal to do with tourists and visitors to the colony. She and Mr. Foreman, a well-known artist, were passengers from Papeete to Suva on the *Thor* in September and were married by special licence in Suva.

THE brothers say that when they arrived off Papeete they were left to themselves to negotiate the dangerous "pass," but that, once inside, they had to take on a pilot who directed them to tie up alongside a copra boat. They asked if they could not anchor at some more desirable spot—but no, they must stay where put.

Apparently they were given literature which said they must get a permit and a clearance if they wished to leave Papeete Harbour for any of the outer islands, but there was no indication that they could not move about within the harbour.

LATER, they met a friend who lives some miles out of the town—but still inside the reef that forms Papeete Harbour. He asked them to come out and anchor off his place and, as they had no liking for their berth next the copra boat, and as it did not entail putting out to sea, this they decided to do.

When half way there, to their amazement they found that they were being pursued madly by the port launch. Some argument ensued, during which the official launch forced the bows of *Axelle* around and the brothers were chased back to the old anchorage.

Thereupon they were visited by Customs men who, in an effort to find non-existent contraband, "almost took the yacht to pieces."

Later, they were charged with some breach of harbour regulations—presumably, moving from their allotted mooring without permission—and fined 200 gold francs.

It seems that a "gold" franc has about as much existence in fact as a British gold sovereign. It is a means of anchoring the country's currency in terms of gold, and is worth at present about 11 Pacific francs.

The Frost brothers did not pass their fine, anyway, in gold francs or in any other. An unknown benefactor, who is interested in fostering the tourist business in Tahiti, paid it for them.

THIS happened in July. Two months later, in Suva, the brothers were still seething about it. As far as one may judge in one interview, I should say that they are perfectly decent young men, quite unlikely to run against authority for the sake of it; and that if they had, unknowingly, run foul of some local regulation it was not deliberate.

No one disputes the right of the French administration to take some precautions against the beachcomber type. But the unfavourable reaction of practically every tourist or visitor to Tahiti from soft currency areas who has been hounded

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by officialdom in the post-war years cannot be written off just as an accident.

The action of the authorities in chasing these men around Papeete Harbour, and then going to the length of fining them for some minor breach of some misunderstanding law, appears to me to be sheer hysteria.

In Suva they were treated as sane and respectable by both officialdom and private citizens. Suva always has a welcome for these hardy adventurers who sail around the world in little ships.

Neither does authority come down and scream at them that they must spend the equivalent of 200 dollars a month in the Colony, or get out. There is some way to make them comfortable, or to save them a killing or two, Fiji citizens are all for it.

When Tahiti began, after the war, to make things difficult for visitors to that Colony, I understood that it was in order to save the Tahitians.

I should very much like to know, now, if in the past all the deuchery of the Tahitians was done by Englishmen, Australians and New Zealanders who only have pounds, shillings and pence to spend; or whether Frenchmen and Americans might not also have had some hand in it.—JUDY TUDOR.

ELBOURNE WOMAN SETTLES ERROMANGA

ELBOURNE Argus is responsible for the report that the island of Erromanga, in the Southern Hebrides, 70 miles southwards from Vila, has been "bought" recently by a young widow, Mrs. D. Sawyer, of South Yarra.

Sorting out the definite statements from the typical blurb and the parody of the newspaper writer—some's a tropical island, with its beaches, oysters, fish, wild life, lion, tropical fruits and all"—appears that, before the war, Mr. Pete Sawyer bought an fishing schooner, Henrietta, in America, and sailed her through the Pacific Islands to Australia. Three years ago, Mrs. Sawyer and her daughter voyaged through the Hebrides in a 60 ft. schooner, and called at Erromanga. After she bought the island, she had 1,000 wool-bearing sheep, a nest on a hilltop, and 400 pigs; and has gone to live there. That is the newspaper story. What probably happened is that Mrs. Sawyer has bought the 11,000-acre property on which sheep have been bred for the last couple of decades. The natives of Erromanga, which contains 700 square miles, killed so

many missionaries in the early days that it was called "the martyrs' isle." It is exceedingly well-watered and fertile.

Lean Period for Niue Home Industry

From Our Own Correspondent

NIUE, Sept. 7.

THE Niue plaited ware trade (baskets and hats) has had a bad year largely due to the shipping strike in NZ which resulted in no ship calling for five months. The Maui Pomare lifted over a 1,000 bags of parcel mail on her

August trip but since then the Matua has taken over the call to Niue and she will only take 200 bags of parcel mail.

One local firm has orders for 35,000 baskets but has been unable to ship more than a fraction of that number.

It is hoped that with advent of the Tofua next year the position will improve and the wholesale buying of baskets will recommence.

On September 6, Miss June Burbury, of Vacluse, Sydney, was married to Mr. Clyde Johnston, who is a pilot officer with Qantas Airways. They will live in New Guinea.



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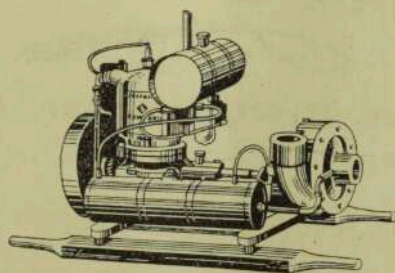
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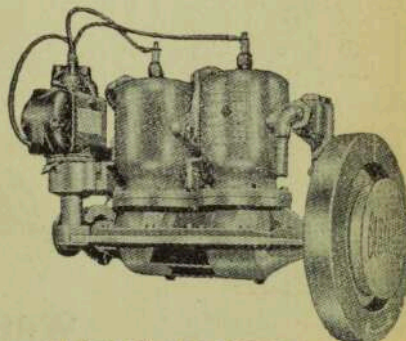
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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

There now are comparatively few shipping lines running on regular time-tables to the Pacific Islands. The following time-tables are only approximately correct—they are subject to much alteration at short notice:—

Sydney-Suva-N. America

Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi (7,500 tons) maintains regular two-monthly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva-Honolulu-Victoria-Vancouver, and return.

RMS AORANGI

Dep. ...	Sept. 6	Nov. 8	Jan. 10
Ack. ...	Sept. 10-11	Nov. 12-13	Jan. 14-15
Dep. ...	Sept. 14	Nov. 16	Jan. 18
Ack. ...	Sept. 21	Nov. 23	Jan. 25
Dep. ...	Sept. 27	Nov. 29	Jan. 31
Ack. ...	Sept. 28-30	Nov. 30-1	Feb. 1-7
Dep. ...	Oct. 4	Dec. 6	
Ack. ...	Oct. 4	Dec. 6	Feb. 7
Dep. ...	Oct. 11	Dec. 13	Feb. 14
Ack. ...	Oct. 20	Dec. 22	Feb. 23
Dep. ...	Oct. 23-25	Dec. 25-27	Feb. 26-28
Ack. ...	Oct. 29	Dec. 31	Mar. 3

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Marai - Lae - Dregerhaven - Rabaul-Marai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next departure from Sydney indefinite owing to serious fire aboard.

