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# PACIFIC ISLANDS Monthly

## Royal Visit to Pacific

A formal portrait (by Baron) of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, whose visit with HRH The Duke of Edinburgh, to Fiji and Tonga in December is regarded as probably the most important event in the history of both those Pacific countries. The Queen is wearing the blue Ribbon and Star of the Garter, and a diamond and pearl diadem which was reset for Queen Victoria and dates back much earlier.

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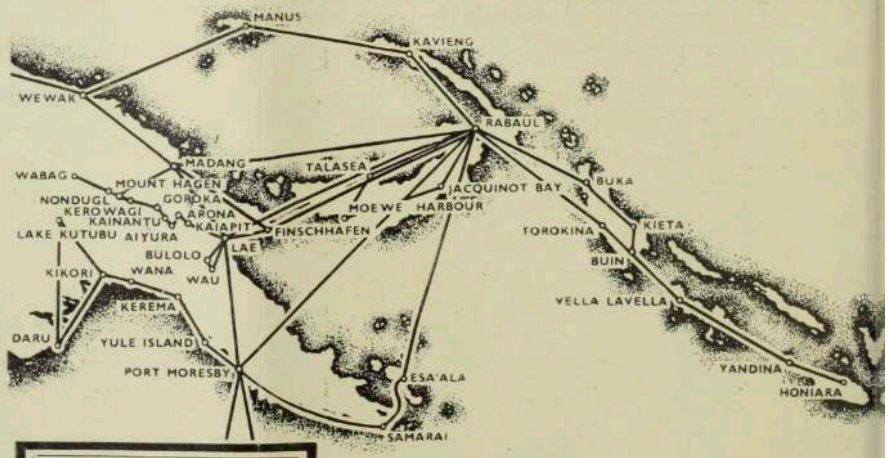


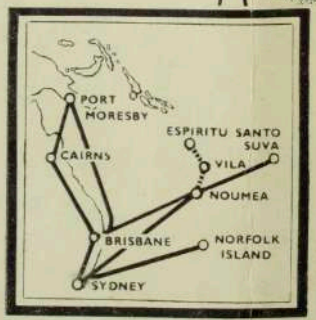


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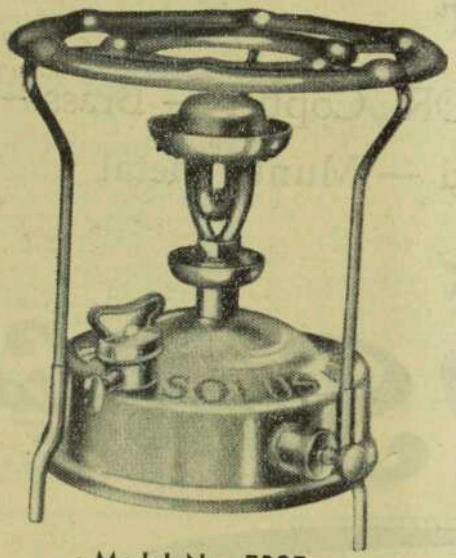


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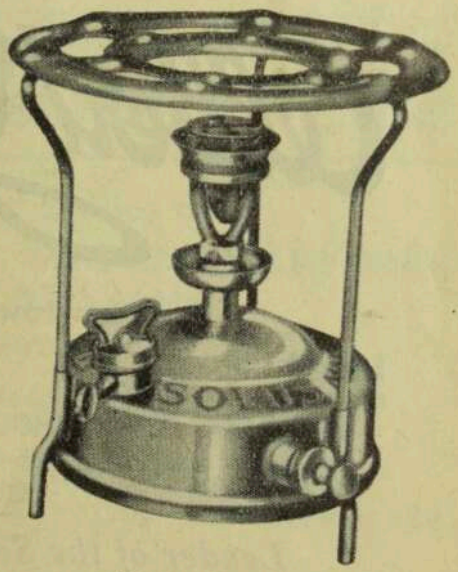


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# SHIPPING TIME-TABLES

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

## 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 sailing approximately December 16.

MV Malekula leaves Sydney approx. December 4 for Samarai, Rabaul, Manus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney.

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

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MV Soochow and MV Shansi, modern 3,000 tons vessels, will leave every six weeks approximately (making a three-weekly service): Sydney-Brisbane-Port Moresby - Madang - Rabaul - Pt. Moresby, Sydney. Next sailing Shansi, about Nov. 30. Next sailing Soochow, about Dec. 10.

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 has been on annual survey. Resumes from Auckland November 24.

Matua will leave Auckland on her next voyage on December 11.

## N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The NZ Government's old motor vessel Maui Pomare is scheduled to leave Auckland every month for Rarotonga and other Islands in the lower Cooks, subject to requirements of trade. This vessel carries 30 passengers; her next departures from Auckland are Nov. 13, Dec. 10, and Jan. 7. On her return to Auckland after January voyage will withdraw for annual survey, expected to take about 2 months.

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

Next sailing from Sydney October 14.

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

## Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. Details from Messageries Mari-


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

# AIRWAYS TIME-TABLES

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

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hur. and Sun.—Sydney - Nadi (Fiji) - anton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Seattle-ortland.

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ed. and Sat.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.
on. and first Thur.—Dep. southwards, same route. On second or alternate Thursday, flight commences at S. Francisco.
es.—Dep. Auckland-Nadi-Canton-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver.
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**BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)**

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ery Tuesday—Sydney - Auckland - Nadi (Fiji) - Honolulu - Vancouver.
ery Friday return by same route.

## SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

### 2. Sydney-New Guinea

**Service by Qantas Empire Airways**

NORTHWARDS

**uesdays and Saturdays (Skymasters)**

| Depart: | Arrive: |
|---|---|
| ney, 7.30 pm | Brisbane, 10.15 pm |
| bane, 11.40 pm | Moresby, 6.30 am (Wed., Sun.) |
| esby, 7.30 am | Lae, 8.45 am |

onnecting services north of Lae by
er to Bulolo and Wau.

**lnesday and Sundays (Sandringhams)**

| Depart: | Arrive: |
|---|---|
| ney, 7.30 pm | Brisbane, 10.50 pm |
| bane, 12.50 am (Thur., Mon.) | Cairns, 7.05 am |
| ns, 8.35 am | Moresby, 12.25 am (Night stop) |
| esby,* 8.30 am (Tue.) | Samarai, 10.30 am |
| arai, 11.30 am | Esa'ala, 12.10 pm (Alt. weeks) |
| Esa'ala, 12.25 pm | Rabaul, 3.25 pm |

The Wednesday Sandringham from Sydney terminates at Port Moresby, a connection north to Lae on the following day at 9.00 am being by D.C.3.

* The Sunday Sandringham from Sydney arrives Moresby Monday and after a night stop there goes on to Rabaul via Samarai, etc., on Tuesday.

SOUTHWARDS

**Sundays and Wednesdays (Skymaster)**

| Depart: | Arrive: |
|---|---|
| Lae, 10.25 am | Moresby, 11.40 am |
| Moresby, 12.40 pm | Brisbane, 7.15 pm |
| Brisbane, 8.45 pm | Sydney, 11.30 pm |

Connecting service from Wau by Drover. Arrives Lae 9.35 am Saturday.

**Thursdays (Sandringham)**

| Depart: | Arrive: |
|---|---|
| Rabaul, 5.30 am | Samarai, 8.45 am |
| Samarai, 9.15 am | Moresby, 11.15 am |
| Moresby, 12.15 pm | Cairns, 4.5 pm (Night stop) |
| Cairns, 9.30 am (Fri.) | Brisbane, 3.45 pm |
| Brisbane, 4.45 pm | Sydney, 8.5 pm |

**Saturdays (Sandringham)**

| Depart: | Arrive: |
|---|---|
| Moresby, 6 am | Cairns, 9.50 am |
| Cairns, 11.20 am | Brisbane, 5.35 pm |
| Brisbane, 6.35 pm | Sydney, 9.55 pm |

A connection from Lae, with a DC3, to pick up Saturday Sandringham, arrives in Moresby on Friday at 8.20 am.

### 3. N. Guinea Internal Services

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Every 4th Monday (Nov. 30, Dec. 28). Departs Lae 8 am, calls at Madang and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia 1.5 pm. Every 4th Tuesday (Dec 1, 29) departs Hollandia at 9 am, and, with calls at Wewak and Madang, arrives Lae at 3.5 pm.

**LAE-MANUS (DC3)**

Every Wednesday.
Dep. Lae, 10.45 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus (5.45 pm)
Returns Saturdays (dep. 8 am), via Kavieng and Rabaul; optional call at Finschhafen; arr. Lae, 2.45 pm.

**MORESBY-DARU (Sandringham)**

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Wana (optional), Kikori, L. Kutubu.—Every alternate Friday, returning same day. (Nov. 27, Dec. 11, 25).

**RABAUL-MOEWE HARBOUR (Sandringham)**

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul-Jacquinot Bay-optional call Lindenhafen - Moewe Harbour - Talasea-Rabaul—(Nov. 18, Dec. 2, 16, 30, etc.).

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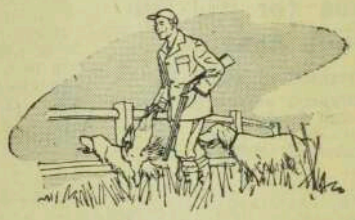

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**NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)**

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul - Buka - Kieta - Buin —(Nov. 11, 25, Dec. 9, 23, etc.).
Alt. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Buka-Rabaul.

