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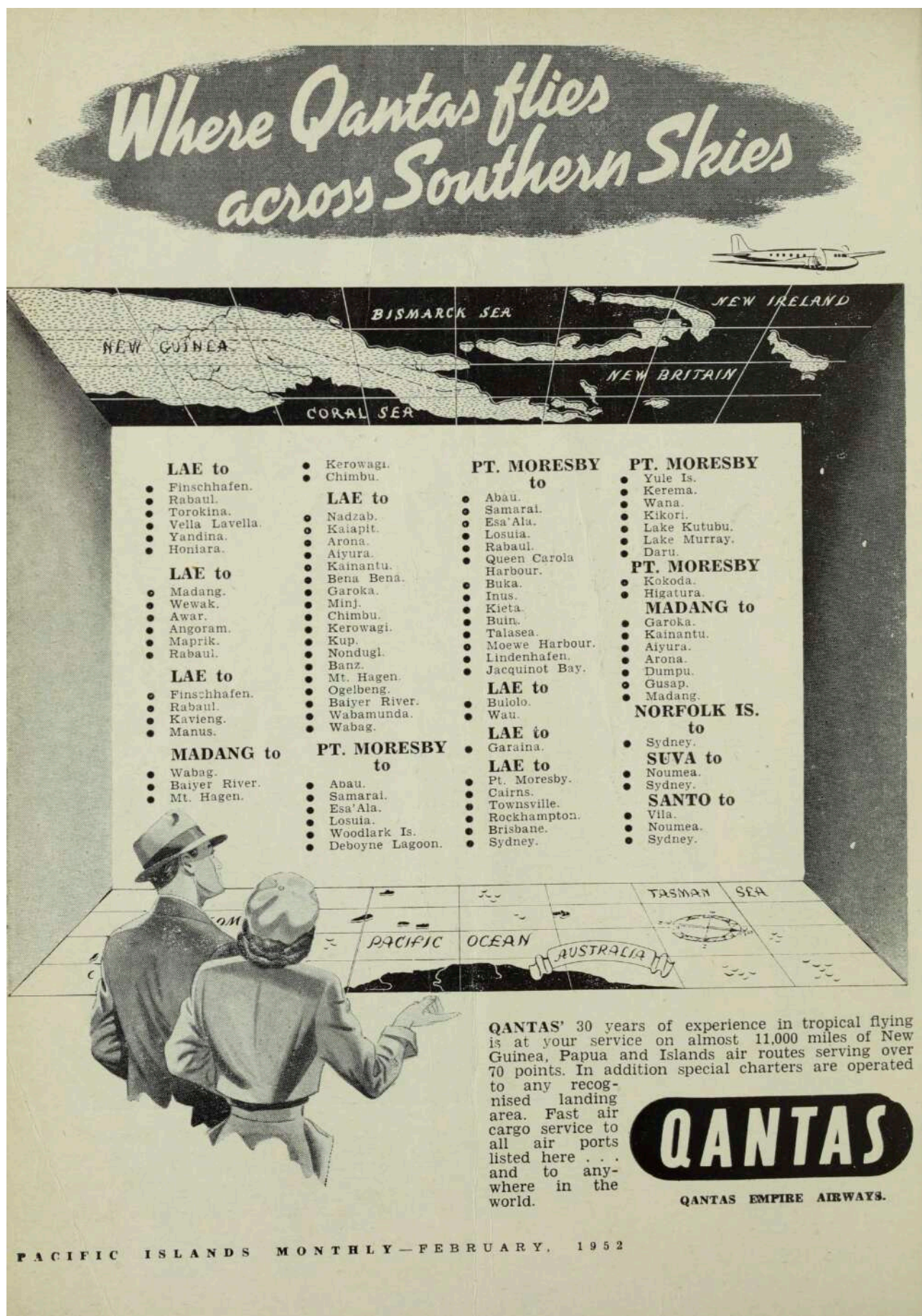
THE huge crowd, predominantly Fijian, which completely filled Victoria Parade, Suva, on January 8, when the 1st Battalion of the Fiji Infantry Regiment left Suva for Malaya. The crowd followed the Battalion to the wharf where one of the most emotional farewells ever witnessed in Fiji, took place. About two weeks after this photograph was taken the buildings shown here were damaged by Suva's worst hurricane. Central Building (top right) was one of the many that lost its roof.

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- Yandina.
- Honiara.

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- Madang.
- Wewak.
- Awar.
- Angoram.
- Maprik.
- Rabaul.

LAKE to

- Finschhafen.
- Rabaul.
- Kavieng.
- Manus.

MADANG to

- Wabag.
- Baiyer River.
- Mt. Hagen.

PT. MORESBY

- Kerowagi.
- Chimbu.

LAKE to

- Nadzab.
- Kaiapit.
- Arona.
- Aiyura.
- Kainantu.
- Bena Bena.
- Garoka.
- Minj.
- Chimbu.
- Kerowagi.
- Kup.
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- Banz.
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- Wabag.

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- Rabaul.
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- Bulolo.
- Wau.

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- Garaina.

LAKE to

- Pt. Moresby.
- Cairns.
- Townsville.
- Rockhampton.
- Brisbane.
- Sydney.

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- Yule Is.
- Kerema.
- Wana.
- Kikori.
- Lake Kutubu.
- Lake Murray.
- Daru.

PT. MORESBY

- Kokoda.
- Higatura.

MADANG to

- Garoka.
- Kainantu.
- Aiyura.
- Arona.
- Dumpu.
- Gusap.
- Madang.

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- Noumea.
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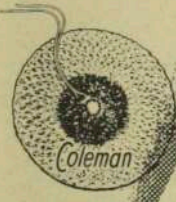
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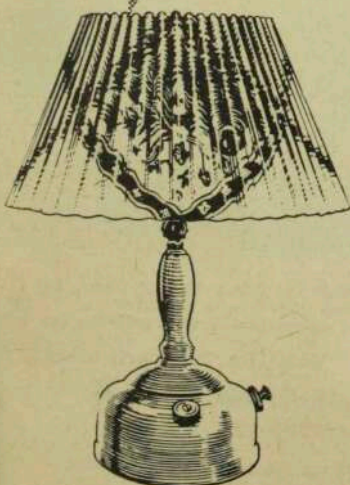
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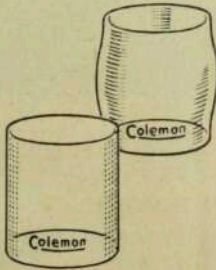
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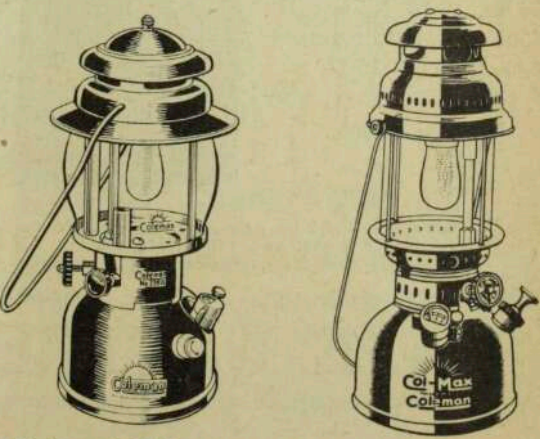
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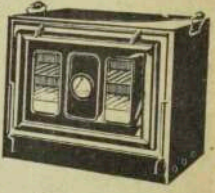
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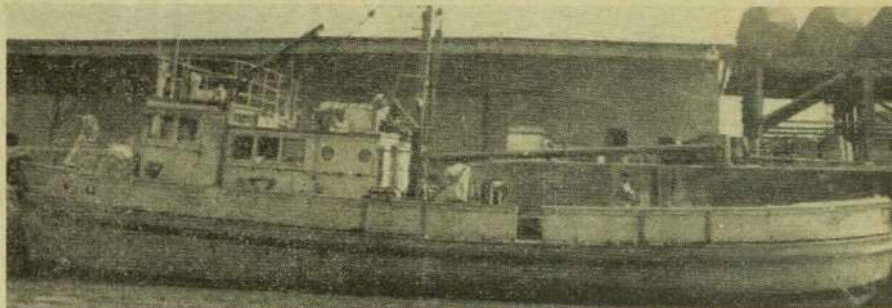
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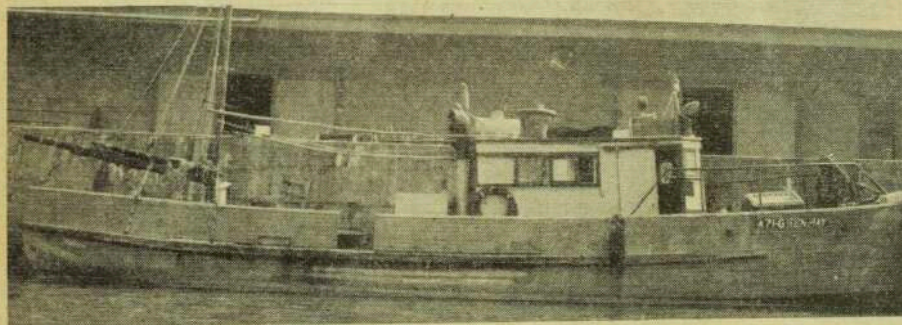
M. T. "JOSEY"

66 ft. x 18 ft., with
1,020 cu. ft. capacity
hold (21 ft. 6 in. x
18 ft. x 5 ft. 9 in.).

PRICE: £10,000.



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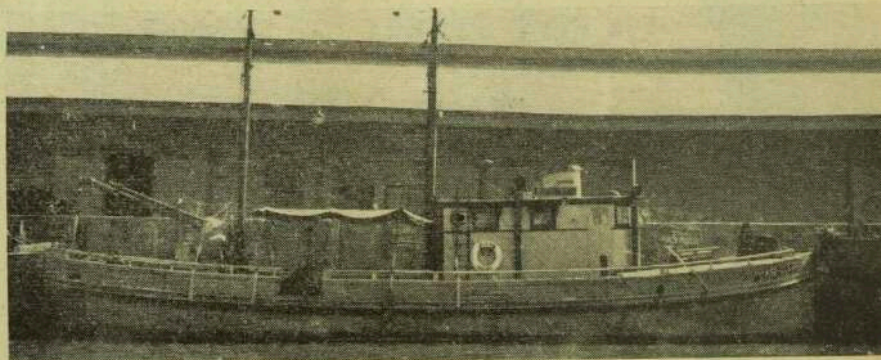
PRICE: £4,000.

Raised deck, hold aft; built by Larsen Bros., Sydney; draught, 4 ft. 6 in./6 ft. 6 in.; canoe-type stern; two hatches; "Gray" marine engine, 6 cyl., 160 HP; $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots; electric starting; aux. motor; sails; 500 gals. fuel cap.; 400 gals. water. Surveyor's Report: " . . . well-kept craft . . . for inter-Islands light cargo trade, its relatively small hatches to a common hold make it particularly suitable for small cases of general cargo."

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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

d. ..	Mar. 13	May 15
ck. ..	Mar. 17-18	May 19-20
va ..	Mar. 21	May 23
n't'u ..	Mar. 28	May 30
ct. ..	Apl. 3	June 5
nc. ..	Feb. 1-7	Apl. 4-10
ct. ..	Feb. 7	Apl. 10
n't'u ..	Feb. 14	Apl. 17
va ..	Feb. 23	Apl. 26
ck. ..	Feb. 26-28	Apl. 29-30
d. ..	Mar. 3	May 1
		May 5
		July 7

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Marai - Lae - Madang - Rabaul - Marai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next departure from Sydney early March.

Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukua-a and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any all of above ports at approx. five weeks intervals. Matua calls at Wellington and Taitelton (NZ) and supplements Tofua's schedule in Islands, calling at ports as directed by owners.

Tofua scheduled to leave Auckland next voyage on February 26. 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). Details from NZ Government Shipping Office.

Sydney-P-NG-Solomons-Hebrides, Etc.

MV Malaita for the present will maintain a schedule from Sydney-back to Sydney via Samarai, Rabaul, Soraken, other ports in Buka-Bougainville, Honiara, and Ndina (both in BSI) Santo and Vila (New Hebrides), Norfolk Island and Lord Howe. Last sailing from Sydney, January 25. All details from Burns Philp & Co.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, sailing from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six

weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Maritimes.

Small motor-ships Polynesian (Messageries Maritimes) and Neo Hebridais (H. C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

N. America-Fiji-N. Hebrides, Etc.

Norwegian motor vessel Thor I, carrying cargo and passengers (and shortly to be replaced by the new and faster Thorsisle) maintains a regular service between North American ports and French Oceania, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

Details from General Steamships Corporation Ltd., 432 California St., San Francisco.

AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

1. Australia (or NZ)-Fiji-Hawaii-N. America

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

With Strato Clippers, using Sleeperettes and Berths

Thurs. and Sun.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Seattle-Portland.

Sun. and Wed.—Return via same route. Twice weekly.—PAA run shuttle service DC4 between Nadi (Fiji) and Auckland.

BY BRITISH COMMONWEALTH PACIFIC AIRLINES (BCPA)

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lulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

l.—Dep. Vancouver and S. Francisco
alternatively; thence same route to
Auckland.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

ternate Friday (Feb. 29, Mar. 14, etc.)—
Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-
Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

ternate Friday (Feb. 22, Mar. 7, etc.)—
Return by same route.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways
NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)

Depart: Arrive:
Sydney, 7.45 pm Brisbane, 10.30 pm
S., 11.40 pm Moresby, 6.30 am

(Wed., Sun.)
Moresby, 7.30 am Lae 8.50 am
connects at Lae with DC3's for Wau,
olo (Wed); and (Sun.) Rabaul, via Lae.

Mon., Thur.,* Fri. (DC3's)
Sydney, 7.30 pm Brisbane, 10.30 pm
Brisbane, 11.30 pm Rockton 1.50 am

(Tue., Fri., Sat.)
Depart: Arrive:
Rockton (Tue., Fri., Sat.), 2.25 am Townsville, 5 am

Townsville, 6 am
Cairns, 7.40 am
Cooktown, 8.55 am
Moresby, 12.20 pm
Lae, 2.15 (Tues. only)
*Cargo service only.

SOUTHWARDS

Tuesdays (DC3)
Madang, 4 pm Lae, 5.15 pm

Wednesdays (DC3)
Wau, 11.30 am Lae, 12.35 pm

Wednesday,* Thursday (DC3)
Lae, 5.45 am Moresby, 7.05 am
Moresby, 7.35 am Sydney, 10.15 pm
Via Cairns, Towns., Brisbane, with
optional call at Rockhampton.
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Monday (DC3)
Rabaul, 7 am Moresby, 10.20 am
Moresby, 10.50 am Cairns, 2.10 pm
Cairns, 3.10 pm Towns. (over-
night), 4.30 pm

Towns., Tues.,
8.15 am Brisbane, 1 pm
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
With Solent Flying-boat

Sundays and Wednesdays

Depart: Arrive:
Sydney, 7.15 pm Bris., 10 pm
Bris., 11 pm Moresby, 6.30 am

Mondays and Thursdays
Moresby, 9.30 am Bris., 5 pm
Bris., 6 pm Sydney, 8.30 pm

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LAKE-MADANG-GENERAL SERVICE
Every Monday by DC3.

LAKE-MADANG-WEWAK-RABAU-GENERAL SERVICE
Every Thursday by DC3; native traffic only.

MOESBY-DARU (Catalina)
Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional),

Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Wednesday; returning same day.

MOESBY-EAST PAPUA (Catalina)
Alternate Monday.—Dep. 9 am—Abau-Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia (overnight).

Alternate Tuesday.—Return to Moersby, via Deboyne Lagoon, Samarai, and Abau.

MOESBY-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

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Alternate Monday.—Moersby-Abau-Samarai-Esa'ala-Losuia-Rabaul.

Alternate Tuesday.—Rabaul-Talasea-Moe HBE-Jacquinet Bay, and return with optional call at Lindenhafen.

Alternate Wednesday.—Rabaul-Q. Car HBR-Buka-Kieta-Buin and return with optional call at Inus.

Alternate Thursday.—Rabaul-Losuia-Esa'ala-Samarai-Abau-Moersby.

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Thursdays.—Madang (7 am) to Wabaiyer R., Hagen. Optional: Kerowas Chimbu. Returns to Madang (noon).

Fridays.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, call at any of: Nadzab, Kilaipit, Aroa, Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena, Be Goroka, Chimbu, Kerowagi, Kup, Nodugi, Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelbe Baiyer R., Wabamunda. Return Lae.

LAKE-GARAINA (DH84)

Tuesdays.—Departs 7 am; returns 9 am

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Dep. Wau.—Tues., Fri., Sat.

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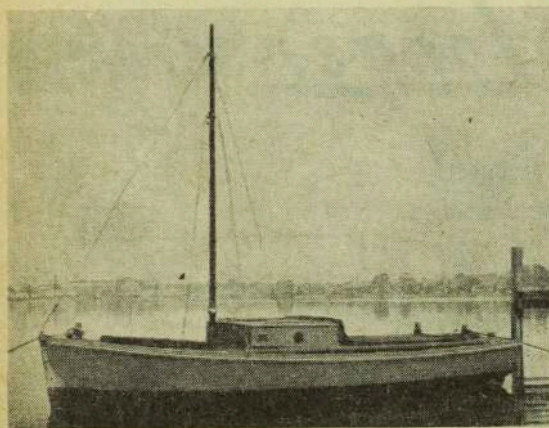
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ternate Tuesday.—Honiara (dep. 7 am) - Yandina - Vellalavella - Torakina - Rabaul - Finschhafen - Lae (arr. 3.15 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

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7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymaster
ternate Thursdays; returning same day

9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham
Flying-boats:

Depart:	Arrive:
ney, Alt. Mon., 9.30 pm	Noumea, Alt. Tue., 6.30 am
mea, Alt. Tue., 8.00 am	Vila, Alt. Tue., 10.35 am
s, Alt. Tue., 12.5 pm	Santo, Alt. Tue., 1.20 pm
to, Alt. Wed., 6.00 am	Vila, Alt. Wed., 7.15 am
s, Alt. Wed., 8.15 am	Noumea, Alt. Wed., 10.55 am
mea, Alt. Wed., 12.30 pm	Sydney, Alt. Wed., 7.45 pm

Additional services operate subject to the approval of the Governments concerned.

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

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Depart:	Arrive:
ney, Thur., 9.30 pm	Noumea, Fri., 6.30 am
mea, Fri., 8.30 am	Suva, Fri., 3 pm
a, Sat., 6 am	Noumea, Sat., 10.30 am
mea, Sat., 12.30 pm	Sydney, Sat., 7.45 pm

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

NZ National Airways, with DC3's
days.—From Auckland, returning same day.
ternate Sundays.—One additional service, same day. See also table No. 8.

12. Sydney-Auckland

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13. Sydney-Wellington

Tasman E. Airways, with Solents

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t 10.30 pm.

Dep. Wellington, Mon., Tues., Thurs.,
Fri., at 11 am.

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster
Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch.,
8.15 am next day.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 4.50
pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

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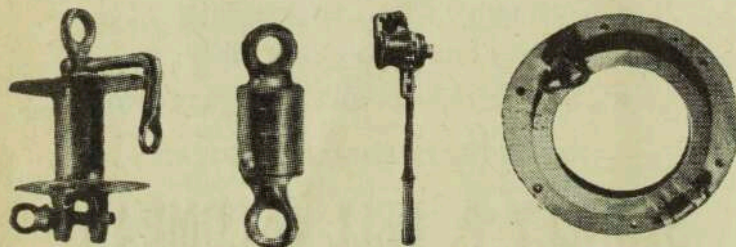
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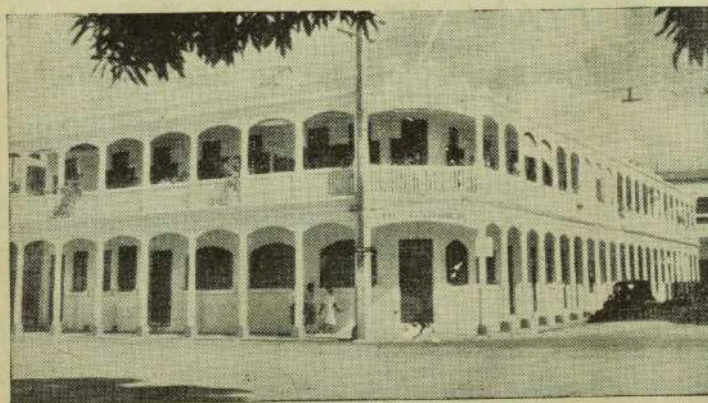


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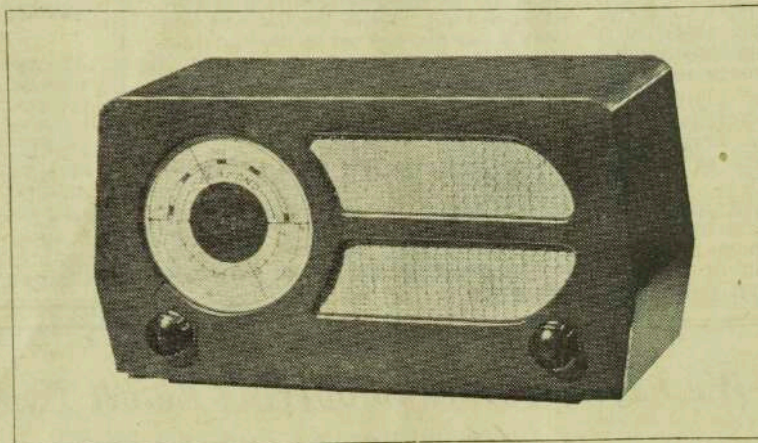
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What Is Needed For 'Another Elizabethan Age'

WAS there not something symbolic about the events which occurred about 4 a.m. Greenwich Mean Time, on Tuesday, February 5?

While George VI, "gentlest of our monarchs," passed away in his sleep, the young Elizabeth, with her father Consort by her side, was standing in a high place in East Africa, watching with fascination the prowlings of the unpredictable wild beasts in the jungle below.

King George has gone from the Britain he loved so much and served faithfully. Queen Elizabeth II mounts the ancient Throne and looks out over a jungle-world rough which are creeping some terrible things, to menace our safety and the structure of our civilisation. Beside her are the young Philip, from whom we hope much, and the old and very wise Churchill, who saved her Empire once, and may do so again.

The constitutional set-up is crumbling; but the outlook is such as to make all except stout hearts fail. By our weakness since VJ Day, we have released into the world forces which are completely new, and which now threaten to destroy us.

In the past fortnight, wherever politicians babble and newspapers chant, we have heard a new theme. Britain attained her

greatest strength and glory under her Queens: maybe she will do so again.

What strange thinking! As if the status of a nation were a matter of luck, or of a happy relationship between the monarch and the beneficent gods!

Britain is in her present economic mess because (a) she spent nearly all her enormous, accumulated wealth in World War II, and (b) she surrendered her government, in the vital post-war years, to an array of untrained Socialist planners, who were pitifully incapable of discharging the unprecedented task of rebuilding British economy and firmly controlling the British Empire.

The Socialists are discharged and discredited; new men, with a different outlook, have taken over; but, in the intervening years, British incompetence, plus British failure to co-operate effectively with United States in world affairs, has permitted the Bolshevisation of half Europe and most of Asia. Britain, before she can give herself effectively to her overwhelming domestic problems, now must first ensure her security.

If the British way of life is to be maintained, there are enormous tasks to be undertaken at home. But, for the present, there is neither sufficient money nor time for such

tasks. All our national resources are needed for our own protection.

IF ever the spiritual strength of a people was tested, it is being tested to-day in the British Commonwealth. The real character of Russia's Cold War now is quite plain. While they avoid a total fighting war, the Reds are taking advantage of the freedom of our way of life, and of our institutions to honeycomb our political and economic structures, to foment quarrels and disturbances, to encourage inferior peoples to rise against us, to create lack of confidence in our leaders, our ideals and ourselves.

These processes are going on all over the world. We of the Pacific see them most clearly now in Asia and the Middle East. At this moment, we are wasting our military and economic strength in Korea, in Indo-China, Malaya, Persia, Egypt and Tunisia; while recent anti-British demonstrations show that the peoples of Burma, India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Indonesia and Iraq are turning against us.

Behind the events in every one of these countries is the cunning hand and the poisoned propaganda of the Muscovite Red.

LONG ago, the Americans realised that the only way to stop this Cold War, and ensure peace for the world, is to arm completely, and challenge Russia to a test of strength; and the United States is arming, and is forcing the other nations to arm.

But—let us have the truth.

Among all those Western Democracies now arming under American leadership, the only people really showing high spirit and resolute demeanour, readiness for the ultimate challenge, are the Americans themselves. So far, the British masses—who really have more to lose than the Americans, and who should be their natural allies in this world crisis—will not face up to the alternatives which confront them. They must either resist the Russian attempt to destroy their personal freedom and way of life, or submit to the Muscovite plan to fasten Communism upon the nations.

So they hope that the Russians may be scared into inactivity by America's possession of a thousand atom bombs; or that Joe Stalin's death will set Moscow fighting; or that the Czechs and Poles will revolt—or that some divine interven-

tion in favour of their new, young Queen will save them from further struggle and sacrifice. Sure, they are arming. But the enthusiasm of the British countries for the defence of their realm (witness the pathetic advertisements of the Australian Government, for Services recruits) reminds one somehow of the moral condition of France, at the outbreak of World War II.

The British people of that other Elizabethan age, and of the Victorian age, had a will to work, and considerable intestinal fortitude, and a reluctance to depend for their freedom on half-understood political nostrums, and some readiness to fight. If we are really to have another Elizabethan age, we shall have to develop—in the Islands Territories, as in Australia and England and the Colonies—some of those old-fashioned national traits.

Substitute Science for Human Factor in Forecasting Hurricanes!

LATE in January, four Territories in the South Pacific were battered by winds of hurricane force. None seems to have had much warning of the storm. One—Fiji—which suffered grievous damage, had practically no warning: a terrible hurricane hit the capital within 90 minutes of the first broadcast intimation that something ugly was developing.

The Fiji authorities doubtless will find out why the meteorological warning system, on which all the South Pacific Territories depend at this time of year, broke down on this occasion.

The purpose of this note is to suggest that the time has come for a review of the whole system. There appears to be about it an element of catch-as-catch-can. The importance of giving adequate warning of these disastrous tropical storms, and the degree of scientific knowledge now available in this field, allow of no excuse for casualness and irresponsibility in the weather-warning system.

Even under the old and existing system, it is possible to give warning of a developing hurricane many hours before it strikes. Meteorologists in Wellington, NZ, knew about the Fiji hurricane as soon as it was born west of the Solomons on Wednesday, January 23—four days before it struck Fiji—and they followed its course eastwards. They say it passed the New Hebrides on Friday night. Obviously, Fiji could have had ample warning; and, if it had, a large proportion of Suva's lost roofs might have been retained.

Officials doubtless will claim that weather-reporters were off duty at the week-end and that there are few reporting stations in the region northwest of Fiji, anyway. That is

the catch-as-catch-can element, which should be eliminated.

There is no need for complete dependence on scattered weather-reporters. It now is possible to detect, on seismograph records, the development of big storm centres, and to read from the microseisms, the movements of the storm. It is a new branch of the science of geophysics, and it was described six months ago as "developing by leaps and bounds."

Scientists then claimed that "the seismographic method of detecting and tracking hurricanes enables accurate warnings to be given considerably in advance of those possible by other present-day methods."

The South Pacific Commission already has given thought to the creation of a better meteorological network. Here, now, is an urgent job right at its hand. With the devastation in unwarmed Suva to show the urgent need for action, it could do much, before next hurricane season, to take the guesswork and the uncertain human element out of the weather-forecasting organisation in the South Pacific.

POLYNESIAN TREASURE TROVE

WHAT he described to the New Zealand newspapers as "the greatest collection of Polynesian material in the world" has been found in the Otago Museum, Dunedin, by Captain D. S. Marshall, director of American Salem's Peabody Museum Expedition to Polynesia. The expedition has been working in the Auckland Museum; now it will transfer to Dunedin.

NEW BANANA INDUSTRY DESTROYED

Unhappy Angle of Fiji Disaster

SUVA, Feb. 5
ONE of the most unfortunate angles of the Fiji hurricane disaster is the destruction of the banana plantations.

New Zealand has been getting half her banana supplies from Fiji, and, as NZ could consume many more bananas, it had been decided with the arrival of the new Tofu (which doubles the shipping service), to greatly increase the Fiji production.

This is an ideal industry for the natives; and the Fijians had been encouraged to very much extend their plantations in the Rewa valley system, where the best bananas are produced.

The fruit was coming forward well, and on her first visit, December, the Tofua took away big shipment of excellent fruit for an eager market.

The hurricane swept right across this Rewa area, and not a plantation escaped. The Fijians' houses are wrecked; and all hope of maintaining the old banana trade with NZ, let alone developing the new business that had been planned, must now be set aside for a long time. It will take at least a year to repair the damage.

FIJI'S LAST SHIPMENT

AUCKLAND, Feb. 3
THE last shipment of Fiji bananas for a long time left Suva for the Matua, for New Zealand on January 22—six days before the hurricane. It comprised 14,000 cases, and was to be the first of new development of this important Fiji-NZ trade.

Tofua was to load another car three weeks later. But the hurricane destroyed all the banana plantations. There will be no more bananas for many months.

WORLD'S COCOA PRODUCTION

THE Administration's plan to develop cocoa production on a large scale in New Guinea must receive encouragement from recent figures of world production.

Total world production in 1950 was 710,000 tons, an overall decrease of 70,000 tons. Production in Ghana, Coast, Bahia, Nigeria and Ivory Coast—partly the result of pest—is down by nearly 100,000 tons.

Cocoa consumption is expected to increase in USA, decline in Europe.

TERRIFIC HURRICANE STRIKES FIJI

Suva and Eastern Viti Levu Wrecked in 150 Minutes'

Visitation—Damage Over £1,000,000

THE quickest, fiercest and most destructive hurricane in the history of Fiji (and one of the worst, if not the worst, ever recorded in the South Pacific) occurred in the morning of Monday, January 28.

It came into Fiji over the northern end of the Yasawas, struck the northern coast of Viti Levu eastward of Ba, and swept in a southeasterly direction across the northeastern section of Viti Levu; and disappeared rapidly into the southeast.

Its track was about 30 miles wide. The devastation wrought by the wind (which at times exceeded 150 miles per hour—a record for that sea) and by the rain which soon afterwards soaked properties which had lost their roofs and walls, represents a loss of between £1,000,000 and £2,000,000. Over 20 people were killed and hundreds injured.

Within the track of the storm were rich sugar and banana-producing districts, the little town of Nausori, the capital town of Suva, hundreds of Indian farms and scores of Fijian villages. All were wrecked.

Grants so far made for relief: British Government, £10,000; NZ Government, £10,000; Methodist church, £5,000.

WARNING SYSTEM FAILED

Indications are that the warning given of the hurricane was completely inadequate.

The New Zealand official meteorologists reported on January 27 that they had been watching this hurricane. They said it began to form about Thursday, January 24, in the Solomon Islands area; its strength grew; on Friday night, January 26, it passed north of the New Hebrides, where 50 mph winds were reported; during Saturday and Sunday it was whirling around north-westwards of Fiji; and on Monday morning it suddenly set off south-eastwards across Fiji.

Yet, according to all available evidence, Fiji got no warning until 11 am—an hour or more after the community had gone to work.

Radio listeners at 9 am heard the broadcast programme interrupted by a message from the Laucala Bay station: it said a hurricane was 100 miles northward of Vanua Levu—Vanua Levu was specially warned. It was said that final warnings could come later. (Vanua Levu was not affected—the hurricane hit Viti Levu, 100 miles westward.)

A final warning was broadcast from Suva at 10 am; but the black flags—the customary final warning

—were not erected at the wharf.

By this time, there was a strong and increasing wind. Experienced people became alarmed and began hurriedly to batten up; many rushed to their homes, and some schools were hurriedly closed; but the majority of folk were taken completely by surprise.

The hurricane struck like a thunderbolt soon after 10.30 am, and caught Suva almost unprepared.

Why was there no warning? Officialdom had been watching that storm for five days. This is known as the hurricane season. A hurricane formed in the same area (Solomons) and struck south-eastwards in the same way at the same time (January 28) in 1936, and did much damage in New Zealand.

British Solomons also battered by "young hurricane"—See page 122, this issue.

The only official excuse so far heard is that the hurricane struck and demolished the weather reporting station in the Northern Yasawas early in the morning, and so warning was not given.

Someone failed badly somewhere.

PENANG DISTRICT

The northern islands of the Yasawas—a small chain northwest of Viti Levu, inhabited by native Fijians only—got it first, about 7 am. Their houses and food gardens were mostly destroyed.

By 8 am, the cyclone had hit the Viti Levu coast, between the Ba-Tavua-Vatukoula (goldmines) area, and Viti Levu Bay (Eastern Ra Province). Ba caught a large share of it; Tavua and Vatukoula got it more severely; but the sugar-producing settlement of Penang, farther east, was devastated. The Penang sugar-mill was wrecked, the majority of houses demolished or unroofed, and Indian farmers' canefields and houses very seriously damaged.

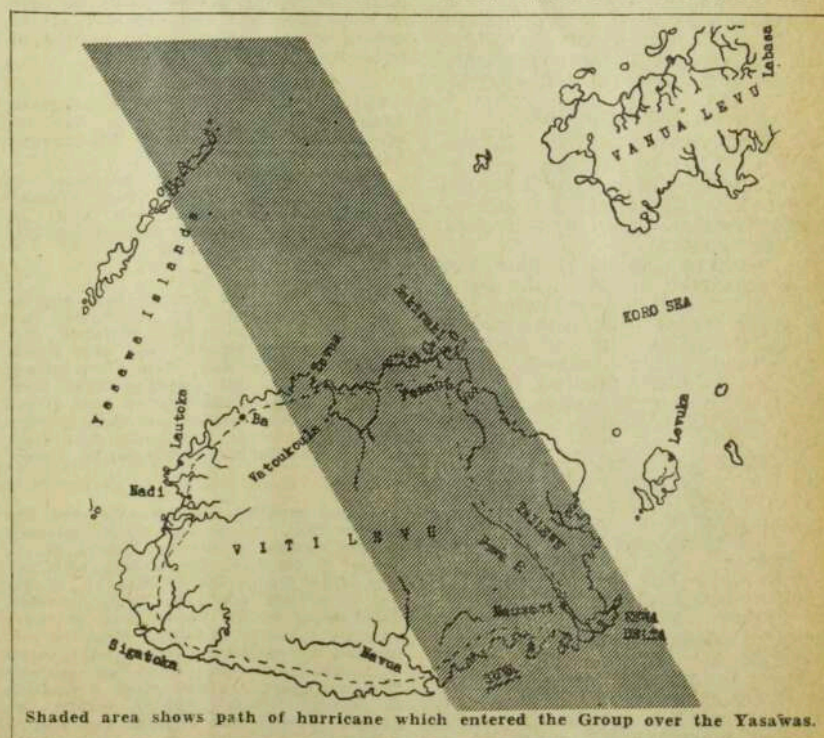
The Ragg hotel at Raki Raki, between Penang and Port Ellington, escaped lightly; but native villages and food gardens thereabouts were very badly damaged.

There was minor damage at and around the Rarawai sugar-mill.

The fringe of the hurricane caught the goldmine town of Vatukoula, and interrupted the water and power supply systems, and damaged a number of houses. The mines' machinery was not affected.

DEVASTATION IN REWA AREA

The hurricane swept on south-eastwards, following generally the valley systems of the great Rewa



River and travelling at 40-50 miles an hour. Native settlements and plantations took a fearful battering. There were several fatalities among the Fijians. Practically the whole of the banana plantations, which were being built up for the new New Zealand trade, were destroyed. 46,500 banana palms were lost.

Not one house was left standing between Viti Levu Bay (east of Penang) and Tailevu.

The whole of the large and fertile Tailevu district was badly battered and damaged. But the terrific wind, strangely, did not extend beyond the east coast. Ovalau island, off the coast here, was not badly affected: there are no reports of damage in Levuka.

The thickly settled Rewa Delta area, like Suva, caught the full force of the hurricane. The storm simply took the roof off Nausori, and levelled many buildings, and destroyed countless Fijian and Indian villages. The Nausori mill, like that at Penang, was partly demolished. Four CSR dwellings were wholly and 13 partly destroyed.

The hurricane seems to have reached its maximum fury about 11 am over the southeast corner of Viti Levu—comprising the Rewa Delta, Laucala Bay, Suva Point, Suva town, and the Tamavua area. Almost before the people realised what was happening, the indescribable, shrieking tornado was upon them; all human activities ceased; and for two hours the main concern of everyone was to keep out of danger and stay alive.

Wind gauges went out of action at 150 mph. Some people believe gusts were up to 200 mph—certainly a record for this part of the world.

SUVA IS SMASHED

BY 10.30, Suva town was in the grip of the screaming gale. Some buildings were unroofed immediately, to admit the torrential rain, which, driven by the wind, came horizontally.

For two hours, it was Bedlam. For a while, people caught in the town or outside struggled to get home. But collapsing poles (carrying wires), falling trees, and flying roofing-iron made the streets very dangerous, and finally blocked them; and hundreds just abandoned their cars and sheltered where they could.

Mountainous seas, rushing in over the waterfront, added to the indescribable confusion—and deposited masses of sand and mud. The noise of the wind and rain was terrifying.

This went on for perhaps 100 minutes. Then the wind suddenly died away. People came out of shelter, to dazedly examine the vast, indescribable damage. But many, knowing the ways of hurricanes, began frantically to try to get some cover over the goods in their wrecked houses.

In half an hour, there came the rising, ominous howl of the returning hurricane. In a few minutes, it was upon them again, from a new direction. With it came another deluge.

Suva was struck from the south, east and north-west.

The last blast lasted perhaps an hour—but it seemed to do more damage than the first. Trees fell, roofs disappeared, houses collapsed.

By 1.30 pm the hurricane had ceased; it moved away to the south-east, missing the Lau Group and dying out somewhere southwards of Tonga.

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Do You Remember?

TWENTY years back! Days of "Depression" but the £1 was worth 20/-. Life was tough, we hadn't yet heard much about Adolf Hitler, Uncle Joe was not even a red shadow beyond our horizon and we were not so down-and-out as we believed.

These extracts from PIM of February, 1932, will enable you to make comparisons with the state of the nation to-day:

FROM OUR RAROTONGA CORRESPONDENT: Lady passengers coming ashore off the mail boats treat us to glimpses of what we take to be advanced ideas of fashion. Plus-fours raged for a while. After we came finally to accept these as recognised "going ashore" dress we were at once astonished and delighted at the appearance of "shorts" with a kind of singlet, as the upper garment!

The Secretary to the Western Samoan Administration, Mr. Turnbull, has returned from New Zealand. His mission has not been successful.

There seems no hope whatever of financial assistance from New Zealand and local retrenchment will start in earnest. Wages of local Samoan officials will be cut by 10 per cent.

Chairman of Oil Search Ltd. reports that: Much valuable oil prospecting has been carried out in the Matapau district (west of Aitape, near the Dutch border) on the New Guinea mainland. That extensive oil seepages have been found to exist in the district, that structures have been located and that the key to the oil series has been discovered, justifies the further work to be undertaken.

Several months ago we expressed the opinion that the fine of £5,600 imposed by the Samoan Court on Messrs. O. F. Nelson & Co. Ltd., for trading with the Mau (the firm claimed that all it did was to receive from the Samoans small debts owing to Mr. Nelson, now in exile) was an example of sheer savagery not justified by reason or commonsense even if justified by law. The New Zealand Supreme Court has now given a decision in Messrs. Nelson's appeal against the Samoan verdict and reduced the fine to £470.

That afternoon and evening the people struggled to restore order amid the soaking ruins. But, without power, light, telephones, transport, radio, it was impossible to organise a community effort. From Suva northwards to Penang the people seemed helpless and dazed by the shock and devastation. The night and the following day, marked by torrential rain, was a time of utter misery, which few will forget. Suva, hitherto a tidy, foliage-embowered little town of 23,000 people, was a tangled wreck. Nausori, the sugar-town 15 miles north, was no better. European

The Union SS Company's Tofua (4,300 tons and built in 1908) which has for many years maintained regular monthly passenger service between Auckland, Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, is to be withdrawn from service. She will be replaced by Waipahi, a cargo ship that carries only four passengers. The falling away of passenger traffic between Auckland and the Islands is, it is understood, the reason for Tofua's withdrawal.

Samoan banana growers are complaining at the contract made between the Administration and the NZ Government for the supply of bananas. The contract is for only 4½ months and the price paid to growers will be 3/6 per case less freight to Apia.

A remarkably fine range of timbers has been brought down to Sydney by Mr. Charles Booth, one of the pioneers of the Morobe goldfields, New Guinea. There are samples of hoop and bunya pine, cedar and Pacific maple. Mr. Booth and his associates intend to form a company and to float the timber down the Bullock and Markham Rivers to the coast. The plans are being held up because timber leases covering the area which were applied for in 1926 have not yet been supported by an official licence. The reason for the delay has been given by the Lands and Mines Department.

The discovery of a new electro-plating process, which is claimed by the inventor to be epoch-making, has been made by M. Henry Copern, of Santo, New Hebrides. It is claimed that with the process wood, fabric, glass, as well as metals, can be plated with a surface of non-corrosive metal.

In advertisements in that February issue stainless steel dinner knives were offered at 8/3 per half dozen; hair clippers 3/6; alarm clocks at 4/6. The single bed-and-breakfast rate at Clifton Garden Hotel, Sydney, was 35/- per week; Glo brand assorted beef, 12 oz cans, was 20/- per case of 4 dozen; 16 oz, fancy meat 38/- per case; 1 lb cans of red salmon 1/4½ a can or 16/- a dozen; coffee, 2/9 per lb. Wool gabardine raincoats (men's) were 67/6; drill shorts, 4/-; wool sports coats 24/6 and flannel trousers 18/6. You could buy a Chapman marine engine for £14 and, what is more, the first edition of the Pacific Islands Year Book was 8/6 and a yearly subscription to the PIM, 6/-.