MV Malaita, freighter with some comfortable passenger accommodation, sails on varied schedule about every seven weeks—usually Sydney - Samarai - Lae - Manus - Rabaul - Samarai - Sydney. Sailed from Sydney, October 6. For full details from Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Small modern MV Matua, carrying 100 passengers, runs about every 4-5 weeks: Auckland-Suva-Nukualofa and Vavau (Tonga) - Niue - American Samoa - Apia (Western Samoa)-Suva-Auckland. For details from Union SS Co.

Zealand-Cook Is.-

Niue-Samoa

Old MV Maui Pomare (40 passengers) maintains fairly regular service between Auckland and Rarotonga (Cook Islands), with alternative calls at Niue and Apia (Samoa).

For details from NZ Government Shipping Office.

Sydney-Norfolk Is.-

N. Hebrides-Solomons

Steamer Morinda, 40 passengers, runs about 6 weekly intervals: Sydney-Norfolk Is. (alternative)-Vila and N. Hebrides ports-Honiara (Solomons), and return direct to Sydney.

For details from Burns, Philp & Co., Ltd.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, sailing from Marseilles, via West Indies to Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes.

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AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

1. Australia (or NZ)-Fiji-Hawaii-N. America

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Tues.—Dep. Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

Fri.—Dep. Vancouver and S. Francisco alternatively; thence same route to Auckland.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

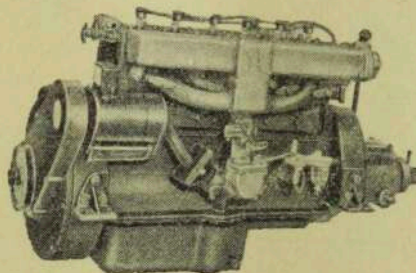
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Alternate Wed.—Return by same route.

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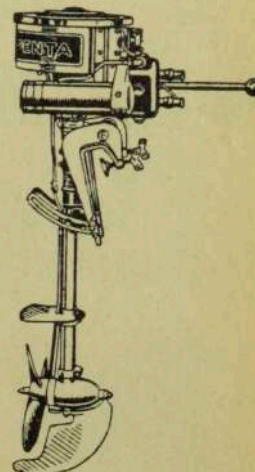
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Bris., 11.40 pm	Moresby, 6.30 am
Moresby, 7.36 am	Lae, 8.30 am
Connects here with DC3's for Lae and (Wed.) Wau, Bulolo; and (Sun.) Rabaul, direct.	
Mon., Thur., Fri. (DC3's)	
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Rock'ton, 2.40 pm	Towns., 5.15 pm (overnight)



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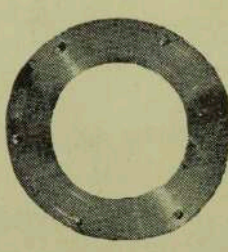
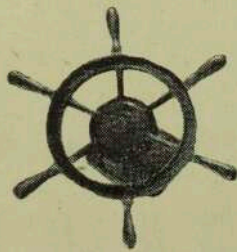
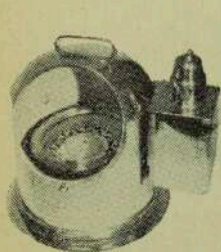
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Wau, 11.30 am	Lae, 12.35 pm

Saturday, Thursday (DC3)	Monday (DC3)
Lae, 5.45 am	Moresby, 7.05 am
Moresby, 7.35 am	Sydney, 10.15 pm
Via Cairns, Towns., Brisbane.	

Tues.,	Wednesdays (DC3)
Rabaul, 7 am	Moresby, 10.20 am
Moresby, 10.50 am	Cairns, 2.10 pm
Cairns, 3.10 pm	Towns. (overnight), 4.30 pm

Tues.,	Wednesdays (DC3)
Brisbane, 1.45 pm	Sydney, 5 pm

Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)	
Lae, 10.30 am	Moresby, 11.40 am
Moresby, 12.40 pm	Bris., 7.10 pm
Bris., 8.25 pm	Sydney, 11 pm

2A. Sydney-N. Guinea

Service by Trans Oceanic Airways
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Sundays and Wednesdays	Depart:	Arrive:
	Sydney, 7.15 pm	Bris., 10 pm
	Bris., 11 pm	Moresby, 6.30 am
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	Moresby, 9.30 am	Bris., 5 pm
	Bris., 6 pm	Sydney, 8.30 pm

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Fridays.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kiaipit, Arona, Aiyura, Kainantu, Benna, Benna, Goroka, Chimbu, Kerowagi, Kup, Nondugi, Banz, Minj, Hagen, Ogelbeng, Baiyer, Wabamunda. Return to Lae.

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Alternate Tuesday.—Honiara (dep. 7 am) - Yandina - Vellalavella - Torakina - Rabaul - Finschhafen - Lae (arr. 3.15 pm).

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 Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.35 pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

By Tasman Empire Airways, with Solents
Depart:
 Auckland, Tues., 12.30 am
 Suva, Tues., 9 am
 Labasa, Tues., Noon
 Suva, Wed., 7 am
Arrive:
 Suva, Tues., 7 am
 Labasa, Tues., 10 am
 Suva, Tues., 1 pm
 Auckland, Wed., 1.30 pm

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Nadi, Thur., 10.15 am	Faleolo, 4 pm
Faleola, 8 am	Aitutaki, 1.50 pm
Aitutaki, 2.50 pm	Rarotonga, 4 pm
Rarot'a, alt. Sat., 8	Aitutaki, 9.15 am
Aitutaki, 10 am	Faleolo, 3.15 pm
Faleola, Sun., 10	Nadi, 1.45 pm
Nadi, 5 am	Norfolk, 10.55 am
Norfolk, noon	Auckland, 4.50 pm

Alternate Wednesdays—DC3

Depart:	Arrive:
Nadi, 6.45 am	Faleolo, 12.30 pm
Faleolo, 1.15 pm	Nadi, 5 pm

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17. New Zealand-Chatham Is.

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18. Tahiti-Cook Islands

By Tahiti Airways, of Papeete

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19. Micronesia

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20. Fiji Internal Airways

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Nausori-Labasa flights to start shortly.

HOW A TAHITI MERCHANT LOST £750

AN Australian showman, Barney Bergin, was charged at the Sydney Quarter Sessions, in September, with having received money from Oscar Nordman, of Tahiti, and with having fraudulently omitted to account for same. After a four days' trial, the jury found him not guilty.

Police evidence showed that Nordman, in 1949, sent to Sydney £50 as first payment on certain amusement-park equipment selected for him in Sydney by Mr. Henderson, who then was British Consul in Papeete. Bergin received the money but failed either to ship the equipment that had been ordered by Nordman, or to return the £750.

The defence was that Henderson did not order any particular machine, and that Bergin offered a ship a machine which he claimed informed with specifications.

Nordman and his witnesses flatly denied this; but the jury apparently accepted Bergin's argument.

Bergin, last year, was charged with fraud, in that he accepted substantial money from another showman, on an undertaking that

he would provide the showman with two specimens of wild jungle men from Borneo. He was acquitted on that charge, also.

PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

A NUMBER of interesting films, mostly of Pacific subject, were shown at the September meeting of the Pacific Islands Society.