**LAE-MADANG-WEWAK-MANUS-KAVIENG-RABAUL GENERAL SERVICE (DC3)**

Mon., Thur. Dep. Lae 6.30 am, Madang arr. 7.35 am Wewak, Manus Is., Kavieng, Rabaul arr. 3.35 pm.
Tue. only Dep. Rabaul 8.00 am, direct Madang arr. 11.00 am, Lae arr. 12.35 pm.

**CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)**

Fridays.—Lae (8.30 am) to Wabag, calling at any of: Nadzab, Kisipit. Arona, Kainantu, Bena Bena, Goroka, Nondugl, Bans, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Ogelbeng, Baiyer R., Wabamunda, Wabag. Return to Lae arriving 6 pm.

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Dep. Lae.—Tues. 3 pm.—Mon. & Sat. 7.30 am.
Dep. Wau.—Tues. 4.30 pm—Mon. 9.00 am —Wed. 12.35 pm. Direct to Lae in 35 minutes.

**LAE-FINSCHHAFEN (Drover)**

Every 4th Tuesday, leaving Lae 1 pm, returning same day. (Dec. 1, 29, etc.).

**MADANG-GOROKA (DC3)**

Fridays.—Depart Madang 8.25 am, arrive Goroka 9.00 am, returning same day; depart Goroka 9.30 am, arrive Madang 10.5 am.

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e. (Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 8, 15, 22, etc.), Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Torokina — Rabaul — Finschhafen—Lae (arriving 3.15 pm).

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## 8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

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## 9. Sydney-New Hebrides

**By Qantas, with Sandringham (Weekly Flying Boat Service)**

| Depart: | | Arrive: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney, Mon. | 7.30 pm | Brisbane, | 10.50 pm |
| Brisbane, | 12.20 am (Tue.) | Noumea, | 7.00 am |
| Noumea, | 8.30 am | Vila, | 11.05 am |
| Vila, | 12.35 pm | Santo, | 1.50 pm (Night stop) |
| Santo, | 6.00 am (Wed.) | Vila, | 7.15 am |
| Vila, | 8.15 am | Noumea, | 10.55 am |
| Noumea, | 1.00 pm | Sydney, | 8.40 pm |

## 10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

**By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.**

| Depart: | | Arrive: | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Sydney, Thur. | 7.30 pm | Brisbane, | 10.50 pm |
| Brisbane, | 12.20 am (Fri.) | Noumea, | 7.00 am |
| Noumea, | 8.30 am | Suva, | 3.00 pm |
| Suva, Sat. | 6.30 am | Noumea, | 11.00 am |
| Noumea, | 1.00 pm | Sydney, | 8.40 pm |

## 11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

**By NZ National Airways, with DC3's**

Sundays—From Auckland double service returning same day.

## 12. Sydney-Auckland

**Tasman E. Airways, with Solents**

Tue., Sun.—Dept. Sydney 12 midnight arr. 8.30 am following day.
Thur., Sat., Sun.—Dept. Sydney 7.30 am, arr. 4 pm.
Dep. Auckland 8.30 am, arr 1.30 pm Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri., Sat.

## 13. Sydney-Wellington

**Tasman E. Airways, with Solents**

Dep. Sydney 10.30 pm Mon., Tue., Thur., Fri. Arr. 7.30 am following day.
Dep. Wellington 10.30 Tue., Wed., Fri., Sat., arriving 3.45 pm.

## 14. Melbourne-Christchurch

**Tasman E. Airways, with DC4 Skymaster**

Thurs.—Dep. Melb., 10.25 pm; arr. Ch'ch., 8.15 am next day.
Fri.—Dep. Ch'ch., 11 am; arr. Melb., 5.35 pm.

## 15. New Zealand-Fiji

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

**Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.**

Dep. Auckland—November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 5, 8, 12.
Return to Auckland on November 16, 18, 30, December 3, 7, 14.


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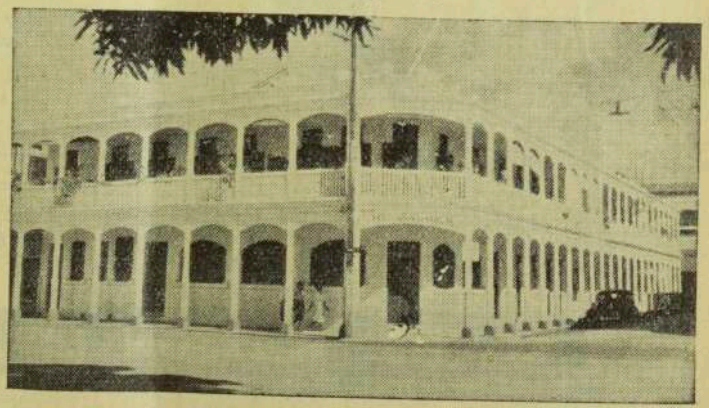

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| Depart | Arrive |
|---|---|
| uckland, 9.30 am | Suva, 4.30 pm |
| iva, 9.00 am | Auckland, 4.15 pm |

## 16. Fiji-Western Samoa

SEE ALSO TABLE 18.

**Tasman Empire Airways, Ltd., with Solents.**

p. Auckland, Nov. 10, 24, Dec. 5, 8, 22.

| Depart | Arrive |
|---|---|
| ck., 9.30 am Sat. | Suva, 4.45 pm Sat. |
| va, 6.00 am Sun. | Apia, 11.05 am Sat. |
| ia, 1.30 pm Sat. | Suva 4.35 pm Sun. |
| va, 9.00 am Mon. | Auck., 4.15 pm Mon. |

## . New Zealand-Chatham Is.

n the 1953-54 season, Solents will make hts to the Chatham Is. as follows: ember 5, December 3, 14, January 27, rch 11, April 8. Departure from kland 3.30 am, dep. Wellington 7.30 arr. Chathams 10.30 am. Dep. 2.30 same day for Auckland.

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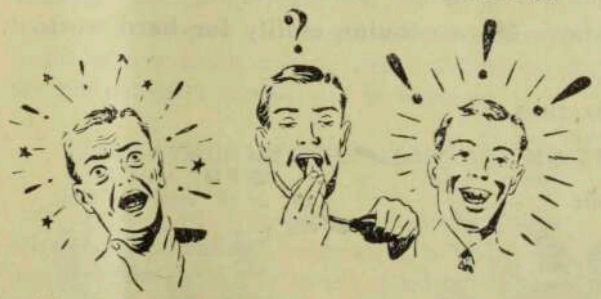

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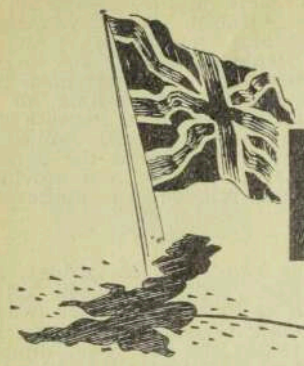

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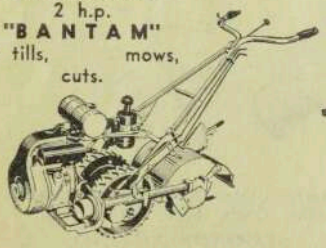

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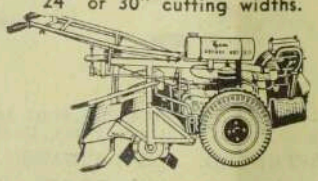

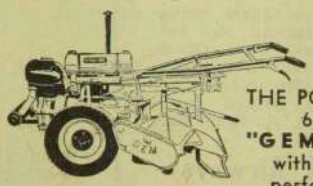

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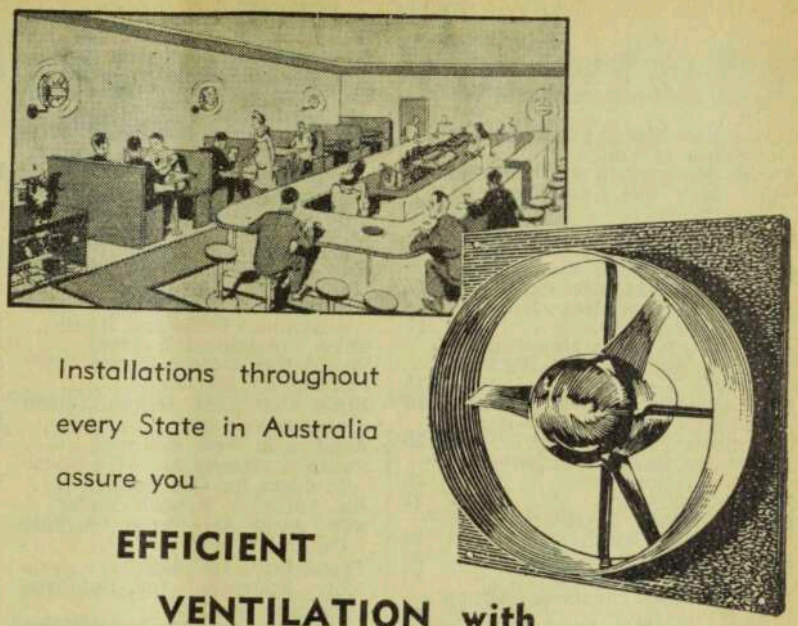

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# THE MISSION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

A CRISIS in human affairs, as well as a very great event in the history of the British Empire, s marked by the arrival in the outh Pacific of our lovely and very ovable Queen, Elizabeth II of Eng- and. . .

