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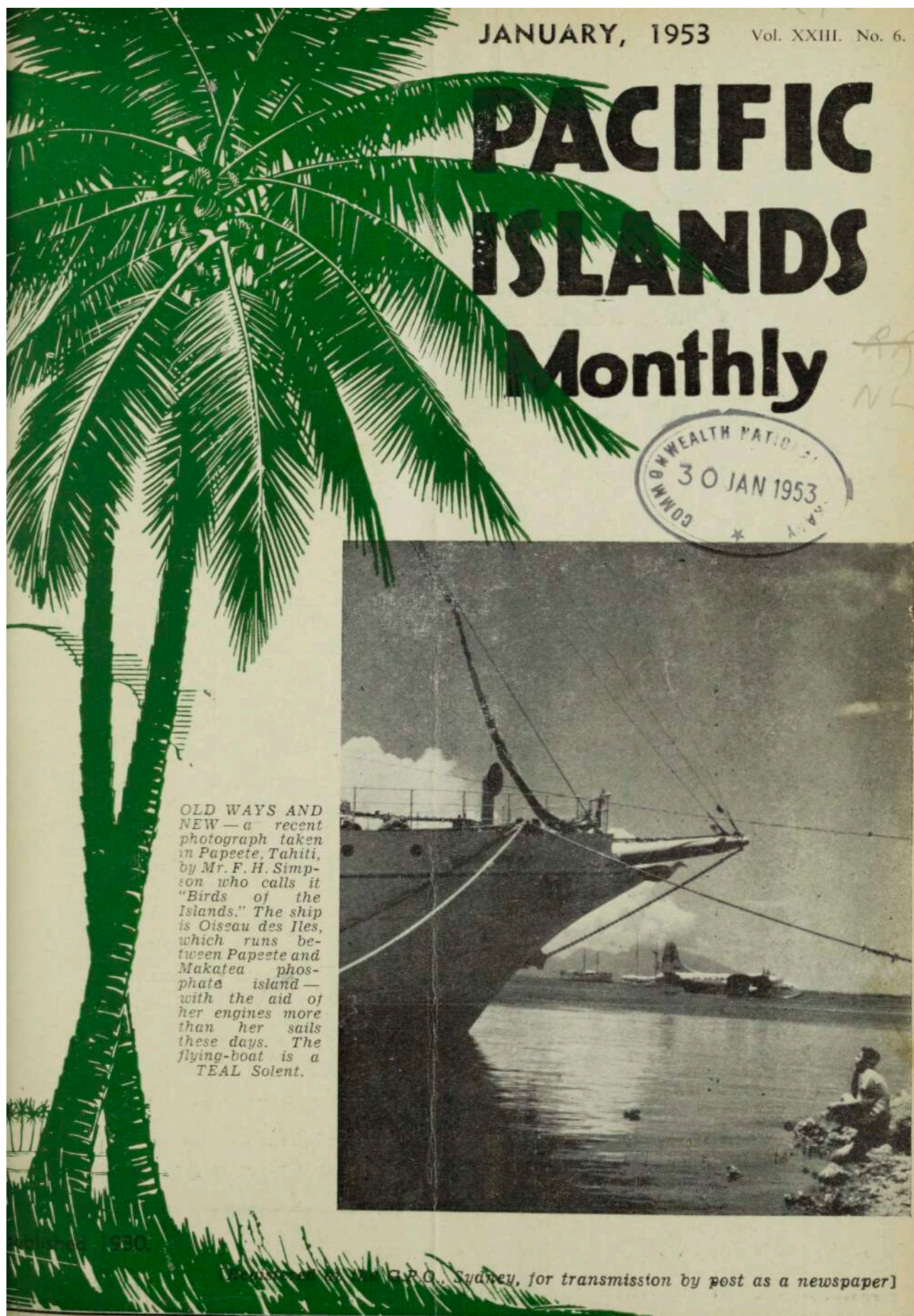
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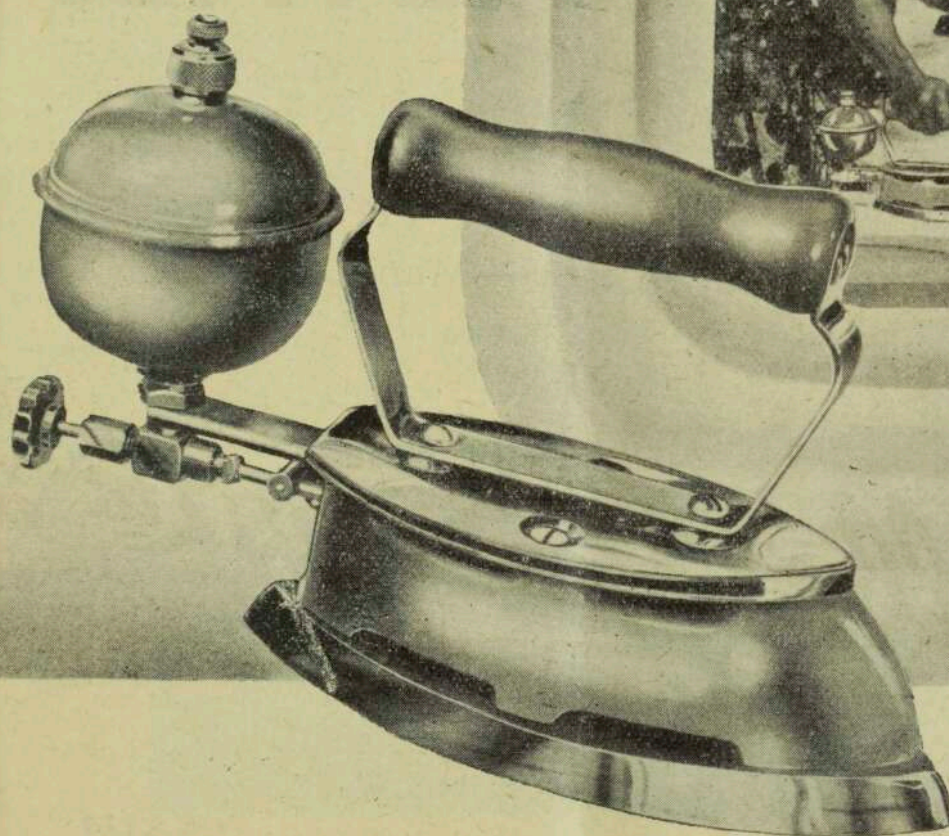
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SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

There now are comparatively few shipping lines running on regular time-tables to the Pacific Islands. The following time-tables are only approximately correct—they are subject to much alteration at short notice:—

Sydney-Suva-N. America

Canadian-Australasian liner Aorangi (7,500 tons) maintains regular two-monthly sailings—Sydney-Auckland-Suva-Honolulu-Victoria-Vancouver, and return

RMS AORANGI			
Sydney	Dec. 11	Feb. 12	Apr. 16
Auckland	Dec. 15-16	Feb. 16-17	Apr. 20-21
Suva	Dec. 19	Feb. 20	Apr. 24
Honolulu	Dec. 26	Feb. 27	May 1
Victoria	Jan. 1	Mch. 5	May 7
Vancouver	Jan. 2-8	Mch. 6-12	May 8-14
Sydney	Jan. 8	Mch. 12	May 14
Honolulu	Jan. 15	Mch. 19	May 21
Suva	Jan. 24	Mch. 28	May 30
Auckland	Jan. 27-29	Mch. 31-Apr. 2	June 2-4
Sydney	Feb. 2	Apr. 6	June 8

On arrival at Sydney June 8, 1953, Aorangi will withdraw from service.

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney.

Next departure from Sydney about January 21.

MV Malekula left Sydney on January 9 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney.

Details from Burns Philp & Co. Ltd., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

MV Shansi and MV Sinkiang, modern 600 tons vessels, will leave every six

weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby-Madang-Rabaul, Port Moresby, Sydney. Shansi departs next trip Feb. 17; Sinkiang on January 27.

Details from New Guinea Australia Line (G. S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents), 6 Bridge St., Sydney.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

Motor vessels Tofua and Matua, from New Zealand, serve Suva (Fiji), Nukualofa and Vavau (Tonga), Niue Is., Pago Pago (American Samoa), Apia (Western Samoa). Tofua leaves Auckland for any

or all of above ports at approx. five weeks intervals. Matua calls at Wellington and Lyttelton (NZ), Lautoka (Fiji) and supplements Tofua's schedule in Islands, calling at ports as directed by owners.

Tofua leaves Auckland on next voyage about January 20.

Matua scheduled to leave Auckland on January 8, February 5. Details from Union SS Co.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland

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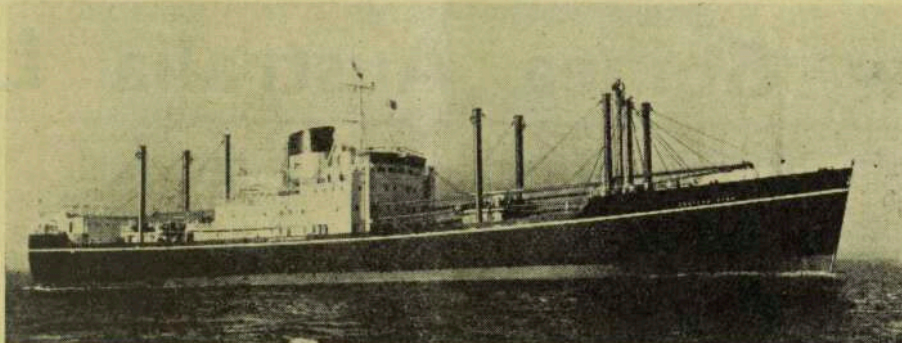
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land in November, December, 1952, and in January, 1953, for Rarotonga and other Islands in the lower Cooks, subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers.

Full details on application to NZ Government Department of Island Territories in Wellington, or to any office of the Union SS Co. of NZ, Ltd., which Company acts as Agent for this vessel at some ports.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

MV Malaita will make a round trip at about 8-weeks intervals from Sydney to Lord Howe-Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides Ports - BSI ports - Bougainville - Rabaul - Samarai-Sydney.

Last sailing from Sydney January 10. Details from Burns Philp & Co., 7 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Lin coming from Marseilles, via West India and Panama, call about every 8 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 (C. Sleigh, Ltd.) maintain fairly regular service between Noumea and Sydney.

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc

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

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

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

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Tues.—Return by same route.

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Is.—Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.
n. and first Thur.—Dep. southwards,
same route. On second or alternate
Thursday, flight commences at S.
Francisco.

es.—Dep. Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Hono-
lulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.

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

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

ernate Friday (January 16, 30, etc.)
—Sydney-Auckland-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton
Is. Honolulu-Vancouver.

ernate Friday (Jan. 23, Feb. 6, etc.)
—Return by same route.

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Saturdays (Skymaster)
Depart: Arrive:
ney, 7.45 pm Bris., 10.30 pm
s., 11.40 pm Moresby, 6.30 am
(Wed., Sun.)
resby, 7.30 am Lae 8.50 am
connects at Lae with DC3's for Wau,
ed.); and (Sun.) for Rabaul.

Mon., Fri. (DC3's)
ney, 7.30 pm Brisbane, 10.30 pm
sane, 11.30 pm Rockhampton *

Tue., Sat.
hampton * Townsville, 4.00 am
nsville, 5.00 am Cairns, 6.15 am
ns, 7.00 am Cooktown, 7.55 am
town, 8.15 am Pt. Moresby, 11.10 am
Moresby, 11.50 am Lae, 1.15 pm
(Tue. only), 2.30 pm Madang, 3.45 pm
Optional stop.

SOUTHWARDS Wednesdays (DC3)

ang, 7 am Lae, 8.15 am

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

Thursday (DC3)
5.45 am Moresby, 7.05 am
esby, 7.35 am Sydney, 10.30 pm
a Cairns, Towns., Brisbane, with
onal call at Rockhampton.

Monday (DC3)
aul, 7 am Moresby, 10.20 am
esby, 10.50 am Cairns, 2.10 pm
ns, 3.10 pm Towns., 4.30 pm
(night stop)

ns. (Tues.),
15 am Brisbane, 1 pm
sane, 1.45 pm Sydney, 5 pm
with optional call at Rockhampton.

Wednesday, Sunday (Skymaster)
10.30 am Moresby, 11.40 am
esby, 12.40 pm Bris., 7.10 pm
8.25 pm Sydney, 11 pm

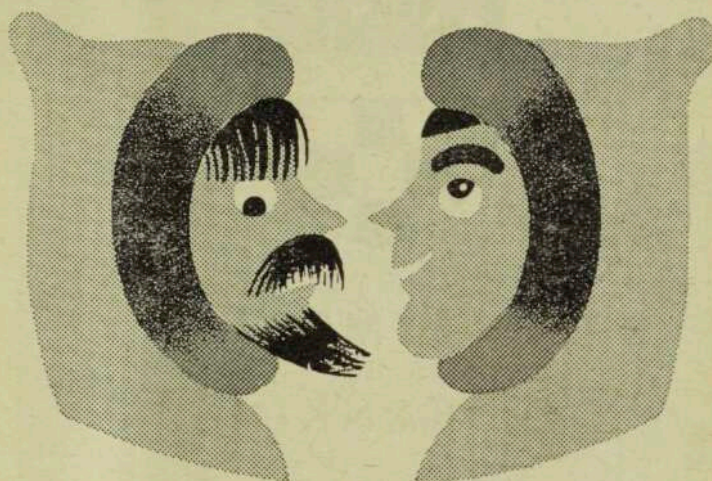
NORTHWARDS

Alt. Saturdays (Sandringham)
(Dec. 6, 20, etc.).
ey, 6.00 am Brisbane, 9.20 am
sane, 10.20 am Cairns, 4.35 pm
(Night stop)
ns, 9.30 am Pt. Moresby, 1.20 pm
t. Sunday)

SOUTHWARDS

Alt. Fridays (Sandringham).
(Dec. 5, 19, etc.)
Moresby, 6.00 am Brisbane, 3.00 pm
sane, 3.45 pm Sydney, 7.05 pm

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MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Wednesday; returning same day (Jan. 21, Feb. 4, 18, etc.).

MORESBY-EAST PAPUA (Sandringham)

Alternate Monday Dep. Moresby 9 a.m. arr. Samarai 11.00 a.m. (overnight); Jan. 19, Feb. 2, 16, etc. Alternate Tuesday (following day) dep. Samarai 9.00 a.m. arr. Moresby 11.00 a.m.

PAPUA-NEW BRITAIN

(Sandringham)

Alt. Mon. (Jan. 26, Feb. 9, 23, etc.) —Pt. Moresby - Samarai - Esa'ala - Rabaul.

Alt. Thu. (Jan. 15, 29, Feb. 12, 26, etc.) Rabaul-Esa'ala-Samarai-Pt. Moresby. * Calls Esa'ala monthly only.

RABAU-MOEWE HARBOUR

Alt. Tue. (Jan. 27, Feb. 10, 24, etc.) —Rabaul-Jacquinet Bay-Lindenhafen-Moeve Harbour-Talasea-Rabaul.

N.B.—The direction of operation changes with each service, i.e., each alternate service operates Rabaul-Talasea-Moeve Harbour - Lindenhafen - Jacquinet Bay - Rabaul.

* Optional Stop.

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE

Alt. Wed. (Jan. 23, Feb. 11, 25, etc.) —Rabaul-Queen Carola Hbr.-Buin-Inus-Kieta-Buin.

Alt. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Inus-Buka-Queen Carola Hbr.-Rabaul. * Optional Stop.

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Fridays.—Madang (8 am) to Wabag with optional stops at Baiyer R., Hagen, Kerowagi. Returns to Madang arriving 10.10 am.

Thursday.—Madang (8 am) to Mt. Hagen. Returns direct to Madang arriving 10.50 am.

Fridays.—Lae (6.30 am) to Wabag, call at any of: Nadzab, Kialpit, Aiyura, Kainantu, Bena, Buin, Goroka, Kerowagi, Kup, Nondib, Banj, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelbo, Baiyer R., Wabamunda, Wabag. Returns to Lae arriving 6 pm.

LAKE-BULOLO*-WAW (DH84)

Dep. Lae.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—3 pm.

Dep. Wau.—Tues., Fri., Sat.—Direct to Lae. Arriving 5.05 pm.

* The airstrip at Bulolo is closed temporarily and therefore traffic can not be accepted to Bulolo until the strip is opened for use.

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4. Dutch N. Guinea-Darwin

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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

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Monday (Jan. 19, Feb. 2, 9, 16), Lae (dep. 6 am) — Finschhafen — Rabaul — Torokina (Bougain.) — Vellalavella — Yandina — Honiara, BSI (arriving 4.25 pm).
Wednesday (Jan. 20, Feb. 3, 10, 17), Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Torokina — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.15 pm).

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

By Air France, Monthly.
M (Skymaster) dep. Saigon, January 9, and every 28 days thereafter for Labuan-Darwin-Brisbane-Noumea, and return.
Australian agents: Messageries Maritimes.

7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

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Alternate Thursdays (Jan. 29, Feb. 12, 26, etc.), returning same day.

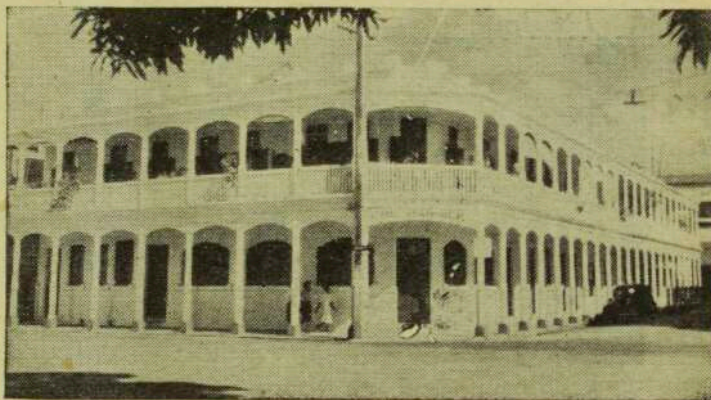
9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas, with Sandringham
Flying Boats: (Jan. 20, Feb. 3, 17, etc.).
Depart: Sydney, Alt. Tue.,
Arrive: Noumea, Alt. Wed.,
Vila, 12.45 pm
Santo, Alt. Thu., 6.00 am

6.30 am Noumea, 3.05 pm
alt. (nightstop)
Noumea, Alt. Wed., 8.00 am
Vila, 12.45 pm
Santo, 2.00 pm
Vila, 7.15 am

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10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying
Boats—Weekly.

Depart: Arrive:
Sydney, Thur., 6.30 am Noumea, 3.05 pm
(nightstop)

Noumea, Fri., Suva, 3.00 pm
Suva, Sat., 8.30 am Noumea, 10.30 am
Noumea, 12.30 pm Sydney, 7.30 pm

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

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12. Sydney-Auckland

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arr. 4 pm same day, or 8.30
following day.
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13. Sydney-Wellington

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Dep. Sydney 10.30 pm weekdays, arr. W
am following day.
Dep. Wellington 10.30 am weekda
arriving 3.45 pm.

14. Melbourne-Christchurch

Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster
Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'c
8.15 am next day.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5
pm.
Additional flights on 19/1, 23/2.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

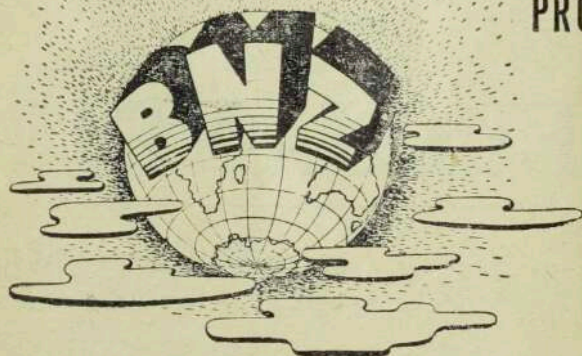
SEE ALSO TABLE 18.
Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.
Dept. Auckland Jan 31; Feb. 10, 14,
28; Mar. 10, 14, 24, 28.
Return to Auckland on following day
(except February 2 and March 2, wh
leave an extra 24 hours later).

Depart Arrive
Auckland, 7.00 am Suva, 2.15
Suva, 8.00 am Auckland, 3.15

16. Fiji-Western Samoa

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.
Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
with Solents.
Dept. Suva February 1, March 1,
Return to Suva on same day.

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Depart **Arrive**
 Suva, 6.00 am Sun. Apia, 11.05 am Sat.
 Suva, 1.30 pm Sat. Suva, 4.35 pm Sun.

17. New Zealand-Chatham Is.

During the coming summer services between Auckland and Waikato Bay, Chatham Is., via Wellington, will be operated on the following dates:—
 January 28, 1953, March 11, 1952.
 Solent flying-boats will leave Auckland these dates at 3.30 am, arrive Wellington, 5.30 am, dept. Wellington, 7 am, arrive Chatham Is., 10.30 am. Return same route, arriving Auckland 7.30 pm the day.

18. New Zealand-Tahiti

Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd.,
 with Solents

EAL Service, Auckland-Suva-Apia-Aitutaki-Papeete, is operated with Solent flying-boats once every two weeks. Dep. Auckland, Tuesday, 7.00 am. Arr. Suva 10 pm. Dep. Suva (Wednesday) 7.00 am. Cross International Date Line: Arr. Apia 11.55 am Tuesday. Dep. Apia 2.00 pm Wednesday. Arr. Aitutaki 7.20 am. Aitutaki 9.20 am. Arr. Papeete 1.45 pm. Return by same route every alternate day, leaving Papeete 7.30 am. The next flights leave Auckland January 20; February 3, 17; March 3, 31.

19. Micronesia

Civilian services, based on Guam, using modified amphibious Catalinas, run regularly to Koror (Palau), Yap (West Palau), Truk (Central Carolines), Saipan (E. Carolines), Majuro (Marshalls), Saipan (Marianas). Details from Trans-Ocean Airlines, Guam, via Honolulu.

20. Fiji Internal Airways

By Fiji Airways, with twin-engine de Havilland Rapides

(Effective 1st November)

Suva-Nadi & Lautoka: Mornings—Daily except Monday and Friday. Afternoons—Daily except Friday.
 Suva-Labasa: Daily except Thursday and Sunday.
 Labasa-Suva: Daily except Tuesday and Thursday.
 Nadi & Lautoka to Labasa: Every day.
 Labasa to Nadi & Lautoka: Every Wednesday.

Mr. S. J. Pollington, who has spent the past six years as an Inspector of Meteorological Stations, stationed at Laucala Bay, Suva, has been transferred to the Meteorological Station at Invercargill, New Zealand.

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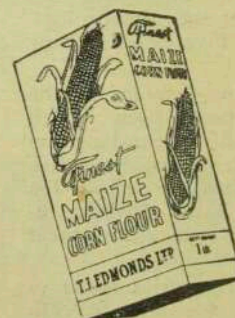
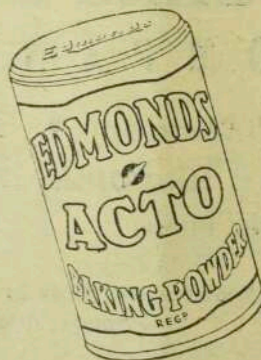
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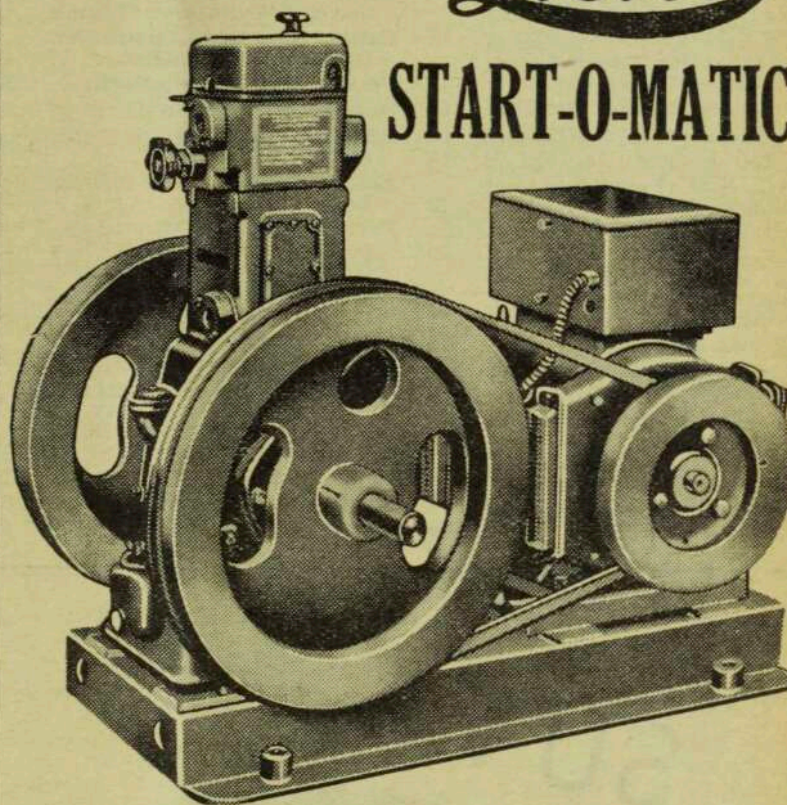
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WHICH COLOUR — BLUE OR ROSE?

The South Pacific in 1953

TWO sets of circumstances, one presented in a blue and the other in a rosy light, affect the foreseeable conditions in the South Pacific Islands in 1953. In other words, while the outlook is quite good, the international position continues to deteriorate.

The political cheer-leaders at New Year tried to reassure the collective mind of an apprehensive world—even Churchill declared that "the danger of war has receded"—but the facts are there to be seen by any intelligent man, and they are not reassuring.

The Cold (or ideological) War still goes on, as ugly as ever; but it has changed its character, in accordance with Muscovite planning. Five years ago, the issue was quite clear—the Western system versus Communism; which meant that the Western European nations, with which United States is aligned, resolutely faced the Communist bloc, led by Russia. Today, the issue is substantially the same, but it is much obscured by the fact that Russia has successfully seduced the Asiatics and the Africans, a howling, chaotic mass, against the Western nations.

When, five years ago, it was decided to re-arm against Russia, America's two principal allies were to the British Commonwealth and France, while the smaller Powers,

like the Benelux and Scandinavian countries, were to rally around. Democracy's challenge to the Red forces took definite shape in Korea.

The Communists, with great cleverness, countered all that by (a) bringing in 450 millions of Chinese to smother the UNO effort in Korea; and (b) stirring up the peoples of Indo-China, Malaya, Persia, other Middle East countries, Egypt, Tunisia, Morocco, Kenya, and Soudan to a nationalist frenzy, directed against America's chief allies, Britain and France. France is deeply involved now in troubles in Indo-China, Tunisia and Morocco; Britain is spending countless millions in Malaya and Kenya, and seems on the point of committal to a new campaign in Egypt and the Soudan. If we become embroiled in Egypt, the trouble must extend throughout the Mahommedan and Arab countries of the Middle East.

The Westerners are in an appalling muddle. Their armed forces are so bogged down in Korea, Indo-China, Malaya, the Middle East and Africa that the Westerners' military plans against the Red bloc are out of gear, while the cost of these numerous and growing campaigns is very gravely upsetting the economic balance in most of the Western countries, and that in turn helps the Communists.

Meanwhile, the Red forces—military, naval and air—are not engaged

anywhere and—apparently in accordance with a carefully co-ordinated plan—are preparing for *Der Tag*. Incredible swarms of Red agents are all over the Western world, stirring up industrial troubles among the Westerners and nationalist troubles among Asiatics and Africans who are dependent upon the Westerners. There is no shadow of doubt that the outbreaks in all the disturbed countries have a Communist origin. For example, at least 3,000 Red agents, based in the now independent State of Ethiopia, are the chief cause of the disturbances in Egypt, Kenya, French Africa and the Middle East.

EMBARRASSED almost beyond description by these mounting difficulties, the Western Governments cannot get on with their international plans for meeting the Communist campaign, and are in danger of quarrelling among themselves. France has just set up another of her countless governments; and the latest premier is demanding a revision of NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, set up by the Westerners as their chief defence against the Reds).

Chief blame for the discomfiture of the Westerners in the Cold War must go to the Westerners' Socialist Governments—the Attlee Government in Britain, the various set-ups in France, and the Truman Administration in the United States. Except the French, they all now are wiped out; but their fumbling and stupidity, and their inability to recognise the danger

between 1945 and 1951, laid the foundations of the present dreadful mess. Strength and firmness, and the ruthless employment of force, were the qualities mainly called for in those years; but the Socialists played into Red hands by trying political appeasement and a policy of sweet tenderness towards Asiatic and African Brother—whose chief purpose in life is to cut European throats.

Non-Socialists now are in control in USA and Britain; but maybe it is a little too late now to employ strength and ruthless force. The fat is in the fire—and the fire is sweeping across the world in a manner literally terrifying. At the earliest possible moment after the American election, Churchill went to America—talks with Eisenhower—a conference of the gravest moment for all humanity.

No one can guess at the outcome of those talks. We only know that something must be done, and soon—this Cold War, in its latest shape, cannot go on. In other words, a stop must be put to the mischief-making of the Muscovite Reds.

A PART from all that, the outlook, as we see it in the South Pacific, is pleasant and stimulating. We see, in all directions, developing opportunities for new industries and new trade, and capital in sight to finance

them. Huge funds still are in circulation in Papua-New Guinea, and there are big things afoot in that country.

The research work of the South Pacific Commission, carried out over the past three years by a band of devoted men in the Research Council, is beginning to have a real effect on South Pacific economy. This soon should be translated into real action through the member nations. It is an unhappy reflection, however, that the six member nations—United States, France, Holland, and the three British countries of United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand—are directly and deeply involved in the Cold War. This could have a bad reaction through the SPC.

The brightest aspect of South Pacific affairs—and it is purely coincidental—is the almost simultaneous appearance in the chief South Pacific countries of three new men of outstanding ability—Sir Ronald Garvey, Governor of Fiji; Mr. D. M. Cleland, Administrator of Papua-New Guinea; and Mr. C. M. S. Stanley, High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. There also are, at the moment, first-class top men in French Oceania, Western Samoa and New Caledonia.

In other words, the South Pacific Islands, in 1953, are "all set to go"—if only the genie which control the Cold War can be captured and kept in a bottle!

NG Native Labour Now Can Defy NG Employers

THE judgment of Mr. Justice Kelly, of the New Guinea Supreme Court, quashing the conviction of a native labourer who had been proceeded against in a District Court for failing to work the 44 hours for which he had contracted, directs pointed attention to one of the heritages of the Ward-Murray regime of 1945-50.

The Native Labour Ordinance of 1946 (immediately after the war) wiped out the earlier laws covering native labour, and considerably modified the system; but it nevertheless did make provision that an indentured native labourer should work a 44-hours week, and that, if he refused to do this, without reasonable excuse, he could be found guilty of an offence and fined heavily and, in certain circumstances, he could be arrested and a magistrate could order that he be returned to his employer.

But Minister Ward and Administrator Murray were not satisfied with the 1946 Ordinance. In 1950 it was superseded by another

Ordinance—framed, on the face of it, to express the hatred of Minister Ward for all employers, and the tender concern of Administrator Murray for all natives.

The 1950 Ordinance merely provides that a native under contract shall work a 44-hours week; and, if he refuses to do so, he cannot be punished in a way that he will understand. The former indenture is now called an "agreement", and provision is made that the agreement shall "contain an undertaking by the employee that he will at all times and to the best of his ability perform the duties allotted to him under the agreement". Then there is provision that if the labourer does not honour his undertaking, the agreement may be cancelled. The employer's only remedy against a defaulting employee is at common law.

It was pointed out at the time that the 1950 Ordinance appeared to be an absurdity, because it proposed to treat these primitive New Guinea native labourers as if they were

educated and responsible Europeans. This latest case justifies that criticism.

IN this particular case, a Rabo employer, Mr. G. B. Black, proceeded in the District Court against a native labourer, Kariman Kwomeri, who had refused to work stipulated 44-hours week, and he defied him. The Magistrate, M. Rigby, convicted the native. The native's case was taken up by Crown Law Office, and an appeal lodged, on the ground that no offence had been proved.

Judge Kelly upheld this contention. He pointed out that the provisions of the 1946 Ordinance had been completely wiped out, and other provisions inserted, so that the employer's only recourse against a contract labourer who refused to work a 44-hours week was a civil action at common law. There was no doubt that the removal of the penalties allowed the employer under the 1946 Ordinance was the liberate intention of the law-making authority. All that the employer now can do is to apply to a Court for permission to withhold payment of the deferred wages of a defaulting employee.

So the conviction recorded against Kariman is quashed. It can be taken as certain that all "contract" labourers soon will understand the difference apart from the risk of losing their deferred pay, they are under no penalty if they decide to break their labour contract and defy their employer. Yet this Australian Government is trying to induce people to invest in New Guinea, where adequate and dependable labour is essential to the development of any enterprise.

As will be seen in an article on page 85, this matter of labour-law desertions (already a serious problem) has been put before the Australian Minister for Territories, in his usual vigorous style, by President Barron of the New Guinea Planters' Association. There is no doubt that the Minister will see the urgent need for appropriate action. But, with the Menzies Government's now notorious fear of Socialist reactions, and with one eye on the gentlemen of the Trusteeship Council, Mr. Haslam may be slow to move. The Planters' Association should not let the matter be pigeon-holed. Prompt action is necessary, if further demoralisation of the native labour situation is to be avoided.

P-NG ADMINISTRATOR Still No Announcement

It is generally understood by the usually well-informed people that Mr. D. J. Cleland, Assistant Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, and Acting Administrator since Colonel Murray retired on June 30, has been accepted by the Australian Government for appointment to the senior position. An announcement was expected after the Prime Minister returned from London, and before Mr. Cleland returned to Port Moresby late in December.

But both Mr. Menzies and Mr. Cleland are back in harness and, up to the moment of this writing, there is no announcement. Six months of "Acting" seems an unconscionable time; but stranger things are on record. The New Zealand Socialist Government kept Alfred Turnbull "Acting" in the Administratorship of Western Samoa for about six years, before it finally gave him the job, and a knighthood.

Meanwhile, Mr. Cleland has settled quietly and effectively into the P-NG Administratorship; there is a good, co-operative spirit evident throughout the services; and the ordered development of the big Territories is beginning to really take shape. Mr. Cleland already has found that P-NG is a land of tireless critics, and already he has trodden upon a few. But Territorians always respect a man who has strength of purpose

and knows his own mind; and "the new man" appears to have these qualities. 1953 is likely to be an important and interesting year in Papua-New Guinea.

POLITICAL POSSIBILITIES

The forecast among certain politically-conscious gossips in Australia at the moment is that the late Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, Colonel J. K. Murray, will be invited to contest a safe Labour seat in the next general election and that, if he and Labour generally are successful—and the defeat of the Menzies-Fadden Government is at present anticipated—Colonel Murray will be the next Minister for Territories.

Some say that a Queensland seat is already ear-marked for the former Queensland Professor.

No one expects that Mr. E. J. Ward will again be Minister for Territories. All sorts of jobs are forecast for him. One bright Brisbane writer says that if Colonel Murray becomes Minister, he may invite Mr. Ward to become Administrator!

Assistant Editor for South-west Territories

Assistant Editor of *Pacific Islands Monthly*, Mrs. Judy Tudor, will travel by *Malaita* in March to New Hebrides and Solomons. She will leave the ship at Rabaul, and spend some weeks in the chief centres of New Guinea and Papua. Mrs. Tudor will write for PIM a series of articles describing the newly-established and developing industries of the Australian Territories.

Australian Public Servants For P-NG Key Positions

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 2.

THE new Papua and New Guinea Secretary for Lands is Mr. D. E. MacInnes, 49-year-old barrister, economist and accountant, and former Acting Director for Lands in the Northern Territory. Mr. C. L. Anthony is the new Assistant Secretary of the Department. "Tony" Anthony has been in the government service of the Islands since 1927, when he joined the New Guinea Public Service as a draftsman. Before that he was busy getting experience with the New South Wales Lands Department. He moves up from the post of Chief Lands Department draftsman to his present appointment.

Another new departmental head and a newcomer to the Territory Public Service is Mr. Frank Lee, who relinquished the job of Collector of Customs at Townsville to become Chief Customs Collector for Papua and New Guinea. This fills the vacancy caused by the death of the former Chief Collector, Mr. T. P. M. Byrne, early in 1952.

Mr. Lee takes over from Mr. T. Grahamslaw, who has been Acting Chief Collector.

Applications for the post of Public Service Commissioner for Papua and New Guinea closed at Canberra on December 31. The present Commissioner, Mr. E. A. F. Head, will finish his term next September, and he already has been appointed Commonwealth Public Service Inspector at Perth, W.A.

OLD SUVA LANDMARKS GO

HIGH authority has altered the face of the famous Triangle, in the centre of Suva. For many years, there was a sort of dais here, and there a bearded Indian police official, or a big fuzzy-headed Indian in the attractive police jacket and sulu, directed the little city's haphazard traffic. But now, following modern practice, the approaching traffic is automatically divided by a series of cement contraptions.

Having thus removed the picturesque police, High Authority now removing, from the Triangle garden alongside, the four picturesque palm trees which have figured in thousands of photographs. A says the palms are now too old, and in danger of being blown over. But they survived last January's hurricane, which unroofed several of the buildings around the Triangle.



This photograph, taken in October, shows (centre and right foreground) the cement constructions which have replaced the traffic "cops"; and, behind, the

four palm trees in the garden. This is the intersection of Renwick Road (right), Thomson Street (left) and (foreground) Victoria Parade.

BRITISH COPRA PRODUCERS MAY LOSE £1,000,000 P.A.

IT was announced at the end of the year that Australia (Papua and New Guinea), Fiji and Western Pacific Commission (Solomon Is. and Gilbert and Ellice) had been informed by the British Ministry of Food that, in accordance with the terms of the nine-years-contract, the prices paid by Britain for South Pacific copra in 1953 would be 10 per cent. less than in 1952. This was "on account of the downward trend of oil prices during 1952."

Up to January 19 no official announcement had been made by Australia, Fiji or New Zealand—it was known that the authorities there were sharply arguing the matter with London. But it was formally announced in Honiara on January 2 that the 1953 price for Solomons copra would be £56/4/6 Australian per ton at Honiara (£1 more at Tulagi and Yandina), which is a fall of 10 per cent. on the 1952 rates.

The late 1952 rates paid by the local authority in the various Territories, in Australian currency, were (for best grade at main port):

	Per Ton	
	£	s. d.
Papua-New Guinea ..	69	5 0
Fiji	73	2 6
Solomon Is.	63	10 0
Samoa, approx. ..	68	0 0

The MOF price to the various Governments, in 1952, was between £59 and £60 Sterling per ton fob (between £73 and £74 Australian), and the local Governments paid the above rates after deducting their own various charges.

The MOF Sterling price as fixed in January, 1952, was then very considerably under world parity (as it had been also in 1951 and 1950) and South Pacific planters protested accordingly. But from February, 1952, a combination of circumstances (a growing output from Indonesia was the principal one) caused the world price to sag steadily, until by June it was down close to the price being paid to the South Pacific Governments by the British Ministry of Food—namely, £60 Sterling. Consequently, the Pacific planters resigned themselves to a 10% fall in the 1953 MOF price.

But then the open market price began to recover. Hurricane damage in the Philippines was a factor. By the end of October it was over £70 Sterling. The Bank of NZ Produce Circular of December 12 gave the London cif price, for Straits, at £78 Sterling, cif (to which figure it had fallen from £88 Sterling, cif, in late November).

£78 is £18 Sterling better than the price of around £60 Sterling per ton, paid by the MOF under its nine-years' contract during 1952. That is why the Pacific Governments are contesting the MOF price of about £53/15/- Sterling (a reduction of 10 per cent.) proposed by the British Ministry for the year 1953.

ACCORDING to a statistical survey made by the South Pacific Commission, the following were the exports of copra from the South Pacific Territories in 1951:

	Tons
New Guinea	64,300
Papua	9,500
W. Samoa	14,600
Cook Is.	1,300

Fiji	15,400
Fiji (milled there) ..	19,500
Solomons (1950)	10,100
Gilbert & E. (1950) ..	5,600
Tonga (1950)	16,700
N. Caledonia	2,600
Fr. Oceania	25,800
N. Hebrides	27,700
Neth. N. Guinea	3,500
East Samoa	1,000
Micronesia	10,500

There is a total there of over 200,000 tons, and about three quarters of it is under the British MOF contract. It is probable that in 1952 the South Pacific production increased generally by 10 per cent. On a rough estimate, the British Territories, which are subject to the MOF contract, produced 180,000 tons in 1952. If the MOF contract price is reduced 10 per cent. (say £A6 per ton) the loss in revenue to the South Pacific, compared with 1952, will be approximately £A1,000,000.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of
20 Years ago.

IN January, 1933, most Pacific Islands residents seemed to be suffering from post-Christmas blues. The Depression, according to Officialdom, showed signs of lifting, but Pacific copra producers could not agree on this point.

The only people who seemed to be having fun were those who could afford to indulge in Pacific cruises (and they cost only a few £s in those days)—and here again there were rifts in the lute; 1,500 unhappy voyagers from Sydney to Norfolk Island had been "seasick all the way". Those were the days before Dramamine.

We reported a "currency muddle" in Fiji—Fiji having tied its currency to that of New Zealand and later having depreciated it with NZ to 25 per cent. under Sterling. This, we pointed out, while a good thing for Fiji primary producers was "ridiculous on the face of it as Fiji's external and internal finances are so sound that the Colony should be 'on gold'—not 45 per cent. below it".

The death was reported from Papeete of Father Rougier, aged 68. "Ordained as a priest in the Marist Order in 1887, he arrived in Fiji in 1888 and went to a mission station on the Rewa. He spent some years in the New Hebrides but about the time of the Great War withdrew from active participation in the religious life of his Order and henceforth engaged actively in large plantation enterprises".

"The Australian Government has decided that there should be no renewal of the Moratorium extended in 1931 to the purchasers of plantations in New Guinea, and from January 1, 1933, the payments of interest and principal will be resumed although at 4 per cent. instead of 5 per cent." (The Moratorium was a Depression measure—but in 1933

the Depression had by no means lifted from the copra industry which was struggling along with prices of £13-6 per ton, cif London).