On the evening of October 24, the members will be addressed by Mr. Loring Hudson, a well-known scientist and an executive officer of the Bishop Museum, Honolulu. Mr. and Mrs. Loring Hudson have been in Australia for several weeks, and have made a visit to Singapore.

The Society, in November, will hear an address by Mr. Lex Halliday, who is organising the production of film "shorts" dealing with Pacific Islands subjects.

Christmas Cocktail Party

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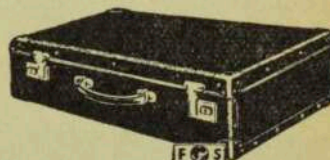
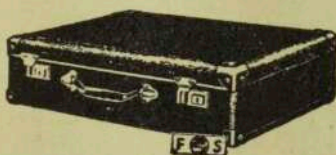
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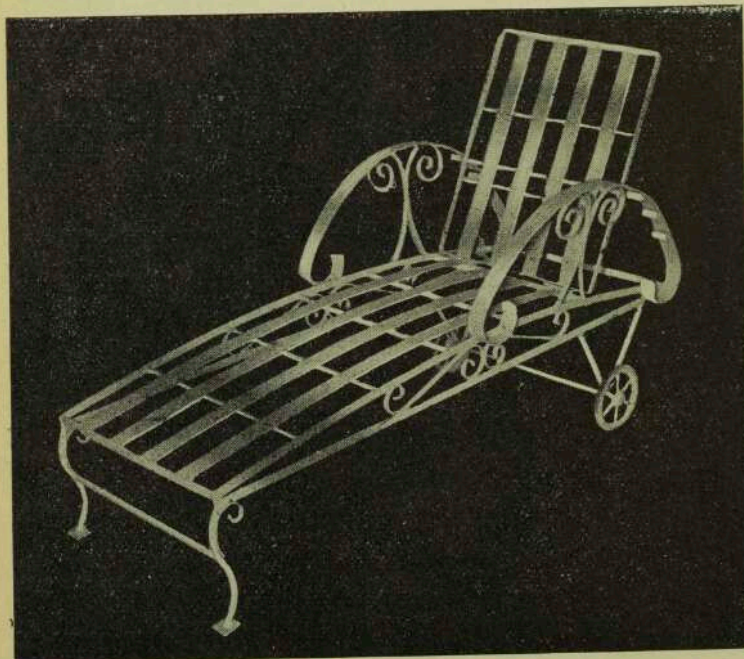
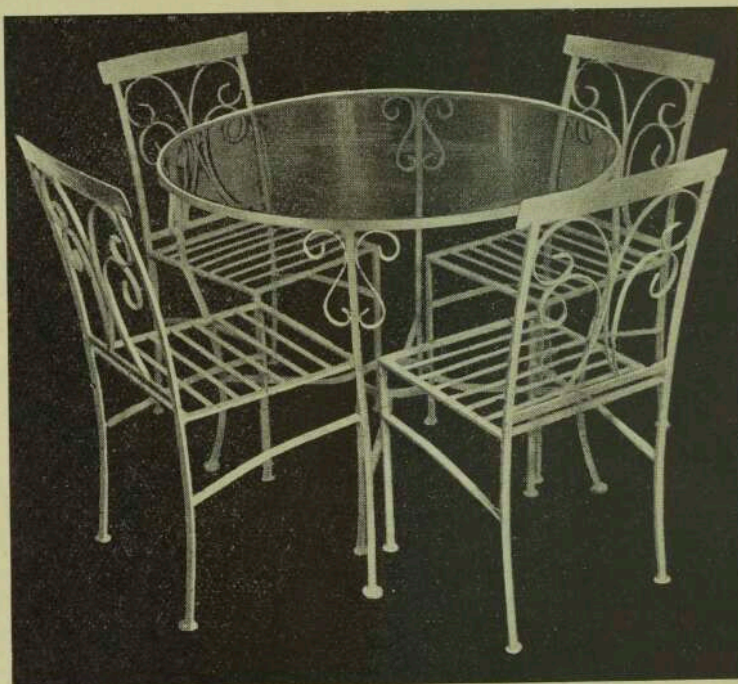
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Plans for Pacific Films Sydney Producer is Seeking Scripts

AN interesting invitation has been issued to Pacific Islands people by Mr. Lex Halliday, the Director and Producer of Australian Instructional Films, of Turrella, Sydney.

AI Films, who specialise in the production of "shorts" for educational and cultural institutions, propose to make a series of 8-minute pictures, with sound track of course, giving typical glimpses of life on the Pacific Islands—village life, education of natives, industries, Islands institutions, Islands practices, geographical description, history, native music, native mythology, and nature studies (animal, bird, plant or sea life).

AI Films invite Islands people to submit scripts, on which such films may be based. Mr. Halliday has drawn out a list of hints to prospective writers, indicating how they should set about the preparation of film.

The scripts will be judged, for merit, by a special panel, and special prizes will be awarded the best of them. But any script which the AI Films producer thinks may be worth "editing," with a view to production, will be bought from the author for £10. Especially good "shorts," based on the best of these scripts, may go, not only into AI Films' customary channels, but also to general and world-wide circulation.

The list of prizes offered, and all details governing this new competition for Pacific Islands script-writers, will be published in November PIM. Anyone interested may, the meantime, obtain particulars by writing directly to the Producer, Australian Instructional Films, Turrella, Sydney. (Advertisement on is page.)

NZ Warship Visits Apia

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Sept. 22.
THE New Zealand warship Kaniere, now on a Pacific cruise, paid a short visit to Apia from September 16 to 19. She was under the command of Lieut.-Commander J. O'C Ross, and with Senior Officer of the New Zealand Squadron, Captain G. V. Dolphin, on board, carried a complement of 127 men. In Apia there was a full programme of entertainment and sports including a special race meeting, a ball for the officers at the residence of the High Commissioner, a dance arranged by the Mothers Club and sporting fixtures.

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THE Rev. and Mrs. William Anderson will soon leave Espiritu Santo, New Hebrides. They will travel to Ashburton, South Island, New Zealand, via Sydney.

After over 50 years in the group as a Presbyterian minister, Mr. Anderson is affectionately known to hundreds of people as just plain Bill, and his departure is recorded with regret.

He can relate many interesting experiences of the old days but, being a modest man, is reluctant to have his remarks publicised. He did tell me, however, how they used to make the trip from Santo to his Mission at Hog Harbour. They used to row a whaleboat laden with stores, and when I contemplate the distance, I find a considerable amount of truth in the saying that the oldtimers were tough. They needed to be.

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RABAU NEWS

Commerce and New Leg. Council

RABAU, Sept. 30.

THE Rabaul Chamber of Commerce has resolved that it will take no part in nominating or supporting a candidate for election to the new Legislative Council, as a protest against what it calls the very undemocratic constitution of the Council.

When the Minister was here recently, the Chamber urged a re-constitution of the Council, on the

ground that it was useless to elect three European members to a council of 29, when 26 of the members were either Government officials or nominees.

Mr. Hasluck told the Chamber that he could not hope to amend the Papua-New Guinea act (which defined the constitution of the Council) within two years. He said the Government must have some experience of the working of the Council as now constituted before it could propose any alteration. He also argued that the election of 3 members to the Council would give non-official Europeans a chance to express their views.