All the West European nations ave contributed much to the estabshment of the way of life which e call "Western Civilisation"; but ne major contribution probably has ome from the British Isles. The onception of individual freedom, ommon Law, government by a arliamentary system based on one-an-one-vote — these things, hich have spread across the world the forefront of Western civilisaon, are peculiarly British instituons.

It is so huge, elaborate, complex, is structure we call Western Civiation, that few can trace its hisry or see its design. Yet both are ear. They are based on the conction that, whilst no two men are rn equal in quality, all men are titled equally to individual freem and opportunity. That is funmental.

Western Civilisation was created d developed to serve the indivial. The price of individualism is dustry, thrift, strict justice for e common man in every phase of man relations, and especially ss relations. While that prinle was observed, Western civiliion guided and ruled the world and humanity as a whole made rapid progress towards higher standards of living.

GRADUALLY, under the growing complexities of life, individuals and classes lost their sense of moral obligation. The freedom of the individual has been sacrificed to the interests of sections and classes. Powerful groups prey upon weaker groups. The one-man-one-vote system of government has been destroyed, because Parliaments no longer function as originally planned, as the direct representative of the common man — their authority has been usurped by party organisations of ruthless power. Sectionalism, attended frequently by corruption, increasingly dominates most of the administrations based on the electoral system. The common man, bewildered and resentful, knows not where to turn. In some respects, the "Western World" is like a mad house.

Upon this scene, to make confusion more confounded, there have entered two new factors of grim significance — the extraordinarily rapid rise of the world's other two great races (the sophisticated Asiatics and the primitive Africans) to nationalism; and a cold-blooded conspiracy by a section of the European nations to substitute for the apparently discredited Parliamentary system, which is based on individual freedom, a system of Totalitarianism, in which the organised State is supreme and the individual has no rights at all.

The Western European structure is not yet doomed; but it is now severely shaken. Unless it develops within itself a moral resurgence, so that greed, corruption and sectionalism can be thrust out of government, and the protection of individual freedom restored, the Western European system will collapse, the horrors of Communism and inter-racial struggle will take its place, and humanity will suffer another Dark Age.

WESTERN EUROPE'S hope now lies in the English-speaking world. A combination of the British Commonwealth and the United States can save our civilisation. But the call is for clear thinking, self-sacrificing leadership, unity, and a merciless attack upon the evils which have corrupted and partially destroyed our people's faith in our governmental system — evils like greed, nepotism, incompetence, dishonesty, and every form of corrupt sectionalism.

Above all, we need unity. We can save ourselves if we will forget internal dissensions and selfish class struggles, and stand together. United, the "Empire on which the sun never sets" still can give security and inspiration to the Western nations, in a world of terrifying politico-economic confusion.

British leaders are making a mighty effort to stop the social rot which has crept upon us in the stresses and exhaustion of two wars. There have been many signs in the past year that British prestige is being restored, despite Red plottings and the disconcerting racial


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furies of blindly-developing nationalism.

But the unity of the British Commonwealth is vital.

**And the first and chief purpose of the visit to us of our young Queen (the very first visit of a British monarch to the British countries of the South Pacific) is to seek our loyalty — to remind us that to-day, as never before in our history, united we shall stand, divided we shall surely fall.**

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## NG Natives Murder Patrol Officers

PORT MORESBY, Nov. 14.

TWO Patrol Officers in Papua-New Guinea District Services have been killed in the Telefomin area of New Guinea. The officers are Cadet Patrol-Officer G. B. Harris and Patrol Officer Gerald Leo Szarka.

Telefomin is in the mountains not far from where the borders of Papua, New Guinea and Dutch New Guinea meet; it is one of the most isolated patrol-posts in Papua-New Guinea and has been established only since 1948. Natives around the station are regarded as being "under control" but further out they are still hostile.

Telefomin was mentioned in the records of some of the earlier patrols from Papua, notably by Karius and Champion. It was also a point on the route of some residents of Wewak, New Guinea, who escaped from the Japs in 1942 by walking from the Sepik River overland to the Fly, in Papua. Their journey took about eight months.

(Following news of these tragedies, there has been considerable criticism of the Minister for Territories, and his policy of bringing all of New Guinea under control within a specified period; and of District Services for sending young, inexperienced men to isolated areas like Telefomin).

## Queen Elizabeth's Fine Gesture To Salote of Tonga

THE usually alert commentators of the world's newspapers seem to have missed the significance of the change of plans made in connection with the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II to Tonga.

As first announced, the Queen was to end her Suva visit late in the evening of Friday, December 18; sleep aboard the *Gothic* in Suva Harbour; sail for Nukualofa at 6 a.m. on Saturday morning, the 19th; and the Royal party were to arrive in Nukualofa on Sunday morning, 20th, and depart therefrom about 3 p.m. Sunday.

This would have given Queen Elizabeth a quiet day at sea (Saturday) after her strenuous programme in Fiji; but it was discovered, following the publication of the tour arrangements, that it would create quite a serious problem in Nukualofa.

Most of the Tongans, including the Royal Family, are staunch Methodists and strictly observe the Sabbath. The arrival of the Queen of England, on a formal visit to Tonga, was an unprecedented honour that called for every resource of Tongan courtesy and hospitality — there must be feasting, dancing and welcome on a magnificent scale. But (wailed the good church people) how could the Tongans really put their hearts into such a welcome if all the time they were conscious of Sabbath-breaking?

Some folk treated it lightly; but, for the rulers of Tonga, it was a very real and embarrassing problem; and the echoes of it, sometime before Queen Salote returned from the Coronation, had reached Sir Ronald Garvey, Governor of Fiji, who has the welfare of Tonga within his official care.

No one knows what happened. But we do know that at one stage the Tongan authorities seriously contemplated calling the Tongan Parliament together to enact a special Bill providing that, on that occasion, the Sabbath day should be observed not on Sunday, but on the preceding Saturday, or the following Monday.

The Governor of Fiji is a shrewd tactician and we suspect that, somehow or other, news of his dilemma reached Royal circles in London.

The next thing that was heard was Salote's surprise announcement that Queen Elizabeth would arrive in Tonga on the Saturday morning instead of Sunday morning — and all was well with the Tongan Sabbath.

The Tour arrangements had been altered — see report elsewhere.

It is probable that never before in international history was a more notable compliment paid by a great monarch to a very small Kingdom than the decision of Queen Elizabeth of England to forego her quiet day at sea (on Saturday, December 19) in order that London's idol, Queen Salote, and the tiny nation of Tonga, should be saved embarrassment over the observance of their Sabbath.

## NG WOMEN'S CLUB OF SYDNEY
### Christmas Festivities

AS usual, parties for children and adults will be held at Christmas time this year by the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney.

The party for children will be on Monday, December 14, commencing at 2 p.m. All children of Territorians who are in Sydney at that time are invited. Parents should contact the Secretary of the Club at the club rooms, c/- Feminist Club, 77 King Street, Sydney.

Donations are now being received by the Secretary of the Club to help entertain the kiddies at this annual treat. A complete list of donations will appear in the PIM for December.

The adults' Christmas Party will be held on December 18, commencing at 6.30 p.m. All Territorians ex and actual, are invited to the Club Rooms on that evening to participate in what is always a very bright occasion.

## Another Indian Commissioner for Fiji

DR. Nagoji Vasudev Rajkumar has been appointed Commissioner in Fiji for the Government of India in succession to Mr A. K. Sen.

He was born in 1914 in South India. He was educated at Indian Universities and is a Fellow of the Royal Economic Society of London joined the Foreign Relations Department of the All-India Congress in 1946 and in 1952 he was an adviser to the Indian delegation to General Assembly UNO.

Dr. Rajkumar has travelled widely in Asia, Europe and America.

He is the third Indian Commissioner to Fiji. The first was appointed shortly after the partition of India and Pakistan and remained in the Colony—where he was popular—for over a year. There was then a long interval until the appointment of Mr. Sen, in 1951. Mr. Sen, however, had barely arrived in Fiji before he was whisked off elsewhere.

¶ Mr. K. R. Fleischman, of Sydney, has been appointed Inspector of Mines in Fiji.




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# BRITISH MONARCH IN SOUTH PACIFIC

## Formal Visits to Fiji and Tonga

WITHIN a few weeks there will occur an event of outstanding importance, and unique in the history of the South Pacific islands. The world's greatest monarch, Queen Elizabeth II of England and the British Commonwealth, accompanied by her Consort, the Duke of Edinburgh, will make a formal visit to the British Colony of Fiji and the Kingdom of Tonga (under British protection), while en route from the West Indies to New Zealand and Australia.

This is not only the first time in history that a King or Queen of England has visited the South Pacific countries — it is also the first time in history that any great monarch has been here.

The honour that has been done Fiji and Tonga by including them in the Royal Tour is something that never will be forgotten. Fiji and Tonga are deeply conscious of the fact; and the preparations which are being made for the reception and entertainment of the Royal party on December 17-18 (Fiji) and 19-20 (Tonga) are marked by a wave of mounting excitement — which, nevertheless, is orderly, designed, and calculated to provide on the days mentioned a series of spectacular events worthy of the occasion.