"A company called Ceiba Plantations Ltd., is being organised to undertake extensive kapok planting between the Brown and Laloki Rivers, 12 miles from Port Moresby. The organiser as manager is Mr. K. G. Leydin. The kapok trees take six years to mature and it is expected that there will be a real market for the product in Australia. (Well, what happened to this infant industry? If it had come to anything there would have been a great demand for it in Australia in the post-war years when kapok was in very short supply).

The first shipment of Fiji bananas—1,000 cases—had arrived in Sydney the Niagara and the threatened boycott had come to nothing—all were snapped up by eager buyers and orders had come from as far afield as Western Australia.

"A London newspaper writing of the departure from London of the ill-fated mission-ship 'Southern Cross' (she was wrecked in the New Hebrides on her maiden voyage) headed it 'Crew Doomed to Isles of Danger' and said that 'Cannibals will keep them busy'. The evidently had only a vague idea of what the 'Southern Cross' would be used for; they were right about one thing when they called the vessel the 'ship that would never return'."

Pacific cruises were the order of the day. The P&O Maloja was booked for an 11-day cruise to Samarai, Papua; a 20,000-ton Cunarder, Carinthia, was on a 4-months cruise of the Pacific including Tahiti, Cook Islands, Apia, Suva and Port Moresby; Stella Polaris was also a world cruise and was calling at Pacific Islands ports; The Strathaird had taken 1,500 pleasure-seekers to Norfolk Island; Oronsay had been to New Caledonia, as Strathaird, Karoola and Moldavia were going there.

P-NG Machinery Out of Gear?

Remarkable Case of Police Superintendent Steeples

ONE of the most remarkable cases in the administrative history of Papua-New Guinea is that of Mr. Ernest Steeples, high police officer. One correspondent says: "The case is an example of rank justice being supported by replete technicalities and fumbling bureaucracy."

Steeples arrived in New Guinea in May, 1927, with rank of Warrant Officer; gave good service under arduous pioneering conditions; and on January 28, 1931, was appointed Inspector in Charge of Rabaul Police District.

He was the only commissioned police officer to return after World War II, and he did a good job of organisation in Moresby, Lae and Port Moresby. In 1947, he was given the rank of Acting Superintendent. When Colonel Grimshaw took charge as Police Commissioner he, in May, 1951, transferred Steeples to Moresby, to take charge there. Gazette 17, of March 20, 1952, announced his provisional promotion from Inspector to Superintendent. A junior officer, named Rackemann, who had come from the Queensland police and had had 2½ years' service around Moresby, appealed against the promotion of Steeples on the grounds of "superior efficiency." Steeples treated the development with contempt. He had been away on sick leave when the Public Service Ordinance was gazetted, and he apparently did not know that if an officer is appealed against, he then must appeal against the officers junior to himself. Even if he had appreciated the position, it is doubtful whether he would have acted, so certain were he and his associates that his 25 years' record of unblemished service would support his promotion.

To the amazement of many people, the Public Service Commissioner and the Promotions Appeals Committee ruled against Steeples, which appeared to put Rackemann next in police authority to the Commissioner.

WHEN ensued a series of events which are beyond the comprehension of an ordinary layman. Steeples apparently got legal advice and decided to fight. Another junior police officer, named Len, also appealed against Steeples' promotion on the grounds of superior efficiency. Steeples challenged the authority of the Appeals Board, on the ground that as a member of the original New Guinea Police Force he was not a member of the Public Service. Then he went to the Supreme Court for a writ of prohibition.

In a long judgment, Acting Judge Gore appeared to accept the legality of Steeples' claims; but threw a bombshell by saying that he had been given no evidence that Steeples was a commissioned officer of the NG Police Force. He therefore found against Steeples (who meanwhile had been stationed at Rabaul).

That started a legal earthquake. If Steeples was not a commissioned officer, then many court decisions in cases where he had been the prosecutor were invalidated. First reaction was seen when the case of Bougainville Company against Captain Coyne was thrown out because Steeples had no standing in the court.

Things were becoming desperately mixed. Moresby radio'd Steeples to go there and see the Public Service Commissioner immediately, and he left Rabaul on December 18. There has been frantic searching through records to establish the legality of Steeples' original appointments as a commissioned officer. After Mr. Steeples left Rabaul for Moresby, on December 18, Mrs. Steeples found a copy of Steeples' oath of service, given at Lae on November 22, 1949. This is regarded as a vital missing link in the legal tangle.

Meanwhile, all the older Public Servants are curious to know something of the reasons which induced a sober body of men to adjudge an official with 2½ years' Territory service to have "superior efficiency" over another official with a clean record of 25 years' service.

Some of the events on the justice-public service commission side of the P-NG Administration in recent years suggest that it is about time that high authority had a look over the machinery. Is it top-heavy, or is it merely out of gear?

A memorial will be erected on Norfolk Island to Captain James Cook, who discovered the island on October 10, 1774.

11th ANNIVERSARY OF FALL OF RABAU

JANUARY 23, 1953, will mark the 11th anniversary of the fall of Rabaul, NG, to the Japanese in 1942.

In Sydney, as usual, New Guinea Returned Servicemen, the New Guinea Women's Club and other Territorians will gather with Sydney members of the 2/22 Battalion AIF at 8.15 a.m. on that date, at the Cenotaph, Martin Place, to take part in a simple ceremony of commemoration and laying of wreaths.

SHIP FOR NORFOLK-NOUMEA-N. HEBRIDES SERVICE

IN February, the motor vessel *Vila Star*, 350 tons deadweight will inaugurate a regular two-monthly freight service between Auckland, NZ, and Norfolk Island Noumea (New Caledonia), Vila and Santo (New Hebrides).

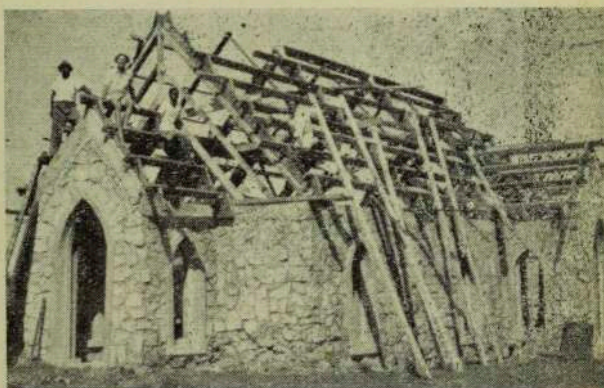
New Zealand is reaching out after trade in this part of the Pacific and is offering the Territories named canned meat, dairy products, timber in various forms, potatoes and honey. It is expected that Norfolk Island produce will sell in the more northerly groups.

To handle this trade, Mr. Richard N. Beim, of 312 Karangahape Road Auckland, has organised the New Hebrides Trading & Shipping Co. Ltd., and the Co. has opened a new office at 75 Pitt St., Sydney. Mr. Vernon Wheatley, who has been resident for some time in Santo will represent the new Co. in Norfolk Is.

Mrs. L. F. Roethel reached Sydney from USA by air on December 3 on her way to Dutch NG, where she will join her husband who is in charge of three oil-search helicopter.

Suva Point Church

The attractive local-stone Anglican Church at Suva Point, Fiji, which is now nearing completion, will be a lasting monument to the enthusiasm and industry of local Anglicans. Virtually all the work has been performed by volunteer labour. Seated on the highest timber immediately over the Church porch is Mr. A. E. Kennard who voluntarily undertook to put the roof on—he is a building contractor by trade.



PORT OF SUVA

Alternative Plans for Wharves

A YEAR has passed since the January hurricane created havoc in the port of Suva, and partially destroyed the King's Wharf and the principal docking area; and shipping and cargo have been handled under considerable difficulties ever since.

Only temporary repairs were made because it was decided to turn adversity to advantage by re-surveying the docks which, experience had shown, had not been so well planned and located as they might have been.

The main wharf now parallels the shore and, when big ships lie beside it, and the prevailing south-

easter is blowing them strongly against the dockside, there is considerable difficulty in getting them clear, and out into the harbour.

Other critics say that the wharves should not run parallel with the shore, but at right angles—it makes for easier berthing.

The Government formed an advisory committee of all the interests concerned, and brought in a London firm of consulting engineers, Messrs. Wilton and Bell; and a series of alternative plans have taken shape.

One proposal is that the present King's Wharf be rebuilt, but on a line 30 feet further out, and providing a deep-water berth around the western corner, on the side facing Walu Bay.

More elaborate plans provide that the present wharf area be mostly abandoned, and the deep-water wharves for ships be constructed further west, on the western side of Walu Bay, where the Public Works and various other similar installations now are located. It is proposed also to build slipways for small ships.

The King's Wharf rebuilding would cost around £1,000,000, while

either of the other (Walu Bay plans would probably run in £1,500,000; and to that must be added the cost of removing many workshops and similar installations). Consultations are now proceeding and it is hoped that a decision will be reached early this year.

OBE FOR JOHN BRAY

An OBE for Wing Commander John Bray was among the New Year Honours. John Bray was well known in Fiji when he was in charge of Laucala Bay station, the RNZAF, and he married Patricia, the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pat Costello. Wing Commander Bray now is on a special job in London, and he and his wife have been residing there for some time.

R. A. Derrick to Retire

It is expected that Mr. R. A. Derrick, Supervisor of Technical Services in Fiji, will shortly go on overseas leave prior to retirement.

He has given high service in technical education in Fiji. He was well-known for his technical training with the Methodist Mission before he joined the Government Education Department and has been the originator of a number of well-equipped technical training centres in the Colony and in addition is the author of a comprehensive geographical handbook of Fiji and of a history of the group up to the time of Cession. He recently completed a survey of the technical education of Pacific peoples for the South Pacific Commission.

After his retirement he will become Curator of the Fiji Museum.

First Fijian Battle Casualty

Private Jone Luwei, 22, of the Fiji Infantry Regiment serving against the terrorists in Malaya, was killed in an enemy ambush on December 16.

He is the first battle casualty of the FMF in Malaya.

UK Ship on Ocean Is. Rees

WHEN this issue went to press (January 19) the 7,000-ton UK ship *Kelvinbank* was stranded on a reef at Ocean Island where she had gone aground earlier in January.

Salvage teams feared she would become a total wreck.

Mr. H. Halstead, Superintendent of police, Fiji, was married in early December to Miss Barbara Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Corbett of Suva. Mr. Halstead is now on vacation leave which he and his wife will spend in the UK.



P-NG Scouts at Sydney Jamboree

One of those "not-done" things in Papua-New Guinea, perhaps (where the whiteman's burden bears heavily), but apparently part of the fun at the Scouts Jamboree at Greystanes, Sydney, in December-January—photo at left (by courtesy of Sydney Morning Herald) shows an Australian Cub-Mistress cutting the hair of a Scout from New Guinea, while a Papuan friend looks on. Below is a photograph (by C. H. Meen) of New Britain Scouts who were part of the large contingent from P-NG. In the centre is Scoutmaster L. Hastings who accompanied them to Sydney. He is not long returned from a World Jamboree in Austria.



Stop-Press Article

IS LONDON TRYING TO TORPEDO THE MOF COPRA CONTRACT ?

THE position of the South Pacific copra market, as on January 16, is clearly set out in the article on page 16 hereof.

The position was that the British Ministry of Food had informed the British Governments affected by its nine-years' copra-buying contract Australia, in respect of Papua and New Guinea; New Zealand, in respect of Western Samoa and Cook Islands; Fiji, in respect of Fiji and Tonga; and Western Pacific High Commission, in respect of Solomons and Gilbert and Ellice Islands) that a price reduction of 10 per cent. was proposed for 1953.

On January 20, after page 16 was printed, but just as this page was going to press, new information became available.

It now is believed that the British government is trying to create a situation which will bring about the cancellation of the MOF contract.

The British Socialist Government made many food contracts with

overseas countries—the 9-years' copra contract was only one of them. The non-Socialist Government has found those contracts embarrassing, and is prepared, as a matter of policy, to get rid of them. Already some have been cancelled. The position that now has developed in relation to copra gives the Government a chance to get rid of the copra contract, also.

The British MOF contract, made in 1949 for nine years, provided that the price should not vary more than 10 per cent., up or down, in any one year. The price has risen twice since then. The 1952 price was a rise of 10% over 1951.

At the end of 1952, the British MOF decided to reduce the price for 1953 by 10 per cent. (See page 16.) But world rate now is £20 sterling per ton better than the MOF contract rate for 1952, and is rising.

The South Pacific Governments were confident, therefore, that the

MOF 1953 rate at least would remain at the 1952 rate. But it was learned on January 20 that not only is the British Government insisting on the 10 per cent. reduction for 1953—it also is delicately offering as an alternative the cancellation of its 9-years' copra contract, made in 1949.

There was trickery from the beginning in this MOF contract. The original MOF price (1949-50) was close to world price, and the planters were well pleased with it. Then, overnight, the British Socialist Government depreciated Sterling by 30 per cent, and insisted on paying its MOF copra contract prices in Sterling; so that the South Seas planters, during 1950 and 1951, were paid for their copra at least £30 per ton under world parity.

World price fell in 1952, but never fell below the MOF price, so the British Government did not lose. Now, the world price is £20 per ton over the 1952 MOF price, and still the British are trying to reduce the MOF price by 10 per cent.

The London bureaucrats apparently are saying: Take the 1952 rate, less 10%, or cancel the contract and go onto the world market. Not a word about the bare-faced robbery of the planters in 1950-51. It leaves a very bad taste in the mouth.

British Western Pacific

New Commission Now Functioning at Honiara

From Our Own Correspondent.

HONIARA, January 2.
THE new Government of the British Territories of the South Pacific (Solomons Protectorate, Gilbert and Ellice Colony and the British side of the New Hebrides Condominium), created in 1952 when the High Commissionership of Western Pacific was separated from the Governorship of Fiji, is now functioning at Honiara, administrative centre of the Solomons and headquarters of the Commission.

His Excellency the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, CMG, OBE) accompanied by Mrs. Stanley, Miss Stanley, the Financial Secretary, Mr. A. M. MacLeod Smith, the Assistant Secretary (Mr. T. Russell), and Mrs. Russell, arrived at Honiara on December 22 on the MV Kurimarau, as the advance party of the Western Pacific High Commission whose headquarters are now being established at Honiara.

The High Commissioner landed at Point Cruz at 9 a.m., with due ceremony, in the uniform of the British Colonial Civil Service, and

was met by the Acting Resident Commissioner of the Solomon Islands (Mr. P. Hughes), the Government (BSI) Secretary (Mr. P. A. Richardson) and the District Commissioner, Central Solomons (Mr. G. A. Skipper), with their wives.

After inspecting a police Guard-of Honour, Mr. Stanley proceeded to a dais, where a loyal address was read by Mr. W. G. Paia, BEM, a member of the Advisory Council representing the Western Solomons; and a ceremonial presentation of Malaita red shell-money was made by a senior Malaita headman.

His Excellency replied to the loyal address, and pledged himself to do his utmost for the Protectorate. The party then drove to Govern-

ment House.

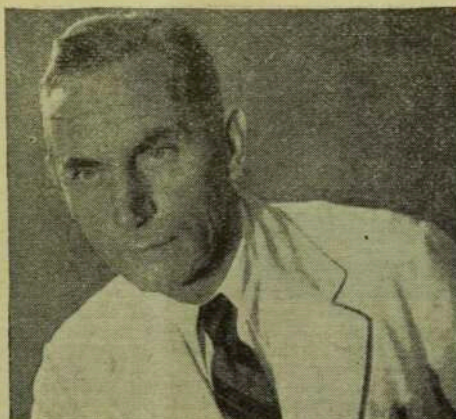
The remainder of the HCWP establishment is still in Suva, but will follow the chief official party to Honiara as soon as accommodation is available.

KNIGHTHOOD FOR J. F. NICOLL

HAVING recently received the appointment of Governor of Singapore, Mr. J. F. Nicoll, who spent some years in Fiji as Government Secretary, and acted on several occasions as Governor, has been raised to knighthood. He receives his KCMG in the New Year Honours.

Sir John Nicoll always was regarded in Fiji as a man of marked ability, and certain to receive a Governorship.

It is interesting to note that two former outstanding officials of Fiji, Sir Alexander Grantham and Sir John Nicoll, are to-day respectively Governor of Hongkong and Governor of Singapore. Those were the two first British territories to be over-run by the Japanese in 1941-2, and they now are regarded—in view of continuing developments in Asia—as being in the front of the Cold War.



Sir John Nicoll

QUEENSLAND LIKES BATIKI GRASS FROM FIJI

AS a result of Mr. S. L. Everist, a Queensland Government botanist, being sent by the South Pacific Commission to New Caledonia and Fiji, to study grasslands—part of a plan to improve Pacific Islands pastures—it is thought probable that the Queensland cattle industry may get the benefit of a valuable new grass.

In Fiji, Mr. Everist found and was much impressed with Batiki Blue Grass, which does well in a wide variety of soil types, appears palatable in all stages of growth, and does not need the same careful management as Para and Guinea grasses.

He has taken specimens of Batiki to Queensland, and it is hoped that this may prove to be a plant that will considerably strengthen and improve the pastures in the Queensland high-rainfall coastal districts.

DATA FROM TWIN CALVES

It is expected that valuable data will be gathered, to assist the pastoral industry in the Islands, as a result of the twin-calves experiment now being carried out by the South Pacific Commission, in co-operation with the NZ Agriculture Department.

Eight sets of twin heifer calves were selected in NZ; and one calf of each set was sent to the Experiment Station at Sigatoka, Fiji, while the other is being kept under observation at the Animal Research Station at Ruakura, NZ. They are being reared as far as possible under exactly the same conditions, except that one of the sets of twins is growing up in cool NZ, while the other is subjected to the tropical Islands climate. The animals are subject to two years of observation.

Inspector and Mrs. T. Upson, of Wau, NG, were present when their son, Corporal T. Upson, 19, graduated as an electrician at the Army Apprentice School, Vic., in December.

SPC Project Under Way in Netherlands NG

From Our Own Correspondent

HOLLANDIA, Jan. 1.

A DEVELOPMENT project, carried out under the auspices of the South Pacific Commission, on the Nimboran Plains, south of Lake Sentani and inland from Hollandia, Netherlands New Guinea, has been under way for several months. (See PIM for November).

Economic development is one of the main objects of the project and with this in view mechanised agriculture is being introduced. An SPC grant of £1,100 has been used to buy a Fordson tractor and various equipment. For the time being only 40 acres of the 1,000 acres of the Plains will be cultivated.

The District Officer of Nimboran has set up a co-operative store which for the first few months will be financed by the Netherlands Administration. Later, attention will be focused on education and health.

Bottle-neck of the project at present is the road connecting the area with Lake Sentani from which point the journey to Hollandia is completed by barge and lorry. The "road" was originally only a native track but it is now possible to reach the Plains by jeep, even in the wet season. This is due to the work put into it by Plains natives. To complete an all-weather road, including one Bailey Bridge, will cost an estimated £29,000.

There are six members on the Supervisory Board of the Nimboran project which was set up three months ago—one of which, the Civil Commissioner of the North Division of NNG, Mr. A. Lamers, acts as Chairman.

Gift from the Japs



New Britain's number-one post-war curse—some giant snails on a tree trunk near Rabaul. The snails were introduced by the Japs.

Severe Quakes in Rabaul District

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAU, Dec. 26.

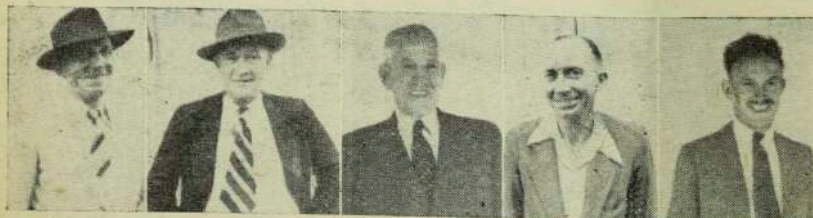
BEGINNING with a three-minute earthquake on Christmas Eve, Rabaul-Kokopo District New Britain had 26 earth tremors in the following 36 hours. Eight of the tremors were classed major.

It is thought that the centre is some hundreds of miles away. To date no reports of damage have come in.

Mrs. John Cramer-Roberts

Vatukoula, Fiji, entertained at a afternoon-tea-cocktail party at the end of November in honour of Mr. N. E. Neilson and her daughter Marjanne. Among those present were: Mesdames Yarrow, Blatchford, Webster, Cayser, Crabbe, Paul, McGirr, Hancock, Plaisted, Pearsall, Turner, Dennis, Millar.

Papua-New Guinea Travellers



North bound on the December Bulolo, after spending leave in Australia, were (left to right): Mr. Arthur Eldridge, of the Papua Plumbing Company, Port Moresby; Mr. J. B. Bell, of the Radio Station, Port Moresby, Papua; Mr. F. I. Patten, of Tamalabatt Plantation, Tabar, Kavieng, who has been in the Territory for 25 years; Mr. J. Peck, Radio Technician, attached to the Department of Civil Aviation, Port Moresby; Mr. Peter Saunders, son of late Mr. Frank Saunders, who was killed by the Japs during the war.

NOTES MADE IN THE PACIFIC

Third Instalment, By R. W. Robson

ANOTHER COMPLICATION

THESE international complications! I already have described how a blown-away native of the Melanesia, fetching up in French territory (Futuna), created headaches in Noumea, Paris, Wellington and Apia. Here is another example of the worries of poor old bureaucracy.

North of Tahiti, out in the wide open spaces between the Northern Islands and the Marquesas, there are three tiny islands, Flint, Caroline and Vostock, and they belong to the British Crown. Why Britain retains them, Heaven knows—they have no population, nothing except a few groves of healthy coconuts. But coconuts nowadays represent money and, under some formal arrangement, the Bamberger interests of Papeete sent labourers (French) to Flint and Caroline to make copra. The labourers took their wives along; and three wives most inconsiderately produced offspring.

According to the law's strict interpretation, those babies, having been born in British territory, are British subjects. The Chancelleries of Great Britain and the French Colonies, are arguing heavily about it. Probably an Act of Parliament will be needed to put the matter right.

But the farce does not end there. The enterprise produced 85 tons of copra. Because it was produced on British territory, it is not rated as French, and therefore cannot get the French Metropolitan bonus. The thoroughly fed-up Papeete merchants finally offered it to the carpenter crushing mills, in Fiji, and the Carpenters bought it, and it

came in as British copra, duty free. That stirred up certain Fiji planting interests—they insisted it was French copra, and should be treated accordingly. Merchants and bureaucrats were still discussing the matter, with animation, at the year's end.

J. P. BAYLY'S CATTLE

IN all this growing talk about the possibilities of developing the cattle industry in the tropical Islands, I was interested in the experience of my friend, Mr. J. P. Bayly, one of Fiji's best-known landowners. He makes a comfortable income out of grazing, handling about 5,000 head of cattle at the south-western corner of Viti Levu, and his success is based on observation and experience. He breeds the ordinary English types on the dry and fairly high country around Nadi and then, for fattening, he transfers them to the lush green valleys above Sigatoka. Thence they are sold to retail butchers.

There is little disease to plague cattle in Fiji and, with careful supervision, the industry, in Mr. Bayly's opinion, has big possibilities. There is a lot of good natural pasture, but the grazier has to be always seeking improvement in grasses. His greatest trouble in that area is the wild guava—a strong, tenacious plant that, if neglected, will grow eight or 10 feet high and choke all other vegetation. Once it gets a hold, it has to be torn out with machines, and the land planted with Para, Guinea Grass, or something of that sort. On this experience, Mr. Bayly does not consider that the Cebu or Brahmin cross is necessary for successful cattle production in Fiji.

YOUNG HOOLIGAN PROBLEM

THE wave of petty village crime in the central archipelagoes is giving the local governments a lot of concern. It is seen mostly in a mean type of theft, and especially in the practice of young men of creeping into other people's gardens and carrying off their bananas, taro and other common foodstuffs. There also is an increasing amount of interference with young women—there have been some unpleasant rape cases. This evidence of growing hooliganism is worst in Western Samoa, but there has been a good deal of similar trouble in Tonga, and some evidence of the same trend in Fiji.

From observations made in Samoa, I think there has been police weakness there—too easy a relationship between officers and villagers. When there is general prosperity, as in Samoa, there is a tendency among youths towards "flashness"; and the answer is stern discipline—stern in this case meaning the prompt application of a cane in the place designated by Nature for that purpose, rather than court and prison procedure.

HAPPY ACCIDENT FOR FIJI

IT was just a happy accident that Warner Brothers film unit—which has now completed the making of the O'Keefe film—selected a location in Fiji, and left at least £250,000 in the Colony.

Two Warner Bros. executives, planning the enterprise, arrived in Fiji by air, en route to Samoa, which it was generally understood, would be the location. They had to wait a little while in Suva for transportation, and Mr. Robert Howlett, Tourist Officer, of Nadi, was asked to show them something of Fiji during their stay. Mr. Howlett motored them along the South Coast road, and they liked what they saw.

They went on to Samoa; and then came back and had another look at the South Coast. They had no fault to find with Samoa's scenery; but they thought that Fiji's scenery was just as good, and Fiji could supply all sorts of film requirements—old-style street scenes, Chinese crowds, players' accommodation and so forth, items of transport—which were not available in Samoa. Finally, the choice fell upon Fiji; and, at the producers' request, Mr. Howlett—the cause of it all—was detached from Tourism for six months to act as liaison officer between the big film organisation and the Government.

The experience has not soured his nature; but I notice that he has become fussy about his drinks, and is addicted to a Bula jacket.

BEETLE-CONSCIOUS

I FOUND the alert officials of the Fiji Agriculture Department very Rhino-beetle-conscious. The

(Continued on Page 109)



IN NAPOLEONIC WATERS

Here, in a large launch off the coast of St. Helena (Sthn. Atlantic) are seen Sir George Joy, KBE, CMG, Governor of St. Helena, and Mr. C. W. T. Johnson, CBE, the Government Secretary, both of whom served for many years in the Pacific: the former as Resident Commissioner in the New Hebrides, and the latter in the Fiji Secretariat and as British Agent and Consul in Tonga.

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By Tolala

So here comes 1953! May I wish you all a happy and a peaceful year, free from international tensions and the hopes of lesser fears of atom bombs and clashes among the nations of the world. It is the one period of the year when, I think, most of us have thoughts towards Peace and Goodwill, despite the commercialisation of "Xmas" (which, I contend, should always be spent on Christmas, for "X" is usually considered to be the unknown quantity, and Christ was certainly not that!). It's hope the coming year brings something concrete and practical as a policy among the Nations, who at present are certainly not United, even though we kid ourselves that the U.N.O. is doing a wonderful job . . . we're hoping!

Planter Sciortino, of Lihir Island, one of those delightful spots off the New Ireland coast, has put his money into pepper. And there's no reason why he shouldn't show a good profit in that sneezy commodity. It is said to grow quite well on Matanatar (near Kokopo) in New Britain. Let us beware of the Sydney water-sellers declaring it "black". That's the contingency Minister Hasluck might take steps to overcome. That is, if anyone can placate those gentlemen on the hook. Their argument would be, of course, that the pepper is grown by "slave" labour to the

detriment of their comrades in Malaya and Java.

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A typographical error (due, probably, to my bad typing) occurred in my par last month about the P-NG stamps. It should, obviously, read "masks" instead of "marks" when referring to the 2/- stamps.

And apropos of stamps I notice Mr. Nixonwestwood (Dec. PIM, p. 19) refers to the "two Buin boys in their headdress". Presumably he means the "Upi" lads on the 1d issue. This is the first time I have ever heard of their being Buin natives. I always knew their home as being North Bougainville, not far distant from Soraken. They could easily have been located at Buin—either working or being missionised—for the hat is worn continuously from eight or ten years of age to the time they undergo their initiation, which is sometimes in the early twenties.

In 1914 I had a weird and uncanny experience with an "Upi" lad on a plantation some fifty miles from their home, and where some twenty of these "Upis" were employed. One lad was a chronic deserter. After the third occasion of recovering him I threatened, in my youthful ignorance of the sacredness of taboo, to cut off his hat if he deserted again. He did and, on his return, I felt obliged to carry out my threat and, despite

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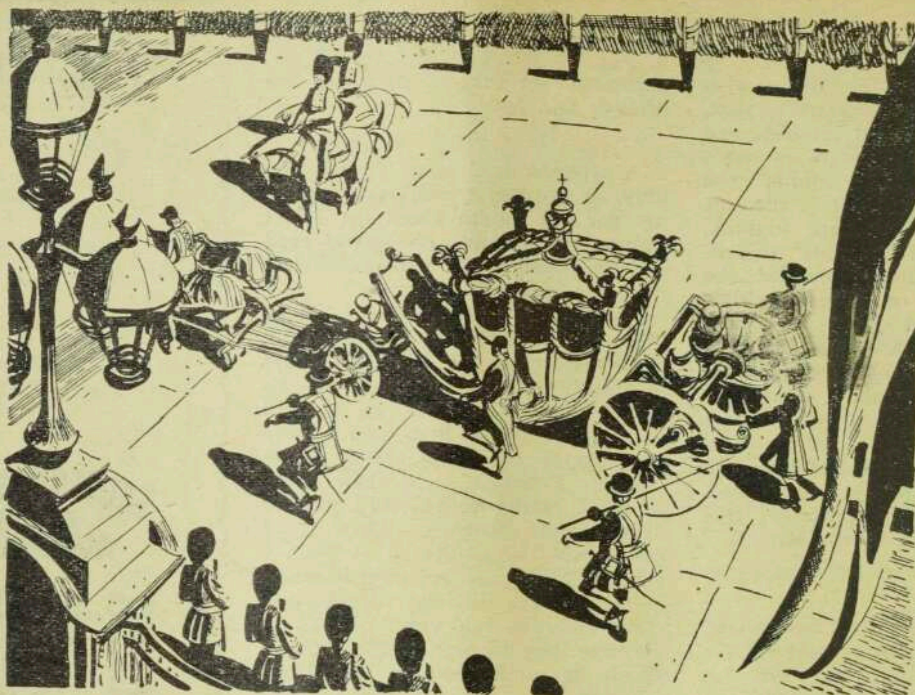
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ath warnings to me from his com-
mions, I removed the hat by cutting
rough many long strands of his
ir. There was great wailing. That
ght, true to native prognostication,
died. At any rate I had a "black-
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What's sauce for the goose . . .
ipan and Tinian, just north of
am, in the Marianas, are to revert
US Navy control, after 18 months'
ministration as a Trust Territory.
ey will be under a strategic trustee-
ip, which is the best type of all
UN trusteeships, because you can
st tell everyone to go chase them-
ves when they start "poking their
os" into matters concerning its
ministration. The excuse is "for
curity reasons" and an iron curtain
mediately drops. Why shouldn't
ustralia obtain a "strategic trustee-
ip" over New Guinea? It would
ve a lot of headaches.

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Latest news to reach me concerning
attack on the police boy, who
legedly shot three Goilala natives",
ems to suggest the PB might not
altogether blameless. PB's out on
trol have been known to cause

considerable trouble, unbeknownst to
their senior officers, who naturally
have to take the rap. Most of the
trouble used to be women and pigs;
and I don't suppose the causes have
altered much during the past 30
years.

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Reference is made in a recent
issue of *South Pacific Post* to Tench
Island, north of Kavieng where, it is
reported, the natives use kites and
spider-webs for catching fish. This
method is also adopted by natives
around the Teop (Bougainville) area.
Tench Island was a spot of interest
for years. The Germans, in their
day, stuck up a "Verboten" sign on
this place, and banned landing, or
any contact with the Tench Islanders.
The idea was to leave them entirely
untouched by civilisation for half a
century or so, and then check up on
them. Our own government followed
out this policy and Tench was a for-
bidden area. All went well until
an inquisitive missionary skipper
anchored one day and landed there
about 1936. This action caused no
little flutter in the Administration
dovecotes at the time. It is possible
that the Tenchians have their co-
operative society, radio sets and a
few high-powered motor-launches
by now.

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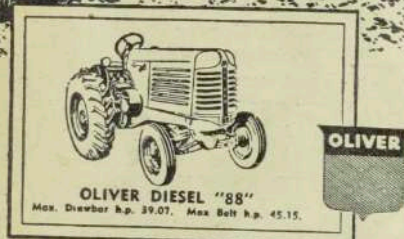
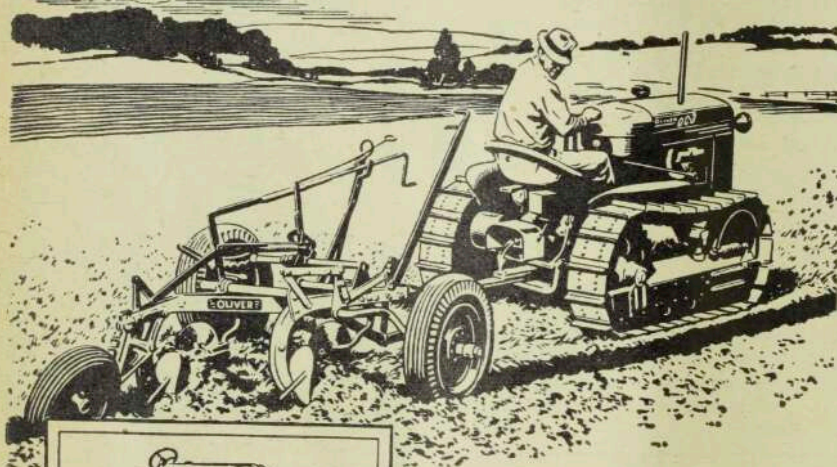
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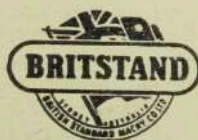


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There's a movement on in Port Moresby to replace native operators on the telephone exchange with Europeans. Rabaul had its crossbear at one time, when native operators were engaged on the switchboard and often gave poor service. The problem was solved by engaging Malay and Euronese girls, who proved excellent on the job. Mention is made of installing an automatic exchange in Port Moresby. Rabaul technicians toyed with the idea before the War but found that the high humidity affected the shutters (or whatever it is they have on automatics). Possibly science has now found something to overcome this.

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It will be interesting to see how "The Man" gets on who is suing the government over the copra sales levies. His identity is being kept in a dark secret. For security reasons, no doubt! It sounds to me like one of these cases that will end up before the Privy Council. Here's wishing him luck, anyway.

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The war being waged by Australian dairymen against copra margarine (Dec. PIM, p. 31) is certainly not an original feud. Over 20 years ago USA dairymen launched a similar campaign against oleo margarine is called in the States. To read some of the reports, oleo was the dirtiest commodity on the market, collected from unwashed natives, left to rot in the sun on unhygienic wharves in the South Seas. An adventure story, written allegedly by a young girl who had travelled throughout the South Seas, was quoted at great length.

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It is indeed good news to hear that the South Pacific Commission is to list historical sites throughout the Islands (Dec. PIM, p. 63). Where New Guinea is concerned, any rate, it wants to lose no time otherwise there will be few left to assist the Commission in locating any historical spots. The best contact I should think, would be some of the older Catholic Fathers, who have about the longest residence in the Territory.

Mrs. Kathleen Newick of Apia has recorded a series of talks on life in Samoa for the New Zealand Broadcasting Service under the title, "Samoaan Newsletter." The talks will be broadcast in the weekly Women's Hour on the commercial network.

EUROPEAN WOMAN DRIFTS 3 DAYS OFF SAMARAI

From Our Own Correspondence

P. MORESBY, Jan. 2.

MRS. NORMAN IZOD, aged between 50 and 60, had a growing experience in late December when the launch in which she is travelling between Normanby and Samarai, broke down and went adrift.

With her on the 24-foot craft, the Phoenix, was a native girl and a five crew.

The craft broke down on the night December 20, and was sighted drift the next afternoon. When an extensive search of the area between Samarai and Normanby Island (Mrs. Izod's home), proved unsuccessful, the Qantas Sandringham was requested to make a search of the area on its routine flight. When that failed, the Catalina was sent to make an aerial sweep of the whole area, including the coastline from Normanby Island towards Tufi on the mainland. On December 24, the Catalina sighted Phoenix in tow behind the Spillers' launch, having apparently been just picked up.

Although those aboard had had a very anxious time during the three days and nights adrift, all came through it without serious effects. It was particularly worrying for Mrs. Izod, as at the time she was on her

way to Samarai where her husband was seriously ill in hospital.

Mr. Pat Henry of Madang, New Guinea, was on leave in Australia in January.

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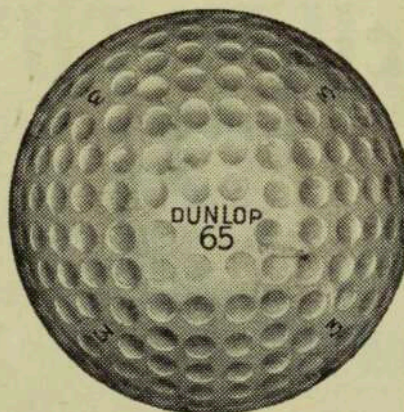
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the money market seems more friendly. After years of agitation the Co. finally got its permit to seek for oil, but it wants some £30,000 to get going, and the market is indifferent to new issues. The market to-day values the Co.'s share at £1, which is not encouraging.

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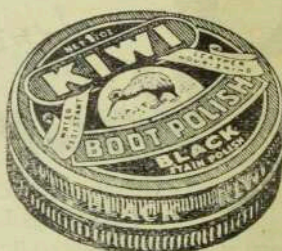


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It was originally anticipated that the service would commence from Sydney on March 13.

The service will operate on a bi-weekly basis. Tuesday's flight will be via Auckland and Fiji, but on Fridays it will be direct to Fanning Island and Honolulu. From Honolulu (direct) connection to Vancouver is by Super DC.6B.

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From January, 1953, the Papua-New Guinea agency for this line is taken over by Robert Gillespie (New Guinea) Ltd., whose head office is at Lae. The Gillespie offices at Lae, Rabaul and Madang will be the care of the Line's agency in these ports, and in Port Moresby Messrs. E. E. Kriewaldt and Co., Ltd., will conduct the agency on behalf of Gillespies. The Sydney agents are Birt and Co. (Pty.) Ltd., Bridge Street.

The growth in shipping lines serving service to Papua-New Guinea, in the last year or so, has been remarkable. This should assist the general Australian plan to carry on with the development of new industries in the big Pacific territories.

Beautifying Rarotonga

PRESIDENT Commissioner G. Nevill convened a public meeting in Rarotonga on December 4 to discuss ways and means of beautifying the island's roads, villages and waterfront.

It was decided, as a first move, to enlist the co-operation of schools, public bodies and residents in large-scale tree plantings on eroded parts of the coast-line which the island's 10-mile encircling road closely follows.

The Department of Agriculture will provide suitable shrubs and trees as soon as they are ready for planting-out. The virtues of the iron-wood tree for coastal plantings was emphasised, and many self-sown iron-wood plants are available along the south coast for immediate planting.

Unpopular Amendment to NG Native Labour Ordinance

AN amendment to the Native Labour Ordinance which came into effect in Papua-New Guinea in December is causing concern among employers. Native labourers finishing their labour contracts must now be paid off in the district of their employment instead of, as formerly, at the District Office nearest their village.

In some cases this means transporting natives in a direction away from their homes and involves extra transport and rationing costs as well as a delay in getting them back to their villages. At the same time it provides added opportunity

for time-expired labourers to squander or lose their accumulated wages before starting home.

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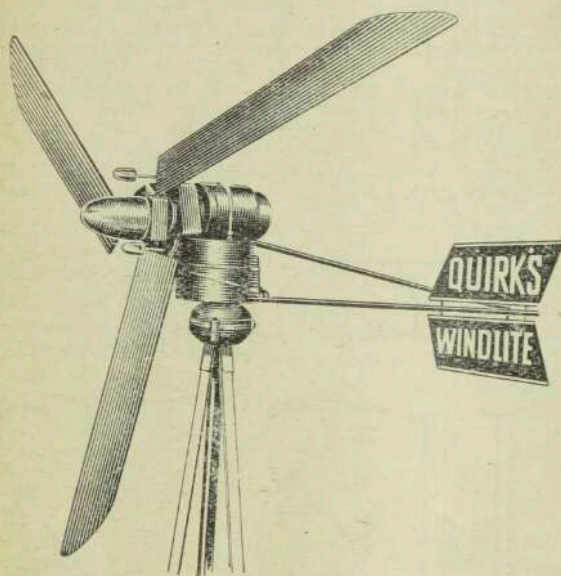
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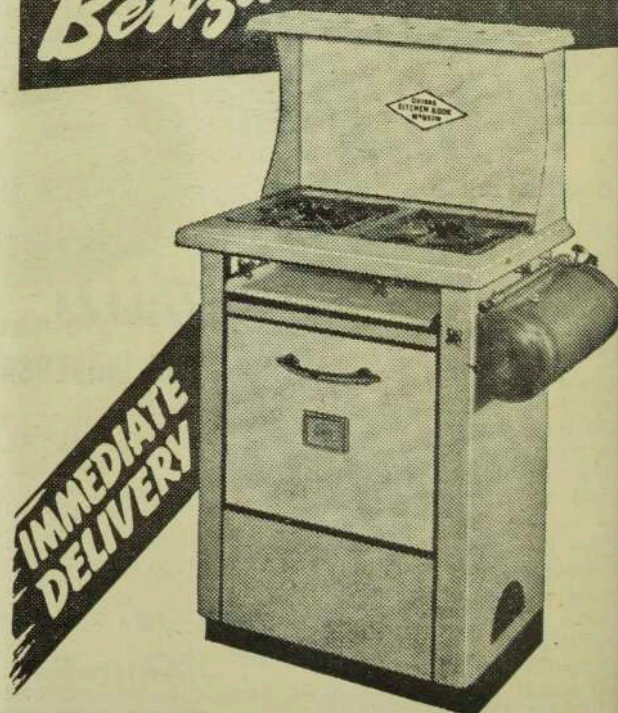
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Sir Ronald Garvey at Tavua



During his first tour of Viti Levu in November, Fiji's new Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, was entertained at morning tea at the Tavua Hotel by Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner and met local residents. This photograph, taken outside the hotel, shows in front row (left to right): District Commissioner Harley Nott; Mr. J. Turner, manager of the hotel, Mr. Carver of the CSR Co., Mrs. Turner, Sir Ronald Garvey, Mrs. Suzanne Gullidge, Mesdames Mune, Aiken, Holborough, Freeman, Carver, Sugar and Thomas.