The Chamber, however, insisted that a Council comprising 26 officials and official nominees, and only 3 elected persons, was fundamentally undemocratic and, from its inception, an instrument of the Administration. It argued that as the Australian Socialist Government which planned such a Council had been thrown out of office in Australia, the present Australian Government would be justified immediately in revising the constitution of the Council.

As no official action was proposed in this direction, the Chamber decided to hold itself aloof from the Council election.

DESTRUCTION OF CARGO

THE Advisory Council at its September meeting, urged that there should be a public inquiry into what it called the wanton destruction of cargo during the unloading of vessels at the Government wharf. The Council thinks that the inquiry should be made in public and treated as a matter of urgency.

WATCH ON VOLCANOES

THE apathy of the Administration in relation to the construction and equipment of a building, wherefrom the volcanologist stationed at Rabaul may watch the volcanoes were strongly condemned by the Advisory Council in September.

The Council said that owing to the absence of an observatory building, chemical equipment was at present lying idle in Rabaul and other essential equipment, available in Australia, was also lying idle. As the maintenance of such an observatory is considered essential to the safety of Rabaul, it is felt that this is a matter of some urgency.

It was subsequently announced by the Works & Housing that they had accepted a tender for the erection of an observatory building and residence on a site overlooking Rabaul.

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sively for the loading of out-going cargo on inter-island vessels. It will accommodate two 300-tonners, or the equivalent in smaller vessels, and will cost about £20,000. This should allow a quicker turn-around of the small ships, which in turn will do much to shift the accumulation of copra on plantations.

Wharfage facilities in Rabaul have been totally inadequate for years. The pontoon wharf, known as the Customs Wharf, is continually in need of repair, while the BP wharf at Malaguna is practically unusable.

The Administration has made use of a Japanese wreck to serve as a receiving wharf for copra from inter-island vessels and these coastal vessels simply await their turn in berthing at this or the Customs wharf.

NEW W & H MESS

Many residents wonder whether they will be required to move to the proposed township at Rapopo. They are impressed by the erection of a new mess for Works and Housing employees. This building, when finished, will accommodate 150, with ample refrigeration and cooking facilities and quarters for native servants.

KOKOPO CELEBRATES

An annual event held pre-war was reinstated on Commemoration Day

by the residents of Kokopo, in the form of a Gymkhana. Since the war years, a sports day such as this has not been held at Kokopo, so it was decided by the Committee of the Sports Club to again hold this event annually, which they hope will become as popular as pre-war. This year's Gymkhana was a great success.

JAP MINE EXPLODED

Residents, on September 26, heard a loud report, like a bomb explosion. A very severe storm during the previous week-end had caused

a Japanese mine to break away from its moorings on the harbour floor and it was seen floating near the mouth of the harbour by natives off Matupi. Harbour Master Copeland and Police officials found it was a non-magnetic mine and it was secured to a wreck outside the harbour. Then a bomb disposal squad went out and exploded it.

Mr. Arthur Fry of the NG Mines Department has departed South for several months' leave.

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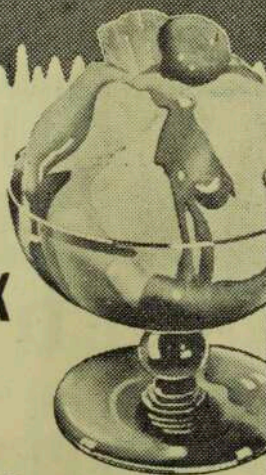
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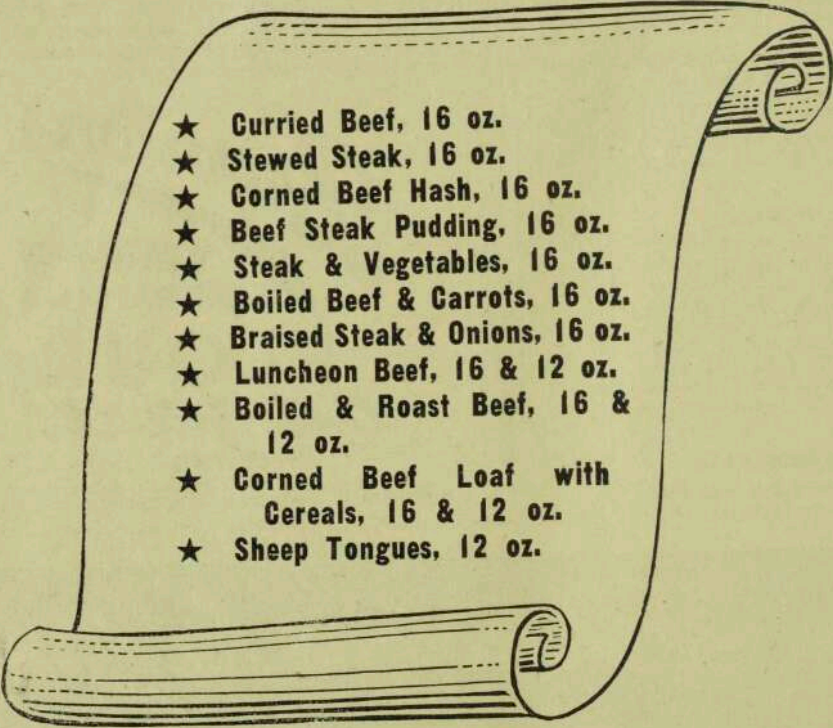


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SOCIALISTS AND BSI AGREEMENT

Why Gold Search Was Terminated

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Sept. 30.

a search for empty oxygen bottles, Mr. J. Cramer-Roberts, who last visited the Protectorate in 1947, arrived in Honiara by Qanton in September. Mr. Cramer-Roberts is Mines Superintendent of Associated Mining Companies Fiji. But, although there are thousands of oxygen cylinders near Honiara, very few serviceable ones could be found.

Before the war, Mr. Cramer-Roberts was in charge of prospecting operations for the late E. G. Theodore who, at that time, had concessions covering 750 square miles of Guadalcanal, from coast to coast.

Under the agreement (signed in 1941) between the BSI Government (Mr. Theodore) the area was to be systematically prospected in five years, at least £10,000 a year being paid. Work had only just begun when the Jap invasion caused the withdrawal of the company's employees.

On their return in 1945, under a Colonial Office policy the agreement was terminated, so that the company was not permitted to prospect for "precious metals and minerals" but only to read "precious metals and minerals."

"We were bound, under this prospecting agreement," said Mr. Cramer-Roberts, "to report findings of other minerals, without any assurance of granted leases for our company to exploit them. We had no alternative but to leave. All equipment and buildings were sold, and since then there have been no effective mining operations in the Solomons."

In view of these conditions, he said there was no likelihood of his company resuming operations in the group.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The foregoing is typical of the attitude of the average Socialist Government towards private enterprise towards agreements.