The liner *Gothic*, on which the Royal party is travelling, left England for the West Indies in mid-November. Many members of the Royal party were then on board; but the Queen and her Consort, and their personal staff, have flown to the West Indies to join the liner there. A number of British colonies and territories in the West Indies will be visited before the *Gothic* proceeds, via the Panama Canal, to the eastern Pacific, en route to Fiji.

IN Fiji, under the personal direction of the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) and Lady Garvey, a number of committees have been hard at work for many weeks, completing the details of the formal events which have been included in the two-days' programme.

Given fine weather — always a gamble at this time of the year in Fiji — the Fijian ceremonies of welcome in Albert Park, Suva, soon after the Queen arrives in the morning of Thursday, December 17, probably will be an outstanding event in the Royal tour.

From a platform, decorated with leaves and tapa, specially built for them, the Queen and the Duke will witness a series of Fijian ceremonies of welcome — the Qalowaqa (a welcome to a lady of high rank), the Qaloqalovi; the Luvanitawake; the Sevusevu; and the Yaqona, or kava drinking. Some of these are ceremonies which the oldest inhabitants of Fiji have rarely, if ever, seen.

After Her Majesty has made an address to the Fijian people, there will be formal presentation on behalf of the Fijian people of great quantities of food — which, of course, will be dealt with a little later in mighty feasting.

On this occasion, the Colony of Fiji will make a presentation to the Queen, the Duke and their two children. Fiji's gift to the Queen will be a ring containing a Fiji grey pearl set in diamonds and emeralds. For the Duke there is a walking stick, beautifully made of Fiji woods. There is a model canoe for Prince Charles and a doll, in Fiji ceremonial dress, for Princess Anne.

This is only one of the events which the busy committees have organised in and around Suva and in Lautoka, and which will fully occupy all of Thursday and Friday, December 17-18.

There will be many presentations of Tabua — the whales' tooth — which is so very highly prized in the most important Fijian ceremonial occasions.

The committees and high officials have had to prepare not only for the ceremonies themselves but also for the handling of the crowds which are expected to arrive in Suva from all parts of the Fijian Islands, creating special problems of transport, food and accommodation.

A great deal of the ceremonies will be connected with native life and customs; but opportunity is being given to the other communities — Europeans, Indians and Chinese — to join completely in the Colony's demonstrations of welcome and loyalty.

### In Tonga

UNDER an unexpected rearrangement of the Royal tour (the cause of which is discussed in another article) the Royal couple will not terminate their visit to Suva late in the evening of Friday, December 18. They had intended to depart from Suva harbour in the *Gothic* very early on the morning of the 19th. Instead, they will remain in Suva overnight as the guests of the Governor and Lady Garvey while the *Gothic* steams to Nukualofa; and, the following morning (Saturday, 19th) they will fly 400 miles to Nukualofa,

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The huge, white-painted Shaw-Savill liner *Gothic* sailed from the United Kingdom on November 10 for Jamaica, direct. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, with their personal staff, are due in Bermuda by air on November 24. After 24 hours in Bermuda, they fly on to Jamaica, to undertake a strenuous programme extending over 2½ days, during which they receive delegations from other British West Indian territories. Then they join the *Gothic* and proceed immediately through the Panama Canal. Thus, they will have 18 days of complete rest before arrival in Fiji.

The Palace at Nukualofa, where Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh will stay on the night of December 19.




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# TEAL May Use Land-Planes to Nadi

## Re-organisation of Pacific Airservices Forecast

NO official announcement has been made on the outcome of the conference on airservices which took place at top political level in New Zealand in mid-October between Australian Minister for Civil Aviation, Mr. H. L. Anthony, the New Zealand Civil Aviation Minister, Mr. Macdonald, and the Parliamentary Under-Secretary to the UK Minister for Civil Aviation.

The press was not admitted. But the decisions of the conference have been treated with a considerable amount of "intelligent anticipation" by several newspapers.

It is believed that British Commonwealth Pacific Airlines (BCPA) will be merged with Qantas and that the present trans-Pacific service from Sydney to Vancouver by BCPA will be run under the direction of Qantas.

It is said also that Tasman Empire Airways will be reorganised to use land planes between Sydney and Auckland instead of Solent flying-boats as at present, and that land-planes will also be used on the TEAL service from Auckland to Fiji —terminating at Nadi instead of at Suva, as at present. TEAL already uses landplanes, chartered from Australian air companies, to run its service between Melbourne and Christchurch.

At present there is no suitable aerodrome at Wellington, NZ, to take planes capable of flying the Tasman, nor, due to the terrain of this part of New Zealand, is it likely that one can be easily provided.

IT may be taken as certain that something will be done to rationalise the services in the South Pacific in which UK, Australia and NZ have an interest. All of these Government-owned services have lost a great amount of money—and some of them are still losing it. (See October issue of PIM).

Informed opinion in Government aviation circles is that the mergers, absorptions and rationalisations that have lately been the order of the day in the United States and the UK must be followed in the South Pacific where the three Governments concerned in overseas aviation have, in effect, one too many airlines. It is pointed out that the aviation business is evolving so rapidly—particularly in speed and the capacity of new equipment —that three aircraft of to-day, or to-morrow, will do or be able to do, what five did in 1946.

The same opinion is to the effect that if these airways are ever to pay and compete with the rest of the world, they will have to forget national ambitions and be prepared to bury their identities—such as QEA, BCPA, TEAL, etc.—in a more widely embracing and therefore more economic scheme.

It is believed that the next generation of aircraft will turn the scales and that airlines will then—but perhaps not for five or 10 years —begin to show real profits.

It is pointed out that these airlines have brought to the countries concerned benefits not shown on balance sheets; that there is also the matter of prestige and defence; and that they have been such large-scale undertakings to be beyond the scope of private enterprise.

ALL of which, of course, is correct, as far as it goes. However, the layman may, with reason, ask if swift evolution in the industry is entirely to blame for the huge financial losses suffered in the past, or if some of the blame cannot be fairly apportioned to the post-war sacialist governments in UK, Australia and New Zealand, whose passion for Governmental control and enterprise led them further into the air transportation business than was economically prudent—or even sensible.

# Do You Remember ?

*From PIM of 20 Years ago.*

There is nothing new under the sun—particularly with regard to affairs in the South Pacific. Twenty years ago we were chewing over pressing problems that had been well-chewed on 20 years before that. And to-day, the same old conundrums are providing a steady diet for the political-fixers of 1953.

Here are some extracts from the PIM of November, 1933:

**The then Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Marr) called a meeting in Canberra of Administrators of all of Australia's Pacific Territories. Sir Hubert Murray was there on behalf of Papua; Brigadier-General Griffith, for New Guinea; Captain Pinney, Norfolk Island; and Commander Garcia, Nauru. This was the first conference of its kind. One of the things discussed was "steps to consolidate the laws of Papua and New Guinea," particularly in regard to mining and health. (They are still passing legislation to bring Papua "into line with New Guinea").**

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**"News from Fiji indicates an unsatisfactory position so far as Fiji Airways, Ltd., is concerned . . . The company started operations a year ago and provides a valuable coastal and inter-island service for passengers and mail. It appears that the service has not received the whole-hearted support of the Fiji Administration and certain interests in Fiji . . . The driving force behind Fiji Airways is Guinea Airways, Ltd., the successful New Guinea air transport company."**

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**The Melanesian Mission ship Southern Cross VII, which replaced Southern Cross VI when she was wrecked in a storm in the New Hebrides while on her maiden voyage in November, 1932, was dedicated in the UK by the Bishop of Liverpool. (This vessel is now on her last "tour" of the Melanesian Mission diocese and will be replaced shortly by Southern Cross VIII.)**

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**Two new industries were announced from Norfolk Island—the establishment of a local butter factory (where is it now?) which would "save the island £2,000 per annum on imported butter"; and a shark-fishing industry which was reported to have "Chinese money behind it."**

**How history repeats itself! Some people in Tahiti were incensed in 1933, at press reports that hinted that Tahiti was becoming an unsafe place for foreigners to live in. There had been a number of robberies that had received a little publicity but Tahiti retorted that there was no more crime in Tahiti than elsewhere —and indeed, that some of the robberies had been performed by foreigners!**

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**Police raided the headquarters of the Mau organisation in Apia, Western Samoa, and also the home of Mr. O. F. Nelson. Literature relating to Mau activities was seized and eight Samoan chiefs were arrested on charges of collecting monies for unlawful purposes.**

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**We reported that an economic blizzard had hit Western Samoa where the price of cocoa had slumped from £50 per ton to about £7/10/-. At the same time, native producers of copra were getting ¼ of a cent. per pound; European producers about £3 per ton, or far below the cost of production. Bananas, at 3/- a case, were said to be the only profitable commodity produced by the Territory—and there were complaints that the "Maui Pomare" could not lift more than 7,000 cases per shipment.**

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**Someone whom we described as a "commercial manager" expressed the direst forebodings as regards the "Indian problem" in Fiji (a comparatively new expression then). He said that it was only a matter of time before the Indians drove the Fijians out of Fiji and entirely possessed their country. He believed that the British, in introducing Indians to Fiji had betrayed the Fijian people. Editorially, the PIM invited the British Colonial Office to get busy on the "problem;" if they did not, we said, the Indians would dominate Fiji in "another 20 years."**

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**Papuan rubber planters had "heard with dismay" the news that customs duty into Australia on raw rubber had been reduced without warning to 2d per pound. In March, 1933, an imposition of 4d a pound duty was imposed on Papuan rubber imported by Australia. This duty was then refunded to Papua for the assistance of the rubber industry. The new move again placed the rubber industry of Papua in a critical position.**




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# COPRA PRICE NEXT YEAR

## ates Should be Maintained

THERE is nothing in the present outlook to indicate any marked alteration next year in the ice of copra to be paid for the pro- ct of Papua-New Guinea, British lomon Islands, Fiji, Gilbert and ice Islands, Tonga, Western moa and Cook Is., under the 9- ars Contract made in 1949 by the itish Ministry of Food.