BRITAIN RECOVERS HER TRADE IN FIJI

It is noted, as a matter of significant international trade, that British ships have been carrying British goods into the colony of Fiji.

During the war years the greater part of Fiji's needs was supplied from Australia, New Zealand and

North America. In 1946, only three ships came from Britain to Fiji, with 7,212 tons of cargo. But British trade recovered steadily. In 1950, nine ships landed 36,506 tons of British merchandise. In 1952, ten ships discharged in Suva 49,071 tons from the United Kingdom.

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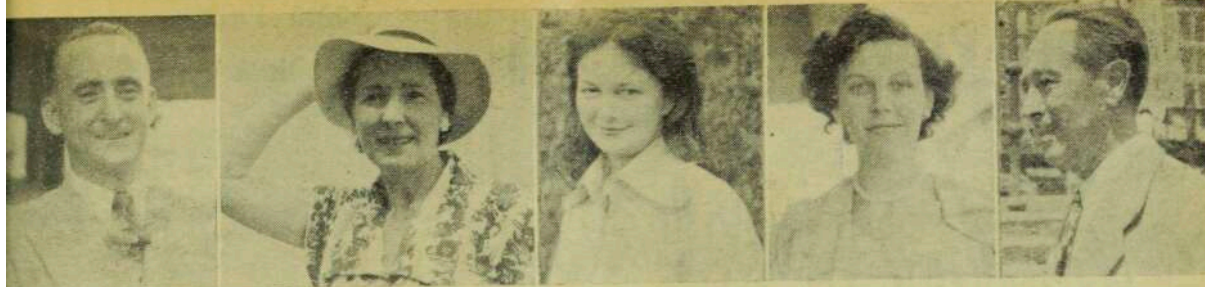
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Madame Annette Chaze, of Papeete, who was visiting her father, Mr. C. Swenson of Auckland.

Miss C. M. Dick, returning from an assignment as official stenographer at the

recent annual meeting of the Cook Is. Legislative Council.

Mr. S. C. Falkenberg, of Tahiti, who arrived on Waitomo on a visit to Auckland.

HIGH COURT UPHOLDS CREIGHTON APPEAL

An appeal by William Mervyn Creighton, medical orderly, was upheld by the Australian High Court in Sydney on December 23, as a result Creighton was released on bail from Lae (NG) gaol, where he has been since August. He was convicted of an offence against a native NG woman by a 7, and sentenced by Mr. Justice to 4½ years' imprisonment. The High Court appeal was upheld on technical points of law. No one has yet been fixed for a new trial.

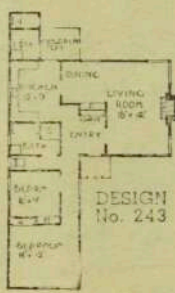
COLLER RELEASED FROM LONG BAY

Recil George William Collier, a painter, was released from Long Bay gaol, Sydney, on December 1, after serving only six months of a 2 years' sentence imposed by Mr. Justice Kelly in Port Moresby last year. Collier pleaded guilty of having broken into a Moresby shop and taken clothing valued at £21/10/-. Collier appealed to the High Court on the grounds of undue severity of sentence.



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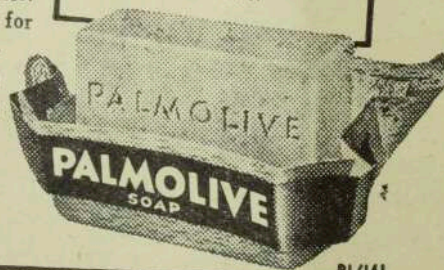
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South Pacific Commission's Activities

Mr. W. V. D. Pieris, the South Pacific Commission's specialist in the coconut industry, left Noumea on January 8 for Honolulu, en route to the Trust Territory of Micronesia where, at the request of the Administration, he proposes to study the history, current problems and future development of the coconut industry in the territory, visit representative plantations, indigenous plantings, and to meet growers and examine areas selected for new plantings.

VALUABLE TECHNICAL PAPERS

The Commission is issuing a series of Technical Papers mainly comprising reports on projects being carried out in the fields of economic development, health, and social development. Titles issued over the past six months are:

A Survey of Leprosy in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate. By Dr. C. J. Austin, Director, Mokogai Leprosy Hospital, 12 pp., map.

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Cocoa Plantation Management in Western Samoa. By D. R. A. Edwards, General Manager, New Zealand Reparation Estates and W. Edwards, Assistant General Manager. 20 pp., diagrams.

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SOUTH PACIFIC'S SECOND CONFERENCE IN APRIL

OVER 70 delegates, from 18 Pacific Islands territories, will assemble at Noumea in April to attend the second South Pacific Conference. It will be held at the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission, of which the Conference is an auxiliary body, set up to provide a direct link between the Commission and the Islands peoples it serves.

The delegates, who will mostly be members of the indigenous races, will come from as far afield as the Mariana and Marshall groups to the north, from Netherlands New Guinea to the west, from as far east as Tahiti, and from the independent Kingdom of Tonga, in the south.

Delegates will consider problems relating to the welfare and progress of their own peoples. Topics they will discuss include the role of men and women's organisations in the community, the conservation and improvement of land and sea resources, the relation of populations to resources, marketing problems, and the health education of island peoples.

The First South Pacific Conference was held at Suva, Fiji, in April, 1950, and was an event of major importance to Islands peoples. Then, for the first time in their history, representatives of the three great Pacific races, Polynesian, Melanesian, and Micronesian, were brought together to discuss problems of common interest. These related to such matters as village hygiene, mosquito control, vocational training of Islands peoples, the village school, co-operatives, and the development of fisheries and food crops.

The findings of that Conference, embodied in 42 resolutions, went on to member Governments and their Islands' administrations.

LOCAL COMPANY IN NNG USES HELICOPTERS

From Our Own Correspondent

HOLLANDIA, Jan. 1. THE Netherlands New Guinea Petroleum Company at Sorong recently received three small helicopters, the first in Dutch New Guinea.

The planes will be used in the new oil-fields on West New Guinea's Vogelkop Peninsula. The oil wells are as close as Tasian and Mugoi, as well as at Steenkool (where the storage tanks are built) are miles apart.

The new helicopters will be valuable in this almost trackless country—they can be used as well for

transportation of geological investigation-parties which have to be moved quickly.

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Two knighthoods of interest to Islanders were among the New Year Honours granted at the instigation of New Zealand.

A knighthood was conferred upon Mr. J. H. Luxford, who rendered excellent service over some years as Chief Judge in Western Samoa.

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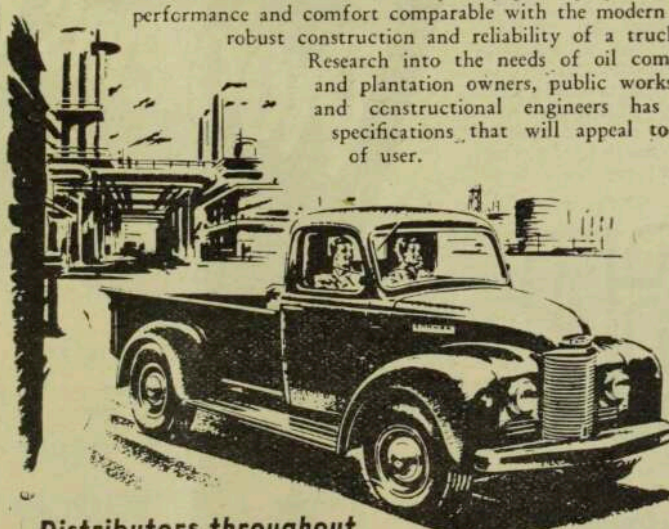
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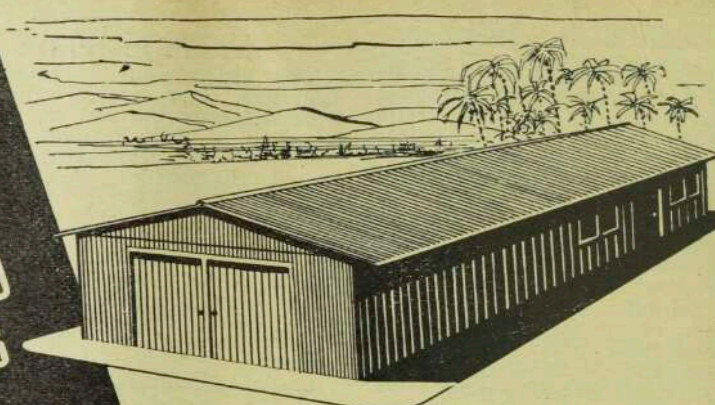
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FIJI'S POPULATION PROBLEMS HANDED TO BRITAIN

Interesting Aspects of The Council Debate

From Our Own Correspondent.

SUVA, December 22.

FIRST brought into the open by ex-Governor Sir Brian Freeston's famous "birth-control" warning to the Indian political leaders in 1949, Fiji's problem of potential over-population reached a new stage this month, when the Legislative Council unanimously asked that a Commission be sent from the United Kingdom to survey the whole situation, and to advise on any action considered necessary to prevent a slump in the living standards of the racial groups in Fiji.

This diplomatically-worded move early fell over backwards in its endeavour to avoid any appearance of pointing a finger of rebuke at any community. It was much less dramatic than the straightforward blitz sprung in the Council by the former Governor. Although it has aroused widespread interest, it has not provoked anything in the nature of inter-racial brawl.

The mover, Mr. H. Maurice Scott

(who was born in Fiji) and the seconder, Sir Alport Barker (who has lived here for 60-odd years), simply stressed the mounting fear (first publicly voiced by Sir Brian Freeston) that within the next half-century Fiji may well find itself unable to support its fast-mounting population.

Mr. Scott pointed out that at the present rate of increase, the population in the year 2,000—that is, only 48 years ahead—will be nearly 1,500,000 (835,000 Indians, 425,000 Fijians and 148,000 other races) and that there would be only 0.7 of an acre of land available for each person. He appealed to the Council to take a broad view of the question and to remember that over-population in the future could produce bitter strife as well as pestilence, hunger and dirt. If the present opportunity for surveying the situation rationally were lost, it would be lost for ever.

The Fijian members solidly supported the motion. One of them (Joeli K. Ravai) quoted cases in which Fijian communities themselves

were already seriously short of land in Viti Levu and in the Lau Group.

OPPOSITION came from Mr. Harold Gatty, a Government-nominated member, who condemned the motion as "premature and ill-conceived." He said that the problem was one of distribution rather than over-population, and said that if the

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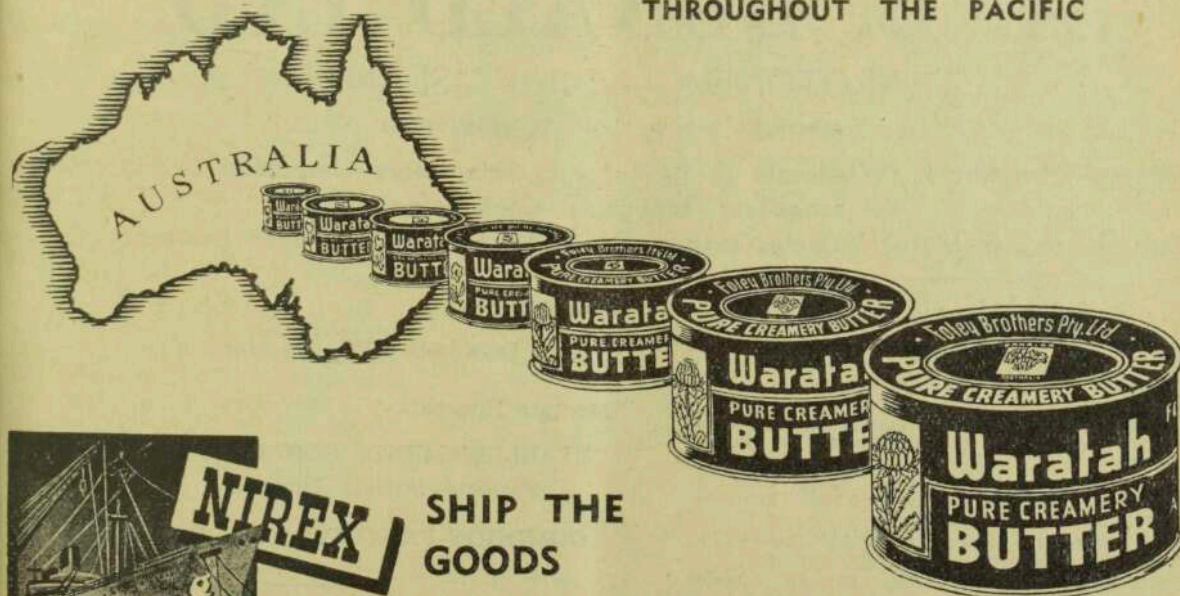
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natural resources of Fiji were developed in the next few years there would be an acute shortage of labour. This view was supported by some of the Indians.

Strong support for the motion came from the Secretary for Fijian Affairs (Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna) who said that Fiji must continue to depend primarily on agriculture, and that

most of the best land was already taken up with sugarcane culture, and most of the second-class land with rice, grown mainly by Indians. There was not much land available for grazing. He added: "We should be finding out many things now before a Commission is appointed. We should know where the good lands and bad lands are, and their extent.

For the benefit of all we should be moving now, so that in the years to come we will still have a contented population."

One or two Government officials seemed inclined to support Mr. Gatty's viewpoint.

Both the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) and the Colonial Secretary (Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart), at the end of the debate, firmly indicated the Government's approval of the motion as a means of meeting the genuine fears long expressed by sections of responsible opinion in Fiji.

Mr. Scott contributed the terse statement that most of the opposition to his motion came from "new boys in the Colony or from honourable birds-of-passage."

OUTSIDE the council, there has been some sour comment on the bringing up of a possible labour shortage as a talking-point. People remember that precisely the same argument was produced (mainly by European copra-planters) when many years ago, a move was made to curb the flood of Indian immigrants. As a result of the argument the flood was not curbed and the present population problem was materially added to.

Mr. Gatty's argument that the

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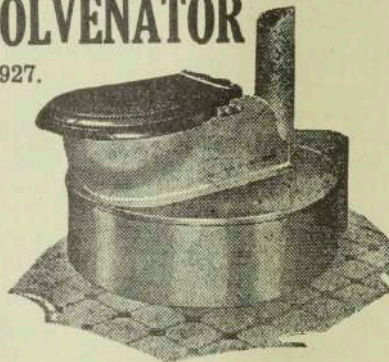
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population question should be left to Nature to decide left the door wide open to the more vehement European backers of the Fijian case, based on the Deed of Cession and the specifically-stated British pledge to maintain the paramountcy of Fijian and interests in Fiji.

Earlier in the session, a delicate rift was perceptible in the Indian camp, when Mr. B. M. Jannif came up with an earnest plea for the provision of birth-control information to enable parents to plan their families. India, said Mr. Jannif, was already advocating birth control, and he claimed wide support for his proposal.

With a pontifical air, the Senior Indian Member (Mr. Vishnu Deo) countered with the statement that what was needed was self-control, not birth control, to which Mr. Jannif replied tartly: "More easily said than done."

Government speakers, with an obvious eye to religious susceptibilities and possibly with an uneasy memory of how the last Governor had seemed (but only seemed) to skate lightly on the thin ice of the population question, were diplomatically non-committal on this aspect of the difficult subject.

In the end, the motion went through unanimously; but some of the outside public wonders whether the proposed unbiased commission will ever be in a position to do or to commend anything effectual.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

The Position of the Fiji-Indian

OLD observers of the Fiji problem were intrigued by the moves and counter-moves which attended the debate and acceptance by the Legislative Council of the motion: "That this Council urges that a Commission Inquiry from the United Kingdom be appointed forthwith to inquire into and advise as to what steps should be taken to ensure that this Colony will not suffer from over-population to the detriment of the standard of living of all races in the Colony."

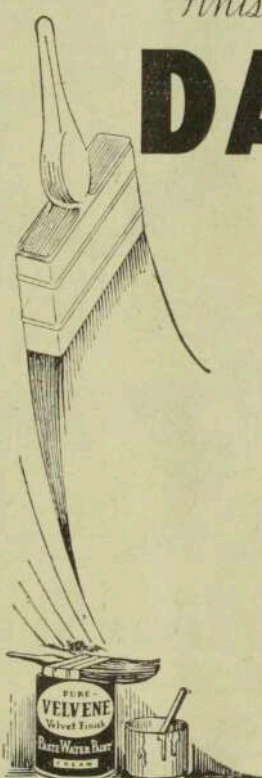
The resolution hurts no racial feelings. It allows the new Governor—who is eager to contribute something worthwhile to the solution of this increasingly difficult problem—to place the problem just where it belongs—namely, in the lap of the British Government. Fiji, alone, cannot find a solution. Fiji's headache is merely part of the major problem of what to be done with the large Indian colonies that have been planted in British and French territories all round the Indian Ocean. Before Fiji

can decide upon a policy, certain fundamental principles should be agreed upon as between London and Delhi, affecting conditions in such places as Mauritius, Natal, Uganda, and Madagascar.

The verbiage of Mr. Scott's motion suggests that it was hurriedly framed—probably to meet a situation created by the Fijians' determination that

this racial problem should no longer be ignored by the Government. Raviama Vimivalu had had prepared, for the Council, a motion that was directed specifically at the Indian threat to the future of the Fijians; and the more belligerent of the younger Fijians were all for it. But wise old Lala Sukuna said that the time was not ripe for an outright

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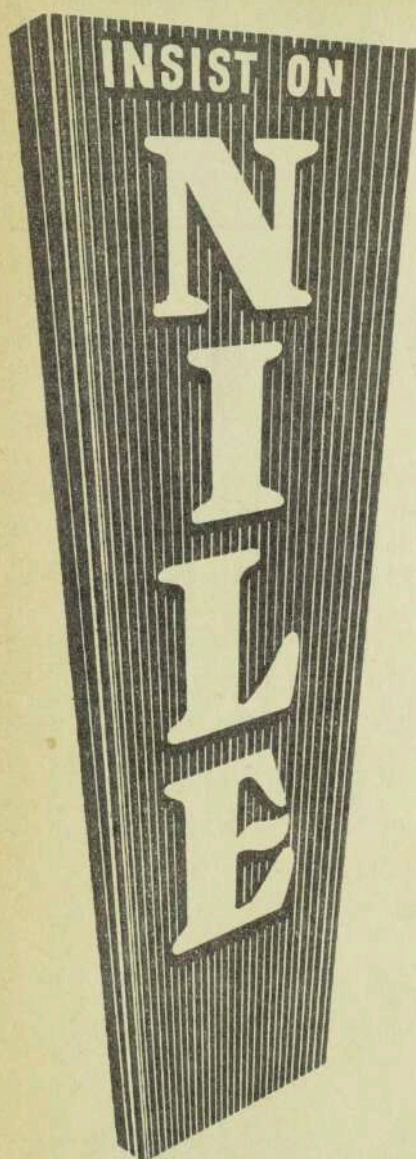
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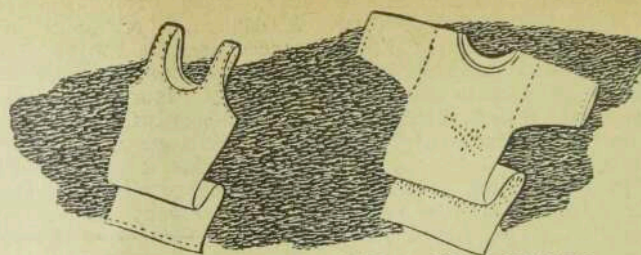
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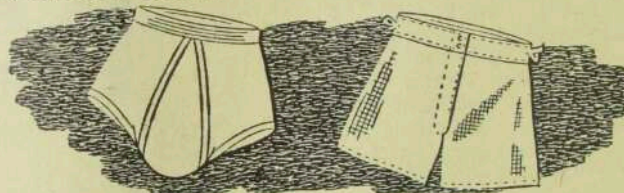
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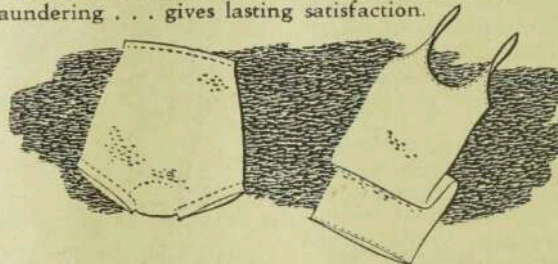
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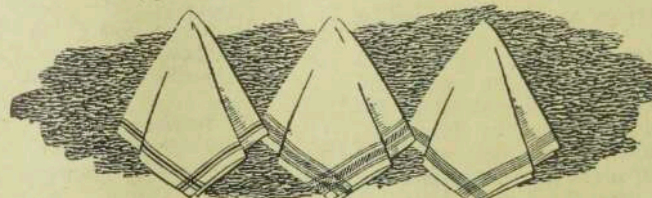
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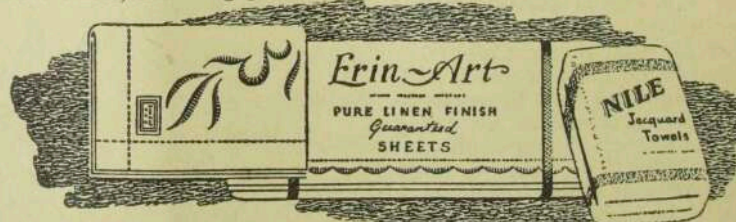
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challenge to the Indians, which might precipitate inter-racial brawling before the Government had a chance to deal with the bigger issues on the highest level.

Maurice Scott's motion was then introduced; and all races accepted it, with relief, as a sort of compromise, and a postponement of petty fighting.

THE debate had an air of unreality. Everyone avoided direct reference to the threat implicit in the rapid increase of Fiji's Indians and Chinese; yet everyone knew that, if this increase continues at the rate of the last decade, the Fijian race is doomed. The Fijians frankly recognise the menace, but—probably in reference to the new Governor—they held their feelings in check.

Harold Gatty's stand against the motion was not as unreasonable as some would suggest. All history shows that, in such crises of population, Nature *does* almost always take her own hand and provide a solution. The solution here probably will come through the younger, or Fiji-born Indians, by natural rather than deliberate birth-control. But a frank and open official inquiry into the whole situation will assist rather than retard this process.

Mr. Jannif's advocacy of birth-control, at this Council session, was

a remarkable development; and it is even more interesting to learn that, since the event, he has received many letters from younger Indians, supporting his stand, and explaining that, in order to improve their living conditions and properly train and educate their children, they are strongly in favour of smaller families. One is encouraged to hope that Jannif's speech points the way to future co-operation between the younger Indians and the Government, and a repudiation of the unhelpful attitude of the older brigade. The latter was represented by Mr. Vishnu Deo, who opposed Jannif. But that might have happened, anyhow. They are old political enemies, if only on Hindu-Moslem grounds.

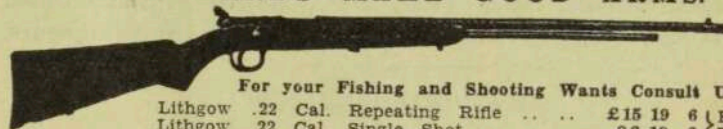
Up to late December, there had been no comment from the Roman Catholic authorities, who officially oppose birth-control. Developments here should be interesting. The in-

fluence of the Church is great; but that Church always is realist—and the Fiji problem surely calls for realism.

AN old friend in Fiji writes: "As I have said to you before, there is a good deal of personal friendship and goodwill between the races in Fiji, and I think that that must be the basis on which the country's future is to be built. If Indians will voluntarily cut down their population growth that will be a contribution of immeasurable value, because it will lessen the threat to Fijian ownership of land and make the Indians' economic future more secure. . . . A vicious influence at work is racial hatred, which finds particular expression in the *Pacific Review* and other Indian papers published in the Lautoka-Nadi area."

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the Fijian-Indian newspapers. Definitely, it is not helpful—in fact, much of it tends to build up, among influential non-Indians, the conviction that the only way to ensure the future safety of Fiji is to root the whole Indian community out of the Colony. An example is a weekly column in

one of these newspapers by someone calling himself "Ratu Beachcomber"—probably a decadent European. It is supposed to be a funny column, but the humour is so infantile in character as to be embarrassing to the average adult reader; and it is flavoured by a thoroughly nasty

colour antagonism.

There is urgent need in Fiji for a well-conducted newspaper for the educated section of the Fiji-born Indians, now increasing both in numbers and influence. The latter appear to be anxious to break away from the influence of their old leaders, who so callously betrayed them into an anti-British situation during the Pacific War, and thus compromised the future: and they now seek better instruction and more competent direction.

The Scott motion on Fiji population will have achieved something worthwhile if the British Government takes the opportunity to deal, on the highest level, with the problem of Indian implantations in British countries. But if it merely brings some retired officials and anthropological theorists out on a South Seas holiday, to produce endless talking and a vast printed report, will not have brought the Fiji problem any nearer practical solution.

Mrs. Stan McCosker with her two daughters recently left Brisbane for Rabaul, where she will spend some weeks on Matila, the family plantation.

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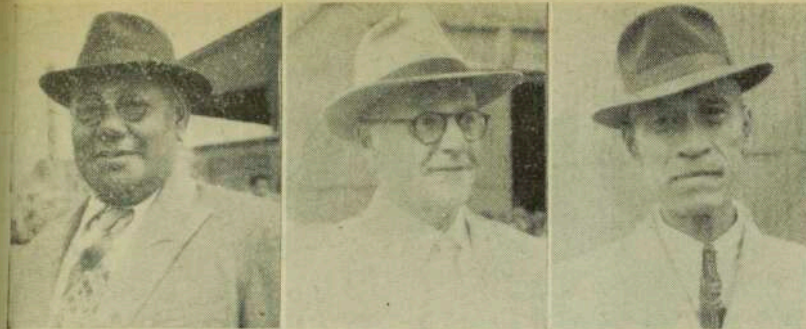
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Mr. J. M. Fretton (Peseta), surveyor of the Lands Department, W. Samoa, on leave.

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CALAIS FOUND AFTER 5-WEEKS DRIFT

From Our Own Correspondent

MADANG, Dec. 15.

ON December 14, the 35-ft. work-boat *Calais*, which had been missing since November 9, while en route from Rabaul to New Ireland, was sighted and taken in tow by Captain Thomas, master of the coastal ship, *Moroya*, who was proceeding from Kar-Kar Island to Madang.

There were four native women and two native men on board. Another woman had died and had been buried on a small atoll in the Bismarck Sea. The survivors had kept alive by eating copra, which they were carrying in the vessel, and by catching rain water.

In Madang they were admitted to the Native Hospital suffering from exposure and malnutrition.

The native skipper, Medili, had become ill at Duke of York Islands, and went ashore leaving the vessel in charge of the engine boy. Later, the ship broke down in St. George Channel, and a native rowed ashore for spare parts; on his return the ship was not in sight. In the ensuing five weeks the *Calais* drifted 400 miles. Now berthed at Madang, her sails are torn to ribbons, and the seams of her decking are opening up. She is owned by Mr. Martin Chan of Rabaul.

Mr. Abela Williams, a leading resident of Manihiki, N. Cooks, was married to Miss Porohu Greig at Rauhunu on November 21. The marriage was performed by Judge McCarthy during an official visit to the island. The married couple later made a honeymoon trip to Marotonga.

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LACK OF COCONUT CULTURE IN ISLANDS IS CRITICISED

From Our Suva Correspondent.

THERE is no proper coconut culture in the Pacific islands, said Mr. W. D. Pieris, an expert from Ceylon who has been surveying the coconut-growing and copra industries for the South Pacific Commission, when he addressed the Fiji Society at Suva in November.

The result of this lack, even on plantations, was reflected in yields. In the Pacific Islands, the yields of plantation copra were about a quarter of a ton to the acre, only one-third of the yield in Ceylon.

Mr. Pieris said that in the islands most of the palms were old, and in 15 or 20 years the plantations would no longer pay.

"Replacement of plantations is difficult and costly, and so owners tend to leave the old palms because of uncertainty about the future," he said; and added: "Replanting and management of plantations is a national problem, not a problem for the individual, and it should be treated as such."

These comments referred mainly to European-owned plantations. In

Fijian holdings—which produce between half and two-thirds of Fiji's copra—palms of all ages are found crowded together. In this case, said Mr. Pieris, although the yield was low, production was steady.

He urged soil-rehabilitation by artificial fertilisers or by feeding coconut meal to cattle in the plantations.

For many years, said Mr. Pieris, Ceylon had produced the best copra in the world and the Pacific Islands the worst. But Tonga, whose copra had previously been of the lowest quality, had now achieved second place to Ceylon by the introduction of scientific methods, and there was

no reason why Fiji and other territories should not follow suit.

In an open discussion which followed the address, Mr. C. Harvey (Director of Agriculture, Fiji) said that South Seas copra was of comparatively poor quality because overseas prices were the same for all grades of copra, and clean copra was costly to produce. He asked Mr. Pieris if the greater expense in producing higher grade copra in Ceylon was repaid by the higher yields and better market prices.

Mr. Pieris pointed out that the uniform price paid to Fiji and other British Islands territories applied only so long as the United Kingdom Ministry of Food bought the total output for export. On the open market good copra, which gave a white, almost odourless oil, was of higher value. South Seas copra gave a dark, acrid oil which in London

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was used only for soap-making. Even so, soap manufacturers preferred white oil. It was important that copra should be clean and dry, to prevent the growth of moulds, while the water content should not be above 10 per cent.

With regard to the rhinoceros beetle pest in Samoa, which has now

appeared at Vavau, Tonga, and has caused official palpitations in Fiji, Mr. Pieris said that in Ceylon the beetle seemed to have reached a balance with its natural enemies.

In reply to another question he said that in Ceylon the nuts were cut from the palms and not gathered from the ground. Picking the nuts

allowed labour problems to be solved and prevented sprouting, as frequently occurred in the Islands. It is not a question of lower labour costs in Ceylon; it was simply that in Ceylon the industry was large and efficient, not haphazard as in the Pacific.

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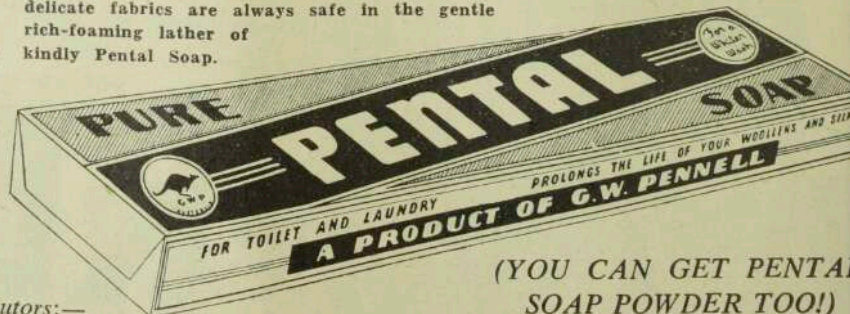


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New Industries in Papua-N. Guinea Now Rapidly Taking Shape

From Our Own Correspondent

P. MORESBY, Jan. 2.
MANY people have stressed that the future of the Papua-N. Guinea Territory must rest largely on development of its agricultural and pastoral potentialities. Now, after the long and possibly inevitable delays which attend such ventures, the Agricultural Department reports real progress.

Though the experiments with kenaf—the rival to jute—may yet strike some tough going, this new crop has got away to an excellent start. The venture is particularly promising because both private interests and Administration are pushing it. Eriama Estates Ltd., which has already had its first kenaf test crop processed into sample wool packs, cordage and twine, is planting 125 acres on its land just outside Port Moresby this season. And the Administration is also putting an area near Port Moresby under seed production.

BEEF FOR TERRITORIES

Perhaps even more important to the future of the Territory is the successful end of long planning, in the actual landing of 18 head of Zebu cattle, and four Murrah water-buffalo calves, from Pakistan.

The importation of Zebu breeding-stock for experimental work has been advocated by the Agricultural Department ever since civil administration was resumed. But a thousand snarls had to be untangled before those 22 calves were actually landed on the airstrip at Port Moresby. The real danger of introducing new diseases had to be offset, likewise the transport problem, and half a dozen other difficulties which bogged down the hopes of the livestock men.

But at long last the Zebus are safely in a specially-built quarantine paddock near Port Moresby, and the experiment is now in its first stage.

Private settlers (like the Leahy brothers in the Highlands districts), and several of the leading Christian Missions, are assisting greatly in the pastoral task by bringing in selected breeds of cattle, and experimenting with them in cross-breeding and in pastures preparation.

Coconut Products Limited, at Rabaul, are likewise doing some excellent work in helping to re-establish cattle herds in the New Britain area. In November they imported 82 head of a Shorthorn-Durham cross for their Wangaramut Plantation, and a further shipment of 225 head is due early in 1953. Some time ago they brought a few Zebu

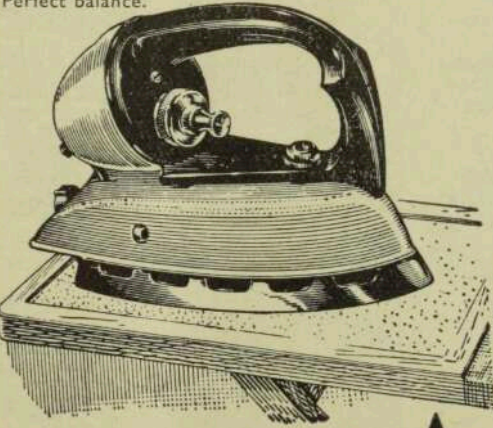
cattle from Australia with the aim of breeding a more suitable strain for the Territory. The Company also have cattle and horses on their Kolube and Marangis plantations, and there is a herd of 133 on Ulavio plantation.

RICE—PRESENT AND FUTURE

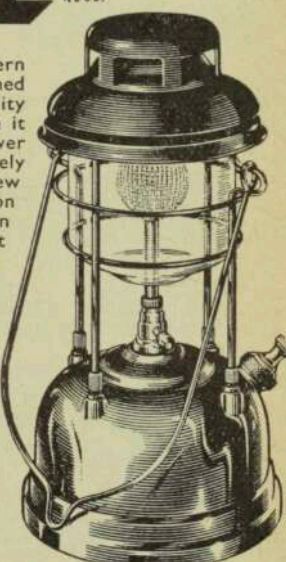
Much the same story is told about rice-growing experiments. A lot of money undoubtedly went into the Mekeo rice venture; but, now, rice is starting to arrive in Port Moresby from the Mekeo district. Recently several bags of Mekeo rice were put up for tender, and although these are "something nothing" compared

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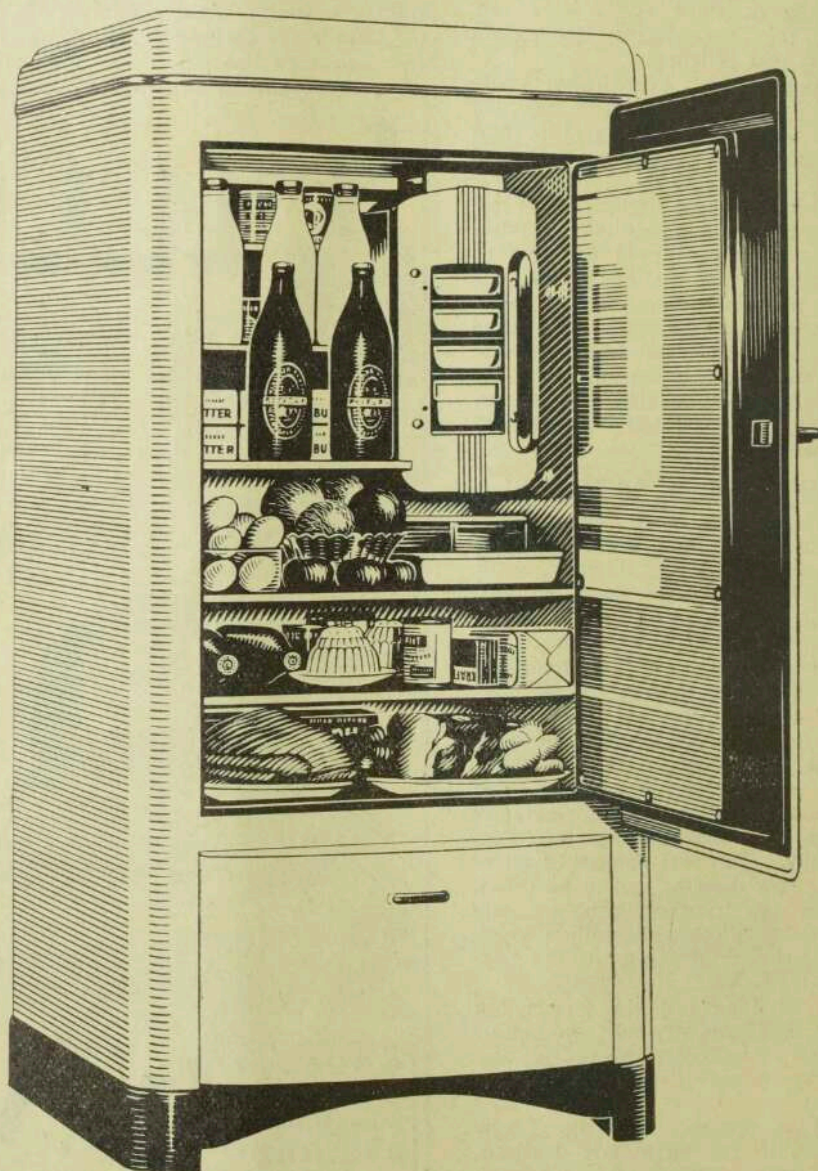
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But Mekeo is only part of the story. Rice is being grown in limited amounts on several private plantations for native labor rations, and the natives themselves are taking a keen and practical interest in growing rice on a peasant-holding basis. Quite a sizeable quantity has been produced by native communities in the Madang district, Dagua (north-west of Wewak) and in several other districts.

And now comes the latest Administration move—negotiations for the purchase of 5,000 acres of the Sepik Plains to be used for rice-growing experiments. Rice has already been planted by the Agricultural Department on a 50-acres block near the old wartime airstrip at Hayfield, just south of Maprik.

These rice plots are showing up very well. With something like a million acres of grassland in the Sepik, and a native population eager and anxious to see European development in their area, the set-up is quite promising.

The natives themselves do not live on the grasslands but have their

villages along the creeks and riverbanks, or on the lower slopes of the Torricelli Range. Many Sepik natives are quite familiar with European towns and settlements, and they are keen to have a commercial centre in their own district. So there was no humming and hawing when the Government suggested the purchase of the 5,000 acres of land. They themselves are getting quite interested in growing rice, and already some are also having a shot at cocoa production.

Given time and patience, plus a lot of hard work and the capacity to keep going despite setbacks, Sepik rice may eventually replace the Australian imported variety over a big area of New Guinea.

Maui Pomare is scheduled to make one of her very infrequent calls at Raoul, Kermadecs, en route to Niue and Rarotonga on her January run from Auckland.

In Auckland on December 22, Leonard Alafurai, of the Melanesian Mission, was ordained a deacon of the church. He is a native of Malaita and is the first Melanesian to be ordained since 1872, and the second in the history of the Mission. Alafurai went to New Zealand four

years ago, going first to the Te Aute Maori boys college in Hawke's Bay, and later to St. John's College, Auckland. Before returning to Melanesia, he will create another precedent by becoming the first Melanesian to serve as a curate in an Anglican Church in New Zealand—St. Mark's of Auckland.

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Water for the factory and showers for the native labour lines at Sivigolo is drawn from a crystal-clear well on the property. The desiccated coconut

has to be ferried over the Kemp Welch River in canoes, then goes by lorry to the coast and by ship to Port Moresby.

NORFOLK ISLAND NOTES

From Our Own Correspondent.

Mr. Paul Hasluck, Australian Minister for Territories, has chosen Norfolk Is. for a fortnight's holiday. With his family he will arrive by air on January 1.

Islanders are pleased at this honour and hope that first-hand knowledge of the Island will enable the Minister to brief the new Administrator, Brigadier Norman.

Mr. Alex Wilson, the retiring Administrator of Norfolk Island, left here in mid-December for Australia where he will again engage in farming. He has been Administrator of Norfolk for seven years.

The holiday rush started on the island in mid-December and between then and Christmas Day, 11 planes arrived from Australia or New Zealand, each bringing its quota of visitors.

Mr. Ross Henry of the Commonwealth Bank, Rabaul, NG, has been on leave in Brisbane, Qld.

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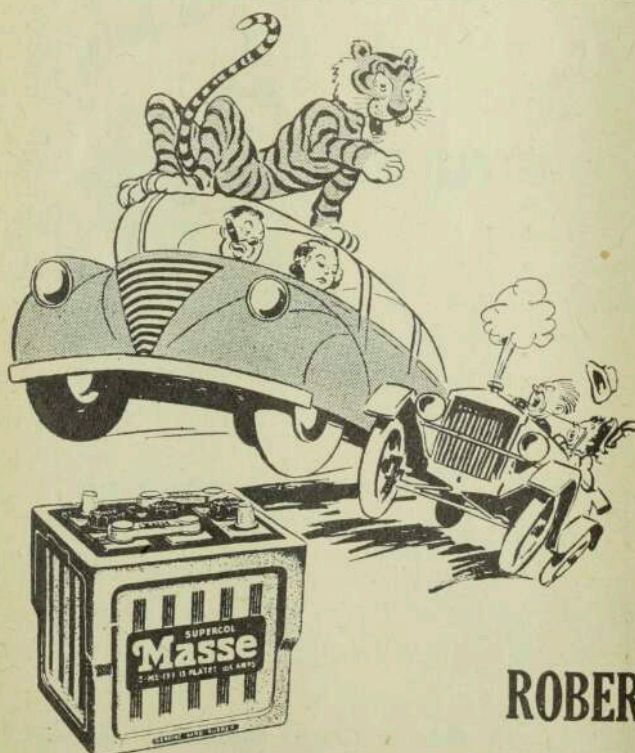
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Christening of Islands Interest

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The date of the christening was of special significance as the New Zealand Cruiser Bellona was in Malta for one day only on her way back to New Zealand from the UK and, as a long-standing engagement, the ceremony was performed by her Chaplain, the Rev. W.