It is well known that there is a very mineralised country, with a lot of substantial gold, in Guadalcanal; and had the powerful mining interests been allowed to operate and develop them, as has been proposed, the effect upon the great Solomons archipelago (called the Cinderella group in the South Pacific) would have been incalculable. Now, there is no prospect of the islands' mineral

VALUABLE N. GUINEA TIMBER

SOME very fine cedar and pine timber is being produced by Mr. A. L. Malcolm and Mr. Joe Bourke, of Wau, New Guinea, from a lease of 88 acres in the Bulolo Valley, which they recently acquired. This lease was pegged by Harry

wealth being opened up, and the economic outlook for the Solomons is dismal indeed.

Between 1941 and 1945, the British Government passed under the control of Socialists; and the Empire, financially and in prestige, has been going downhill ever since.

Wormald before the war. It is small, but it carries a valuable stand of cedar.

These timber properties are very difficult to get. The New Guinea Administration is guarding them jealously and trying to compel all timber-getters to plant as many trees as they remove.

It is the intention of Messrs. Malcolm and Bourke to try to induce the Administration to permit the settlement of ex-Servicemen, as coffee-growers, on this 88 acres lease, when they have removed the timber.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm were visitors to Sydney at the end of September.

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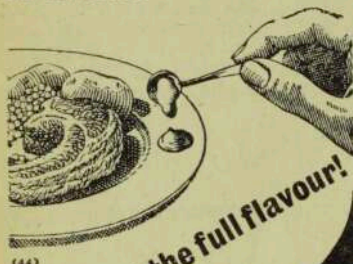
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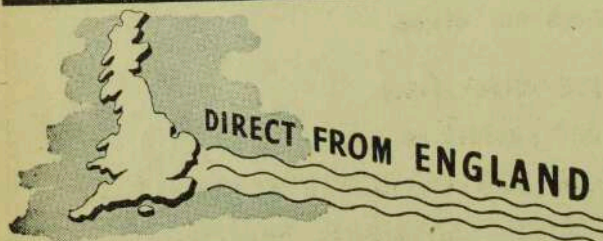
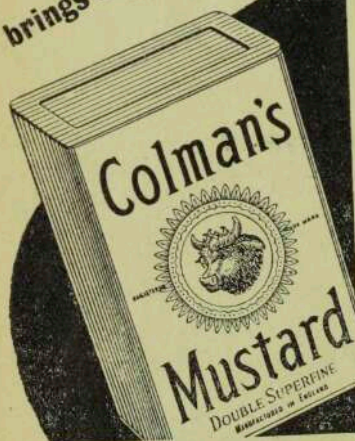
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SIREN LOST: ANOTHER COOK IS. MISHAP

AUCKLAND, Oct. 6.

HARD on the news of a mishap to the Ornant, at Rarotonga, in July (Sept. PIM), followed by the loss of the NZ freighter Alexander on Aitutaki in August, comes word from Rarotonga that the 43-foot trading ketch Siren, whilst anchored off Avarua awaiting favourable weather to enter the Passage after a voyage from Pukapuka, suddenly parted her cable on the afternoon of October 4; and, before the motor could be started or sail made, she struck the reef stern first.

Despite immediate efforts to save the vessel—including an attempt to haul her shoreward across the reef and clear of the pounding surf with the aid of a PWD tractor—the ketch quickly suffered serious damage and is expected to become a total loss. The copra cargo was mainly saved.

The Siren, built in Suva in 1946 for Captain Grey, is well known in Fiji waters.

She has for a time been on charter to Messrs. Ken Windsor (skipper) and Gordon Knight of Auckland, and has proved an extremely useful type of vessel for the Cook Islands trade, carrying upwards of 20 tons of MOP shell—the trade in which she was mainly engaged.

Though insured against total loss, her loss will not only be a heavy blow to Cook Islands communications in general but also to her Charterers who have of late been competitors in the pearl shell trade. Only recently they despatched a diving machine to Penrhyn to ex-

ploit their newly acquired machine diving licence granted by the Administration.

The loss no doubt will also be felt keenly by Captain Grey (now resident on Kawau Is., near Auckland), who made the little ship his home for a number of years.

SMALL SHIPS NEWS

AUCKLAND, Oct. 6.

THE well-known 94 ft. ketch New Golden Hind, originally built for Mr. H. R. Jenkins, of Auckland, and since owned successively by the NZ Works Department and then Messrs. A. Rusdell and R. Baker, of Auckland, was recently acquired by a Chinese syndicate in Papeete, under Mas shall Aid, at the reported price of \$26,000 US—not excessive at present-day values.

The New Golden Hind thus goes to join the schooner Tagua in the French Oceania inter-island trade.

Both vessels, in Government service during the war, wandered over the South Pacific—taking survey parties to isolated islands, landing Coast Watchers in the RNZ controlled area, taking supplies to lonely weather stations, and finally transporting the bodies of some central military cemeteries. Many long ago the ashes of Captain Cole, Master of the New Golden Hind through most of the war years, were scattered off the Kermadec by a vessel of the RNZ. It is fitting that the graceful Hind should go to join her war-torn companion in Papeete, one of the last havens of the auxiliary sailing vessel in the Pacific.

The loss of the Pacific trader freighter Alexander and the Cook Is. trader Siren, in the Cooks recently, is happily offset by news that Mr. W. Thomas, of Wellington—formerly owner of the Huia, in New Caledonian waters some months ago—is now en route to New Zealand with the 350-ton J. Lolk, from Denmark. It is believed that the vessel—to be re-named June—may be seen round the Islands in the not distant future.

From Wellington comes word that Mr. Willie Schutz, lately Seca Mate/Radio Operator in the Hind and then the Alexander, is preparing the 40 ft. ketch Soubrette for delivery to the Cook Is. whilst it is understood, she will enter the inter-island trade and perhaps partly fill the gap left by the loss of the Siren.

The Soubrette spent a short time in the Cooks, two years ago, under the ownership of Mr. Don Reas, formerly of the Weather Office, Aitutaki, and now of the Weather Office, Wellington. He had intended abandoning the Weather Office to enter island trading, but later changed his mind.

PERSONAL ITEMS FROM NG GOLDFIELDS

From Our Own Correspondent

MR. and MRS. JIM HOILE, of Wau, NG, on September 8, gave a delightful birthday party for their daughter Ione, to celebrate her coming-of-age and engagement to Mr. Gordon Smith, a local Cadet Patrol Officer, stationed in Wau. Miss Hoile was the first European girl baby to be born in the goldfields area.

Wau Golf Club Championships of the year were completed at the end of September. The holder of the title, **Mr. Alex Couper**, defeated President, **Bill Seale** 3/2 after exciting 34 holes. **Mr. Vince Stein** defeated **Mr. Keith Carmichael** on the 36th hole for an equally exciting match in "B" class.

Mrs. Cyril Ellred, with daughter **Erine**, returned to Wau in September after a brief visit to Sydney for medical treatment. She claims she has returned to Wau to

recuperate from city life "short-ages."

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Malcolm left Wau on September 10 for a well earned rest. They travelled by Charter's Anson and will visit their children at All Souls, Charters Towers, before going farther South.

Mrs. Alice Bowring, veteran miner of Edie Creek and known to all Goldfields residents as "Auntie Alice," was in Port Moresby in late September on a business trip.

Mr. Norman White Senior, our local Chairman of the Wau Advisory Council, underwent an operation in Moresby in September. He has returned to his home in Wau to recuperate.