Under that contract, a price was ed which could not be varied, up down, by more than 10 per cent. any one year. Since then the ce for Papua-New Guinea copra ices in the other British South cific countries are approximately same) have been as follows:

**P-NG COPRA PRICES, 1949-53**

**n the following table, "MOF price" is amount paid in Sterling by the MOF, Territory ports, to the P-NG Copra keting Board." "Planters Rec'd." is amount planters received in Aus- ian currency for hot-air dried copra the CMB. The difference in the es (Australian currency is 25 per under Stg.) being deductions ight, stabilisation fund collections, made by the Board. Until 1952, prices for P-NG were adjusted in ch instead of in January as in the of the Pacific Territories.)**

| EAR | MOF PRICE £Stg. per ton | PLANTERS REC'D. £Aust. per ton |
|---|---|---|
| 1949 | 48 | 48 |
| 1950 | 48.10 | 48.10 |
| 1951 | 53.15 | 54.5 |
| 1952 | 65 | 69.5 |
| 1953 | 65 | 70 |

he world market price in 1952 wed a falling tendency for a le, and it was anticipated that e would be a 10 per cent. fall for 3. Fortunately for the South Pacific, however, the world market recovered in the later months of 1952, and the price was maintained in the 1953 period. As a result of this and increased production in many places, the South Pacific countries generally in 1953 have benefitted by millions of pounds.

There have been some slight fluctuations in the world market during 1953 but the market has been firm in recent weeks and shows every indication of remaining firm until the end of December, when the various South Pacific territories will proceed to negotiate with the British MOF, to fix the price for 1954.

Last year, the MOF fought hard for the 10 per cent. reduction, and it seemed at one time likely that it would succeed; but the market's recovery at the end of the year turned the scales against London. The British officials probably will again make the same claim — but definitely with less prospects of success.

The British Ministry to-day is paying South Pacific countries approximately £65 Stg. fob for copra — which is about equal to £77 Stg. cif. The current market price in London is about £90 Stg. cif.

As the British Ministry deliberately made this contract with a view to stabilising the South Pacific copra industry at a time of some uncertainty, the British Ministry is entitled to some advantage under the contract. It has had that advantage. During the five years of the contract (1949-53), the world price has been almost always well in advance of the MOF price — as it is to-day. Taking everything into consideration the copra industry of the South Pacific should be able to count on at least the present price in 1954 — and, in fact, some shrewder traders may be able to make out a good case for a somewhat higher MOF price in 1954.

As the MOF Contract is now half done — it has four more years to go and will expire at the end of 1957 — and as the reduction provision has not yet been put into operation, it looks as if the South Pacific copra industry is due for a further period of stability.

### DROUGHT MAY AFFECT COPRA

The long dry spell in Fiji, Tonga and Samoa in recent months is expected to lower the copra yield from all three territories.

Copra producers in Fiji in October thought that the yield might fall by 7,000 or 8,000 tons of copra this year, as compared with last year's peak yield of 40,000 tons.

# Appointment of Niue Is. Commissioner

THE man chosen to succeed Mr. C. H. W. Larsen, as Resident Commissioner, Niue Island, is Mr. J. M. McEwen, an outstanding Maori scholar and an official of the Maori Affairs Department in NZ.

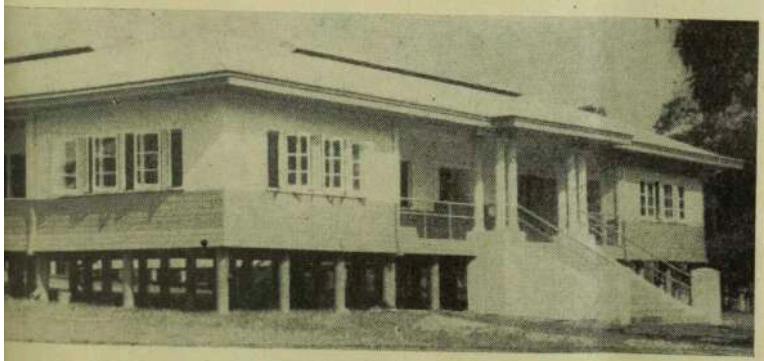
He joined the Department in 1935 after graduating from Victoria University College as a Bachelor of Laws and working with a law firm for three years.

He has been engaged for the last three years in a revision of Williams' Maori dictionary and since his early youth has been a keen student of Polynesian affairs of which he is a recognised authority.

He married in 1941 and there are three sons of the marriage.

(Mr. Larsen was murdered on Niue Is. on August 16).

## Spacious New Building for Administrator and Staff



**Standing in the grounds of the Administration Centre at Konedobu, Port Moresby, his attractive new building, now nearing completion, where the Administrator of ia and New Guinea, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, the Government Secretary, Mr. onergan, and the Official Secretary, Mr. Frank Hughes, will shortly be installed. n an Assistant Administrator is appointed he, too, will have his office there. Cost he building is "top secret".**

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

## BANABANS IN FIJI

THE little Banaban community transplanted after the war from Ocean Is. to Rabi Island, in Fiji, has 60 Girl Guides, as well as an energetic Boy Scout unit. All of them hope to get to Suva for the Queen's visit on December 17-18. The island had a general celebration for the recent visit of the Guide Commissioner (Mrs. J. M. Jardine), who has reported: "The Banaban Guides are keen and quick to learn, and it is a pleasure to work with them." The Banaban Island Council and other officials at Rabi are strong supporters of the Scout and Guide movements.

¶ M. Roger Carour, Managing Director of Messageries Maritimes, the French shipping line, was in Australia on business in October. He was on his way home to France after a visit to Tahiti, New Hebrides, and New Caledonia.

# Australia's Dead in New Guinea

## Some Aspects of G-G's Visit to War Cemeteries

THE ceremonies of unveiling the Crosses of Sacrifice in the three great war cemeteries of Papua-New Guinea (Port Moresby, Lae and Rabaul), which were carried out in late October by the Governor-General of Australia (Sir William Slim), were notable for three things:

• It was a triumph of organisation by Brigadier D. M. Cleland and the high officials of his Administration. Nearly 50 officials and their women folk, and 23 next-of-kin of servicemen buried in PNG, had to be accommodated and moved rapidly from place to place — Port Moresby ceremony on October 19: Lae on October 21; and Rabaul on 23rd — but everything appears to have run smoothly and according to schedule.

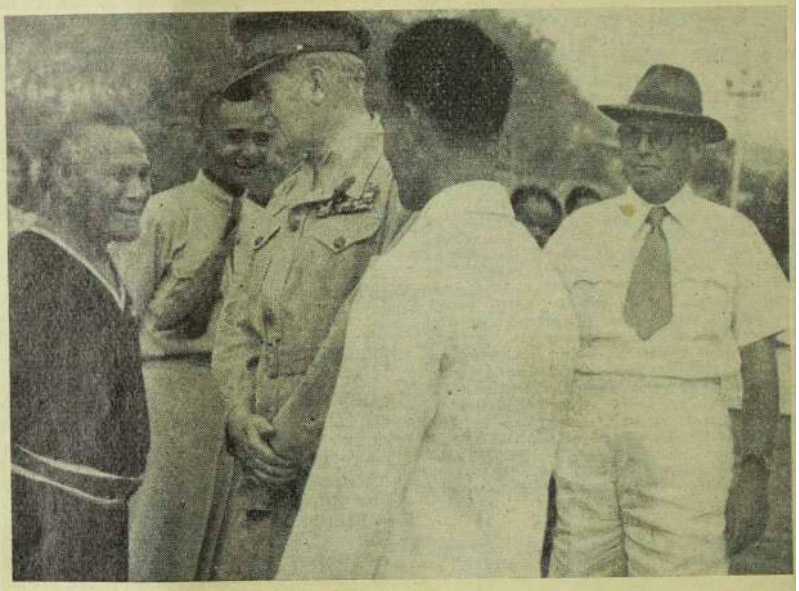
• Although an appalling programme of engagements was thrown upon Australia's new Governor-General, he carried the heavy strain without a tremor. On the days between the cemetery ceremonies he met hundreds of Europeans and Chinese, and thousands of natives and attended countless functions; but everywhere he gave an impression of great sincerity and urbanity, and every one of his three main speeches was distinguished by a high level of thought, a pointed application of the lessons of sacrifice presented by the war cemetery, and high literary quality.

• Despite the hurry and official anxiety involved in bringing all these widely-scattered events within the compass of one week, the proceedings were notable for smoothness of official performance, and great goodwill on the part of the three communities concerned.