Chaplain W. R. Castle christening Pamela Anne Batchelor.

R. Castle, RNZN. It was while Commander Batchelor was serving in Bellona on the New Zealand Station that Pamela Anne's parents met.

She wore the Christening robe which had been made in New Zealand 60 years before for the Christening of her grandfather, Captain N. W. Macdonald, now the Master of RCS Kurimaru in the service of the WPHC. Padre Castle used as a dipper from Phoenixia's bell (doing duty as a font) a gold-lipped shell which he had collected in Rabaul, New Britain, during his war service there.

At the reception afterwards in the

Ward Room of HMS Phoenixia several guests well-known in the Pacific were present and included Captain G. V. M. Dolphin, DSO, RN, of HMS Bellona, Mrs. R. C. H. Webber, once Miss Gwen Cochrane of Suva, Fiji, standing proxy as godmother for Miss Pamela Macdonald of Suva, and a number of Officers from HMNZS Bellona.

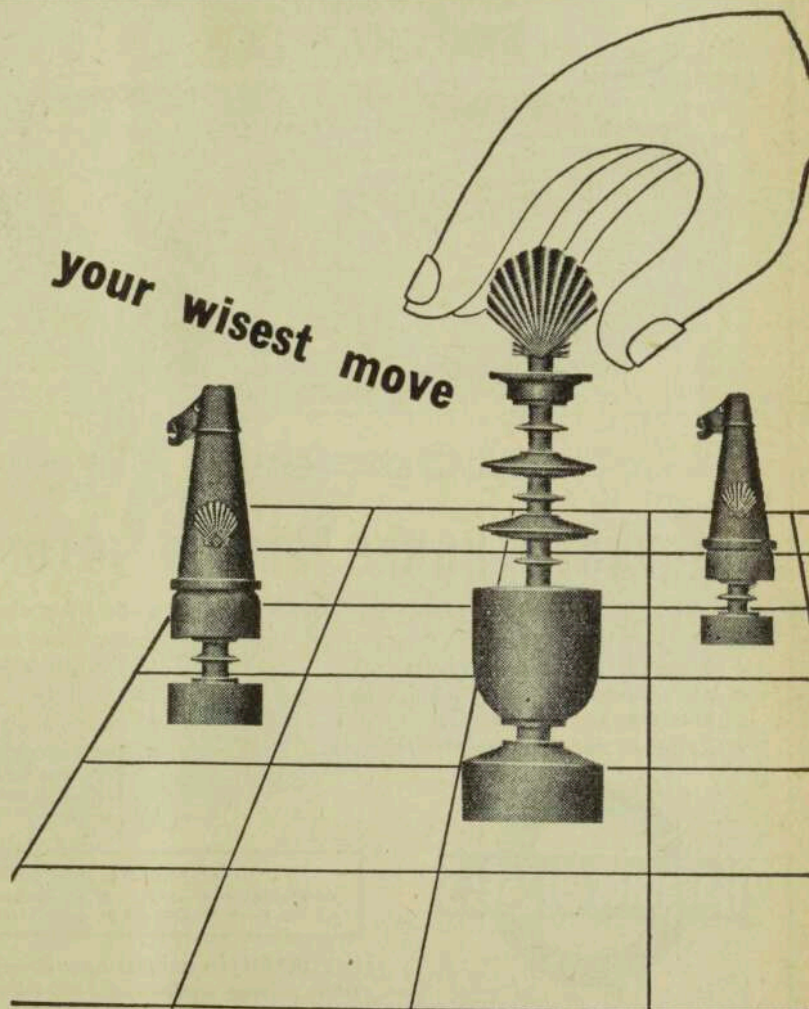
When HMNZS Bellona returned to Auckland in mid-December concluding an extensive cruise to Britain, she had aboard 10 Fijian soldiers who had joined the ship as passengers at Singapore. Eight of the men were on the sick list and the other two were returning to Fiji to train reinforcements.

Mr. G. Grove, manager of the Madang, NG, branch of the Commonwealth Bank for the past two years, has been transferred to Australia. Mr. R. Bird will succeed him in Madang. During his stay in Madang, Mr. Grove has taken an active interest in the Madang Club and the Golf Club.

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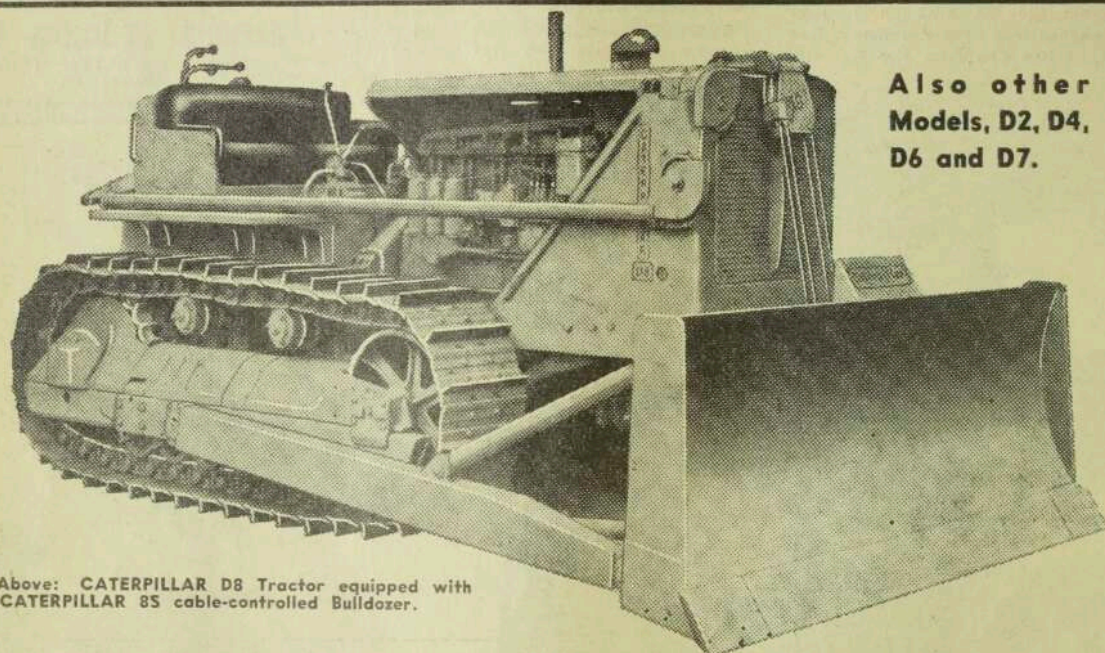
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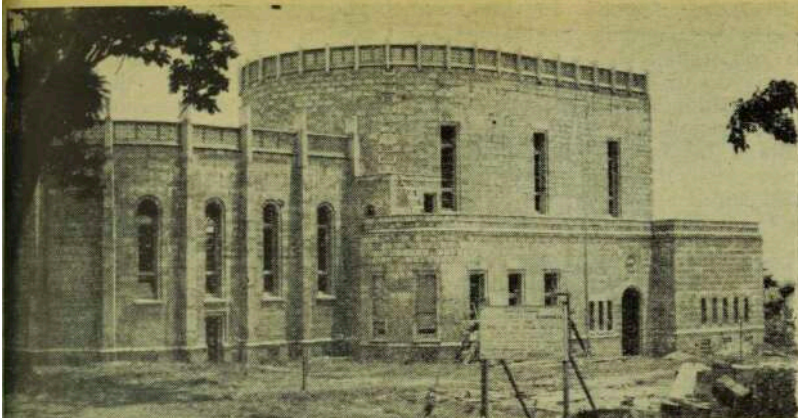
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The Anglican Cathedral at Suva, Fiji, the first stage of which has now been completed.
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Eighteen months ago the young patients of Makogai Leper Hospital, Fiji, formed a scouting unit which today totals 22 Wolf Cubs, 26 Scouts, nine Rovers and five arrant Scouters. This Christmas they received from the Port Nicholson Cub pack of Wellington, NZ, a shield for competition amongst them. The Wellington club received a message of warm appreciation in early January.

Shell Find in Gulf

THURSDAY ISLAND pearlers are reported to have found "significant new deposits in the Gulf of Carpentaria."

It was claimed in Brisbane that the deposits totalled 300 to 400 tons. (The present price of shell ranges from £A300 to £A850 per ton, in New York according to grade).

The discovery, it is believed, will help the industry to keep up the supply of pearl shell to American factories which otherwise would convert their machinery to making plastic buttons.

Mr. Paul Harricks has become Pan American Airways District Traffic and Sales manager in Fiji, with headquarters in Nadi. He is well known there. His parents were connected with the CSR Co. for many years, and he was a member of the Fiji second contingent to the RAF to serve in World War II. He has represented PAA at Canton Island for two years.

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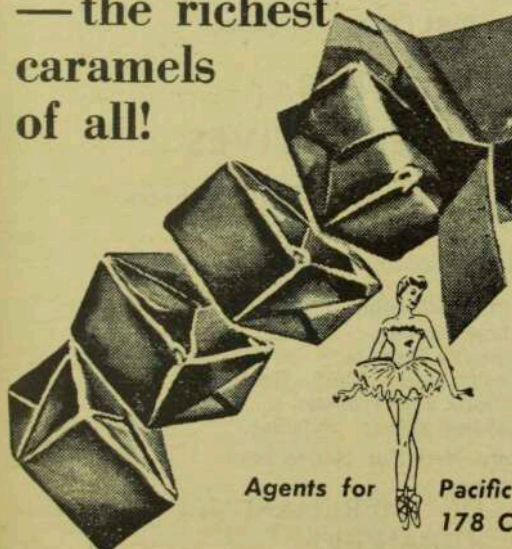
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FIRST blow reported during the current hurricane season in the South Pacific was at Nissan—a small island about 100 miles east of New Ireland and 80 miles north of Buka. The hurricane struck during the first week in December.

Excessive damage was done to houses and gardens but there was no loss of life. Nissan has a native population of about 1,500. There is also a Catholic Mission Station there.

All the roads on the island were blocked by fallen trees, and apart from wind damage many gardens were ruined by salt spray. Two ships

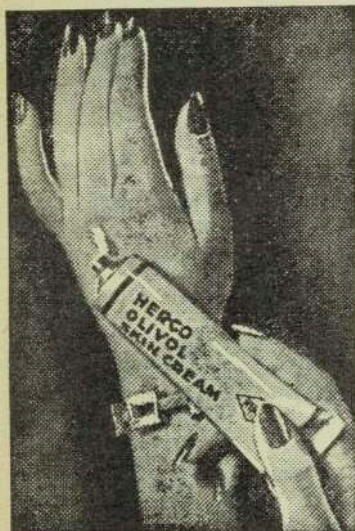
—a government trawler and mission vessel—set out for Nissan with relief stores and staff immediately news of the hurricane damage reached Bougainville.

BLOW IN SW PACIFIC

A cyclone of moderate intensity developed north-west of New Caledonia in mid-December, its centre passing down off the south-west coast of that island on December 18. Serious damage seems to have been reported though there were winds up to 40 knots.

The centre crossed Norfolk Island a day later, deepening as it progressed. It eventually passed down to the west of the North Island, NZ, and moved off to the eastward. The northern part of NZ experienced winds of gale force with serious damage. The Tongan Copra Boat 80-ton ketch *A'oni'u*, about to return to Nukualofa after replacement of her keel following stranding on Russell Reef, Haapai, was held at Auckland for a couple of days to the storm. Vessels in the eastern Tasman met very heavy weather.

Mr. N. I. Baker will replace Dr. H. S. Evans as District Officer of Rotuma, while the latter is on vacation leave.



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1952: Summary of Events In The Pacific

JANUARY

Sir Ronald Garvey appointed Governor of Fiji in succession to Sir Brian Free-

Mr. R. C. S. Stanley appointed High Commissioner for Western Pacific.

10th anniversary of fall of Rabaul to Japanese, January 23, 1942.

Fiji Battalion departs for service against terrorists in Malaya.

TEAL commences Solent flying-boat service Auckland-Tahiti via Suva, Tutuaki.

Hurricane lashes Viti Levu; over 20 deaths and a conservative £1 million damage.

MOF price for copra rises full 10 per cent. (Stg. 59/15/-); MOF price for sugar rises to £38/10/- per ton.

FEBRUARY

Hurricane damage to Fiji plantations causes withdrawal of USS Co.'s Matua from Island service.

Price of rice in NG rises to £100 per cwt.

Australian Government and BGD, Ltd., form company for exploitation of Bulolo oil forests.

Mr. R. G. Powles reappointed High Commissioner, Western Samoa, for second term of three years.

MARCH

Term of New Caledonian General Council expires and due to local and French metropolitan political dissension, prospect of electing new one.

APRIL

Trans-Oceanic Airways ceases flying-boat service Sydney-Port Moresby.

London price for free market copra rises to £60Stg.

Cyclone hits Louisiades, Papua; eight lives killed.

Fiji announces trade deficit for year £2 million.

MAY

Special committee begins taking evidence and against Australia-PNG Customs Union.

Minister for Territories announces retirement end of June of Col. J. K. Murray, Administrator P-NG.

APC's No. 2 bore at Hohoro, Papua, abandoned after costing £500,000, but search for oil goes on.

SPC Fisheries Conference held in Samoa.

JUNE

8-footer yacht sailing championships held Suva.

Announcement that Rabaul will be rebuilt on Simpson Harbour and not removed to Rapopo.

Two undersea volcanoes erupt off New Caledonia, BSI.

Fijians in action in Malaya and kill 1st terrorists.

TEAL completes 11 accident-free years.

JULY

Fijian R.U. football team arrives in Sydney for tour of NSW and Qld.

Warner Bros. begin making O'Keefe in Fiji and "Return to Paradise" in Western Samoa.

Mr. R. C. S. Stanley sworn in as HCWP. 100 Eastern Samoans leave to live permanently in Hawaii.

Mr. J. C. Elliott appointed Governor of Western Samoa in succession to Mr. Phelps.

AUGUST

US, Australian and NZ representatives meet in Honolulu to make Pacific Security Council.

Territories Minister makes limited

statement on P-NG land policy.

Mr. H. S. Richards, Administrator of Nauru since 1949, resigns.

Fijian footballers complete Aust. tour—won eight matches, lost one, drew one.

SEPTEMBER

The BSI Protectorate Government's power to levy income taxation is challenged by certain residents of BSI. It is expected that the case will be heard in Suva, Fiji.

W. R. Carpenter & Co.'s new copra crushing mill in operation in Rabaul.

Some residents challenge right of BSIP Government to levy income tax.

USS Co. announce that Aorangi, sole surviving Pacific passenger ship, will be withdrawn from Sydney-Nth. America service mid-1953 and not be replaced.

Island trading ship Awahou disappears on voyage between Sydney and Lord Howe Is.

OCTOBER

Sir Ronald Garvey arrives Suva and sworn in as Governor of Fiji.

Australian manufacturers stop buying Papuan rubber.

NZ National Airways Corp. ceases operating Pacific routes which now served by TEAL.

TEAL includes Western Samoa in Auckland-Tahiti service.

After drought since January hurricane, Fiji has driest October on record.

Papuan rubber planters' representatives meet representatives of Australian Govern-

ment and rubber manufacturers in attempt to solve marketing difficulties.

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Dutch announce they will not give up Dutch New Guinea.

NOVEMBER

Improvement in free market price of copra.
APC bore at Omati, Papua, down two sales.

First beer from Moresby's South Pacific brewery on sale locally.

New Shipping company (New Guinea-Australia Line) enters Sydney-PNG service with two ships.

James Arthur Ewing replaces J. C. Elliott as Governor E. Samoa.

First stage of Suva's Anglican Cathedral completed.

Education Conference between Administration and Missions in Port Moresby.

Australian Government to buy 400 tons of Papuan rubber.

Australian Government decides against Australian-PNG Customs union.

Queen Salote of Tonga invited to coronation in 1953.

DECEMBER

PNG planters begin legal proceedings for distribution of Copra Stabilisation Fund.

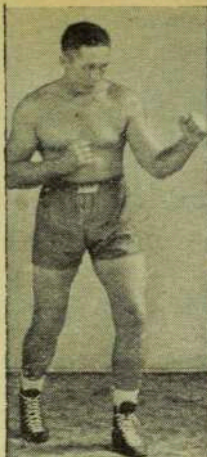
Brigadier C. H. B. Norman to succeed Mr. Alex Wilson as Administrator of Norfolk Is. on December 31.

Qantas E. Airways completes longest cattle-airlift—bringing 22 calves from Pakistan to Port Moresby.

Announced that MOF copra price in 1953 will be 10 per cent. less than in 1952. MOF price for sugar will rise by 13/16/8 Stg. per ton.

WPHC headquarters moved from Suva, Honiara, BSL.

Mr. R. H. ("Bobby") Gibbes, well-known owner-operator of Sepik Airways, New Guinea, returned from a visit to the United Kingdom in December.



TAHITI BOXER

This is Charley Cowan, Tahiti's No. 1 knock-out man. It is expected that early in the New Year he will go to Noumea to box with the New Caledonian heavyweight champion, Garcia. If Cowan wins he will then probably go to Suva to meet the heavyweight champion there.

C I's War Veterans

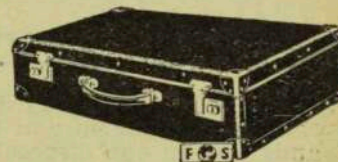
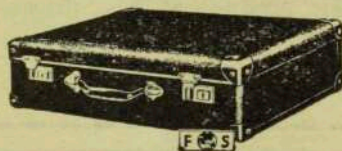
DURING December Mr. Raitia Tepuretu, President of the Cook Is. Returned Servicemen's Assn., and Mr. Barrie Good, of the Resident Commissioner's office, made a round of the Lower Group as passengers in the Maui Pomare, investigating claims for the recently announced War Veteran's Allowance.

Applicants on Rarotonga have been investigated and are now receiving the allowance, which applies to veterans of the First World War, who, for some reason, are no longer able to support themselves. Previously, the allowance was made only to islanders resident in New Zealand.

The New Britain Women's Club, Rabaul, held its annual Christmas cocktail party on December 22.

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Rarotonga Wedding

AT the Catholic Church, Rarotonga, Cook Is., on December 3, His Lordship Bishop Lehman celebrated the wedding of Miss Teariki Rongouna Agnes Framhien to Mr. John Taripo.

Following the service about 300 guests, including the Resident Commissioner and

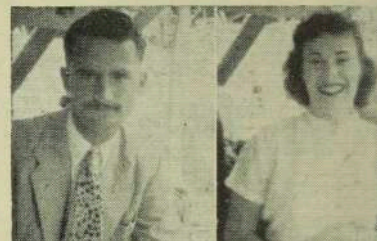
Official Secretary and his wife, were entertained at the bridegroom's home.

Mr. G. S. Barrack left Suva, Fiji, on pre-retirement leave in early December after 27 years' service with the Fiji Government and the WPHC.

Marist Mission Changes

FOLLOWING the transfer of Marist Mission headquarters from Lyons, France, to Rome, certain administrative changes have been announced. First of these, in so far as the Pacific Islands are concerned, is the appointment of Religious Superior in Fiji. The post has been filled by the Rev. Father C. Shivan, SM, lately of Wellington, N.Z. Similar appointments will be made in other Pacific areas.

Shansi Passengers



Passengers on the Shansi, which left Sydney on December 2, on the inaugural voyage of the newly-formed New Guinea Australia line, included (left to right) Mr. J. P. Sinclair, who was leaving to take up his new post as Patrol Officer at Tona, Papua, after five months' furlough in Australia. Miss Dorothy Briggs of the Department of Civil Aviation, Port Moresby, who was returning after spending her four months' leave touring Australia.

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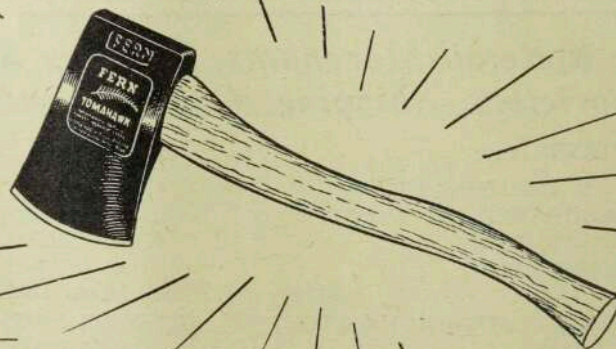
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Mr. and Mrs. Norman Mitchell from Aitutaki, Cook Is.

Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Gill. Mr. Gill is on the Resident Commissioner's staff, Cook Is.

Mr. P. T. Morea from Ngatangiia, Rarotonga, and Mr. John Springford of the Fruit Office. He is accompanied by Mrs. Springford.

Mr. Tapai Pirangi and Mr. Raymond from Cook Is.

After 39 years of service, Mr. H. A. Collyer, Manager of the Suva Station of Cable and Wireless Ltd., is to retire shortly.

New Copra Handling at Blanche Bay

The P-NG Copra Marketing Board has opened a new depot at Kabakaul in the Kokopo area, New Britain, and the former receiving centre at Takubar has been closed. The Board says the new depot is more central for producers on the southern shore of Blanche Bay, and it also has a better anchorage. A new causeway and jetty has been built at the new depot, and the possibility of Bank line freighters lying off Kabakaul to take direct loading for Britain, is being discussed. Speedier handling of copra from producers' trucks has been made possible by the installation of a road weighbridge, instead of the old system of single-bag scales.

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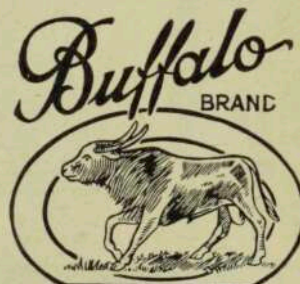
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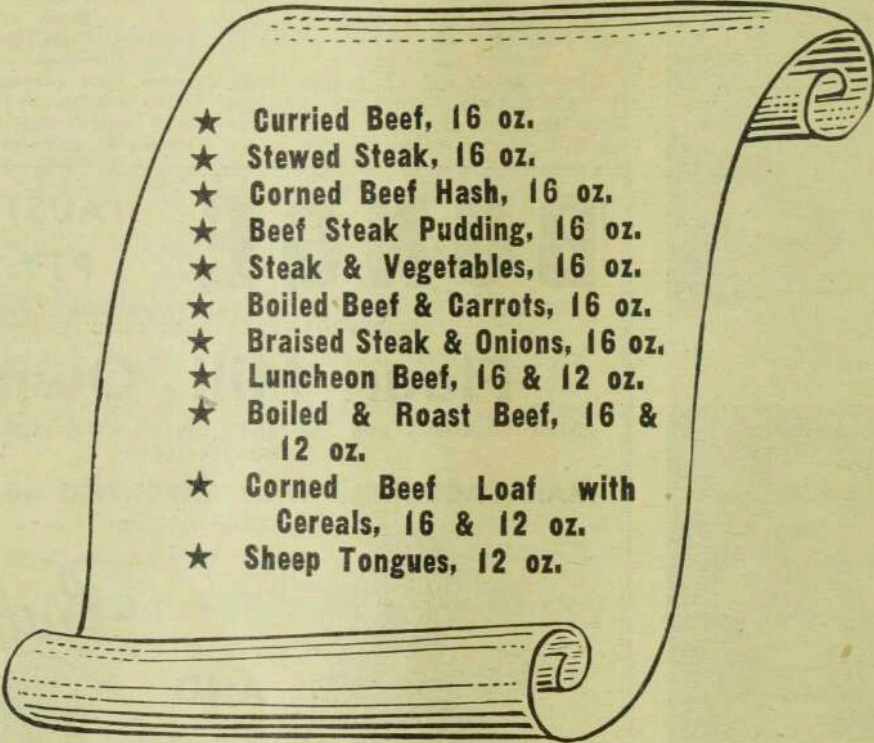
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Party Investigates Mineral Deposits in Dutch N. Guinea

(From Our Own Correspondent)

HOLLANDIA, Dec. 23.

THE Dutch part of New Guinea is about 13 times as big as Holland and this is one reason why little is known about the mineral potentials of this enormous landmass. Another reason is that only after landing-over the Netherlands Indies to the Indonesian Republic did Holland concentrate its attention on West New Guinea.

In the years before the war there was no need for a special interest in New Guinea: Holland had the rich Indies with their vast resources of raw materials and their relatively cheap labour. New Guinea was "too far away" and had a very limited labour supply.

Now Holland has left only the West Indies—Suriname and the Antilles—and West New Guinea from its former vast overseas territories. To explore the hidden and unknown riches of West New Guinea is now important.

The Netherlands Government has known for some time of the existence of nickel and chrome ore in the peninsula of Tanah Merah, a spur from the 2,400 ft Cyclop Mountains, west of Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea's capital. Information was however, not very extensive and further investigation has been necessary.

To this purpose the Netherlands Government sent from Holland a party of ten men: eight students who were in their last year's study for mining engineer, the other two, all mining engineers with years of experience in tropical countries. The party which arrived in June has finished its work in Tanah Merah and reports of their work have been sent to the University of Technology at Delft, together with mineral and soil samples.

Tanah Merah is suitable for the establishment of a refinery. In the first place, the peninsula is situated in a deep bay where large ships can tie up easily to take aboard the melted nickel or chrome. On the other side of the peninsula, the residue from the smelters could be pumped into the Pacific Ocean.

In 1944, when the Allied Forces wanted Hollandia as a springboard for further campaigns against Japan, a big American fleet used Tanah Merah Bay as a base from which to attack

the enemy in the back. That's why many jeep tracks can still be found on the Tanah Merah peninsula. These tracks may be useful for future developmental plans.

Two Dutch mining-companies already have applied for mining-concessions.

The mining party is now carrying out other soil and mining investigations near Ifar, where General Douglas McArthur had his military Headquarters in World War II, and in the hills near "Camp Walker" where another big American unit once set up its tents.

Christmas trees and parties for members' children were held in Rabaul in December by the New Guinea Club and by the New Britain Club in conjunction with the RSL Club.

Mr. J. A. J. Glen, at present in charge of the secondary department of the Lincoln District High School, Canterbury, NZ, has been appointed first Principal of the newly completed £120,000 Samoa College at Apia, W. Samoa. He left Auckland on December 20th, accompanied by his wife and 13-years-old daughter.

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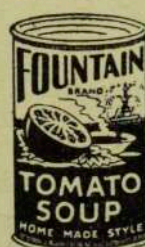
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NEW IRELAND NEWS

From Our Own Correspondent

KAVIENG, Dec. 16.

A most successful Ball was held in the Kavieng Club on Saturday, December 6, to raise funds for the swimming pool. The pool is being re-constructed on its pre-war site.

Sister D. Beale, MBE, returned recently from a medical conference in Formosa and is again Sister-in-Charge at the Kimidan Native Hospital.

Colyer Watson (NG), Ltd., are building

a new store at Kavieng. It is being erected on the foundations of Mr. H. J. Murray's pre-war store and workshop which has been acquired by the company.

Mr. H. J. Murray, of Lakuramau Plantation, has proceeded to Australia on holiday.

The Rev. B. Chenoweth, of Kavieng, was in Rabaul early in the month. He is at present Acting Chairman of the Methodist Overseas Mission.

Mr. P. R. Kennedy Murray, of Libba-Lossu, has returned to his plantation after a business trip to Rabaul.

Accidents in the Cooks

THREE serious accidents, one fatal, occurred in the Cook Islands in November-December.

Kaimana Anguna, aged 3 years, was struck and killed by a car driven by Mr. Jim Price, while playing on the road at Tupapa, Rarotonga.

An Aitutaki youth named Mareko was struck on the head by a falling boom as passengers were disembarking from the Charlotte Donald. He fell overboard, where he immediately sank. A man named Taringa Tamaka dived in and undoubtedly saved his life.

At Black Rock, Rarotonga, Tuaine Elia, illegally fishing with dynamite, had his right hand blown off. His forearm was later amputated. This accident was the occasion of a stern warning by the Chiefs of Police that his department intended to stamp out dynamite fishing.

Japanese War-Dead

JAPANESE military authorities estimated in December that the remains of at least 100,000 Japanese war-dead have still to be recovered from eight islands in the US Trust Territory of the North Pacific.

A 30-man team, with the permission of the US military authorities, is currently investigating ways and means of returning the remains to Japan.

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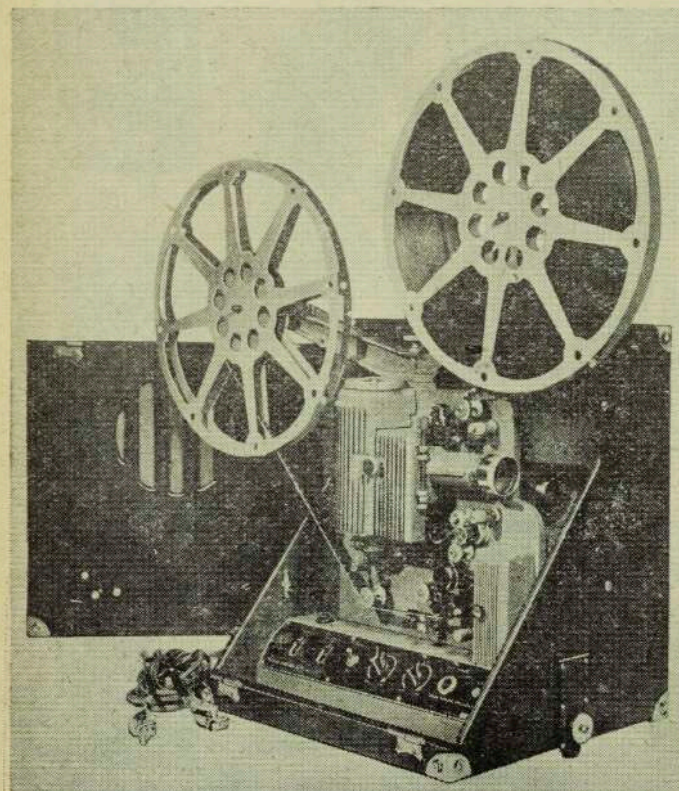
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INDIAN JUTE THREAT TO N. GUINEA'S KENAF

JUST after the announcement by Australian Territories Minister Hasluck that top priority now will be given to the establishment of a kenaf fibre industry in New Guinea (see page 47, December), there came an important report from India.

The Minister for Agriculture, addressing the Indian Central Jute Committee, declared that great headway has been made in establishing jute plantings, and India's jute mills were now assured of supplies.

(In December, 1951, dealing with the copra-sack situation, we pointed out that with the partition of India and the establishment of the separate State of Pakistan, one country found itself with the jute crop and the other country (India) with the mills. To protect its important jute industry, India immediately set about establishing plantings of her own.)

The Minister said that in the year of partition—1947—Pakistan took over 75 per cent. of the jute-growing areas. The remaining 650,000 acres produced 1.7 million bales of raw jute. But by 1952, India had 2 million acres planted, and the output was 4.8 million bales—four-fifths of India's jute requirements. Of the 6 million bales required by India's 112 mills, 5.3 million bales "is within easy reach of accomplishment" in 1955-56.

The effect of this already is seen in reduced prices of copra-sacks. If Pakistan now presses ahead with the establishment of mills, the competition must become keener, and prices inevitably fall.

These developments, though immediate good news to the copra-producer, must be looked on with some misgivings by parties interested in the establishment of a kenaf industry in New Guinea. Their product, however good, will have to compete with the jute products of India and Pakistan.

P-NG Stevedoring Back to Private Enterprise

From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 5
THE postwar handling of stevedoring by the Administration in Papua-New Guinea has now ended, and various private firms took over this work as from January 1. The change was made earlier in some districts in regard to the handling of certain ship agencies.



Do you wish to serve delicious appetising dishes this summer—dishes that will get you praise from your admiring family? Then follow this sure way to success. With all cold meats, salads, fish dishes, etc., serve Aunt Mary's Tomato Sauce.

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- 1 " Worcestershire Sauce.
- 1 Dash Anchovy Sauce.
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Place Tomato, Worcestershire and Anchovy Sauces in a dish with pinch of salt and mix well, then add milk and shake well;—chill.

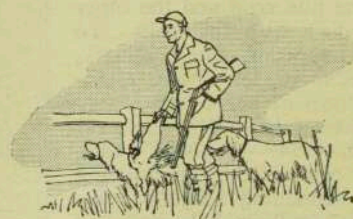
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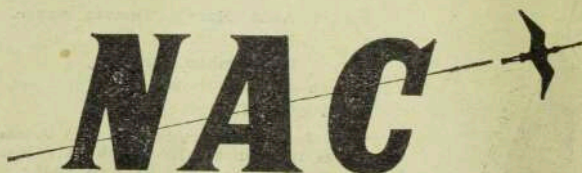


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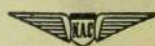


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NOTES MADE IN AND AROUND TAHITI

By R. W. ROBSON

(Photos by TEAL and Whites Aviation)



Luscious fruit for Papeete's early morning market.

SNAP impressions of a newcomer in the streets of Papeete:

The grace with which the merry Tahitian girls on bicycles—an endless procession—swing round the corner of the Quai and the Rue Bonnard . . .

Every two out of three shops is in charge of a Chinese—ubiquitous, impassive, industrious. The Tahitians insist that they do not like the Chinese, but they run practically the whole of the small trade of the town . . .

Some of these signs have a meaning in English that the French do not intend. For example, over one section of a hospital, was the word "Sterilisation." At another section, only a few yards away, a little group of women awaited pre-natal care. They took it as a matter of course—there was not one, even one thoughtful glance at the big sign . . .

Most trading signs in Tahiti are extremely modest and small. Reason: The municipality gets part of its revenues from a tax on signs, at so much per square inch.

Not only does the keep-to-the-right traffic indicate that one is outside the British Commonwealth: there also is the everlasting hooting of motor-horns—the one thing in this happy French community which reminds one of Paris . . .

One gets used to them after a time; but, at first one's eye is offended by the silly little plaited hats which so many Tahitian men wear. They are shaped like the old-style straw boater, but are very high

in the crown and narrow in the brim . . .

The importance of bonito in the country's diet is seen in the rows of fish which dangle from the buses which convey the morning's shoppers back to the districts. Bonito has a thin tail and a big tail-fin—simply designed by Nature to hang from bicycles, lorries, buses, private cars, and pedestrians' shopping baskets.

Indications are that whole families live under and around those little, lamp-lit food-stalls along the lagoon side of the Quai, where one may buy mangoes, coconuts, alligator pears, confections—all sorts of lightly-cooked stuff. When it is fine, they sleep right there on the ground. When it rains, they move across the street, and sleep on the concrete under the verandahs. Lord alone knows how sanitary needs are provided for—but the thoroughfare is quite clean.

TEAL'S NEW ERA

Now that a British line, Tasman Empire Airways Limited, is running Polynesia's most important air service between New Zealand, Fiji and Tahiti, the British Consulate in Papeete has assumed a new importance. It has been there for a long time—the never-to-be-forgotten Pritchard was the first Consul, 100 years ago—and, as Australian and New Zealand trade has displaced much of that formerly held by Britain, some people have wondered why the establishment is maintained. But the new era introduced by TEAL makes British official representation very necessary.

Mr. E. Devenish—an Englishman with no apparent "colonial" affiliations—is the present Consul; and the Secretary is Mr. Walter Asmus, who was born in Australia. Both Mr. Devenish and Mr. Asmus speak excellent French—Mr. Asmus grew up in New Caledonia, and has lived 30 years in Tahiti, and married a Tahitian girl.

FORMAL CLAIM

I claim no authority as a gourmet; but I formally make the claim that Papaya Poi, as concocted by Mrs. Margot Nordman out of papaya, arrowroot, vanilla beans, and coconut milk, is the most delicious sweet in the South Seas.

PAINTERS

Painters come and go in Tahiti. There were half a dozen French artists there in October, selling an occasional picture and living—very happily—close to nature. Charles McPhee, of Samoa and Rarotonga, had made a landfall there during the year, and produced some of his typical landscapes and seascapes; but the Government would not give him residential rights, so he revenged himself by taking away with him, to Rarotonga, as his second wife, one of Papeete's fairest ladies.

The country's outstanding artist today is Edgar Leetag, an American, who has built himself a delightful retreat on one of loveliest bays in Moorea. He is a small, energetic man in his fifties, and his paintings on velvet have gained such a vogue that he now writes his own price-tickets. He is a most generous,



Quinn's bar—outside view.

friendly man and his occasional visits to Papeete are made memorable by endless hospitality and wild waterfront wassail.

FLOATING LUXURY

At Captain Barber's invitation, I went aboard the Millionaire Reynolds yacht *White Heron*, which was tied up to Papeete's main street in October. I never have seen so much luxury, artistry and amenities packed into so small a space. As I went ashore, I thought I saw the ghosts of Cook's *Endeavour* and Bligh's *Bounty*, lying in their old anchorage a few yards away. There was "wild amaze" in the faces of those tough old mariners as they saw what could be put into a little hull, only 150 years after they pioneered Papeete.

Incidentally, Captain Barber wanted the address of Mr. H. A. Markham, formerly of Marovo Lagoon, Solomons, and later of Christmas Island. I have lost track of the veteran. Does anybody know what has become of him?

PACIFIC JAPANESE?

In a delightful place of retirement at the back of Tahiti I found H. W. Kinney, famous as a Far East newspaperman and diplomat before World War II. He has close Japanese associations, reads and speaks Japanese, and keeps in touch with affairs in Japan.

"There is no chance of the Japanese again becoming belligerent," he said to me. "The majority of Japanese are pacifists, and they will stubbornly remain so."

One hopes fervently he is right. But somehow we cannot forget that Japan's population increases by over a million per annum, and there is no more room in Japan and that—

has a big market in the outer islands. There is no restriction on the sale of liquor to the natives. The beer is palatable enough, and has a rollicking kick; but to my Sydney-trained taste it seemed to lack strength and body. The brewery produces only bottled beer—no draught. It seems to have no difficulty in getting sufficient supplies of imported bottles.

I found that there was some interest in Fiji in the successful establishment of the brewery at Port Moresby. Fiji's beer now comes from New Zealand and Australia, in large quantities. Said a Fiji merchant: "If New Guinea and Tahiti can do it profitably, why not Fiji?"

CHINESE AND FRENCH CITIZENSHIP

One of the minor anxieties of the Government of French Oceania

Quinn's—inside



as demonstrated in 1941-42—the thoughts of many Japanese are focussed upon those great islands of the Southwest Pacific, comparatively unpopulated. Has anyone ever tried to compare the area and fertility and population of New Guinea, New Britain, New Ireland, Bougainville, the six big Solomons and the two big Hebrides with the islands of Japan? Has anyone ever heard of Canute, who tried to hold back the tide?

POLYNESIAN BREWERY

New Guinea has not pioneered the Pacific Islands brewery idea, as some suppose—a brewery has been operating in Tahiti for several years. It was originally established by an American company, which did not flourish; and then it was taken over by Emil Martin, who has made of it a commercial success. The product is quaffed by most of Tahiti, and it

that, under the laws of the French Union, any person of French nationality can enter or leave Tahiti, whenever he wishes. To protect the kindly and hospitable Tahitians (who are the natural prey of any kind of beachcomber) the French exercise strict control over immigration. But practically any person born within the French Empire is free to come and go.

However, by some interpretation of the law which I do not understand, Tahiti-born Chinese do not automatically acquire French nationality; and the French thereby keep the Tahiti Chinese under close check. The future of the growing Chinese community in Tahiti is as big a headache, in its way, as is the future of the Indians in Fiji.

There is a very considerable com-

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Tropicalities

CASHEWS FOR PLEASURE AND PROFIT

WHEN Fiji's new Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, toured the hot, drought-ridden western and northern districts of Viti Levu in November, he looked for—and failed to find—a cashew nut tree.

"That tree," said Sir Ronald, "produces both an edible nut and an edible fruit. It will grow in infertile soil and it is resistant to drought. Among its other virtues it readily propagates itself. If we had the product available to-day I believe we could sell some thousands of tons to the confectionery trade."

Horrified by the extent of forest destruction and soil erosion in Viti Levu, the Governor is forcefully advocating an annual Arbor Day throughout Fiji as the first tree-planting step to offset the loss of trees through forest fires.

(The cashew nut is also the source of a valuable industrial oil. Plans for planting the trees and stepping up production of the oil recently concerned the Administrations of some of the British Colonies in Africa. The cashew apparently is a native of Africa.)

FIJIAN AS A STABILISER

AMONG the potent factors for stability in Fiji is the character of the Fijian, said the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) when addressing the Legislative Council last month. With his graceful calm, he has been able to resist the impact of most of the less creditable elements of Western civilisation," said Sir Ronald. The fruit of his faith in the *pax Britannica* and the British way of life can mean peace and tranquility for many generations to come. It must be our first duty to see that neither he nor anyone else in the community has cause to lose that faith.

In 1947 another Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham (now Governor of Hongkong) said that the Fijians hold the balance in Fiji and that it is Fijian tolerance, patience and live-and-let-live philosophy that has kept the balance between conflicting racial interests in these islands. When he left Suva, Sir Alexander warned

Europeans against the common mistake of believing that everything they did and thought was inevitably right, and urged the Indians to stop constantly looking for slights when slights were not administered or intended. For the Fijians, said Sir Alexander, he had no message on these lines. They suffered from neither a superiority nor an inferiority complex and thus could exercise a unique stabilising influence.

BEER AS YOU WANT IT

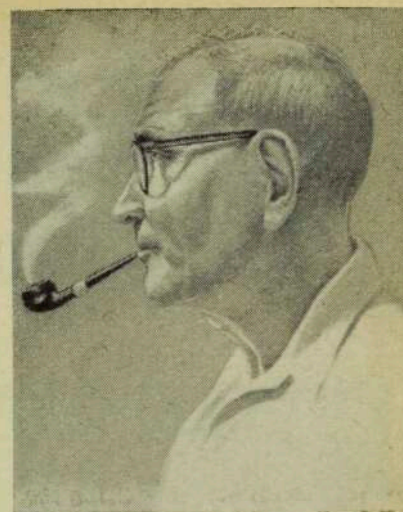
ONE of the economic achievements of Papua-New Guinea in 1952 was the establishment of a brewery with an initial output of something like 200,000 gallons of beer annually. The South Pacific Brewery located at Badili, Port Moresby, is supplying beer both in bottles and in stainless steel kegs. It is a light ale and its quality, of course, is the subject of much discussion among Territorians. But the master brewer says they can have whatever specific qualities they like—the only question is, what does the general public want? He's confident that when that jackpot question is finally threshed out, Islanders will find "South Pacific" right up to their specific standards.