20 ITALIAN COPRA-CUTTERS

Experiment In New Hebrides

From a Special Correspondent

PORT VILA, Jan. 29
A PARTY of 20 young Italians (between 21 and 28 years old) arrived in New Hebrides, per *Gyngesien* in mid-January, under contract to Captain Graziani. They are to be employed on copra-cutting at Mr. Graziani's plantation at *g Harbour*, Santo, and will get £28 Australian per month, and quarters. They are on 3-years contract; after which they have the choice of remaining in NH, taking over French or British nationality, being repatriated. Labour is extremely short here, the experiment is being watched with interest. From the economic viewpoint, can Italians take the place of natives in copra-cutting? They get better wages, and they must get better food and housing. They must be protected against malaria. Presumably, it will be necessary to keep them under shelter, and bring the food to them. They are good-looking, well-dressed young men, the majority black, but two fair. Their introduction cost over £225 per head.

DOESN'T AUSTRALIA CARE?

Letter to the Editor

DOES Australia realise that Chinese in considerable numbers now are being admitted to New Hebrides as labourers? Who are these Chinese? Where do they "screened"? What are the conditions of their entry? Are they to be repatriated at the end of a 3-year contract? They have been trying to get some information, but officials are evasive. Some told me they were "British" Chinese from Hongkong. I have learned that the last party were not Chinese born in Hongkong, but men born in China, and Chinese nationals. They carry passports issued by the Chinese Communist Government. There are now Chinese communities established in New Guinea, Solomon Islands and New Hebrides. Doesn't Australia care?

I am etc.,

OLD NH PLANTER.

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TAHITIANS FOR NEW HEBRIDES

RESPONSIBLE men in Tahiti are perturbed at the recent migration of Tahitian labour to the New Hebrides where apparently, high wages are being offered in an en-

COPRA

Readjustments In S. Pacific Countries

IN Papua-New Guinea, Solomons, French Oceania—in fact, in most South Pacific Territories—there have been movements in the local copra prices.

Generally, world-market rates show a sagging tendency; but in the areas where the local price is controlled by the British Ministry of Food contract there have been substantial rises—due to the fact that the MOF price, for over two years, has been at least £30 per ton under the world price; and adjustments are now being made.

We announced, last issue, that the P-NG producers would get the 1952 rates from January 1 instead of from March 1; and that the new MOF price for 1952 would give them, at main Territory ports, £63/10/- Aus. per ton for FMS; while the price to Australian millers would be £82/15/- Aus., ex-ship, Sydney.

The Territory ports price means a rise of approximately £7/10/- per ton over the price paid for 1951 deliveries.

It has been further announced that P-NG producers, as a result of price adjustments, will receive another £4 per ton (for sun and smoke-dried) for all copra delivered in the 1950-51 period.

There has been a substantial rise in the Solomons. At the end of 1951, the MOF Stg price was £53/15/-; 10 per cent. was added, to operate from January, 1952, making £59/2/6 Stg. per ton; in Australian currency, this was £78/18/1; from that is deducted BSI's heavy export duty of £11/1/9 per ton (15 per cent); local deductions are about £4/2/6 per ton; which should have left, net, to the grower, about £58/13/10 per ton.

However, the official announcement in Honiara, early in February, was that the price was £63/15/- Aus. per ton, from January 1; which therefore is £5 per ton better than some had expected. It is, however, almost exactly in line with the new price in New Guinea.

On December 23, under a new price order, the official copra price at Papeete, French Oceania, fell from 10.50 Pacific francs per kilo (equal to about £52/17/6 Aus. per

deavour to overcome the acute labour shortage there.

When the *Sagittaire* sailed from Papeete on January 5, a party of 16 men and 11 women departed for Santo. Previously two other ships had taken 40 or 50 persons.

Deputy Pouvanua a Oopa is said to oppose permitting this migration while the Tuamotus are short of plantation labour and Makatea still obtains labour for its phosphate workings from the Cook Islands.

long ton) to 7.10 Pacific francs per kilo—a decline of more than 25 per cent.

FIJI DISCUSSIONS

IN Fiji—where the new copra price to producers is £59 Fijian (about £66/10/- Aus.) per ton—there was an interesting discussion proceeding concerning "the price structure."

When the MOF contract was made, in 1949, the price was to rise or fall not more than 10 per cent. each year. Mr. W. G. Johnson, of Suva, contends that the starting price was too low by £4/15/- Fijian per ton; and as this was not built into the price structure, to get the benefit of the subsequent rises of 10 per cent. per annum, Fiji producers, one way and another, have lost £300,000, to the end of 1951.

Mr. Johnson says the MOF now has indicated a readiness to make an addition to the 10 per cent. for 1952 as an "incentive"; but he regards this as an attempt to rectify the original error of 1949, and he hopes to see an addition of maybe £6/15/- to the 1952 price, which according to his calculations would bring the account nearly square.

Mr. Johnson has argued that those who have protested that the devaluation of the £, after the signing of the MOF contract, robbed them of about £30 per ton have not a good case—because the producers' representatives should have provided, in the contract, against currency devaluation.

In a legal sense, Mr. Johnson is perfectly right. But, until the event actually occurred, who would have anticipated an arbitrary devaluation (in terms of gold) of over 30 per cent. in Sterling, the currency in which half the world traded, and which had been accepted for generations as being "as solid as the Bank of England"?

Now, we know that the economic position of Britain is such that we cannot depend upon Sterling maintaining its value in relation to gold, or the US dollar; and any wise trader provides accordingly in any contract likely to be affected; but in 1948-49 we accepted Sterling as we accept the tides and the calendar—something fixed and irrevocable.

Copra producers were not the only people caught by the Socialist trick of devaluation. Practically every producer who had a contract with Britain suffered, and was resentful accordingly. That attempt by Britain to pay the world for foodstuffs and raw materials in a debased currency did more than any other single thing of the 20th century to undermine confidence in Britain.

After 3½ years on Norfolk Island, the Rev. J. Holmes, Mrs. Holmes and family have transferred to a Sydney parish. There were several farewell parties in their honour.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Appeal for Distressed Fiji

That well-known Australian artist, Mary Edwards, never has lost her affection for Fiji. Within a few days of the hurricane, she was busily organising a fete—at "Coo-inoo," Turramurra, Sydney, on March 1—to raise funds for Fiji Relief.

She is getting support; but her plan is under the handicap that there are in Australia to-day far more distressed bush-fire sufferers than there are hurricane sufferers in Fiji. Normally, Australia would have contributed liberally to help Fiji. Just now, all the available relief is urgently needed at home.

Nonetheless, sympathisers and friends of Fiji will wish to help Miss Edwards. Call her on JJ 2005.

Farewell to 'Leprosy'?

In ancient times, a leper was the complete human outcast. Fear of the disease he carried led to the perpetration of horrors indescribable.

Even to-day, when it is known that leprosy to a large extent can be cured, and that there is almost no risk of casual infection, most people recoil in terror from any chance of contact with sufferers.

In this respect, splendid work has been and is being done by an organisation called "The Relatives and Friends Association," whose Australian secretary is Mr. E. H. Hinton, of Richer St., Toowong, Brisbane. By constant propaganda, this body tries to remove pessimism from the minds of the diseased, and fear from among the uninfected. They forbid the use of the words leprosy and leper.

They call it by its scientific name of Hansen's Disease; they refer to "patients suffering from HD"; and they constantly quote facts and figures to show how the disease now can be arrested, and the high and growing percentage of cures.

One need only remember Molokai and Makogai to realise that there is much of this disease in Polynesia; but how many know that it was brought into the Pacific Islands by Europeans?

It will not be easy to abolish the use of the word leprosy, used in our earliest records. But it is a fine idea; good luck to the Association.

More About Wahlenburg

This photograph, which shows Wahlenburg as it is to-day, was taken about two months ago by Mr. Hal Evans of Madang, N.G., while on a patrol of Maron.

It is something of a miracle that the old mansion, built by Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen, almost 50 years

ago, is still standing after two World Wars and periods of considerable neglect. But this evidently is the evening of its days, for Mr. Evans writes:

"The house is still standing and is occupied by the present owner of Maron, Mr. G. Kuster. It is now,



however, in quite decayed condition. The timber has dry rot and the house appears to have been badly knocked about during World War II and, of course, neglected over the same period. It is now almost 'a write-off,' but from a distance it still looks imposing. None of the outhouses shown in the photograph in January PIM now exist.

"The wreck mentioned in the January article is still there, standing out prominently on the reef at the S-W entrance to the Hermit Group. It is shown on German charts published in 1912, so it must have been over 40 years since the ship went up. However, the boiler and main engine still stand half submerged on the reef, having withstood the ravages of sea and the elements all these years. Quite an advertisement for German workmanship and the quality of material used in those days."

Concerning Fish

I told a Melbourne friend about a couple of exciting hours one evening in Port Moresby harbour, and the kind of fish I caught. I have just received a postcard in his writing. It says:

Lord, suffer me to catch a fish
So large that even I,
When talking of it afterwards
Shall have no need to lie.

Maybe times have changed. But I still insist that, alongside a certain reef in Port Moresby, in the 'thirties, you could catch big, fighting brutes of from 8 lb to 10 lb weight.—RWR.

Melanesian Mission Bay

An Auckland reader, "more sorrow than in anger" writes to correct J.T.'s ignorance respect of Mission Bay—November PIM, page 51.

"Re Mission Bay—'wherever the might be,' he begins ominously and goes on to say:

It is, of course, an abbreviated form of "Melanesian Mission Bay" and even Australians ought to know that the Melanesian Mission, which runs the little ship Southern Cross and functions in the New Hebrides and the BSI, began in Auckland, NZ, under the auspices of the now Bishop G. A. Selwyn; moved headquarters to Norfolk Island, 1867 and shifted in 1919 to Siota, Florida Island, in the BSI.

Probably "J.T." really knew where Mission Bay was while at the G.O. or found out later by following the methods of Sherlock Holmes without round-tripping in the islands.

The Melanesian Mission and missions which set out to help the Black men of the Black Islands have done a fair job of work, and it seems only right that everyone who writes and talks about the Pacific should take a correspondence course in the history of missions.

A feature of Auckland's Mission Bay is that when the Mission Bay was cut up in fairly recent times, that rich men could build houses with harbour views, the streets were given appropriate names. There is a Patteson Av., and people get to know how to spell it, and confuse it with streets named after Pattersons or Patersons; a "Melanesia Rd., Selwyn Av., Siota Crescent," etc.

Auckland's Mission Bay is what might be termed a "posh suburb" and apparently bears a resemblance to Sydney's Potts Point—"where that may be—!"

Some of the original mission buildings and some fine Norfolk Island pines remain at Mission Bay and are reminders of Selwyn, Patterson and others. There is an odour of history and the tropics about the tiny bay with its traditions that few people really know.

(J.T. was interested in locating Mission Bay and learning of associations with the Melanesian Mission. Maybe even Australians should be experts in Mission Bay history, but the fact is that J.T. is a New Zealander, although not some time, and not of Auckland. If forced to it, she would have located Mission Bay in Wellington. However, she is now looking about for a correspondence course in Pacific missions, and another New Zealand geography).

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DANGEROUS SITUATION OVER 'DUTCH NEW GUINEA'

SYDNEY, Feb. 11. WHAT Australia regards as a highly dangerous situation exists in relation to Irian (Dutch New Guinea). Strong intervention by the Western Powers, UNO, may be necessary. Indonesia, after many changes, now has a mixed government. Soekarno, head of the National Party, a hotch-potch of totalitarian intellectuals, including many Reds, is president. Sukiman, head of the Moslem Masjumi Party (following Pakistan in adherence to West) is premier. Government represents these two Parties and one other (Greater Indonesia Party). Parliament is wholly nominated. It is split wide by political intrigue. Economic collapse threatens the country. Some areas dominated by guerrillas have set up local administrations, wherein Communists are influential. Thousands of rich Chinese in Indonesia are much influenced by the Reds. Chinese Ambassador Wang Wen-shu, is a fanatical Communist. Soekarno's inclination is towards India (now deeply penetrated by Communists), Burma, Red China and Russia. A few weeks ago Holland, rearranging its constitution, referred officially to "Dutch New Guinea." There was an outburst from Soekarno; Irian, he insisted, was Indonesian Territory.

ON January 16, at The Hague, Dutch and Indonesian delegations began to discuss future relations. Indonesians showed inclination to dissolve the Netherlands-Indonesian Union, a shadowy political arrangement which is all that remains of Holland's former dominion in the East Indies. Certain interests in Holland are nicked. Because of the Union, very large Dutch interests still are able to carry on planting and trading in Indonesia. They could not contemplate this huge economic loss. The Indonesians replied that, maybe, if Irian were included in Indonesia, the Union could remain. Between them, they worked out tentative plan under which Indonesia would administer and police Irian, while the Union would remain, allowing Dutch commercial interests greater freedom. That stirred Australia. An Australian representative at The Hague (Professor Supomo (leader of Indonesian delegation) that Australia could not be indifferent to any plan to alter the status of Western New Guinea. Indonesians reacted angrily. Djakarta, late in January, asked Canberra to clarify the position. Mr. Casey (External Affairs) on

February 4 made a long and careful statement, which did not mean anything, except that Australia was interested in the future of Western New Guinea.

An incident, in January, created heat. Dynamite consigned to the New Guinea Petroleum Co., in Irian, was seized by the Indonesians in Djakarta on the ground that New Guinea is Indonesian territory, and dynamite cannot go in there without their permission. The Dutch, on January 31, protested vehemently against this high-handed action.

A GROUP of leading Dutch diplomats and merchants, who are opposed to the policy of the somewhat weak and radical Dutch Premier, Willem Drees, late in January sent Admiral Helfrich (commander who became famous in Pacific war) to Washington.

The Admiral caused a great stir by announcing that Indonesia had threatened Holland that, if she did not surrender Irian, Indonesia would dissolve the Union with Netherlands, and land armed forces in Irian from the Kei Islands (between Western New Guinea and Australia) where landing-craft are now being assembled. Holland, accordingly, had planned partial surrender of Irian.

The Dutch Ambassador at Washington denied that any such surrender was proposed.

But the Admiral seemed to be well briefed. Australian Ambassador Spender went into immediate consultation with the United States State Department, and with Canberra.

Further developments are awaited.

Editorial Note: Anglo-American inclination, of course, is to keep Indonesia quiet while enormously bigger issues are being worked out in Europe and Asia. But it seems impossible to keep the Indonesians quiet. Soekarno's hold is shaky—unless he can stir trouble over Irian, he may go out. . . . Loss of the Union would be a serious thing for Dutch commerce. But compromise over Irian would be even worse for Australia. It would let Indonesia—already deeply penetrated by Reds—into New Guinea—too close for Australia's liking. In view of the obligations under the Pacific Pact, Australia naturally appeals to America to help in keeping the Reds out of New Guinea. . . . The simplest and best solution for everyone would be for the Netherlands, with Anglo-American approval, to re-occupy this unstable, useless, mischief-making State of Indonesia. What a legacy of trouble Australia's Dr. Evatt gave to the Southwest Pacific when, as head of the United Nations, he drove the Dutch out of the East Indies and gave those archipelagoes to the Indonesians!

. . . It is worth noting that the two countries which recognised King Farouk of Egypt as "king of the Soudan" (which is a form of spitting at Britain) are Persia and Indonesia.

Over £3 Per Ton For Sugar Cane

Fiji-Indians Benefit By New MOF Sugar Price

THIS year, Fiji Indian cane growers are expected to receive 14/- (Fijian currency) per ton more for their cane than they received last year.

This follows from last month's announcement that the United Kingdom Ministry of Food would pay £5/12/6 Stg. more per ton for sugar. According to an agreement between the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. and Fiji growers, the price paid for cane is increased when the price of sugar is increased.

It is estimated that the price paid to cane farmers this year will be about 66/-F. per ton.

The average yield per acre in Fiji is 20 tons of cane and the average holding of the Indian cane farmer is 11 acres. Probably no more than six of the acres produce cane in any one year but the new cane price makes the farmer, on local standards, well off.

The new price, theoretically, also makes sugarcane a possible crop for some European farmers with their larger holdings. However, these men would have to solve the labour problem, particularly during the cutting season and, as most European farmers are not near the CSR railway lines, most of the transport would be by lorry to the mills.

In recent years, when cane has been bringing high returns, Indian growers have been extending planting away from CSR rail lines. However, it is estimated that a road lift of 10 miles is about the economic limit for cane transportation.

QEA FREIGHT SERVICE TO P-NG

QANTAS Empire Airways have begun a special air-cargo service from Sydney to Port Moresby and Lae, and return.

A freight-plane (no passengers) will leave Sydney each Thursday evening, arrive at Moresby the following morning and reach Lae that afternoon. South-bound cargo service will leave Lae and Port Moresby each Wednesday.

The new service will allow for faster, bigger and heavier consignments. Qantas say that they will now accept even livestock.

A Man Lost at Tol

Walter Kennedy, a young member of Works and Housing staff in Papua, has been seeking information about the fate of his uncle, well-known Bob Kennedy, formerly a Medical Assistant in Rabaul. Gordon Thomas says that Kennedy did a fine job helping the wounded in Rabaul on fateful January 23, 1942; and then, with other members of NGVR, he got away into the South Coast jungles.

Bob was last seen in the vicinity of Tol Plantation, and it is probable that he was one of the many men murdered by the Japs in the infamous Tol Massacre.

Remembering Tol, and Tarawa, and Amboin, we find it difficult still to classify the Japanese as anything other than sub-human. Yet to-day, only 10 years afterwards, we are asked, under the new Japanese Peace Treaty, to forgive them and accept them as allies against the Moscow-directed Asiatic Reds. Time's changes, indeed!

MacGregor of the Highlands

Broadcasters and journalists should get hold of Bill MacGregor when he arrives in Australia on leave—he tells us he will say Hulloo to Sydney in May. This man has a story to tell.

With commendable wisdom, the Papua-New Guinea Administration engaged this tough pioneer a couple of years ago to take charge of the new Livestock Experimental Station in the Baiyer River Valley, in the Highlands, northwards of Mt. Hagen. (Baiyer River is a head-water of the Sepik.)

If temperate-country cattle can be acclimatised to the New Guinea Highlands—and some sound and practical people believe they can—the possibilities are enormous. Mr. MacGregor, in this remote valley, has taken the keenest interest in his job, and in the possibilities of native co-operation. Ask him about language difficulties!

Maybe, his observations and conclusions are for the Administration, and therefore Hush-hush. But there are many thousands in Australia who would like to know about the agricultural and pastoral possibilities of our "Second Kenya."

Vanikoro: an Industrial Headache

A couple of guarded letters indicate that there has been something more than fun and games lately on the island of Vanikoro (Southern Solomons) where the good kauri pine comes from.

A core of European staff, and a large number of native labourers working under contract for the Haling Brothers, of Cairns, Queensland, produce substantial shipments of this valuable timber for the Melbourne market. The Europeans are

supposed to go there for two years; but a number have broken away at shorter intervals, and seem full of fight.

It is a completely isolated community, working under conditions of everlasting rain, and a peaceful and contented atmosphere can be achieved only by supreme tact and vision in management. The belligerent recent arrivals from Vanikoro say their conditions were unendurable.

Bosses and staff doubtless will thresh it out to a conclusion. Meanwhile, Vanikoro production looks like falling somewhat in volume. Even when European staff is happy there, Vanikoro is a headache for the management, owing to the difficulty of getting native labourers. The black men, emphatically, do not like Vanikoro.

Maoriland's Famous Son

We learn from an overseas correspondent that Peter Henry Buck, just dead in Honolulu, carried the following distinctions:

Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George—Conferred upon him by the King of England because of his great service to the Polynesian race and to science generally.

Distinguished Service Order—Won in World War I, when he was commander of the first Maori Battalion.

Master of Arts, Doctor of Literature, Doctor of Science—All achieved by scholastic achievement in the world's most notable universities.

MD, Ch B—Medical degrees gained by study, by which he qualified as a medical practitioner.

He was also MP for six years. He won the Northern Maori seat in NZ Parliament without making a speech.

His mother was a Maori chieftainess, and his father an Irish soldier, William Henry Neal. Neal was known to his intimates as "Buck"; and the Maori people, who reared and trained the brilliant boy, adopted that as his surname.

Apart from all else, Sir Peter was a very lovable individual. It is unlikely that New Zealand ever will produce another Peter Buck. But it is worth remembering that he was a man of mixed blood—a "half-caste"—and that there have been other outstanding men of similar lineage.

M. Louis de Kerstrat, a bearded artist, aged 70, who is a professed Buddhist, and who has spent some time in Indian religious houses, passed through Sydney in February, on his return to his simple life in Tahiti. He had some forthright things to say about "civilisation," and the Australian newspapers gave him a lot of publicity.

MORESBY WHARF NEAR COMPLETE COLLAPSE

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 3. **L**ATE in January, Burns Philp general-manager for Papua New Guinea, Mr. E. J. Frame, led a sharp and heated attack on the Administration, on the subject of Port Moresby's antiquated wharf facilities.

Mr. Frame spoke at the January meeting of the Port Moresby Town Advisory Council and, with no well prepared, blasted the Administration with details of promises and claims going back almost 10 years.

But Moresby still is "making do."

The matter came to a head when the Harbourmaster, Captain Hawley, recently informed shipping agents (including B.P.'s) that Works and Housing now considered the wharf to be "in a dangerous condition" and that berthing restrictions would have to be imposed.

In future, vessels will be allowed alongside the wharf only when weather conditions are most favorable. This means that costs will mount still higher.

Mr. Frame said that for two years the Town Advisory Council had been pressing for some action to ease the waterfront problem. The sheds were now hopelessly inadequate, the needs of the port and congestion was getting out of hand. At present there was no alternative should the wharf structure collapse. Apparently, it is likely to do at any moment.

Mr. Frame pointed out that as long ago as April, 1950, the Town Advisory Council had asked the Administration to provide light for use in case of emergency. In May, 1950, the Administration informed the Council that:

- Steel piping for the new wharf was available.
- Most of the required timber for the decking had been stock-piled in Moresby.
- Steel frames for 60-ft. storage sheds were available in Moresby.

Now, almost two years later, the wharf contractor has done a little preparatory work but is held up for materials. No tenders have been called for the sheds and there is no money to build them anyway.

Despite the fact that many of the motions have been ignored, the council unanimously passed a resolution, more, one calling on the Administration to provide lighters; and other asking them to seek an immediate special grant from Canberra to save the port "from complete disruption."

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

OSTALGIA is one of those delightfully painful ailments, that pulls at the heart-strings and gives you beautiful mental twinges. I often inflict it on myself by browsing through the pages of old issues of the PIM. It would seem the Editor enjoys the same affliction for he has started a column—"Do You Remember?" which will, I doubt, prove popular. I thumbed through a six-and-a-half year old issue and came upon: "... Out of Government and Military appointments wished upon Papua and New Guinea ... [he] had the unique distinction of finding favour in the eyes of harassed Territorians. Within the limited scope of wartime regulations and red tape he gave returned planters a fair deal." Who is he? None other than Donald Kinnon Cleland. This was written when he received his CBE and was known as Brigadier.

From latest reports he seems to be living up to that reputation.

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And talking about putting the clock back. In the Editor's Mailbox (Jan. PIM, p. 17) a correspondent asks the name of the Scandinavian ship in the Rabaul harbour when the Japs invaded the place. It was the Hoersten, a modern ship of 7,000 tons and credited with a speed of 17 knots.

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And, apropos of Editor Robson's statement for the lifting of the iron curtain on the Fall of Rabaul, I noticed in an old PIM issue where present PMG Anthony, took up cudgels in the House, but they were against "raking over ashes."

Minister Hasluck recently evaded the issue by saying: "It is the job of the historian to hold inquests on past events and to allocate responsibility for past mistakes. That is not the job of a man in public affairs."

Well, he should know. Paul Hasluck, before he entered political life, was Honorary Secretary of the Western Australia Historical Society for six years and for a couple of years a Lecturer in History at the University of WA, to say nothing of the writing he has done on political history for the Australian Official History of War II.

But there seems a tacit understanding between the two Australian political Parties that the iron curtain shall not be raised on baul. I suppose that when another decade passes and the wounds have healed, someone's biography will divulge the sorry details.

So Flo and Jack Gilmore are trying to give tourism a boost in the Madang area with their new pub. Good gatherings for Mine Host and Hostess!

It will not be the first time that they have catered for the weary wanderer or the thirsty traveller. Back in the twenties they were running the Kokopo Hotel (and what tales could be told of that caravan-serai!); later they were at Wunawutung, and later still at the Rabaul Hotel. But the spot where they lived in the Duke of Yorks—at Mioko—and dispensed Islands hospitality, is the ideal place for the tourist, with its golden sands and swaying palms, submarine coral gardens and lapis-lazuli-coloured waters.

There's money in scenery and changed environment—providing there is comfort thrown in. And one important aspect is that it is all new money. Not the same old pound note that has been circulating among the locals for months, but brand, spanking new dough.

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Delicate Ground: Reports reaching me from New Britain indicate that there is a move afoot in one of the village Councils to change the old native custom of inheritance from the matrilineal to the patrilineal system. The inspiration comes from officialdom.

The old Mandate policy was to interfere as little as possible with native custom if it were not in conflict with law and order. Surely this is a somewhat radical step in these early years of Europeanising the New Guinea native, and must have a tendency to add further to his present social confusion.

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Playing with Fire: The Rabaul Town Advisory Council is rightly concerned regarding amendments to Regulation 80 of the Native Administration Regulation which lifts the control of natives within the town area between certain hours. The impatience of Administration officials in native welfare matters can have very dangerous consequences. Is it because present officials want ALL the credit for westernising the native, leaving no work of guidance for posterity? I can't help thinking that a lot of this acceleration, where native policy is concerned, is more for the edification of Lake Success than for Papua-New Guinea.

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There was a time when no one could step ashore in TNG without either a return-ticket or a landing-bond, which eliminated the pos-

sibility of "insufficient means of support," which I notice was the charge against a man in Rabaul recently, and for which he collected a month in the boob. A regrettable incident in a black country.

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What! No numbers? Recent For Sale advertisement in the SP "Post" directed readers to So and So's address: "... STC Flats, Paga Point, Bottom Flat. Look for the striped blinds."

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One of the best illustrations of our present cock-eyed world to my mind was a newspaper item headed "Bulolo Homes for NSW" and telling of four pre-cut houses being exported FROM Bulolo ON Bulolo for an "open-cut coal-mining project in NSW." A nice situation, surely, when New Guinea exports houses to NSW!

Incidentally, a two-bedroom, pre-cut house was constructed at Bulolo by one European carpenter and two native helpers in 78 hours. It will probably take them 78 days to do the job in NSW.

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Anticipating trouble? Said Administrator Murray in a "special New Year message to Territorians": "... they [the natives] will appreciate that there would be not only no advantage for them, but only the greatest possible loss, in tying themselves to a people opposed to our ideals."

TAHITIAN REVEL TO CELEBRATE NEW TEAL SERVICE

THE Consul-General for France in Australia, M. Jean Strauss, and Madame Strauss were among the guests at a "Tahitian Revel" in the Pickwick Club, Sydney, on January 22 to inaugurate the new Coral Route to Tahiti and other islands of the South Pacific from Auckland, NZ.

Australian representative of TEAL, Mr. H. K. Ford, and other company officials received the guests and saw that they received nourishment and entertainment.

A magnificent brew of ice-encrusted "Tahitian punch" was served from a giant kava bowl by "Tahitian" girls in sarongs and frangipani leis. Dancing followed a buffet dinner.

Agricultural circles report that sheep raising in New Guinea is going on under the difficulty of "a persistent intestinal worm problem." Departmental officials in NSW, who had received specimens from Nondugl Livestock Station, Central NG Highlands, said that it was indicated that these sheep carried a "moderate worm burden."

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Mostly Emergency Airstrip at Moresby

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 6.
REGARDED as one of the territory's biggest white elephants, Fisherman's Island airstrip has last been declared open as an alternate landing-strip to Jacksons (miles east of Moresby).

The strip cost £73,000 to build, but will be used only in emergencies. So far, only light planes have put down here; but DCA experts have no fears about sending a Skymaster in, should Jacksons go into smoke.

As far as the man-in-the-street concerned, the new strip means little, except that he may be saved the inconvenience of being taken

Lae when he is bound for Moresby. But it will mean much to companies such as Qantas, who are now compelled to carry sufficient fuel to be able to get to Lae. This added fuel cuts down the payload considerably.

As yet, DCA is not willing to allow the extra fuel precaution to lapse, because it has not been firmly established that Fishermans will always be in the clear when weather has blotted out Jacksons. The indications, however, are that Fishermans will not often be clouded over.

TREASURER IMPOSES WATER RATES

In his efforts to find new ways of painlessly extracting funds from residents, the Treasurer (Mr. H. H. Reeve) has decided to charge for water supplies.

He laid down a scale of standard charges for such as boarding-houses, hostels, missions, clubs, canteens, etc., and gave instructions for Works and Housing to install meters at private residences and other buildings.

For water supplied through a meter the charge will be 1/- per thousand gallons for the first 100,000 gallons in a year, and 1/6d. for each additional 1,000 gallons.

South Pacific Post pointed out that a meter was installed on a pipe outside its office, from which no more than a bucketful of water is drawn each day, five days a week. The revenue for this meter is likely to be 1/- per year, against installation costs of about £7 (£5 for the meter, wages for one European and one native, and use of a huge truck).

Mr. and Mrs. Len Usher returned Suva (where he is Fiji PRO) in January, after long leave spent in Europe.

NATIVE 'CO-OPERATIVES'

Feature of Post-War Administrative Policy

IT is understood that two Australian officials who recently visited Papua-New Guinea to inquire into the need, if any, for providing credit facilities for native enterprises—such as co-operatives and trading concerns—have submitted a report directly to the Minister for Territories, Mr. Hasluck. They are Mr. G. L. Gleeson, and Mr. A. C. McCarthy, of the staff of the Commonwealth Bank, Sydney.

Encouragement of native co-operative societies, for trading, planting and the provision of transport, has become a marked feature of administrative policy in some of the South Pacific Territories since World War II.

Such movements have been noted in the Cook Islands, Western Samoa, Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Solomon Islands, Nauru and Papua-New Guinea. They appear to have gone hand-in-hand with discouragement of enterprise by the big trading companies, which also has been a feature of administrative policy in some of the groups named.

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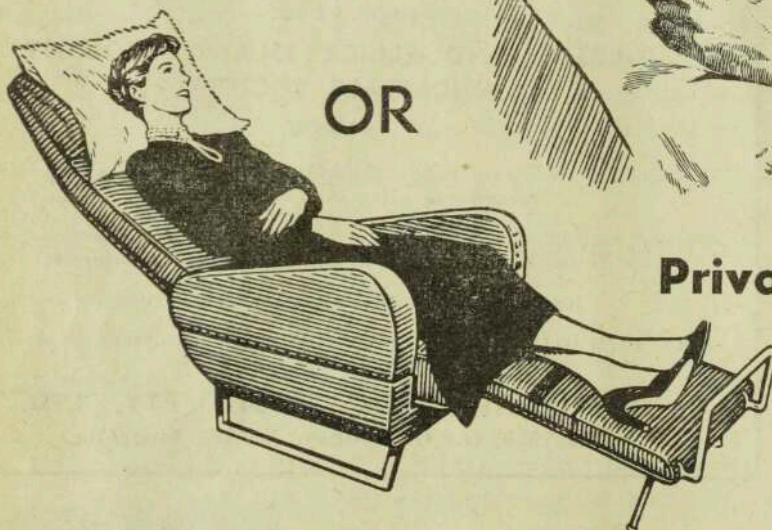
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Pacific Travellers



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Mr. W. Matthew and Captain Peter Managan, general manager and Chief Pilot, Gibbes Sepik Airways, Wewak, NG, came south with the company's destart "Wewak Star" for Airworthiness survey in January.

The Rev. Father A. Benedetti, MSC, with 13 year's service in Catholic Mission stations in Papua, returned there periodically in January after leave in Australia. Mrs. Weedon, of Sydney, flew Bulolo, NG, in late January to see her grandchild; her son-in-law is a well-known mining engineer there.

Mr. D. J. Pickwell flew north from Sydney in January to spend three weeks' holiday with his parents. Mr. Pickwell, with about 30 years' residence in the islands, is now Senior Medical Assistant, Vieng, New Ireland. Mr. T. H. Jacobsen travelled by QEA to join Works and Housing Department, Port Moresby, a carpenter, in late January.

Mrs. E. J. Greenwood, of Rabaul, New Guinea, was a passenger from Sydney on the Italian liner Ausonia in mid-February. With her daughter, she will spend several months on the Continent and in the United Kingdom.

Mrs. E. Maclean, enthusiastic member of the New Guinea Women's Club, Sydney—when she is in Sydney—is off on her travels again. This time she is visiting Bulolo where her son Colin, recently ADO Sohano, New Guinea, is on tour of duty.

FIJIAN AGRICULTURAL STUDENTS IN AUSTRALIA

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Jan. 27

THE Methodist Mission's Agricultural School at Navuso, Fiji, with 100 Fijian students this year, is trying to build up a staff of competent, trained Fijian instructors. Three of the school's students are now taking courses in Australia.

Taniela Raumakita, in his second year at Hawkesbury Agricultural College has just been joined by Ilaitia Butucama. Both are taking the full diploma course.

Meleti Sealolo has gone to Gatton College, Queensland, for a year's special livestock course and will later study cane-farming in Northern Queensland.

Every penny of Ilaitia's expenses has been paid by his family and the people of his home island of Beqa. Meleti is also meeting his own expenses, with the help of a subsidy from the mission.

The principal of Navuso (Mr. D. W. Brown) has quoted the Beqa effort in support of Ilaitia as an outstanding example of Fijian self-help and independence.

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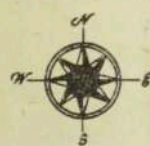
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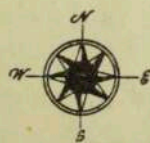
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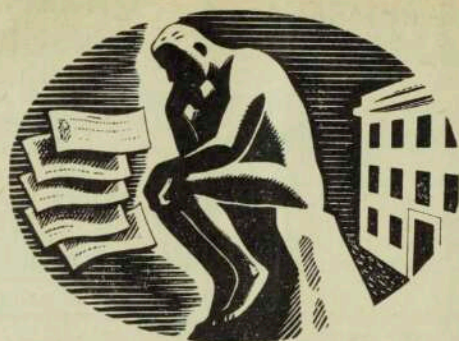
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Island Travellers



Travellers from Sydney in January and February included (left to right, top to bottom):—

Mr. Grady Parrott, United States President of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship, who flew to New Guinea late in January to discuss re-organisation of their air service in that area. (See elsewhere in this issue.) Mr. V. G. Giddings, London motor mechanic, keen to obtain employment in New Guinea, wrote to firms there before finally getting a job with New Guinea Goldfields at Wau. He went north by Qantas late in January.

Mr. and Mrs. George Etchells and Patricia returned to Lae, NG, late in January, after 10 weeks' leave. Mr. Etchells is QEA Catering Officer. Mrs. Thomas, her daughter, Mrs. Digby, Mr. R. B. Digby and their two children returned to Port Moresby in February after leave. Mr. Digby is Plant Engineer for Works and Housing Department.

Mr. A. G. Chaffey and Mr. B. I. Roach, of Vacuum Oil Co. Mr. Chaffey is Engineer, Pacific Territories, and Mr. Roach, Constructional Engineer, flew to NG and Fiji to survey storm and hurricane damage to their installations in both Territories.

Mr. D. Taylor, of Hornibrook Pty. Sydney, returned to Port Moresby after two months' leave. He will be engaged on the new wharf for which this firm has the contract.

Mrs. E. G. Pittaway flew to Lae, NG, to join her husband late in January. Mr. Pittaway is with Works and Housing Department. They were married when he was on leave three months ago. Mr. Mick Burns, of Works and Housing Department, Port Moresby, returned there after six weeks' leave late in January.

Miss Norma Jones, who is with the LMS at Port Moresby, recently had four months' leave in Newcastle, NSW.

NO STATUTORY POWERS FOR MORESBY TAC

Residents Not Civic-Minded

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 5

THE Chairman of Port Moresby's Town Advisory Council, Mr. E. A. James is fighting a lone battle to give the Council statutory powers.

His idea is that the Council should now be constituted along lines similar to the Canberra Advisory Council with certain members elected—but on the three occasions that the matter has been raised he has not won a single member to his way of thinking.

It is hard to see what the objections are but Mr. John Ahearn probably correct when he said that the apathy of residents during the Legislative Council elections makes it certain that it would be farce if mere municipal elections were staged.

Territorians, and Moresby residents in particular, show scant regard for civic affairs. This is a tragedy, because they are great critics and if their criticism were properly channelled it would probably do a great deal of good.

Other items of interest which were dealt with at the last TAC meeting were:

A report from the police commissioner recommended the provision of safety zones at various bus stops in the town. This was approved by the Council.

A sub-committee was formed to list commodities which are in short supply because of embargoes on export from Australia. The list will then go to the Government Secretary who will be asked to appeal to the Commonwealth Government for "leniency."

A list of tentative street names for the new Boroka suburb, prepared by the Gov. Sec's department was presented and approved. The names are based on territory town-

ships such as Daru, Madang, Sohano, etc.

SIR HUBERT MURRAY MEMORIAL FUND

IT is expected that the Sir Hubert Murray Memorial Fund will close soon with about £500—some £260 from the original fund, and a similar amount now being collected. The secretary of the Australian committee (Mr. C. D. Rowley, School of Pacific Administration, Mosman, NSW) has received the following subscriptions:—

Mr. E. M. Bastard, £2/2/-; Dr. E. Jacomb, £1/1/-; Mr. R. Melrose, £1/1/-; Mr. F. E. McElhone, £1/1/-; Mr. J. W. Baldie, £1/1/-; Mr. E. Taylor, £1/1/-; Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Imlay, £2/2/-; Mrs. Keelan, £2; Mr. J. C. Waldron, £1; Mr. J. P. Fitzgerald, £1; Mr. and Mrs. S. Middleton, £2/2/-; Mr. L. N. Brown, £1/1/-; Mr. J. Colclough, £2/2/-; Mr. J. Laird, £1/1/-; Mr. A. C. Rentoul, £1/1/-; Miss L. Gardner, £1/1/-; Mr. M. R. Jones, £1; Mr. B. Hall, £1/1/-; Mr. R. W. Robson, £3/3/-; Mr. A. J. Bates, £3/3/-; Mr. C. T. Wurth, £3/3/-; Mr. C. D. Rowley, £2.

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MINISTERIAL VISIT TO W. SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, February 10.
THE visit of the NZ Minister of Island Territories, the Hon. T. Clifton Webb, was his first

visit to Western Samoa. He was accompanied by Mrs. Webb, the Secretary of Island Territories, Mr. R. T. G. Patrick, and his private secretary, Mr. Gay.

The party arrived by the February Tofua and met heads of Government Departments, European and Samoan representatives, busi-

ness men and planters and other European and Samoan leaders.

The party visited the South Coast of Upolu and paid a two-day visit to the island of Savaii.

MINISTER CAUGHT IN SUVA HURRICANE

NEW Zealand's Island Territories Minister, Mr. Webb, accompanied by his wife, the Department's Secretary (Mr. R. T. Patrick) and his private secretary (Mr. G. E. Gay), arrived in Suva, in the Tofua, just in time to have his first experience of a South Pacific hurricane.

Mr. and Mrs. Webb saw out the visitation in the Grand Pacific Hotel, which was undamaged. They saw the roofs of the buildings across Albert Park blown off, while most of the abundant vegetation around them simply disappeared.

The Ministerial Party went on to Western Samoa by the Tofua; they remain 16 days in Apia; spend a few days in Rarotonga; and return to NZ by air about February 27.

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NG Natives Add Methylated Spirits to Their Drink List

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 5
R. ARCHIE BALDWIN, long-time resident of the territory, current president of the Port Moresby R.S.L. and an A.P.C. native officer, in January, drew the town Advisory Council's attention to the increased use by natives of methylated spirit as a beverage.

Mr. Baldwin wanted the administration to take sterner action to curb this growing habit, but Dr. John Gunther, the Director of Public Health replied that any suggestions would be more than welcome, although as long as natives were being sold lamps, then they must have access to spirit, and could offer no concrete plan to meet the situation. The only thing would be to prohibit the importation of all but denatured methylated spirit which was too unpalatable to drink, although it was most unlikely that sufficient quantities of spirit could be found to meet the territory's requirements.

Mr. Baldwin claimed that natives were getting hold of the spirit by theft, rather than by purchase. He cited the case of a four-gallon jar appearing during a short coastal voyage. He also claimed that unscrupulous traders were supplying spirit, as well as methylated spirit to natives.

Other members referred to the increasing number of liquor cases which have recently been before the courts, particularly in Rabaul. Territorians are of the opinion that as long as the Courts are handing paltry fines, with the option of a brief holiday at well-appointed hotels, natives will continue to regard drinking as a worthwhile risk.

Rocker-Williams Wedding

At the St. Francis Xavier Church, Rabaul, on December 20, Miss Emma Crocker, of Sydney, was married to Mr. Keith Williams, son of Mrs. Z. H. of Nonga, Rabaul. Mr. Williams is on the staff of the Department of District Services and Native Affairs. The bride was given away by Dr. E. A. H. of Rabaul. Miss Jo Keating was bridesmaid and the best man was Mr. Harry Leen, of Sohano. The reception was held at the New Britain Women's Club.

Mr. J. K. McCarthy, District Commissioner, Rabaul, and Mrs. McCarthy, arrived back in Rabaul on February 1, after five months' absence in Australia.

SANDY CREEK'S LOSSES

A LOSS of £22,190 was made in the year ended March 31, 1951, by Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd., of New Guinea (H. G. Hyde and J. W. Hinks, principal directors). The company's Sandy Creek property petered out and was abandoned, and the plant on the Watut property was out of action for half the year, owing to drought. It treated 50,000 cubic yards of material for 820 ounces of gold—equal to 3/11 per yard. The company had a subscribed capital and a general reserve totalling just under £100,000; but £8,700 of losses, and £63,464 written off the Sandy Creek property, leave only £26,000 of shareholders' funds. Plant and equipment have been improved, and the company has done better in the current year.

CORRECTION: In reviewing Dog Watch (journal of the Victorian Shiplovers' Society) recently, we gave Miss S. A. Strom's address as 177 Williams Rd. Prahran, Melbourne. This should be 117 Williams Road.

The veteran Roman Catholic missionary, Bishop Francis X. Gsell, was invested with the French Legion of Honor in Sydney on February 2. The award was for outstanding service in the Northern Territory and Papua. The Bishop, who is 80 and retired from missionary work two years ago, is a native of Alsace. He left France for Australia in 1897.