SUCH good work by the Administration tended to remove the first bad impression given by Canberra's bungling, when it proposed to send a large party of Top Brass, and its attendant women-folk, at the public's expense, to witness the Governor-General perform these ceremonies, while the party was to include less than a baker's dozen of soldiers' next-of-kin.

The caustic comments of public and Press sent Canberra into a wild scramble for more next-of-kin; but the eventual total of 23, carried as the country's guests to the wa cemeteries, looked poor and thin i comparison with the 45 or mor Ministers, High Commissioners, Par liamentarians and other decorativ folk who went along to enjoy th ride and observe the scenery.

It is not a happy chapter in th story of Australia's Administratio of these Territories. The unveilin ceremonies and the general invita tion to next-of-kin to visit Papua New Guinea, should have take place years ago. After all it is eigh



**At Top: His Excellency, the Governor General, Field Marshal Sir William Slim, chats with Sgt. Gabua-Gairo (Interpreter at Supreme Court for many years), while the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, and Willie Gavera (Chairman of Hanuabada Village Council) look on. Monday afternoon, October 19, during the dancing on Ela Beach.**

**Lower Left: Well-known Territorian, Mrs. Eileen Webster (daughter late Mr. Tom Byrnes, Chief Collector of Customs) places a wreath on the Cross of Sacrifice on behalf of the Port Moresby Comforts Fund.**

**With the Administrator and Mrs. Cleland, the Governor-General meets Bishop P. N. W. Strong of the Anglican Church, Papua, at the reception at Government House, on the night of October 19.**

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ears since the war ended and a ong time since the war cemeteries ere finally established.

AT Bomana cemetery, 13 miles from Port Moresby, there are the graves of 3,911 Australians nd 409 United Kingdom, New ealand and native men who served.

"Let Australia never forget that was up in those mountains, only 5 miles from this spot, that Australia's fighting men first broke the pell of Japan's invincibility on and" was one of the Governor-eneral's striking phrases in the peech he made here.

Another memorable phrase: "It is ot how many years a man lives hat matters, but what he does in he years that are granted to him."

In the Lae Cemetery, where the eremony took place on October 21, here are buried 2,285 identified ustralians, a small number of New ealanders and British, 348 unnown Australians and 431 unnown Indians.

At the Bita Paka Cemetery, near abaul, there are interred the bodies 28 Australians who died in New uinea in World War I; and, result World War II, 1,300 unidentified nd 440 identified Australians, 621 ndians, 35 Fijians and 20 New uinea servicemen.

The Governor-General, in another riking speech here, quoted the ant Greek saying: "Only those derve freedom who are prepared to fend it."

Some of the old Territorians who ppreciated His Excellency's strikg phrases, but who could not fort some of the terrible things that ppened in that area in 1942, said: He is saying, now, all the right ings here, where High Officialm did all the wrong things a zen years ago."

HE references to the Indians buried in these cemeteries may puzzle some people. They were stly members of the old Indian my who were captured in other eatres of war, and brought as capes by the Japs to New Guinea, here they were cruelly treated and here large numbers died. Wherer possible their bodies were thered together after the war, and ried in the Australian war cemeies. The Governor-General, in a erence to them, praised their fine dierly qualities.

In his speeches the Governoreneral made acknowledgment of e magnificent help given by the nericans in preserving Australia ainst Japanese invasion, and reinded us that this factor will be ted in a memorial to be unveiled the Queen of England soon at nberra.

Australian Territories Minister sluck was prominent in all cerenies and made some notable eeches. He emphasised that "our st-war foundations are built on r wartime sacrifices."

ONE of the outstanding events of the week was the native welcome given to the Governor-General at Butibum village, near Lae. Thousands of natives from all over the district gathered in special costumes to present their dances; and Sir William Slim appeared intensely interested in all these manifestations of a disappearing culture.

When speaking to the natives here, and elsewhere, the Governor-General laid great emphasis on the need for more village schools and more education for the natives. He probably did not miss the significance of the fact that practically all his speeches to the natives, delivered in English, were promptly rendered into Pidgin by the competent men of District Services.

Owing to problems of accommodation and transport, the whole 70 of the official party did not make the round-trip to Lae and Rabaul. About half the party had to be accommodated in private homes in Port Moresby during the first two days of the visit. Officialdom, however, treated the next-of-kin with much consideration — a special plane flew them over parts of the Owen Stanley ranges and the Morobe area, so that they could see the terrifying mountain and jungle trails and coastal swamps where their sons had fought and died.

It was noted that, whenever His Excellency addressed the natives, he "plugged" the Village Councils. "You cannot build well if you build too fast," he declared in a speech at Rabaul. "You should join the Village Councils and gain experience in local government." And Tuvi (of Raluana fame) who was standing respectfully at attention (says a correspondent) listened without a sign.

The Governor-General proved to be a good mixer, but had little small-talk. He preferred to listen and observe, while others talked. But he jolted some of the talkers at the RSL function. The subject was cocoa-planting, in which the Rabaul area now is deeply interested. His Excellency remarked that some of the locals had planted their cocoa too shallow. How did he know, they asked. By the colour of the leaves, replied H.E. Obviously, he has been in a cocoa-growing country at some time.

## GREAT EARTHQUAKE : NO DAMAGE

An earthquake which the officer in charge of Sydney's Riverview Observatory said "shook the world like a jelly" occurred in the afternoon of Wednesday, November 3. It was reported from many places around the world, and located as 1,700 miles north-east of Sydney—somewhere between the Solomons and New Hebrides, in the vicinity of the Loyalty Islands.

# SAMOA TO REMAIN 'DRY'

## Special Visitors May Drink

A LENGTHY debate on proposals for the future control of liquor in Western Samoa, made by a recent NZ Commission, ended in Apia in mid-October. The Legislative Assembly finally approved an amendment, by 12 votes to 7, that the proposed Liquor Board be permitted to grant special liquor allocations, at its discretion.

In introducing the amendment—it had earlier been decided by a majority of members that no liquor would be made available to visitors or for special occasions—the Hon. G. F. D. Betham asked only that such liquor be made available to local residents for special occasions and to "distinguished visitors like the UNO Mission, Dr. Beeby and others."

The final recommendations to NZ are, in summary:

(i) The establishment of a Liquor Authority of 4 Samoans (Commission recommended 2), 1 European, and 1 part-European, presided over by a Chairman with a legal background and outside local politics if possible.

(ii) Legislation to give the Authority powers to grant and control permits.

(iii) Court control of permits under certain circumstances.

(iv) Government to retain control of import and sale of liquor.

(v) No transfer of permits except to a club, for the permit-holder's own use at the club.

(vi) No permits to hotels or clubs for the use of visitors. (This had been recommended by the Commission but was rejected by a majority).

(vii) The Board to have power to grant special permits at its discretion. (The debate made it clear that, in practice, this power is not likely to be freely exercised).

The outlook for other than "distinguished visitors, UNO officials, and Dr. Beeby," therefore looks particularly dry, and hopes of a larger tourist trade of the dollar type for Western Samoa can be written off. There may be sufficient non-drinkers to build up a special tourist traffic—but so far they have not been sighted south of the Mason-Dixon Line.

The Education Department of Eastern Samoa recently took over the local, low-powered radio broadcasting station WVUV at Pago Pago and will soon use it for educational broadcasts. About 200 English, Bush radio receivers are on order for issue to schools and villages. WVUV has not had much use since the Navy's departure. It has a power of only 50 watts and is barely audible at Apia, W. Samoa.

# No Penal Sanctions, Says Minister

## But Native Labour Desertions Go On

SHORTLY before he left Port Moresby on October 25 to return to Australia, Minister for Territories Hasluck said that all matters relating to the P-NG Native Labour Ordinance were being closely examined and that during the examination there would be further opportunity for all interests in the Territory to make their views known. But in order that there should be no misunderstanding, he could state definitely that re-introduction of penal sanctions was contrary to government policy.

Last May, when some minor amendments were made to the frequently amended Native Labour Ordinance, the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, said that by the end of May, the Director of District Services would submit to the Minister a review of the whole basis of the Ordinance and policy in regard to native labour generally. The review and Ministerial recommendations would then be further considered by the Administration.

Apparently (as the Minister said in Moresby) the whole Ordinance is still being "closely examined"—somewhere along the rosy red-tape way between Moresby Departments and Canberra.

Of interest to Territorians—particularly those on the New Guinea side—will be the Minister's references to penal sanctions.

These so-called penal clauses were dropped from the NL Ordinance some years ago in order to soothe the tender feelings of socialists who believe that all indentured labour is slave labour, and to placate the equally tender susceptibilities of members of the UN Trusteeship Council.

Before the war, when a New Guinea native ran away from his employment or otherwise broke his indentured labour agreement, he was proceeded against in the Courts and usually compelled to return to his employer. Since the removal of penal sanctions from the Ordinance, a native labourer, even although he still works under an agreement to remain with a specific employer for 18 months or 2 years, as the case may be, can desert and there is very little the employer can do about it.

Mr. Don Barrett, Member for the New Guinea Islands in the P-NG Legislative Council, who has spent a great deal of time and energy on the problem of labour desertions, estimated that in 1952 there were 600 desertions from New Britain alone. Although a native cannot be proceeded against for desertion, as such, theoretically it is possible for employers to take civil action against a native for the recovery of moneys to which they hold he is not entitled. In practice, civil action proves completely abortive. The deserting native rarely has recoverable money of that sort, and the only recorded proceeding of the kind was an attempt by New Britain planters to bring some of these deserting natives to book by charging them with not working the number of hours prescribed in the Ordinance.