Anyway the brewery has certainly ended the local scramble for bottled beer. You can now buy a dozen any time, anywhere, and, strangely enough, even Aussie brands have suddenly re-appeared from their hiding places "under the counter."—V.J.

SPORT OF KINGS—RAROTONGA STYLE

A MONTH before Christmas Rarotonga was preparing for the great day. And the following notices on the official board outside the post office told the story:

On November 21: "A meeting of the Rarotonga Jockey Club will be held in the Court Room, at 4 p.m., Tuesday, to make the usual arrangements for the annual race-meeting at Muri. It appears that the tides will be suitable for holding the meeting on Boxing Day. Sergeant Nia Rua with a working party (of prisoners) will commence re-roofing the Club's building to-day."



STEVE DUBOIS, of the New Hebrides, is in Sydney on leave, his first visit to Australia since 1924. He is a French-Canadian, born at Montmagny, in Quebec, 60 years ago. After attending the Merchant Venturers' School at Bristol in England he went to sea as an apprentice in square-rigged sailing ships and got his Second Mate's Certificate. Soon after that Steve settled in Australia for nine years before being attracted to the Islands. He first went to the Solomons to work for the well-known "Squeaker" Hamilton, and was in Choiseul and at Inus in Bougainville. After two years in the Solomons, he went to the company at Port Patteson in the Banks Group of the Hebrides, and later settled at "Asauan" on Malo, where he traded for 14 years but still without making a fortune. While he was there he found real treasure—a wife, Caroline Stephens, most beautiful daughter of the half-Tongan Stephens family, of Uralapa Island, off South Santo. They have three sons, the eldest 15, all at school in Sydney.

During the last 11 years, Steve has been at the Condominium Joint Court in Vila as Registry Clerk, Interpreter and Bailiff, where the conflicting interests of French, British and natives have been giving much entertainment to observers since the inception of the Court in 1911. —BRETT HILDER.

On November 22: "The Arorangi horses have commenced training . . . one big horse, owned by Levi . . . is showing promise."

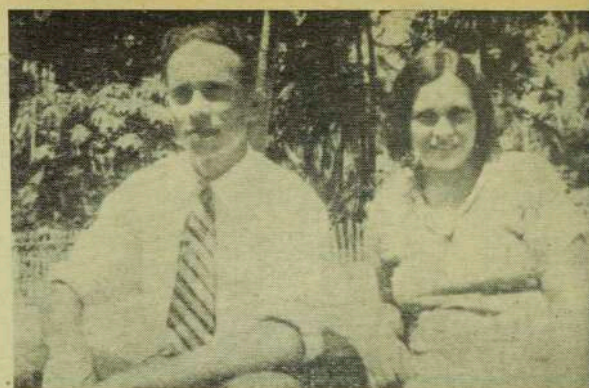
(Though the board didn't say it, the phrase, "commenced training," merely meant that Rarotonga's herd of scraggy little, long-haired, undernourished ponies, after completing their normal day in harness on the plantation, were being given an extra bare-backed gallop in the evenings—on the beach and "at the Sanatorium where there is a suitable stretch." The course is unusual, to say the least, involving a 180-degree turn).

November 27 (and here the modern touch): " . . . A radio-telephone will be installed at the turn at the far

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The O'Keefe Story Brought Up-To-Date

Another Chapter in a Remarkable Family Story



Lewis and Violet Ellis photographed on Mapia before the war

IT all started back in April when, through PIM, Mr. John Riedel, of Washington, DC, asked us for details of Mapia and a "Miss Brown" who had lived there. Mr. Riedel had served there in the US forces during the war. Since then we have had almost enough material about O'Keefe, the people who were connected with him and his Mapia and Yap families to write another "His Majesty O'Keefe."

The following episode in the story comes from a correspondent in Hollandia, Dutch New Guinea, and answers the question asked originally by Mr. Riedel—the whereabouts of Miss Brown (in actual fact Mrs. Brown) and whether she is still alive. It was told our correspondent by Mr. Fred Ellis, now of Hollandia, grandson of Radja Marwedi, of Mapia, and son of Louis Charles Ellis, a Welshman, who was mate on one of O'Keefe's schooners. "Mrs. Brown O'Keefe is still alive and in her early seventies, now," he reports. "The story told by Mr. Davenport is true but this is how it went with the O'Keefes after 1942:"

They were all on Mapia when the Japs landed there—Mrs. Brown O'Keefe, her two sisters, Mrs. Eugenia Scott O'Keefe, and Miss Daisy O'Keefe and Lewis and Violet Ellis, elder brother and younger sister of Fred Ellis. All were taken aboard a Jap ship bound in convoy for the Netherlands Indies. The convoy first went to Manokwari and some days later departed again for Kendari and Makassar on South Celebes.

Fred Ellis was in Java at the time the Japs invaded the Indies.

In Makassar, Mrs. Brown, Eugene and Daisy O'Keefe were sent to a women's camp together with Violet Ellis; Lewis was sent to a men's camp. And there they stayed until

they were liberated in 1945 by Australian Forces.

An Australian plane flew all except Mrs. Brown and Daisy O'Keefe, who remained in Makassar, to Morotai, in January, 1946.

Nineteen days later a US Airforce plane took them on to Biak, the pilot detouring over Mapia. In the plane Lewis Ellis wrote a letter in which he informed the Mapia inhabitants that Mrs. Brown O'Keefe and all the others who left Mapia in 1942 were still alive. A "streamer" was attached to the letter and the whole thing dropped by the pilot.

Miss Daisy O'Keefe remained in Makassar where she opened a ballet dancing school. She still lives there; but intends to go back to Mapia when the O'Keefes and Ellises have the funds to open their coconut-plantations up again.

Originally the concession of the three islets of Mapia—for a term of 30 years—was applied for in 1907 by the late Mrs. Lottie Terry, daughter of Captain Henry Terry, an English Master Mariner, and mother of Mrs. Brown O'Keefe. Mrs. Terry died in 1942, a few months before the Japs came.

In 1937 the concession-lease for the islets (which are in the Tidore area) was extended for 20 years.

Although the Administration in Netherlands New Guinea already has given permission for Mrs. Brown to re-open the plantation, she has not yet done so. Lack of finance keeps her on Biak for the time being, where she lives with her sister, Mrs. Eugenia Scott O'Keefe. Her four bungalows (one with 14 rooms) on Mapia and all other properties, estimated to be worth £30,000, were completely destroyed by Allied naval and aerial bombardments in 1944 and 1945. Mapia was at that stage occupied by about 175 Japanese.

Mrs. Brown's claims were never honoured in spite of her request to the US War Department in Washington.

From the estimated 250,000 coconut trees on the plantations, about 10,000 were also destroyed; 50 per cent of the remaining palms are being and could be in production again within a year of reopening the plantations.

MAPIA was discovered in 1537 by Fernando de Guyabra. In 1706 a certain James Dewar re-discovered the atoll and the islets were named St. Davids or "Freewill" islands.

It is believed that Polynesians lived there before Captain O'Keefe first anchored his ship at Mapia. The large flat tomb-stones on the islets seem to prove this as they are similar to other stones found in Polynesia. Papuans or Micronesians have never used such stones for their graves.

Radja Paul, who has already been mentioned in PIM (Sept. p. 70) was the successor to the Radja Marwedi of Mapia. Louis Charles Ellis married a relative of Radja Paul and had two sons and a daughter—Lewis, Fred and Violet. Violet married a Frisian gentleman in Leeuwarden, and now lives in Holland.

Radja Paul told Fred Ellis that in 1872 a "very rich trader," known as "Captain O'Keefe" arrived with a sailing ship at Mapia and there met a number of inhabitants of Polynesian origin and a few German traders. The latter were local representatives of the "Jaluit Gesellschaft," a German trading concern on Jaluit in the Marshalls.

Captain O'Keefe returned every three or four months to Mapia where he managed to get on such friendly terms with the inhabitants that the German traders soon packed up and left the islands.

O'Keefe really was a "king" in his day. He asked the Radja Marwedi to hoist the American flag whenever he came to the islands and thereon hangs a tale: One day during O'Keefe's absence Mapia was visited by the Resident of the Moluccas, Mr. Van der Horst. Seeing the Stars and Stripes flying above the palms the Resident asked the Radja Marwedi what was the meaning of hoisting

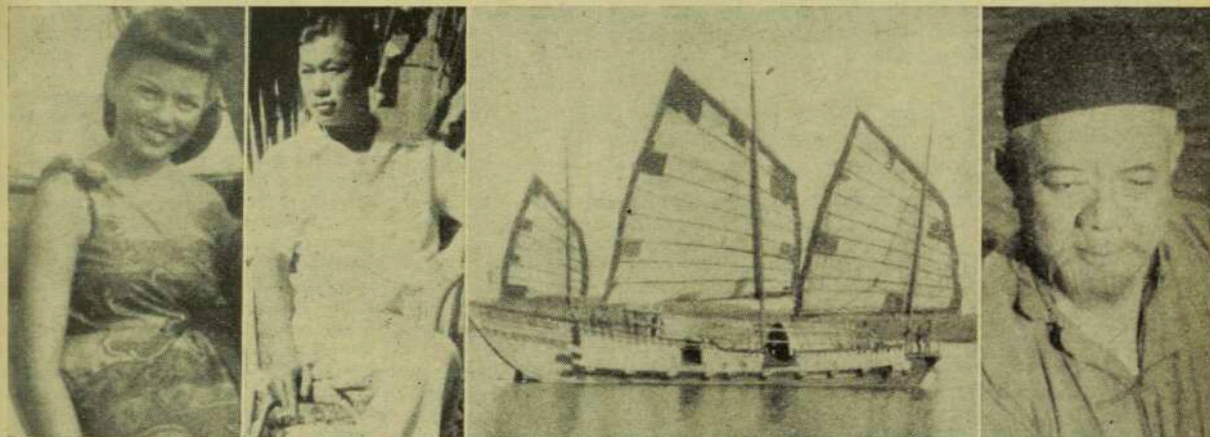
an American flag on Dutch territory. Upon which the old Radja answered: "My boss, Captain O'Keefe, ordered me. This island his island, no?"

Another story of the Radja Marwedi concerns the occasion when Mr. Henry Davenport left Mapia and went to Radja Marwedi to bid him good-bye. The old man really regretted Captain Davenport's departure but his English was shaky. The Radja Mar-

wedi took both Davenport's hands in his own, said: "Oh, you going away? Well, me, an' de you, an' de all people on this island very, very glad." Mr. Davenport kept a straight face and answered: "Yes, I know you're all glad to see me go." And the Radja: "Yes, glad, all glad."

Later, when told of his mistake, Radja Marwedi was loud in his remorse. He died in 1910.

The Hollywood Version:



"His Majesty O'Keefe's" Chinese Junk

By Jack Thornton

BUILT under the supervision of Mr. Alex Bentley, of Suva, to specifications drawn up by Warner Bros.' property-making department, the *KATHLEEN*, an outwardly faithful replica of a Chinese junk of the 1870's, will, by virtue of its unusualness and photogenic qualities, probably prove the main inanimate attraction of *His Majesty O'Keefe* when that film, recently completed in Fiji, is eventually released.

Powered by two GMC marine petrol engines, all that is necessary to manoeuvre the craft for filming, the

junk, with its beautiful sails of calico, became a familiar sight to residents of Suva and villages along the coast as far as Thalanuku.

Constructed on a 40-foot petrol-drum lighter, with an overhang of 20 feet at each end, the vessel moved gracefully through the water.

A crew of eight, engaged in Suva, will appear in many scenes of the completed film. Under the direction of Chinese-American actor Benson Fong, who acted as the junk's first mate, the crew from Suva played their part realistically, contributing a

lot of "islands atmosphere" to this film version of the life of Captain David Dean O'Keefe.

The photos above shown (left to right): Joan Rice, English film-star, who plays the feminine lead in the O'Keefe film. Chinese-American actor Benson Fong, who plays Mate of the junk—film fans will remember him as Charlie Chan's "Number One Boy" in the Chan series of the 30's. The junk *Kathleen* under full (calico) sail. George Hwang Lee, of Suva, shown here in his role as the junk's cook—three of his sons also made up part of the *Kathleen's* film crew.

During the last week of October, the Governor of Tahiti, **M. Petitbon**, accompanied by **M. Lassalle Sere**, Senior French Commissioner of French Colonies and Senator for French Oceania, and by the Tahitian deputy in the French Chamber of Commerce, **Pouvana'a Oopa**, passed through Apia, W. Samoa, on their way by TEAL plane to Tahiti. They were entertained at dinner at the Casino Hotel by the Acting High Commissioner, Mr. Grattan. His Lordship Bishop Darnand and Government officers and political leaders

were amongst the guests at the function.

Tasman Empire Airways announced in December that, as from April 1, 1953, the International Air Transport Organisation has approved the company's offering a reduction of 10 per cent. on the fares of parties of ten or more persons travelling together along the Coral Route service to Tahiti. The reduction will apply to intermediate stops also and, it is understood, will be available between Sydney-Auck-

land-Suva via other trans-Pacific airlines in addition to TEAL.

Generous public support enabled 11 European, Fijian, Indian and Chinese Girl Guides to attend the first international camp at Marton, NZ, in December-January. The girls representing Fiji are: Annie Williams, Wendy Cockell, Ofa Peterson, Agnes Gibson, Lorna Smith, Rita Ah Ben, Mere Naikaukau, Maca Salapavi, Meresiana Fugawai, Hanifa Sahu Khan and Evangeline Kuarpoti.

New Books About The Pacific

A GRIMBLE BOOK

250 Pages of Entertainment

SIR ARTHUR GRIMBLE, formerly a Resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Colony, and a distinguished officer of the British Colonial Service, always was known as a "born writer"; and now he has proved his merit by producing *A Pattern of Islands*, acclaimed in Britain and United States as "a book of the month".

It is a collection of his memories of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and nothing quite so delightfully-readable has come our way in years. Grimble went originally to the Islands as a cadet officer, with a young wife and a very small salary; his official status grew, and so did his family; but he brought to his official troubles, as to his private economic difficulties, a habit of observation, a sense of lively humour, and a memory which have enabled him to hit the literary jackpot.

As a fellow-resident, he got right into the lives of the Gilbertese, and those interesting and generally lovable Micronesians never have been more sympathetically presented to the world. They may be primitives, in some respects; but, all through his descriptions of them, Grimble shows them as Nature's gentlemen.

The value and virtue of the book lie in the fact that the author gives us a long series of facts and incidents, and leaves us to make the generalisations. In the majority of books of this kind, one gets the summaries and conclusions, without the essential facts.

The newspaper reviewers, quoting liberally, show that the book's sections are devoted to humorous incidents, gay adventure, nature studies, native myths. The parts we like best are those in which the now retired Grimble, author, describes without mercy the ridiculous and exceedingly funny situations in which Grimble, the eager young cadet, frequently found himself. There is the story of how he was sent out in a storm to a ship off Ocean Island, to bring in the RC's new bath and the community's Christmas whisky, and of the deplorable things which happened to him; and, another, of the occasion when he went in a small boat to arrest a very large chief engineer who had chased the captain off his ship.

Grimble spent some time on Abemama; and here we have—probably for the first time—the full and authentic story of that remarkable man, George McGhee Murdoch. Murdoch shares with Bully Hayes the doubtful honour of having been the subject of an extraordinary number of purely imaginative tales, by unscrupulous penny-a-liners. Murdoch may have been occasionally in contact with pirates; but Grimble, who seems to have known his story well, says nothing about it.

A Pattern of Islands, well indexed, is a useful work of reference, as well as providing 250 pages of fascinating description, sketch and story.



RALPH RASHLEIGH: This is Australia's wonder-book of the year which, in recent weeks, has received the full attention of local book-reviewers. The story itself, classed as a novel, is remarkable enough; the fact that it ever saw print in its present form, even more so.

James Tucker, the author, arrived in Sydney in 1827 as a convict—sentenced to deportation "for the term of his natural life" for trying to extort £5 from his cousin. At the time of his arrival in NSW he was 19, 5 ft. 3 in. tall and described as a clerk. During his first five years in the Colony he evidently spent some time at the notorious agricultural establishment at Emu Plains of which he writes in his book, probably served in one of Mitchell's road gangs and also spent some time in the Campbelltown district. It was during this period he founded his long friendship with a sturdy Scots carpenter, Alexander Burnett, into whose keeping the manuscript of Ralph Rashleigh was eventually given and whose descendants preserved it for 70 or 80 years.

After these first five years, and interspersed with periods of clerking, Tucker had tickets-of-leave which he invariably forfeited for some misdemeanour or other. In 1844 he lost the latest of his tickets at Maitland and was sent as a "special" to a convict establishment at Port Macquarie. At that time William Gray was Police Magistrate (and a founder of the Macquarie Literary Club) and Stephen Partridge, Superintendent of Convicts. Their patronage of literature provided him with a new interest and it was here, with government pens, ink, paper and time he wrote "Ralph Rashleigh or the Life of an Exile, by Giacomo di Rosenberg"—also a drama called "Jemmy Green in Australia", and a drama "The Grahames' Vengeance or the Fate of James the First, King of Scotland by Otto von Rosenberg"—and probably others.

In 1847 the establishment at Port Macquarie was closed down and Tucker was granted a ticket-of-leave for Port

Macquarie but lost it again in 1840 and was sent to prison in Goulburn. He received a ticket again in 1850 but lost it for stealing a watch. In 1853 he had a ticket for Morton Bay district but the rest of his life is obscure—he died in the Liverpool Asylum of "decay of nature" in 1866. His age was presumed to be 70, actually it was 56—comment enough on the life he had led as a deportee.

Tucker's wasted life was largely the result of the penal system, but he was essentially a weak man without the moral stamina to beat his environment. It was a vicious system, but men did rise above it—as did his friend Burnett. Tucker knew the dire punishments, but he still succumbed.

The manuscripts of Ralph Rashleigh etc., were then forgotten until 1909 when the Royal Historical Society held an exhibition of rare manuscripts. It was a Mr. Robert Baxter brought the tattered manuscript that had been loaned to his wife, Margaret Burnett, 50 years earlier by her father. He could tell the Society nothing about the author.

A garbled version of the story was published in London in 1929 but for 30 years the identity of "Ralph Rashleigh" the author remained a mystery. In 1949, N. Colin Roderick who edits the present book, was given all the facts as they were known then, and set out to produce the identity of the author. It took him two years of intensive research—he tells how it was done in the Foreword to the book.

THE story that Tucker tells is part fiction—obviously part—autobiographical. For the most part is concerned with sheer brutality—the brutality of the transportation system as a whole; the brutality of prisoner to prisoner; of petty official to prisoner. Of not-so-petty official to prisoners—and of all and sundry anyone of weaker fibre. Here and there like a rare flower rising out of a stinking swamp, there is an official or a man or woman with the ordinary virtues of far-mindedness. These latter seem to make the story credible. One interrupts on reading a thousand times to ask—could men live through such savagery apparently was the lot of the ordinary convict? Yet, there remains the underlying conviction that Ralph brought most of his troubles himself.

At one stage he is sent to the Newcastle coalmines. There the convicts exist underground, seeing no light for six days of the week, living on a meagre ration of cornmeal and salt beef, doing an incredible amount of the most arduous labour. On Sundays they are brought to the surface and men, apparently at random, were picked out for punishment—50 or 100 or more lashes.

In these vitamin-conscious, health-conscious days it seems almost unbelievable that the human body could stand such treatment.

Much of this part of Ralph's story is believed to have been based on the story of the author and one begins to understand why, at the age of 56, he looked

The remainder of the story is part

fiction. Ralph escapes from Newcastle, eventually falls in with some aborigines and in company with two lubras makes his way to the tip of Cape York. In the light of modern knowledge, his adventures during this phase are silly but they are in accord with the knowledge a convict could have of the natives and the country beyond the narrow confines of his ticket-of-leave.

Ralph Rashleigh is a remarkable book of deep interest to the student of human nature as well as of history. It is the only book written by a convict about the NSW convict system. Its author, a convict, drifting, an outcast from decent society is resurrected in his book, more than 100 years after he had written it, 50 years after his death. He would be a surprised man if could know it.—JT.

Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd., Sydney, for 18/9.



COME AWAY, PEARLER; by Colin Simpson: It is a stock axiom of the reviewers' trade that a writer cannot turn out fact and fiction with equal facility. It may be so, but the average reader will probably find Colin Simpson's first novel entertaining enough, if entertainment is what he is looking for—and why read a novel if you are not?

Last year Simpson gave us "Adam in the Shell", a factual story of the Arnhem-land native which quickly became an Australian best-seller. "Come Away, Pearler" is a different kettle of fish. It has a heroine, two love stories, a plot, and is certainly action-packed—sudden death, hurricanes, opium dens, fights, and all the perils of pearling.

It is a story of pearl diving around about the 1890's; the location—all the way from Thursday Island to Derby; and the characters a mixed bunch gathered from France, England, India, the South Seas, Australia and the Pacific Islands.

It is not the "Great Australian Novel" but as Australian novels go it is better than most. If one must drop a brick somewhere (in order to maintain one's membership of the Book-Reviewer's Union) then let it fall on the heroine who could have been, with profit, less full of high principles and more like a human being, and who engenders in one a desire to kick her in the lace drawers or whatever real ladies wore in 1890.—JT.

Published by Angus & Robertson, Ltd., Sydney, price 16/—.



THE CANNIBALS, by Lucille Iremonger, about Fiji. But it is not, as one might think, about Fijian cannibals. Although a Fijian girl indirectly supplies the motif, the native Fijians are incidental to the story which is peopled by the same sort of small-time, small-town age-of-the-outer social class who inhabited her previous novel (about the West Indies). Whether she does this because she believes all Colonials are part of the submerged tenth, or because she finds this class interesting, is anyone's guess.

This is no glamour story about the South Sea Islands—she draws a cruel picture of Fiji, but it is a picture that could be drawn about most any small community. If Fiji scores badly, New Zealand (and New Zealanders) come even lower down the scale.

The time is 1942, when most South Pacific communities expected to find Japs at the bottom of the garden (and many did). And that is part of the theme—whether to bolt or to stay put. Viti, the heroine, who at one stage goes as a nurse to a nearby (and mythical) phosphate island says: "If they (the native women) are to be left here why should I be saved? It is bad enough for all the phosphate staff, all the tea-drinking, mahjongg-playing European wives running away like scalded cats!"

The plot concerns the momentary lapse of Viti's betrothed—a plonky, unimaginative, John Bull of a District Officer—with the village virgin and the

male child that resulted therefrom. The reactions of the characters from that point on are credible enough—but the lapse itself seems scarcely so. The village virgin was never out of mother's sight—except when, in the dusk, she once sat near the stream and dabbled her feet in the water. There the District Officer stumbled upon her in the dark, and, although he had not set eyes upon her previously—presto, a part-Fijian son.

It is interesting to reflect that beneath the forbidding front of some Colonial Officers (who, taken in the main, have been within the category Stuffed Shirt) there maybe beats the heart of the Wildest Wolf.

Summing up: It will make some Fiji residents spit—for the things that are true rather than for its inaccuracies. Good entertainment, even without the Fiji background.—JT.

Published by Hammond, Hammond & Co., Ltd., London, for 9/6 Stg.

Pacific Nature Notes

CONDUCTED BY RAIMANU.

No. 2.—Where Do The Waders Go?

To the average Australian there's a good deal of interest in the old query—Where do the flies go in the winter time? The question loses much of its point in many of the Pacific Islands, because there are so few flies.

But there is a similar and equally puzzling matter—where do the snipe go in the winter time? By snipe, most people mean the wading birds generally which are found in goodly numbers on the island beaches during the hot months, but are very scarce during the other six.

It would be interesting to know what the natives of other island groups think about it, if they think at all, but in Fiji this annual phenomenon gave rise to a proverb. When a Fijian simply can't find something, he is likely to use this saying, which can be roughly translated as "You can't find a snipe's egg".

I'm using "snipe" here as the common word among Europeans in Fiji; and it fits in with the Fijian idiom too, as they have one term to cover quite a number of different species. For myself, I've yet to see a real snipe here; but there are plenty of plover, tatler, godwit and other types.

And just as we talk about looking for a needle in a haystack, so the Fijian talks about looking for a "dilio's egg". He knows that these

waders are common enough on the beaches for certain periods of the year; and equally uncommon for the rest of the time. He has found too, that no-one ever seems to catch these birds nesting. Hence no eggs; hence the proverb.

But there's a bit more to it than that. Introduce the subject when you're sitting yarning in a Fijian bure and you'll find a variety of explanations of why there are no eggs. Not far from Na Savusavu, one old man told me that it was believed that the birds secreted their eggs in the yam gardens. He couldn't explain why no eggs have ever been found there.

Out in Lau the old men are a bit more specific. Their tale is that the birds dive down into the deep places of the ocean and lay their eggs there. This accounts for the annual disappearance of large numbers. They take the tale further, and say that the eggs hatch out into fish—probably the flying fish—which in turn change into the young dilio or snipe.

I've tried to tell them some of the established facts about bird-migration. But apart from the fact that names like Siberia and Alaska mean little or nothing to most of those present, I rather think they believe I'm pulling the long bow a bit. There are just a few to whom the truth is even more wonderful than the old tales.

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end of the course." And other hazards: "The committee hopes to start the first race at 10 a.m. so that the last race will conclude before high tide."

(Chief event, the Ayson Cup, called for 1/- entrance fee for the qualifying heats, all others free).

THIS SHOULD BE GOOD

NEW GUINEA is not altogether being left out of the current spate of Pacific movie-making. Now showing in Sydney (we have not seen it yet) is a Hollywood epic about a hunt for treasure in unexplored New Guinea. The action was "shot" in a remote section of Florida which is said to resemble tropical NG. The action shots include scenes of undersea fights between men, crocodile attacks, ambushes by head-

hunters and battles with natives in canoes. Cast includes John Payne, Rhonda Fleming and Alan Mowbray. It's all in technicolour and is called Crosswinds.

Wait for it, you sceptical Territorians.

HOUSING PROBLEMS FOR SUVA'S PIGEONS

SINCE the January hurricane, Suva's pigeon population—possibly as big as that in Trafalgar Square, London, but not so well-mannered—has faced an acute housing shortage. With the demolition of old, gabled wooden buildings which provided ample roof-accommodation, the pigeons have moved to low verandahs with frequently disastrous results to pedestrians below.

It is becoming alarmingly common to have to dodge apprehensively, and sometimes the worst is not known until one is tapped on the arm by fellow-pedestrian with the advice "Excuse me, but a bird has—er—behaved very badly down the back of your shirt" (or dress as the case may be).

A curious sidelight on pigeon nature is provided by the response to the years-old custom of an elderly Indian peanut-seller. Every day, noon the old man carefully empties his bags of peanut shells at the end of the roadway near the corner where the Club Hotel used to be. Before the hurricane the high-pitched re-

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Crossquiz—No. 36

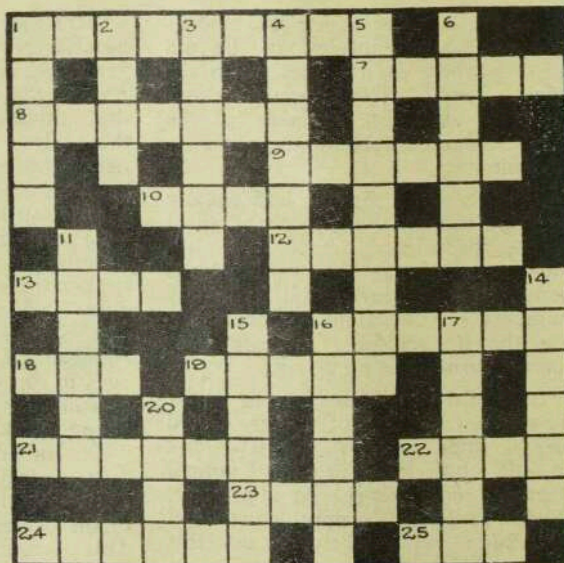
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ACROSS

- 1.—What is the name of the tomb that Queen Artemisia erected to her husband?
- 7.—Who composed "The Dream of Gerontius"?
- 8.—What is the term of the 98th Psalm?
- 9.—What is the name of the Drift in Zululand where British soldiers took a heroic stand in 1879?
- 10.—What name is used for a fever with cold, hot and sweating stages?
- 12.—What is the name of the prescribed discharge of guns as a token of respect?
- 13.—In which country is Bangkok?
- 16.—What is the astronomical name of the end of an eclipse or transit?
- 18.—What would you call a white vestment reaching to the feet?
- 19.—Who was associated for many years with Ira D. Sankey, the "American Singing Pilgrim"?
- 21.—Who is the famous Russian whose Christian names are Joseph Vissarionovitch?
- 22.—What kind of sides were Cromwell's troopers?
- 23.—Who was the son of Seralah, himself a scribe and a priest?
- 24.—Who composed the opera "The Jewess"?
- 25.—Which large Russian river flows into the Azov sea?

DOWN

- 1.—Where was Mohammed born?
- 2.—Which is the inner bone of the forearm?
- 3.—In which state is Bloemfontein?



- 4.—Which is the highest mountain of the world?
- 5.—What is the science of weights and measures?
- 6.—Who was the first king of all England?
- 11.—Who painted the celebrated "The Angelus"?
- 14.—What is the name of the famous Belgian seaside and watering place on the North Sea?
- 15.—Who was the British Admiral who routed the French fleet under the Comte de Grasse?
- 16.—Who was the first English king to rebuild Westminster Abbey?
- 17.—Under what name are known the offsprings of any animal before birth?
- 20.—Which is the chief river of Germany flowing into the North Sea?

RECIPE CORNER

(Ten Shillings paid for each Recipe published.)

KEEP the recipes coming—10/- will be paid for each one published and in addition you will be helping our Islands housewives—the new ones, particularly. Recipes should include local ingredients or those readily available, medium of the can and otherwise, Islands stores. The potential pool of recipes is as yet virtually untapped. Assistant Editor remembers for example how in Fiji prawns, or maybe freshwater shrimps (which she usually abhors), wrapped up like small packets in banana leaves and cooked in coconut milk—one has sent in the recipe for that delicious dish yet.

KAU-KAU (SWEET POTATO) OR TARO SOUP

2 medium sized pieces of kau-kau or taro.
2 cups milk.
Salt and pepper.
Boil kau-kau or taro till soft. Then add milk, salt and pepper. Simmer for few minutes. Serves four.
This is a very good substitute for potato soup.

—Mrs. L. J. B., Bougainville

TROPICAL STEAMED PUDDING

(Delicious, nourishing and very economical—no sugar, eggs or butter required)

4 bananas (mashed).
½ cup grated coconut.
1 cup breadcrumbs.
1 cup mixed fruit.
1 teaspoon Carb. Soda dissolved in tablespoon water.
Mix all ingredients together and steam for 1½-2 hours.
Serve with custard or prefer coconut cream, made by squeezing remainder of the grated coconut through a strong cloth.

—Mrs. R. P., Kavieng.

COCONUT CRISP

¼ lb butter or fresh lard.
2 tablespoon sugar.
1 cup flour.
1 cup coconut, dried slowly in oven.
1 teaspoon baking powder.
2 teaspoons cocoa.
Cream butter and sugar, and add other ingredients. Press onto greased baking dish and bake in moderate oven about 15 minutes. Remove from oven and with chocolate icing while still hot. Cut into fingers at once with sharp knife and take out of tin before it cools.

—Arora, Central Pacific

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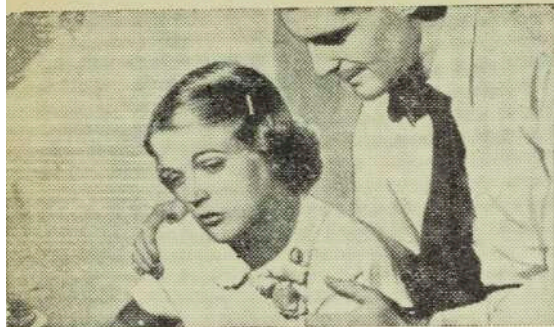
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of the Club was haunted by dozens of pigeons which have now moved far afield, but daily at noon birds still collect from no-one-knows-where to receive their ration. They will probably be doing it in 1953 when the new hotel should be standing on the site of the old post (Work on the building started mid-November).

SURPRISE ON SUWARROW

Dirk Tober, of the yacht *Onn*, brought perplexing news from Suvarrow to Auckland. It seems that when he dropped in on Tom Neal, island's only inhabitant, the day after Tom took up residence there in October, he found him officiating at a maternity case. Tom's famous tomcat (PIM, September, p. 121, November, p. 50) had just produced kittens.

MORE TREASURE ISLANDS

MR. ROBERT J. CUNNINGHAM, originally of NSW but who has been living on Tupai, French Oceania, for the last 24 years, arrived in Sydney in November on the new French liner *Caledonien* and was hailed with joy by local porters. This was not because anything that Mr. Cunningham said—but in this overcrowded part of the world it is always interesting to have news of someone who lives in a spot not so crowded. They say (as is usual in these cases) that Cunningham was the uncrowned king of Tupai.

Mr. Cunningham said that life there was idyllic but monotonous and that there were only three topics of conversation—fish, the wind and coconuts because each in its own way was very important to the 44 inhabitants.

He said that Tupai was reputed to be a treasure island—that millions of pounds worth of gems and gold—Chilean pirates' loot—was believed to be buried on the island. He himself had never seen any sign of it, but he had hunted off would-be seekers who had come along to look.

(In December PIM, p. 19, we reported that Count von Luckner was to leave shortly for an undisclosed Pacific Island where treasure—time Inca—was believed to be buried. It was thought that von Luckner was referring to Mopeia Cocos Island (Pacific) is also a famous treasure island—Chilean pirates again.)

SUVA HAS A GIFTED POET

LAURENCE DAKIN, who is considered by many competent critics to be one of the most gifted contemporary poets—John Masefield has described him as a man of genius—has been living in Suva for the past year, and is now building a small house well out of town.

He was born in Nova Scotia, educated in medicine, and studied literature in Paris and Venice. He has spent most of his life in Europe, but has also lived in South America, Asia and New Zealand. He speaks six languages, reads nine, and has made translations from the Italian of Leopardi, Pascoli and Zanelli; from the Greek of Anaceon and Sappho; from Spanish folk songs and the works of Spanish poets; and from the French of Verlaine and Ronsard. Mr. Dakin's own works have been translated into Spanish, Italian, French and Armenian.

Laurence Dakin is the author of nine major volumes, in addition to shorter published poetry. Among his major works, *Sorrows of the Hopeful* was described by Rabinbranth Agore as "a beautiful work"; *The Dream of Abaris* has been recently translated into Italian for use in the schools of Italy; *Ireneo—A Tragedy*;

Marco Polo, of which Burns Martin wrote "... rich and varied, and the whole drama is shot through with exquisite lyrics"; *The Tower of Life*; *Prometheus*, *The Fire Giver*, of which Prof. George P. Oikonomos, of the Academy of Athens, wrote: "A beautiful lyric drama by a deep and inspired creator".

The poet is of retiring disposition and is working quietly in Suva—at present correcting the proofs of his next publication, *The House of Orleoli*. One of his earlier works,

since revised, sold 30,000 copies in the USA—an unusual achievement for any poet, and particularly for one who writes in the classic style. —JACK THORNTON.

Miss Therese O'Brien, member of a well-known family of Madang, NG, left on the MV *Sinkiang* in December for Brisbane on the first stage of a tour of Canada, and probably the United States. Miss O'Brien is on the staff of the Department of District Services.

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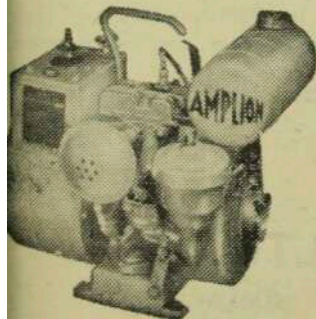
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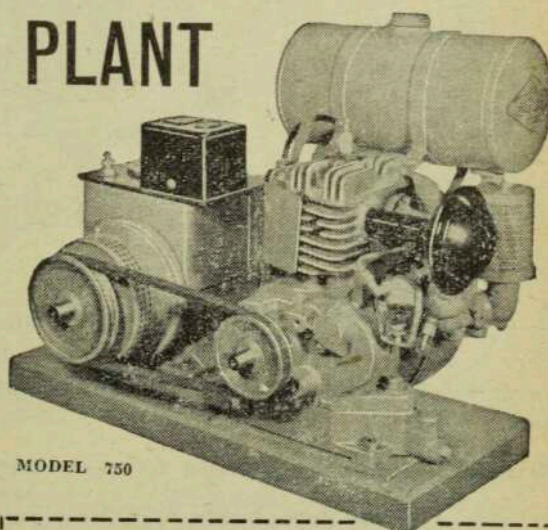
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Notes Made In And Around Tahiti

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munity of Chinese-Tahitians and these are good people—healthy, intelligent, industrious—it long has been known that the Chinese-Polynesian cross is one of the world's best. But the Chinese-Tahitian man in Tahiti objects to being called a Chinese—he insists he is a Tahitian.

The old, full-blooded Chinese is going very carefully today, in a political sense. Since he cannot acquire French nationality, he of course remains Chinese; but he does not know whether to adhere to the Formosan Nationalists or the Peking Communists, because there is as yet no clear indication of which regime will survive. So he stays stolidly in the middle of the road.

There are about 7,000 Chinese now among the 60,000 on Tahiti—about 12½ per cent—and the proportion is slowly growing.

Some of the Chinese earn big incomes. So do the leading Europeans—an income of £10,000 Australian per annum is not unusual. With allowances, the Governor gets about 72,000 francs (about £500 Aust.) per month.

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APIA AND SUVA SHOULD NOTE

Western Samoa and Fiji—especially Samoa—should try to organise something like the Syndicat d'Initiative, or Tourist Bureau, which functions so energetically in Tahiti. It has the Government's blessing,

and practical help; but it functions as an independent organisation of free citizens, under the active direction of a handsome blond Dutch giant, Charles van den Broek.

When big planes and ships arrive, bevy of distressingly pretty girls, directed by Madame Quinn, throw leis of lovely flowers around the necks of all incoming passengers; and, irrespective of whether they are perspiring dowagers, American millionaires or dehydrated commercial travellers, they love the ceremony,

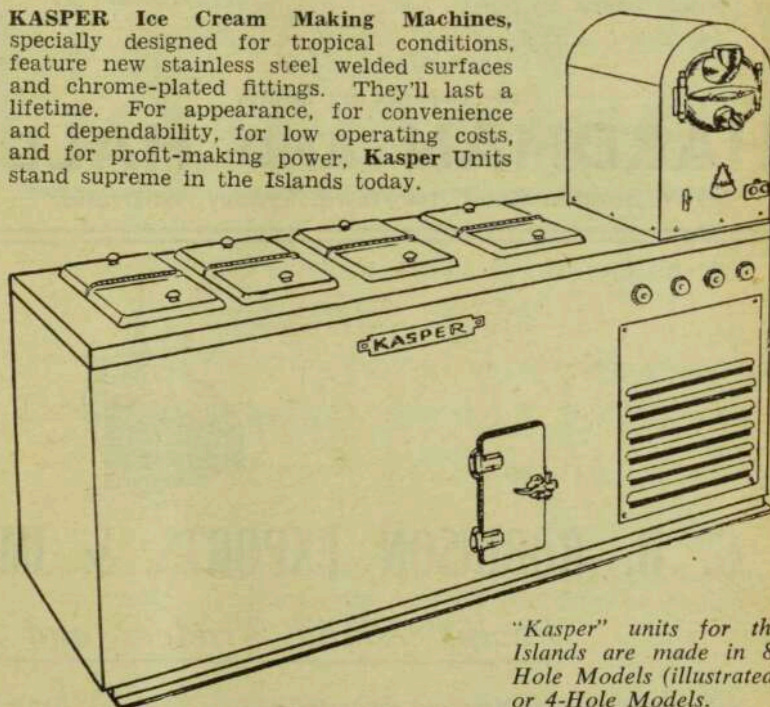
and will not be separated from the fragrant mass until they have secured a photographic record.

All Papeete citizens with cars can be co-opted for transport of visitors. It is the unwritten law; one bristling of the big van den Broek moustache, and the busiest merchant breaks off to do his share in making Tahiti's beauties known to the world.

In due course, Tahiti will reap a rich harvest, in dollars from the east and pounds from the west. Apia and Suva should make a note of the French way of lining up the merchants and traders. After all, who benefits most when the tourist party arrives?

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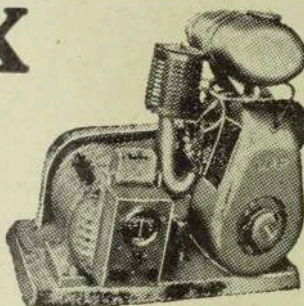
THE High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, Mr. R. C. S. Stanley, left Suva on December 15 for Honiara, BSI, which in future will be the headquarters of the WPHC.

Mr. Stanley was accompanied by his wife and daughter, Mr. A. Macleod-Smith (Financial Secretary to the Western Pacific High Commission), and Mr. and Mrs. T. Russell. Mr. Russell is an Assistant Secretary to the High Commissioner. The party travelled on RCS Kurimarau.

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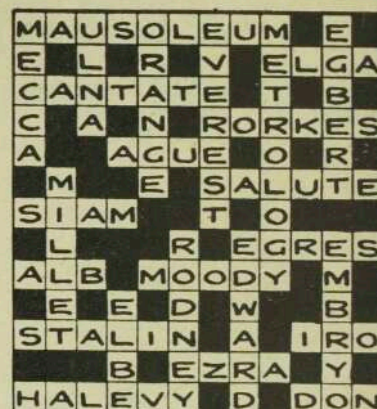
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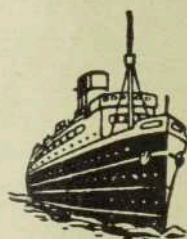
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NEWS FROM THE COOKS

Two new wards for the Rarotonga sanatorium were completed in November. A further ward, wash rooms and a motor garage were under way.