Mr. A. E. Cridland, one of the best known old-timers of North-eastern Papua, who has been spending a long spell at Manly, NSW, returned to his property at Kofili, Cape Nelson, by the October Malaita.

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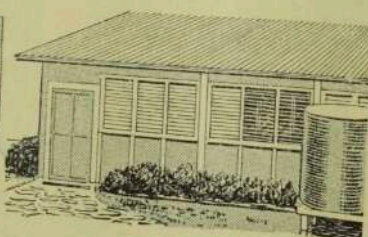
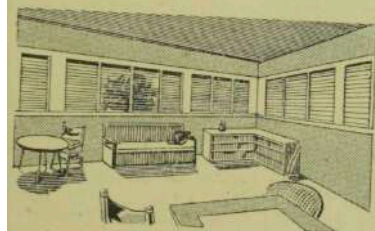
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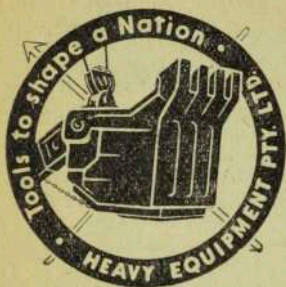
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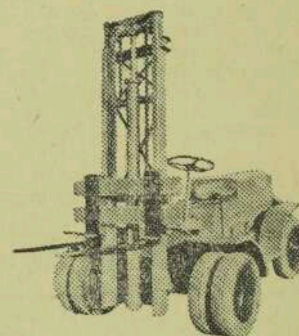
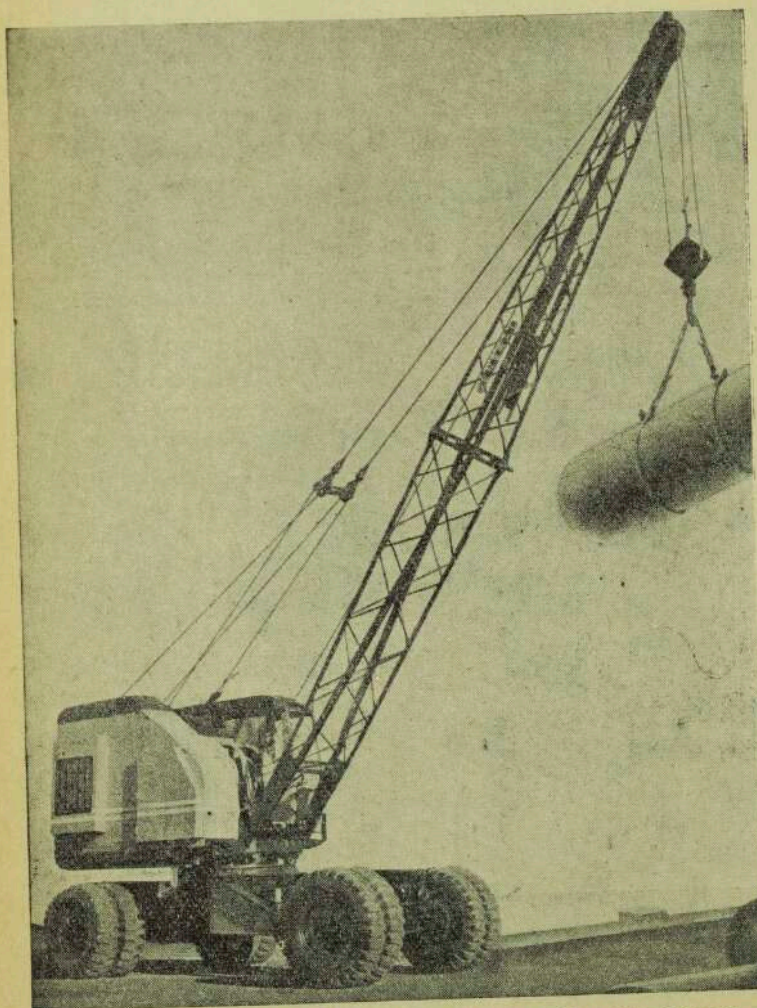
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Scientists Planning Better Food for Atolls

TWO scientists, Dr. and Madame L. R. Catala, who have spent six months investigating the biology and economic development of Pacific atolls (including ways of producing more food for their inhabitants) returned this month from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands to the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission at Noumea, New Caledonia.

This project is one of high priority over forty comprising the work programme of the South Pacific Commission in the fields of health, economic development, and social development. It was undertaken to assist administrations in improving the economic stability of about 10,000 people living on several hundred coral atolls—mostly in the Gilbert and Ellice Groups, French Polynesia, Cook Islands and Fiji. Inhabitants of atolls are most in need of help because of their limited resources to produce food. Generally, their arable land is small and soil poor.

Following consultation with interested Administrations, the Commission laid down certain lines of research to provide for:—

a programme of coconut palm improvement designed to increase yields and resistance to pests and disease;

a food plant programme, including study of the breadfruit tree, the development of wet land taro, the production of bananas, the production of other foodstuffs, especially those requiring additional fertility such as sweet potatoes, cabbages and citrus fruits; the supplementary nutrition of

the improvement of poultry in light, egg-laying capacity and freedom from disease;

the development of shell fisheries planting trochus and pearl shell, investigation into the possibilities of sponge cultivation;

a survey of handicrafts with a view to their development as a source of income.

Approved subsidiary investigations included the use of solar stills, the distillation of water from seawater, and exploration of the possibilities for atolls of hydroponics (the growing of food plants in water charged with chemicals).

To conduct preliminary investigations, Dr. and Madame Catala established their headquarters last month at Tarawa. With them was

R. R. Mason of the Fiji Department of Agriculture, who partly assisted in soil and agricultural investigations, and studied a proposed site for a small agricultural station on Tarawa Island.

It is anticipated that the report on this investigation will be ready early in 1952.

Housing Expert on Pacific Survey

PROFESSOR J. P. THIJSSE, of the University of Indonesia, who is an authority on tropical housing, is at present engaged in making a building survey of Islands Territories for the South Pacific Commission. He has been in Ra-

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

DR. N. B. WATCH

THE death is reported from Sydney of Dr. Norman Bennington Watch. He was 68 and well known in New Guinea between 1921 and the Second World War.

He practised in Tasmania and Western Australia before enlisting in the 1914-18 war. In 1921 he was appointed to the medical service in New Guinea but subsequently resigned to go into private practice in Rabaul.

He was awarded the MBE for service in the 1937 eruption, became MO of the New Guinea Volunteer Rifles, was captured by the Japs in 1942 and was one of the few European survivors of the invasion period—he was sent to a POW camp in Japan but not on the ill-fated Montevideo Maru.

After the war he went to Uganda and practised there until failing health took him back to Australia.

MRS. THERESA SYMONS

THE death occurred in Brisbane, in September of Mrs. Theresa Symons, widow of the late Harry Symons.

Both were pioneers of Papua in the early days when Mr. Symons was first with the Customs Department then a Resident Magistrate.

After his retirement from the service he was associated with a partner in a cotton growing property in the Rigo District.