A verdict for the employers was obtained in a lower court, whereupon the District Services appealed against the verdict and had the decision reversed—thereby completely nullifying what the employers had set out to do.

Residents of the Territory will therefore be interested to see what solution to the problem—other than the reintroduction of penal clauses—the revised version of the Native Labour Ordinance has to offer.

As things stand, the employers go to the expense of recruiting labour, paying expensive air-fares, equipping them, providing for the necessary guarantees demanded by the District Services Department, and take the chance as to whether the labour will remain or not.

# Britishers Sustain Their Interest in Queen of Tonga

ALTHOUGH public interest in any celebrity is notoriously fickle this has not been so in the case of Queen Salote's popularity with the people of Britain.

Latest manifestation of the great impression the Queen of the little Kingdom of Tonga made in the UK where she was an official guest during the Coronation, is the request to name a British aircraft after her.

Queen Salote has given her permission for the aircraft — a new machine manufactured by F. G. Miles Ltd. — to be called "Salote Queen of Tonga." She said: "I am my people are honoured . . . and I am happy to give my consent May God always watch over her and her crew, and may she serve to strengthen the increasing bond of friendship and respect between our two countries."

Since Queen Salote returned from the Coronation in August there have been repeated inquiries made in Sydney from UK newspapers for the latest information about her movements and intentions.

Even more recently the representative of a London and Sydney publisher has been in that city collecting material for a book about Salote and her Tongan Islands. It is expected that the book will be published in London and on sale early in the New Year.

The Salote Legend apparently began on Coronation Day when London produced some of its most unpleasant weather. Tonga's Queen insisted on driving through the streets with the hood of her carriage down. This delighted the soaked crowd which had stood for hours in pouring rain and was then cheated by the wet from seeing most of the celebrities who retired into the dryness of hooded carriages

**Trophies won during the year were formally presented at a Ball held by the Port Vila (New Hebrides) Tennis Club on October 24. This group photograph shows the winners of the championships, and the two Resident Commissioners, who made the presentations. Left to right:— The British Resident Commissioner (Mr. H. J. M. Flaxman), Dr. Merle (president of Vila Tennis Club), Mrs. Holder, Miss Y. Reid, Mr. Russet, Mrs. Thoroughgood, Mr. Lodwick, Mrs. Jamieson, French Resident Commissioner, Mr. P. Anthon[y], Mrs. Jones, Mr. Catteau, Mr. Holder, Bairstow, Mr. Richards.**

# THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

## Stewart's Handbook

Does anyone want a copy of *Stewart's Handbook of the Pacific Islands*, 1918 edition—a compilation which now is comparatively rare and considerably in demand. If so, the Rev. A. H. Voyce, well-known Methodist Missionary at Kihili, Buin, Bougainville, Territory of New Guinea, has a copy in practically perfect condition which he is prepared to dispose of.

*Stewart's Handbook*, for many years, was the only compilation of the kind in existence, but it ceased publication in 1921. Its well-known editor, Mr. P. S. Allen, who was for many years a member of the editorial staff of the *Sydney Morning Herald*, now lives in retirement at North Sydney.

## Two Reds in Fiji

A marked parallel between conditions which have led to such drastic action in British Guiana, and those in Fiji, is found by a correspondent, "Old European Resident," who lived many years in Suva. He points out that the largest community in both colonies comprises Indians brought in to work the sugar industry and that both have developed anti-British tendencies. He refers in biting terms to the recent behaviour of Indian town councillors in Suva, and to Delhi's maintenance in Fiji of a Special Commissioner for the Indians; and he urges that every Indian in Fiji be compelled to learn by heart the terms of the Deed of Cession made between Great Britain and the Fijians.

"We would remind our correspondent, however, that there is in Fiji no sign of the dangerous Mus-vite Communism which in recent years has penetrated the Central American countries in such large measure; and that, to an increasing degree, the British authorities are showing confidence that the new generations of educated Fijians and educated Fiji-born Indians, will together find a suitable solution of the Indian problem in Fiji.

"It is worth noting, however, that the Fiji Indian weekly, *Pacific Review*, was quickly in action with a vehement defence of the pro-Communist set-up of Cheddi Jagan in Guiana. The Fijian language weekly *Volagauna*, on the other hand, produced an equally vehement denunciation of Jagan, with a diplomatically-worded but unmistakable warning that, if there are signs of anything of the sort in Fiji, the Indians will be stirred to take a fully active hand in politics.

## The Japanese

"From a man who once lived in the Far East.

"I notice that the head of your returned soldiers is raising an outcry against the development of new and friendly relations with Japan. He is bitter because, when the war criminals were shipped home from Manus the other day, we accorded them military honours. Cannot he understand that we now must believe that the Japanese will align themselves with the West, as our friends?"

Well, maybe. But we of the PIM somehow cannot forget the Islands people we know who were murdered by Japs between 1942 and 1945. Nor can we forget the lines written by Ogden Nash, before World War II:—

*How courteous is the Japanese:*
*He always says, 'Excuse it, please'.*
*He climbs into his neighbour's garden,*
*And smiles, and says, 'I beg your pardon'.*
*He bows and grins a friendly grin,*
*And calls his hungry family in;*
*He grins, and bows a friendly bow:*
*'So sorry, this my garden now'.*

## Atom Bombs?

While Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa had too much sunshine in an exceptionally dry spell through August, September and part of October (Fiji reports a real drought) the Lower Cook Islands were experiencing the opposite in weather.

"Absolutely foul—cold, wet and tempestuous without a break for two months," writes Meteorologist Gordon Russell, who was in Fiji for some years before going to Rarotonga. He adds that he has never before known such a spell of weather in the tropics.

From the other side of the Pacific, residents of Madang, New Guinea, report the driest spell in memory. Domestic water-tanks (and there is no town supply) have dried up and most of the trucks in the town have been diverted to carrying water from the Gum River. They have had only two showers in the last four months.

Australia, too, is experiencing freak weather. Droughts in the north, and an unusually cold spring further south. During the night, following the recent atomic explosion at Woomera, most of NSW was lashed by violent electrical storms, with hail and fire-balls and all the trimmings. It was inevitable that "them atom bombs" should collect most of the blame. Scientists sneer at the idea and say that the sun continuously gives off thousands of times more heat than any atom bomb likely to be devised by man.

Nonetheless, there are scores of people who believe that we have had more freakish weather since science learned to split the atom.

## A Crack—But not Sinister

A valued correspondent in Suva informs us, mildly, that the report that the Carpenter building there was cloven in two by the earthquake was, like Mark Twain's death, slightly exaggerated.

Actually, there are two buildings — one on piles, and one built later on a floating foundation, so it could subside independently, if it wanted to. It subsided about 3 inches; and then, about 20 years ago, it came to a permanent roost — whereupon the crack between the two was plastered over. The quake shook the plaster out, and made the crack look interesting; but, actually, neither building was damaged or disturbed by the September visitation.

## Word of Old-Timer

Writing cheerily from Kampar, Perak, Malaya, New Guinea old-timer E. C. Monk claims that the kai-kai story we printed a few months ago, and which does the rounds occasionally, was first heard in "Ethel's bar," at Ushers Hotel, Sydney, famous for many years as the unofficial club of men from New Guinea.

"Ethel was a real good sport," writes Mr. Monk. "She had a little bar on her own, and was held in high regard by New Guinea-ites who congregated there. Many of our chaps who went broke in Sydney were helped financially by her to the extent of £20 and, as far as I know, only one fellow ever failed to repay her."

Mr. Monk was on the Morobe goldfields for several years. Then he leased Ah Chee's hotel in Rabaul, and re-named it the Cosmopolitan; and later he was the licencee of the Rabaul Hotel. He wants to know what has become of various old identities—naming especially Yorkie Booth, Frank Pryke, Bill Cash, Jackson Banks, Eric Wynne. He sends kind regards to all old friends.

Since leaving Rabaul in 1939 he has worked as an engineer in Nigeria, Gold Coast Colony, and Malaya and has done a little world wandering as well.

## At A TB Hospital

Sharp criticism of conditions at the Tuberculosis hospital at Tamavua, Fiji, is contained in a letter from an Auckland resident who recently visited the Colony.

"Perhaps it would have been better for my peace of mind had I kept to the track of the average tourist," she writes. ". . . The hospital is well situated and the wards well kept; but the cooking facilities, especially for the medical students, were extremely primitive. The washing of dishes was being carried out on the stone floor—there appears to be insufficient room for benches. They were using *cold* water to




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inary thing that such conditions should obtain, while money was found for the impressive new Medical School building, directly opposite, which is to be opened soon by the Queen."

This is not the first occasion upon which we have received this kind of criticism of this institution.

## Whence Came They?

S.H.C., writing from Brisbane, in October, about the "Cedrela Odorata" (Sep. PIM, page 36) declares "there is nothing new under the sun."

"You state," he writes, "that this beautiful and valuable tree should be quite suitable for the SP Territories. The climate of Kikori, WD, Papua, certainly suits it. When I sailed from there in 1942 we had a line of them along the river bank, and they were then about the size of those in your picture, and doing well. I am quite certain they were C. Odorata, and I surmise that Chas. McKinnon, sawmiller, of Port Romilly, had something to do with the supplying of the seeds or seedlings. In this, however, I may be wrong.