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Fiji Wedding



Sgt. Robert Barrie, of Glasgow, Scotland, and his bride, formerly Miss Numai Mary Phillips, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Phillips, of Vunidawa, Fiji, with bridesmaid Miss Rosemary Wooley and flowergirl Mary Lester. The best man is Sgt. Len Boyd, of the RNZAF, Lauthala Bay, Suva, Fiji.

—Photo by Stinsons.

The Dramatic Society of Wau, New Guinea, produced Ivor Novello's play, *Candied Peel*, in mid-January. The producer, Mrs. J. Hoile, received congratulations on the excellent performance of the players.

There are now 34 pupils attend-

ing Rabaul's European primary school. The room, previously used as a kindergarten, is now needed by the primary school. Parents' and Citizens' Assn. are asking that a new building be erected for the kindergarten in order that it may continue to function.

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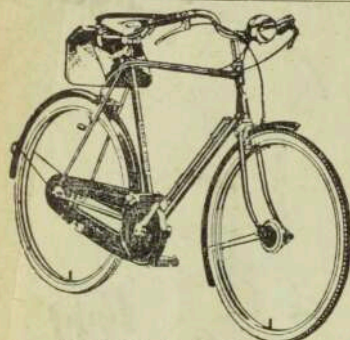
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Mr. G. McGuffin, of Singapore, connected with the Malayan rubber industry, passed through Sydney in January 22 per QANTAS, bound for Papua to investigate rubber planting possibilities. Mr. McGuffin implied that, due to disturbed conditions in Malaya, rubber planters

are looking elsewhere for suitable areas.

Rev. John Chisholm, lately of St. Stephens, Westminster, London, proceeded to Samarai in January to join the Anglican Mission, Papua.



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Merkur's Moresby Call

BURNS Philp's 6,000 tons passenger ship Merkur called Port Moresby in early February in the course of her northward run to Singapore.

The call was made because of withdrawal of Morinda from service, consequent rearrangement of Papua-New Guinea schedules. Bulolo and Malaita, and because of a cargo lag that resulted from hold-up of the Bulolo a few months ago when she was damaged by fire.

This was Merkur's first peacetime call at Moresby.

She carried 1,600 tons of general cargo for that port and 11,000 tons which have been purchased by private buyers and are valued at £20,000.

It is expected that there will be a certain amount of improvisation in S-W Pacific shipping from Australia until the arrival of BP's ship Malekula which is expected from her builders in Scotland shortly and will then go into the Sydney-New Guinea service.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Normoyle, Rabaul, New Guinea, left the territory in February for 9 months leave.

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Elections in March

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Dec. 30.
OR the first time native members will be included in the next Council General (New Caledonia local Parliament) elections which will be held probably at beginning of March.

The number of Councillors will be increased to 25—16 Europeans and 9 natives.

The new laws relating to New Caledonia's Council were recently passed by the French Parliament in 1950.

The electoral roll will contain the names of about 10,000 European electors and about 8,000 natives who have fulfilled the necessary qualifications—about 3,000 of these are women.

It is understood that most members of the last Council General will again be candidates. It is expected that candidates will be given an opportunity of making policy speeches over local radio stations.

Editorial Note: Last year the electoral laws of New Caledonia were amended to give the franchise to natives who had certain educational qualifications. This caused consternation in New Caledonia, and the fear that native electors would swamp Europeans. It is not clear from the above message if it seems likely, however, that European electors will elect their 16 members and native electors choose their own nine representatives.)

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Remarkable Taxation Figures of Fiji Indian Business

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Jan. 27.
THE latest issue of Fiji Information, a summary of official statistics, gives figures of the Indian's taxation. (The principal figures were published in the December PIM).

The tabulated figures in Fiji Information include the following details of company taxation in 1950: European, Trading £636,139; Shipping and Insurance, £15,009; Total, £651,148.

Indian, Trading £629; Shipping and Insurance, £1,008; Total, £1,637. (Official statisticians (mostly

Europeans) have been at work on the Indian returns. One of them has pointed out that as company taxation is set at 6/3 in the £, it follows that all the registered Indian companies in Fiji between them amassed the truly amazing profit of £2,012 in 1950.

This has drawn the obvious comment that something appears to be wrong with either the business acumen or the honesty of a good many Indian companies, and it has been hopefully suggested that the Suva, Lautoka and Labasa Indian Chambers of Commerce might be persuaded to make a statement.

With the arrival of the income-tax-return season again it can only be reiterated that the extent of

Asiatic tax-dodging in Fiji would be regarded as a major national scandal in any other British country.

Mr. C. D. Bates, one of Papua-New Guinea's senior District men, has returned to Madang as District Commissioner, after long leave. His length of service entitled him to retirement and Port Moresby feared that he might be lost to the Administration at a difficult time. His decision to return was welcomed by all classes.

Mr. S. M. Haq, Press Attache to the Pakistan High Commissioner in Australia, paid a short official visit to Fiji in January.

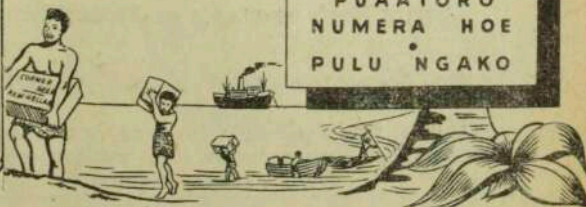
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Mr. Julian Dashwood who, under the pen name of "Julian Hillas" gave early PIM readers interesting and amusing glimpses of Cook Islands history (see first ten years of PIM), was in Auckland on leave in January. He now is trade-store manager for A. B. Donald & Co., on Mauke Is.

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Islands Ships In Sydney

THE 550-ton motor-vessel Camano, flying the United Nations and United States flags, and under command of Captain Peter Bolton, of Honolulu, visited Sydney in mid-January. The Captain and Chief Engineer were the only Europeans—the junior engineers and deck officers were Filipinos and the seamen Micronesians.

Camano belongs to the Pacific Micronesian Line of Guam—the Government sponsored company providing communications within the Trust Territory. She is the "special run" ship—five other

similar vessels being stationed respectively at Majuro, Ponape, Truk, Palau, and Guam for inter-Gro communications. One other, 3,000-tonner, the Chicot, maintains communications between the Groups and Guam.

Camano brought 6 medical students for Suva Medical School. She spent New Year at Rabaul loading scrap metal—and bunk oil well laced with salt water, which gave the Chief Engineer some worries coming south.

From Sydney Camano was heading for Vila, to pick up the survivors of a Marshall Islands vessel which drifted to the New Hebrides in November (PIM Nov., page 12). Thence, on to Suva to land I. Hughes (an English anthropologist bound for the Gilberts) and the medical students. Seven Micronesian students returning home will join the ship there.

The voyage was made mainly to load Australian foodstuffs for Micronesia.

KURIMARAU VISITS SYDNEY

KURIMARAU, flag-ship of the BSIP Administration fleet, was in Sydney in January. Built in Hongkong in 1930 for Levee, she was used in the Solomons. In 1941, she carried out 75 civilians threatened by the war. In 1942 the Americans took her over and ran her between Townsville, Cairns and NG in their small-ships supply fleet. She still carries shrapple marks.

In 1945, the BSIP Administration purchased the vessel for use between Suva and Honiara. Since 1949 she has been used within the Group.

Captain N. W. Macdonald expects to make two voyages to Suva to transfer WPHC staff and archives to their new headquarters at Honiara.

Kurimarau brought 80 logs from Tenaru (Guadalcanal) and a quantity of Trade Scheme trochus. She took back a cargo of timber from Coffs Harbour and general from Sydney.

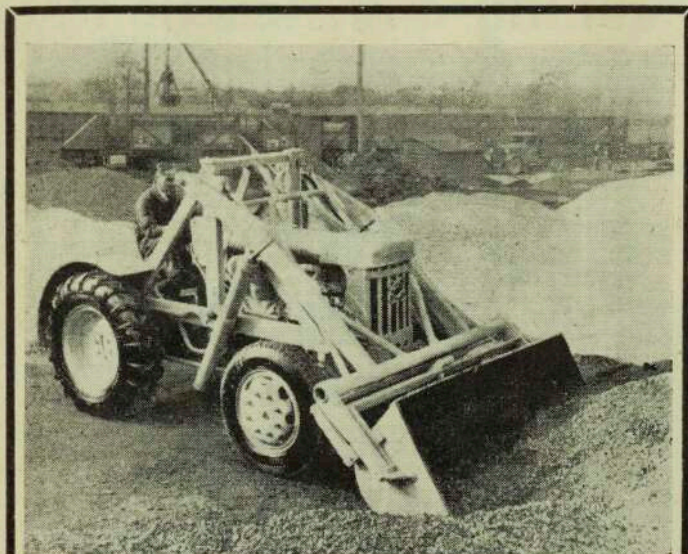
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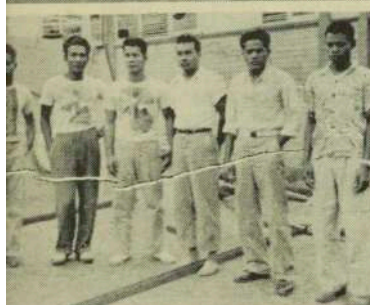
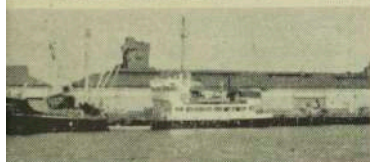
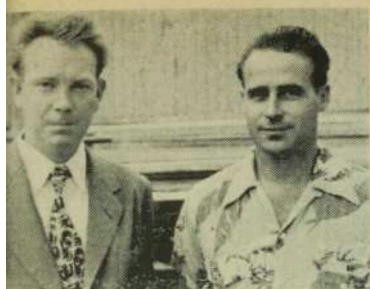
Reading from top downwards:—
Captain Peter Bolton and Chief Engineer O. K. McCart, of the Camano.
The Camano lying at Circular Quay, Sydney.

Six medical students from Micronesia travelled by Camano to Suva.

Captain N. W. Macdonald was in command of the Kurimarau, from BSI.

The BSI Administration's flagship Kurimarau at a Sydney wharf.

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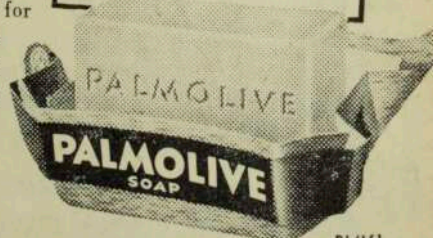
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In May, 1947, Mr. M. Marinacce purchased the ex-Navy barge Australia from Disposals, and spent 2 years on refitting. Deutgan then went to the Islands for a short period, Mr. Marinacce operating from a small islet south of Makula. He then decided to transfer his headquarters to the ship.

Deutgan proceeded south months ago for additions to accommodation and other structural alterations, and now has an excellent cabin for the owner and wife. Deutgan is one of the Islands ships to carry a woman cook—a NH native.

Mr Marinacce has a number of other lighters under preparation for shipment to the Islands from Sydney.

SHIPS FOR MICRONESIA

CAPTAIN P. J. M. Sellars, Melbourne, returned to Australia as a passenger in the Pacific Micronesian Line vessel Camano in mid-January, after delivering the well-known 140-Tasmanian-built steel two-masted schooner Mileeta to Maj. Mileeta sailed from Sydney on August 14 by way of Rabaul and Truk.

Capt. Sellars reported that another Tasmanian-built schooner—the 96-ft. yacht Frel—which was also delivered to Maj. last year, will probably be going to Honolulu for conversion to hospital ship for use within Micronesia.

Capt. Sellars foresees the possibility of his delivering another Tasmanian craft to a private trader in Micronesia in the near future.

GUIDE BOOK FOR TAHITI

AN enterprising American journalist, Bernard Covit, has produced "Official Directory and Guide Book for Tahiti." It provides most of the information that the visitor wants about rich and attractive French territory. The community has supported Mr. Covit generously with advertisements; it seems to be an announcement by a trader in the place. All the data that tourist needs is here—all about Tahiti, how to get to the other islands, what to see; lists of officials; the cost of living and services; the value of money; the local laws which have to be observed. There is a telephone directory and complete classification of the various firms. Two features which should have been included and are missing are a map of French Oceania and an index of the book. A handy compilation, nonetheless.

Letter to publishers

FALL OF RABAU 10th Anniversary

THE largest attendance since the war years marked the 10th anniversary service of the Fall of Rabaul, at Sydney Cenotaph, on the morning of January 23, 1952. All traffic was stopped in Martin place shortly before 8.15. Two minutes silence followed the placing of wreaths; and a bugler sounding the Last Post ended the short ceremony.

There were many private wreaths, as well as those from the NGVR, New Guinea Ex-Servicemen's Club, New Guinea Women's Club, 22nd Battalion, Island firms and Governmental bodies.

For the first time, there was a wreath from the Australian Government (personally placed on the Cenotaph by Mr. John Howse, M.P., Parliamentary Under-Secretary for the Department) and another from the Department of Territories and the Administration, placed by Mr. A. S. Pearce (head of the Sydney staff of the Department).

The organisers of the ceremony, the New Guinea Ex-Servicemen's Club of Sydney, and the New Guinea Women's Club, were much gratified by the interest thus shown by the Government and the Department.

Until this year, the January 23 anniversary, kept so faithfully by New Guinea folk in Sydney on that day, has been consistently ignored by both the Commonwealth Government and officialdom generally. The fall of Rabaul to the Japanese in January, 1942, and what led up to it, has been something they have been happy to ignore or to forget.

"NOT OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE"

THIS attitude is still reflected by the NSW State Branch of the RSSAILA. An invitation to be present at this year's ceremony was refused to the Branch by the New Guinea Ex-Servicemen's Club. It received a curt letter to the effect that as the fall of Rabaul was "not of national importance" the Branch had decided not to take part in its commemoration.

Members of the Ex-Servicemen's Club, New Guinea returned soldiers, or widows and others have taken exception to the wording of the letter and the Branch's attitude. They point out that, at Rabaul, Australian soldiers fell for the first time in defence of Australian territory; that it was the first and only Australian territory to be occupied by the enemy; and that, if the Japs had not been reoccupied in consolidating their position in Rabaul, but had at once continued southwards, there was nothing then in mainland defence to prevent their landing in Australia itself.

THE fact is, of course, that the story of the fall of Rabaul has been lost in the larger story of the Pacific War. Few Australians are aware of the resistance made against the Japs in the dawn of January 23, 1942, by the few men of the NGVR and the 22nd Battalion AIF; of the subsequent grim struggle of the survivors through the New Britain jungles and mountains; of the internment of the captured soldiers and the 300 civilians who were abandoned to their fate by the Government of the day; of their death some months later in the Jap prison ship *Montevideo Maru*. Few Australians have heard of the massacre of Aussie soldiers at Tol plantation; or the courage of the half-dozen

Wirraway pilots who took their obsolete planes into the air against modern Japanese fighters and, one by one, were shot down.

Much of this phase of the Pacific war was lost in official hush-hush; the rest is quickly forgotten by the man-in-the-street. New Guinea folk expect no less; but New Guinea servicemen did expect something better from their brothers-in-arms in the NSW State Branch of the RSL.

It may be that it is NSW RSSAILA policy not to take part in the commemorations of various Service units. However, there are many ways of saying this, other than in the bald words of its letter to the Ex-Servicemen's Club.

(See photograph, page 39.)



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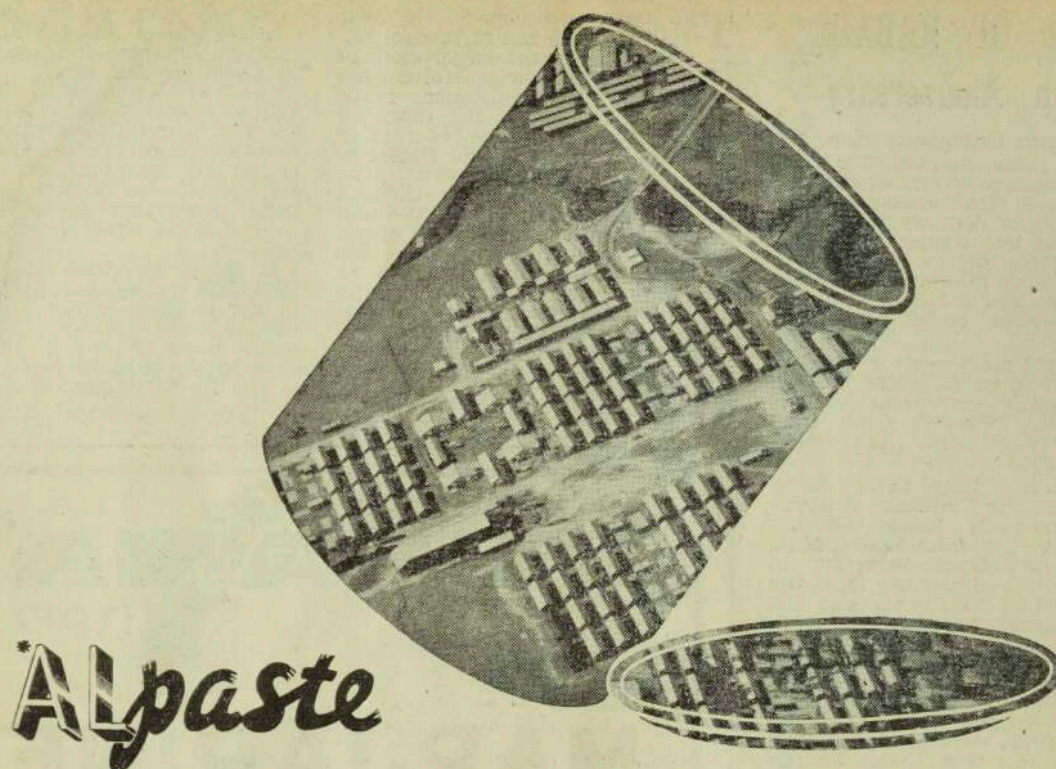
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Fall of Rabaul

A photograph taken on January 23, 1952, during the Sydney Cenotaph ceremony to mark the 10th anniversary of the fall of Rabaul. (See page 37.)

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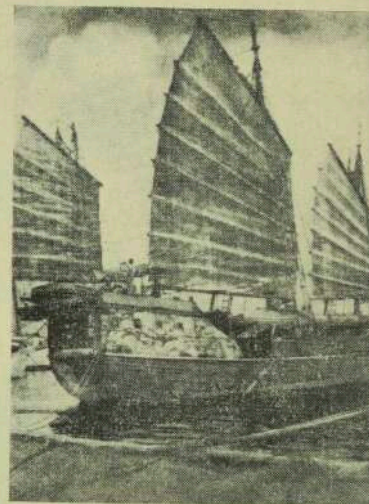
Melbourne citizens raised over £1,000 for native victims of the Mt. Lamington disaster which occurred one year ago last month. The cheque was handed over recently to the Anglican mission. Bishop Strong of New Guinea returned to the Territory in early December after a four-months fund-raising lecture tour in Britain and the United States.

THE CHENG HO AGAIN

IT appears that the ownership of the Chinese junk Cheng Ho is still in dispute between Hawaii interests and the people who took her to Tahiti and transferred her to French registry.

Mr. Otto Degener, of Honolulu, who claims ownership, has given his

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Termites Close Suvarrow

WHEN a hurricane passes through the Cook Is. it seems always to strike Palmerston and/or Suvarrow atolls. Great damage was done at Suvarrow when the last hurricane passed through the Group in 1942. The story was dramatically told by the late Robert Dean Frisbie in *Island of Desire*. He was there with his children and the NZ Public Works party at that time.

Following that hurricane, when the island was still being used by the NZ as a Coast Watching station, the late Bill Bryan of Rarotonga was despatched with materials to erect a hurricane shelter for the protection of the small population. The structure consists of a concrete block 15 x 20 feet and about 4 feet thick, on which is mounted a wooden house 12 feet square, its

base resting on the sea which sweep right across Anchorage Islet. Two years ago a NZ naval frigate withdrew the three native Weather Observers, the shelter being declared unsafe due to rot or termites.

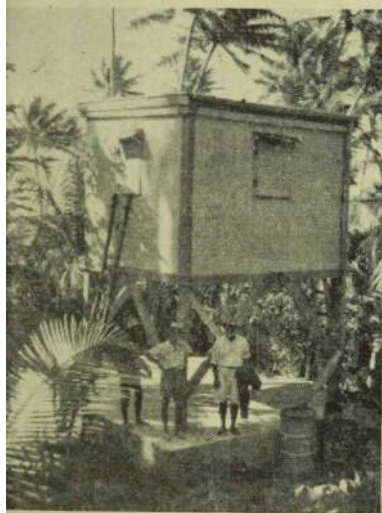
It is believed that the NZ Meteorological Office, although anxious to re-establish the valuable weather station on Suvarrow, is not prepared to face the heavy expense involved in building a really safe hurricane shelter. The island is therefore unlikely to be resettled in the near future.

Apart from hurricane danger, this atoll is heavily infested with a destructive termite which even the hurricanes cannot eradicate. First introduced from a wrecked ship many years ago, the termites have

ruined the atoll as a copra producer. The palms barely reach maturity before they come crashing down, riddled with holes in their trunks.

Naturally the Cook Is. Administration is anxious that this pest is not spread to any of the other Cook Is. Investigation into ways and means of ridding the atoll of termites has so far proved fruitless, experts declaring that there is no cure. Suvarrow has therefore been closed to shipping, and vessels may now call only with the express permission of the Resident Commissioner in Rarotonga.

At the present high price of MOP shell, it is unfortunate that these termites cannot be overcome so as to permit pearling operations. Pearl



Suvarrow hurricane shelter not long after it was constructed.

door about 8 feet above the concrete block. The legs are 8 x 4 inch members, the bracings bolted with iron bolts. (See photo.)

It is probably the only hurricane shelter in the South Pacific and certainly the only one of this kind. In the house was a supply of canned rations, medical supplies, etc., and an emergency radio aerial was erected ready for use. In the event of a hurricane the Coast Watchers—and latterly the Weather Observers—were expected to retire to the house with their radio equipment and carry on business as usual.

However, those who have seen it, even in its prime, have expressed considerable doubt as to whether, with a few fallen coconut trunks lodged against its legs, it would re-

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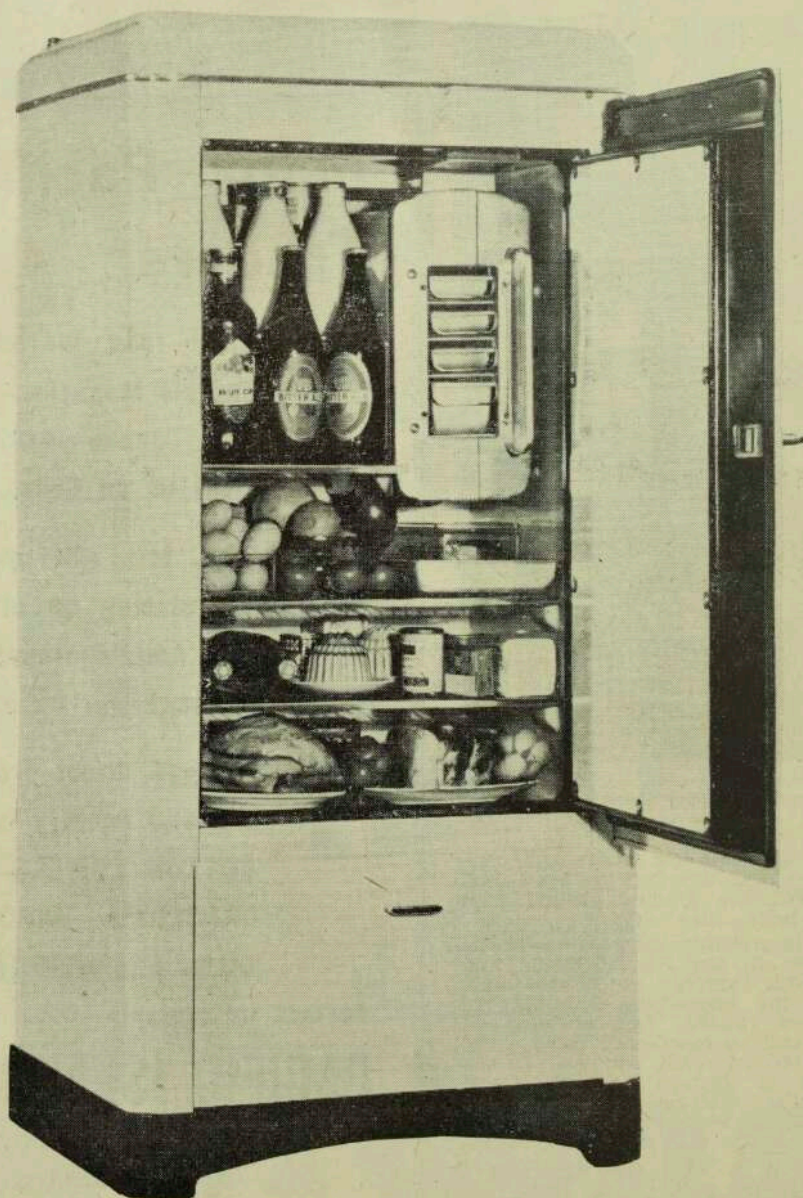
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hell is now the principal export of the Cook Is.—£80,000 worth was exported last season, all to dollar sources.

Last man to call at Suwarrow was Mr. Ken Windsor, skipper of the small trading vessel Siren. He says that large numbers of pigs and fowls are now running wild on Anchorage Islet. The Rarotonga police supplied him with a rifle and ammunition to reduce the pig population, although the main purpose of his request for a landing permit was to obtain fresh water on the long voyage to Puka Puka.

NORFOLK ISLAND NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent

January 23.

THIS year's bean-seed crop is expected to be a good one with excellent financial returns to the growers.

The crop was harvested under ideal conditions; germination tests undertaken in the Government fumigation testing sheds are promising.

(Ed. Note: An almost unlimited amount of Norfolk Island bean seed could be sold in Australia where vegetable growers are paying about £5 per bushel—three times the price they paid a few years ago—when they can get it.)

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Lovely summer weather has been experienced of late and is appreciated by tourists from New Zealand. NZ National Airways has landed seven plane loads of New Zealand visitors here since Christmas.

The tourist trade now justifies the use of larger aircraft from NZ. The Skymaster would carry as many passengers as the three Dakotas which NZNAC sent over on a recent Sunday.

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One of the Island's great needs is a sawmill which would serve the public the year round. At present there is a great demand for modern homes, with very little offering in the way of local timber. Sawmills here are treated as a side-line by their operators and of all the components necessary for building a house, timber is the most difficult to get.

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tattle, old residents of the Island recently returned after an 18-months' tour of the United Kingdom and Europe.

Pastor N. A. Ferris, well known as a SDA missionary in Tonga, has gone to Pitcairn Island for 2 months to relieve Mr. and Mrs. P. Ward who are on leave in Australia.

HALVORSEN'S BOATYARD NOW RAAF BASE

ON January 1, the RAAF took over Halvorsen & Sons' shipyard in Neutral Bay, Sydney. From this yard, particularly during the lifetime of the late Lars Halvorsen, Snr., many a small Islands craft, still sailing the Pacific, commenced its life.

Halvorsen Sons have several other yards on Sydney Harbour now. It is understood that the RAAF will transfer the Catalinas and small craft of the SAR (Search & Rescue) organisation from Rathmines to Neutral Bay, Sydney, in the near future. SAR is part of the Inter-

national Civil Aviation Organisation—each country being required to provide rescue facilities for planes on trans-oceanic flights within agreed distances of the country's coastline.

Mrs. Mark Pitt has been in Brisbane making purchases for her Guest House which she will set up in the New Guinea Highlands near Goroka. She will continue with her Guest House at Madang till October, 1952, when it is expected that the hotel will open. European women living on the NG coast will appreciate an opportunity to visit the cool Highlands. Hitherto there has been no accommodation.

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French Ships in Pacific

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Dec. 30

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In 1952 it is expected that 10 voyages will be made from Marseilles to Noumea and return with calls at intermediate ports.

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Some Blame For Lazy Europeans

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 28

COMMERCIAL interests in most ports of the Territory are making a legitimate howl about the disgraceful handling of incoming cargo—but they are not getting very far.

The Administration has tried to pass the buck to Australian ports; but it could not provide a convincing argument. Now, it is falling

back on the all-embracing excuse "No funds."

Since the Budget cut, this simple little phrase has become a password in Administration circles. It covers up for much inefficiency.

But it cannot cover up for the rank laziness and irresponsibility of a good many men who are employed on the wharves and in the Customs sheds. It is obvious that the ports, and particularly Moresby, urgently need bigger sheds; but it is equally obvious that much cargo could remain undamaged and unpilfered if certain Europeans did a better job of supervising stowage and security.

The matter was raised at the last meeting of the Moresby Town Advisory Council, when members voiced their complaints in what must be a losing battle.

A contract has been let for the building of the new wharf; but nothing can be done about the sheds "because there are no funds."

No one could put forward any suggestions for improving the efficiency of existing buildings and employees.

Popular AMP Akula, of Fijian descent, arrived in Sydney per Kurimara en route to Suva after 6 years in the BSIP Medical Service. Akula is held in high esteem by all classes in the Solomons.

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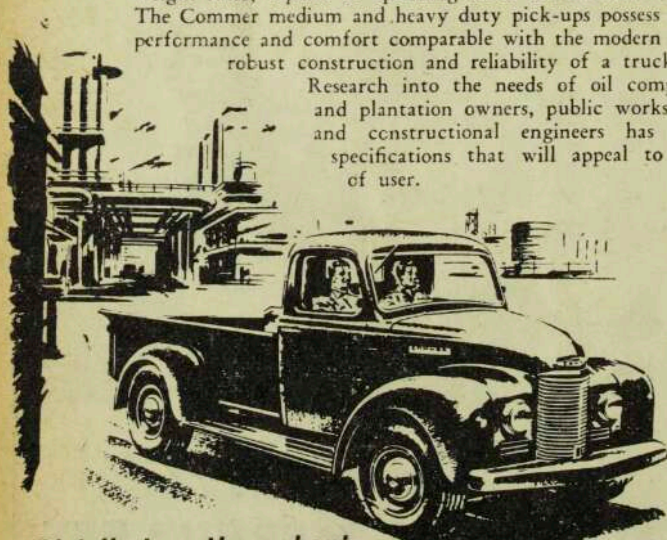
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Rapopo or Rabaul?

N. Britain's Capital Still in Doubt

NOTWITHSTANDING periodic decisions to remove to Rapopo forthwith, Rabaul remains New Britain's chief port and town.

During his January visit to Rabaul and district, the Assistant Administrator of P-NG, Mr. D. M. Cleland, was unable to give a definite answer as to when or if the town will be moved; he said that without doubt, a decision will be made at the earliest possible date." In the meantime, he said, roads and wharves in the existing town could be maintained.

It was officially announced about the middle of last year that the Rapopo move would be made without delay. But shortly after this the Australian Government introduced drastic anti-inflation measures that cut down severely on public works. Nothing further has been heard of the move to Rapopo.

Rabaul citizens have never been enthusiastic about the move—particularly in relation to the abandoning of Rabaul's magnificent harbour facilities—and would be happy to

stay where they are in spite of the volcanoes.

But while indecision persists in official quarters Rabaul of necessity must remain a "temporary" town.

As an alternative to the complete withdrawal from Rabaul to Rapopo, Rabaul Town Council recommended the retention of Rabaul harbour and the development of residential

areas a few miles from the present site, but out of the line of fire of the volcanoes.

During Minister Hasluck's visit to the Territory last year, he promised that a decision would be made by the Commonwealth regarding Rabaul by December, 31. The Town Council now requests that a decision be made immediately.

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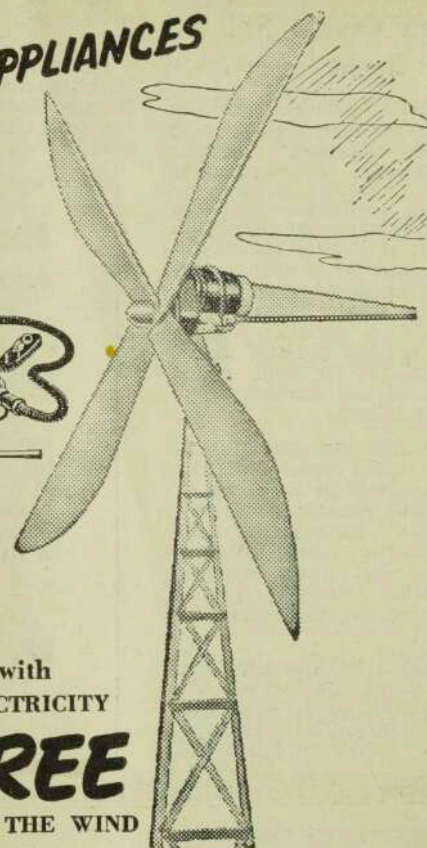
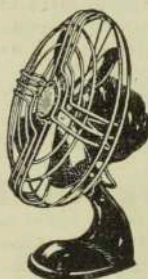
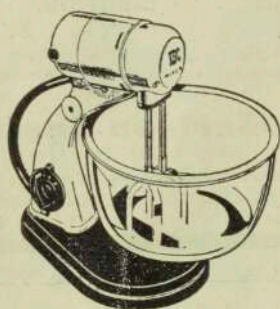
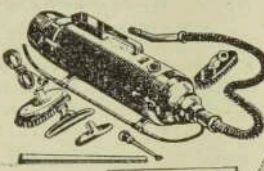
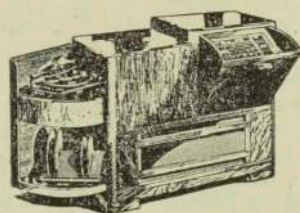
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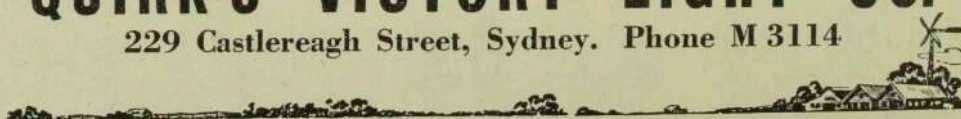
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Unusual Case In N. Guinea

RABAUL, Dec. 21.

PUBLIC interest was taken in a recent court case at Sohano, Buka Passage, when Patrol Officer B. K. Leen brought two charges of "Spreading False Reports" against a well-known native, Siarua, who has been No. 1 Boss boy for Mr. Fred Archer, at Jame plantation, for the past 24 years.

The alleged offences, which carry a penalty of a £3 fine, or six months' imprisonment, or both, occurred at Jame whilst Mr. Archer was absent in Rabaul. When P. O. Leen swore the information a warrant was issued for the arrest of the native. Fortunately, proceedings were delayed until the return to Jame of its owner, as otherwise the plantation, native labourers, copra, stores and equipment would not have been under any responsible control. Siarua, for years, has been left in complete control during the owner's absence. After making enquiries, Mr. Archer was convinced that the native was guiltless of all intent to spread false reports, but had, on the contrary, merely tried to convey —

through a Police Constable on patrol — certain circulating native rumours that he thought the District Office should be aware of. The charges appeared to Mr. Archer to have been too hastily made.

To ensure strictest impartiality for an old and faithful servant, Mr. Archer requested a special Magistrate for the case. He also engaged Mr. Dudley Jones of Rabaul, to appear as counsel for Siarua.

The case came up on December 4 and both the Magistrate (Mr. Warner Shand, of Rabaul) and Mr. Dudley Jones of Rabaul, to appear as counsel for Siarua.

After the case for the prosecution had been stated, and the Crown witnesses had given their evidence, Mr. Dudley Jones raised several objections.

The Court adjourned whilst the Magistrate considered these objections, and, upon resumption, the Magistrate stated that the objections were upheld and, consequently both charges against Siarua were dismissed on technical grounds.

Mr. Dudley Jones, addressing the Bench, said that had it been necessary, a very strong case for the defence would have been put forward. He also referred to the native's long service, good record and war services.

This is probably the first time in Bougainville District that a special Magistrate has been flown out from Rabaul, at an employer's request, to sit on a native case. Certainly, it is the first time in the district history that an employer has en-

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gaged counsel to defend his native employee.

After the case, several Europeans congratulated Mr. Archer on his stand in the matter.

Siarua has been constantly in the employ of Europeans for 31 years and has been with Fred Archer for nearly 29 of them. During the

grim and vital Coast-Watching days in Bougainville, he was a scout and was later decorated for his services.

LATER—As there is a suggestion of what may be described as an excess of zeal on the part of District officials, in prosecuting Siarua, the Territories Minister has called for a special report on the incident.

TOFUA WELCOMED IN APIA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Jan. 12.

THE first trip around the Island of the Union Steamship Co. new motor-vessel Tofua, was an occasion for parties and celebrations in most ports.

In Apia—where she arrived early on New Year's Day—Captain N. I. Pearson and his officers entertained representative citizens at a cocktail party and gave them an opportunity of inspecting the modern £ million ship. Greater comfort, spaciousness, attractive fittings and latest technical aids to navigation and ventilation distinguish the new ship from the Matua which, in peace and war, has served the needs of Samoa and neighbouring Groups for the past 16 years and has thereby gained a permanent place in the hearts of Islanders.

The High Commissioner of Western Samoa, Mr. R. G. Powles, and Mr. Fowles, entertained the Captain, Tofua and officers at a cocktail party at Vailima on January 3, and the Apia Turf Club held a race meeting in beautiful weather on January 2. The main event, Tofua Handicap, was won by Mr. Thompson's Fortune. Other events were appropriately named "Matua Sprint" and "Pearson Sprint".

Mr. Gordon Clarke, manager PCB, Madang, New Guinea, flew to Australia on leave late in January.



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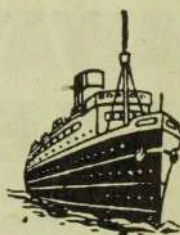
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No Hydro-Electricity For Suva

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, January 21.

THE plan to harness the Navua River and supply Suva and southern Viti Levu with electricity has been regrettably scrapped.

Engineering and geological experts came to look at the proposition last year, and have reported that the scheme would cost £1,000,000—over £4½ million for the installation, £315,000 for interest during construction. This cost could not include transmission lines and distribution organisation.

The experts also reported that the proposed dam would not provide 48 square miles of water as hoped, but something like three square miles; and that borings down 150 feet at the dam site had failed to reach bedrock.

Annual charges for interest, sinking fund, etc., after the dam was completed, are estimated to be about £290,000 with no possibility of being covered by revenue for at least 10 years. Fiji Government therefore agreed with the Colonial Development Corporation (who was to pay a substantial part of the cost) that this kind of hydro-electricity was not for Fiji and that power-hungry Suva would have to look elsewhere for its needs.

W. Samoa's Favourable Trade Balance

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, January 25.

FOR the calendar year 1951, Western Samoa had a favourable trade balance of £527,244, Stg. Cocoa beans topped the list of exports with a value of £801,001; copra as second, with a value of £1,172; and bananas third with value of £53,376.

The figures show the healthy state of Western Samoan finances. It also shows that the Territory is totally dependent on two products—cocoa and copra.

A little less than half of the Territory's cocoa went to the United States in 1951. Almost all the copra went to the United Kingdom and the bananas to New Zealand.

Mr. Jack Keenan, ADO, Madang, has been promoted to District Commissioner, Kavieng. Mrs. Keenan has gone South for medical reasons.

Mr. Laurie Brooks, formerly of the meteorological station at Poniara, BSI, has been transferred to Macquarie Island.

COPRA PRICE RISE IN W. SAMOA

IN common with Fiji, New Guinea, etc., the Western Samoan price of copra for 1952, under the MOF nine years Agreement, has gone up the full 10 per cent. permitted.

This will bring the 1952 price to £59/15/- Samoan (equal to Stg.) f.o.b., Apia.

The Western Samoan Copra Board has announced that the price paid at trading stations will be increased by 3/- per 100 pounds.

Mr. B. A. Doyle, Attorney-General, Fiji, returned to Suva from overseas leave in December.

Mr. Ian Downs, acting District Commissioner, Madang, has been transferred to Port Moresby as Assistant Director of District Services. Mr. and Mrs. Downs made many friends in Madang and will be missed. Mr. Downs organised many patrols into districts which have been neglected in the post war era.

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Opening of Lautoka Markets



These new town-markets were officially opened by the Chairman of the Lautoka Town Board, Mr. E. F. Corbett, on Saturday morning, January 19. A representative gathering of the townspeople were present. Mr. C. R. H. Nott, District Commissioner Western, and Mr. A. H. Marlow, general manager of Fiji Builders Ltd., who were responsible for the construction, also spoke.

Cost of the building, which is of three-sided, half-hexagon shape, with adequate floor area, was £10,570. The project was erected by the Town Board with the financial backing of the Central Government. The Board has every confidence that the markets will be self-supporting and no drain whatsoever on local ratepayers. The Fiji Government, moreover, has agreed to meet any deficit in the running of the markets in the next five years.

Hitherto Lautoka's only markets have been road-side affairs. The new modern building will be a boon to local housewives as well as to producers of vegetables and other foodstuffs. Inset (left to right): Messrs. Corbett, Marlow and Nott.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cahill, of Madang, New Guinea, after a brief visit to Sydney are now back again in Brisbane. They do not expect to return to NG for some time.

Mr. W. Andrews-Baxter, who has been in Honiara, BSI, for the past 2½ years with the Shell Company, has been transferred to Western Australia.

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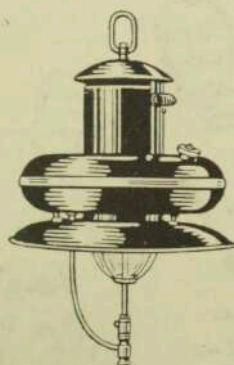
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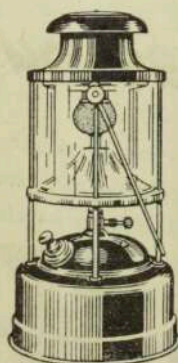
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Mr. F. L. Smith, formerly manager of the Suva branch of the Bank of New Zealand and for the last two years financial adviser to the Fijian Affairs Board, has gone back to the Dominion on retirement for the second time. In 1949, on the recommendation of the Secretary for Fijian Affairs (Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna) he was brought out of his

first retirement and appointed to one of the key posts in the Fijian Administration. He also played a major role in the establishment of the Fijian Development Fund scheme, of which Ratu Sir Lala is the principal architect. He was the first secretary of the Fijian Development Fund Board set up last year.

ANOTHER SERIOUS BUS ACCIDENT IN W. SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

Apia, Jan. 12.