To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Caldwell a son, on November 22 at Rarotonga hospital. Mr. Caldwell is a clerk in the courthouse.

In preparation for the building of a government school on Rakahanga Is., N. Cooks two lime pits were prepared by the people in November. The site for a new school on neighbouring Manihiki was also surveyed during the month.

Mamla Teokotai Williams, of Manihiki, announced her engagement to Ioane Maieria last November. The marriage was planned for mid-January.

Foundations for A. B. Donald & Co.'s new store at Aitutaki were laid in early December.

Ngaie Tou, CIMP, left Rarotonga for the Central Medical School, Suva, in December to undergo a post-graduate course in surgery. By the same aircraft from Aitutaki went John Tapaki, of Aitutaki, Tingika Tere, of Rarotonga, and Nurse Vaine Tangata, of Mauke, for training at the Medical School.

The NZ Meteorological Service plans to install radar upper-wind measuring equipment at Rarotonga during the present year. Wind-measuring balloon-flights are at present limited to the visual method, useless in conditions of low cloud.

Golf history was made for the Rarotonga links (the now unused airfield) in December, when Mr. Ted Estall "holed in one". If the feat had been made in a competition match, Mr. Estall would have won a £10 jackpot.

Two of the inter-island vessels—Charlotte Donald and Inspire—have departed from the Group for the hurricane season. They will undergo refit inapeete. The third craft, Mahurangi, will remain in the Group, based on Penrhyn, and will make runs south to Rarotonga at intervals.

The Administration has received a number of requests to organise, in Rarotonga, night classes in elementary book-keeping. Subject to sufficient people being interested, Mr. L. K. Pitt, of the Administration, is prepared to offer his services as instructor.

Mr. Temana Ngatama, elementary school teacher attached to the Administration school at Mauke Is., has been selected to proceed for a teacher's training course in Auckland, NZ, commencing February.

Vero Tora, a leading mataiapo of Mauke Is., died there aged 63 years on December 13. He was a member of the island Council, a church deacon, and member of a family famous as composers of religious hymns. He is survived by his wife and by one son who succeeds to the title of mataiapo.

Shooting Affray in Port Romilly

From Our Own Correspondent

MORESBY, Jan. 2.

On December 23, two Europeans suffering from shotgun wounds were flown by Catalina from Port Romilly, Papua, to the Port Moresby Hospital. They were Sydney Ernest O'Neill, age 32, and James Paterson, 29, both employed by Sawmillers and Traders, Limited, on mill work. O'Neill's injuries were serious, but his condition improved steadily in hospital. Paterson had suffered only minor injuries.

Police officers from Port Moresby investigated. On December 31, a 25-year old European woman, Joan Phyllis Watson, was charged in the Court of

Petty Sessions with intent to do grievous bodily harm to O'Neill. Bail was granted.

Brisbane's NG Women Hold Xmas Party

THE Brisbane New Guinea Women's Assn. held its annual Christmas Party at the Lyceum Club, Brisbane, on December 13.

Mrs. Roy Kendall, President of the Assn., welcomed about 50 members and their friends. Proceeds went towards the Queensland Division of the NG Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Mr. Milton Rees is New Guinea Club (Rabaul) golf champion for 1952.



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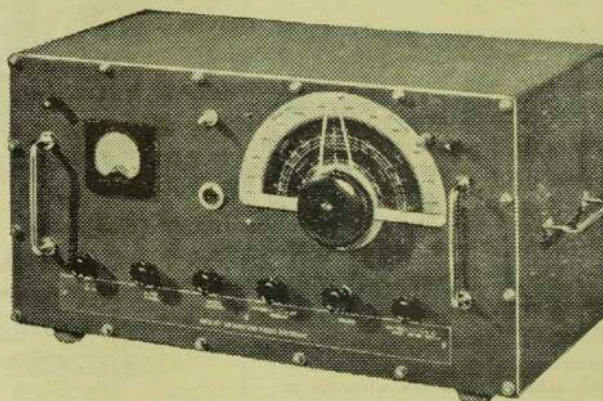
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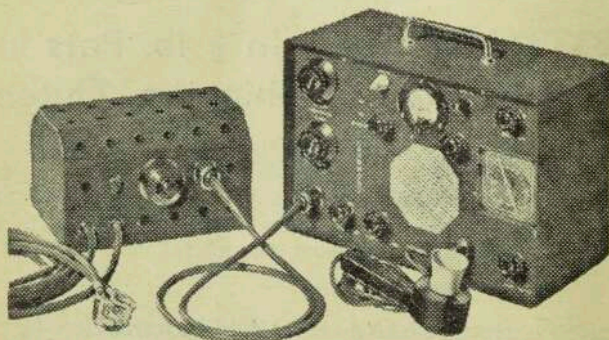
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• Stan Mayne, VR2AS, brings us up to date: VR2AP, Al Akin, departed in December for ZL and does not anticipate returning.

VRABZ, Bari Hogg is headed for England via ZL and will eventually return as a crew member of one of the RNZAF's No. 6 Squadron Sunderlands.

VR2CK, Murray Ewin, has departed for ZL and eventually for VK, on transfer. Al Akin's departure leaves Stan Mayne the Grand Old Man of the VR2's—or was VR2AW not active before the war?

Stan plans a vacation in ZL in March, his son taking over his optical practice in the interim.

• More than usual was heard from Whiti of late. Georges, F08AB and Charles, F08AC both being heard—and it seems likely that F08AG, formerly of Akatea but now of Papeete, may also be at times—so, with Roland, F08AD, on Papa, the card men seem to have at least our chances on 20-metres.

• Ham Radio as an aid to the outposts came into its own in December when VR3C, Phil Palmer, and friends used 20-metre addicts to push aside their keys and mikes, set their receivers to 14140, charge their pipes and sit on the most interesting radio drama the year.

It started off smoothly enough with Mrs. Palmer and the two children taking leave from Australia—and maintaining contact with Papa via VK2 and VK4 friends. At this stage we enjoyed, perhaps unkindly, Phil's despatches on the hours of life without a wife. Then suddenly the human-interest story switched to the other end—Sydney—where Mrs. Palmer had hastily to undergo an operation. VR2AEA, himself a doctor, is the connecting link at this stage, and whilst the listening multitude suffered with Phil as they awaited each night the 00Z report.

All went well—except for one thing: the family was booked home on Waikawa which was on point of sailing. The children departed in the ship with friends. Would mother make the connection at Fiji by air? That was the great question.

Phil burnt the midnight oil and lowatts and good news came from B6AO on Canton. It seems there was a gentleman named Dusty, with some kind of a craft named Joita, or something similar, down at Hull, who'd soon leave Canton for Fanning. There would be a message available if the worst came to the worst. But it didn't—Mother safely caught Waikawa and the children, at Papa, and eventually completed leave in the routine way.

But the outside followers of this radio

drama were cheated, in a sense. Dusty, the hero by all radio-serial standards, was sidetracked. We wanted to hear more of this mystery man who wanders from Honolulu down through the Line Islands and the Phoenix Group, and who eventually left Canton and friend Bill, KB6AO, laden with Christmas presents to solace Phil—whose wife wouldn't be home until much later, via Papeete.

If not running quite true to tradition, the story ended happily and was intensely interesting while it lasted. It was also a demonstration of Ham Radio at its best, with men from Hawaii, Fiji, Brisbane, Sydney, ZL, Canton, and other points combining to assist the man on the outpost of Fanning.

• From Niue, ZK2AA reported some misfortune. He blew the secondary of his modulation transformer. Two weeks later he was heard again under jury rig. Bill reported having worked VR2CG on 6-metres early November.

• Six-metre men might look for ZK2AA at 0630Z and later daily—and for VRCE/CG from 0630-0650Z and from 0030-0040Z when they are on the lookout on that band.

• "Amateur Radio" reports FK8AJ as active, in addition to the FK8's reported here in September.

• That active Samarai Is. man, VK9XK, has folded his tent and departed, to become VK3XK. Bad news for the vhf boys.

• There are changes brewing on all bands if the American FCC's suggestions come into force. Changes adopted in the States are likely to be world operating procedure. (See next page)

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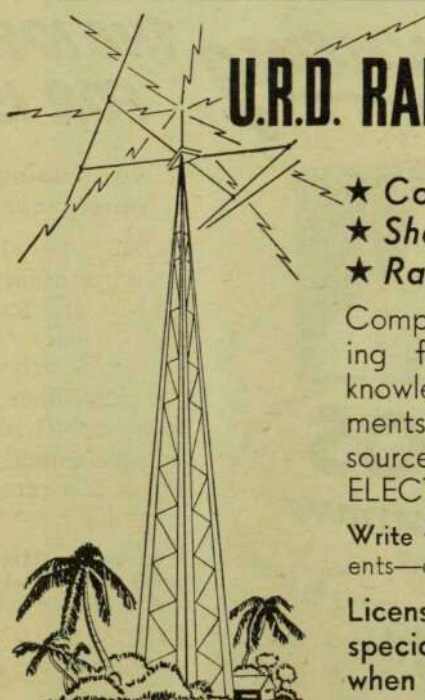
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cedure. In so far as the 10, 20 and 40-metre bands are concerned, the proposal is as follows—Calling: 29630-29650 kc/s, 14040-14050 kc/s (A1), 14220-14230 (A3), 7095/7105 kc/s (A1), 7200/7300 (A3). The

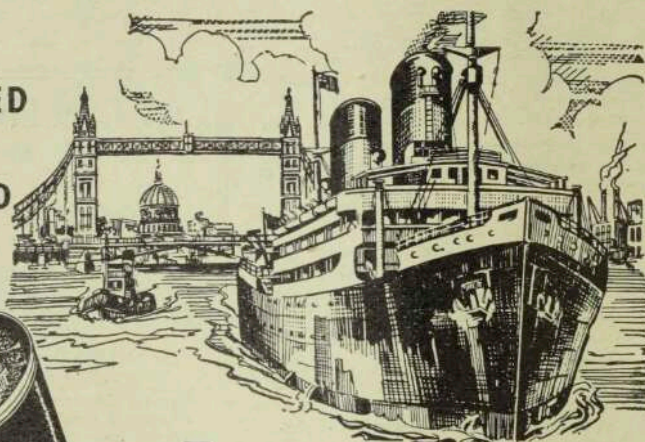
idea seems sound enough but whether DX-hounds, having hooked a thin line in the calling band are going to be kindly to trying to again locate him, the main band is something that time alone will show. What we do like the proposal of a limitation to four C and four call-sign repetitions only—no more of the same thing for at least five minutes if no contact is established. However, at present, these are mere proposals.

Island stations actually heard during the month in mainly evening listening included: FK8 FOSAB/C, KB6AO, KG/6AD/ADZ/FAB/I, W4PTL/KG6, KJ6AW, KR6AC/AF/HL/K X 6 A R / A V, VK1CK, VK9RC/V, VR2BJ/CG, VR3C, ZK2AA/B. Conditions were moderately good on 20-metres. Island contacts during December evening though not so good as the previous month at Auckland.

Notes on stations active in your area will be appreciated.

A successful cabaret-dinner was held at the Tavua Hotel, Fiji, November and was attended by people from Suva, Singapore, Lautoka, Ba and Vatukoula as well as by local residents. Mr. and Mrs. A. Blatchford, of Vatukoula, entertained a large party to celebrate their wedding anniversary.

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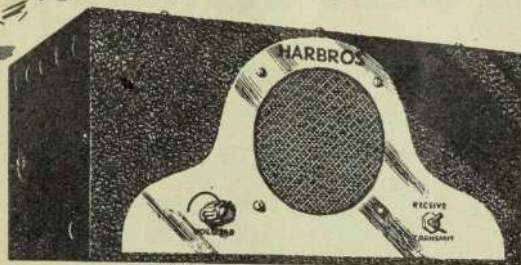


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IT must be 40 or 50 years since rabbits were first reported on tiny Phoenix atoll, in the Phoenix group, east of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands; but—so far as we know—no one ever has told how they got there, or how they live.

In his recent article in the *Poly-nesian Journal*, describing the colonisation of the Phoenix Islands (see elsewhere in this issue) Mr. H. E. Maude says:

"On Phoenix we found the only rabbits I have ever met with on any coral island. They appeared to be sharing their burrows with the petrels and shearwaters, and one had to step carefully to avoid crushing rabbits and birds wherever one went.

"They were in very poor condition and, although when chased they would be off like a rocket for a hundred yards or so, they soon gave a despairing squeak and lay still with their ears back, ready to be captured. The delegates (Gilbertese natives) who had never, of course, seen such animals called them *pussies* and refused to eat them.

"We took 25 away with us, with a view to breeding them in the Gilberts, but were unsuccessful, as they were killed by dogs before they had time to establish themselves.

"I am told that rabbits never drink. Certainly, those on Phoenix could not

have done so for, though we dug six wells down to 12 feet, we found nothing but salt water."

ANOTHER LONE COLONY

A hundred years ago, to provide food and sport, the Norfolk Island community established a colony of rabbits on Phillip Island, then a green mound off the coast of Norfolk Island. The rabbits still are there, but how they live is a mystery. They have eaten away every vestige of verdure, and Phillip to-day is just an unsightly heap of rock, and red and yellow clay.

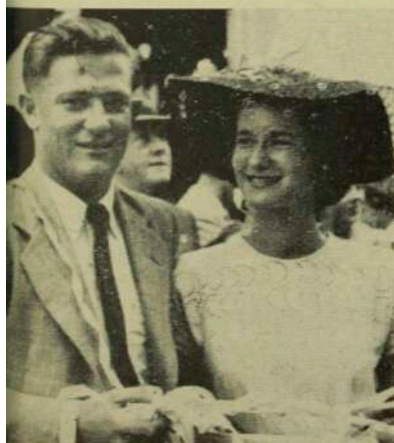
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A young girl had her spleen perforated when a war-time grenade exploded.

New Guinea Engagement



Mr. Ron Furlonger, electrical foreman, Dept. of Works, Rabaul, NG, and Miss Shirley Bowcock, of Sydney, who announced their engagement in December. Mr. Furlonger recently spent three months' leave in Sydney.

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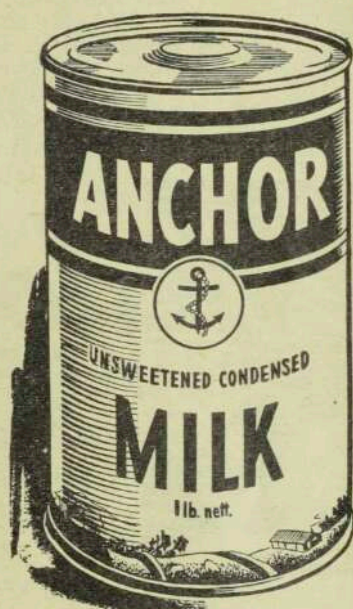
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ANG Employers Want Penal Clauses Restored

From Our Own Correspondent.

Port Moresby, Jan. 1.

At the same time that Democracy (or UN) was rejoicing at the removal of penal clauses from labour contracts on Nauru (see December M), there was agitation in Papua-New Guinea to have some of them restored.

The President of the Planters' Association of New Guinea, Mr. D. Barrett, raised the question of native desertions with the Minister during his November visit to Papua. He aimed that there were upwards of 10 cases of desertion in the Rabaul-Makopo area during the last 18 months, or approximately 15 to 20 per cent. of the native labour working under agreement.

He emphasised that employers had no effective redress when natives deserted, and said that this was leading to increasing irresponsibility by native workers towards their agreement obligations. Native deserters were asked to return to their jobs by an administration officer, but if they refused there was nothing more that

the Administration officials could do about it.

The Central District Advisory Council at Port Moresby has also discussed the same subject. When the familiar ground of fixed obligations—and fixed penalties—for employers defaulting on their agreements, but no effective penalty when the default is on the side of the employee had been gone over, the Council passed a resolution recommending re-introduction of a penal clause for employees who broke their agreement.

The problem goes far beyond the matter of a monetary loss to employers and it might be argued that the present system of natives getting out of their obligations scot-free is a serious breach of Trusteeship responsibilities. The aim of Trusteeship is to bring the natives to civilised standards. But to initiate and perpetuate a system whereby a native can enter into a formal legal agreement undertaking certain obligations in return for fixed and rigidly defined benefits and wages, and then allow him to break that agreement without effective penalty, is to encourage irresponsibility, lawlessness and deterioration of character.

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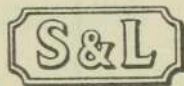
to be clearly established. We made serious reference to the queer thing on p. 61 of the PIM of Feb., 1952, and the opinion then was expressed that the pearl was a botanical freak, caused when a coconut tried to sprout, and failed.

In *Garden Islands of the Great East*, published a couple of years

ago, David Fairchild has a section on "The Coconut Pearl". He states that when he was in the Celebes in 1940, Wong, a copra buyer, presented him with a magnificent pearl, which Wong said, had come out of a coconut. Wong said that such pearls occurred only rarely—he had only four or five in 15 years of trading.

Fairchild became interested, searched all available literature on the subject. He found that a Dutchman had conducted a thorough research concerning coconut pearls, and had proved that a pearl resulted from an abnormal growth in a nut. This happened when a nut formed with all three openings, or holes, closed. The embryo tried to grow but could not get out, and this led to a diseased condition and sometimes, as a result, a pearl was formed. It is composed of carbonate of calcium, like the pearl that is formed in an oyster.

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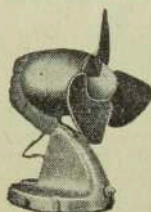
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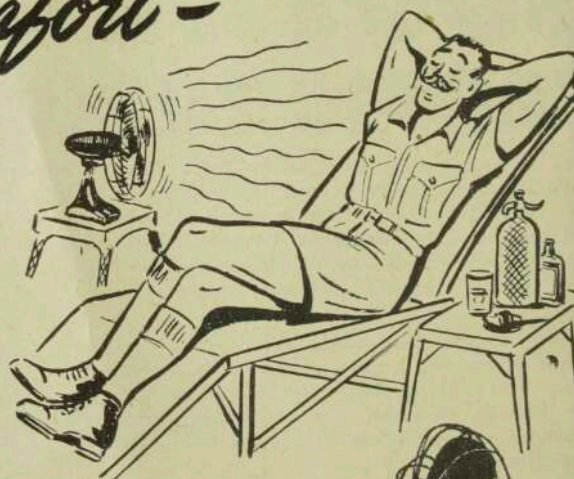
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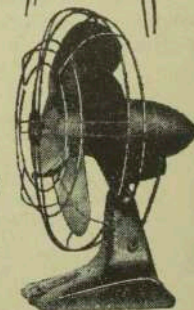
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Island residents arriving in Auckland, on TEAL Solent recently included:—Mr. and Mrs. McVeagh and children, Edy and Robert, on leave from Aitutaki. Mrs. McVeagh's position as hostess to TEAL passengers at Aitutaki is temporarily taken by Mrs. W. Jones.

Guide Niotangi Robati and 1st Lieut. Maeru Tereora, who will represent the Cook Islands Girl Guide movement at a bazaar at Marton, NZ.

Mrs. T. N. Solomon and Mrs. A. L. Jamming of Rarotonga.

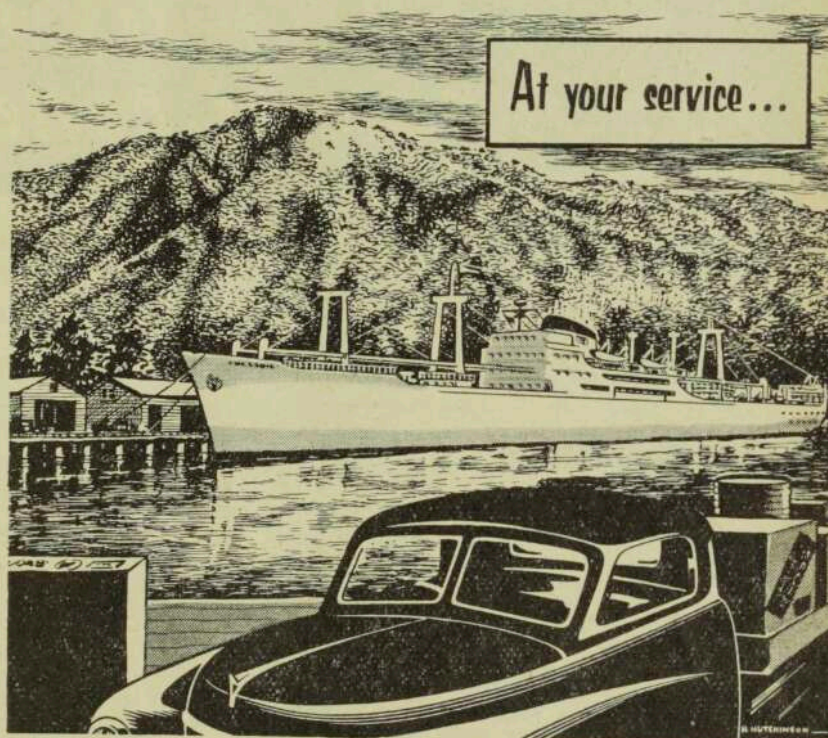
COMMONWEALTH GRANTS FOR P-NG AGRICULTURE

RICE growing in P-NG has now benefitted to the extent of £7,000 from the Rural Credits Development Fund (a department of the Commonwealth Bank). The second £3,500 was approved recently and will go towards the cost of the rice expansion scheme in the Territory. The first instalment of £3,500 was made towards the cost of a rice breeding laboratory in the Mekeo district of Papua. In addition to their grants for rice production, the RCDF has granted £500 towards fibres experimentation in the Territory.

Mr. Graham Nevill, formerly of the Fruit Office, Rarotonga, and son of Mr. G. Nevill, Resident Commissioner of the Cook Is., gained a pass in Greek History, Art and Literature in his first-year studies for Bachelor of Science degree at Victoria University College, Wellington, NZ. His aviator-uncle, Sir Arthur Nevill, also attending the same university, gained

his Master of Science degree this year.

There was a well-built, clean, weatherproof, plainly furnished room to let on Mauke, Cook Island, in December. The new gaol had just been completed and the population speculated as to who would be the first to try it.



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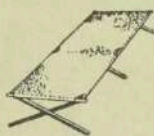
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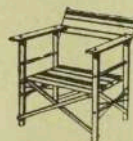
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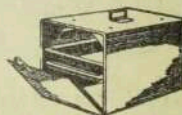


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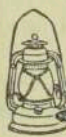
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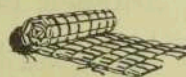
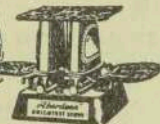
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At a recent meeting of the TAC, Mr. McCarthy said that Island Amusements had visited Rabaul about six months ago and set up merry-go-rounds, chair-o-planes, hoop-las, etc., at Matupi Farm. He thought that the amplified records must have annoyed some people living nearby, although they had not complained

and he was not sure that the set-up was in the general interests of local natives. The company had later left but had recently returned and had applied for a licence to operate again. The TAC agreed with the DC that the company should not be given a licence on the grounds of exploitation of the natives; encouragement to break the law by disregarding curfew; outbreak of thieving during last season; children nearby being unsettled; noise and crowds objectionable to nearby residents.

A member of the company said that no hint of disapproval had been given during the previous visit and that the decision meant a loss of £2,000 to them.



Islands residents arriving in Auckland, NZ, on TEAL Solent recently included (left to right): Miss E. Solomon, Allan Cummings, and Miss M. Solomon, from Rarotonga. Mr. W. N. Gay, well-known farmer of Tavua, Fiji. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Storck of Suva.

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Mission Jubilee in Samoa

THE Marist Mission station at Aliepata, Upolu, celebrated its centenary in December, and the Rev. Father John Fotheringham, S.M., attached to that mission, celebrated, at the same time, the silver jubilee of his own ordination in New Zealand.

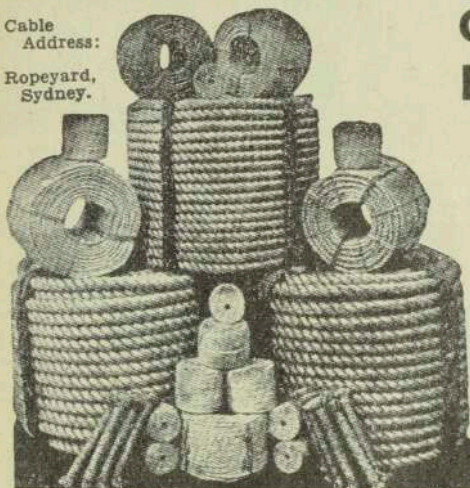
Father Fotheringham has spent the full 25 years of his religious life in Samoa.

The Commonwealth Bank branch in Madang, N.G., held its annual Christmas party at the staff quarters on December 12. About 150 guests were entertained.

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A FRACAS IN SANTO

From Our Own Correspondent.

SANTO, Dec. 21

A NEWS item cut from the pages of a recent issue of *Sydney Morning Herald*—and maybe a fairy story appeared in other Australian papers—tells us of war deeds and so forth up on the coast of Santo. This "news" received in the New Hebrides various ways, ranging from polite boredom to raucous laughter. The story originated in Vila and, I may add, is completely untrue, to the point of absurdity.

Originally, I wrote the story in a small PIM paragraph, telling of intertribal brawling on the estate of Chaverot. This is substantially correct. Some "bushies" interfere with M. Chaverot's native labour, thus causing a disturbance sufficient to warrant M. Chaverot's intervention.

In the resultant fracas two natives ("bushies") were killed, while another died some days later from (it is reported) internal injuries.

The gory story of how a native cut off M. Chaverot's arm with a cane knife is pure fiction. Chaverot suffered a slight cut on his hand. M. Chaverot recently travelled to Noumea.

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THE list of Graduates and Special Prize-winners, issued at the year's end by the Central Medical School, Suva, Fiji, is notable for two things. The first is the large proportion of outstanding men from "the American contingent"—the selected students sent from the American Trust Territory of Micronesia, which decided, only two years ago, to support the Suva institution. The other is the issue of Diplomas to two of the six young men sent to the school four years ago from Papua-New Guinea. Experience has shown, however, that generally the standard of village school education in P-NG is not high enough to provide a wide choice of New Guinea lads for the Suva School; and a system of training selected young men for medical service is now being developed within Papua-New Guinea itself.

THE 1952 GRADUATES DENTAL

Momotaro Lanitulok, of Marshall Islands.
Augustine Harris, of Ponape, Eastern Carolines.
Jack Helkera, of Marshall Islands.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

Isaac Karim, of Fiji.
Sateki Uhila, of Tonga.
Marika Vuki, of Fiji.
Francisco Manoru, of W. Carolines.
Alexander Panuelo, of E. Carolines.
Tom Gaunede, of Papua-New Guinea.
Reuben Taureka, of Papua-New Guinea.

WINNERS OF PRIZES AND GOLD MEDALS

First year medical-dental Class, A.M.P. standard—First place, Mane Sirumau, of Eastern Samoa.
First year medical-dental class, A.M.O. standard—First place, Satyalal of Fiji.
Second year dental—First place, Jacob Ilkisa, of E. Carolines.
Senior dental—First place, Augustine Harris of, E. Carolines.

SECOND YEAR MEDICAL

First place, Yad Ram Sadhu, of Fiji.
Sir Henry Scott Gold Medal in Anatomy
Eliuel Prettick, of E. Carolines.
Burns Philp Gold Medal in Physiology—
Morton Jano, of E. Carolines.

THIRD YEAR MEDICAL

First place, Harnam Singh, of Fiji.
Sir Maynard Hedstrom Gold Medal in Public Health—Mumui, of Tonga.

FOURTH YEAR

Head Student—Tiko Toga, of Fiji.
First Place in Surgery (Prize donated by Dr. Maxwell)—Maika Vuki, of Fiji.
Second Place in Class—Uhila, of Tonga.
First Place in Class, Rotary Gold Medal in Obstetrics and Sir Alport Barker Gold Medal in Medicine—Isaac Karim, of Fiji.

Driver S. Gilbert of W Samoa was one of three sick-list "K-Force" soldiers who arrived back in NZ by aircraft on December 11.

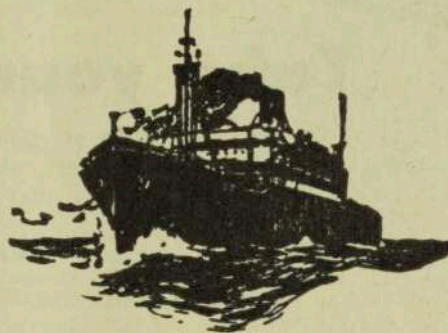
Rabaul Tennis

RABAU Hardcourt Tennis Association elected the following officials in December: President, Mr. J. K. McCarthy; vice-president, Mr. A. Squires; secretary-treasurer, Miss M. Egan; Committee, Miss P. Cargeeg, Messrs. Midgley, Gall and Wright.

The 1951 Davis Cup film was shown to members at Xavier Hall on

December 16, after which the president presented trophies won during the recent tournaments.

Observations taken by the Union Steamship Co. at Avarua, Rarotonga, during 1952 show that over the twelve months there were 35½ days on which sea conditions were such that shipping could not have been worked at the open roadstead.



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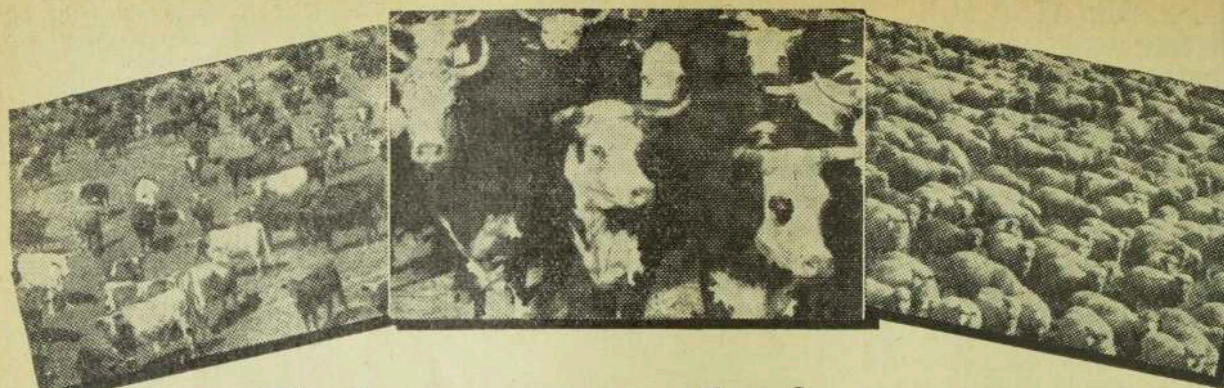
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Umboi Island—Another NG "Hot Spot"

ON October 10, Umboi Island off the western tip of New Britain, experienced a severe earthquake and since then the problem has been whether this was a normal New Guinea tectonic tremor or a preliminary to something more serious. A survey has been made by the government volcanologist, Mr. Tony Taylor, who found that one volcanic centre in the island has been showing unusual conditions for several months. From this and other evidence he considers that major seismic activity could occur there during February or March, 1953, but emphasises that seismic activity would not necessarily mean volcanic eruptions.

The Administration with Mt. Lamington still fresh in memory, is taking no chances and an emergency plan has been worked out: the Lutheran Mission staff on the island will, in the event of dangerous volcanic activity, form an Emergency Council with leading natives from the villages in the possible danger zone, to supervise any hasty evacuation which might become necessary. The inhabitants of a semi-circle of villages perched on what is probably

the rim of an extinct volcano have been advised to build subsidiary homes and gardens on the coastal areas where they can take refuge in the event of trouble—they already have shelters and small gardens on the coast which have always been part of their food-raising programme.

It is not feasible in P-NG to move all native populations living in areas which may or may not become volcanically dangerous. The only alternative is to prepare emergency plans and maintain a close volcanological scrutiny of the potential trouble spot. And that is exactly what is being done in regard to Umboi.

RABAUl STILL AWAITS ALL-WEATHER ESCAPE ROUTES

From Our Own Correspondent

RABAUl, January 1.
RABAUl now has a detailed evacuation scheme in the event of volcanic eruptions—but successful carrying out of the plan depends upon provision of at least two all-weather roads out of the town.

Money has already been allocated for this work but so far funds have not percolated through the Government machine and reached Rabaul. At the December meeting of the

Town Advisory Council members decided to make representations in the strongest terms for the work to be put in hand immediately.

Messrs. Dudley Jones and Keith Manning are 1952 snooker champions of the New Guinea Club, Rabaul, NG.



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Profit and Hard Work In Papuan Crocodile Shooting

(From Our Own Correspondent)

MORESBY, Jan. 1.
A FOUR-MONTHS shooting trip, 250 miles up the Fly River, Papua, has yielded a bag of 1,400 crocodiles for two young Europeans.

The two hunters—Mr. J. Langhorne and Mr. Sandy Braes—used .303 rifles, spotlights, a 45-foot launch and two dinghies fitted with outboard engines. Each of the dinghies had a crew of three natives.

Mr. Langhorne says with this outfit it is possible to get 100 crocodiles a night, but he and his partner cut the number to 50 because of the difficulty of handling more skins on the day after the shoot.

He says that there is a good profit in crocodile shooting in waters which

have not previously been worked on by other hunters. But mud, mosquitoes, the general hardship of living on small boats in a vast swamp at night-shooting patrols and daytime supervision of skinning and salt the hides, all make the profits hard-earned. The partners realised from £3 to £3/10/- for each hide delivered in Australia—between £4,000 and £5,000, less heavy expenses, four months' hard work.

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Rockefeller Grants to IPR Cease

ROCKFELLER FOUNDATION'S President, D. Rusk, announced in early December that, due to suspected Communist affiliations, further grants to the Institute of Pacific Relations are unlikely.

In pointing out that the Foundation had made grants totalling two million dollars between 1925-1950, Mr. Rusk declared that not until "certain persons closely associated with the Institute" recently refused to answer questions to Communist affiliations, was the Institute suspect.

"Important misgivings" in regard to IPR had developed in 1945, Mr. Rusk declared before a US House of Representatives committee investigating exempt foundations.

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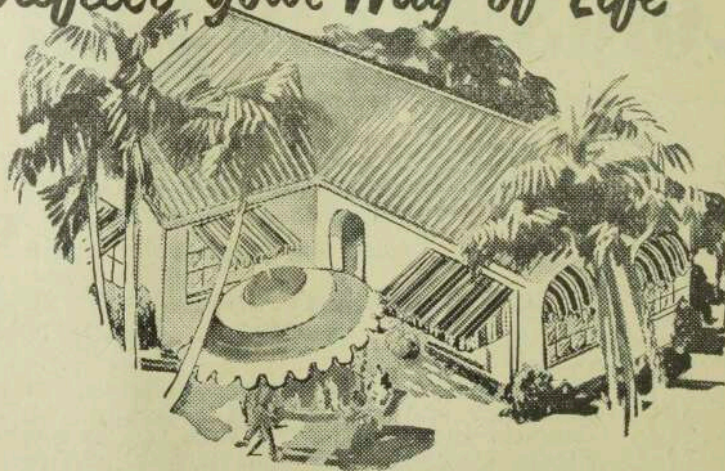
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Some New Caledonians Appear Unfriendly!

I WAS surprised when those two excellent newspapers of New Caledonia, *Bulletin du Commerce*, of December 10, and *La France Australe*, of December 11, expressed sentiment of the short article on New Caledonia which I published in November *PIM*. But I was really astonished and discomfited when the big Noumea commercial establishment, Maison Barrau, wrote angrily about the same date, declaring I had belittled the French Colony, and cancelling forthwith the whole of the even annual subscriptions for which I was responsible!

Since then, I have carefully re-read my article; and, although I am well aware of the extraordinary sensitivity of the French in the matter of Anglo-Saxon criticism—it is something almost beyond belief—I still cannot understand exactly what it is that the worthy representatives of Noumea object to.

I said I had found Noumea a depressing place, and I thought that New Caledonia was in something of a politico-economic mess; and I expressed the opinion, by inference, that most of New Caledonia's political troubles stem from the rather ruthless control exercised over the country for many years by the commercial set-up called the Nickel Combine. Upon reflection, I am not inclined to alter a word of it.

It is true, I was only three days in the country, and my impressions may be all wrong. But I am sure that my journalistic friends of Noumea will be the first to accept the dictum of their great Voltaire—"I do not agree with a word you say—but I will fight to the death for your freedom to say it"—or something like that.

But my reaction to the brimstone-leathering letter of Maison Barrau is entirely different. "I do not agree with your opinion," says this arrogant communication, in effect. "Therefore, I shall have none of your service. Cancel it forthwith!"—Until *PIM* expressed an opinion with which I disagreed, the House of Barrau apparently was quite happy to receive my service.

It is exactly that spirit of ruthlessness and intolerance in the realm of Big Business that has created in New Caledonia the political conditions which we so much deplore.

No one has for Communism, and I think that it implies, a greater detestation than has this writer. Muscovite Communism, which is the logical development of academic Socialism, is the

negation of all that is best in Western civilisation, and in human relations. But this writer believes that the most potent factor in the creation of Socialism and the development of Communism in the past century was the abuse of individualism (personal freedom) by certain forms of Capitalism—and one of the worst forms of Capitalism is the International Combine. Anyone who is acquainted with conditions in New Caledonia will follow the implication.

—R. W. ROBSON.

The engagement was announced at a party in the Tavua Hotel, Fiji, recently of Miss Judy Hannah, nursing sister at Ba Hospital, to Mr. Pat Green of the CSR Co., Ba.

On November 10, Miss Pixie Turner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Turner of the Tavua Hotel, Tavua, Fiji, entertained 30 guests at her 6th birthday party. Less well-known as Susanne Lae Turner, this young lady was the first European baby born in Lae, New Guinea, after the war. Her parents later moved on to Fiji where they run the very pleasant Tavua Hotel.

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Wasps Arriving from Africa

From Our Own Correspondent.

P. MORESBY, Jan. 2.

SEVERAL shipments of the *Scolia Ruficornus* wasp have arrived from Zanzibar and been released on various plantations in the Gazelle Peninsula. This is a Rhinoceros beetle parasite, and it is hoped in this way to get this coconut pest under control.

The Rhinoceros Beetle is now a serious menace, having flourished unchecked throughout the war years, and it is vital for the future of the copra industry that effective control measures be found.

Mr. Charles Barrett, the famous Australian naturalist, looked after the release of the wasps for the administration during the absence of Mr. G. Dunn, the government entomologist, who was in Zanzibar patching the wasp consignments. He returned to the territory in late December.

Mr. Barrett's son, Don (president of the NG Planters' Association), suggested that European planters, owners of native coconut groves,

get busy and clear their properties of pest-breeding grounds. He thinks, too, that a lot of help could be given by collecting adult coconut beetles, as was done in pre-war years. These measures, he considers, are necessary to assist the present *Ruficornus* wasp effort at biological control of the Rhinoceros Beetle.

The favourite breeding-ground of the beetle is the rotting stumps of old palms, and they have also been quick to utilise the pockets of rotten trunks caused by wartime strafing and machine-gun firing.

COPRA-PLANTERS' REWARDS

DESPITE the failure of Papua-New Guinea, over many years, to plant up any large new areas in coconuts, the copra production of the Territory in the year ended June 30, 1952, was 80,000 tons. This is rather better than the average production, pre-war.

The Copra Marketing Board's decision to distribute another 50/- per ton in respect of that year ("result of a successful trading year") therefore put £200,000 straight into the pockets of Territories planters—a pleasing kind of Christmas box.

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tons annually, at the present (MOF) price of copra, represents an annual income for P-NG copra producers of close up to £A5,000,000 per annum.

The Rev. Father Sebastian Schweiger returned to the Roman Catholic Mission, Rabaul, in December after overseas leave. He has been in Rabaul district for 20 years.

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A Reader Reflects on Turtle Soup

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had just shipped the first consignment of 22 tons of turtle meat to a London firm of soup makers.

Although a very seasonal business, there seems to be possibilities for a similar business in certain parts of the Pacific—the meat being pro-

cessed and the soup canned in Islands for local European consumption. After all, soups imported from Australia and New Zealand sell high prices quite readily.—S.

Moresby's Practical Help For Korean Veterans

From Our Own Correspondent.

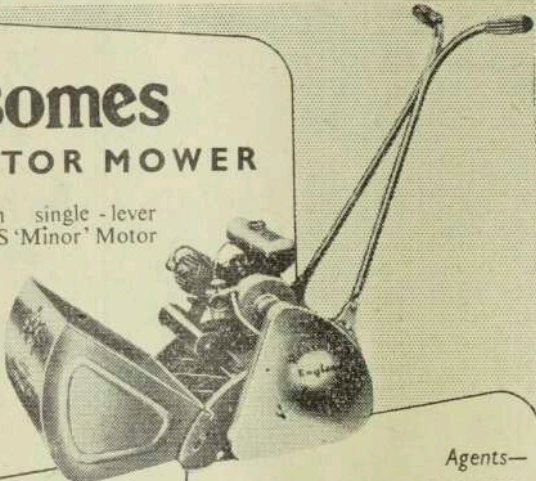
MORESBY, Jan.

VERY practical appreciation of Australian soldiers' part in the Korean campaign is being given in Port Moresby by the Servicemen's Comfort Fund committee. Members of this committee are meeting in planes carrying Australian fighting men to and from Korea when they make their short staging stop at Port Moresby and now, instead of a tiresome wait while the plane is fuelled, the men get a welcome from the committee members, refreshments, and are provided with facilities for a shower and are issued with cigarettes and other "comforts". During the Christmas week they were also given a special Christmas party. Funds for this work are provided by public donations. Christmas expenses were met by special group donations from clubs, firms, departmental staffs and other organisations.

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CONDITIONS IN PUBLIC SERVICE

SUVA, Dec. 22
ALLEGATIONS of inefficiency and of waste in some sections of the Public Works Department have been heard in Suva for some time. When the matter reached the Legislative Council, questioners were told the Government had made arrangements for a formal inquiry.