Mrs. Symons is survived by large family of daughters and sons and grand and great-grandchildren. One of her daughters, Amy, is now Mrs. E. E. Washington, wife of the Under-secretary of Lands in Port Moresby.

MRS. R. A. PUXLEY

MRS ROSE ALICE PUXLEY, former resident of Papua, died in Brisbane, Queensland in September.

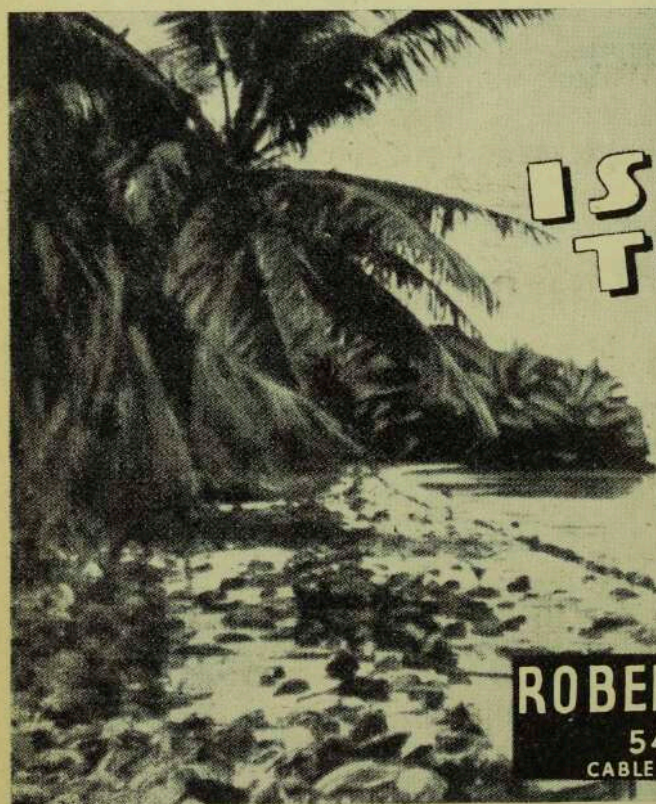
She and her husband, who died some time ago in Mackay, Queensland, were pioneers of Papua's Gulf country long before the First World War—they built up a coconut plantation on the Vailala River.

Both of Mrs. Puxley's daughters died before her.

CHARLES ANTOINE GAERTNER

MR. CHARLES ANTOINE GAERTNER, well-known businessman of Noumea, New Caledonia—where he was born March, 1861—and more recently Willoughby, Sydney, died at his home on September 27.

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MRS. ANN BENTLEY

Her death occurred at Vatakoula, Fiji, in September, of Mrs. Ann Bentley, widow of the late Charles Bentley who died last year. At the time of her death she was living with her daughter, Mrs. William Morrison, of Vatakoula, but before the death of Mr. Bentley they had lived in Suva for many years. It was in Suva that they celebrated their golden wedding in 1948. Mrs. Bentley ran a large private hospital there for many years. She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Morrison, and by four sons—Edward, Bruce, John (of New Zealand) and R. V. O. Bentley, of Vatakoula Island.

MR. WILLIAM HANSEN

MR. WILLIAM HANSEN died suddenly in Suva on September 30, aged 64. He was in the military forces in England during World War I and in 1918 came in contact with Luckner (see Magazine Section this issue).

For many years he was in charge of the grocery department of Sturt, & Co. Ltd., and when that company closed down, joined W. R. Morrison & Co. (Fiji) Ltd. In 1947, he joined the staff of the Price Control Office, where he was employed at the time of his death. He is survived by his widow, two sons and a brother.

MRS. INA PRYKE

Her death occurred in a private hospital in Sydney on October 6 of Mrs. Ina Sarah Pryke, who was the widow of Mr. Frank Pryke, known for many years as a member of the New Guinea gold mining industry. The late Mrs. Pryke lived with her husband in Papua and New Guinea, but has been a resident of Sydney, since the 30's. She was survived by their daughter, who is Mrs. Madge Blanden, wife of a warden at Wau, New Guinea.

MR. H. I. MOORE

His death took place recently of Mr. H. I. Moore, superintendent of the Australian Coastal Radio Service. Although he had actually lived in the Islands, he took him frequently to the New Guinea area and he was well known to the personnel of all radio stations in the Pacific. He gave distinguished service in World War I and,

as a result of injuries received there, he suffered a chronic heart ailment, which caused his death at the early age of 50.

MR. J. H. LEAVER

Mr. James Hugh Leaver, a retired employee of the Fiji Public Works

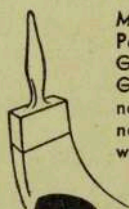
Department, died in Suva last month, aged 76.

He went to Fiji from New Zealand in 1909, and was employed by Public Works and by Pacific Oil Mills, Ltd. He retired two years ago. He is survived by his widow, five daughters and one son.



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First World Conference Held In Papeete

THE associated diseases of filariasis and elephantiasis are common in the Pacific, but their incidence and malignancy are highest in the eastern Territories of French Oceania, Samoa and Fiji. They are rarely fatal, but they are seriously debilitating and, in extreme forms, disabling and disfiguring.

Systematic scientific research into these mosquito-borne diseases really commenced after World War II, when they were frequently found among European troops in the South Pacific.

The French Government founded a scientific organisation to combat filariasis in 1947-48, when the Institute of Medical Research of French Oceania was opened in Papeete, and a crusade launched. This was strongly supported by a Department of Southern California University. Several hundred Tahiti residents provided finance through the Anti-Filariasis Association of Tahiti.

The campaign now has been broadened and strengthened because it has been taken over by the South Pacific Commission; and that body organised the first inter-

national conference on filariasis, held in Papeete between August 21 and September 1, and attended by 19 medical men and scientists, representing six nations, and all the Territories of the South Pacific.

The three objectives of the conference were: To define the various problems raised by filariasis and elephantiasis, especially in the South Pacific; to determine the research work to be continued or undertaken in order to solve these problems; and to recommend appropriate measures to be taken for the control of these diseases, taking into account the social and economic conditions existing in the area.

Dr. Emil Massal, Executive Officer for Health of the South Pacific Commission, was chairman.

THE conference strongly recommended that the South Pacific Commission should act as a focal point for the area in the collection, collation and dissemination of technical information relating to filariasis.

It considered that techniques for controlling filariae-carrying mosquitoes now in use in South Pacific territories should be reviewed and their wider application considered, using specially-trained native personnel. The measures being applied, including sanitation, the use of insecticides, biological controls, and rat control by methods which

should include banding of coconut trees in areas where rat-eaten coconuts provide a source of mosquito breeding, were all considered useful. However, these should be selected to suit the conditions prevailing in different areas.

Control of both diseases by drugs was also considered by the conference, and it was recommended that



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research now being carried out on this aspect in Tahiti, Eastern Samoa and Fiji be continued or intensified.

The Commission was further requested to establish a filariae collection comprising specimens of adult worms, development stages of filariae in the mosquito, and of microfilariae in human blood samples, and to arrange for the study of this material by parasit-

ologists, whose findings should be circulated throughout the area.

The importance in any control programme of educating Islands peoples in prevention methods was stressed, and it was recommended that the Commission should act as a clearing house for posters, pamphlets and other educational material designed for use in the intensified campaign against filariasis.