ANOTHER serious road accident occurred on the morning of January 9 when a bus full of passengers collided head-on with a PWD truck on the Cross Island road of Upolu, West Samoa.

The bus involved in collision was one of two which were carrying passengers from the village of Vaiala, near Apia, for a cricket match. It is believed that the PWD vehicle, having passed the first bus, did not see the second bus in dense clouds of dust.

Edward Crichton, road foreman who was sitting alongside the truck driver, was killed instantly as was one of the bus passengers, a Samoan chief of Vaovai, Lealiifano Faamafu. Twenty passengers in the bus were injured, eight of them seriously.

Both bus and truck were completely wrecked.

Another bad bus accident occurred last July when a bus plunged off the road near Solosolo, down a cliff, killing four and injuring 16.

Miss Pauline Campbell, for the past 3 years on the staff of the Methodists' Dudley Memorial Girls' School, Suva, expects to spend leave at her home at Canberra shortly.

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KENAF FIBRE

Support For Proposed New Guinea Crop

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 28

OF the enthusiasm of a handful of Territorians can be accepted as a guide, it will not be many years before kenaf is a very popular crop in Papua-New Guinea.

So far, the leading light among private planters is Mr. R. A. Colyer, Rabaul, with Colonel Sefton, of Port Moresby, keeping step with him. With Bill Conroy, of the Department of Agriculture, they are all agreed that, once started, kenaf will go ahead "like a house on fire."

In mid-January, Mr. J. M. Dempsey, reputedly one of America's leading experts on fibre production, arrived in Port Moresby on a Commonwealth Government-sponsored trip to advise on various aspects of kenaf growing. He went first to see the Colyer-Sefton trials at Eriama, a station near Sogeri; and, after making several tests, said he was most impressed by both quality and yield.

He then suggested that a bale of Eriama kenaf be airfreighted to America for spinning into sample products. His logic was so convincing that the Administration, for once, turned on a show of speed and, within a couple of days, had provided about £250 to pay the freight.

Mr. Dempsey explained that Australian interests will have a lot of questions to ask before they start placing orders for Territory kenaf, and that the quickest, simplest and most convincing method of answering them is to present the finished product.

There is no doubt that Australia can take a good deal of kenaf. It can be used for making sugar-bags, gun, fertiliser sacks, wool-packs, automobile backing and many other commodities.

It is particularly attractive to planters because it takes only 70 days to grow, and it will need considerably less labour than copra and rubber. The only fly in the ointment is that a good deal of initial capital is required to buy corticating equipment.

The Rev. E. L. Sykes, after 13 years service for the Presbyterian Church in the New Hebrides, recently returned to Melbourne to complete some Bible translation work which he hopes will shortly be published and returned to the islands.

COST OF LIVING IN W. SAMOA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Dec 31

AN investigation by a New Zealand official during the past few months, has shown that the cost of living for Europeans in W. Samoa has risen 17.6 per cent. since February, 1949. The rise has been greatest in foodstuffs which have risen by 30.5 per cent., with clothing next and household goods and services taking third place.

The figures will provide a basis for fixing salaries of members of the Public Service in the Territory.

The Samoan Government, has, as a result of the newly established living cost index for workers, raised the wages of labourers working for the Government as from January 1, 1952. Increases range from 1/- for the lowest paid, unskilled labourer (from 8/- to 9/- per day) to 4/6 for skilled tradesmen (from 40/- to 44/6). It is expected that private employers will follow the example set by the Government.

Pastor C. E. Echermann, of the Gelem Training School for Lutheran native teachers, New Guinea, was on leave in Adelaide with his family in January.



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Another Ship Stolen W. Samoa

Local Youths' Misplaced Spirit of Adventure

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Jan. 1.
WESTERN SAMOA, which has
been cursed by adventurous
amateur pirates in recent
years, is currently undergoing
another ship-stealing incident.

Morris Hedstrom's 18-ton motor
boat Amy was stolen at Vaisala
Savai'i, on January 6, was last seen
heading out to sea and, at that
date, has not been found.

The pirates, this time, appear to
be three brothers, Felisi, Sonny and
Sone Crichton. Two of them are
members of Amy's crew, the third
lives near Vaisala. Amy was
Vaisala on January 6, waiting to
load copra for Apia. The captain,
George Huch, the engineer and
other members of the crew had gone
ashore to church, leaving only a
watchman on board. The three
brothers came aboard, told the
watchman he need not stay ashore
when he was safely ashore, started
up and headed out to sea.

Pursuit could not be organised
24 hours when Captain Williams
left Apia in another MH vessel with
police representative.

Planes and other ships kept
look-out for Amy—it was believed
that she headed north-west
towards Rotuma or Wallis Island.

She had fuel for 60 hours, a good
supply of food and some cargo.
Savai'i trading stations. She
recently has been reconditioned and
is valued at £8,000.

AMY FOUND

Jan. 2.
THE Amy has arrived at Rotuma
220 miles north of Fiji and
100 miles from Samoa. The three
venturers were promptly arrested
and will be taken back to Apia for
Court proceedings.

(Editorial Note: If other Pacific
islanders were afflicted with the
same thirst for adventure on the
high seas as are the Western
Samoaans, owners of small ships
would have a pretty thin time.
It is hard to understand what the
young hoodlums think they achieve
—it is about a century too late for
piracy and even the most remote
island now has radio and sound
under the watchful eye of some
official. There have been too many
conspicuous boat stealing cases in
Western Samoa in the last few
years: A. G. Smyth's little vessel
Wyben, which was piled up in the
Solomons about 1947; O. F. Nelson's
Gaumatau, which was finally found
in Eastern Samoa about February

50; and now the Amy. Ringleader of the first two escapades was the self-styled "Dynamite Mac Mago" who was in trouble again for gaol-breaking in June, 1951. Authority Western Samoa seems unable to curb this local lust for high adventure but severer punishment for the culprits when caught—as they inevitably are—would probably have a beneficial effect.)

Mr. J. R. Halligan and Professor O. Shatwell, Australia's senior and junior Commissioners on the South Pacific Commission, visited Papua-New Guinea centres in the early part of February, and inspected various institutions and localities likely to be of interest, from the SPC viewpoint. Mr. Halligan flies to New York, late this month, to attend a meeting of the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations. The next meeting of the SPC will be held in Noumea in April.

The Rev. F. Harlan Delbridge, of the Methodist Church, Fiji, who has recently been discharged from Epworth Hospital, Vic., is now holidaying in the Dandenongs.

Prizes of £50 each will be offered for two new Health Stamps which the Fiji Government will issue next year. The current Health Stamps come into use for the first time last September.

Fatal Fire at W. Samoan Trade Store

APIA, Jan. 12.
FIRE destroyed the trading station of A. G. Smyth & Co. at Vaitomuli, Savaii, Western Samoa, on December 31. The trader, Fasi Scanlon, was

filling a bottle of benzine from a drum while Lega-aia, a Chief of Fa'ala, was holding a kerosene lamp. The bottle of benzine exploded, setting alight to the drum of benzine and a drum of kerosene. The chief was badly burned and died some days later on the way to Apia hospital. The trading station burned to the ground.

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Mr. Charlie Quintal, who is well known in Bougainville, has recently returned there from Norfolk Island to take over the management of Kekere Plantation, near Kieta, for Mr. J. Joyes. Mr. Quintal was for many years with Lever's Pacific Plantations in BSI.

Mrs. Elma Good, of Kesa Plantation, Buka, New Guinea, left for Australia for a health and holiday trip in January. Mrs. Good has been managing her own plantation for three years without a break and residents of the district are full of admiration for her fine effort.

NEWS FROM NAURU

January 3
PASSENGERS per Qantas plane from Australia via Port Moresby and Honiara during December included BPC staff and Judge Phillips of NG who came to judge a High Court case. Nauru now included in his circuit.

Recent Nauru Local Government Council elections resulted in most the older Chiefs giving place to seven younger men. Head Chief Detudamo, however, remains in office.

Seventeen students, at school in Australia, returned home by sea for the Christmas holidays.

The annual Nauru Athletics Competition, held on the air strip on Boxing Day, was won by the Ubenide Club.

Due to a westerly blow, five freighters were delayed off the island awaiting their turn at the phosphate cantilever berth in late December.

The close of 1951 was gaily celebrated by a BPC dance, held in the fine, new two-storied recreation hall.

Mr. Geoff Gaskell, with his wife and baby daughter, recently returned from leave in Australia and is managing Iwi Plantation near Kieta, Bougainville.

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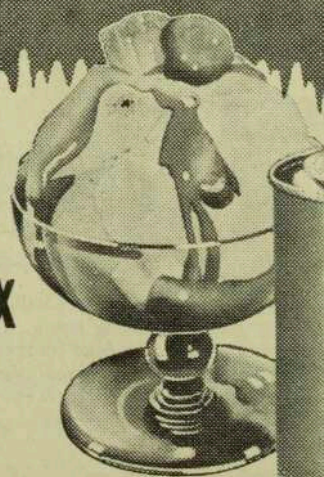
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World Rubber Production Remains Static

WORLD production of natural rubber in 1951 is expected to be substantially the same as that in 1950. This is about 20,000 tons less than was expected. Malaya's output is now expected to be about 610,000 tons as against 64,000 tons in 1950 — a loss due almost entirely to Malaya terrorist raids.

Indonesia, however, has increased production to 780,000 tons compared with 692,000 tons in 1950 (and about 30,000 tons in 1948 and again in 1949).

World consumption of natural rubber in 1951 is expected to be 510,000 tons—20,000 tons less than estimated and a spectacular drop from the 1,705,000 tons consumed in 1950, despite the fact that during 1951 both the UK and USA used more natural rubber than had been estimated.

Synthetic rubber production in the United States is estimated at 65,000 tons in 1951; Canada produced 64,000 tons and Germany 60,000 tons.

World consumption of all types of rubber, excluding rubber added to government and commercial stockpiles, is estimated at 2,340,000 tons against a total production of natural and synthetic of 2,760,000 tons. A large part of the surplus of 420,000 tons has gone into stockpiles.

It was announced in January this year that the United States plans to export limited quantities of synthetic rubber to friendly countries in the first quarter of 1952. Hitherto exports of synthetic rubber from the US have been banned.

The price to be paid for the rubber is 26 cents per pound—the same price as for US domestic consumers.

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Twelve Fijian seamen from SS *Uva*, and two American negro seamen armed with knives had a brief and bloody battle on the Sydney waterfront at midnight on January 1, when an argument developed while the men were awaiting their respective launches back to their ships, which were anchored off. Several Fijians and one negro were wounded, none seriously. One negro was charged with malicious wounding.

PACIFIC WOMEN MEET Pan-Pacific Confereneec in NZ

DELEGATES from Australia, New Zealand, the United States and Asian and Pacific countries attended the Pan-Pacific Women's Association conference in Christchurch, NZ in January.

Among Pacific Island delegates were Mrs. Helu, Miss Puloka and Miss Finau, of Tonga; Miss Salamauna Malietoa of Western Samoa and Miss Alice Wedega of Papua. There were delegates also from Japan, Burma, Indonesia, India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Indo-China and other countries fringing the Pacific Ocean. All were outstanding women

in their own countries and all wore colourful native dress during the conference.

Two of the delegates were missionary sisters of the Society of Mary, Mother Mary Peter and Sister Mary Felicia, whose work takes them among the lepers of the South Pacific.

Ratu Tiale Vuiyasawa has been selected to be a member of the Fiji Legislative Council in the place of Major Ratu Edward Cakobau, MC, who has resigned.

The director of Education, Fiji, Mr. Howard Hayden, and Mrs. Hayden, left the Colony for the United Kingdom on leave in January.

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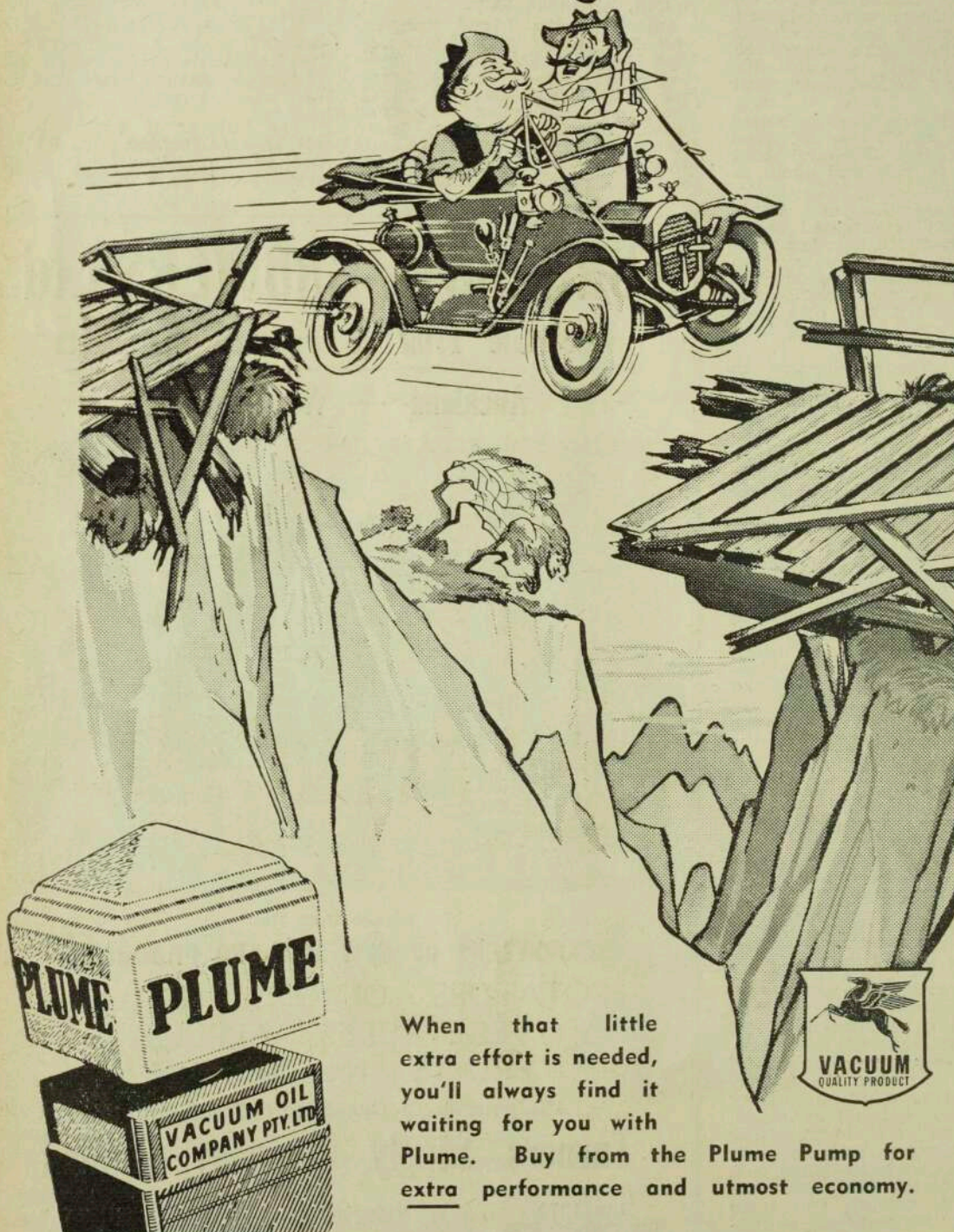
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Ballet in Suva



A ballet in the presentation, Nocturne, which was performed by the Suva Orchestra and the Suva Ballet Group in Suva Town Hall some weeks ago. Nocturne was under the direction of Hans Furrer (inset) who wrote the complete orchestration for the orchestra and formed the ballet group. His interest has always been in music, ballet and theatre work. He has directed musical shows in Lucerne, Switzerland, and studied music at the Lucerne-Basle Conservatorium. The performance of Nocturne delighted Suva audiences during its three nights' season.

—Photo by Stinson Studios.

The Honiara (BSI) Arts Club production, "I've Got an Idea," a short 3-act play, was an outstanding success. The entire European population and hundreds of "boys"

packed the Welfare Centre. The standard of acting was particularly high, the stars Susan Georgetti and "Bank Manager" Dan Wiley were outstanding.

Mr. A. Smith, who has managed Tinputz Plantation, Bougainville, N.G. for some years, recently underwent a severe operation in Australia. He has now returned to the plantation.

Mr. Charley Ashley, an experienced Administration officer, has been appointed Native Labour Officer, Sohano, New Guinea.



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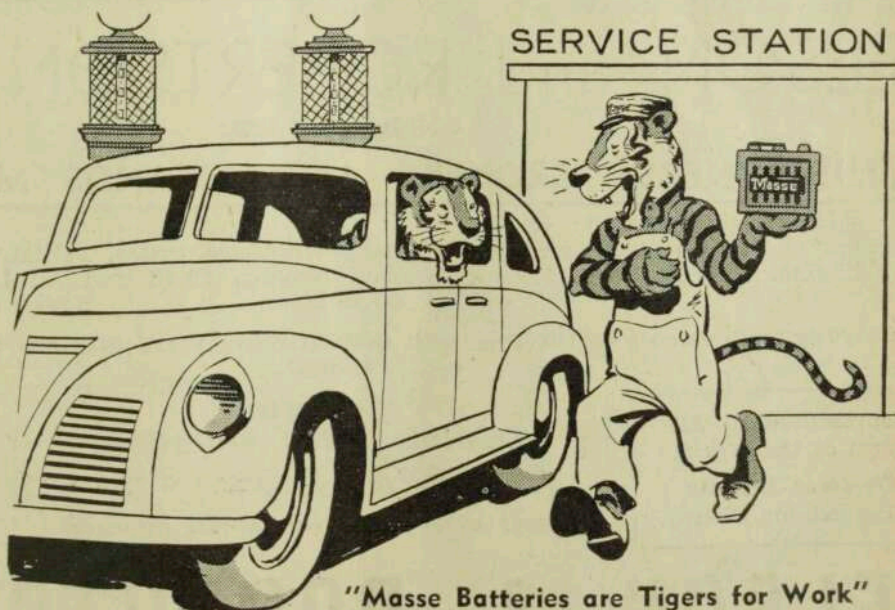
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PITCAIRN ELECTIONS

DECEMBER elections on Pitcairn Island resulted in the appointment of Mr. John Christian as Chief Magistrate for 1952. Mr. Vernon Young and Mr. Christie Warren were elected As-

sessors; and Mr. Langford Warren, Chairman of the Internal Committee.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Don Briggs, of Rabaul, NG, on February 2 at Namanula Hospital.



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Movie Script Competition

READERS are reminded that the closing date for the movie script competition being run by Australian Instructional Films Sydney—full details for which appeared in January and previous issues—is April 16. Entries bearing a post-mark up to this date will be accepted.

You are asked to submit a script suitable for making a movie of some aspect of life on your Island. Technically perfect or brilliantly written scripts are not required. If you have a good story, Instructional Films will put it into shape and later make the movie. Substantial prizes are offered.

Special prizes for specific stories have been donated by Burns Philp & Co. (SS) Ltd. and Robert Gillespie Pty. Ltd.

Full details in recent PIM's, from Australian Instructional Films Turrella, NSW.

Mr. Colin Maclean, who has been popular as Assistant District Officer in charge of Buka sub-district, New Guinea, is on leave in Australia. He will have a tour of duty as a Magistrate in New Guinea before returning to NG duty.

Miss Rita Davis, who was with the P-NG Administration in Port Moresby is now with the Government Secretary's Department Honiara, BSI.

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Ever Heard of a Coconut Pearl?

ON November 7, 1946, there appeared in the Fiji Times an article entitled "Valuable Pearls of Nature," written by Dr. M. Stevenson, MD, PhD, FRS. Inquiry showed that Dr. Stevenson was not a resident of Fiji; and a suggestion that he might have been giving a joke at the expense of the newspaper was coldly refuted by the editor in charge at the editorial office. One part of the article discussed the Coconut Pearl. If the statements made are facts, we still have to discover a man who can verify them. Here (in part) is the statement:—

In addition . . . there is a pearl formed by Nature which is rarely found, and which, when it does come to light, commands a very high price in any market. It is one of the most beautiful creations of Nature known to man, and as valuable in every way as the salt-water oyster pearl.

How is it formed? By the same process of process which forms the salt-water oyster pearl. Everyone who has lived in a coconut country knows that in one end of each coconut there are three round dark spots, through one of which access can be gained to the "milk" inside, and the filling of that hole is soft and easily pierced . . . should that be closed, the shoot must turn back on itself and subsist on its own "heat" until it dies.

Occasionally—very occasionally, it is true—this hole is not sufficiently soft . . . and the young shoot, turning back, sets up an acute irritation within, in exactly the same way in which irritation starts in a pearl oyster.

The result is the same in each case. Nature, in order to heal the spot, produces a sort of fluid which is wrapped round the place, and which, as growth progresses, increases in size and hardness until a pearl is formed.

Every man who knows this (and there are not very many) is always on the watch for just such a freak spot, if it is his business to handle coconuts.

Needless to say, if he finds the natives of the district ignorant of this he does not enlighten them.

If one could read the secret of the disease and apply it to a large number of trees, the proportion of coconut pearls would be very large and run to an enormous value.

It is probably due to some chemical reaction which takes place in the mud in which the roots seek their nourishment, and through them the tree becomes inoculated.

The writer of this article lived for a considerable time on the Malabar Coast of India, one of the

most extensive coconut-producing districts on the globe, and has seen some very fine specimens of the elephant pearls.

SO much for Dr. Stevenson's article. The memory of this was brought to mind by a more recent Nature Note by I. W. T. Munro, in the Auckland Star, on elephant pearls.

Mr. Munro discusses a letter received from Mr. D. J. G. Hennessy

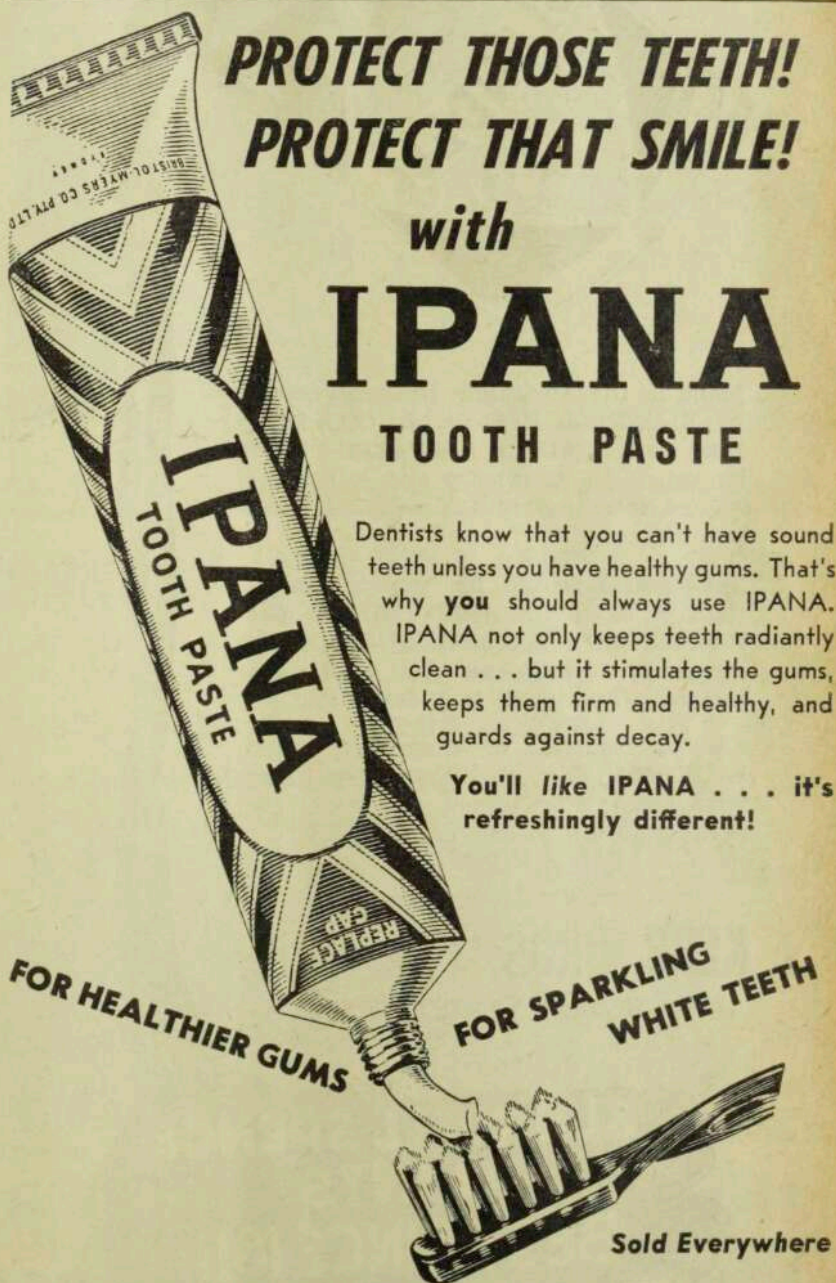
of Nelson, NZ, drawing attention to his book, "Green Aisles." In this book Mr. Hennessy discusses elephant pearls—not very beautiful to look at, being dull, watery, pinky-pearl in hue, and rarely bigger than a pepper corn. They are found only in an elephant's diseased tusk, and, according to Mr. Hennessy, 'appear to be produced by the reaction of the pulp to disease or injury.' He admits that they are a great rarity.—S.

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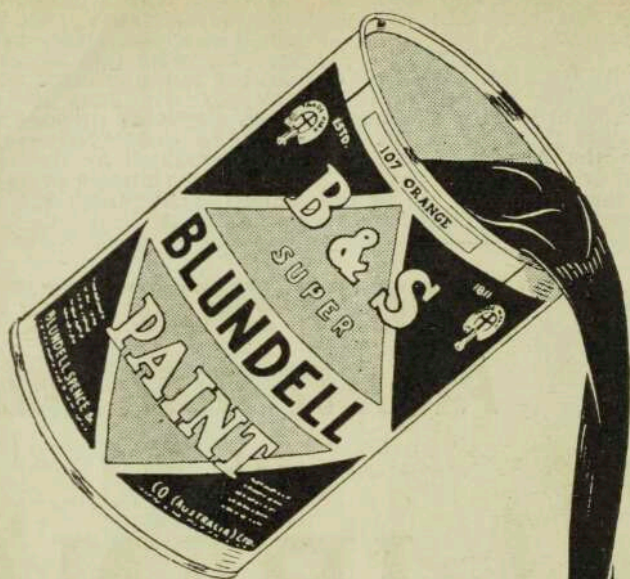
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WILKINSON HAD TO PAY HIS OWN FARE HOME!

BECAUSE of a muddle that probably will make legal history in Papua-New Guinea, Lar Wilkinson was released from Bena Gaol, Port Moresby, December 22.

A judge found Wilkinson guilty of theft (or some such crime) and sentenced him to 18 months' gaol. Another judge, dealing with exactly the same charge and the same circumstances, said the accused was not guilty. One of the judges was wrong. It could have been Wilkinson's judge.

Furthermore, public opinion holds that, even if the first judge was right, the sentence of 18 months' gaol, on a first offender, a well-known citizen and an aircrewman with a good war record, was savage and difficult to justify.

The Administrator, Colonel J. Murray, accepted these points of view. He reduced Wilkinson's sentence from 18 to four months.

Wilkinson was tried and sentenced in Samarai. The Administration officials, at Administration command, conveyed him from Samarai to Port Moresby, for imprisonment.

When he was released, on December 22, they simply put him outside the door of the gaol. He had to find his own way, at his own cost, back from Moresby to his home in Samarai.

There is an expressive Australian word—not a nice word—to describe that kind of thing. It can be applied, in full measure, to the behaviour of the Administration in relation to Wilkinson.

Mr. Wilkinson writes to say that as soon as he can get the time and money, he will apply himself to the task of trying to clear his name, the stigma of recent events. He returned home to find his trading business more or less shattered, and his two boats broken down. Rehabilitation is taking all his time and energy.

He will learn that he has little hope of "clearing his name." The vicious system they have in P.N.G. of compelling a judge to act as both judge and jury makes it practically impossible for him to either have that conviction quashed, or make the Administration pay damages for wrongful imprisonment.

Philosophically, Mr. Wilkinson writes that being a convict criminal "gives a man a quite distinctive feeling."

"I am reminded," he says, "of an incident in the old Macdhui, on one occasion, in Port Moresby. A fellow passenger was ejected from the saloon on the ground that he was drunk, and disorderly, and did mad things. He indignantly produced a discharge from a mental hospital on the ground that he was no longer mad; and he challenged any of us to similarly produce

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Prophet Without Honour

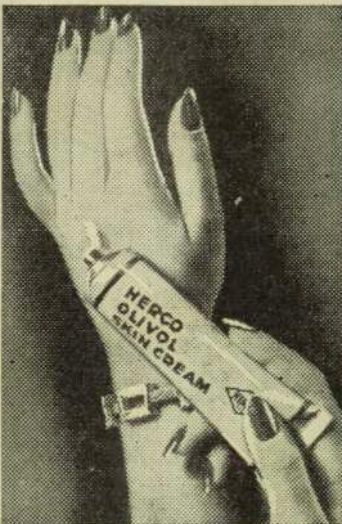
MR. JOHN LYNCH, of Bulolo,
New Guinea, was on his way
back to Australia from the
United Kingdom in January to re-
sume his 10-year-old fight with
SW, Victorian and Commonwealth
Governments.

One of the worst legacies from
the fact that Australia started off
as a group of unfederated states is
the variety of railway gauges in the
Commonwealth. Almost every State
has a different width of line. This
means endless delay and expense
in transferring goods and passengers
from one train to another at State
borders.

In July, 1941, Mr. Lynch patented
a device that he claims would over-
come break-of-gauge bottlenecks on
Australian railways, but for 10
years State and Federal Govern-
ments have refused to consider it.
Recently the NSW Government
became interested in break-of-gauge
equipment used on the Pyrenees
frontier. Lynch claims that his
invention is identical in principle
but more efficient and cheaper.

Mr. and Mrs. V. F. Pearson, with
sons Richard and Robert, arrived
back in Rabaul, NG, after leave at
the end of January. On the same
returning plane were **Mrs. T. Corlass**
and **Mrs. F. Boisen** and her small
daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Dunne, with
their small son, have left Australia
for the Solomon Islands where they
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Dunne has been headmaster of the
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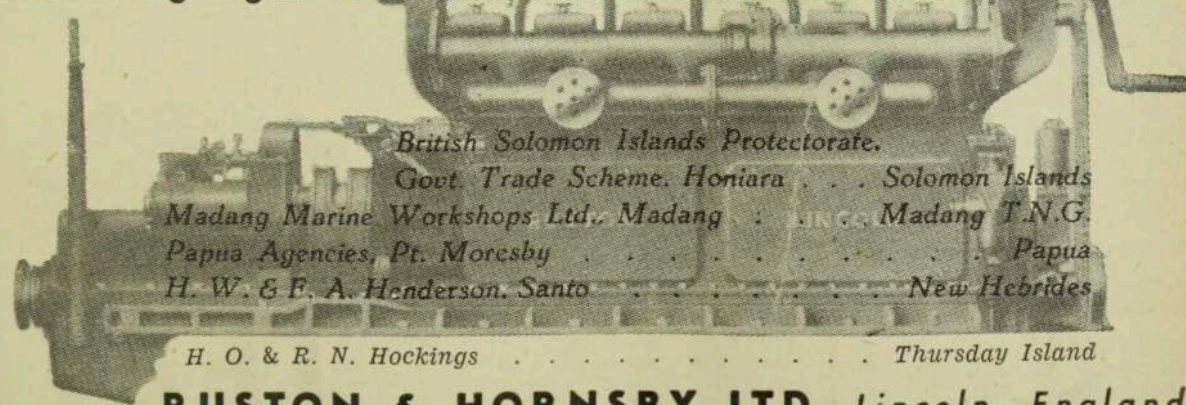
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MAGAZINE SECTION

GOOD-BYE MORINDA!

WHEN red-bearded Captain Brett Hilder brought Burns Philp's veteran of the Western Pacific Islands run alongside No. 6 Walsh Bay wharf, Sydney in January, the Morinda ended what seems to have been a remarkably well-behaved 39 years of service in dangerous waters.

The owners were reluctant to dismiss the old ship, but a search of years PIM files and visit to the Mitchell Library failed to disclose any serious scandals. All that the great Mitchell contains, in fact, is a faded newspaper cutting photograph from Sydney Daily Telegraph, October 11, 1913, showing the ship on her trials in Scottish waters and a note to the effect that she had left Capetown October 2, on her way to Sydney.

She was built by the Greenock Grangemouth Dockyard Co. and served out in time to become an Australian troop ship.

After World War I she provided

a link between Auckland and Norfolk Is. additional to the New Hebrides-Solomons service, but in February, 1933, BP's discontinued the Auckland-Norfolk service due to insufficient trade.

After discharging her Islands cargo in this January, she was shifted quietly over to Mort's Dock wharf, where the dismantling process has already begun. The old ship has ended her days but her name is perpetuated on nautical charts by the Morinda Shoal which her then Master first sighted and reported in 1928. Lying close to the Flinders passage through the Great Barrier Reef east of Townsville, many an Islands-bound vessel passes in sight of it.



Morinda leaving Sydney on what was to be her last trip.

tied on a bag of beer, which was duly hauled aboard, followed by the second soldier.

The sentry on watch immediately arrested them and the beer, reported to his commanding officer, and the men were placed in the "brig." We sailed at 8 a.m. for Brisbane; and, on arrival at Pinkenbar, were met by the Provost-Marshal, and the two men were promptly discharged from the army. For the remainder of the trip the discipline on board was 100 per cent.

ANOTHER interesting episode on that voyage was that we expected to pass the Marsina about 9 p.m. off Cooktown. We saw her lights, signalled her, and got no reply. Imagining she had anchored for the night, we went on our way. Next morning, at 8.30, passing through the mile and a half passage in the Great Barrier Reef, we received a wireless from the Marsina to say she was ashore on "D" Reef outside Cooktown.

We immediately turned back to her assistance, and spent three days getting her off.

It was my first visit to Cooktown. Being always interested in trains, I went to the Railway Station and asked when the next train went to Laura. The station-master said "Last Thursday, and the next one goes next Thursday."

I was interested to note from a recent Queensland timetable that there is still only one train per week for Laura from Cooktown, and it still leaves on Thursday.

Some Memories of 1917

By "The Supercargo"

RECENT reference to s.s. Morinda, took my mind back to an episode of 1915, which some of our readers may remember.

On February 3, 1915, we left from the Federal Wharf, Darling Harbour (whence all the Burns Philp vessels used to sail in those days), the Morinda. She was under the command of Captain Hillman; Mr. Mather, chief officer; Mr. Cowan, chief engineer; and she had on board the first reinforcements for the island.

I well remember the Captain of the troops (without mentioning any names) coming into my cabin, on my invitation, to have a bottle

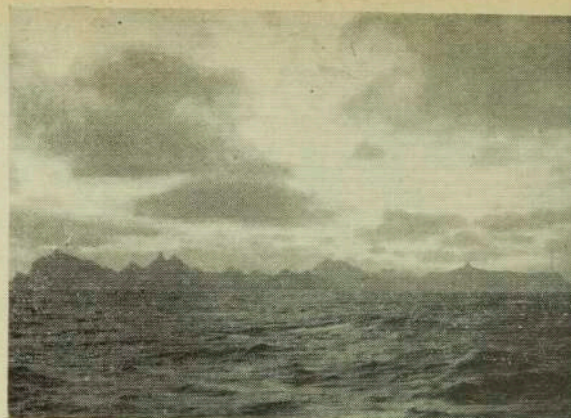
of "Maitland" ale—which, by the way, was 5d. per bottle at that time.

On rounding Millers Point, a number of the troops squatted on the hatch just outside my cabin and started playing Crown and Anchor. The Captain looked at me and said: "Don't worry, when I get them three miles outside the Heads, I shall read them the King's Regulations." Which he duly did.

That afternoon, we arrived at Newcastle to coal, and no shore leave was granted to the troops. At midnight, one of the troops was seen coming aboard along the stern line; and, on arriving on board, he threw a life-line to his mate ashore, who

Rapa for His Kingdom

A few notes on Jimmy Paul by JPS.



Approaching Rapa.

JIM FILLYLOVE and his aspiration to visit Rapa Is. (PIM, December) evoke memories of another Jim who was more successful than Mr. Fillylove is likely to be in realising his dream.

Buried in the musty files of NZ papers there are fragments of the history of Jimmy Paul; and there must still be many in Tahiti who remember that amazing character, and can fill in the gaps. If ever a man had a tale to tell, it was Jimmy Paul.

I remember his coming aboard the Norwegian ship *Arcadia* in the winter of 1945 to take passage to Auckland—one of the many trips he had made in his 20 or 30 years at Rapa, but, as it happened, this was to be the last. The dream was ended, and Jimmy knew it.

One may develop cancer, even in Rapa.

Jimmy was a hard man to know; but, slowly, on the seven days' run towards his native land, his sourness relaxed in the realisation that we were genuinely interested in his past.

In his youth, it seemed, he had been a top-ranking wrestler in NZ—and, at 70-odd, he was still ready to "step on deck and tackle anyone aboard, from the Old Man down." Ill as he obviously was, he still rose at daybreak to go on deck and go through his "limbering up" exercises. He refused to believe that there was anything amiss that could not be shaken off.

He told of how he had introduced a flock of pedigree sheep to Rapa when first he decided to settle there; but within two years the people had eaten every sheep.

So he returned to NZ and brought back cattle. They had a better fate, and still survive. A few cattle, deposited on the deck of a schooner, invariably paid his fare to Papeete on the first stage of his trips back to NZ, where he had money invested. From the proceeds of this investment he bought stores to last him for a couple of years on Rapa.

When they were exhausted—back to NZ for more.

"So you're coming down for some more stores, Jimmy?" we asked him.

"No—just cement," was all that he volunteered on this occasion.

It was not until next day that we raised the cement subject again.

"What would you be wanting the cement down there for, Jimmy?" we asked.

"What do you THINK I'd want it for," he snapped. "I've got three legal wives, all with families, back there on Rapa, and I give them everything I've got—but I've been down there long enough to know that those b—ds will be too damn lazy to dig a decent hole for me when I go. I know their ways! They'll heave me into the taro swamps or plant me a couple of feet deep and the pigs will have me up. So I've figured that if I dig myself a decent hole on the hill up back of the village, and cement it properly, they MIGHT find the energy to dump me in it. Guess I can't live forever."

Calling at Papeete a few months later we heard that Jimmy was back—but in hospital. He had undergone a serious operation, but he was already up and about on the verandah overlooking the hospital square.

He seemed happier. He was already planning to charter Captain Gilling's little yacht to take him back home to Rapa. We said farewell to the old man.

The next news we had was that he was dead. We could only hope that he had completed his little building job down at lonely Rapa. He was, we believe, the last European civilian allowed to remain, by right of long residence and by right of marriage, on the island, when the French Administration declared it a closed area in the 1930's.

For Mr. Fillylove's information we might add that Jimmy Paul admitted that leprosy, TB—and VD—are all well-known in this Last Paradise.

"And Here is the News . . .

No matter how hard plantation
No matter how hot the day,
No matter how dumb the Chin
line,

What trials are in the way;
No matter if things are pre
bad,
And worries fill your cup:
There's always joy at seven o'clock
The news to cheer you up!

There's trouble in Korea,
There's trouble in Sudan,
There's trouble in the Middle Ea
And in the Yucatan.
The price of beans is going up
And oh, the price of peas!
And what are your little wo
compared
With perilous things like these?

No matter what cares beset yo
life,

If stores and mail don't come;
If you've run out of 4-inch nails
Or worse, run out of rum.
What matter if you've busted t
truck,

Or lost the Melbourne Cup:
There's always the news at sev
o'clock—
And that will cheer you up.

There's trouble in the Suez,
There's trouble in Iran,
And no one knows the Feelings
Peru or Pakistan.
They tell us Melbourne's havi
strikes,

And Sydney's on the freeze;
What are your little woes compar
With perilous things like these?

They've got some lovely atom bom
To cheer you with to-night:
They say the Upsi Woopsi tribes
Are getting up to fight,
And Barbara Hutton's divorc
again—

Which shows she's hard to please
And what are your little wo
compared
With perilous things like these?

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Bougainville.

Tropicalities

GNASHING OF TEETH DEPT.

PHOTOGRAPHS in Sydney and Brisbane newspapers in January showed six young men from the American Trust Territory Marshalls, Carolines and Marianas.

They were in Sydney on their way to Suva, the caption said, to join a few score of their fellowlanders in the study of dentistry, medicine, etc. But Suva's famous Central Medical School was described as the AMERICAN Medical School—which fact the cynical will probably be prepared to regard as a women.

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CASE OF THE MISSING RECORDS

LYING in bed on the ground floor of his home overlooking Papeete harbour, Mr. Oscar Ordman, ship's chandler, was startled on the night of December 1 by a crash upstairs, followed by footsteps descending to his bedroom. Then an unsteady figure appeared, bearing a valuable etched Chinese pot (Oscar's own property), which he offered to Oscar for \$1,000. The visitor was a member of the engine-room staff of the USS Wairata, then in port. He had taken a lock to enter the house, admitted his name, and finally left the house—and the pot—with-out receiving \$1,000.

Aboard, next day, the charges were admitted before the Master. But Oscar decided, in view of his long and happy business association with the Union Co., not to carry the matter further.

The Wairata sailed for Auckland. Next day Oscar, going to his gramophone to play over his favourite recordings, discovered several missing. Then he realised that last night's unwelcome visitor had had the tail of his shirt hanging out—conveniently covering the tail of his pants, which had been loaded with Hawaiian hula hits. Oscar, still forgiving, asks only for the return of his recordings.

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"SOME SCOOP—SOME DREDGES"!

NSW country newspaper, Wingham Chronicle, said on January 18 that "a gentleman from the Creek gold area, up Papua," declared that there was enough gold-bearing gravel left there "for another seven years." He added that "some of the world's biggest dredges are in use there—

each of the ten biggest has a capacity of 10,000 tons, and can scoop to a depth of 80 feet." Adds the paper, appropriately: "Some dredges—some scoop!"

Now the Bulolo Valley can start gnashing its teeth with envy.

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CIGARS FOR LONG LIFE

"A CIGAR-SMOKING Man of God" was the heading which NZ Free Lance of January 23 put above an article about the Rev. J. F. Goldie, who pioneered the Methodist Mission organisation in the Solomons 49 years ago.