The Director of Public Works (J. P. Bruen) said that much of the criticism of the department was fairly based on lack of information, or on misinformation.

Criticism of the standard of education provided in some Fijian schools, with particular reference to the big Ratu Kadavulevu Intermediate School at Lodon, has long been voiced by Fijian members of the council. The Government now a survey will be made.

Idle talk and Legislative Council questions are probably responsible for rumours that sensational developments in Fiji's civil service may be pending. There is no real indication of anything of the sort, although it is likely that feather dusters will be wielded in any odd corners that need them. This was indicated by the Governor (Sir Ronald Macdonald) when he opened the Budget in November.

G Planters Must Register Cocoa Plantations

From Our Own Correspondent.

MORESBY, Jan. 1.
APPLICATION forms for registration of cocoa plantations are available from the Agricultural Department at Port Moresby, and from various District Officers and Agricultural Officers as well as the Planters' Association of New Guinea. Registration is compulsory under Ordinance recently passed by the Government and New Guinea Legislative Council.

Complete registration of all cocoa plantations will enable their inspection and should any serious disease occur, its spread will be checked and almost forgotten bush plantations to well-tended commercial plantations. Territory cocoa acreage is increasing rapidly, and last year output was nearly 500 tons.

New Air Terminal Buildings For Moresby

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Jan. 1.
NEW terminal buildings are to be erected at Jackson's Strip, Port Moresby; £60,000 has been allocated for the job.

The plans were made in 1948, but by the time materials and labour were available the basic principles of airport layout had moved a step forward. New plans are being drafted and eventually there will be a new operational building, hanger, transmitter building, powerhouse and an up-to-date passenger lounge on the Port Moresby aerodrome.

Meanwhile, £2,400 is being spent

to improve the present passenger lounge as the new one will not be ready before next June. It is hoped that some useful purpose will be served by the reconditioned lounge when it is replaced, so that present expenditure on renovations will not be lost.

Construction has begun on the new store of Colyer Watson (NG) Ltd., at Mango Avenue, Rabaul. The building will be two-storied—the lower floor will contain retail departments where provision is being made for deep-freeze foods, small-goods, sports and music department, pharmacy, etc., and the top floor will contain the company's offices, travel bureau and showrooms.

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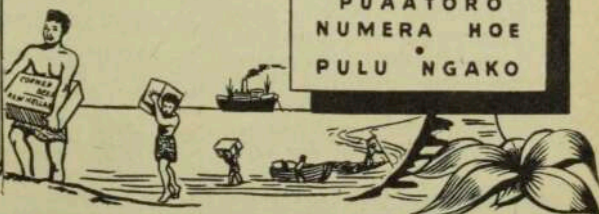
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Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Higgins, lately of the Bank of New Zealand, Apia, were on leave before transferring to Auckland at Morrinsville, NZ.

Mr. S. P. J. Stowers on holiday from Apia, who was met by members of his family resident in Auckland.

Army Minister's P-NG Tour

From Our Own Correspondent.

PORT MORESBY, Jan.

THE tour of Australian Army Minister, Mr. Francis of Papua and New Guinea, has left clouds of glory trailing over PNGVR and the PIR. Mainland Australians should now be aware of the two military units even if all too often the hard work and service put in Territory undertakings go unnoticed down south.

The PNGVR is not a spectacular military force, its numbers are few, its peacetime role is the solid dog training which rarely hits the headlines.

But both the regular army staff and the spare-time rank and file of the Territorials are doing a much needed job.

The PIR is equally important. The regiment has been raised and trained in a remarkably short time, and on parade ground and in battle exercises displays good progress. The Minister approved the expansion of the regiment.

Some Aspects of Moresby's Abduction Case

THE Ralph Corlett "abduction case" has been of considerable local interest in Papua-New Guinea. (Corlett, a European taxi driver of 30 years' residence in the Territory, paid a native girl's parents "bride price" and, apparently because the girl herself was now in making up her mind, abducted her).

Mr. Justice Kelly fined him £100 and in summing up said that Corlett had a good record in the Territory but, if he imposed upon him a light sentence, it might encourage others to follow his example—though he could imagine few other residents behaving in so foolish a manner.

Interest for Territory residents is not so much the abduction and its punishment, as the moral and legal angle on European men paying a "bride price" to the parents of a girl whom they intend to "marry" under native law. (In his summing up, Mr. Justice Kelly specially did not deal with the matter of whether Corlett was within the law in paying bride-price for the girl). Are such marriages to be recognised legally, or can the European subsequently discard the girl without the formality of divorce?

There are at least two or three European men living in the Port Moresby district with a native

"wife"; but many residents of the Territory are of the opinion that if bride-price—that is, the paying of money or goods to a native girl's parents—were banned for Europeans, few natives would consent to their daughter's "marrying" a European. In the past, in Papua, there have been Europeans who married native girls legally, under British

law, and in these cases there has invariably been a genuine effort to safeguard the welfare of children of the marriages. Children of bride-price marriages have little hope of such treatment.

The laws of cohabitation between European and native were far stricter in the old Mandated Territory than in Papua, and in any



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event public opinion was such that any man suspected of living with a native woman was regarded as a social outcast.

Since the war, Territory public opinion has either become more tolerant of peccadilloes of this sort—or some residents have a complete contempt for public opinion.

Miss Daphne Carpenter, who has been State Secretary of the Queensland Girl Guides' Assn. for 9½ years, will leave at end of January or early February for Port Moresby where she will become private secretary to Mrs. D. M. Cleland, wife of the Acting Administrator of Papua-New Guinea.

NEW GUINEA STAMP DESIGNS

Letter to the Editor

I DISAGREE with Mr. J. Nixon westwood (PIM Dec.) when he says he does not think much of the new issue of Papua-New Guinea stamps, and with "Tolaki" who says there is nothing particularly artistic about the designs and subjects portrayed.

I think the issue as a whole a creditable job, artistically, without any individual stamp being particularly outstanding; but I agree with Nixonwestwood when he says that some of the stamps should have depicted some of the achievements of Australia during her long years of administration.

There is one thing which I thought very strange. Considering the part commercial aviation and gold-mining have played in the development of both Territories, particularly New Guinea, an aeroplane, and either an hydraulic sluicing operation or a dredge, might have been incorporated in the set. They could both have been shown on one of the big stamps. May it be intended, eventually, to extend the set by issuing a 5/- stamp, a £2 and a £5 stamp, as in the case of TNG stamps, and that the features will be used.

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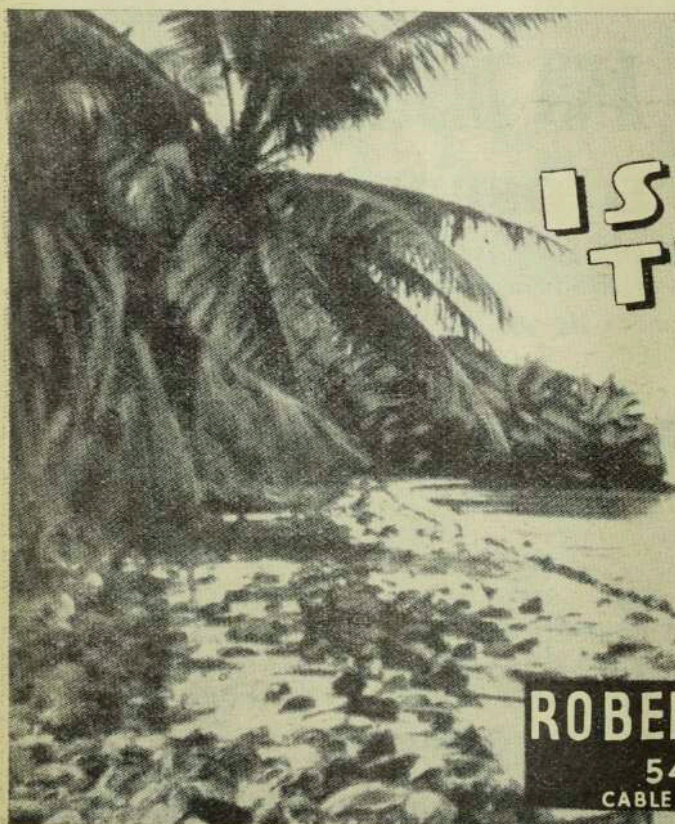
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POLITICO-ECONOMIC CONFUSION IN INDONESIA

Fears of a Drift Towards Communism

BECAUSE the Indonesian archipelagoes are the bottle-neck through which Asia may presently seek to approach the South Pacific, the condition of Indonesia is a matter of sharp interest to the peoples of Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands.

Much has been happening there in recent months in the fields of politics and economics, but the situation has been so confused that no clear picture has been presented to us here. There have been occasional yelps from Jakarta about the Indonesian determination to seize Western New Guinea, and rumours of rebellion against the Republic of Indonesia; but the general position has been obscure.

On December 12, in Hollandia, a well-known Dutch official, who knows Indonesia well, compiled the following summary for the Pacific Islands Monthly.

He makes it clear that Western New Guinea is now not a dominant issue, and Indonesian struggle is between the old revolutionary party, and more or less by President Soekarno, and a Rightist set-up based on the Army, and led, more or less, by the Minister for Defence, the Sultan Hamengku Buwono. Leadership, and the line between the parties, is very much undefined. Soekarno, for example, is the Army's Commander-in-Chief, yet the tendency of the Army group is to go against Soekarno because Soekarno wants to keep the Parliament in being.

BY A DUTCH OFFICIAL

MUSTOPO is typical. Mustopo is a dentist who played a big part in the Indonesian "struggle for liberty," and who got the rank of a Colonel.

A picturesque character, but a vehement patriot. He belongs to the type of people which one can always find in countries where the national problem is the centre of everything else: always ready to "save his country," always ready to take the initiative.

Mustopo, for a long time, has been very much annoyed with the Indonesian Parliament. So also were a couple of young officers who couldn't stand any longer the politicians' attacks on their Defence Minister and Army Commander. They agreed to take the initiative in demonstrations at the end of the Parliament. The demonstrations were fixed for October 17.

The night before, however, President Soekarno was informed by his secret service and he sent for Mustopo. Mustopo proudly told Soekarno about the plans to dissolve that "bunch of profiteers and black marketeers." He would have told Soekarno much more, but the President stopped his "flux de parole." He told Mustopo that "he was plotting

and that he blamed him for actions against the State's security."

Dr. Mustopo was amazed. For him it was a bewildering disclosure to find "Bung Karno," his old brother-in-arms, protecting that evil Parliament. Mustopo didn't understand a bit of it. His mouth fell open, when Soekarno, as his C-in-C, told him to put off the demonstrations. But this was no longer possible.

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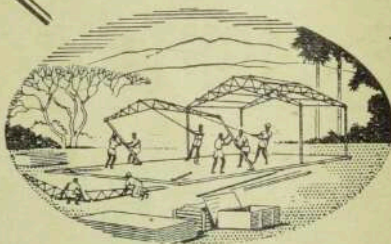
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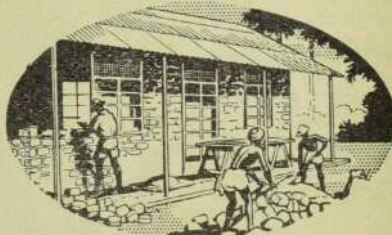
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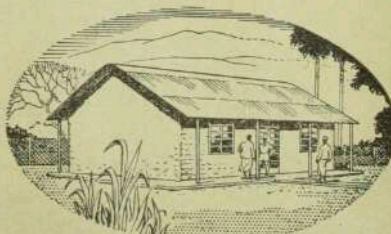
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my command. That was too much for Mustopo. He went to his C.O. and offered his resignation. But the demonstrations took place without any change of purpose.

EVERYONE knows what happened on October 17 in Djakarta, when an estimated 25,000 demonstrators, among them many Army officers, forced President Soekarno for the dissolution of the Parliament and for the general elections. Guns were pointed on the presidential palace to emphasise their demand.

Soekarno, however, calmed the rioters by coming out of his palace and firing off a speech in which he asked the demonstrators to trust him. In the meantime, another group entered the Parliament building, where considerable damage was caused.

During the riots the Dutch flag, flying at the official residence of the Dutch High Commissioner, was pulled down and torn to pieces. The whole affair on October 17 had the appearances of a *coup d'etat*.

For Soekarno, the visit to his place was not unexpected. He had a good one-and-a-half hour speech ready which, it was clear, had been prepared carefully. He spoke about the Dutch New Guinea) extensively, although nobody had mentioned the question during the demonstrations.

The members of Parliament hastily went into recess; some of them disappeared; another six were arrested by the Army, but released later on. Soekarno worked on.

Some days later the officers of the "Prawidjaja" division on East Java (Surabaya) decided to cashier their Colonel, Dr. Suwondo. This officer was acting as the Defence Minister, Sultan Hamengku Buwono. In his place Colonel Sudirman—follower of the President—took over. That was one step for Soekarno.

After East Java the turn was to South Celebes. In Makassar, Col.

Gatot Subroto, commander of the Seventh Territorial Army and disciple of the Sultan, was arrested by Lt.-Col. Warouw, who said he was willing to obey the C-in-C, President Soekarno. He even refused to receive the Sultan and the Army Commander, who flew to Makassar after the disturbances. That was trick number two for Soekarno.

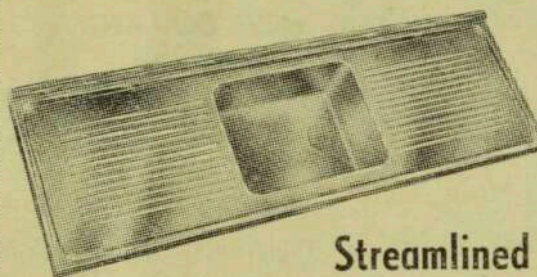
After the President had visited South Sumatra (Palembang) the same thing happened with the territorial and divisional commander, Lt.-Col. Kosasih, who was taken into custody by Lt.-Col. Kretarto, again a disciple of the President.

That put the President, in a mil-

itary sense, in a very strong position, because now three out of the seven divisions of the Indonesian Army were at his disposal.

You may see here something of the struggle for power. Right from the beginning there had existed between the Sultan Hamengku Buwono (Defence Minister) and President Soekarno a struggle as to who was to lead the Army. This is emphasised by the events which took place after October 17, as outlined above.

THE Indonesian Cabinet is faced with the necessity to play its cards forcibly. Before the Makassar affair, the Cabinet was obviously in-



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clined to hush up the state of affairs as much as possible. There were to be no public debates in Parliament about the October demonstrations, neither was a public statement from the side of the Government to be made; while spectacular measures against the officers who were involved

in these demonstrations were not to be taken.

But when Col. Gatot Subroto was arrested in Makassar, the Indonesian Government was obliged to broadcast a statement, in which it said that breaches of the limits of the military authority could not be tolerated and,

where such happened, the necessary steps would be taken.

The events in Palembang, however, again created tension. Sultan Hamengku Buwono may accept this. His resignation would cause considerable difficulties, because he is the most important member of the Indonesian Cabinet.

For Soekarno, too, the present situation is not an easy one. He has followed the road of the slightest assistance so far, by putting both parts in the wrong.

There is one other thing. The President hopes to maintain the revolutionary spirit among his troops; and with this he puts himself in diametrical opposition to the Sultan, who certainly is not the type to yield, and who is convinced that the Army has to be reformed into a non-political effective and trusted instrument of the Government.

For the Indonesian Republic the controversy comes on top of already formidable problems. There are:

- The big deficit in the Budget
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These are big, if not insurmountable, problems with which the Indonesians are faced.

The non-Communists, who are still the biggest group in Indonesia, actually are now busy shaking up the bed of the Communists. If there comes a change in the country, and if the constructive spirits do not get the upper hand, then the present trend of development cannot possibly be stopped. The certain consequence of this process will be an effort by the Communist elements in Indonesia to take power into their own hands. Moscow and her satellites are very much interested in Indonesia's oil, rubber and other valuable products. The eyes of the rulers in the Soviet Union and ineking are trained on Indonesia— and have been for a long time.

MISSIONARY'S WIFE, SONS KILLED IN PAPUAN LAUNCH TRAGEDY

WHEN a SDA Mission launch exploded some miles up the Turama River, Western Papua, on December 29, Mrs. Del Lemke, and her two small sons aged four and seven years were swept away in the river and not seen again. Mr. Ernest Lemke, a missionary stationed near Daru, received burns, the Lemkes' 20 months-old-son was saved by one of the natives on the launch and the 14 native passengers reached safety.

The Lemkes were en route to mission headquarters in Port Moresby. The 39-ft. petrol launch, which they were travelling was anchored for the night off a village. When Mr. Lemke started it again next morning the petrol tanks exploded. Everyone jumped from the launch and immediately Mrs. Lemke and the boys were swept away. Local natives took the survivors in a canoe for two days up the Rabuna River to an APC oil-search camp. News was radioed from there to Moresby and a Catalina went to pick up the baby, Mr. Lemke and an injured native. Mr. and Mrs. Lemke went to Papua from Western Australia about 4½ years ago and were held in high regard by natives and Europeans.

Mr. Matthew Lurie, branch manager for BCPA at Nadi, Fiji, was admitted to hospital as a suspected phoid sufferer when he reached Sydney from Fiji on December 28.

MYSTERIOUS EXPLOSIONS AT HONIARA

From Our Own Correspondent

HONIARA, Dec. 15.

MANY Honiara, BSI, residents noticed an explosion on the night of November 26, which was described as resembling the detonation of a heavy bomb underground and coming from a direction west of Honiara.

The BSI Government Geologist (Mr. J. C. Grover) believes that it could have originated from a point 10 miles up the Boneggi River and 13 miles west of Honiara. This area is thermally active and the hot waters there are well-known among

the bush natives for their healing powers, particularly for skin diseases.

Mr. Grover believes that there has been some renewal on a small scale of volcanic activity on Guadalcanal, though this activity is very much less than in the middle of last century, when Savo Island, near Guadalcanal, was erupting. Savo Island still has hot springs and areas where steam rises from fissures in the ground, but has not been otherwise active for many years.

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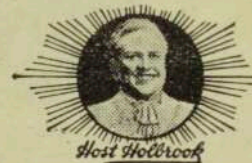
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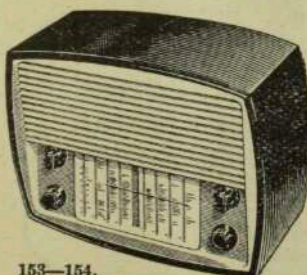
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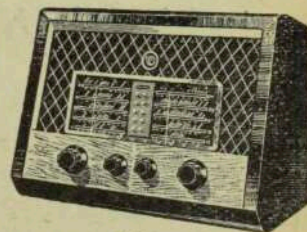
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'Whoever Holds N. Guinea Holds Australia'

THE new Prefect Apostolic of the Roman Catholic diocese of Western New Guinea, Monsignor I. Doggett, spoke his mind frankly in Brisbane in late December, concerning the place New Guinea in Australia's scheme of defence.

"Whoever holds New Guinea holds Australia," he said, in a public statement. "It is the nearest strategic jumping-off point."

"If Indo-China and Malaya should fall there would be nothing much to stop the downward sweep of Communism into Indonesia."

"New Guinea, the last bulwark would then lie open and unprotected."

He urged that the Australian people should recognise this and take an active part in pioneering and developing New Guinea.

TRANSPLANTATIONS Gilbertese in the Phoenix Atolls

IN an article in the June, 1952, issue of the *Journal of the Polynesian Society*, Mr. H. E. Maude, OBE, of the South Pacific Commission, tells the fascinating story of how, just before the Pacific War, the totally uninhabited atolls of the Phoenix Group were settled by the transfer of surplus people from the over-populated Gilbert Islands.

There are now in those islands, especially Gardner, Sydney and Hull, to give them their new native names, Nikumaroro, Manra and Orona—over 1,000 people, settled in a series of happy and contented village communities.

Mr. Maude did much of the pioneering work; and then the establishment of the new settlements was taken over with great enthusiasm by a young Colonial Office cadet, Mr. G. B. Gallagher. It will be remembered that he died on Gardner Island, in September, 1941, at the early age of 29.

Another interesting transplantation carried out by the G and E Administration was the removal of the Banabans from Ocean Island, after the war, to Rabi Island, off the coast of Vanua Levu, Fiji. This community also is flourishing.

Mr. Ted Atkinson, of Madang, New Guinea, was on holiday in Brisbane in January.

From Notes Made in the Pacific

(Continued from Page 21)

appearance of the pest in northern Tonga had shaken agricultural life to its foundations. The beetles come by night, and ships picking up copra often work at night, while they berth at wharves in Tonga. The beetle could live for some days on a ship. One beetle, getting loose in Fiji, could cost millions.

Therefore, Fiji officials are trying to prevent ships coming directly from Tonga; and, if they must come direct, they are urged to come well out "in the stream" at night, so that if there are beetles aboard, and they go flying, they will fall into the water. Shipowners do not like it much; but there is no disguising the menace of the beetle. The experts told me that they are trying especially to guard the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. The latter's only product is copra; and the pandanus nut also is an important item in their economy. The pine beetle attacks both coconuts and pandanus nuts and, if it got loose in the G. and E. Colony, it really would be a disaster.

J.S.K.B.'S SNAKE FARM

"JIM" BORRON'S latest funny story—he and Mrs. Borron have just returned from a visit to the United States and Britain—was in circulation in the GPH, Suva.

When in New York, he called on a broker, on the 4th floor of a 45-storey building; and he told the American that he had a plantation—a copra farm, he called it—on Mago Island, in the Lau group.

The interested broker asked how he kept his stock under control—what kind of fences did he use.

James said he had no fences—Mago was a self-contained island.

"Well, that must be very handy," said the American. "But, tell me, how do you breed the things?" "What things?" asked James, puzzled.

"These cobras," said the American. "Guess you must have one of the biggest snake farms in the world."

It took some sorting out, but the explanation is simple enough. "Jim"

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INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF FIJIAN

AS "Europeanisation" changes the living standards of the native Fijians, there is a growing need for the production by the

Fijians of goods which they can exchange for their daily requirements. I found that the chief Fijian leader, Sir Lala Sukuna, has been giving a lot of thought to this aspect of native life.

"The Fijians have commenced to grow sugar-cane for the mills," he said, "and I expect that this industry will grow steadily. But it

is not intended that Fijian can growers shall enter the industry a way to create ill-feeling with the Indians, who are mainly responsible for cane-growing. We think that we may be able to produce about one-tenth of the quantity of copra produced by the Indians.

"We are aiming more at cattle farming, and industries of this kind, for the Fijians. I think that a great deal can be done through co-operatives.

"We have done a good deal already with Fijian co-operative societies; but our chief weakness is lack of efficient managers. I have advocated the establishment of a school for the training of operative managers—that would be of real help to the Fijian economy of the future.

"The production of copra, as well as of bananas, is now an important native Fijian industry—I calculate that copra production now takes care of about 50,000 Fijians."

ORCHID-LOVERS, PLEASE NOTE

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the huge grounds, to show me something of the devastation wrought by the January hurricane among the trees and gardens of which the late Sir Maynard was so proud. But it was not entirely a disaster. The trees had grown so big that they were choking the beautiful little park, and the hurricane simply wiped out two-thirds of them, and thus restored the sunshine to many lovely corners. Nature was rapidly completing the rehabilitation. Everywhere there were orchids, and I learned that already she has established there special and rare plants, from many parts of the world. She has some rare specimens for exchange; and any orchid enthusiast anywhere who wants to establish a Fiji connection should write to her—Mrs. J. Maynard Hedstrom, Suva, Fiji, is sufficient. I know nothing about this intriguing jungle product; but I am sure that conditions in Fiji are ideal for its growth. Mrs. Hedstrom is eager to make contact with orchid-growers in New Guinea.

FIJI FLOWER EXPORTS

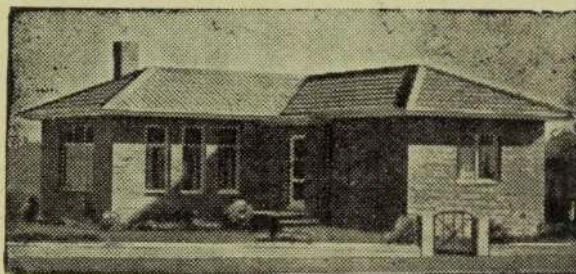
QUITE a flourishing little industry developed during 1952 in Fiji, based on the enthusiasm of the Suva gardeners, the enterprise Agent Robert Hutchinson, and the airlines' search for back loading in New Zealand. The agent bought garden produce—common orchids at 4d per bloom, croton leaves packed into cartons at 6d per dozen, angipanni and other common tropical blooms at profitable rates; the airlines carried the packages to Auckland; and New Zealand florists sold the lot at remarkably high prices, especially in winter-time. Everyone was happy about it—especially some elderly ladies in Suva who are trying to live on a reduced income under inflation conditions. Then, to paraphrase the ancient poem, the NZ Departments of Customs and Agriculture came down on the infant enterprise like a wolf on the fold, and they were appeased by the scarlet and red of the lovely Suva flowers. They said that blooms and foliage, brought in in such a fashion, might produce all sorts of pests, and each package, in future, must carry a sanitization certificate. Agent Hutchinson, when I passed through, was defending his enterprise doughtily, and appealing to the authority; but it seemed to me he was at the losing end of the fight. Air transport *does* create risks that did not attend the much slower sea transport. On the other hand, the process and delay of sanitization would almost certainly kill the flower industry.

TRUSTWORTHINESS

THE comparative trustworthiness of Islanders was the subject of discussion; and a Suva man, who has been 40 years in the country, spoke interestingly.

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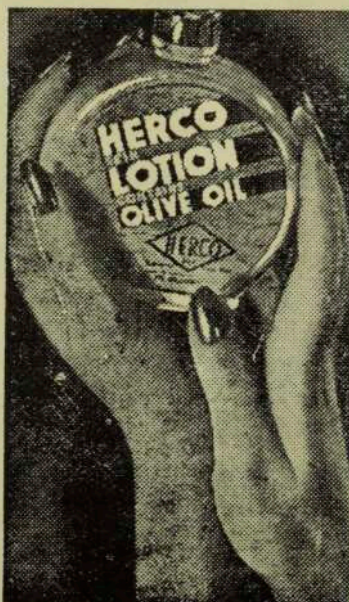
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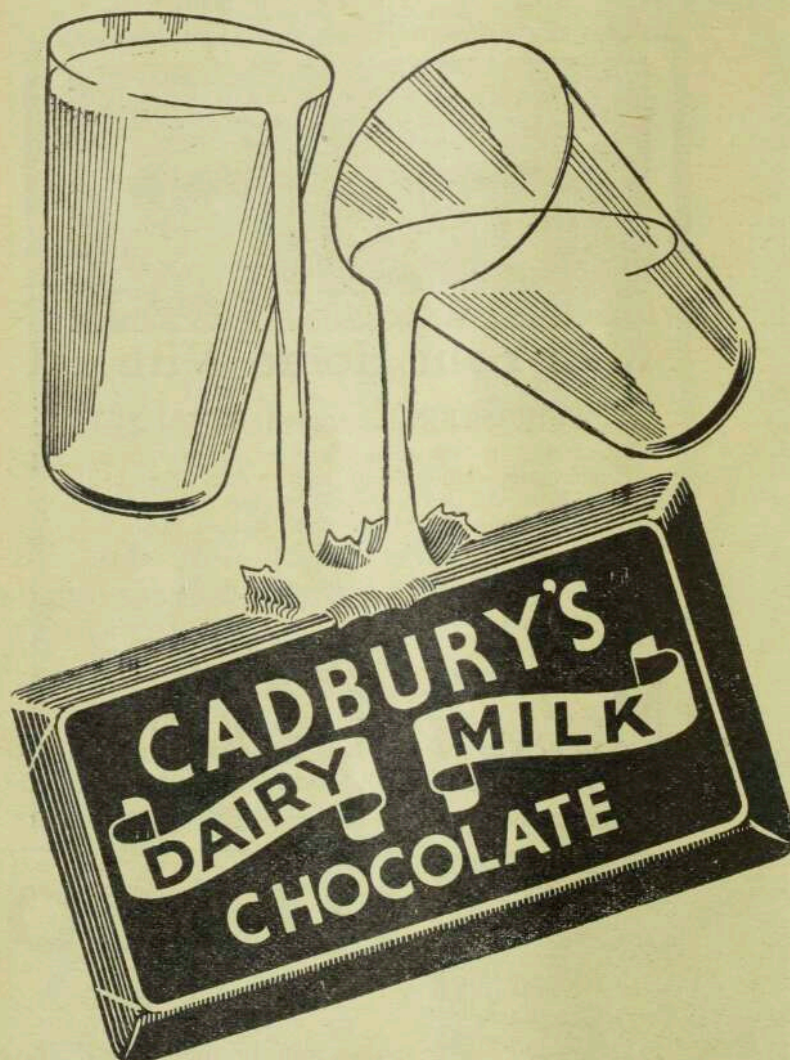
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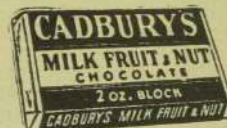
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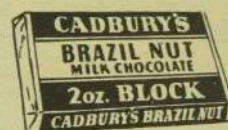
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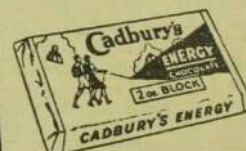


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A few years ago *Pamir* cleared Auckland for the last time, bound for the Thames on return to her original Finnish owners. For a time she lay in an English port as store ship, then she was purchased by Heinz Schlieven, a German shipowner and lover of sailing vessels, who hoped to persuade the West German Government to back the enterprise.

According to a German special correspondent writing from Hamburg to the *Auckland Star*, Schlieven borrowed money at 9% to re-equip and fit engines in *Pamir* and *Passat*, then, with 60 volunteer crews, German, British and Italian aboard, *Pamir* made two successful runs to South America under Captain Paul Greiff.

Now, however, with freight-rates falling, Schlieven cannot carry on. It seems unlikely that the German Government will find the finance required to continue operations, though Schlieven has a queue of

2,000 boys under 20 awaiting their turn to serve in *Pamir*, *Passat* or the more recently acquired *Moshulu* or *Carl Vinnen* for food and pocket-money only.

TASMAN COMPANY BUYS ANOTHER

The Tasman Steamship Co. of Auckland, owners of *Viti* on the trans-Tasman trade, announced early December that they have purchased a small Italian motor vessel named *Ada* for use on the trans-Tasman explosives trade. The little ship, of 550 tons measurement (450 dw), will be commanded by Captain P. E. Nash of the Tasman Co.'s shore staff on the delivery voyage. Mr. S. K. Upton, the company's senior engineer, will be his Chief Engineer. An Italian crew will be employed.

Ada is expected in Auckland in March.

VILA STAR

Vila Star cleared Auckland November 26 with some general cargo for Norfolk and there to load 180 tons of airfield steel matting for Sydney. On arrival there Captain A. Duff intended going ashore for treatment to his wrist, which he broke while in the New Hebrides some time ago. His place will temporarily be taken by Captain R. D. Matheson, formerly of *Tagua* and *Rawhiti*, who travelled as passenger in the vessel from Auckland.

Signed on in Auckland as Second Officer was Mr. Joe Spring, lately Mate in *Oiseau des Iles*.

From Sydney *Vila Star* is making a special voyage to Biak Island, NEL, to bring a cargo of war-surplus motor parts to Tauranga, NZ. A call will be made at Noumea with general cargo on the north-bound trip, and at Lae both ways for bunkers.

A'ONIU RETURNS

The Tongan Copra Board's auxiliary vessel *A'onui*, after being held

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in port by bad weather for two days, cleared Auckland for Nukualofa just before Christmas. Lowe's shipyard had completed replacement of hardwood keel, copper plating, and sundry other work in record time.

Captain James G. McCormick joined the vessel before departure and would take over as master

from Captain Carl Johnson on arrival in Tongan waters. Captain McCormick has recently been in the Holm Shipping Co. of Wellington and served 18 years in the RNZN prior to that, including periods in the Islands.

Captain Johnson will resume as Master of the Tongan Government vessel *Hifofua* and Harbour Master,

Nukualofa.

A'oni carried a small cargo of drummed oil and sundry Government stores. The passage was expected to take about seven days

TULLY FALLS CORAL SEA TR

(See photo page 117)

The motor tug *Tully Falls*, Marine Contractors fleet, Cairns has just completed a quick voyage to Willis Islet and return to Cairns. Captain A (Bertie) Hall, well known in New Guinea and the Islands, was in charge.

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ONRUST in which Dirk Tober (inset) completed a notable single-handed voyage from Holland to Auckland early December. Steel yachts like Onrust complete ready for sea, cost about £2,300 Holland.

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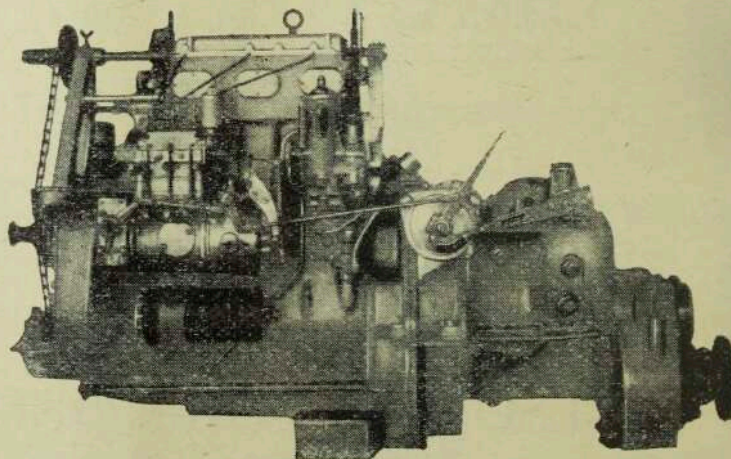
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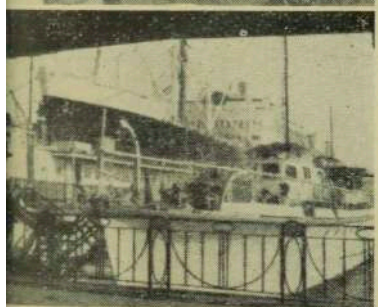
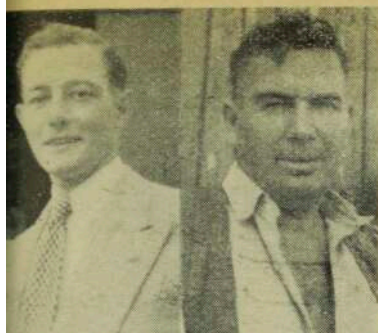
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Mr. W. B. Crawford (left), local-apping manager for WRC at Fiji, came to Auckland on leave December. Captain G. McCormick joined A'oniua as master.

Ready for sea but delayed two days in Auckland by a tropical storm, the crew of A'oniua spent Christmas at sea instead of back at Nukualofa, their home port.

Salutes for the Royal cannon: A'oniua's crew stow cases of blank ammunition aboard. It will be used for courtesy-ate purposes at Nukualofa.

La Reta, a Fairline launch used for special purposes in the Cook Islands several years ago, now takes fishing parties regularly out from Auckland. Here

The purpose of the trip was to evacuate the last of the Dept. of Works personnel who have been on Willis for some months rebuilding the weather station and living quarters—also to take Christmas mail and stores to the permanent staff.

The Tully Falls made an average speed of over eight knots for the round trip, despite heavy seas and head winds for most of the way. Two different cyclonic centres were operating near the area during the voyage and landing had to be effected in the north-western ex-

she lies at the Auckland waterfront, beside another converted Fairmile, Iris Moana, with the liner Rangitane in the background.

tremity of the Islet owing to on-shore winds and dangerous surf in the normal anchorage.

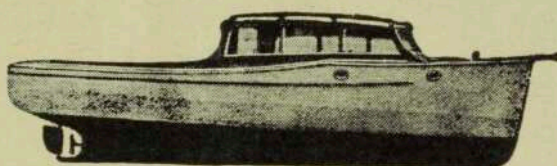
This is the second time the Tully Falls has been called upon to do this trip owing to the amount of work now piling up for the Cape Leeuwin because of new-lighthouse construction on the Queensland coast.

Willis Islet is approximately 250 miles east of Cairns in the Coral Sea and is one of the main weather watching centres in this area.

FRANCIS LOST ON NG REEF

On the afternoon of December 16, the small NG coastal vessel Francis, struck a reef off Reva, a native village near Madang, New Guinea, and sank. All hands are reported

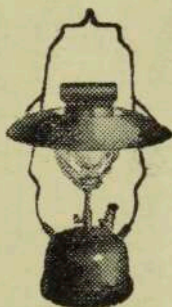
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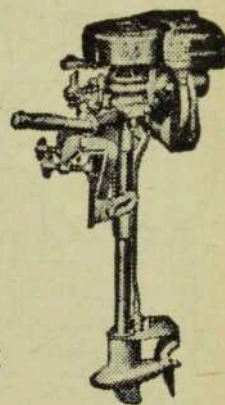
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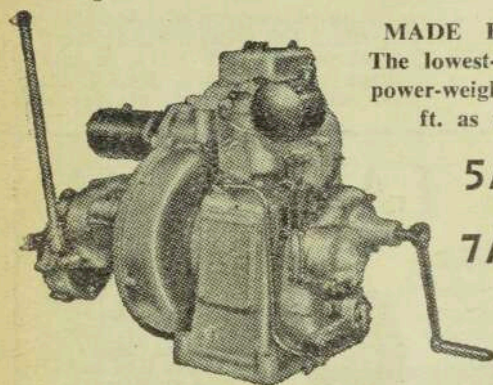
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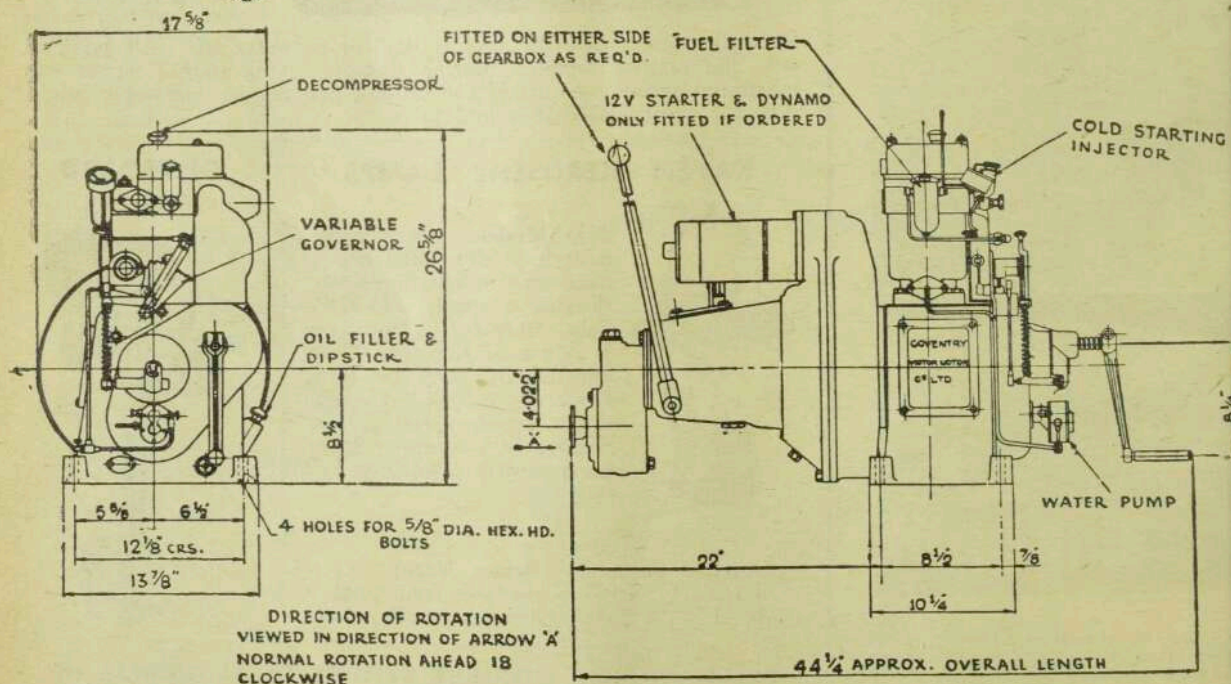
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to be safe, but it is feared the vessel will be a total loss.

The *Francis* until recently, has been engaged picking up shell at the remote Ninigo Islands, also at various islands in the Vitiaz Straits. A few months ago it was leased to a Madang syndicate, and has been kept busy collecting copra at various plantations near Madang. The ship will be a loss to the planters who depended on her to clear their copra.

News of Cruising Yachts

Dirk Tober, of *Onrust*, has given news of two yachts not previously reported in these notes—both American owned.

One is *Calypso*, which he met in Apeete and, it is believed, intends to remain there until April before pressing on westward. The other is the 55-foot Danish-built Colin Archer-type ketch *Al Sirat*, whose owners were formerly employed by the Panama Canal Authority. This vessel is now at Pago Pago and is apparently likely to remain there for an indefinite period as her owners have found employment in American Samoa.

Pleides, the 40-foot "home-brew" ketch from Taranaki, NZ, which cleared Whangaroa, October 24, arrived at Lord Howe, December 6, and after a few days there proceeded on to Sydney, arriving safely there December 21.

The five NZ boys who share in

this dream-ship may be seen in the Islands this year.

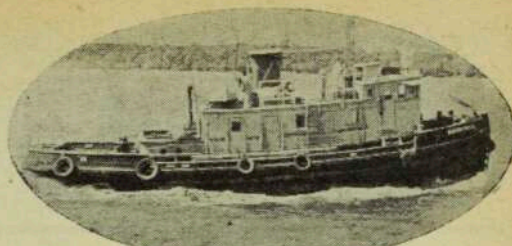
The 33-foot sloop *Lahara*, owned and sailed by Mr. Des. Ashton, of Port Moresby, was expected in Auckland late December according to brief advice received there. *Lahara*, built in Hobart, received her christening last summer in the Sydney-Hobart and the Trans-Tasman races, leaving Auckland for Port Moresby early this year.

It was hoped in Auckland that *Lahara* might arrive in time to take part in one or other of the Christmas coastwise cruising races.