New Guinea Highlands Notes

MR. FRANK BALLAGH, Medical Assistant from Kerowagi, proceeded to Victoria recently with Mrs. Ballagh to spend their urlough. He has been relieved by Mr. Ray Keyes.

Members of the Department of Civil Aviation have been installed at Kerowagi, and expect to be there for some time.

The popular ADO of Mount Hagen, Mr. Allan Timperly, and his family, have gone South on a well-earned leave. Mr. R. Coles has relieved Mr. Timperley at Mount Hagen.

Mr. Brian Corrigan, of Minj patrol post, recently returned from Australia looking fit and well. But, returning from a patrol which included the Jimmi River area, he took ill and had to seek medical attention at Lae. He is now back at his post, a little thinner but quite recovered.

A recent addition to the European population of the Highlands, is Miss Samara Randmae, sister of the popular Anti-TB medico Dr. George Randmae, whose headquarters are at Kundiawa. However, the doctor's

work takes him up and down the valley with his capable wife as assistant, so Miss Randmae is able to look after young Tina Randmae in their long absences.

Dr. John Gunther, Director of Public Health, made an epic tour of the Highlands recently, most of the way on his motor cycle. Unfortunately, the rain has come early to these parts, and the roads were not all they should have been, so Dr. Gunther had quite a lot of pushing to do. But he completed his tour of inspection.

Mr. John Womersley accompanied Dr. Barnard (of Canberra) and Mr. L. Webb (of Brisbane) on a recent tour of the Highlands. Messrs. Barnard and Webb are plant biologists who were making a survey in New Guinea.

One more RTC Station has been added to the Highlands circuit. This is at Yani SDA Mission, in the Chimbu area, and is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore.

Mrs. V. B. Pennefather, well-known in the New Britain district, recently paid a visit to her relatives, the Ken Jones, of Kundiawa.

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New Hebrides.—At Vila and Santo: approx. £A80 per ton.

Samoa.—Producers receive £S45/11/- (par with Stg.) per ton, f.o.b., Apia—based on MOP rate of £Stg.53/19/- (less £S5/7/11 Duty, £S3/0/1 Stabilisation). **BSI.**—Growers get £A51 per ton, f.o.b., Honiara or Yandina (based on £Stg.53/15/- MOP price).

Tahiti.—Merchants pay 14,900 Pacific fr. per 1,000 kilos (about £A106 per ton).

COCOA

Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on October 3 was £Stg. £252/10/- (£A315/12/6) c.i.f.

Pacific cocoa was quoted nominally on Sydney market in October at:—

New Guinea.—£A305 per ton, ex wharf. **New Hebrides.**—Nominally £A310—supplies unavailable in Sydney at present.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in October quoted Samoan cocoa at £S260 (£A325) f.o.b. per ton, first-grade. (Samoan currency equals Stg.)

COFFEE

New Caledonia.—Production exported to France at nominal equivalent of £A450 per ton, Arabica; £A400, Robusta.

Papua-N.G.—Nominally £375 to £425 per ton (c.i.f.), according to quality.

RUBBER

Sydney firms use London and Singapore rates as basis to buy Papuan rubber. Oct. 8: No. 1 grade, RSS (sellers) Spot 48d. Stg. lb., c.i.f., London (57½d. Aust. lb.); Singapore, RSS No. 1, 156½ cents lb., f.o.b.

VANILLA BEANS

Papeete merchants recently quoted 325 Pacific francs per kilo for Tahiti vanilla beans. Sydney quotation: White Label, 18/-, Yellow Label, 18/-, Green Label, 16/8 per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE

Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands was fixed in May at £60 per ton, f.o.b., White, Unpolished and Brown. (On plantation in Papua-N.G., approx. £85.)

TROCHUS SHELL

Market for trochus shell in Sydney is unsettled at present—most agents are not interested in buying until prices firm. It

was reported recently that, because of labour shortage, Sydney importers were insisting that shell be sorted before shipment; the Western Pacific shell price was quoted at approx. £175 per ton on wharf, Sydney.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL

Nominal quotation is at £150-£160 per ton, on wharf, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL

By a contract between Gerda Co. (USA) and majority of Torres pearlers, TI shell prices were fixed, 1949-52, at: Sound grades, £A325 per ton, f.o.b., TI; "D" grade, £A225; "E" grade, £A125— all plus bonuses. Independent pearlers are selling at around £A580 for Sound grades; £A465, "D" grades; £A340, "E" grades.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Aug. 23.

The following are to-day's quotations:—

Copra, c.i.f., Continental ports, per ton:—

FM Straits/Mixed DEI . . . £93/15/- Stg.
Ceylon . . . £88 Stg.
Philippines . . . £210 Stg.

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., bulk:—
FM Straits . . . £139 Stg.
Ceylon . . . £143 Stg.

Cocoa, c.i.f., Continental ports, Stg.:—
Accra, 290/- per cwt. in bond.

Accra, 255/- Stg., Nov.-Jan. shipments per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Amsterdam.
Bahia, 285/9 per 50 kilos, f.o.b.

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

FIJI

	Aug., 1939.	Sept. 1.	Oct. 1.
Emperor	b9/11	b10/-	b10/9
Loloma	s25/6	b32/-	b30/6

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA

Bulolo G.D.	b124/-	s65/-	s66/-
Guinea Gold	b13/3	s6/6	b5-6
Mandated All.	b3/8	b1/-	s2/-
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/10	b2/5	b2/2
Oil Search	s3/11	b4/-	b3/8
Oriomo Oil	b5/-	b2/-	b2/-
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b1/6	b1/6
Placer Dev.	b68/6	b317/-	b371/-
Sandy Creek	b1/5	b6d	s1/-
Sunshine Co.	b6/5	b5/6	s4/-

Price of Gold.—Commonwealth Bank's fixed price for gold is: Fine ozs. £A15/9/10; Standard oz., £A14/4/-.

EXCHANGE RATES

The following exchange rates exist in Sydney in October:—

FIJI.—Through Bank of NSW and Bank of NZ.—Australia on Fiji basis £111. Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A111. Fiji-London, basis £100 London: Buying, £111/2/6; Selling, £113.

SAMOA.—Through Bank of NZ.—Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: Buying, £A123/12/6; Selling, £A124/10/6. Samoa-London, basis £100 London: Buying, £100/7/6; Selling, £101/10/-. Samoa-NZ, basis £100 NZ: Buying, £100; Selling, £100/10/-.

Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: Buying, £111; Selling, £110.
PAPUA-N.G.—Commonwealth Bank (branches P. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and Bank of NSW (P. Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-N.G. as 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in N. Caledonia, N. Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania. French Bank in Sydney quotes (nominal ally): 141.75 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 178.00 Pac. fr. to £Stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$.

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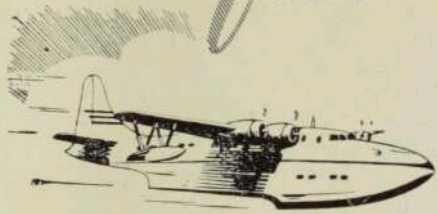
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