It is said that the Methodist Church heads, although they honoured and loved Mr. Goldie, were a little embarrassed over his habit of smoking big, strong cigars. The Methodists, officially, deplore tobacco as they deplore alcohol and other human frailties. But they

put on a good face over JFG's cigars.

When, on his retirement, they made him a presentation, the Rev. A. H. Scriven (himself well-known in the mission field) smilingly brought forward a smoker's stand, handsomely made in walnut. "This," said Mr. Scriven, "is planned to hold a small aspidistra."

Cheers and laughter indicated that Methodists do not lack a sense of humour.

Big cigars must have offset the BSI climate. At 81, Mr. Goldie is active and is putting the New Testament in the New Georgian language, through the press.—AJS.

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SUCCESS STORY—LAU TO LONDON

IN January, Miss Elizabeth Hennings, eldest of the three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hennings of Naitauba, Lau Islands, Fiji, was paying a visit to her parents after an absence from the Colony of 16 years.

She is now a costume designer for J. Arthur Rank film productions and has also designed costumes for stage shows. She specialises in period costumes — or at least something

Crossquiz—No. 26

Solution on Page 75)

ACROSS

1.—What was the official rank of Oliver Cromwell?

6.—Who were the lyric poets who flourished in Southern France from the XIth to the XIIIth century?

9.—Where are the bones of the dead sometimes deposited?

10.—What is a mass of unwrought metal cast in a mould?

11.—What is the popular name of the electrical phenomenon seen at the top of a mast?

13.—Which French scientist, who settled in England, was the first to put steam-power to a practical test?

16.—Who led the "Pilgrimage of Grace" against the Reformation and was executed in 1537?

17.—What is the name of a person who accompanies another for protection, guidance or merely courtesy.

19.—What single word would describe a river which flows under the ground?

DOWN

1.—What is the art of printing from stone?

2.—What is the name of a spire built over the entrance to the chancel?

3.—How does a man behave whose appearance and behaviour is unusual?

4.—What is knowledge gained by study?

5.—What was the name of emigrants,

considered as typical idlers, who subsisted on support received from home?

7.—What person belongs to the highest caste among the Hindus?

8.—What was the name of the royal seal used for special purposes?

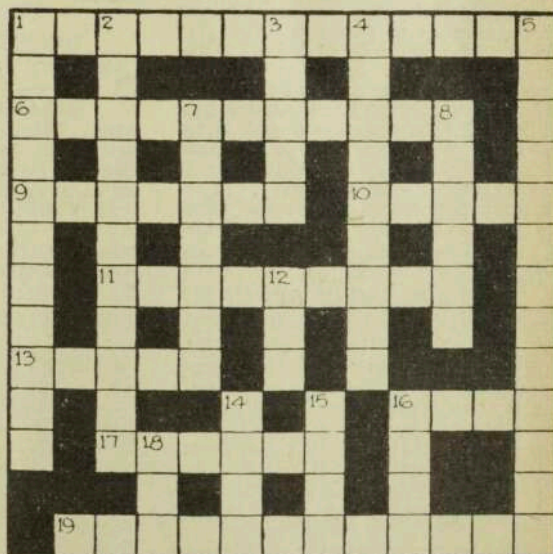
12.—What Morse Code is used in distress?

14.—What is an opening in the skin?

15.—What does an astronomer and a film fan gaze at?

16.—What word means "so let it be"?

18.—What sort of stuff is considered as sentimental writing?



that is away from ordinary, modern clothes. Some of the recent films that she has "dressed" are *Black Narcissus*, *The Golden Salamander*, *Great Expectations* and *Blue Lagoon*, part of which was filmed in Fiji.

It seems a long way — and we don't mean miles — from a plantation in lonely Lau to what most people would regard as a glamour job in London. But with the Hennings family, anything is possible.

Miss Elizabeth and her younger sister left Fiji to try their fortunes in London in 1936 when they were youngsters. London rang no peals of bells when they arrived, and if it were not precisely life in a garret in traditional manner until they had made niches for themselves in that self-sufficient hub of the Empire, it was close to it.

Miss Hennings will spend a holiday at Naitaba before returning to England for her next costume designing assignment.

BRAINSTORM

SYDNEY Telegraph columnist provided this, in January: From Fiji, good news for embryo millionaires:

Because the natives in those parts are saving their sixpences in a big way there's a big scarcity of that coin.

The official exchange rate is about 10½d Fijian for 1/- Australian, but if you take two sixpences the authorities will give you 1/- Fijian for them, just to get the coins.

Now: If you took £1,000 of Australian sixpences to Fiji, collected £1,000 Fijian, brought it back here, converted it into £1,130 Australian, changed it into sixpences, took them to Fiji, collected £1,130 Fijian, brought it back here, converted it into £1,276/18/- Australian.

Money for Jam—except for fares and excess baggage on a chaff-bag full of zacs.

FIIJ'S KEROSENE SPRING

FIJIAN villagers of Tamavua, near Suva, have what they think is a spring of kerosene. Something that looks and smells like kerosene mixed with water has been oozing out of cracks in the soapstone. Rate of drip is about a medicine bottle per hour of what, pending analysis, seems to be one-tenth kerosene and nine-tenths water.

It has been suggested that this may be a leak from an undiscovered wartime dump of kerosene.

When news of Tamavua's kerosene-well became known, masses of people, enterprising Indians well to the fore, descended on Tamavua in the hope of finding diluted petroleum products in the Province of Naitasiri, although, nothing like the by-product kerosene is found unassisted in Nature.

Anyway, the watered kerosene of

Tamavua, at this date, remains a mystery.—J.K.S.

SYDNEY QUID-A-BAG COPRA

WHEN a lighter overturned at Lever Bros.' soap works, Balmain, Sydney, in mid-January 1,400 bags of New Guinea copra, each valued at about £4/10/-, went in the drink. The insurance company involved immediately put a diver to work; but copra has a habit of floating.

How many bags the diver recovered is not known—but several days later bags were appearing on most of the northern beaches of the main harbour.

Commercial fishermen abandoned fish-hooks for boat-hooks, and landlubbers hired dinghies to salvage the precious jetsam, once it became known that the insurance company would pay £1 per bag for the wet copra. At latest report, half the cargo had been recovered.

KAVA IN SUBURBIA

FROM the social notes of a Sydney daily: "Kava wine, a Fijian native drink, was served to the 200 guests at the District Chamber of Commerce party in Double Bay (Sydney)."

The why and wherefore of the introduction of this exotic beverage to Sydney night life were not given. Nor was the guests' reaction to same.

BEATING THE BOOKS

SYDNEY bookmakers were reported to be heaving deep sighs of relief late in 1951 when "Wet Weather Robbie," proprietor of the Samarai guest house, Eastern Papua, returned home from leave in Australia.

It is said that, for an initial outlay of £3/10/-, Robbie returned home with £1,400, collected from the gentlemen who lay the odds.

THEY WILL PROVE IT'S GOOD—OR ELSE

AUSTRALIA'S crocodile shooters —150 of them—will get together this month in Melbourne for a four-days' conference. They will then probably ask the Federal Government to protect crocodiles under five feet long. Unless they are protected, say the shooters, there will be no crocs in Australia within 10 years—which, of course, some people might think would be a very good thing.

At the dinner that will be the social high-light of the conference, the crocodile shooters will eat seasoned and cooked crocodile tail—in the hope of disproving the common belief that the tail is poisonous.

If the shooters are wrong about this—well, maybe there won't be any crocodile shooters left in ten years, either.

HURRICANE SETTLED PALM QUESTION

TO MOST people, the coconut is the most graceful of all palm trees. In Suva there are comparatively few coconut palms—the opinionated place having gone for the straight-growing royal palms because, it is said, somebody once had the idea that they were safer than coconuts in a hurricane. But, on January 28, many Suva's royal palms went over like ninepins in the hurricane; while even the five very old coco palms in the Triangle came through with no more damage than the loss of some fronds.

A small group of coconut palms near the Cable Office was virtually unharmed; while, a few yards away, one of ZJV's big radio masts was broken and bent over like a hairpin. The nearest royal palm was flat early in the storm, all but obliterating a public lavatory the way down.

As far as can be discovered, nobody was injured by flying coconuts in Suva. It all adds up to a recent note in the PIM: Suva would be well advised to scatter coconut palms round about with the same enthusiasm as Honolulu.—S.

POST-HURRICANE SUVA EYE TOURISTS ASKANCE

With two of its six hotels knocked out, post-hurricane Suva has taken in the Welcome mat to tourists. Even the Grand Pacific, which escaped serious damage, said to be limiting tourist bookings for part of February.

Apart from all the obvious worries, post-hurricane Suva is frankly hideous. Some of the scars will disappear quite soon, but many will remain for years. Tourists who gazed bemusedly at Fiji's usually flowery capital in December, and used up their colour film on the blazing flamboyant trees would scarcely recognise the place in February.

BERNHARDT

THAT portion of the story of Tavua Johnson (PIM, September, page 62) which refers to his voyage to Australia in 1890, the original Mariposa, stirs the memory of our Tahiti correspondent who was later pursuer in that vessel. Mr. Johnson remembered the John L. Sullivan and Sarah Bernhardt were travelling companions with him. Our correspondent now recalls the arrival in Tahiti in 1925 of a Mr. George Charton who, having asked him why he had named his hotel Mariposa—and received the explanation—went on to tell how he himself had travelled in Mariposa in the employ of Sarah Bernhardt on the voyage referred to by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Johnson may recall that the master of the ship at that time was Captain James Rennie.



The first two graves—those of a man and a woman—at Miarasa. The burial was carried out after a struggle with local natives.

MIARASA—New Guinea's Last Cannibal Outpost

By Pastor A. J. CAMPBELL, of SDA Mission, Kainantu, New Guinea.

A SURPRISED person recently exclaimed to the writer, "I didn't know there were any more cannibals left in the world. It seems incredible!" Doubtless it does—particularly when cannibalism is practised as recently as this year, 1952.

During the latter part of last year, a party of our Central New Guinea mission workers, including the writer with his twin sons, some native teachers and a carrier line of fifty, made up a missionary expedition into the primitive country lying south-west of Kainantu (Highlands). We planned to reach the Moke area, which lies four days' walk out in the mountainous regions of the Purari's vast headwater system.

One morning, leaders of our party set out in a jeep for our Kainantu mission station, cared for by Sam and his wife. It is a pretty place, where we have an organised church, by the main road between Kainantu and Bena Bena. Here our vehicle was placed in a shed to wait the return of our tired legs and bodies, and we faced the ranges

lying in tumbled profusion to the south.

The assault on this rugged country began in earnest as we climbed nearly 3,000 feet from the floor of the Komperina Valley, over the range into the next and higher Sunofyra Valley, which from that approach is the door to the cannibal country.

Mr. Gane, with some of his Omapura Mission teachers and students, after a long cross country walk, joined us for the weekend. In a large building constructed for this occasion, meetings were attended by about 1,500 people.

Among the multitude attending the services were twelve cannibals, who had trustingly followed their teacher through country completely strange to them, and come to meet us.

NEXT morning, our cannibal friends accompanied us on their return journey, for we were bound for their land.

The mountains surrounding Sunofi are pierced by many large limestone caves, most having not been explored. Some of us penetrated a cave for one hundred yards and, with its stalagmites and stalactites, it reminded us of visits to Jenolan Caves. We turned back, but some of the boys went on, and came out in a small valley.

Ceaseless streams run through most of these caves. It is not long since the local people used them as hiding places from their enemies. Here they concealed their families, pigs, food and firewood. They had a good water supply.

That we were entering the gates of the cannibal areas of the south-west was impressed upon us one morning, when hushed exclamations called our attention to two skulls in position in the bushes, several feet from the ground. They had been placed opposite each other, on either side of the jungle trail. Victims of cannibalism, we were told.

In company with our twelve "hawk-eyed cannibals" (as one of our party called them), we arrived at Moke at 3 p.m.

The Fore area natives have informed our teachers that once their people sold their aged parents to the highest bidder, to be killed and eaten. As there has been no influence to bring any change for the better, until the arrival of the



Men of the Miarasa area, at the head of the Purari River, Central New Guinea, where the dead are not buried but eaten. The chief in the centre is still wearing an air pilot's cap. Some Allied aircraft crashed thereabouts in 1943.

Gospel recently, it can be assumed that this custom is still practised, but it would not be acknowledged.

Tired and weary, we made camp at Moke in a well-constructed House Kiap (Government patrol post), which is the Government's most forward base. From this position we could see what surely must be some of Central New Guinea's most magnificent scenery.

We have since established a mission outpost in this locality, with three others some distance further on, and all among cannibals. Some of these outposts are located among splendid stands of pine.

If we were to visit Aranke's mission, at Miarasa, it would be necessary to go down nearly 2,000 feet, and return to Moke that evening. Our hearts wavered a little; but, fortunately, the decision was made to go on, though with some misgivings—not at the thought of being eaten, but because it was late to be facing an added big task that day.

THIS is the cannibal country, where the people not only consume any stray enemy unfortunate enough to fall into their hands, but where they eat all of their own dead. That was until very recently, because in a remarkably short time the Mission teaching is turning them from such practises. Normally, these people have no shame in consuming human flesh.

Aranke and his fellow teachers are doing fine work out among these cannibals. It was there, when a Government party wanted to see the grave of a murdered man, that the village representatives said: "There is no grave. We have eaten the man according to our custom. Our mouths are our graves."

It was over the range, in country as yet not entered that this worker prayed for a man so ill that he had been left to die. Returning later, he was surprised to find the man alive and well. The man begged our teacher to remain there as a missionary, adding: "If you had not prayed for me and helped me then, I would have died and been eaten by my people, according to our custom."

NEAR his new mission at Miarasa, Aranke took some of our party to see a double grave, representing two of the first five graves to be located in this area.

Armed warriors at the time of interment surrounded the open graves threateningly. Attempts were made to prevent the bodies from being buried, so that they could be eaten. But already the majority of these people have been persuaded to abandon cannibalism.

We learned that it was their revolting practice to first wash the corpse in the blood of a pig; then it was cut up by the people in the village "square"; and after that it was steam-cooked in bamboo sections, along with the flesh of the same pig.

Though those first graves were signs of the conquering hand of death, they were also far more than that—they were evidence of the wonderful victories of our Gospel message, gained through a Christian native of the Central Highlands.

These cannibals showed a great respect for Aranke and his associates, who have built neat mission stations among them. We were shown a tiny round-house, with a larger one of similar design a few yards removed from it. One night, a few weeks earlier, the first-mentioned contained the body of a woman, and the other the body of a man, both awaiting burial. Some of the natives were determined that this burial would not take place, and that the two bodies should be eaten.

During the night, flesh was taken from the legs of the dead woman and presumably eaten. But that she should be buried at all represented a great victory.

In an inter-tribal action, the man had killed an enemy, and in turn his own body was pierced with arrows. He died a few days later. Previous to his death he begged that he should not be carried back to his village to die, for he was ashamed to see the face of Aranke. At the burial his relations and friends, as did those of the dead woman, demanded that his body be released, to be eaten. After an exciting struggle, Aranke was able to see that both bodies were buried, and a grave-side service was successfully held.

A fence was placed around the double grave, and sticks of sugarcane were left to mark the actual division of the graves—the first known in this country. (See photograph).

Setting forth next morning, we headed for Tarumu, which lay in the direction of South Chimbu. For the first time, we could see between the mighty ranges down to the lowlands of the Middle Purari.

Leo, with his wife and children, accompanied us for a short distance, then branched off into another section of cannibal country, where they have established their new mission station. We admired the spirit of that father and mother, as they smilingly left us, taking their children back to their home among the cannibals, loneliest representatives of our Christianity.

WE were shown a place where Flying Fortress crashed in flames in 1943, with the loss of 12 lives. An Australian Army officer and some of our teachers had happened to be walking through to Port Moresby, a trip which took them a month. They buried 12 unidentified bodies; an eleven only were located at a later date. Here, eight years afterward we photographed an old cannibal still wearing the cap of one of the pilots.

Nearby, a Mitchell bomber also crashed; but that crew of three parachuted to safety, one having a leg broken. They were not molested by the natives, whom they warned not to touch the unexploded bomb. But the natives did touch them and lost their lives in the resulting explosion.

It was a particularly tired line of 70 travellers that reached Kemiu that night, some with blistered feet. For some time Kemiu was our furthestmost outpost, but it is no more nearly in the middle of our field of operations.

Some of our party visited several dark groves, away in the jungle. One held, as its secret, a raised platform on which were 20 skulls and other human bones—presumably, victims of cannibalism.

In another grove was a small raised house, in which was the decomposing body of a small child.

The people here do not eat their own dead, as do the Fore and Moka tribes. They do, however, disintegrate bodies some time after burial, and eat portion of the remains, so that "strength" may be obtained. After this, the remains are placed on drying racks hidden in the jungle.

Each day represented hard travelling over very rough country, where it seemed impossible to find a level stretch, even for a quarter of a mile. "Pushers" and "pullers" helped some of our party up and down steep mountains, of which there seemed to be no end.

In the final morning of our eight-days trip we crossed a 10,000 ft. range, then dropped down thousands of feet, back into the Komperina Valley, to Avani—an old to our jeep, which was a real friend in need.

Two hours after leaving Avani we were back home at Kainantu, glad to know that our Message was penetrating quickly throughout the country which we had visited, and beyond.

The New Guinea Club, Rabaul, held a Fancy Dress Ball on New Year's Eve. The majority wore fancy dress but those who wore evening dress were fined and proceeds went to the Club's scholarship fund.

BOOK REVIEWS

Last Word On RLS

THE book that J. C. Furnas gave us a few years ago, and which was entitled, with singular lack of imagination, *Anatomy of Paradise*, has become something of a classic on the subject of the Pacific Islands. His latest book also comes within the class of a major work, and whether he intended it so, or not, seems to have said all that need be said on the subject of Robert Louis Stevenson—a topic that has been nibbled at, and debated since RLS died in Samoa on December 3, 1894.

This book has been called *Voyage to Windward*, which is a happier name than the naming of the anatomy, and is apt in that much of Louis' short life was indeed, a head beat into the wind.

Furnas spent 15 years, many dollars and travelled 30,000 miles in order to gather the material for the book. The finished product shows the result of this meticulous care, and that it was a task much to the writer's taste: written for the love of it rather than it should find popular favour.

To the layman of no literary pretensions, whose world does not hang on the interpretation of what RLS meant by some obscure poem written in his youth concerning the real or imaginary parlourmaid, much of the book will have no interest whatsoever. The first section, which deals with Louis' youth, will make hard reading, but after this obstacle is surmounted even the non-literary will probably find interest in the human story of Louis and his varied house-hold. The chief fact that emerges from the story is that Louis was a very human person, although not a "great man," in the real sense of the term. He wrote well, he struggled valiantly against tuberculosis, but apart from that there was no great purpose behind his life. One sympathises with his illnesses but gains the impression that, in the modern idiom, he could be considered pain in the neck to those who lived on the lower plane where the world is not well lost for it.

Louis' was an era when the literary took themselves even more seriously than is normal. In the roles into which he gravitated, the turn of a phrase meant infinitely more than a credit balance in the bank, or a steady profession which brought in a monthly pay cheque. And in this regard one has a fellow-feeling with father Thomas Stevenson, civil engineer, designer

of lighthouses, who for many years stood between Louis and bankruptcy; and, later with his wife, Fanny, whom most of Louis' literary friends disliked, but who can be said to have stood between him and an even earlier grave.

Throughout the book, Furnas strives hard to be impartially fair to Fanny, the American divorcee who shared Louis' penury and his haemorrhages for the 14 years of their married life. Fanny's main mission in life after her marriage to Louis was to keep him alive and to defend him from his literary friends who were agreed about only one thing—their dislike of her. For her part, Fanny was a good hater and, according to RLS, no mean opponent in a row, and if she did not wean Louis entirely from those she considered his most undesirable friends, she did her best.

She had her fair share of human failings, but her life was no bed of roses. The cloud of Louis' illness hung over them perpetually. Money was never plentiful. There were perpetual journeyings, often in uncomfortable conditions, from one place to another in search of health, but throughout her devotion remained constant, although circumstances were such as to bring out the vixen in most women.

The story of Louis cannot be considered except in relation to his tuberculosis. Without the disease his life doubtless would have been shaped very differently. Still a genius, perhaps; perhaps a plain civil engineer, or an unknown lawyer of Edinburgh.

What began as a "weak chest" sent him early to France from dank Scotland; to Switzerland; to America and to the South Seas. The modern reader, who had only a superficial knowledge of his life, is amazed at the hold the disease had upon him; the extraordinary treatment that he gave it; and the fact that, with the possible exception of Samoa, every one of his stopping places on his wide travels seems to have been marked by a haemorrhage of large or small degree. Yet in the end he did not die from TB, but of cerebral haemorrhage.

Apia, with its rain and its humidity, would not be considered ideal for the TB patient to-day. Yet here, and while at sea in Island schooners, Louis appears to have been comparatively well. At Vailima, Fanny and he carved a hole in the jungle and built their home. Here he gathered around him his family, seemed to show signs of patriarchal contentment and a new maturity, dabbled, probably un-

wisely, in local politics and apparently was happy. Then suddenly—finish.

The Vailima phase is the best known of Louis' life—the South Seas sojourn captured the imagination of his generation. Had it continued longer, the whole RLS tradition would probably have been consolidated and not left a borderline case between imperishable greatness and obscurity.

Who reads Robert Louis Stevenson to-day? If it were not for the movie script-writers, who have given doubtful patronage to this writer who died over a half-century ago, his name would be forgotten by the present generation—and even so, you will probably find his name in the smallest type among the list of Movie Credits.

Journey to Windward is not everyone's meat. But it should become the final word on the subject for collectors of Stevensoniana.

(Our copy from William Sloane Associates, New York.)

Know Your Butterflies

A BEAUTIFULLY illustrated book on "Butterflies of Australia and New Guinea" comes to us from Charles Barrett and A. N. Burns (published by N. H. Seward of Bourke St. Melbourne, at £2/15/- Australian). It should be of great value to amateur and professional naturalists in New Guinea, which is plentifully endowed with some of the world's more spectacular butterflies.

Few residents of the Territory escape the butterfly phase and even those who do not go in for active bug-hunting will be interested in identifying and reading something of the history of their local butterflies.

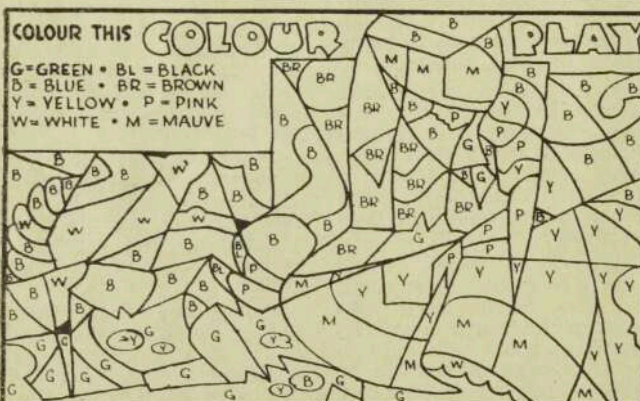
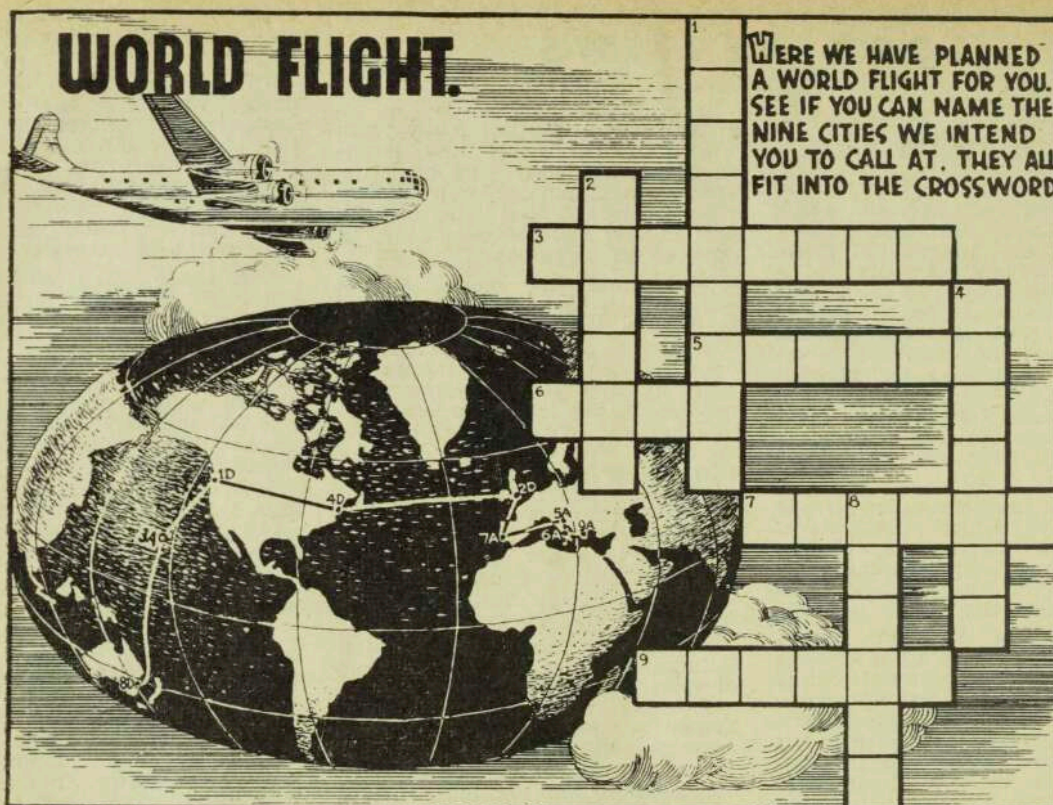
There are eight full plates in colour, which make identification easy, and numerous other illustrations. The text, while being scientific enough for the entomologist, is easily understood by the amateur.

This book is long overdue. During the war there was a great demand from Allied troops for books on P-NG's birds, butterflies and other natural life but remarkably little has as yet been published on these subjects.

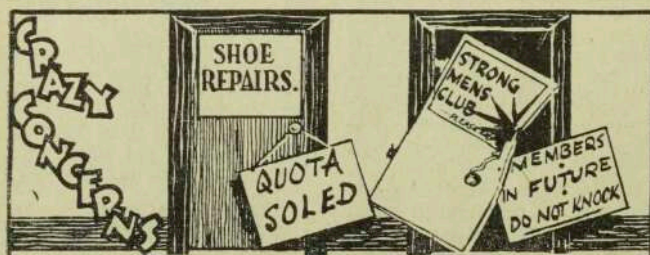
The Pacific—Again

IF you can forget, or ignore, or agree with Dr. Oliver's contention that no European who has gone to the Pacific in the last 400 years, had any right to be there, and was up to no good, anyhow, you will probably find that his The

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MY FIRST IS IN!
 MY FIRST IS IN IRIS
 BUT NOT IN A ROSE.
 MY SECOND'S IN WATER
 BUT NOT IN A HOSE.
 MY THIRD IS IN ASTER
 AND ALSO IN STAR.
 MY FOURTH IS IN LILY
 BUT NOT IN A JAR.
 MY FIFTH IS IN YELLOW
 BUT NOT IN PALE BLUE.
 I'M SHAPED LIKE A BOOT,
 BUT IT WOULDN'T FIT YOU



Solution to Last Month's Puzzle

ACROSS

3. Swan.
4. Parrot.
5. Owl.
6. Eagle.
7. Kiwi.
8. Canary.

DOWN

1. Swallow.
2. Turkey.
3. Stork.
4. Peacock.

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— yet it was stealing
her youth and beauty



DOCTORS AND NUTRITION
EXPERTS agree that although we are blessed with an abundance of food, "Hidden Hunger" is far more common than most people realise. They say also that you can satisfy your hunger by having three meals every day—and still not satisfy your body's needs. When we eat the wrong kind of foods, or not enough of the right kind, then we suffer from "Hidden Hunger" and our body is still hungry for certain essential food elements. This means that while we may not feel actually ill, *we are never really well*—and seldom look our best.



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Book Reviews

(Continued from page 71.)

Pacific Islands is as comprehensive a story of the area as you will find anywhere.

The Pacific, of course, has become "done" so frequently that it has become tedious. Nonetheless, Douglas Oliver's book is very readable and has been well received by Australian reviewers.

Douglas Oliver is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Harvard University. He spent a number of years in New Guinea and BSI doing field work and had some special job in the Pacific area during World War II.

If my memory serves me correctly that job was somehow concerned with boosting copra or rubber production in the producing areas left to us, which seems to show that the Professor, no less than the rest of us, was willing to hitch Pacific island production and Pacific islanders to that business we once felt to be important—the Allied war effort.

One somehow feels that he should have sustained the atmosphere of his book, and viewed World War II objectively, simply as a process of evolution, and not been concerned at all in the business of raising copra production.

However, Dr. Oliver is no starry-eyed dreamer. He looks upon the whole European history of the Pacific, and colonisation generally, more in sorrow than in anger, realising that with the hurried animal as well as the lesser varieties, the strong will always prey on the weak.

Looking back over 400 years from the pinnacle of enlightenment to the time we have now reached we can admit that we Europeans in our dealings with native peoples, have been pretty nasty lot.

But if our adventurous ancestors had not exterminated the aborigines in Australia, overwhelmed the Maoris of New Zealand, had the Red Indians in charge of America, the Hottentots and whites not in Africa; or not pushed around the Islanders of the Pacific for their own purpose; if they had all stayed home in their own little villages in Europe, attending to the affairs of the parish—well, what?

One sure result would be that anthropologists like Dr. Oliver would not have much to write about. Sixty pages of this book cover the pre-European history of the Pacific. The rest of the 300 odd pages are devoted to what came after.

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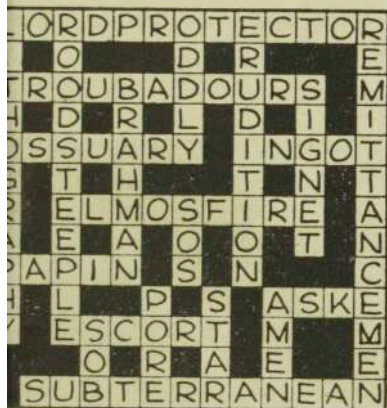
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Storm Damage in W. Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

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MALES have been lashing Western Samoa during the last few days. They have been accompanied by tropical downpours, have disrupted local shipping and communications between Upolu and Savaii, and have done considerable damage to crops.

Solution to Crossquiz on
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Mr. N. Sandford, manager of Numa Numa Plantation, Bougainville, and Mrs. Sandford, were in Australia on leave in February.

In mid-January, Mr. R. A. Colyer, Mr. D. Dempsey, of USA, and Mr. W. Conroy, of the P-NG Department of Agriculture arrived in

Rabaul, New Guinea to assess the possibilities of growing kenaf fibre in this area.

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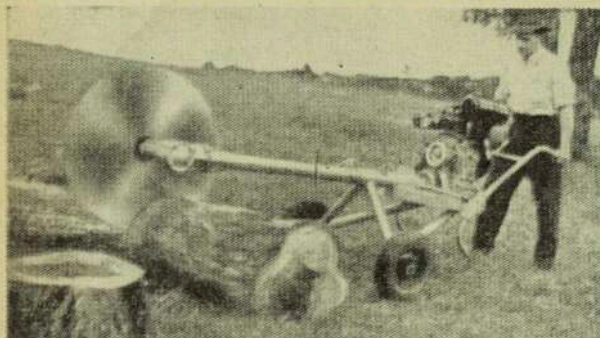
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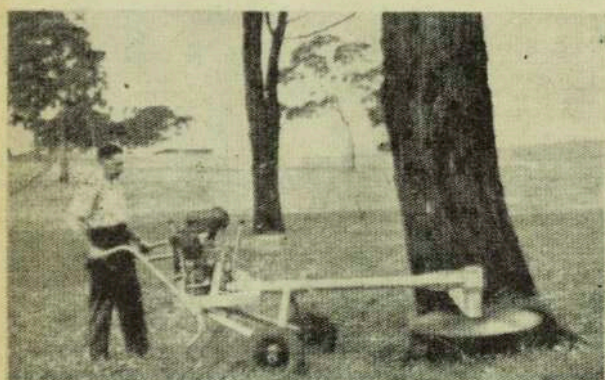
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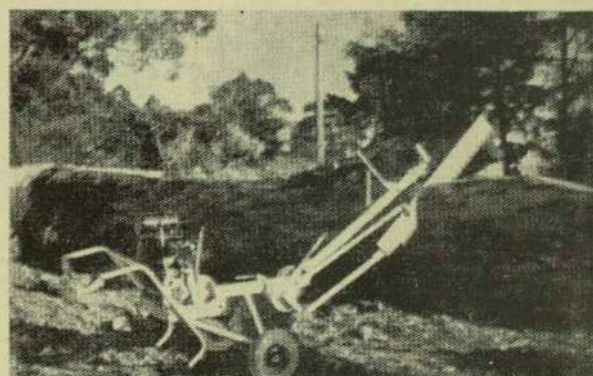
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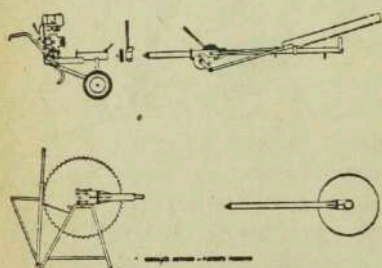
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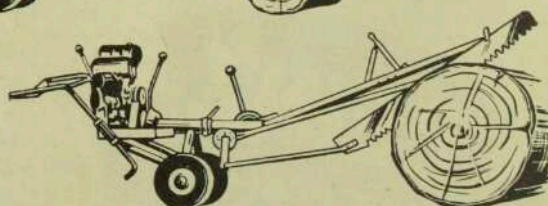
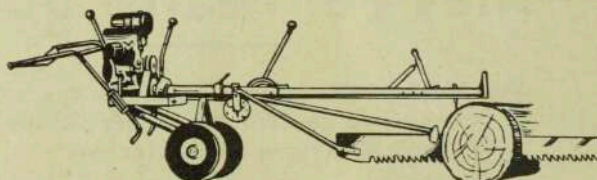


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HOW TO USE YOUR WATER POWER

In all the high islands of the Pacific, countless millions of horse-power are running to waste, because no attempt is made to harness the mountain streams. In the following article, written by Bert Wilson and published in the well-known technical journal, *Power Farming in Australia and New Zealand*, the Islands resident is shown how he can make use of the water-power available to him.

THE electrical blackouts we are at present experiencing in the country districts of NSW have resulted in a lot of inquiries regarding the possibilities of using a flow of water to provide power to generate electricity.

To obtain power from water you require either a flow of water from a low head or a smaller flow from a high head, for as with all calculations concerning power it all boils down to the foot-pounds of work which the water can produce. It is all a matter of gravity; most water-engines are simply gravity motors. For instance, if the available flow is, say, 600 gallons per minute and the head or fall is, 10 ft., the power produced would be 60,000 foot-pounds per minute ($600 \times 10 \text{ (lbs per gal.)} \times 10 = 60,000$). By the same token a flow of 100 gallons per minute with a fall of 60 ft would produce the same amount of work ($100 \times 10 \text{ (lb per gal.)} \times 60 = 60,000$). You will remember that theoretically 33,000 foot-pounds of work per minute is required to produce 1 hp, so (again theoretically) either of the propositions mentioned above would produce just under 2 hp. Unfortunately, however, the factor which makes perpetual motion impossible—namely, loss of efficiency—has to be taken into consideration. No machine is 100 per cent. efficient. In other words the energy produced is less than the energy put into it, due to friction plus the machine's inability to make use effectively of all the energy being put into it.

With a water turbine loss of efficiency is due to friction occurring in its bearings and the friction of the water itself in the casing. Efficiency is also lost due to the turbine's inability to use fully the remaining work being put into it. Water turbines however, are pretty efficient machines when compared with engines, as the efficiency of a well-designed turbine is around 80 per cent. The efficiency of steam plants is from 10 per cent. to 30 per cent., that of a diesel engine around 30 per cent. and a petrol or kerosene engine around 20 per cent. In the case of engines, the loss of efficiency is mainly due to their inability to make full use of the power in the fuel. Some literally goes up in smoke out of the exhaust and the rest is lost in heat which is not converted to work, such as the heat produced in the cooling water of an engine. So after finding the theoretical horse-power available from a water turbine, we reduce the figure to 80 per cent. to find the actual power available, thus 10 hp theoretically would be only 8 hp practically.

A simple formula for calculating the power available from a water turbine assuming an efficiency of 80 per cent. is:—

$$\text{Horsepower} = \frac{\text{Cubic feet per minute} \times \text{feet fall}}{660}$$

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TYPES OF WATER WHEELS AND TURBINES

THE oldest and simplest water power machine is the water wheel. I have no figures on the mechanical efficiency of water wheels, but I should say that it would be considerably less than that of their modern counterpart, the water turbine. This would be due to the water wheel's inability to make the same full use of the work available in the stream. However, I think it would be quite safe to calculate the efficiency of a water wheel as being around 50 per cent.

There are two types of water wheels, the undershot and the overshot. As their name implies, the water passes under the undershot wheel and over the overshot wheel. With the latter the water is carried in fluming or pipe and is allowed to pour on to the wheel at a point ahead of a vertical line above the wheel's axle.

As with water wheels, there are two types of water turbines, the re-action and the impulse. A re-action turbine could be likened to a centrifugal pump in reverse, with the water flowing in through what would be normally the pump's discharge opening and emerging from what would normally be the suction opening. In its passage through the pump it would come into contact with the vanes of the impellor causing it to turn.

The impellor, or runner of a reaction turbine, is different in design from the impellor of a centrifugal pump, as will be seen on reference to Figures 1 and

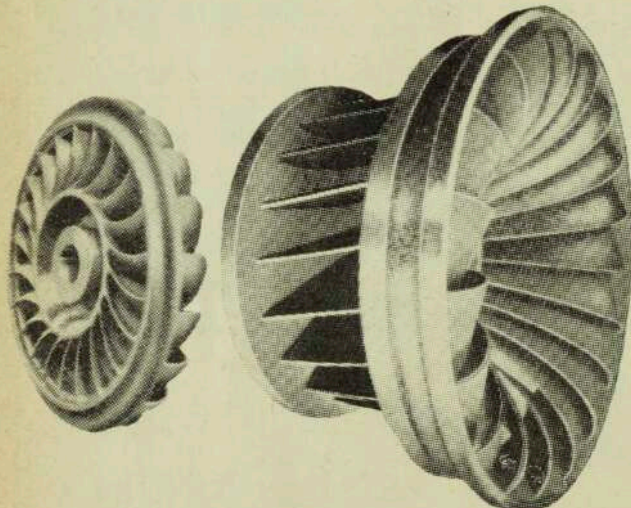


Figure 1.—(Left) The runner of a Francis turgo-impulse reaction water turbine. Figure 2.—(Right) The runner of a Francis low fall reaction water turbine.

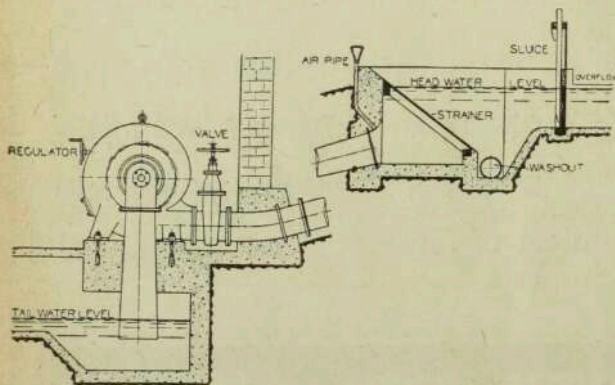


Figure 3.—General arrangement of a spiral cased Francis turgo-impulse reaction water turbine showing intake at turbine and supply pipe.

2. (That shown in Figure 1 is used in a casing as Figure 3. Figure 2 shows the type used in Figures 4 and 5.)

Reaction turbines are best suited for low and medium falls, whereas the impulse turbine is best suited for high falls. A unit known as a Pelton wheel is the best form of impulse turbine and is the only type which can be used efficiently with very high heads. Figure 6 shows a Pelton wheel with its top cover removed. As will be seen it comprises a wheel or runner to which are fastened around its edge a series of closely spaced buckets or cups. Water from a nozzle is directed against the cups or buckets causing the wheel to rotate. However, unlike a re-action turbine, there is plenty clearance between the runner and its casing and, the bottom of the casing is open, there is no pressure

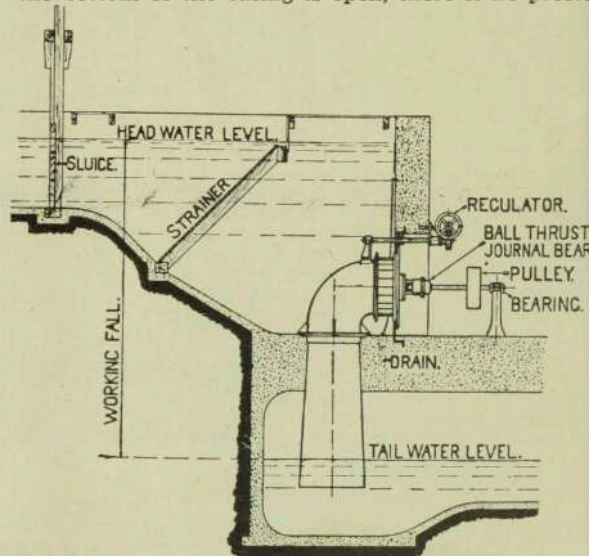


Figure 4.—Arrangement of horizontal shaft, low fall single discharge, Gilkes reaction turbine.

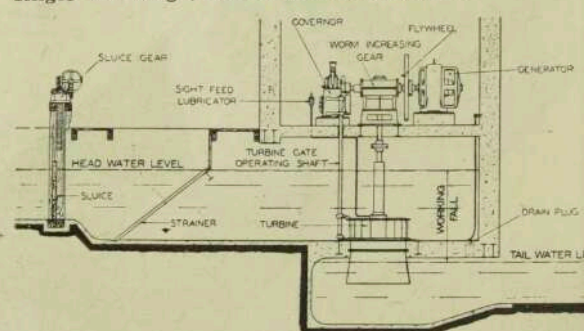


Figure 5.—General arrangement of low fall vertical shaft Gilkes reaction turbine.