Calm and contrary winds were the lot of *Wakaya*, 24 days elapsing on the run from Nukualofa to Russell, NZ. Short of food—except bananas and a few uninteresting "staples"—Mr. Teddy Hayes stood to the westward in the hope of intercepting the USS Co.'s *Tofua* on her run from Auckland to Suva—and he was not disappointed. When *Tofua* was sighted on the evening of December 22 blue flares were burnt on *Wakaya*. *Tofua* stopped, the yacht came alongside, and supplies of fresh bread and meat were transferred.

The operation provided a minor diversion for the passengers. (What the captain thought is not recorded).

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Tully Falls—See page 114.

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Pleiades, mentioned in October, left Auckland in mid-November and Whangaroa, North Auckland, on November 24 for Sydney. Skipped by L. Mallet the five men aboard plan to cruise the Queensland coast until autumn when they are likely to head out for the Islands, though no fixed plans have yet been made.

The Seven Seas Cruising Association (PO Box 163, Coronado, California, USA) which is dedicated to small-boat cruising, reports on some members now on world cruises:

Harry and Oceana Scott, Australians 5 years out of Sydney in their 44-foot ketch *New Silver Gull*, reported returned to Cali-

fornia in November from a 10 months' cruise through Puget Sound and were going off to Vancouver where their HQ would be the Royal Vancouver Yacht Club.

Another SSCA member, John Caldwell, with his wife Mary and three sons, is still in Tahiti, expects to leave shortly on the way to Australia.

The 34-foot *Novia* is expected leave California waters for the Pacific shortly.

The 10-tons Australian ketch *Peer Gynt* arrived in Noumea, New Caledonia, late December from Australia via Lord Howe Island.

The *Peer Gynt* is owned and commanded by Mr. Norman Rome. Miss Sylvia Roach acts as captain (when the weather is good enough for her not to be seasick, she says) and Mr. Jim Davies as crew. embarked at Lord Howe and is planning to return to Australia.

Rome says he will remain in Noumea for three months, during the hurricane season. He is looking for work there. He is looking for someone to take the place of Davies if the latter goes back to Australia. Rome hopes to go to San Francisco via the usual Pacific Islands.

The *Peer Gynt* ran into heavy seas between Lord Howe and New Caledonia; Rome and Miss Roach say that the height of the waves on occasions could have been anything between 25 and 30 feet.

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Mrs. E. A. Low, who was met by Mr. Low on her arrival from Suva on TEAL Solent.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Lawlor, of Suva, who are on holiday in NZ.

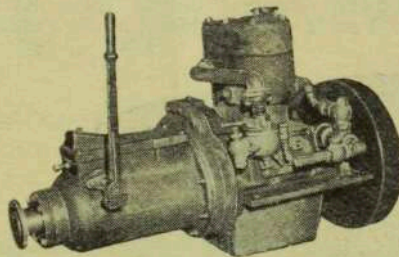
Mrs. Eteise Brown, who was met by Mrs. L. Kristoffersen on her arrival from Apia.

Mr. B. Beale, of CSR Co., Labasa, who was on sick leave.

Mr. C. W. Blakelock, of the Fiji Government engineering works, Walu Bay, on vacation.



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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

FATHER RODUIT

The Roman Catholic Mission of the Sacred Heart Order has suffered another loss in staff, through the death of Father Roduit who was stationed at Ononghe in the Goilala district of Papua.

He died at the mission on December 12.

Father Roduit, 42, was a Swiss by nationality, and came to the Papuan mission field in 1936. He played a vital part in the establishment of the mission and out-station missions in the mountainous region of Ononghe,

working on construction of the essential network of roads and ste tracks linking the various mission centres. He was also responsible for much of the work on the construction of the out-station buildings.

In 1946 he was ordered back to Europe for health reasons; however in early 1952 he was able to return to Papua where he resumed his line of service at Ononghe.

Soon after his return a fall from a tree in a dug-out storehouse at Ononghe Mission collapsed on one of the missionaries who died almost immediately. Father Roduit assisted in the rescue operations and it is thought that the shock brought back a return of his old complaint.

MR. ARTHUR HEAD

Mr. Arthur Head, one of Niue's oldest identities, died at his home Alofi on November 18, aged 80.

His father, Robert Henry Head, was one-time Mate of the London Missionary Society's barque the *John Williams II* which was wrecked on Niue in 1867, on her first voyage to the South Seas. Robert Head married a Niuean woman, Perinese, a descendant of one of the old king's. Their family eventually scattered over the Pacific and one of few still living is Mr. Allan Head, who also resides on Niue.

Arthur spent many years on schooners and later larger ships, making a voyage to England where he was able to visit his father's relatives.

In 1901 he married Kilimana, granddaughter of the second to last king of Niue, Fataaiki. Soon after their marriage they went to Niue Island where Arthur worked for Lever Brothers as an overseer. On his return to Niue, he commenced trading and continued in that occupation until 1950. Because of his fluent command of both English and Niuean he was official interpreter for the Administration for some years.

All their family have settled on Niue—most of them in Niue, New Zealand. He is survived by his wife and 15 of their 18 children.

MRS. E. J. MATHEWS

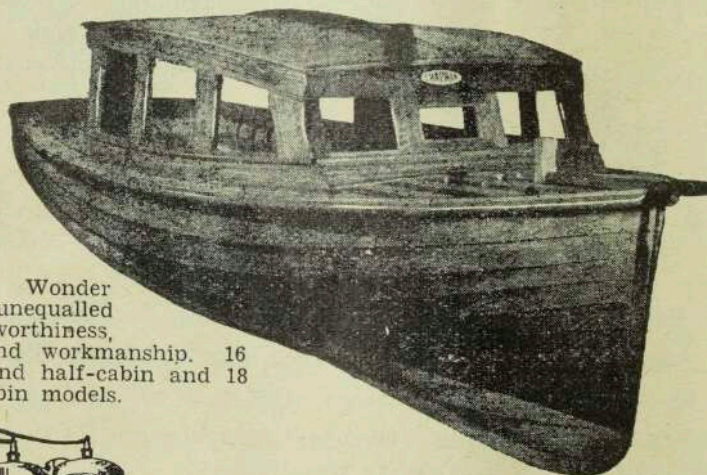
Mrs. E. J. Mathews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shearman, Rarotonga, and herself well known in the Cook Islands for many years, died in Auckland recently. Her husband pre-deceased her last April at the age of 82. Mr. Mathews



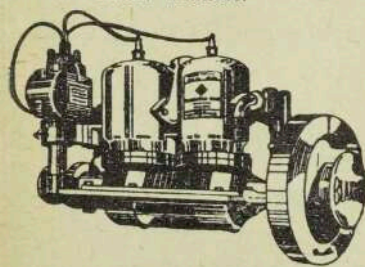
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Mr. Chonam Cheng David, one of the best-known of Suva's Chinese merchants, died on December 28. He was about 52, spent most of his boyhood in Hong Kong and over 10 years ago, after a short time in Suva, moved to Suva with his wife and opened the confectionery and milk bar business which bears his name.

MRS. EMMA WALKER

Mrs. Emma Walker, who was born in Kanacea, Fiji, in 1871, died at Suva on Christmas Day. Before her marriage, Mrs. Walker was Miss E. W. W. She is survived by three sons, Messrs. W. Hatch and N. R. Walker of Suva and Mr. H. M. Walker of Auckland, New Zealand, three daughters (Mrs. N. J. Macdonald and Mrs. J. J. Florian, of Suva, and Mrs. A. J. Carter, of Auckland), 30 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

MR. KELVIN P. HARDY

An Australasian Petroleum Company Captain, Kelvin Patrick Hardy, aged

30 years, died aboard the barge Gabuna on January 1.

Hardy (who was the master of the barge) became ill when the craft was on a routine voyage from Port Moresby to Vailala, Papua, and died as the vessel reached Kairuku.

The Coroner returned a verdict of death by natural causes.

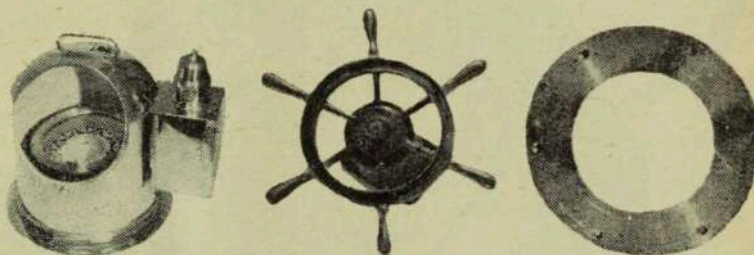
Mr. Hardy, who is survived by his mother, Mrs. D. Hardy of Sydney, had been with the APC in charge of various vessels since late 1950.

MR. H. IRWIN

Mr. Harry Irwin, Inspector of Police, Western Samoa, died suddenly

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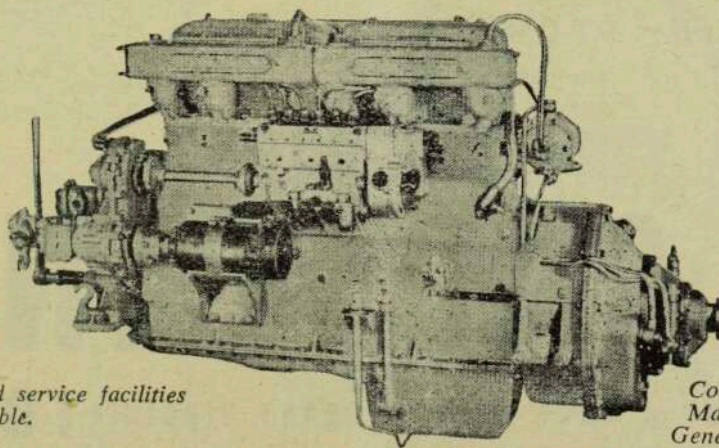
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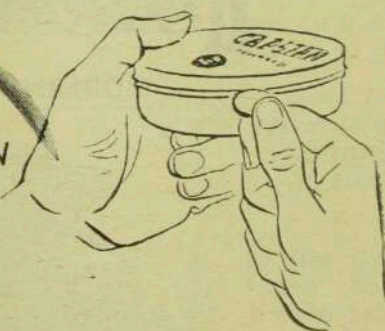
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Many members of the Samoan community in Auckland attended his funeral, including Mr. A. L. Lewis, of the Island Territories Department, and the Hon. A. M. Gurau, member of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa.

Mr. Irwin is survived by his wife and four sons and three daughters.

MR. R. MAIN

The death occurred in Levuka, Fiji, on December 4, of Mr. Reginald Main, one of Levuka's best known personalities.

He was 74 and had been a resident of Levuka since 1911 when he arrived from Lincolnshire via Australia. He was a departmental manager in Morris Hedstrom's local branch until his retirement two years ago. He was a former president of the Levuka Bowling Club and Ovalau Club and a prominent Mason.

He is survived by his wife, one daughter, Mrs. D. Grieb, and a stepson and step-daughter—Mr. Howard Feder and Mrs. A. Lee of Suva.

MR. HARRY GOODMAN

Mr. Harry Goodman died in Suva on December 30 at the age of 79. He was born at Chepstow, England and spent his youth in Queensland.

He went to Fiji to work for Brodziak's and was later employed by other firms in the Colony.

MR. R. G. SPEEDIE

The death occurred in Papua recently of Mr. Ronald G. Speedie who was believed to have been in his early fifties.

Mr. Speedie joined Sir Hubert Murray's staff when he was 17 and made history by retiring on pension after 20 years' service at the age of 37—he was then an Assistant Resident Magistrate. In 1935, with Watkins, he was the first to ascend Mt. Yule. He retired about 1938 and since has been engaged in planting in Papua.

MR. ALEXANDER G. CRUICKSHANK

A well-known resident of the Morobe District, 27-years old Alexander George Cruickshank, died at Lae on December 15 from malignant cerebral malaria and black-water fever.

Mr. Cruickshank was a war veteran and when he first arrived in the Territory in 1948 worked at Bulolo, and then later for the Morobe Transport Company.

MR. L. C. GRAHAME

At Buin (Bougainville) on November 30, Mr. Lynn Colin Grahame, aged 42, died while fishing with explosives.

He is survived by his widow and a daughter who were living at Buin when his death occurred.

Mr. Grahame had been on the District Services staff from 1947 to 1950, and then left to engage in private enterprise in Bougainville.

CAPTAIN C. S. LARSEN

Captain Carl Sevrin Larsen, father of Mr. C. H. W. Larsen, Resident Commissioner of Niue, died at Wellington, NZ, on December 13, aged 76.

Captain Larsen was born at Tonsberg, Norway and went to sea at an early age. He spent some time on the Queensland opal fields before going to New Zealand where he obtained his Master's Certificate and served in a number of vessels of NZ registry.

Mr. C. H. W. Larsen arrived in Auckland on *Tojua* only the day preceding his father's death.

MR. ERNEST EVENETT

On eve of going to press, news has been received of the death, on December 28, of one of Papua's oldest residents, Mr. Ernest Evenett, of Samarai, aged 80.

He has been in ill-health for some time.

He is survived by his widow and seven children, three of whom live in Samarai.

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WATCH ON NG PESTS

MR. L. J. DUMBLETON, plant and animal quarantine officer to the South Pacific Commission, returned to headquarters at Noumea in December following visits to Australian and Dutch New Guinea.

"The two most serious pests threatening crops in New Guinea are the giant snail and the rhinoceros beetle," said Mr. Dumbleton. "The giant snail, which was introduced by the Japanese during the war as a form of emergency ration for their troops, attacks a wide variety of leaf crops, even young cocoa and teak. It occurs around

Kavieng in New Ireland, and Rabaul in New Britain; but, fortunately, on the mainland it is fairly well contained in a small area near Madang, enclosed on three sides by two rivers and the sea. In Dutch New Guinea it occurs at Manokwari. Poison baits offer the best form of control so far discovered.

Speaking of the rhinoceros beetle, Mr. Dumbleton said it was causing serious damage to coconut plantations in certain areas, mainly in New Britain and New Ireland. In an attempt to control it, the authorities were introducing a parasite wasp from Zanzibar. (See article elsewhere in this issue).

Bulolo Passengers



Sailing on the December Bulolo from Sydney were (left to right, top bottom): Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Briggs, who have been in New Guinea for 30 years and who were returning to their plantation, Londip, at Kokopo, New Guinea after holidaying in Sydney. Miss Barbara and Pat Farlow, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. R. Farlow, of Kavieng, New Guinea, who were going home for school holidays. Mr. and Mrs. R. Vicary, with their daughters Pam, Be and Robin, who were going home after holidaying in Sydney—Mr. Vicary, is well known as District Agricultural Officer Madang, New Guinea.

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Mr. Loke W. Tho, wealthy business man from Singapore, and amateur biographer who spent some time recently with Mr. F. Shaw May in the Nondu area and around Mount Hagen New Guinea Highlands.

ISLANDS XMAS PARTIES

(See elsewhere this issue also)

THE PACIFIC ISLANDS SOCIETY

The Pacific Is. Society held a very successful Christmas cocktail party at the Feminist Club Rooms, Sydney, on December 16, when over 90 members and their friends, who were welcomed on arrival by the President, Major A. Swinbourne, Mrs. Swinbourne and the Council, had a happy reunion.

Change of meeting place appears to have rejuvenated the Society. Arrangements have now been made for the next meeting to be held at the Feminist Club Rooms on Thursday, January 22, at 8 p.m., and succeeding gatherings on the Thursday evening in each month.

NEW GUINEA WOMEN'S CLUB

CHRISTMAS parties were held in Sydney as usual by the New Guinea Women's Club.

The children's party on the afternoon of December 15 was voted "better than ever" this year and the adults' cocktail party on December 19 drew the accustomed large crowd of Territorians and their friends who exchanged notes on the old and the new New Guinea and made wassail in the approved Territory fashion.

There was a good attendance of the younger generation—many of them now married with growing families but who were themselves only children at the time of the evacuation of NG and the formation of the club over 10 years ago.

MADANG, NG

BETWEEN December 20 and January 4, parties for European adults, children and the natives were the order of the season in Madang, NG. Madang Club and Aviat Club each held a party for children. In the first case Santa Claus arrived by launch and in the second, he came by plane. There was carol singing on Xmas night, after a false start on Christmas Eve, and the Aviat Club Ball on Boxing night. Boxing Day was given over to the native community with sports day and a sing-sing and feast at night. On New Year's Eve Madang Club held its annual ball.

MV Bulolo was in port on December 24-25. Passengers and tourists joined in local festivities and on Christmas morning the administration trawler Koro took them on an excursion around local islands.

GUADALCANAL CLUB, BSI

THE annual Christmas party given by the Guadalcanal Club for the children of Honiara was held on December 19 and was a notable success. A very fine afternoon tea was provided by the joint efforts of the organising committee and the parents, a brightly decorated Christmas tree and attractive paper caps for each child added colour to the scene, and the children themselves looked very

decorative in their party frocks.

Father Christmas arrived perched on the tank of the fire truck, escorted by the fire brigade and preceded by the noise of the fire truck's siren. Four large bags containing a present for each child came along with him.

More Gravel: But Value Less

IN the six months ended November 30, Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd. of New Guinea got 57,358 ounces of fine gold, worth 2 million dollars (about £850,000 Australian) from nearly 9 million yards of gravel. This is a 75 per cent. bigger return than in the same period of 1951. In the 1951 period, value per yard of gravel dredged was 25.6 cents; in the 1952 period, it was 22.6 cents. In the last three months of 1951 and 1952 value per yard was 27.5 and 20.3 cents respectively. In other words, while the yardage of gravel dredged has nearly doubled over the year, the amount of gold recovered per yard is substantially less. This was forecast; and no higher values are expected.

Miss Peggy Dickson was married to Mr. John McKean in Sydney on December 27. The couple met in Lae, NG, where the bride was a Sister at the hospital, and the bridegroom a chemist.

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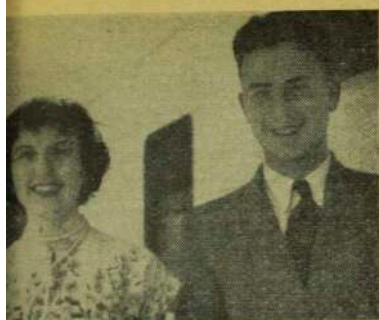


Julian Efi, who on December 21, was ordained a Sub-Deacon by the Vicar Apostolic of Papua, Bishop Sorin. The ceremony took place at Yule Island. Julian, who is 32, is a native of the Mekeo district, Papua, and has recently completed his ecclesiastical studies at the Catholic Seminary at Torokina, Bougainville.

The two ships, Horizon and Beard, of the Scripps Oceanographic Expedition now in the Pacific, arrived at Suva in mid-December. The ships have been studying the ocean bed in the northern Pacific and have called at Honolulu, Kwajalein and Oahu Island. From Suva they will go on to Tonga for an examination of the Tongan Deep and will later call at Apia, Pago Pago, Rarotonga and Tahiti.

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Mr. W. H. B. Buckhurst, Director of Lands, Mines and Surveys in Fiji since 1944, with Mrs. Buckhurst and family, left Suva on December 6 for New Zealand on pre-retirement leave. Mr. Buckhurst was a prominent Rotarian, interested himself in the housing of Fijians working in Suva and took a leading part in reviving amateur athletics in the Colony.

In appreciation of this this latter interest, Buckhurst Park, Suva, has been named after him. He has been in Fiji since 1928. Mr. R. V. Cole has been appointed acting Director of Lands.



Northbound per Matua late December:— Mr. F. M. Giblin, formerly of Fiji but now of Auckland, who took his fiancée, Miss Joy Howell, north on holiday.

Miss K. Vakalala, of Mbua, who has completed her training as a nurse at Tauranga hospital, NZ, returned home on holiday.

Miss Lorraine Stewart and Miss Beverley Anderson were to be guests of the Payne family of Suva for Christmas.

Miss L. Boyer and Anne Boyer who were to visit Suva relatives.

Mr. P. N. Dalton, Solicitor-General, Fiji, has accepted a transfer on promotion to the British Solomon Island Protectorate as Legal Adviser to the High Commissioner for the Western Pacific and Attorney-General, British Solomon Islands Protectorate. He will leave for Honiara in January, 1953.

Savusavu Airstrip Opened In Fiji

THE first trial trip to the new airstrip at Savusavu, Vanua Levu, (see photograph November PIM) was successfully undertaken by Fiji Airways on December 6.

A large crowd gathered at the strip to see the first aircraft land and a number of local residents and PWD personnel were given short flights over Savusavu Bay.

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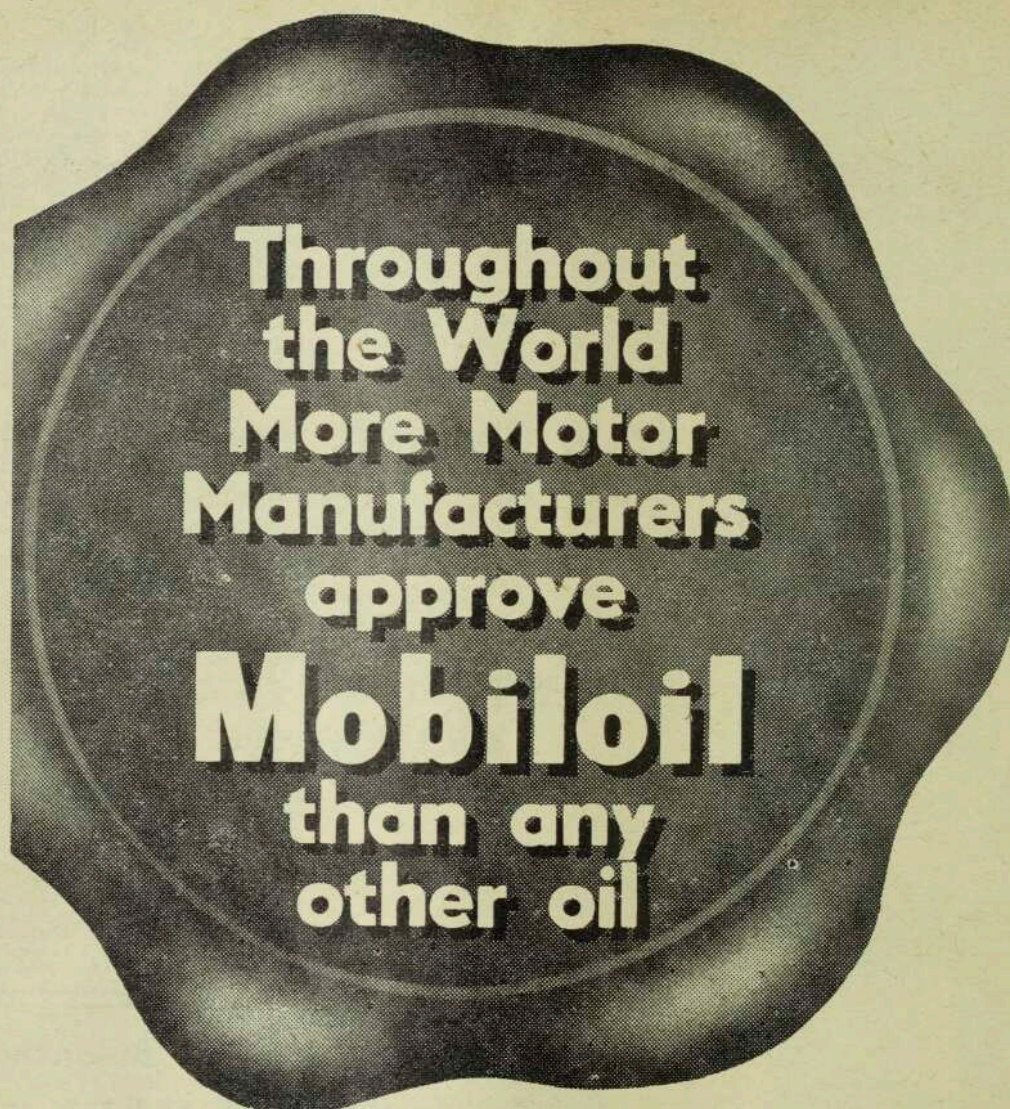


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NAURU NEWS

THE Secretary of the Australian Territories Department, Mr. C. R. Lambert, arrived at Nauru on an official visit on November 1. He was officially welcomed on arrival by the Acting Administrator Mr. J. K. Laurence), the Head Chief, the Director of Police (Mr. H. Cude) and the BPC Manager (Mr. L. E. Cameron). On the evening of his arrival a Nauruan concert was arranged for him and during his two-weeks' stay he inspected Government departments and the phosphate workings.

The recently-established Nauruan Secondary School held its first speech night in December. Prizes were presented by the Acting Administrator.

A westerly gale began in mid-December with heavy rain and caused great inconvenience to shipping, which was unable to load phosphate or unload passengers and cargo. Nineteen Nauruan students who are at school in Sydney arrived for the Christmas vacation during this time and spent two days off Nauru before they could land. The westerly also prevented the contingent of Nauruan Boy Scouts from departing in time to attend the Jamboree at Sydney. The Head Chief, T. Detudamo, left Nauru in December for a holiday in Melbourne.

During Christmas a special church service in four languages—English, Nauruan, Gilbert and Ellice—was held in the Nauruan Protestant Church under the direction of the CMS minister, the Rev. John S. Robinson. Hymns were sung and the lessons read in four languages and the sermon was ably preached in English by Itubwa Amram, a Nauruan theological student who

was on leave from Camden College, Sydney.

It is understood that Mr. Robinson, who has worked energetically for the Nauruan church, will retire shortly.

Generous Payments to NG Natives

Letter to the Editor

I have lived in this Territory for some years, and partaken of much of the sweat and toil of rehabilitation. I am not a Government employee.

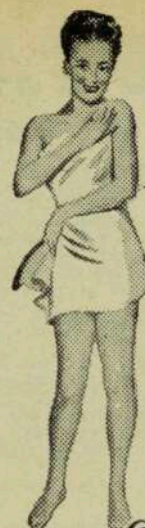
I am amazed that, while Australian citizens are paying such huge taxes, their Government still is paying out so much in War Damage Compensation to New Guinea natives. I have personally seen what a native places in his claim and I consider it a gross insult to taxpayer and returned soldier to expect them to reimburse these lazy people for what really amounted to the protection of their own rights.

Only recently I was informed of an impending pay-out of War Damage claims to the natives, amounting to £20,000, on a small island. I went to witness the deed. It amazed me and I thought of how long it took my mother—who had raised six "soldier sons"—before she could get any allowance, let alone war damage. It was shovelled out to these natives and they will dissipate it among the "Vulture Enterprises" of this locality. I admit we want the goodwill of the TNG population, but not at such expense to our Australian pioneers.

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Islands Mission Competition

Letter to the Editor

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Surely this cannot be the way to bring a sincere religious feeling to a country—putting it on a level closely akin to big business. I sometimes wonder why it is that there seems to be so much missionary activity here. Perhaps it is because the mind of a South Sea Islander having little experience of the world at large, is an easier victory than that of an East London, New York or Auckland dock-worker!

I have met many missionaries here and elsewhere, and most—regrettably by no means all—have been very fine fellows, going to their work in the best of faith. But I am afraid that many in sight of their original goal in their rather pointless and harmful competition—similar to the way in which a good member of a Government often gets bogged down by party politics, to the great loss of all concerned.

I am, etc.,

K. PAWSON

Nukualofa, Tonga.

Mr. F. I. Ryan, who recently retired from the post of secretary of the Fiji Publicity Board and Tourist Bureau, left Fiji in December to join the staff of the Wellington "Dominion."

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MOP FROM SUWARROW

R. D. C. BROWN, well-known pearlshell trader and shipowner of Rarotonga, reported an interesting development in the valuable ear-earning MOP trade of the Cook Is. when he went to Auckland in December.

Mr. Brown has been trying to obtain permission to fish the Suwarrow lagoon for MOP and lately received permit to survey the shell situation and lift up to five tons on an experimental basis. He now plans to use divers and a suit from Manihiki for the present hurricane season.

It is believed that there is considerable black-lip shell there, though doubt infested with worm. Experience has shown, however, that, once a lagoon is worked for a time, the wormy shell is cleared and the quality improves.

Suwarrow has a reputation for being unworkable due to sharks, though why this should be so when Penrhyn, a similar open lagoon, can be worked without trouble, it is not easy to see. Mr. Brown says that if the sharks prove troublesome, he plans to try shark repellents as developed by the armed forces for rubber-dingy use during the late war. Although A. B. Donald & Co. had some shell from Suwarrow

prior to the First World War, the beds were reported damaged in the 1914 hurricane and not much shell has since been fished there. Prior to that, Lever Brothers obtained quantities of black-lip and made an experimental planting of gold lip shell—transferred from Sunday Is., Torres Strait in 1906 (as told by Captain Menmuir, of Sydney, in PIM of November, 1935).

Earlier still, as told in PIM of August, 1935, the Pacific Islands Trading Co., of Melbourne, made a short-lived attempt to work the island, fishing about four tons of shell in 1867-8.

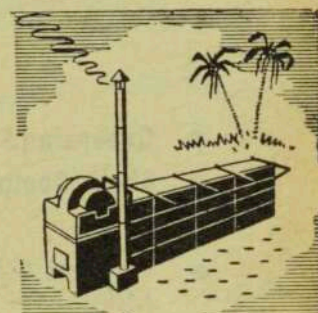
In recent years the atoll has been closed due to a serious infestation

of termites, said to be not present on the other islands of the Cooks. It seems now, however, that, in view of the comparative ease with which a shell cargo could be fumigated, and the great economic importance of the shell possibly lying wasting in the lagoon, that the matter has been further considered and a less severe policy is in view.

At the present time the two other Cook Is. pearlshell lagoons, Manihiki and Penrhyn, are together producing about 50 tons of shell per month, valued at about 35 cents US per pound weight. Suwarrow may substantially increase those earnings and place shell well ahead of all other C.I. exports in value.

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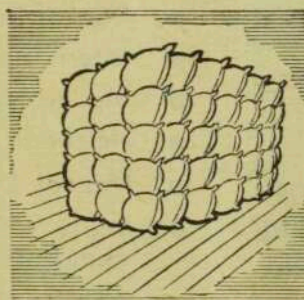
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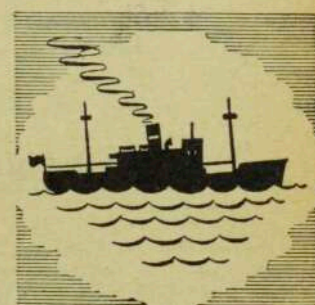
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BOOK REVIEWS

Pacific Book for Youngsters

THE London publishing firm called Phoenix House has added to its well-known "Young Traveller" series a new one called "The Young Traveller in the South Seas"—it is the twelfth of the series. It is a description of the South Pacific Islands, specially written for teenagers by Lucille Iremonger. Mrs. Iremonger was for some time in the Western Pacific Commission Islands with her husband, a Colonial Office official, and in recent years she has earned a reputation as writer, lecturer and broadcaster on Pacific Islands subjects. In this "Young Traveller" production she has done an excellent job—all the aspects of life and working conditions in the majority of the South Pacific Islands are described faithfully, and, for the most part, entertainingly. Groups particularly dealt with are New Hebrides, Solomons, Gilberts, Samoa, Tonga, Tahiti and Pitcairn. Omissions which matter are Papua, Guinea and New Caledonia. Quite apart from its value as a reader for youngsters, the book is so carefully compiled that it could serve quite well as a reference book for anyone seeking a general picture of the South Seas.

P-NG Souvenir Book

A LARGE book, exceedingly well-printed and bound, has been prepared under instructions from Sir Edward Hallstrom as a memento and official record of the inauguration of the Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea, which was opened at Port Moresby on November 26, 1951. It contains all the essential details of this important step in the development of the South Pacific's biggest Territory. It is illustrated by a large number of excellent photographs.

This donation reminds us of what Australia's most famous philanthropist has given Papua-New Guinea—namely, £40,000 for the establishment of the animal husbandry station at Nondugli, in the Highlands; £10,000 for the establishment of a library at the Australian School of Pacific Administration, in Sydney; and several smaller amounts. Sir Edward Hallstrom always has been an admirer of the wartime and post-war Administrator, Colonel J. K. Murray, and his volume is mostly a tribute to his services. It contains a record of historical value.

The Rev. Harold J. Short, of Papua, retired last year after more than 30 years of missionary work in the Islands, in the service of the London Missionary Society. In an address in Brisbane recently he described the work of the missions, and how they had prepared the younger Papuans to meet the impact of Western conditions.

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THE death, as a result of pearl diving, of a married man with two children, at Manihiki, Cook Is., in November, should show the necessity for a simple course of instruction and subsequent examination for suit-divers and diver's tenders here.

In Manihiki medical instructions for the control of divers, standardised over the world, are ignored and usually the divers are completely unaware of the insidious dangers involved in their trade.

The naval diving manual lays down that suit-divers operating at 5 fathoms must not remain at this depth for longer than 55 minutes, then be brought up in stages. If they have been down for 30 minutes they must be brought to 20 ft. and held there for at least 5 minutes, then brought to 10 ft. and held for a further 11 minutes. If they have been down longer, the times of ascent are further increased. If a diver collapses when brought to the surface, he should immediately be sent down again and brought up in lower stages. Had this been done in this case the diver's life might have been saved.

At present, any diver in the Cooks who is prepared to "have a go" in one of the licensed suits, may go down.

Shell diving is a most valuable industry in the Cook Islands. Under present conditions, it is remarkable that more accidents have not occurred.

Bad Drought In Tokelaus

THE Rev. Father A. McDonald, SM, the only European resident in the Tokelaus—those three small atolls lying north of Samoa—reports on events of 1952 while waiting in expectation of a ship from Apia in October. He says:—

"The Tokelaus have really been the 'Isles of Isolation' with a vengeance this year. We've had only one boat and one plane since December, 1951. The last mail was in May—the next in early October—if we're lucky! The reason—a bad year for coconuts due to drought. Thank God, there have been enough for food, but the surplus for export has been very little. Usually we export about 2,400 sacks of copra—this year we've shipped 300. Needless to say, it's been a hard year for the people.

"At present the water ration per person per day is about two quarts for all purposes—though that's hardly enough for drinking—and in fact it's touching to see much of that small ration used for bathing the babies. Imagine the difficulty of doing the weekly washing under present conditions, not to mention a

daily shower, so necessary in this climate."

Father McDonald says that Nukunono, the middle atoll, is the worst off, the other two each having a small well which provides water suitable for washing.

Father McDonald, a New Zealander, went to Nukunono in 1948, and has been there ever since. For the past two years he has been able to make occasional visits to his flock on Fakaofu, to the south-east, by means of a small launch presented to him by well-wishers in Napier, NZ. Apart from that, his only contact with outsiders is the welcome visit of the Trade Scheme officials from Apia to exchange the copra, woodcarving, fans and mats produced in the Group for flour, canned meat, kerosene, textiles and other necessities.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Williams of Rabaul, NG, on December 26.

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COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson Ltd., Sydney) for which on Jan. 6 was £Stg.265 (£A331/5/-) c.i.f. Cont. ports.

N.G.—£A275 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

New Hebrides.—Recent sales in Sydney brought £A240-£A250 per ton, in store.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in January quoted Samoan cocoa at £Stg.240 (£A300) f.o.b. per ton, first grade. (Samoa currency equals Stg.).

COFFEE.—Islands prices ruling in Sydney in January.

Papua-N.G.—Arabica, approx. 6/- lb. ex wharf Sydney (approx. £672 per ton). Owing to import restrictions affecting shipments from elsewhere, Papua-N.G. coffee is bringing high prices in Sydney at present. However, trade indications are that it will level off at about 5/- lb., within the next few months.

New Caledonia.—Crop mainly exported to France. Marseilles price recently was equivalent to approximately £A640 per ton, ex wharf.

RUBBER.—Australian Rubber Pool quotation for January shipment.—**Papua-N.G.**: 24½d Stg. per lb., c.i.f. Sydney (approx. 30½d Aust.).—**Papuan rubber** is allowed in primage-free (10 per cent. from elsewhere). **Singapore rate** (used by Australian firms as basis for buying Papuan rubber), Jan. 12; No. 1 grade RSS (sellers), spot 83¼c. lb., c.i.f. (approx. 31d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotation (by Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): White Label, 22/-, Yellow, 22/-, Green, 21/- per lb., c.i.f., Sydney.

RICE.—Rice shipped from Sydney to Islands was fixed last year, at £75 per ton, f.o.b., White, Unpolished and Brown. (On plantation Papua-N.G. approx. £100).

DESICCATED COCONUT.—Sydney agents quote Ceylon, 1/7½ lb. spot, delivered to store, Sydney. **New Guinea:** 2/5½ lb. spot, delivered in store, Sydney.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed by Torres Strait producers and Otto G. Co. (USA) for 1952 were: AA/A/B 85 cents lb. (£A850 approx. per ton); C, 80c. lb. (£A800); D, 55c. lb. (£A550); E, 40c. lb. (£A400); EE, 30c. lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. **Is.**—American market has recently increased interest, with quotations in excess of 35 cents U.S. per lb., c. Rarotonga.

TROCHUS SHELL.—Interest in which has almost been negligible Sydney during the past six months diminished even further over the Christmas period. Latest quotations are: £A135 per ton; New Hebrides, approx. per ton.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Sydney recently quoted: 1st grade, £A185-200 per ton; 2nd grade, £A140 per ton; B.S.I. shell.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, Nov.
Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, 1st
New Hebrides .. 80,000 Metrop. f
.. (£A103/4/- app
Tahiti .. 84,000 Metrop. f
.. (£A103/4/- app
FM Straits, Dec.-Jan. .. £Stg.76
.. (£A99/7/6 app
Ceylon, F.M.S. Nor
Philippines, bulk, Dec.-Jan. .. US
.. (£A96/5/8 app

Coconut Oil, c.i.f., ton.
FM Straits, 3½% drums .. £Stg.
.. (£A141/5/- app
Ceylon, bulk, resellers .. £Stg.
.. (£A141/5/- app
Philippines, afloat Nor
Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth.
Continental Ports, Stg.-Accra, Feb.-
£11/2/6 (£278 Aust. approx. long

ISLANDS MINING SHAFTS

FIJI
Aug., 1939, Dec. 1 Jan
Emperor .. b9/11 b8/- s8/-
Loloma .. s25/6 b27/- b28/-
PAPUA-NEW GUINEA
Bulolo G.D. .. b124/- b68/- b68/-
Mandated All. .. b3/8 b1/- b9d/-
N.G.G. Ltd. .. b1/10 b1/9 b2/-
Oil Search .. s3/11 b2/4½ b2/-
Oriomo Oil .. b5/- s1/9 s1/6
Papuan Apin. .. b4/11 b4½d b7d/-
Placer Dev. .. b68/6 b395/- b34/-
Sandy Creek .. b1/5 b1d b5c/-

EXCHANGE RATES

FIJI.—Through **BANK OF NSW, BANK and BANK OF NZ, Australia on** basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. **Fiji-London, basis £100 London:** B. £110/12/6; S. £112. **NZ-Fiji, basis £100 NZ:** B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through **BANK OF AUSTRALIA on Samoa, basis £100 San** B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. **San London, basis £100 London:** £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. **Samoa-basis £100 NZ:** B. £100; S. £100/1. **Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa:** B. £100; S. £110.

PAPUA-N.G.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Madang) and **BANK OF NSW** (branches Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-N.G.: 10/- per £.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI: 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific franc most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania. **FRENCH BANK (Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris)** in Sydney quote (nominally): 140 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 100 Pac. fr. to £stg.; 64 Pac. fr. to US \$

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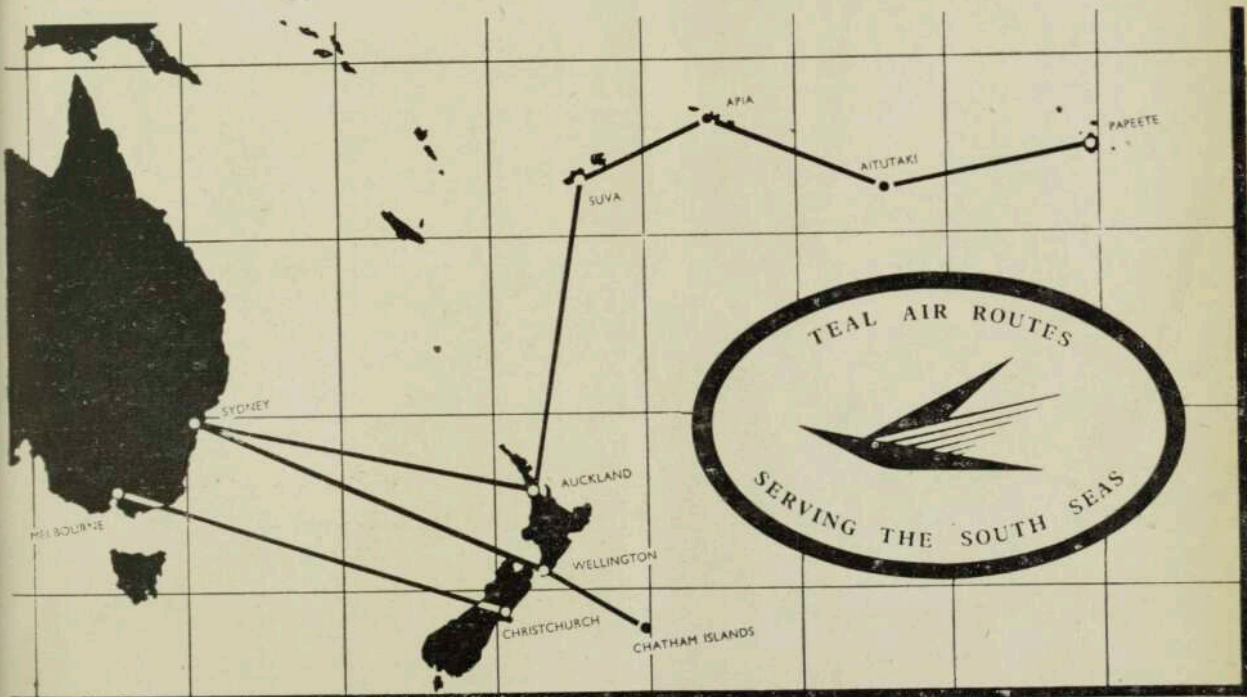
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