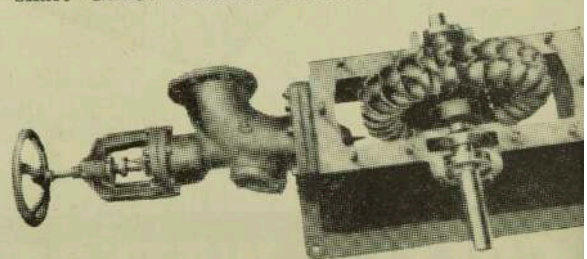


Figure 6.—Open view of a Gilkes Pelton wheel fitted for hand wheel regulation.

side it. The first of these two factors makes the Pelton wheel the ideal machine for handling water which carries silt or sand in suspension as there are fine clearances to wear as is the case with a reaction turbine—and the extra weight of the sand usually does work!

SPEED CONTROL

SOME form of speed control is necessary on water turbines unless the load is constant, such as with that provided by a centrifugal pump or a generator charging batteries. They are unlike a steam or engine in this respect as the runaway speed of a water turbine is usually not more than 80 per cent. above its normal speed. Thus they would not race to destruction as would be the case with an un-governed steam or oil engine if the load was removed. Incidentally, speed control is very necessary when a turbine is driving an alternator (AC generator) in order to maintain the correct cycle, but it is not so necessary when operating a DC generator which is working in parallel with other generators; an automatic voltage regulator usually being sufficient to keep the voltage within reasonable limits.

With small hydro-electric sets the simplest form of governing is perhaps the electric brake. This comprises a separate generator which imposes an artificial load on the turbine, the extent of which varies in accordance with the load of the main generator. For instance, if the turbine develops say, 15 hp and

the immediate load of the main generator is only equivalent to 10 hp, the electric brake governor will automatically present a load of 5 hp. This type of governor is suitable for both re-action and impulse turbines.

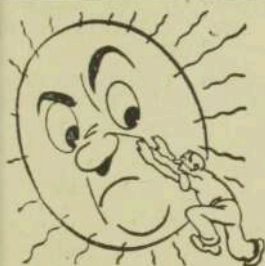
Another means of controlling the speed of a re-action turbine is by means of a governor which controls the amount of water allowed to enter it. This operates on a principle similar to that of a steam-engine governor; revolving weights rise and fall to different positions according to the speed at which they are being driven.

A similar type of governor is used for impulse turbines (i.e. Pelton and Turgo-impulse wheels), but in this case, instead of reducing or increasing the amount of water being directed to the wheels, the governor causes the jet or stream to be deflected.

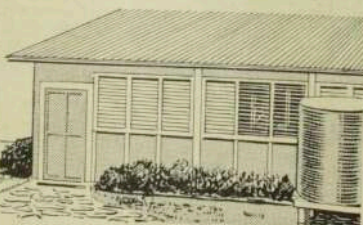
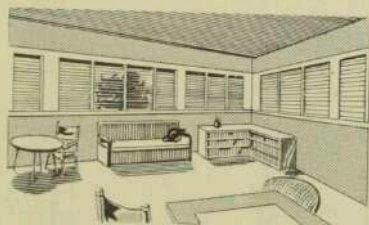
ELECTRICAL CALCULATIONS

IN estimating the amount of current that can be obtained from a given horsepower it is usual to allow for 1 hp to produce 500 watts. The theoretical electrical equivalent of 1 hp is 746 watts, but here again the loss-of-efficiency factor has to be taken into consideration. With an electric generator the first loss is due to the friction in its bearings. Then comes its electrical losses. These make themselves evident by the heat which a generator produces within itself when working on load.

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COST OF HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANTS

THE cost of a hydro-electric plant is somewhat higher than that of an engine driven set of the same size, but it must be remembered that once installed the running costs of a hydro-electric plant are practically nil and its maintenance cost negligible. To give you some idea of the initial cost, however, I might mention that Coates & Co. Pty., Ltd., of 252 Swanston Street, Melbourne, and 302 Pitt Street, Sydney, which is the Australasian agent for Gilbert Gilkes & Gordon Ltd., water turbine and pump manufacturers, of Kendall, England, quotes a low fall vertical shaft propeller type turbine direct coupled to a 1,500 watt 230 volt D.C. generator and an electric brake governor complete with switchgear and meters all built into the one compact frame at about £650. On top of this is, of course, the cost of installation, including the earth and water works.

MEASUREMENT OF HEAD

AS in pumping, the total or net head available for power is the vertical height from the lowest water level in the tail race to the level of the water in the stream less the loss of head due to pipe friction, for it does not matter whether the water is being pumped or is flowing by gravity, the loss due to pipe friction is the same. For this reason the usual practice is to use pipe of a size in which friction is practically nil.

For small plants the friction table quoted on page

81 will suffice. From this you will get an idea of size pipe required.

MEASUREMENT OF FLOW IN SMALL STREAM

UNDER this heading I cannot do better than quote from page 35 of the 1950 Techn Annual:—

A convenient method of determining reasonably closely the flow of small streams is by the use of a weir and V-shaped notch. The stream is dammed by means of boards long enough to reach across with either end set into the bank, the topmost having a 90 degree V-notch cut in it with the edges of the opening levelled away on the downstream side so that a sharp edge is left. The notch must be big enough to take the whole stream flow through it, i.e., water must not be allowed to flow over the flat surface of the top board. By measurement of the depth of water flowing over the notch and reference to the table given below, the approximate discharge in gallons per minute may then be found.

Fig. 7 shows the method of installing the weir and measuring peg.

The measuring peg is driven into the bed of the creek on a level with the apex of the V-notch, a few feet upstream, in order to be outside the area of turbulent flow. By means of a measuring rod placed upon it, the height of water flowing over the peg is determined, and since the latter is at the same level as the apex of the notch the measurement obtained corresponds to the depth of the water flowing through the weir.

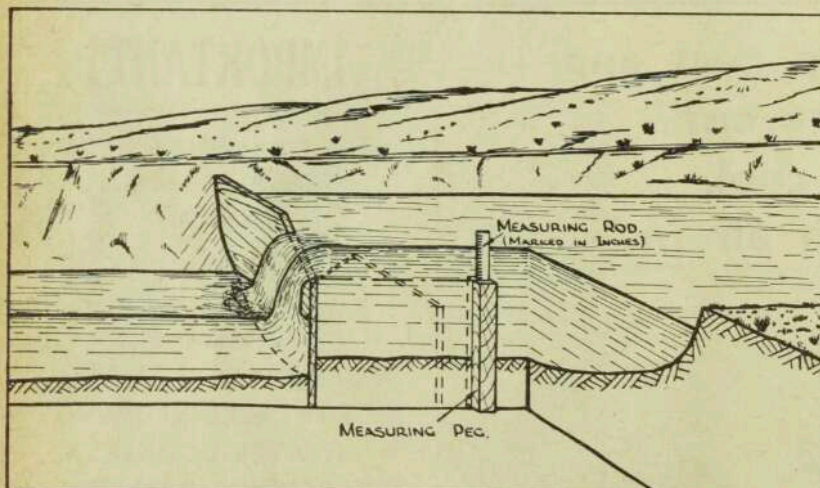


Figure 7.—Sketch showing method of installing weir and measuring peg for the measurement of flow in small streams.

DISCHARGE OF 90 DEG. NOTCH IN GALLONS PER MINUTE

Depth of water over notch (in.)	Discharge gallons per minute
1	1.87
1½	5.15
2	10.6
2½	18.5
3	29.2
3½	43.0
4	60.0
4½	80.5
5	105
5½	133
6	165
6½	202
7	243
7½	288
8	339
8½	394
9	455
9½	520
10	592
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GALLONS PER MINUTE FLOWING THROUGH PIPE											
Size of Pipe in Inches	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	50	60
	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	3.4	13.3	29.5	51.0	78.0	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 1/4	1.2	4.5	10.0	17.0	27.0	39.0	52.0	68.0	85.0	—	—
1 1/2	.5	1.7	3.8	6.5	10.0	14.8	20.0	26.0	32.0	40.0	57.0
1 3/4	.21	.8	1.8	3.1	4.8	7.0	9.3	12.0	15.0	19.0	27.0
2	.11	.4	.9	1.6	2.4	3.5	4.7	6.0	7.6	9.4	13.5
2 1/2	—	—	—	.5	.77	1.1	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	4.3
3	—	—	—	—	—	.47	.63	.8	1.0	1.25	1.8
3 1/2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.55	.77
4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.4
Size of Pipe in Inches	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	
	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1 1/4	78.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 1/2	36.0	48.0	60.0	75.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2	18.0	24.0	30.0	37.0	43.0	51.0	60.0	69.0	80.0	—	—
2 1/2	5.8	7.5	9.4	12.0	14.0	16.5	19.0	22.0	26.0	29.0	—
3	2.4	3.1	3.9	4.9	5.7	6.8	7.9	9.2	10.5	12.0	—
3 1/2	1.05	1.4	1.7	2.15	2.55	3.0	3.5	4.2	4.7	5.3	—
4	.55	.72	.9	1.12	1.3	1.58	1.82	2.15	2.4	2.75	—
5	—	—	.28	—	.41	—	—	.66	.76	—	—
6	—	—	.13	—	.19	—	—	.3	.34	—	—
7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.15	—	—
Size of Pipe in Inches	170	180	190	200	210	220	230	250	300	350	400
	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	st.	ft.	ft.	ft.
2 1/2	32.0	36.0	40.0	45.0	49.0	54.0	—	—	—	—	—
3	13.3	14.9	16.4	18.5	20.0	22.0	22.0	27.5	40.0	—	—
3 1/2	6.0	6.6	7.3	8.3	9.1	10.0	10.8	12.5	18.0	24.2	31.9
4	3.1	3.45	3.8	4.25	4.7	5.2	5.6	6.45	9.3	12.5	16.3
5	.96	—	—	1.33	—	—	1.77	2.05	3.0	4.0	5.2
6	.44	—	—	.6	—	—	.78	.92	1.3	1.75	2.27
7	.19	—	—	.26	—	—	.34	.4	.57	.75	.99
8	—	—	—	.135	—	—	.17	.20	.29	.38	.5
9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.12	.17	.23	.3
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.095	.127	.166
11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.07
Size of Pipe in Inches	450	500	600	700	800	900	1000	1100	1200	1300	
	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1 1/4	20.0	25.0	34.0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 1/2	6.5	8.0	11.3	15.4	19.6	25.0	31.0	—	—	—	—
2	2.8	3.4	4.8	6.5	8.3	10.3	12.9	15.6	18.2	21.2	—
2 1/2	1.2	1.5	2.1	2.8	3.6	4.5	5.6	6.9	8.0	9.4	—
3	.62	.76	1.07	1.44	1.83	2.3	2.8	3.43	4.05	4.75	—
3 1/2	.38	.46	.65	.87	1.1	1.4	1.7	2.1	2.45	2.83	—
4	.2	.25	.36	.48	.62	.77	.95	1.16	1.35	1.59	—
5	.086	.11	.15	.2	.26	.33	.4	.49	.58	.67	—
6	—	—	.079	.107	.137	.172	.214	.26	.304	.355	—
7	—	—	—	.065	.084	.105	.13	.157	.188	.22	—
8	—	—	—	—	.055	.07	.078	.103	.124	.143	—
9	—	—	—	—	—	.043	.054	.064	.075	.086	—
10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	.05	—

NOTE: The figures in Table 7 represent the loss as a percentage of the total length of pipe.

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Pacific Travellers



Left to right and top to bottom.—Mr. G. Lloyd, Airfield Fire Captain, stationed at Lae, proceeded to Melbourne in January for a special fire-fightingresher course. . . . Mr. Ken Windsor, known in many Territories as a deck officer in New Golden Hind, hitli, and as skipper of trading-ketch n (recently lost at Rarotonga) came Sydney in January.

Mr. Stan Dinsdale and Mr. Peter King (rd row, right) of Qantas, NG, were n for pilots' licenses during January. y are likely to be well-known at NG elds in future. . . . Mr. F. M. McRae, the building staff of John Stubbs & s, of Port Moresby, returned after e in Sydney.

Mr. J. Jassmeier, MSC, of Vuna- e Catholic Mission, came south for age after 20 years' service in New ain. . . . Mr. King. (See above.)

Mr. C. J. Henderson, of the staff of

Bulolo power station, Baiune, returned for a second term after 4 months' leave in Sydney. . . . Mr. Bill Coles, also of John Stubbs & Sons, Port Moresby, returned after leave. A freezer for BP's at Samarai is the next construction job in view by the firm.

Mr. Brian Barrett, of Colyer Watson (NG) Ltd., who has been transferred from Rabaul branch to Kavieng was farewelled at the New Guinea Club just before his departure.

Territories men spending their holidays in Australia include Mr. Noel Moloney, of Port Moresby; Mr. Rae Murdoch, merchandising manager for Burns Philp & Co. Lae; and Mr. Tom Bayliss, of Morobe.

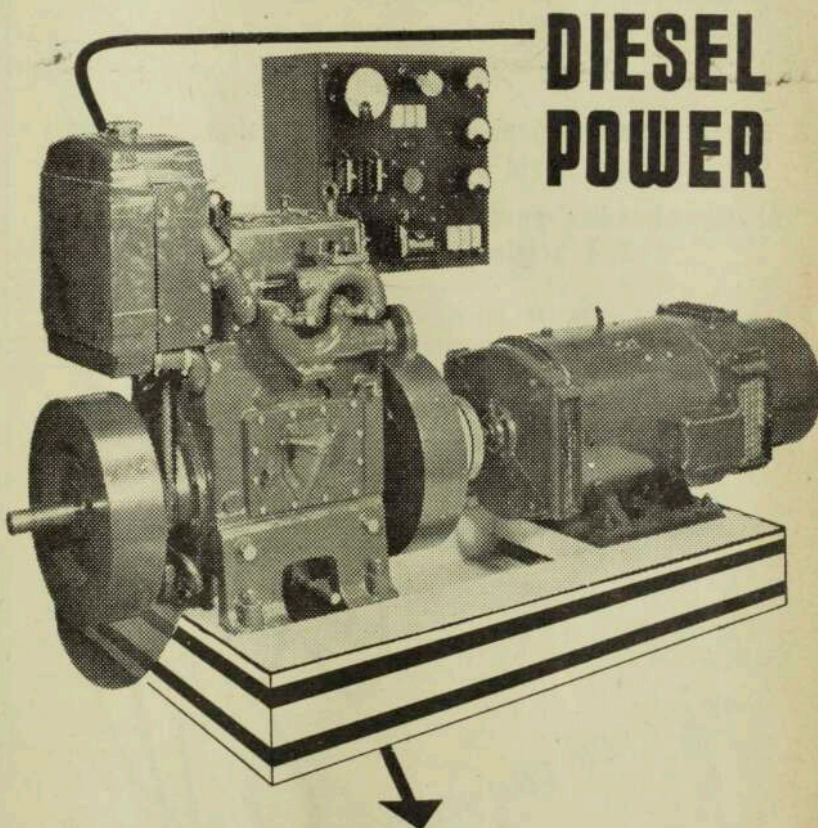
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NG HIGHLANDER IN SYDNEY

WHEN word was passed around that the first New Guinea Highland native ever to visit Australia was arriving in Sydney on December 21, the PIM representative went along to a "press conference," to observe the traveller's reactions to civilisation.

Far from finding Primitive Man cowering before the wonders of civilisation, PIM was introduced to Pastor Stewart, of the SDA Mission, to a healthy and polished specimen of New Guinea manhood free of all shyness, well versed in pidgin, and neatly dressed in a Harris sports coat, collar, tie and khaki shorts.

His name was Masive—mission name, John—and he joined the SDA mission at Bena Bena some years ago. He told the reporter that his father had killed a probably eaten many men, but that as he was only 23 himself, he was too young for such pastimes when the missionaries arrived and wanted him to better ways. His brothers still "stop 'long bush" but they, too, are now showing signs of seeing the light.

The Harbour Bridge? Yes, they looked like standing until "altogether ground 'e break up finished. It is definitely "strong too much. And how about Sydney itself? "got too muss man e stop—allasas whitesand!"

Masive and a companion, Pastor Manavaki, of Vella Lavella, BSI, on from Sydney to SDA Congress in Tasmania and New Zealand, before returning to work in New Guinea.

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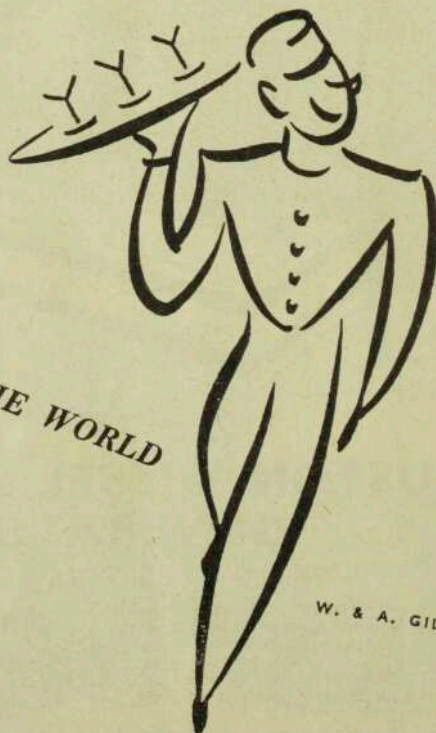
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'MICRONESIA' Commissioner Explains A Name and A Purpose

HE alert and energetic editor of the Honolulu Star-Bulletin, Mr. Riley H. Allen, referred to former United States Senator Elbert Thomas (now High Commissioner for the North Pacific Islands) over by the United Nations in Japan, and administered by the United States as a Trust Territory) the Pacific Islands monthly's suggestion that the islands should be known as "the American Trust Territory of Micronesia," instead of "the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands."

The PIM has pointed out that the designation is misleading. The Trust Territory referred to comprises the archipelagoes of Marshall, Caroline and Mariana, which are generally grouped as "Micronesia"; while the term "Pacific Islands" embraces three or four major groups (including Micronesia) north of the Equator, and innumerable large and small archipelagoes south of the Equator, divided into about 14 separate territories or Administrations.

Writing on October 30, High Commissioner Elbert Thomas kindly provided us with an authoritative and interesting survey, showing how the criticised name came to be used.

It is derived from the language used in the Trusteeship Agreement between the United Nations and the United States. Article 1 referred to the Territory of the Pacific Islands; and thenceforward that became the official name of the three groups (Marshalls, Carolines and Marianas) taken from Japan.

Whoever drafted that Agreement knew singularly little about the Pacific Islands generally.

High Commissioner Thomas evidently believes that it is not practicable to change the name, but he says that the phrase "Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands" is rarely used unofficially.

He says that the Americans are attempting to popularise the use of "Micronesia" in relation to the Territory. The steamship company which operates the ships used by the administration is called the Pacific Micronesia Line; and, he adds, "we are substituting 'Micronesia' wherever we can for 'native' and 'indian'. We continually use the names of the island groups (Carolines, Marshalls, Marianas); and the design of the Trust Territory flag includes three stars, representing these three island groups. In our historical writing and in all references to institutions in the area we employ wherever possible the geographic name, e.g., the Micronesia Educational Association."

Mr. Thomas also points out that

Admiral Radford (who was the United States Navy's High Commissioner in charge of the Trust Islands) was careful to use the term "Micronesia" and "Micronesian" when delivering an address at the ceremonies on September 12, 1951, when the Trust Territory was formally handed over to civil administration.

WHAT AMERICA IS DOING

In this letter, dated October 30, the High Commissioner writes very interestingly on the strategic importance of the Trust Territory of Micronesia:—

"The strategic aspects of the Trust Territory are made larger than 'American' by the Peace Treaty with Japan, as well as the

treaties of mutual defence with Australia, New Zealand, Japan and the Philippines. It will take a long time to develop relations with our neighbours to the point which we hope to achieve, but we are making beginnings.

"The Islands Trading Company of the Trust Territory has already purchased two auxiliary-type sailing schooners in Australia, for use in inter-island trade, as well as for trade with our neighbours. One of these vessels, the Meleeta, recently returned with a full cargo of commissary supplies purchased in Australia for use by Trust Territory personnel.

"One of our vessels, the steamer Chicot, is in Japan to-day in dry-dock for a periodic over-haul, after



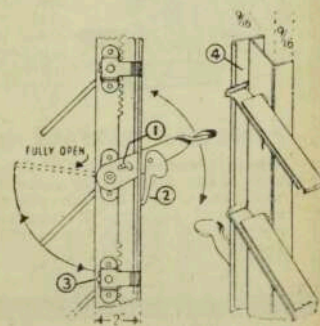
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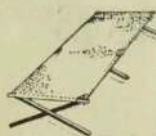
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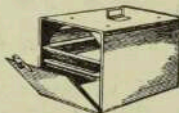


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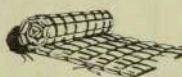
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All of these activities may be characterised as small, but they are insignificant from the standpoint of peace-keeping, and in the development of peaceful pursuits.

That the people of Hawaii generally understand the spirit of comparatively modest but strategic contribution to the peace of the Pacific is brought home to us most every day by a call or a visit. Such understanding is most satisfying."

Miss Margaret Stubbs, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stubbs of Bellevue Hill and New Guinea, was married in Sydney on January 9, to Mr. Frederick Shire, of Lae, New Guinea.

Port Moresby will be the future home of Miss Betty Woods, of Queensland, and Mr. John Benham, of Port Moresby, who were married in Brisbane on January 5.

CON PAPPAS LIKES NEW GUINEA

MR. CON PAPPAS has returned to Australia on leave after six years in Papua-New Guinea with Anderson's Industries (which has done much to solve the Territory's meat problems), full of enthusiasm for life Up North.

Reported at length in the newspaper of the NSW country town where he had lived previously, he said:—

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Well, Mr. Pappas' opinion makes a nice change. There may even be something in it—why else would

people continue to go back there year after year, if the picture were as black as some would have us believe?—J.T.

Sister Lois Blaess, Lutheran medical mission worker in New Guinea, returned to Australia in January after a year's service.

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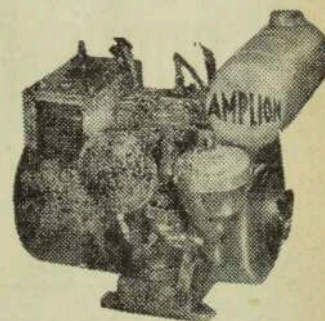
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Apinaipi Finance

PAPUAN Apinaipi Petroleum Co. Ltd., will continue in the hope that finance to start drilling for oil in Papua will be found.

In December, the directors of the company proposed that the company should wind up but a meeting of shareholders opposed the plan.

Chief-Pilot F. P. Ladd, of Fiji Airways, is noted for his ability as a swimming and diving coach in his native New Zealand. He is carrying on the good work in Suva baths when time permits and has discovered a promising young diver, Betty Smith, who, he believes, would make a champion.

MISSIONARY AVIATION FELLOWSHIP IN NG

AN interesting traveller to by QEA plane on January was Mr. Grady Parrott, President of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship whose objects "the serving of enangelical miss groups in undeveloped areas of world."

Mr. Parrott was visiting NG discuss means of re-establishing organisation there following tragic interruption last year, when Pilot E. B. Hartwig, an Australian was killed and their plane lost.

The Missionary Aviation Fellowship personnel are lay workers the Lutheran Church. The organisation was formed 6 years ago the U.S. and is manned by military pilots. Mr. Grady Parrott though young in appearance, 20 years' flying experience, including service in the late war. The Fellowship is maintaining a skeleton service in NG until it can be equipped. It intends to supply communications for several missionary groups operating on the New Guinea land.

Mrs. Bob Newton-Daly and daughter Angela, of Fiji, arrived Sydney for a holiday in mid January.

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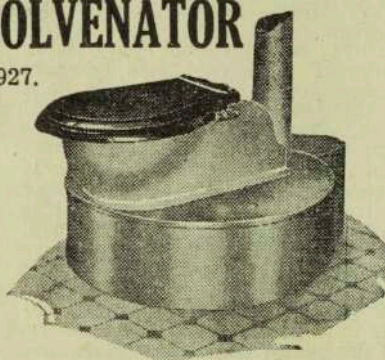
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Fiji SPCA Owns an Island

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Jan. 20
The Fiji Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is probably the only organisation of its kind that possesses an island. Last year the little island of Audrau, in Natewa Bay, Vanua Levu, was bequeathed to the Society by the late Mr. W. W. Light, of Vanua Levu. Although small, the island is planted with high-quality coconuts and its copra produce is valuable.

There was a certain amount of discussion within the Society as to what to do about the property. Some members thought that if it were sold the money could be used to build an animals' clinic and dog house on the site at Walu Bay, Suva, already promised by the Government. Others wanted to buy the island and its copra produce.

Several would-be purchasers were taken off the mark with offers; and there were applicants who wanted to lease the island or to manage it on behalf of the Society. However, the SPCA will hold on to Audrau.

Founded at Lautoka five years ago by Mrs. Dunoon Kirk, the Fiji SPCA has had a hard battle against apathy and the usually misinformed criticism that assails almost every movement in Fiji. It has kept going by a few tireless workers—European, Fijian and Indian—and for the last four years has had a measure of Government support as well as wide official acknowledgment of the urgent need for SPCA work throughout Fiji.

While the Society's propaganda has been welcomed in schools of all ages and notably in a number of Indian schools, the worst apathy has been found among educated partly-educated adults.

Open antagonism has come only from Indian people, many of whom, for religious reasons, are opposed to the taking of any form of animal life and believe that it is better to let an animal suffer terminally from disease or semi-starvation than to have it painfully destroyed.

The SPCA's central executive committee comprises the Rev. H. W. Gess (chairman); Mr. R. C. Mans (vice-chairman); Mrs. E. Smith (secretary); and Mr. R. Kay (treasurer). The headquarters is at Suva, but active committees are working at Lautoka and Ba.

Miss Violet Field, Secretary of the Young Women's Methodist Mission, visited mission stations in Fiji during January.

BETTER BANK NOTES

SOME time ago we published a complaint from French Oceania complaining about the dilapidated condition of the paper money circulating there.

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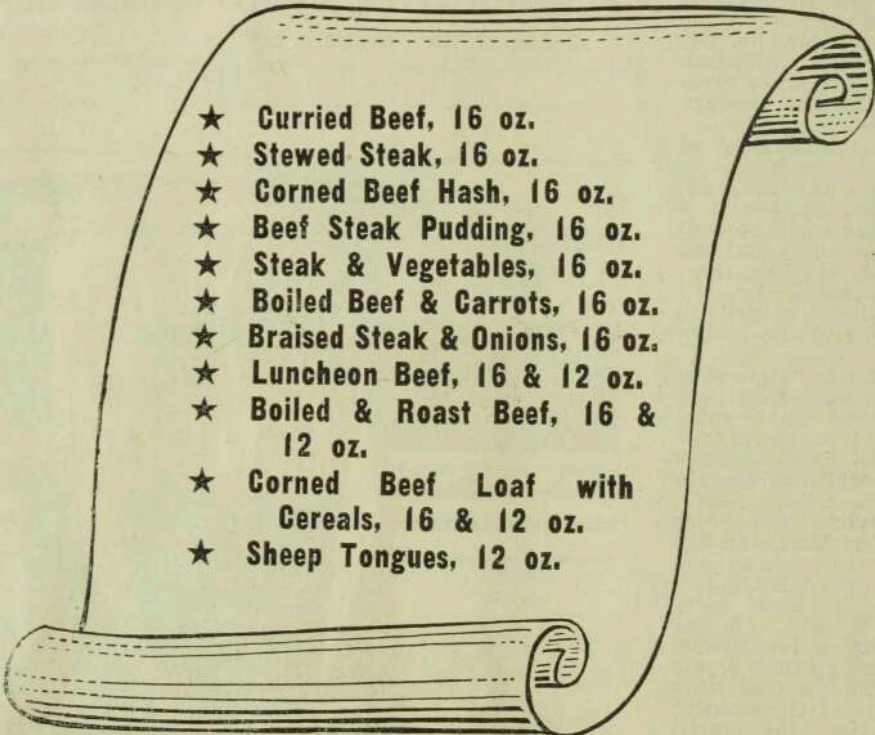


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Pacific Travellers



Travellers who left Sydney for Islands destinations recently included (left to right, top to bottom): Mr. A. F. Gow, formerly ADO at Madang, returned to NG after 7½ months' leave in England and the Continent. His next appointment was still undecided. . . . Mr. W. Moore, of Kokopo (left), and Mr. A. J. Gaskin, proprietor of the Cosmopolitan Hotel, Rabaul, returned from leave per January Bulolo.

Mr. S. H. Christie, of APC, returned to Port Moresby per Bulolo in January, after spending two months' leave with his parents in the Blue Mountains, NSW.

Mr. and Mrs. Robb and family proceeded to Samarai per January Bulolo. Mr. Robb, of District Services, has completed 2½ years' study at the School of Pacific Administration, Sydney.

Dr. H. Langer, from Germany, proceeded to Vunapope Catholic Mission per January Bulolo. He relieves Dr. Schuy, who has been forced by ill-health to retire from the mission. . . . Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Heavey returned to Lae per January Bulolo after 3 months' leave in Australia.

Mr. B. M. O'Neill returned to Kavieng per January Bulolo after 4 months' leave in Australia. . . . The Rev. Fr. Sari (left) from Brazil, the Rev. Fr. Howard (first American negro Catholic priest to come to the Pacific), and the Rev. Fr. P. McVinnay travelled per Bulolo in January to join Catholic mission stations in the Wewak area. Fr. Howard will establish the first native Catholic seminary for New Guinea on Djaul Is.

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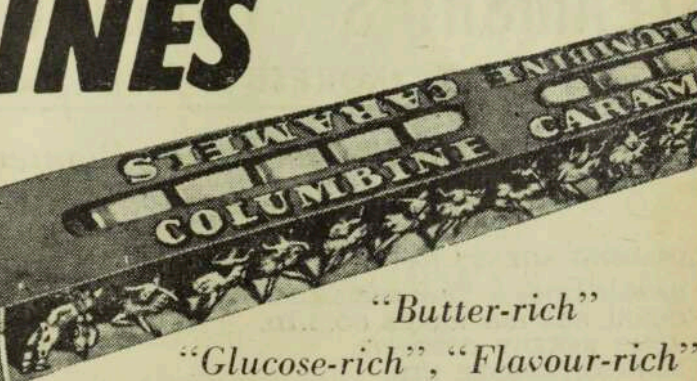
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From Our Own Correspondent

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GALES, with gusts of wind up to 80 miles per hour, have swept Rabaul during the last week.

The weekly Qantas DC3 plane was delayed after sustaining damage through a Walrus aircraft having been blown into it at the height of the storm.

Only small damage was sustained by the DC3 but a relief plane was flown in to take its place. Damage to the Walrus is estimated at £3,000.

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From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, Dec. 3

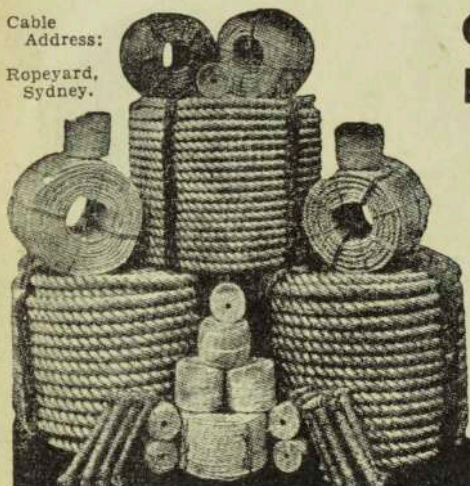
THE long-standing problem of permanent housing for personnel of the South Pacific Commission at Noumea, has been partially solved by the completion of 14 houses on Mt. Coffyn, which have magnificent views over the town.

Mr. John Ryan, Deputy Secretary General of the SPC, and Mr. H. Vincent, Chief Accountant, moved into their new homes in December and other members of the Commission staff will soon follow.

Sir Brian Freeston, Secretary of the SPC, will, however, continue to live at Headquarters at Anse V.

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THE veteran Admiral Chase, a former WRC vessel and recently owned by the Ta Hing Co., of Hongkong, was reported to be adrift in the Indian Ocean mid-January.

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Fijian Development Fund Growing Fast

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Jan. 21.
THE Fijian Development Fund Board, set up last year to operate the Fijian development fund, started operations on Jan. 1.

At the end of December the fund's revenue totalled £66,747.

The fund is designed primarily to raise the standard of the 50,000 Fijians in the copra-producing areas. The scheme was put before the Legislative Council by its principal architect, Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna, after some scurries of opposition mainly in European commercial quarters, was passed unanimously.

The fund is made up of compulsory deductions of not more than 10 per cent from the purchase price of copra produced by Fijians. Ratu Lala said that the object was to obtain for the Fijian community a lasting benefit out of the high prices being paid for commodities, by bringing the marketing of all economically important native produce under one control, to gain Fijians a better bargaining position in business transactions, and help the village communities to free themselves from the state of sole reliance on subsistence economy."

Payments to the fund are made by the person or body receiving the payment and bear interest at 2 per cent. Withdrawals can be made only with the consent of the administering Board for an approved purpose.

The Board's object is to ensure that in the first instance the members of the fund provide themselves with better houses, healthier brighter surroundings, and good sufficient water supplies.

Fijians produce nearly two-thirds of the Colony's copra—nearly 30,000 tons a year, worth about £1,500,000.

How Catholic Missionaries in Pacific

TEN Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart received the Mission Cross in Suva recently.

They were: Sister M. Helen (Port Moresby), Sister M. Joseph (Nauru), Sister M. Virgil (Eastern Papua), Sister M. Cajetan and Sister M. St. Michael (New Britain), Sister M. Constance (Tonga), and Sister M. Constance (Nelson Island). Present were four Sisters, on furlough from their respective missions: Sister M.

Immaculata (New Britain), Sister M. Christopher (Nauru), Sister M. Flavienne (Eastern Papua), Sister M. Antoinette (New Britain).

Superior-General of the Society of Mary (Very Rev. Father A. Cyr, S.M.), is about to visit the eight Marist missionary vicariates in the Pacific Islands—Samoa, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and the North and South Solomons.

Mr. and Mrs. Garnet Malley, who have been spending some months in Sydney, returned to Suva on the Aorangi in early January. From Suva they will go to their plantation in the Lau Group.

The Rev. R. S. Pickup of the Baptist Church recently paid a visit to mission stations in New Guinea.

A son (Charles) was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. Blake, of Nonga, Rabaul, on January 4.

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No Controls For Town Area Natives in P-NG

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUL, Jan. 11. THE Assistant Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Mr. D. Cleland, attended the Rabaul Town Advisory Council meeting on January 11 for informal discussion.

After his departure, members discussed numerous matters of concern but more particularly recent amendments to Regulations of the Native Administration.

Members were unanimous in condemning the amendment which they allege will remove all control from natives in a town area.

Under the old regulation, natives were not permitted off town premises between 9 pm and 6 am (unless they held a written "pass" from their employers); natives were not residents of a town; natives were not permitted in the town area during these hours; natives shouting, singing, beating drums and dancing had to cease at 9 pm and no natives could play games in any streets in a town area.

Under the new amendment it appears that none of these restrictions hold good any longer, and Council members believe that there is no power to force natives to refrain from actions prejudicial to the order and safety of the town and its citizens.

Rabaul residents do not believe that natives will act like gentlemen simply because they are told to do so—local natives have not yet reached the stage of development where legal enforcement is unnecessary. This was shown clearly when penal clauses were abolished from the Native Labour Ordinance. Natives know that they can evade their part of the contract simply by deserting from the place of employment. The remedy that the employer has in a civil court case which in most cases is impracticable.

THE AORANGI IN 1952

THE year-by-year Government subsidy agreement between the Canadian Australasian and the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and Canada was renewed in mid-January. The 17,000-ton Aorangi will thus operate the trans-Pacific service for another year. Canada pays two-thirds of the £A111,600 total subsidy involved. The current agreement was first signed in February, 1951.

ISLANDS SHELL INDUSTRY DISORGANISED

Why Producers Get Such Poor Returns

FIRST OF TWO ARTICLES BY JPS

THE South Pacific shell industry to-day is an extremely valuable dollar-earner for the British and French territories concerned. These two articles seek to summarise the problems and prospects of the two distinct branches of the shell industry—trochus and mother-of-pearl—and to offer suggestions based on information gathered from buyers, brokers, producers, as far apart as New Guinea and New York City, as to the probable destination of most of the

In this article, a distinction is made between Torres Strait trochus and Pacific Islands trochus. Very little trochus is being fished in the Eastern or Central Pacific. In the Western Pacific, the quality of trochus varies almost as much as the locations from which it is obtained—and the "marketed" quality distinctions are even more marked. As far as natural quality is concerned, the Torres Strait area—not due to favourable constitution in the water, favourable tides or other subtle factors—grows a trochus much superior to the New

Hebrides-Solomons-New Guinea product. Thus the same price cannot be expected for shell from the different areas.

Whether the extremely wide difference in price between Torres Strait and other trochus can be justified is another matter. Strait trochus is readily saleable at good

prices while other trochus lies in Sydney stores unable to raise bids from world consumers.

The Torres Strait industry appears to have little to worry about. The other areas could scarcely be said to have a trochus industry at all.

WHATEVER effect the Australian brokers and buyers may have—and it cannot be denied that it could be to their interest to discredit the non-Torres Strait shell, buy it at a discount, and resell overseas at a price well



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above the nominal £A140—by far the biggest factor in the poor state of the Islands shell industry is its complete disorganisation.

Whereas in Torres Strait the fishermen are in the game for a living and are anxious to maintain the prestige of their product on the

world market by rigid cleaning, grading and packing, in the Islands 90 per cent. or more of the trochus is fished as a sideline to a coconut plantation or some other industry.

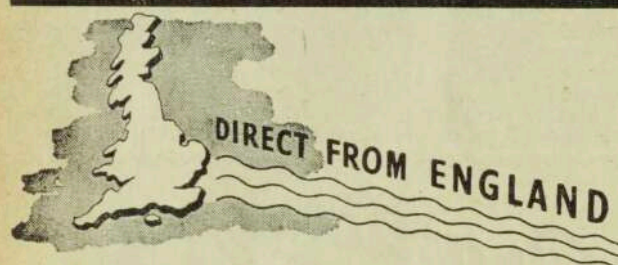
Before World War II many plantation operators took a serious interest in trochus, and shipped as

good a product as the location permitted. To-day, this appears far from the case. Plantations which formerly had a good trade with the old established Sydney brokers and buyers, now sell a very inferior, uncleaned, ungraded product.

Previously, when these plantations advised that they were to ship a parcel of trochus, the Sydney firms knew from experience exactly what would be coming in. On this knowledge, they were able to arrange a sale overseas without ever seeing the trochus in complete confidence that the overseas buyer would be satisfied with the parcel.

To-day, with very rare exceptions, this cannot be done—the Sydney firms declare. All trochus to clean and grade seems to have been cast aside under the stimulus of the rising market of a year which peaked at about £A300.

THAT rise was occasioned by a battle which developed between certain New Zealand buyers who control the greater part of the world market, and the complete downfall of the Islands trochus market. The indications are that every manjack in the Islands started to gather trochus even from the cemeteries and garbage paths—and send it off to Sydney. Undoubtedly, a large number



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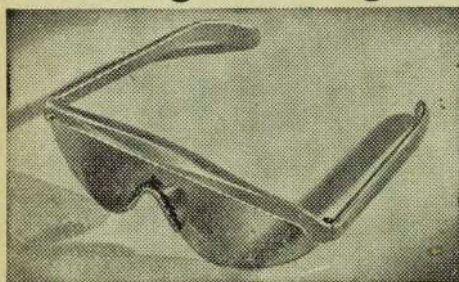
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Sydney firms quote "as is."
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There is no reason to suppose
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say, the Solomons area, would vary
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in the area, say, from Cooktown to
the Gulf. Buyers will always pre-
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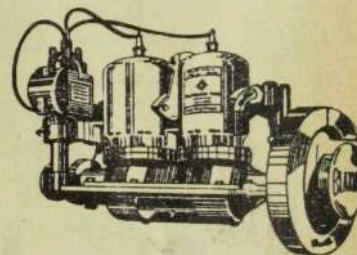


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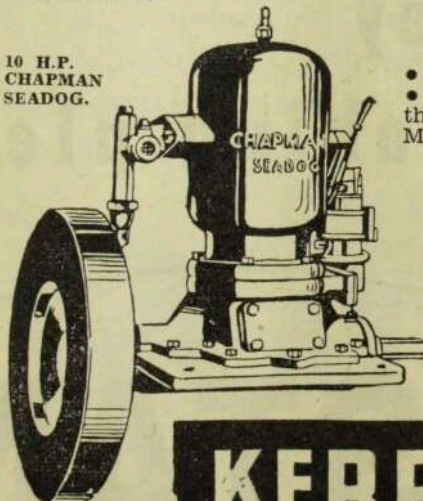
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whom other committee members
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This may not make the purpose of the Institute very clear to the layman, but as the Colonial Development Fund's share of the cost is £23,000, obviously the creation of such an institution is considered very important.

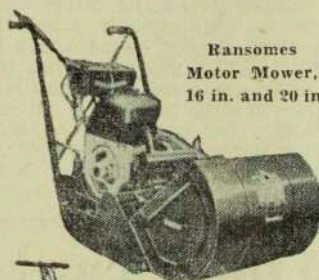


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RED SHADOWS IN NEW CALEDONIA ?

OUGH scarcely perceptible as yet, there is evidence of an undercurrent of Communistic activity in New Caledonia. The Asian virus is attacking the foundations of life there, slowly dropping political poison into the French colony. It may eventually affect the colonial administrations of South Pacific.

considerable portion of the population here are direct descendants of former political prisoners from France who, in March, 1871, participated in a revolutionary outbreak involving great violence and bloodshed. It was then the Commune of Paris was set up by Communists, a brief but drastic regime which was ended only by burning down of the Commune and deportation to New Caledonia the worst offenders.

Thus there is a possibility that modern Russian ideology would appeal to the grand-children of the old political prisoners.

Since New Caledonia employs a contingent of Indonesian indentured labour in the mines, the Asian germ may be one of the "import goods" passing into the country. Mining engineers have pointed out to me that electric currents are at work everywhere.

Unluckily, our New Caledonians, on the whole, are not interested in politics. No news vendors appear on the streets and papers are only found in the big stores. There are no headlines on public notices designed to incite the siesta-loving inhabitants.

However, it does seem a short-sighted policy on the part of the French Government to refuse offers of American enterprise to build better roads, better hotels, to construct a network of railways (after the failure to maintain the only main-de-fer linking Noumea with the interior). Thus we delay an improvement in living conditions, higher wages and general amenities for the people whose ears may be already tuned to Russian propaganda.

flourishing tourist trade would bring prosperity to the country, and it is surprising to would-be travellers to the charming island of New Caledonia to find that the French Consulate in Sydney is so ill-equipped with information on the subject. There are no booklets to give foreigners to New Caledonia; advice and adequate data appear to be given unwillingly when asked for.—EB.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Drury and their two children returned by air from New Guinea in early February, after 3 months' leave. Mr. Drury has been in Civil Aviation's airport manager at Lae.

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An official visitor to Fiji in January was Dr. F. J. Harlow,

technical education expert in the British Colonial Office.

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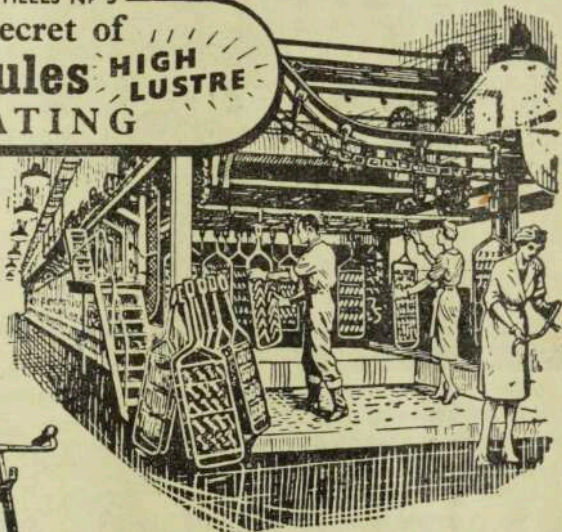
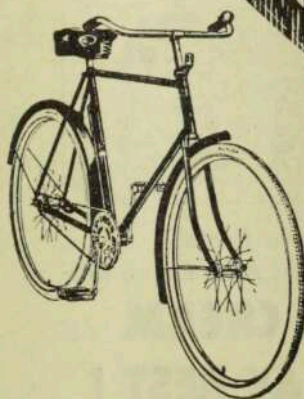
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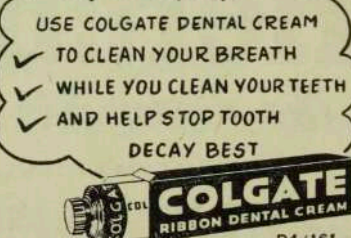
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Senator Roy Kendall, former Master in the pre-war New Guinea inter-island vessels, is in charge of the Polurrian during the Parliamentary recess. He was keen to the conditions in these waters, to resume acquaintanceship with friends and places.

Samoa's Judge and Family



Judge and Mrs. C. C. Marsack of Western Samoa, with, left, their daughter, Mrs. P. Marsack, of NZ, grandchildren, Nigel and Jennifer, have been visiting them in Apia.

—Superflash photo

W. & H. FUNDS Minister's Headache In New Guinea

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 28

It could be that, at long last, the glorious days of Works and Housing on Manus Island are numbered.

Nothing has been said officially; it is well-known that the recent visit to this criticised outpost by the Australian Air and Navy Minister, Mr. McMahon, concerned the unhappy relationship between money poured in and work put out.

Mr. McMahon would very much like to send Works and Housing—lock, stock and barrel—to take over the job of building up defences with Service personnel; but, unfortunately, the Australian Services are not exactly teeming with manpower, and a number of those that are available have been packed off to the preparation of the Cocos Island field, in the Indian Ocean.

His leaves Mr. McMahon with the trickiest of all posers—how to get value for money from Works

and Housing. The outcome of his visit will probably be a less ambitious programme that can be more easily supervised, and a gradual influx of Services engineers whenever they are available.

Unfortunately Mr. McMahon dashed through Moresby too quickly to notice the W. & H. office set-up, where a good deal of his

lost money is drained off in maintaining in luxury a staff of clerks that is out of all proportion to the works being carried out.

At the Namanula Hospital, Rabaul, N.G., on January 31, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. White, of Bali Plantation.

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Mr. John Redman and Mr. E. Turnbull of the Commonwealth Bank, Rabaul, NG, have returned to Australia.

The Rev. K. W. Kallan and Mrs. Kallan, who were recently married, flew to New Guinea from Sydney in early February to join the Baptist mission in the central Highlands.

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THE MYSTERY OF TUANAKI ISLAND

IT is hoped that John Greenstone and his romantic troupe "fleeing from city frustrations" (PIM December, page 81) will not be misled by the United States Air Force air navigation chart which, although an official document of the US Army Map Service, published in 1942—shows New Island.

The name "New Island" will probably mean little to the average reader—but the name Tuanaki will certainly mean something to people in the Cook Is.

So persistent are the stories in Rarotonga about Tuanaki that many believe that it once existed, and that it subsided probably less than 200 years ago.

A family living in Titikaveka district claims direct descent from a Tuanaki man. Others claim that their great-grand-parents had visited the island which was said to be "within sight of the mountains of Rarotonga."

No island or reef has ever been discovered within this distance of Rarotonga, but 160 miles to the south, modern charts show Haymet Rock — with the notation e.d. (existence doubtful).

In the days when navigation was less accurate than it is to-day, European navigators reported an island at varying points in this region — but modern search has

failed to locate reef, rock, or island.

The supposed Island—known as New Island, and doubtless Tuanaki of the Polynesians — long been struck off all navigational charts except the American one referred to above. There it is shown not as "e.d." (or even "p.d.," possibly doubtful), but as substantial Rarotonga itself.

The island's position according to the US chart is 23 deg. 50 min. and 159 deg. 02 min. W.

The chart is the USAAF Air Map Service Chart, Pitcairn sheet, dated June, 1942.

John Greenstone and other people who blame the Army if they search in vain this particular Forgotten Island.

To Rebuild Martyrs' School

TWO men left Brisbane by air on January 19 to help rebuild a New Guinea school, destroyed a year ago in the Mt. Lamari eruption.

They are the Rev. Bryan Roberts, former headmaster of Slade Anglican School, Warwick, and Douglas Jones, engineer and former Slade pupil.

The school, the Martyrs' Memorial secondary school for boys, is being rebuilt at Gona on the New Guinea north coast. The original school was at Sangara.

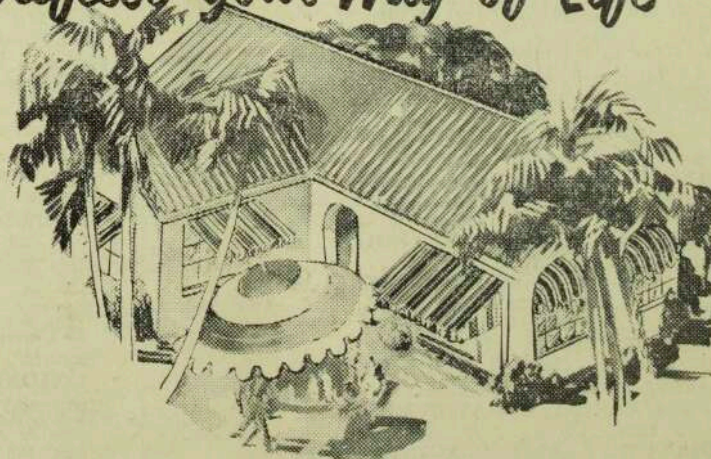
Mr. Roberts will be in charge of the teaching staff and Mr. Jones in charge of building.

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KOVALA : A HUSH-HUSH SHIP

Skeleton in BSIP Cupboard

One of the grimmest skeletons in the BSIP cupboard is the little vessel Kovala, which has been at the Sydney waterfront for 13 years, non-stop—except for a brief break when she attempted to reach her headquarters at Rabaul, but turned back with engine trouble, 300 miles out from Rabaul, last October.

Inquiries regarding Kovala invariably produce horror-stricken looks over the shoulders of the ones questioned, and every kind of evasive reply. The newspapers since have ceased to list her in shipping-berthage indexes, though she lies at a BP Walsh Bay wharf.

Kovala is one of the most tabu subjects on the Sydney waterfront. It is known, however, that two great naval architects have had their finger in her design—she was built in Sydney to the order of BSIP and that some £60,000, at least—probably a lot more—has so far been spent on her.

The trouble seems to be with the engines—or something—I dunno," a wharf labourer volunteered to say. "She's been 'agin' around for blinkin' ages. Finally, she broke down; then next thing we seen 'er was her in the 'arbour agen. She was against this 'ere wharf and she's been there ever since."

The eight native boys who have been aboard Kovala since last year have "had" Sydney in a way. They are looking forward to an early departure, as crew of a new hospital vessel Betua, which will be delivered by Captain D. M. Maxwell, "delivery skipper" for the BSIP. Captain Maxwell is expected to bring the 60-footer Mary back to Sydney for overhaul; and then a further attempt may be made to de-commission Kovala, probably in March.

Long-Handle' Policeman Again

Many years ago, the idea of a Fijian policeman advancing beyond the rank of sub-contractor would not have been seriously regarded. But on January 1, 1952, the Fiji Royal Gazette disclosed that a Fijian has been acting as Assistant Superintendent of Police in Rabaul, October 1.

He is the man whose name has recently been quoted in the Press of New Zealand, Australia, Great Britain and the United States as the longest held by any policeman.

He is Acting Assistant Superintendent Levani V. Tamanikairukuru-kuiovalau. Two years ago, when he went, with his wife, to study police methods in New Zealand, he unintentionally started a quest for long Fijian names that was recorded in newspapers throughout the English-speaking world. Before World War II his name appeared

in Punch, London, with the comment: "Obviously a Man of Letters!" Nevertheless, some Fijian descriptive names are much longer.—S.

A daughter (Lynette Ann) was born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ashton, of Kokopo, at Namanula Hospital, Rabaul, on January 5.



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The engagement has been announced of Miss Joan Hinder, of the Public Health Department, Wau, New Guinea, to Mr. Ron Curtis, of New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. The couple were entertained on February 2 at a barbecue by the Wau Golf Club of which Mr. Curtis is treasurer.

Mr. Lars Bergstrand, general manager of Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., Bulolo, NG, was in Sydney in February at a company conference.

Australian Government is offering up to £1,166 p.a. for a librarian to organise library services in Papua-New Guinea.

Assistant Administrator Entertained in Rabaul

SOME of Rabaul's leading citizens entertained at a cocktail party District Commissioner and Mrs. J. Br on January 11. Guest of honour Assistant Administrator D. M. Cleland who was paying his first visit to Rabaul since the end of the war.

During his 10-days visit to Rabaul district, Mr. Cleland was a very busy man. He inspected native schools, institutions, and new enterprises in the district. Socially, Rabaul put its foot forward and entertained the Assistant Administrator royally. On Sunday January 13, Mr. and Mrs. Guy entertained at a buffet dinner at their home. Mr. Cleland and 30 guests were present. On the following Thursday, the Rabaul Club entertained at luncheon. Mr. Cleland, the Minister for Air and Civil Aviation, ranking RAAF officers. In the evening Mr. B. Ryan, manager of Burns Philp & Co., Rabaul, and Mrs. Ryan gave a dinner party in the Assistant Administrator's honour. On Friday, Mr. J. B. Seaton (New Guinea Company) entertained Mr. Cleland and 20 other guests at dinner. On Saturday there was a dinner at the home of Mr. A. N. Holland (Holland Watson (NG) Ltd.) and Mrs. Holland. Sunday, dinner with Mr. and Mrs. W. Shand. Monday, dinner with Superintendent and Mrs. C. Normoyle.

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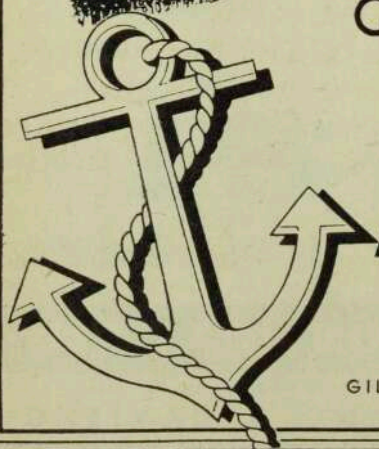
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Guinea Mainland, returned to NG
antas, January 22, in time to wel-
his guests, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
graziers, of Rankin Springs, NSW.
he had farewelled from Sydney per
several days earlier. Mr. and Mrs.
plan an extended holiday at
Mr. J. C. Davis, Assistant
intendent of Police, Suva, returned
long leave in late January. Mrs.
who became ill and underwent an
tion in Melbourne a few days before
expired, was progressing satisfi-
silly, and will follow Mr. Davis with
children later.

and Mrs. A. C. Blair returned to
ra, per Malaita, in January. Mr.
will open the Solomons' first civilian
ering workshop since the war.
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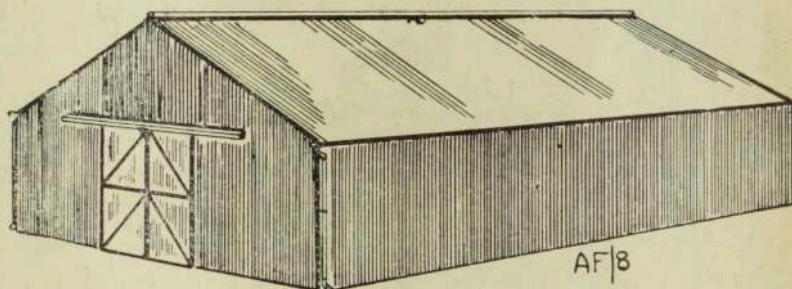
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(from left): Miss Thelma Duthie,
Helen Whitlow, Miss Eva Saunders.
The Rev. and Mrs. F. H. Woodfield
for the Methodist Mission station
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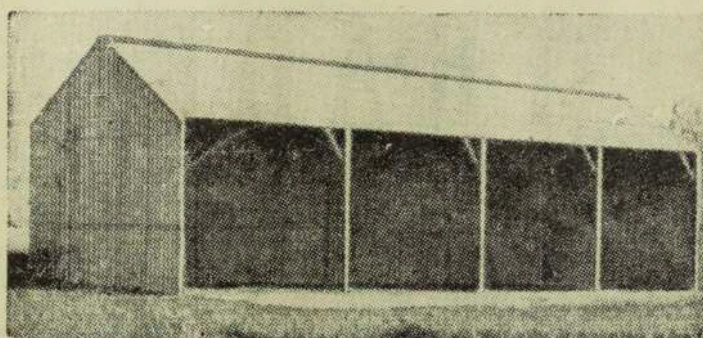
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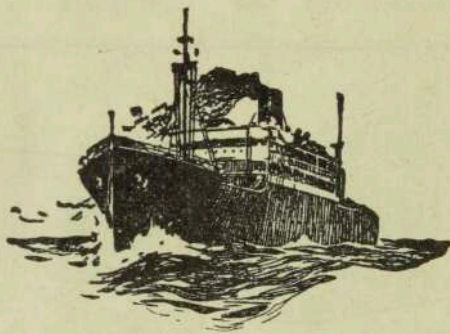
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returned there after a year in Sydney. He travelled per January Malaita.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McCarthy returned to Rabaul per Malaita, after leave in Australia. As District Commissioner at Rabaul, Mr. McCarthy is an ex-officio member of the new P-NG Legislative Council. . . . Mr. B. Francis and his sister, Miss Helen Francis, of Rere Point, Guadalcanal, BSI, were seeing friends off by January Malaita. They expect to return to their father's plantation shortly.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Owers, of Wau, New Guinea, with their twin sons and daughter were south-bound passengers on the February Bulolo.

There were 21 wet days during January in Wau, New Guinea, and a total rainfall of over 10 inches. As a consequence, vegetable gardens suffered and there was a temporary shortage in February.



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SEARCH FOR PEARLS, 19

THE death of Madame M Brault, reported elsewhere, brought an interesting reminiscence from Correspondent N man, of Tahiti:

In 1905, Mme. Brault, M. F. Bodin and a Syrian pearl buyer, Habib (of Habib, Nass & Cie Paris) chartered the schooner Tauturu, which belonged to Coppenrath, of Papeete. The vessel sailed on a pearling expedition to the Tuamotus. Then 12 years ago, I was aboard as cabin boy.

We left Papeete on December 1905. At the island of Katiti sailed close past the (the) schooner Tahitienne (Capt. Dexter)—little realising, then, only two months later this and our own vessel would be lost in a terrific hurricane of February 1906, together with many other.

At Taiaro Island, we tried our luck at the Pipi pearls. I joined the divers, and had it not been for Mme. Brault I would have made the last dive. Noticing my failure to reach the surface, she called to a diver named Turihara, who found me fast to the bottom, my hand caught in an oyster shell. Turihara pulled me free, shell and all. While I lay on the beach, more dead than alive, they released my hand—and to their delight, a large pearl was found in the oyster.

The voyage was terminated on account of the illness of Mr. Habib, and the schooner arrived back in Papeete on January 5, 1906.

Mr. Habib returned to France a very sick man, but wrote declaring his intention to return. However, he never did. His ship, La S, collided with a sailing ship, with heavy loss of life, and he was one of the missing. Some said that he had a part of the famous Blue Diamond aboard. It was a popular belief that whoever bought a part of that diamond met a disastrous and violent death.

PITCAIRN ISLAND'S XMAS TREES

THE Christmas Tree is a special event on Pitcairn Island. The decorated trees are "planted" in the Public Square and are hung with presents.

Towards evening the happy people, with eager children, assemble on the square. Several have the pleasant duty of calling the names they find on the packages and handing the presents to those who come forward to receive them.

But this year a fatal accident caused the Christmas Tree to be postponed until New Year's Day, as reported in January PIM, a resident, Raymond Pettigrew, accidentally shot while hunting.

ON NATIVE-ASSAULT CHARGE

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Feb. 5
incident at Rumu in September last year resulted in an Assistant District Officer facing Port Moresby Court of Sessions in January, on a charge of grievous bodily harm. The officer, Sydney Stephen, was committed for trial at next sittings of the Supreme Court after evidence had shown as a result of the incident a police constable lost an eye. Smith claimed that the constable had been insolent to him in front of a group of primitive natives and had adopted a truculent attitude.

Smith said that the constable had hit him with his fist and he, in a defensive movement, had thrust the fist back.

The constable alleged that during conversation with Smith, the latter complained that some domestic work had not been done. When the constable said that he had been doing other work Smith hit him in the eye.

J. Loschdorfer, an eye-witness, said that he had seen the constable in November last year and that before he heard the history of the case he had

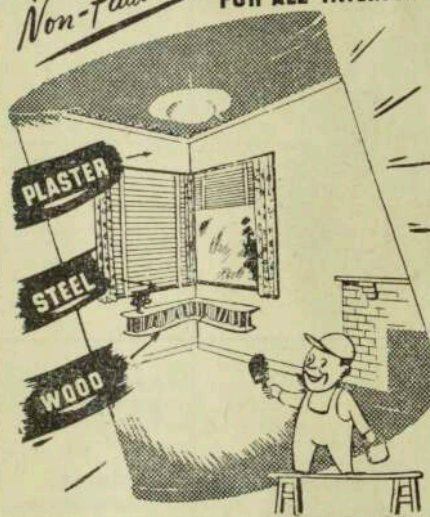
formed the opinion that the injury had been caused by a sharp instrument. He admitted that it could have been caused by a long finger nail but said that it would not have been caused by the flat impact of a punch.

Smith pleaded not guilty and re-

served his defence. He was allowed bail.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Corliss, with their two children, left Wau, N.G., for Brisbane in February. Mr. Corliss is Native Labour Inspector at Wau.

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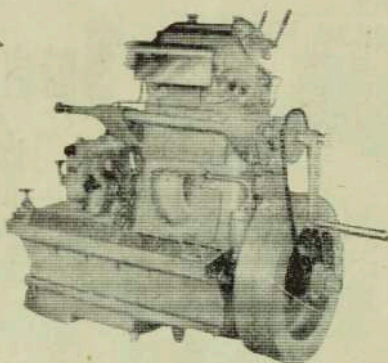
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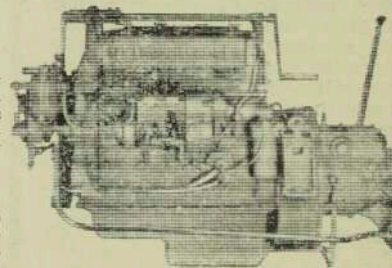
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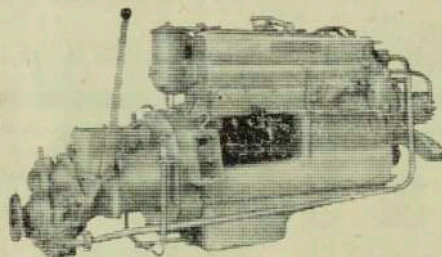
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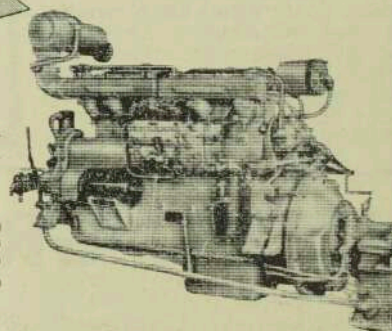
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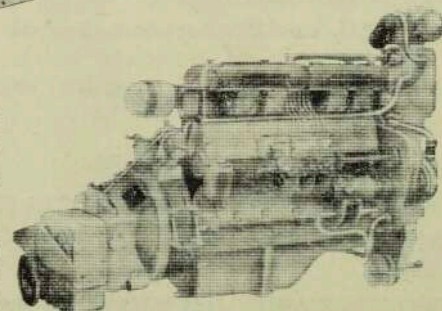
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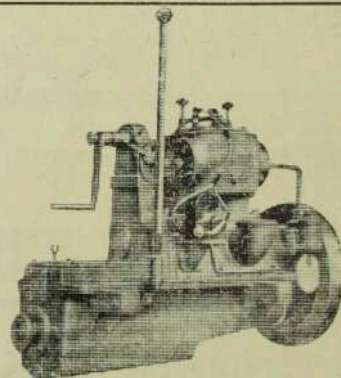
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Bird Wonderland in Central New Guinea

years ago an "uncontrolled area," closed to Europeans, the New Guinea Central Highlands are now becoming one of the known of the few unknown is left on earth.

E. J. Hallstrom, of Sydney, take some credit for this; but National Geographic Magazine is giving its bit as well. In recent years there have been numerous articles published in the Magazine of this region, and, even better, hundreds of photographs in black and white and colour.

Working on the good work in its issue of November, 1951, the National Geographic publishers with illustrations, an account of a botanical specimen hunting expedition conducted by Mr. E. J. Hallstrom, Assistant Curator of the American Museum of Natural History.

With a plentiful supply of Soccer balls, red powder, beads, stick matches, old newspapers, gold lipsticks and other oddments of currency; 1,200 pounds of aviation paraphernalia, including cameras and arsenic; the chance of two well-known residents of the Territory, William Bennett and Robert Doyle, Mr. Hallstrom collected 3,500 specimens in days.

The expedition began in April, at Lae, when Mr. Hallstrom boarded aboard a little twin-motored biplane for the mountains of New Guinea.

The expedition's special object was the discovery of the ribbon-tailed bird of paradise—a bird with a brilliant blue body and slender white tail more than three feet long.

The plane flew over the high mountains and broad valleys "discovered more than a decade earlier by Michael Leahy, explorer-extraordinary, who in his search for gold, roamed hundreds of miles through the mountainous interior and found the great Wahgi Valley. . . . In our plane that morning we followed in an hour and 10 minutes, the 250 tortuous miles he traversed in making his discovery."

For advice and information, Mr. Hallstrom had the services of Mr. N. J. Hallstrom's Nondugl Experimental Station. At Nondugl, Mr. Hallstrom, Blood has the best collection of birds of paradise ever seen by man. Many have been conditioned to cage life, then transported by air and ship to Sydney's Taronga Park Zoo.

The coloured photographs of Nondugl's homestead lake, white horses grazing in parklike surround-

ings, the blue water bordered by what appears to be acres of scarlet salvia and yellow dahlias, purple mountains in the background, is sufficient to make all embryo pioneers pull up stakes and light out for the New Kenya without loss of time.

The Wahgi River rises on the eastern slopes of 12,500-ft Mt. Hagen and here it was that Mr. Gilliard set up his base camp, instructed the local "naturalists" in the ways of hunting and planned the forays of his party onto neighbouring peaks.

Enlisting the aid of Pilot Bobby Gibbes, Gilliard with Doyle and six trained local natives, flew from Hagen through the 10,000-ft. Chimbu gorge to land on a sloping grass strip at 8,300 feet on the flank of Eastern New Guinea's highest mountain, Mt. Wilhelm. "Gibbes put the plane down lightly as a feather. He took off again immediately, promising to return for us at 9 am, 17 days later."

In this region, says Gilliard, population pressure has pushed farming right up the mountain to over 8,000 feet. Below the airstrip, the land had been totally cleared of trees and had been planted again and again in sweet potatoes. Some of the planted terraces were so steep, cane ladders were used to work them.

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reeds, sweet potatoes, small tubers and a local grass.

Object of the trip to Mt. Wilhelm was a rare duck, *Salvadorina*, which Gilliard believed would be found around the two crater lakes high up the 15,000 ft mountain.

Two specimens of the duck were

collected and, as well, the party was able to prove that the peak that had been thought was Wilhelm's summit, was, in fact, some 300 feet below the true peak.

At the true summit (15,400 ft) Mr. Gilliard unwrapped and waved aloft flag No. 128 of the Explorers' Club,

and left under three stone message on American Museum paper, sealed in a bottle.

WHEN Mr. Gilliard went to Highlands, world's ornithologists were divided as to whether the ribbon-tail bird of paradise mated and hybridized with another bird of paradise, Princess Stephanie. The adult Stephanie resembles the ribbon-tail except that the tail of the ribbon-tail is white, and the Stephanie is black. The controversy began when specimens of ribbon-tails were found with part-black, part-white tail.

Mr. Gilliard thinks that he has the answer to the riddle of the Hagen. He does not believe they hybridize. Some birds of paradise are known to take as long as six years to develop their plumage. He thinks that the ribbon-tail starts life with a dark tail which slowly turns white as it reaches maturity.



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These photographs came to us roundabout way from Mr. A. E. Adams, Yorkshire, UK. The little native Balam, of Manus Island, N.G. and, is Miss Wendy Adams, Mr. Adams' daughter. Balam is nursing a doll once belonged to Wendy and it appeared like this:—

A friend of the Adams family, Walter Barker, lived on Manus. He told them how Balam and other small girls, having no dolls, dress up and pretend that they are dolls. Wendy heard this she decided to send one of her dolls to Balam. This was duly accomplished and now here is the complete doll, and the proud youngster on Manus.

it the Sacred Calabash

MENTS of ancient Polynesian navigation are familiar with the calabash or the coconut as navigational instrument. Wood- and illustrations to popular legends on the subject show it as a nut, husked and polished and its top third sawn off. An or two down from this top are small holes.

ious methods of use have been Some considered that the ator looked for the reflection of the star in the water of the filled calabash. Others con- d the water merely as a level- agent and the observer looked gh one of the holes across the ite edge of the calabash. r method would be possible— oth are wrong, for the simple a that there never was a d Calabash.

quote from a letter from the Sir Peter Buck, written in re- o a query from Mr. J. E. e of Nelson, NZ, and published e "Auckland Star" on March 1:

ere is a very-widespread belief e calabash story, in fact, it is stated that such a calabash is seen in the museum at Hono-

e magic calabash story was d by Admiral Rodman of the d States Navy. He told it to board the USS West Virginia.

I accompanied a group of s to the ship in Auckland our during the visit of the ean Fleet in 1925 or there- s. The tale he told me was during a tour of duty in an waters he was engaged in y on the west coast of the d of Maui. Between Maui and small island of Kahoaiaue, the ge bears the name of Ke Ala- iki—the way to Tahiti. Rod- told me that the name in- d him, and his inquiries lead o the discovery of the use of calabash on the return voyage. s naturally struck with the and, coming as it did from an al who had graduated in ation, I accepted the story as ntic. He later wrote an article ed The Sacred Calabash in the d States Naval Institute Pro- gs, vol. 53, 1927. This article o inquiries at the Bishop am, but no such calabash as described by Rodman was pre- n the collection.

F. G. Stokes of this museum an article questioning the nticity of the calabash, and an's reply was really an eva- Rodman had told me in and that he had seen the ash, and measured the angle, was 19 degrees, the elevation e Pole Star in Hawaii. The al feeling is that Rodman con-

structed the story on a theory which is not supported by any material evidence. We cannot find any men- tion of such a calabash in Hawaiian tradition. I am convinced that no such contrivance was ever used by the Polynesians."

Coming from Dr. Peter Buck, himself a Polynesian and probably as great a student of the subject as any, this should end the calabash myth once and for all.

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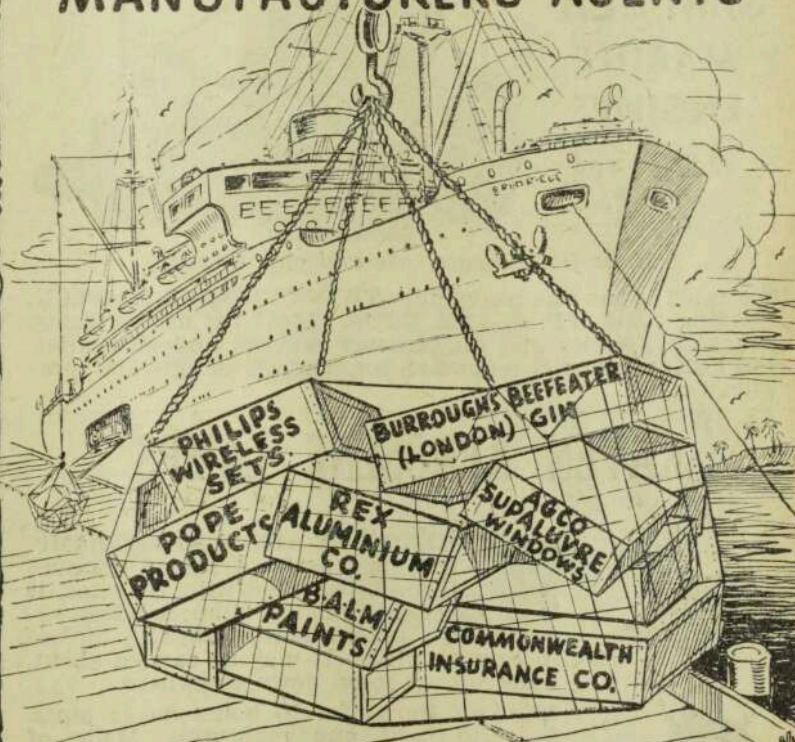
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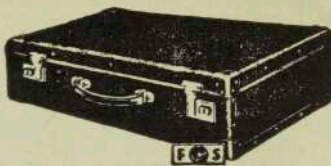
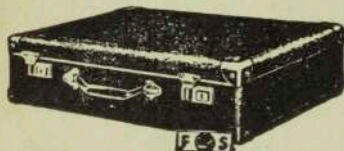
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the February Bulolo. He was accompanied by his wife and infant son.

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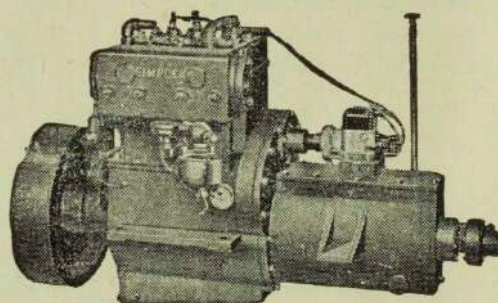
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COCONUT AS FOOD

Interesting Research By

IN a period when there is increasing anxiety concerning world food supplies, some interest is being taken in the possibilities of the coconut as a food for human beings.

One of the research activities of the new South Pacific Commission is concerned with the value of foodstuffs produced in the tropical islands; and attention recently has been given to the coconut.

An interim report in the mission's quarterly Bulletin, that, so far, an examination of published scientific literature revealed that no thorough investigation of the food value of the coconut has ever been undertaken. certain aspects have been examined. It always has been regarded commercially merely as a source of sweet vegetable oil and as a food for stock. Yet the growing interest in desiccated coconut shows the value of the nut as a food for human beings. bio-chemist is now making a detailed examination.

Meanwhile, here are some facts already gathered.

The flesh of the fresh green coconut has a rather higher protein value than maize as a chicken food. The meal—what is left after desiccation and extraction of oil—is equivalent to maize as a food for pigs or cattle.

The amino-acid value of the coconut nut is high and combined with the oil or soya meal, the coconut in the form of press-cake, makes a very high-grade ground food for fowls or mammals.

So far as calories are concerned, the coconut is probably the highest in value of all foods, and coconut oil is the most easily digested fat—including butter fat.

The carbohydrate value is not known, and will be investigated.

The coconut is low in vitamins but these could be added to coconut products in the form of concentrates. The calcium—bone-building—value is low. Potash is the principal mineral present. Toddy (from the flower buds) contains 16 per cent. sugar.

From the point of view of human consumption, flour ground from the flesh of the nut after extraction of all oil, is one of the most promising of the new uses.

The SPC investigation is not complete on this subject, but it would appear to be of great possibilities for coconut flour mixed with wheat or other flours.

Results of the SPC's present research should be of considerable interest to the coconut producing countries.

FIJI IS AT THE CROSS-ROADS

Three Communities Create Peculiar Problems In Rich British Colony

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, Dec. 28
It has been said more than once—
the PIM and elsewhere—
that in an Islands group like
here is seldom any single
ment, expression or feeling
of the population which can
only labelled "public opinion."
There are as many publics as there
are racial sections, and each section
divided into sub-sections.
Round figures, there are in Fiji
30,000 Indians, 120,000 Fijians
less than 8,000 full Europeans.
Fiji it is always dangerous to
analyse. But, as 1951 goes out,
difficult to avoid a growing
of apprehension over what the
future holds for this curious
jumble of inter-racial ambitions
and fears.

Thinking over the sending of
troops to Malaya has not
passed, although the mild, and
sensible, plain-speaking by the
Governor (Mr. A. F. Stoddart)
the unsuitability of young Indians
for the Army has apparently ended
Indian efforts on the defence
at least for the time being.
On the other hand, there has
been remarkably little Indian ex-
pression over the arrival on
November 14 of Mr. Anand Kumar
as the second Commissioner for
Government of India in Fiji.

INDIAN COMMISSIONER

When the first Commissioner
(Mr. S. A. Waiz) arrived in 1948
there was an outburst of flag-
ging enthusiasm. But nowadays,
on Indian Independence
only the more aggressive
nationalists keep up the display
used to exasperate a great
number of non-Indians in this still
young country.

It may be remembered that Mr.
Waiz departed in 1950 with the
sensible comment that he had
dealt with nothing but courtesy
from Europeans and Fijians and
that it was high time for India
to jettison its political
ambitions and try to fall into line
with the other races in Fiji.

Perhaps it is not saying too much,
at the end of 1951, to suggest that
the more reasonable of the Indians
in Fiji are gradually gaining a
sensible outlook on the relations
between Britain, India, Pakistan
and Fiji. Some of them, at least,
are willing to concede that the
situation has been reached in what
can be called of the Fijians—or taken
at asking.

Neither they, nor anybody
can see what will happen when
the swamping Indian population-
pressure reaches the danger-point.

And that will happen in a com-
paratively few years.

Mr. Sen, for the last 2½ years
was Indian Consul-General at
Shanghai.

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The 6,000 Europeans in Fiji are
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group. The rapidly-dwindling group
of those who remember Fiji as it
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adjusted themselves to the new

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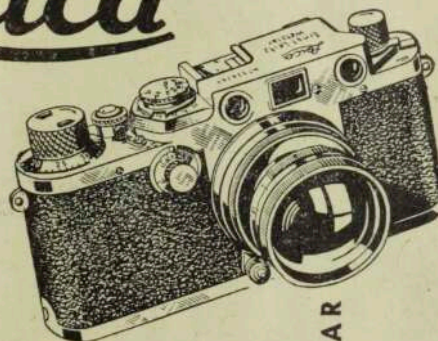
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conditions, or still make an attempt to hold on to the past. The impregnably affluent hold on to a point; but, for most, the holding on is more or less illusory.

Many of the other Europeans are in Fiji merely for what they can get out of it while the going is good. They say quite openly that sooner or later they are likely to find conditions too much for them.

This is not to say that this group consists of an array of parasites. A great majority of them are doing valuable work in many directions, and sometimes at personal sacrifice; but they decline to look far into the future, so far as it concerns themselves and their children in Fiji.

Add the maligned birds-of-paradise in commerce, in the Government service and elsewhere, and that disposes of virtually the whole European community.

When asked what they think is going to happen to Fiji in the next generation or two, all these people sidestep as adroitly as most Government officials.

The year has seen an unenthusiastic attempt to get together a European Taxpayers' Association.

A sparse attendance showed a marked reluctance to produce active officers; and the general impression seemed to be that the plan was blighted in advance by the unalaid ghost of the European Electors' Association, which ex-

pired after two futile attempts to scratch up a quorum for an annual meeting in 1949.

Nothing has been heard of a 1951 attempt for several months, and it will be astonishing if the Taxpayers' Association ever comes an active force.

FIJIAN QUESTIONS

Still holding the balance in their homeland, the Fijians are plainly at the crossroads.

More Fijians are asking questions than ever before — some awkward queries are said to have been put to ex-Minister of Education John Dugdale by Fijians, mostly, to such questions their tragic lack of answers.

It is not in the Fijian nature to be envious; but something approaching bitterness is to be seen when Fijians compare their condition—economic and other — with that of the Western Samoans and the Tongans, both of whom have been protected against the danger of being swamped by aliens.

Equally apparent is a growing Fijian impatience with those Europeans who are full of exhortations but give no practical help in carrying out of their precepts.

If the Fijians take the turning, the blame will lie with conditions created by non-Fijians.

And if the Fijians are at the crossroads, so is the whole of the Pacific.

FIGHTING RHINOCEROS BEETLE IN W. SAMOA

Entomologists And Wasp Play Their Part

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Jan.

A PARTY of entomologists, including Mr. Gressit and Mr. Owen Gressit and the former Government entomologist of Fiji, Mr. W. Simmons are at present visiting the Territory to study methods of control of the rhinoceros beetle, the effects of scolia ruficornis (Zanzibar wasp), introduced in 1947 to combat the pest.

Dr. Gressit is staff entomologist of the American trust territories in the Pacific, the Marianas, Marshall Islands, and Caroline Islands, and has his headquarters in the Palau Islands, whose coconuts, like Samoa's, are also suffering from the ravages of the beetle.

Mr. Owen is entomologist for the Pacific Science Board of the National Research Council of the USA.

In the opinion of Mr. Simmons, who has visited Samoa on four previous occasions, the damage done by the beetle in Samoa is definitely decreasing, though it is doubtful whether this improvement can be ascribed to the work of the Zanzibar wasp.



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Fiji Hurricane

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Indians, in both places, suffered as yet incalculable. Scores of villages have been literally to pieces.

MEASURING THE DAMAGE

Now, more than a week after visitation, it is most difficult to get enough data for a comprehensive description.

The usual machinery of communication was smashed. Cross country wires are all down. Roads are blocked by smashed vegetation and dead animals. Even in towns, the telephone networks are out, and so badly damaged that they are being only slowly restored. Unless cars were damaged by falling trees and buildings.

The complete disruption of the electric power and light supply put most industrial establishments out of action. For 76 hours there was no electric light.

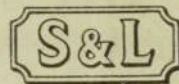
The Fiji Times office was undisturbed. Torrential rain soaked all roofs and the printing machinery. Lack of a news service so embarrassed the community that the people produced a daily news-sheet on Armstrong and Springhall's letter duplicator. Lack of power ended the broadcasting station. With auxiliary plant, it got on, all local receivers were useless. No power.

Remarkably, Fiji Airways escaped serious damage. The planes were saved by the hurricane's reversion; and the maintenance of this service to Nadi and the early use of radio, gave the outside world the first details of Suva's plight.

The hurricane worked up an enormous sea. Waves came crashing across the lagoon, and poured inland for distances of from 100 to 200 yards, adding chaos to the confusion of the gale's wreckage.

This invasion by the sea did a lot of damage. In the wharf area it got right across to Jellicoe Road.

But even greater damage was done by rain, pouring through the roofless houses and stores onto unprotected furniture and goods. The rain the following day (Tuesday)



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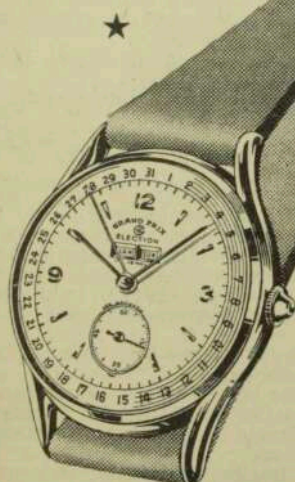
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was torrential. The weather is now heavy and humid; and the smell of the damp, musty places is overpowering. The cost of this destruction, from rain and decay, is enormous.

SOME OF THE WRECKAGE

IT is impossible, at this stage, to give anything like a complete list of the wrecked houses and

business buildings; but here are some details.

The Central Building, owned by Mr. W. H. Johnson, on the lagoon side of the main street, was partially unroofed and extensively smashed by falling masonry. Bad damage here.

The Club Hotel, McDonald's Hotel, and the Fiji Times office, along the main street, are unroofed and badly

damaged—the club and McDonald's probably beyond repair.

The Melbourne Hotel has lost its verandahs and some of its roof. Noel MacFarlane's establishment is roofless.

The big stores have all suffered some battering, but generally in good condition.

The worst damage, in the business section, was suffered by old buildings within a couple of hundred yards of the Triangle.

The whole town is denuded of trees, and seems somehow soiled and flatter. The Botanical Garden are just a mass of smashed and tangled trees. The famous fig-tree avenue from the town to the Grand Pacific has been almost wiped out; they fell, the trees tore up the pavement. The GPH itself survived through with little damage.

Disappearance of the vegetation gives one startling glimpses. Government House stands now on top of its bare hill like a light. You can stand at Walu Bay and follow the Bypass Road right to the top. Trunks of denuded trees stick up everywhere like flagpoles.

The residential section of the town was completely wrecked.

Unwilling spectators of the damage were the New Zealand External Affairs Minister, Mr. Webb, and his wife, who have been visiting Suva and made a call at Fiji.

The Methodist Church estimated that the damage to its church, school, and residential buildings in the hurricane area is £50,000.

RESIDENTIAL SECTION

Damage done to residences in Suva was freakish—especially on high ground behind the town. One house here and there would be wrecked; while the houses on the side would be scarcely affected.

This was reflected in the street. Here you would see a large post, carrying wires, bent down to level with the ground. Then you would be posts standing upright. Then a couple of posts also bent to the ground—but in exactly the opposite direction.

This list of damaged houses is quite incomplete:

Carl Corbett—Demolished, except for front portion.

Fred Corbett—Completely wrecked, and members of family injured.

Goodsir—Garage and service quarters demolished.

Robert Kay—Garage gone; house damaged—but generally OK.

Shell Co's new house—Roof gone.

Thor flats—Part of roof gone.

Don Warren—All roof and interior gone.

Jeff Carr—All one side demolished.

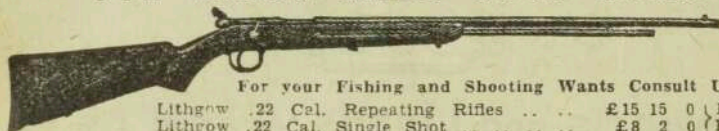
Sir Henry Scott—Some damage.

H. E. Snell—Slight damage.

Steele and Jenkins—Partly roofed.

Charles and Eric Stinson—Roofed and much interior damaged.

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Tord—Outbuildings swept
rr—House demolished.
rice Scott—Roof gone.
SDA mission houses de-
ed.
Daniell (Gordon St.)—Un-
ged.
ert Crompton and Maynard
om—Roofs damaged.
old Gatty—No damage.
French—House partly de-
ed.
erge Hemming—No damage.
Hawthorne, Walu Bay—De-
ed.
Ragg—Roof damaged.
n Wisdom—Roof gone.
Hugh Ragg—Partly de-
ed.
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Roden, Lami—Undamaged.

AROUND SUVA

re was tragic devastation at
vua. The Fijian village was
ed, and most of the European
ngs partly wrecked.
damaged area reached west-
along the south coast as far
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wreckage; but immediately to
stwards of Viti Levu there was
amage.
uka, all Vanua Levu, Kadavu
aveuni were not affected.
Tamavua hospital escaped
damage. The Teachers'
ing School at Nasinu was
y battered.
New Zealand Air Force's
-boat base at Laucala Bay,
to Suva, was extensively
ged. Landing-jetty and re-
ng equipment were destroyed.
t 40 per cent. of the break-
was smashed. Of the build-
which housed the RNZAF
nnel of 250 and their families,
70 per cent. of sleeping ac-
modation was lost, and half of
married quarters damaged.
e huge hangar was battered,
he three Catalinas inside were
harmed. TEAL installations
ed.
ere were heavy losses of private
erty.
t a time, masses of debris
ng out of the Rewa River made
Bay unsafe, but it was restored
e use of the flyingboats by the
of the week.

DAMAGE TO WHARVES

E damage done in the docks
area is so extensive that the
port may have to be replanned.
errific sea came in and washed
a lot of the shore. One now
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ess Street end of the wharf,
the road. The reclaimed land
ad Kings Wharf has been
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Kings Wharf is a complete
-off: damage perhaps
0,000.
the concrete is gone. The
our-master's building is lean-

ing out over the sea at a crazy angle,
but is intact. Captain E. W. Har-
ness clambered out through a win-
dow as the building sagged.

Assistant Harbour-master James
was out trying to help a ship when
the wind and gale smashed his
house and tumbled his car into the
harbour. Mrs. James had a terri-
fying experience. Her house
literally disintegrated around her,
and she saw the hurricane out by
hanging on to a coconut tree. They

lost everything. His car was pulled
out of the harbour a couple of days
later: it had been literally crushed
flat.

There were two ships in the
harbour—the Union Co's new Tofua,
and the tanker North Britain. Both
put up a great fight, and came
through undamaged.

The Tofua went out into the har-
bour, put down two anchors, and
steamed full speed into the wind.

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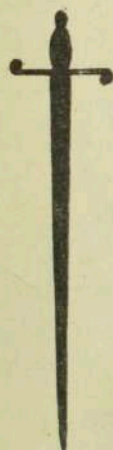
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and partly beat her—she was across the lagoon and onto l, where she stuck. A few later they got her off, un-

probably was Tofua's dragging s which caught in and broke ickland-Fiji cable, and that service, which connects NZ merica, is out of action for ime.

Tofua sailed on the 30th for and Samoa.

North Britain similarly ed out, but was blown all the harbour and back into Bay; but escaped undamaged. small vessels in Walu Bay wrecked.

of Suva's large fleet of small however, got away across the r to the shelter of Mosquito and survived.

CASUALTIES

still impossible to give any- ing like a casualty list—total ths seem to be between 20 , mostly Fijians and Indians. ese storekeeper was killed.

ies are beyond numbering War Memorial Hospital in which did a magnificent ad reported 200 casualties two days—the total is now out 34 are critically injured.

RELIEF ORGANISATION

HOUGH faced with a disaster ithout precedent in Fiji, and mid almost incredible con- the Government did a good organising relief quickly. The -Governor, Mr. A. F. R. Stod- and the Mayor, Mr. D. M. N. rlane got together on Monday on, as soon as the hurricane oved off to the Southeast, and d to co-opt all available s, and get an organisation to n. But without light, power phones, and with so large a tion of transport out of ac- the handicaps at first were breaking.

ever, within three or four elief measures were becoming ve. Appeals for help were o New Zealand and Aus-

New Zealand's response was iate and effective; and with- ree days the RNZAF had sed an air-lift of essentials.

ralia did what was possible h the Colonial Sugar Co. sation—a shipload of material odstuffs was despatched from y by the CSR vessel Fiona on ary 7.

sheerest bad luck. Australia's enal bush-fires were devas- all Southeast Australia at the time that Fiji's hurricane ed—so great were these dis- that the news of them pushed ws of the Fiji disaster to one i the Australian newspapers. as this is written, appeals for re coming in from New South ictoria and Queensland—

ame kind of help that Fiji —Ed. PIM.)

re the end of the week, the

Committees had taken complete control of the distribution of food-stuffs and building materials.

Slowly but surely, order is being restored, and the relief organisation is applying itself to the enormous and truly appalling task of assisting the distressed, and restoring the conditions of normal life.

A joint emergency organisation of St. John Ambulance and Red Cross began to function on January 31.

GENERAL

Some insist on calling this a typhoon—which they say is worse than a cyclone, hurricane or tornado.

The most urgent calls, once the visitation passed, were for copper wire, to repair various services, and for generators and batteries, to permit essential services to operate immediately. Local supplies were "frozen" by the Government, and NZ sent urgent consignments by air.

The absence of power, plus the breaking of the undersea cable, meant that Suva, for a couple of days, was almost completely isolated, except for weak morse radio signals obtained through emergency power sets.

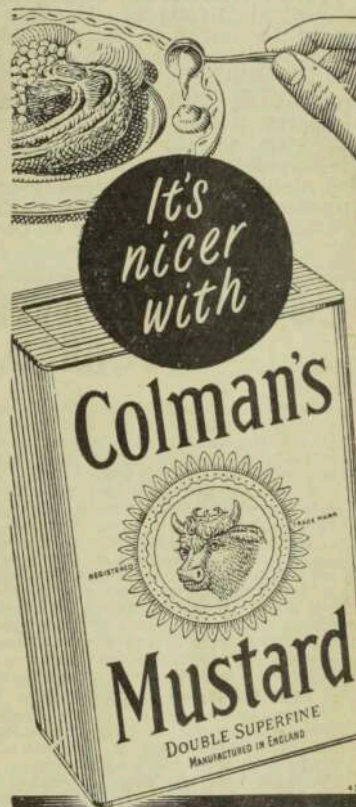
It was reported, on February 3, that people were still searching for missing things in the wreckage of their houses, and that meat, milk, bread and vegetables were scarce.

As Government has frozen all supplies of certain electrical equipment, building materials and food, the unaffected districts now are gradually organising supplies to the wrecked districts.

The Government vessel Degee has left Lautoka with food and supplies for 270 native families whose homes and gardens in the northern Yasawa islands were wrecked.

The weather station in Northern Yasawas was staffed by Fijians.

After it was wrecked, the operator, by heroic efforts, got the equipment working again, and reported details of the hurricane, then approaching Viti Levu. The collapse of the concrete building killed one son of the operator and seriously injured another.



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SOLOMONS BATTERED

"Young Hurricane" Does Much Damage

HONIARA, Feb. 3
WHAT has been described as a "young hurricane" struck the central islands of the Solomons on the night of January 23. It lasted until well on in the morning of the 24th.

Great damage has been done over a wide area, not so much from the terrific wind, as from the enormous seas whipped up by the wind.

The night was made hideous by the screaming of the gale, the crash of falling trees, and the roar of the sea.

Here, the last of the three jetties (bequeathed by the war) was battered to pieces and disappeared. This "port" now has no jetty.

Power and telephone lines are down in all directions. Many roofs have been damaged.

Invading seas undermined part of the Residency. The Trade Scheme jetty, battered by waves and debris, collapsed. So did some of TS buildings. Many waterfront buildings are damaged by coral boulders and debris thrown ashore by the huge waves.

Battered by the eroding waves, the Bailey bridge which connected the remnants of the old Kukum wharf to the shore simply collapsed into the sea.

A ship has arrived to pick up tons

of scrap, stacked on the shore now is going to have great trouble in loading.

All stations of the Melanesian Mission which have communities have reported heavy damage to buildings. Buildings and a jetty at the Mission's HQ at were demolished.

Father de Kerk's 20 years' work at Tangarere (mid-west coast, Guadalcanal) was wiped out in a few days when the storm struck that night. Father Wall and the Sisters escaped into the mountains where the natives are caring for them; they lost everything.

The Catholic station at Avatara (mid-south coast, Guadalcanal) was similarly destroyed and the mission staff, completely displaced, are sheltering in the jungle.

The Catholic Mission vessel *Anna* was wrecked on an island near Malaita, and the Government sent a ship to rescue the Tanian and Avu Avu missionaries.

Many coastal villages on the Choiseul and Ysabel coasts were overwhelmed by the sea.

Those picturesque villages on the Malaita coasts, built on boulders constructed out of boulders by coastal natives in the past 60 years, have been mostly demolished.

All jungle paths are broken and fallen trees.

Levers' labour lines near Honiara air-strip have been demolished by the sea.

The flood in the Lunga, carried away the well-known bridge built by the Americans.

There was no warning of storm. The day after the Fiji warned us that a dangerous storm was developing.

TULAGI NOW IN FAVOUR

There now is a strong and growing feeling among officials and non-officials that a great move was made by high authority to place the headquarters of the Government at Tulagi.

Honiara has an airstrip, some land space around it, but Honiara emphatically is not a port and BSI's economy always ruled by its sea transport. It is a safe port.

If that "young hurricane" come from any direction except the west, we should all have been washed into the sea.

The last of our wharves has been destroyed. What happens now? Do we have to transfer the commercial shipping to Tulagi?

Meanwhile, there is acute anxiety for the safety of the little island of Matoma, with Mr. Ernie P. Up to February 3, there was no word of her.

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from Our Own Correspondent

WAU, Feb. 4

hoped that within two months telephone service will be rating again in the township u, NG.

t has been without this service the war but the mechanic-ge is now busily reconstruct-e-war cables.

hundred subscribers are y on the list.

Sister Dorothy Beale, who recently received the MBE, and who was a prisoner of war in Japan for four years is sister-in-charge of the Methodist Hospital at Kimadan, New Ireland. In Brisbane recently, she earned the unstinted praise of Mr. F. Fielding, secretary of the Methodist Women's Auxiliary to Overseas Missions. Mrs. Fielding

said that Sister Beale was the only sister at the hospital, there was no doctor, and that, as well as general nursing, she conducted a baby and pre-natal clinic, and trained native girls in nursing, particularly mid-wifery. This training has been responsible to a great extent for decreasing the big death roll of babies in the area.

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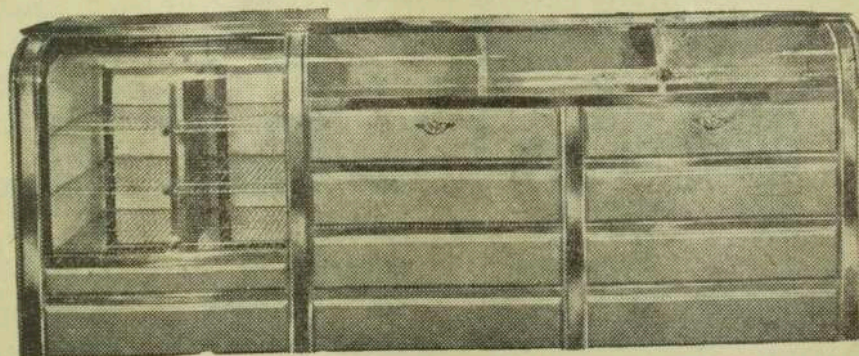
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On December 1, the Solent made flights round Tahiti and Moorea guests; and that evening Governor Petit entertained the official party at Government House. Later, most party attended the Fei-Pi Sports Ball.

On December 2, the visitors were entertained at a native feast, organised by the Tourist Bureau.

They left on the return flight early on December 3.

TEAL officials expressed general satisfaction with local facilities. The shops at Fare Ute would be capable of handling any urgent maintenance. The Tropiques Hotel interferes somewhat with the approach to the landing, and it is necessary to undertake some work here, as well as at Faanui (on the other side of the harbour).

LENIENCY FOR A CRIMINAL

There has been unfavourable comment in Tahiti on the leniency of a sentence recently imposed on a Tubuai man.

The native, Hatarau Tehoiri, was convicted of rape and murder of a woman in Tubuai in 1930. The woman was cut into small pieces and buried. He was sentenced to hard labour for life but, after serving 15 years, he was paroled and banished to the Marquesas.

Lately, he was again convicted of the murder of a young girl in the Marquesas, and he is said to be greatly feared. He is sentenced to one year in prison.

GENERAL NEWS

The dismasted passenger-yacht "Hirani" was still lying in Papeete Harbour early in January (PIM, December, page 10). It is reported she was insured against total loss and that the insurance company, Compagnie Generale des Assurances Polynesiennes, will have to pay the bill.

A whooping-cough epidemic was reported from Papeete early in January. A number of children, over-taxed by hospital accommodation, were housed in the maternity ward.

The U.S. Co. freighter Wairata, a North American port called at Papeete on December 16—first visit for many years.

The 4-tons American sloop Hira arrived at Papeete from San Francisco via the Marquesas, early in December. Owner Preben Kauffmann and Skipper Henry Little wore impressive beards, said, to prevent sunburn—but out of the projected two well-burnt noses, the calls planned are the Cooks, Fiji, 1

Oceanic Line's Alameda (Capt. E. up) called at Papeete early with 2,000 tons of general cargo. Svedstrup was shown around by PIM correspondent Oscar Nordstrom he had not met for 40 years. Captain, it is reported, was disappointed when he renewed acquaintance with the Tahiti belles of 40 years ago. Bernard Legras, proprietor of the du Commerce and a Councillor of the City of Noumea, New Caledonia, in Papeete by Sagittaire on 3, on a brief visit. News to the English language news from Radio Tahiti (Thursday, 11.15, on 6135 kc/s) will be interested to know that the announcer is an old friend, Mr. Homer K. Morgan, who is a daughter of the well-known family.

HEBRIDES MISSIONS

In addition to Anglican, Catholic, Methodist and Seventh Day Adventist missions operating in the Hebrides, the Australian Board of Christian Missions Board maintains stations on Aoba, Pentecost and Maewo.

A. Anderson, secretary of the station has eight white workers in the field, maintains over 100 churches, and has a following of 10,000 natives. A 20-bed hospital is maintained on Aoba and a dispensary on Pentecost.

FIJI BATTALION IN MALAYA

THE First Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, arrived in Singapore on the transport Asturias on January 19.

The Battalion's commanding officer, Lieut-Colonel R. A. Tinker,

flew from New Zealand to join them on the day of arrival. The battalion will go into camp about 14 miles from Singapore for training.

The day after the arrival of the Fijians, two battalions of African troops arrived in Singapore.



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ISLAND Hams in Sydney recently include Phil Palmer, VR-3-C, who returned to Fanning Is. per Mullama early January and should be active on 20 m. phone by the time this appears.

Ken Windsor, ZL-1-OM, well-known round the Islands as Sparks and/or deck officer in Rawhiti, New Golden Hind, and Siren, was looking for a new ship in Sydney recently.

Bruce McLeod, VR-4-AD, has abandoned the Solomons. He reports that the only active Hams there at present are Mr. Davies, VR-4-AA, in charge of the

Government radio station, and Dr. Gerald Hout, VR-4-AB.

Willie Schutz, formerly ZK-1-AZ, another sea-farer, is now skipper of the 60-footer Maureen operating in the Gilberts—so a new VR-1 call-sign may be heard on 40 m. CW soon.

Dr. R. H. Black, School of Tropical Medicine, Sydney, will operate from Trobriand Is., Papua, March-April, on 3.5/7/14 mc/s CW using call VK2QZ/P.

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PICKED UP WELL IN PACI
FOLLOWING is a summary of casts of particular inter Pacific amateurs. All times and given in GMT.

1.—ARRL programme through v America stations. 0230 Sunday o 11.89/15.21/15.35/17.83 mc/s. 1445 on 6.06/6.12/9.515/9.57/9.6/11.73 11.89/15.25/15.33 mc/s. 1915 on 7.2/9.7/11.87/12.095/15.27/17. mc/s.

2.—NZ Official amateur broadca ZL-2-IX on 3960 kc/s voice, on t Sunday of each month at 0902.

3.—NSW Official amateur broadca VK-2-WI. 0100 Sunday on 719 voice. 1000 Sunday on 50/144 mc/s.

4.—Queensland Official amateur br from VK-4-WI. 2300 Saturday on 7196/14342 kc/s and 52.4/144.138

5.—ARRL Official broadcast in from the HQ station W-1-AW. Friday and 1000 Monday on 1887 7215/14110/23060 kc/s and on 52/14

In addition to the above, spec programmes which contain informa interest to Hams and short-wave li follow:—

1.—Radio Australia, 0530/0700 on 15.21/21.54/9.59 mc/s, repea 1400 Monday.

2.—Radio New Zealand, 0920 first day of each month on 9.54/11.7 mc/s.

3.—Radio Denmark, 0315 Tuesd 9.52/15.16/15.18/19.76 mc/s.

4.—Radio Belgian Congo, 1910 W day on 9767 kc/s.

5.—Radio Switzerland, 1920 first day of each month on 9.53/11.71/ 15.30/21.52 mc/s. The programme peated on Wednesday at 0205/0330, 0935/1320/1520/1720 GMT beamed t ferent countries.

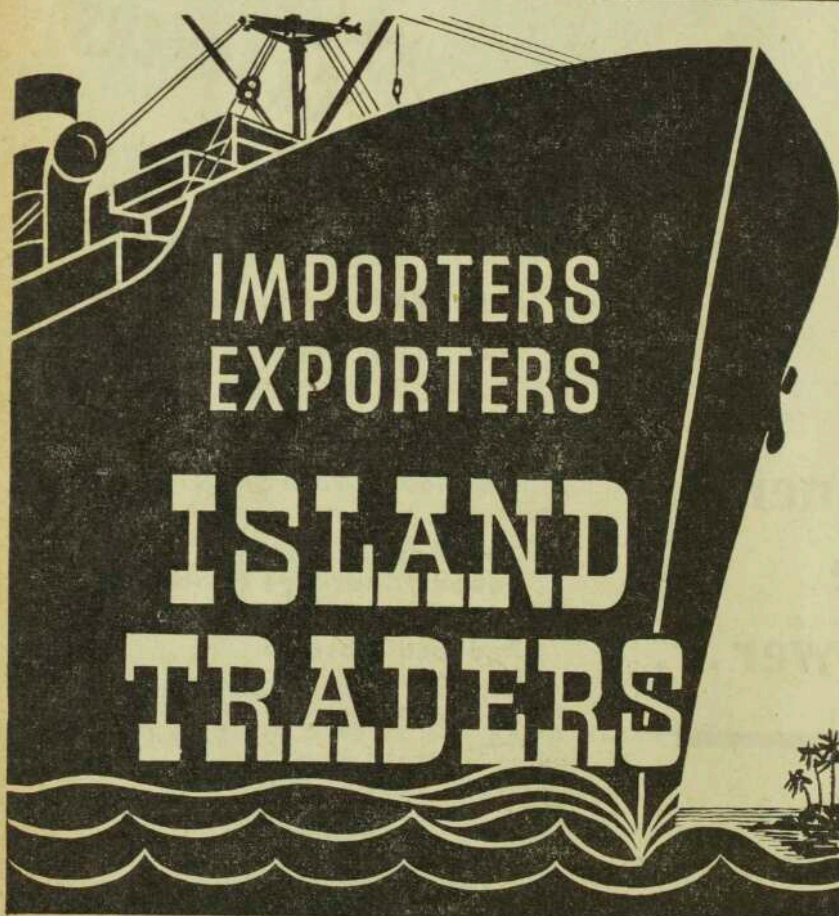
All the above programmes are in lish, and remember that all days tioned are Greenwich, not local.

Shell Prices for 1952

Mr. Otto Gerdau, of New possibly the world's most impo shell buyer, was in Australia d January-February discussing prices for the 1952 season v opens soon. It is understood the prices fixed for Torres S MOP are, for top grades, up a £A50 per ton on last season.

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Commission's Ninth Session will open at its headquarters in Noumea on April 28.

E. M. Ojala, M.Agr. Sc., BA, (Oxon), has arrived at Commission headquarters from New Zealand to take up the post of Chairman of the Research Council. He will co-ordinate the Commission's work programme in fields of economic development, and social development, designed to promote better living standards among peoples of the Pacific.

Emile Massal (Health) will arrive in March for Bangkok to attend a symposium on yaws control, organised by the World Health Organisation. He will present a paper on "The Extent and Nature of the Yaws Problem in the South Pacific."

Vocational Training

Vocational training authority of repute, Dr. F. J. Harlow, PhD, has arrived in Sydney, Australia, en route to Suva to discuss detailed plans for the establishment there by the SPC, as a type, of a central vocational training institution for Islands

peoples. Initially, it will embrace departments of technology, agriculture and social studies.

Dr. Harlow, before going to Suva, will confer with technical education authorities in Australia, Papua-New Guinea, and New Zealand.

Cocoa and Copra Surveys

In pursuance of its investigations into cash crops of economic importance in the South Pacific, the Commission has engaged two experts to carry out surveys of the cocoa and copra industries.

Mr. D. H. Urquhart, B.Agr.Sc., is coming from England to undertake

(Continued on Page 129)

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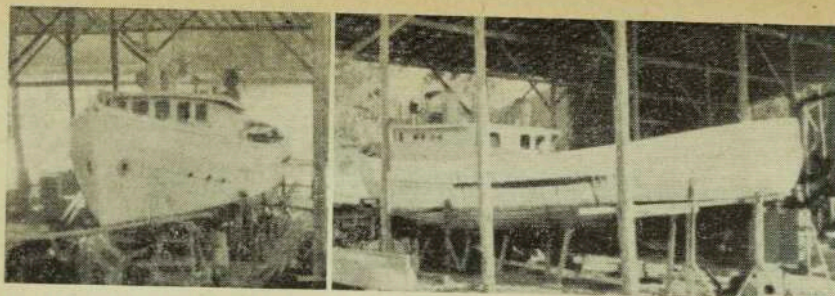
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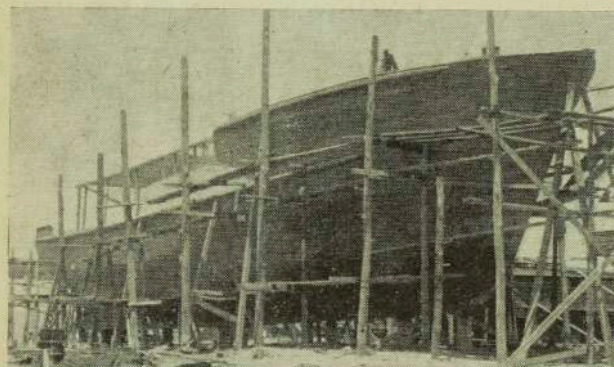
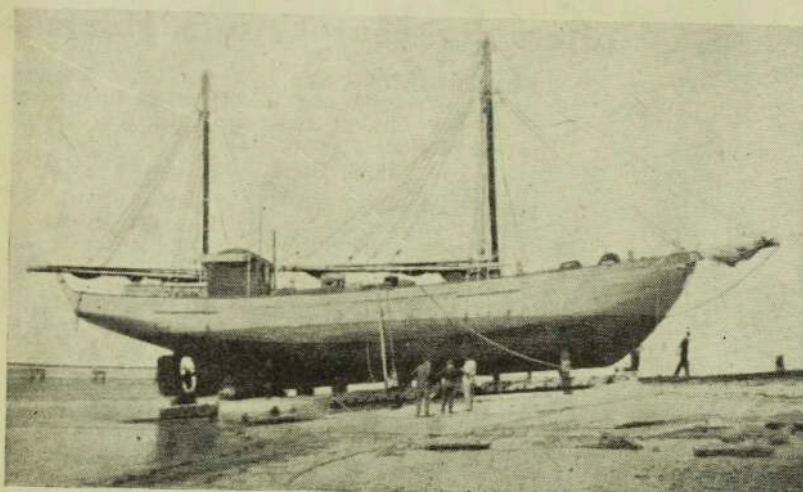
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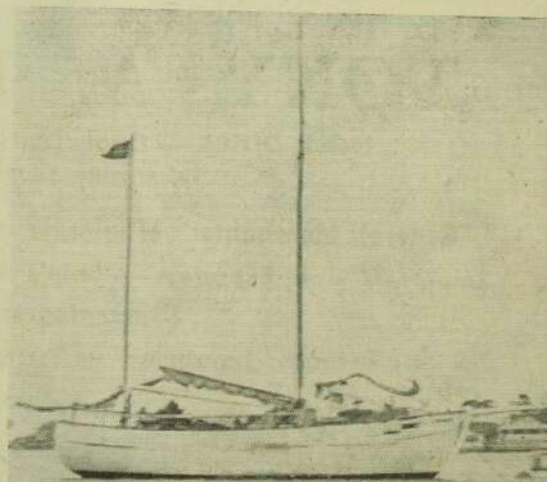
B.S.456 (below).—Norwegian-ketch, 55 ft. 9 in. x 17 ft. 2 in. 8 ft. 4 in. Engine is 60 "Burwain" diesel, w/elect starter motor. Built in 1949. 3 bunks in foc'sle. 2 do cabins, owner's double cabin Equipment includes dinghy, r and much miscellaneous g Sails: 3 fore'sls, f/jib, jib stay'sl, gaff main, topsail, mizzen. Squaresail 680 sq. Construction oak and Norweg pine. Price: £10,500.



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cocoa survey. He recently completed for the Australian Government a survey of cocoa industry prospects in Papua-New Guinea.

W. V. D. Pieris will undertake a similar survey of the copra industry. He is at present doing research work at Kew Gardens. He had long and extensive experience with the Ceylon Coconut Research Scheme, where he was District and Deputy Director of Research from 1930 to 1946.

His surveys, practical in nature and extensive in scope, will include operation of plantation management, production methods, marketing procedures, by-products, cost estimates and related problems.

Exploration in Papua

Stratallian Petroleum Company Ltd., reports that No. 2 Test Borehole has been deepened 169 feet from 9,973 feet to 10,142 feet.

Stratallian Petroleum Company Pty., reports that the depth of the test remains unchanged at 10,142 feet, operations to free stuck tools being still in progress.

A. A. Bailey, wife of Chief Mayor Alf Bailey of Rarotonga, is spending part of their long honeymoon in Sydney in January, while Bailey headed for the more arduous air of NZ's South Island, to resume relations.

MORE SHIPS FOR COOK IS.

WHEN New Zealand's External Affairs Minister Webb made the round trip on the new Tofua in January, one purpose was to collect first-hand information on the shipping requirements of the Groups visited.

Mr. Webb hopes to induce the Union Co. to extend the Tofua service to the Cooks. The latter now must depend on the Government-owned, unprofitable Maui Pomare.

The Cook Islands people could increase production of citrus fruits, but Mr. Webb admits they must first be guaranteed shipping; while the ship operators are not interested in the Cook Islands unless guaranteed regular cargoes.

A New Zealand group with experience in Islands trade is interested in the idea of taking over the Maui Pomare on a subsidy basis, and is confident that it could not only save the taxpayer a lot of money but also do well for itself. Although this would ease the burden of the NZ taxpayer, it would not provide any improvement in the tonnage available for fruit export.

Fiji Rugby Team For Australia

A VISIT by a Fijian team of Rugby Union players is expected in Australia about July. The Fijians will play about eight matches but no test matches. Their expenses will be paid and the Fiji

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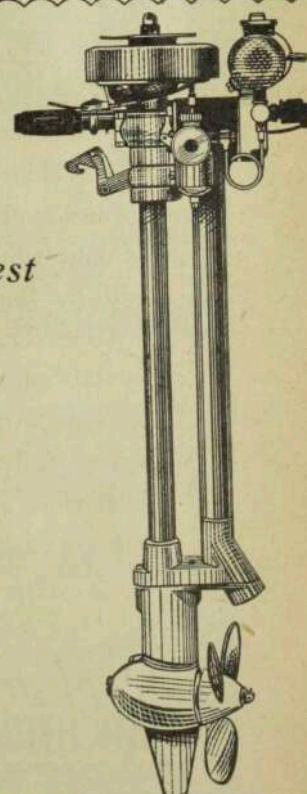
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BY an official announcement on January 12, 1952, the Solomon Islands Administration outlined liberal terms on which private enterprise is now invited to engage in mining operations in the Solomons.

It will be remembered that, soon after the war, the Fiji mining companies proposed to enter upon extensive prospecting for gold in

Guadalcanal. But when the Administration, under direction of the British Socialist Government, introduced new regulations which would have forced the companies to pay over a large proportion of their earnings in royalties to the Government, the late Mr. E. G. Theodore, head of the group, cancelled the whole plan.

Since then—although it is believed there is substantial mineral wealth in the Solomon Islands—there has been no prospecting or mining worthy of note.

Under the new conditions

announced, the scale of royalty is clearly set out; but the High Commissioner now is ready to grant exemption over a period of years if circumstances warrant it, but to cancel royalties altogether. The tax, in BSI, is 1/6 in the £.

Weather Break In Pa

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 12.—AFTER a dry spell said to be as long as any in living memory, Port Moresby in January caught some of the effects of a cyclonic disturbance off Northern Territory, and was hit by gale force winds and rains.

The town stood up well to the battering and, apart from a few leaky roofs and broken telegraph cables, there was no damage of importance.

But the Australian Petroleum Company (and its insurance brokers) did not get off so lightly.

Early on the morning of January 21, one of the company's two Otter flying-boats capsized and sank at its mooring in Port Moresby harbour.

The plane was valued at £15,000 and its loss left the company in a spot because the second plane was out of action (and has been for four months) awaiting spares from England.

The planes were used to transport men and supplies to the interior where the search for oil dragged on. Now A.P.C. will rely on sea transport and the Qantas Catalina to Kikori.

Loss of the Otter did not particularly upset the Qantas pilots who have been flying it, as they say their engineers have long regarded it as a bomb. They recorded their feelings on the Mess notice board. "The Sea Otter passed away peacefully at its moorings this morning. R.I.P."

Inquiry For Missing Soldier

Information about the fate of his son is still being sought by Mr. A. Wyatt, 14 Station Street, Carlton, Sydney.

Mr. Wyatt's son was Sergeant E. Wyatt and he was a member of the Australian Forces stationed in Borneo when the Japanese invaded. Apparently he was taken prisoner, because about the end of March, 1942, a Japanese plane which flew over Darwin dropped a bundle of letters from prisoners of war, among these was a letter from Sergeant Wyatt to his parents and dated 22/3/42. He said he was being well treated.

Since that time no further information has been obtained about Sergeant Wyatt. Perhaps he was among those lost in the Montevideo Maru.

Mr. Wyatt would be very grateful for any information on the fate of his son.



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BUCK'S ASHES FOR NEW ZEALAND

HONOLULU, Feb. 6.
Ashes of the late Sir Peter Buck, for many years director of the Bishop Museum in Honolulu, and professor emeritus of anthropology at Yale University, died here on December 1, are interred among his Maori ancestors at the hill fort of Okoki, Tarenui, New Zealand. Prime Minister of New Zealand (Mr. Holland), when passing through Honolulu recently on his way to England, asked of Lady Buck if she might take the ashes back to him, and Lady Buck agreed. Holland is expected to pass through Honolulu again about February 22.

There will be a service on the day of the ashes at Auckland, a much important Maori ceremony will follow. In addition to a gift of £1,000, Sir Peter left his insignia, decorations, awards to Te Aute College in New Zealand. The Huxley Medal, the highest scientific decoration in the world was, perhaps, the one prized most. Sir Peter worked until the last. "The New Zealand Journal of the Arts and Crafts," his last work is ready for editorial handling. It is another volume, on early navigators, in the hands of the Bishop Museum, ready for publication.

Years ago Sir Peter began his autobiography, and planned to work with his usual care. Notes and other material have been collected by Lady Buck to Mr. Eric Eden, the New Zealand author, an old friend of Sir Peter's, to write for publication. Mr. Ramsden, who has spent the past five years in the United States as the representative of the State Department in negotiating historical source material concerning early American-New Zealand relations, will take over the material back with him to New Zealand. At a later date, however, he hopes to return to Honolulu to complete the biography.

POPULATION OF NEW CALEDONIA

NOUMEA, Dec. 30.
RECENTLY completed census in New Caledonia shows that the European population has increased by 3,000 since the last census in 1946 to 21,029; a large portion of the increase is due to immigration. The native population is estimated at 10,000—a figure that shows that the Caledonian natives are still declining in numbers. The native population is smaller than many years—3,000 Indonesians and a few hundred Tonkinese. The European population of Noumea is 21,029.

Coroner's Finding in Chee Chee Kwan Case

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Feb. 10.
A DECISION given by F. N. Warner Shand, as Coroner, on February 6, 1952, stated that Chee Chee Kwan died in Dr. Eric Wright's emergency ward at Rabaul, on December 20, 1951, from post-operative haemorrhage following a tonsillectomy upon him in the Administration Asiatic Hospital at Rabaul, by Dr. Wright, on December 19.

He found that in treating Chee Chee Kwan, Dr. Wright committed errors in judgment due to in-

experience and that he based this conclusion on the failure by him to appreciate the sufficiency of the tests to be made as an indication as to whether a transfusion of whole blood or reconstituted plasma was necessary or not; and by his failure to call another medical practitioner for his opinion.

Mr. Shand added as a rider to his decision that he considered, in view of the other evidence given at the Inquisition, that Dr. Wright's remarks regarding the Administration Asiatic Hospital were uncalled for and unjustified. Also in this matter he considered Dr. Wright to be illogical, as on one hand he accepted the Hospital as an institution equipped to perform surgery, and then condemned it.

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SANTO NEWS

By Vernon Wheatley

THE official death roll of the Christmas hurricane that hit parts of the New Hebrides Group is estimated at 114 including Europeans, Tonkinese and natives. This figure covers those lost at sea.

I understand that the cemetery at Vila is a fairly well-kept place but one cannot say the same for Santo's cemetery.

Enclosed by a barbed-wire fence which was once in fair order before fence posts fell down, this plot of what should be hallowed ground is now a rendezvous for wandering cattle which eat any flowers put on the graves and uproot shrubs planted there by those who wish to beautify the place. It is a disgrace to Santo.

Mr. Bill Dean, late of the staff of BP's, is now in charge of the road-making in Santo. The weather has been against this project, but we look forward to wider and better roads in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Maxwell are due back in Vila soon and it is reported that Mr. Maxwell will take over from Mr. P. Colley as Commissioner of Police. Mr. Maxwell is returning from leave; he was formerly British District Agent for Santo.

The Koro paid a visit to Santo recently. It will be recalled that this ship was successfully raised after sinking and has been completely reconditioned. She is "as good as new," but is no longer ketch-rigged.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barr, formerly of Wewak, NG, have settled in Brisbane, Q'ld.

Te Aroha Rugby F Help Hurricane Vict

AMONG those New Zealanders who subscribed liberally to the Fiji hurricane relief fund the people of Te Aroha district were prominent. They sent 100 miles from Auckland, who hosts to the 1951 Fiji Rugby ball team during its first week in NZ.

The Te Aroha Rugby Sub-Committee, whose enterprising secretary, G. O'Leary, opened a subscription list with a target of £100, but three times that amount after a few days.

The Fijians were warm favourites at Te Aroha, during their tour for their 1951 NZ tour, and the people could not do enough for them.

The Fijians played their match there and were well backed by a strong provincial team. Later they had a great run of success.—A.J.S.

Fiji Meteorologists Pleas

Note:

AT Queensland University, Brisbane, they have installed sensitive seismographs (the instruments that are used for recording earthquakes) in order that they may plot cyclones when they are 2,000 miles or four or five days from the coast.

The seismographs are fresh off the top secret list of the US War Department.

The benefits of long-range forecasting of cyclones is obvious: ships and planes can avoid them and land preparations can be made to minimise their effect. The cyclone season in NE Australia, New Hebrides, etc., extends from December to May. In Australia and the Pacific (although New Guinea and most parts of the Solomons are of the area) these phenomena are called cyclones. In Fiji and the West Indies, etc., they are called hurricanes, which sounds more threatening but is not. Cyclones travel at from 15 to 20 mph but their maximum wind velocity can be anything up to 300 mph.

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Proclamation In Fiji

QUEEN ELIZABETH'S accession was proclaimed on February 21 by the Acting Governor of Fiji, Mr. A. F. Stoddart, at the Government buildings in Suva, near a memorial commemorating the cession of Fiji to Queen Victoria in 1874.

The ceremony was colourful, and a big crowd, predominantly Fijian, watched it.



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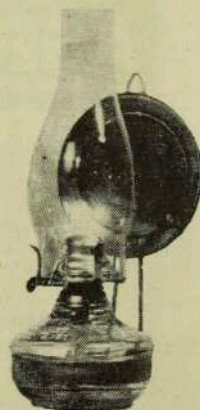
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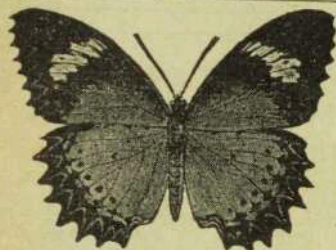
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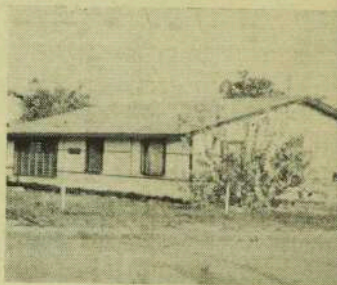
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Fiji.—At Suva and Levuka, 1952: Plantation Grade (60 points and over) £F59/5/6 per ton; FMS (45-57½ points) £F59; Lower Grades £F57/15/-/£F55/15/-; Copra, 35 points and under is rejected.

Samoa.—Producers receive £S49/11/-

(par with Stg.) per ton, f.o.b.; Apia—based on MOF rate of £Stg.59/15/- less taxes.

BSI.—Growers are now receiving £A63/15/- per ton, f.o.b., Honiara or Yandina under the MOF contract.

New Hebrides.—London quotation Dec. 27, 86,500 Metropolitan francs (approx. £A110/2/-) per ton, d.w., c.i.f., Cont. ports.

Tahiti.—Effective Dec. 23, 1951, prices paid in Papeete to producers for two grades are: "Local," 7.10 Pac. fr. per kilo.; "Very Dried," 7.50 Pac. fr. per kilo. (Equivalent to £A51/15/- and £A52/15/6 per long ton respectively.)

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on February 11 was £Stg.315 (£A393/15/-) c.i.f., Feb.-April shipment.

Pacific cocoa was quoted nominally on Sydney market in February at:—

New Guinea.—£A290 per ton, ex wharf.

New Hebrides.—Nominally £A285.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in February 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 £A500 per ton, Arabica; £A460, Robusta.

Papua-N.G.—Nominally £410 to £440 per ton (c.i.f.), according to quality.

RUBBER.—Sydney firms use London and Singapore rates as basis to buy **Papuan** rubber, Feb. 6: No. 1 grade, RSS (sellers) Spot, 38¾d. Stg. lb., c.i.f., London (48¾d. Aust. lb.); Singapore, RSS No. 1, 129¾d. cents lb., f.o.b.

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 18/-; Yellow, 18/-; Green, 16/9 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.)

DESICCATED COCONUT.—Sydney agents quoted Ceylon 1/5 Feb., 1/4-7/8d. March shipment, delivered to store, Sydney, market weakening. **New Guinea**, 1/5 lb. in cartons; 1/4½ in bags.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed Torres Strait producers and Otto Co. (USA) for 1952 are: AA/A/B 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. p. ton); C, 80c. lb. (£A800); D, (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); F lb. (£A300).

TROCHUS SHELL.—Market for Pacific trochus very dull. Most will quote only upon inspection, with overseas buyers showing little interest. **Torres Strait.**—1951 £A450 (approx.) per ton; at 1952 season: £A80, f.o.b., Aust. Reported Japan offering £A1 February shipment.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Nomination is at £165-£170 per ton, on Sydney.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Dec.

Copra, c.i.f., Continental ports, Tahiti nom. Metrop. fra. FM Straits/DEI £88/10 Ceylon, FMS \$ Philippines (bulk), Jan.-Feb. . . \$ Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton:—

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EXCHANGE RATES

The following exchange rates ex Sydney in February:—

FIJI.—Through Bank of NSW and of NZ.—Australia on Fiji basis. Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A110/12/6; Selling, £112. NZ-Fiji, basis £100 NZ: B £111/11/9; Selling, £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through Bank of NZ.—Australia on Samoa, basis £100 S Buying, £A123/12/6; Selling, £A124 Samoa-London, basis £100 Lc Buying, £100/7/6; Selling, £101/10/ Samoa-NZ, basis £100 NZ: B £100; Selling, £100/10/-.

Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: B £111; Selling, £110.
PAPUA - NG.—Commonwealth (branches P. Moresby, Lae, R. Madang) and Bank of NSW (P. Mo. Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate tralia-Papua-NG as 10/- per £100.

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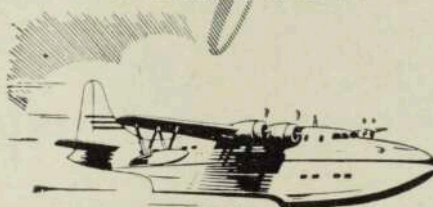
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