"It would be interesting to know how these trees are to-day. Perhaps the present DC of the Delta Division would oblige with a photo of the largest one."

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## DEBATE ABOUT THE PRODUCTIVITY OF PAPUA-N. GUINEA

"CAN the Territory of Papua and New Guinea supply all Australia's tropical needs" was the title of an interesting and unusual "Forum of the Air" debate, through the Australian Broadcasting Commission's network, on October 28. The debate actually was recorded in Port Moresby some time previously.

The affirmative was taken by Messrs. J. L. Foldi (Acting Director of District Services) and Mr. Frank Henderson (who is in charge of the Department of Agriculture, in the absence of Mr. R. E. P. Dwyer). Mr. E. A. James, well known Port Moresby businessman, and Mr. C. J. Sefton, rubber planter, took the negative.

The question was not well phrased. Undoubtedly, under certain conditions, P-NG can supply Australia's tropical needs. So the debate, instead of being a direct affirmative and negative, developed rather into an argument as to whether the necessary conditions are in sight, or ever likely to be in sight. This, of course, brought up immediately the paramount questions of whether there are available the necessary lands, labour, and capital.

The two departmental heads made out a very good case for their respective affirmatives. They were able to emphasise the tremendous productive potentialities of the two territories. But, in the opinion of all those who know the Territories, the arguments of Messrs James and Sefton appeared unanswerable—there is no possibility of any great increase in the productivity of Papua-New Guinea (such as would be necessary if those Territories were to supply Australia's tropical needs) unless there is a huge increase in the land and labour accessible to European enterprise, and such an alteration in conditions that new capital will be encouraged to go in and do the job.

The outstanding debater was Mr James. He spoke clearly and with assurance, and he marshalled his facts most convincingly—in fact, he disclosed a first-class radio personality.

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The headquarters company of the Papua-New Guinea Volunteer Rifles held four-day field exercises at Taurana, Fort Moresby, during October. Highlights of the exercise were a dawn attack and a night fighting patrol in which smoke grenades, flares and booby-traps played an active part. Three-inch mortars firing smoke bombs gave noisy realism to the attack. It is expected that a platoon of the PNGVR will be established at Samarai shortly.

## BSI Tax Challenge Appeal Dropped

THE appellant in the case R. C. Symes Pty. Ltd. v. the Attorney-General of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate has discontinued his appeal.

The appeal was against the judgment of the Judicial Commissioner, delivered in Honiara in May this year, that the Income Tax Regulation was valid.

The appeal was to have been heard before the Supreme Court, Fiji, on October 15.

Last year, acting on the advice of one of Australia's leading constitutional lawyers, some persons in the British Solomon Islands refused to pay their income taxation, and later, through Mr. R. C. Symes, challenged the legality of the regulations under which the Administration of the BSIP imposes taxation on incomes.

The challenge hinged on the powers conferred on the Western Pacific High Commission by the Pacific Order-in-Council, 1893, which gave power to the HC in five directions, namely: — Control of prisons; control of immigration; power to compel the lodgment of returns of imports and exports; observance of treaties; power to legislate for peace, order and good government.

The question appeared to be how far could the fifth power be interpreted as giving the right to tax.

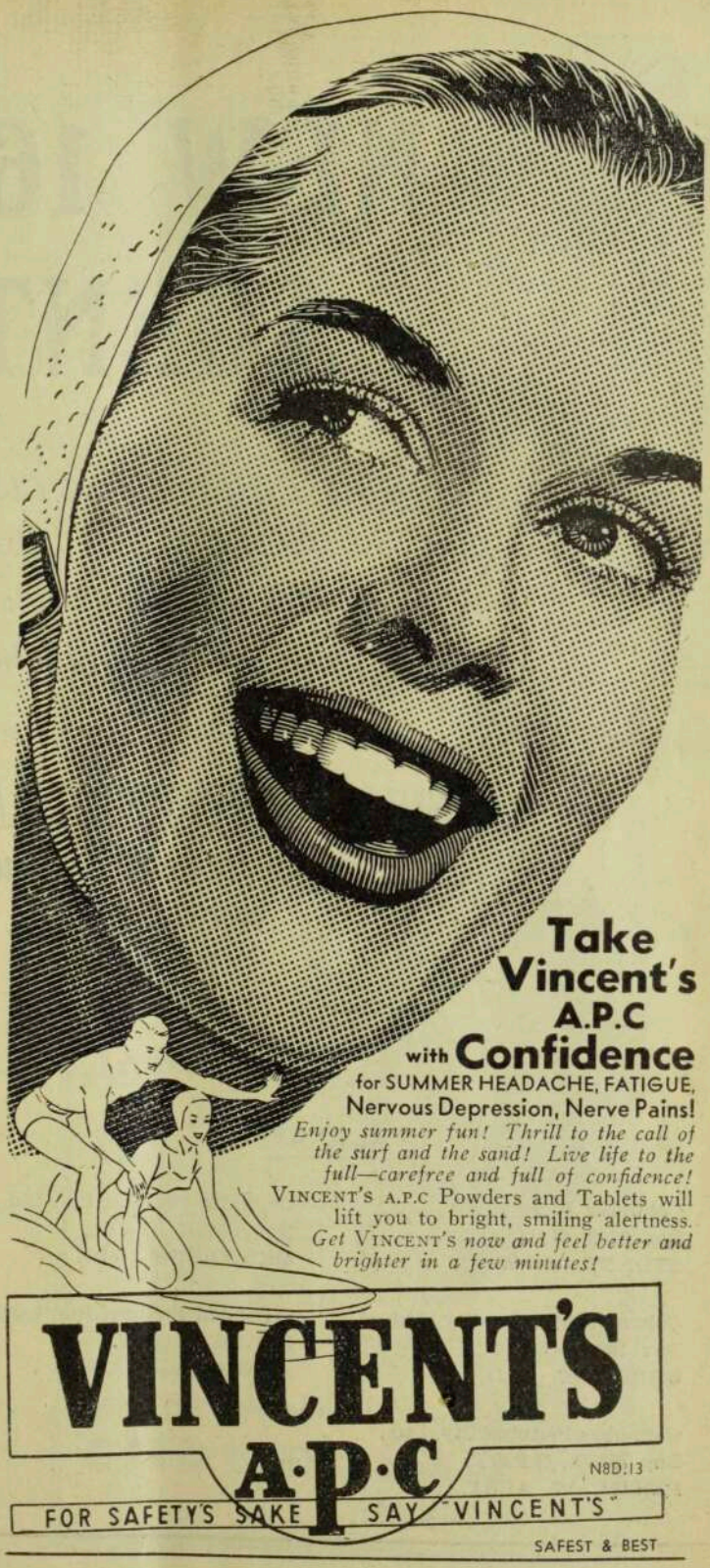
The case was heard before Judicial Commissioner W. T. Charles, in Honiara, in April. His reserved decision, delivered on May 11, was to the effect that income taxation was valid within the legislative power conferred by the Order-in-Council of 1893.

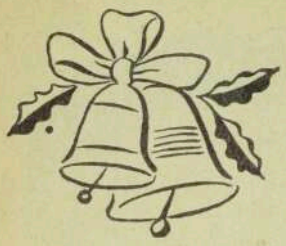
Mr. C. L. D. Meares, QC, of Sydney, instructed by Mr. P. F. Galvin, flew to Honiara to represent the appellant.

## Noumea Would Like to Trade with NZ

WHEN Mr. F. L. A. Gotz and Mr. E. T. Tirikatene, New Zealand MP's who attended the centenary celebrations in Noumea in September, returned to Auckland they reported that Noumea businessmen were keen to do business with New Zealand.

The obstacle to such trade has always been, and still is, the absence of back-cargoes from New Caledonia. Timber is the only export that New Caledonia could offer New Zealand, and it would appear that this is not offering or that the freight rates involved are too high. A small vessel could probably obtain a monthly full cargo from New Zealand for Noumea, but the amount of timber that she could load would probably not make the outing voyage payable.





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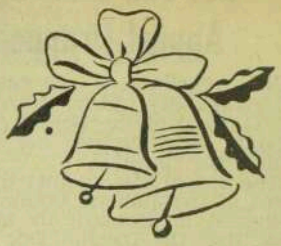

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# TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

THERE should have been plenty of B4 folk around Rabaul to have given information to the correspondent (PIM, Oct. p. 13) regarding the grave of Phoebe Horgren, located between the house and beach at Dawaun, on the old Kokopo road.

Phoebe was the youngest daughter of Mary Ann Horgren, and died rather suddenly while her mother was on a trip to Bougainville, visiting another daughter, Mrs. Doellinger, the wife of the German DO at Kieta. Mrs. Horgren was a sister of Queen Emma, and died shortly after her daughter's death —it is said of a broken heart at the loss of Phoebe. As far as I can remember the mother was buried beside Phoebe, and there should be traces of the headstone, unless bombs from the last war have obliterated it.

Phoebe was an Islands beauty and a well-known and popular belle of Rabaul in her time.

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Many a God's Acre is dotted here and there throughout NG and a particularly historical one is at Kuradui—the old Parkinson home, not so far from Queen Emma's old headquarters at Ralum. It is on the quiet hillside cemetery at Kuradui that the ashes of Queen Emma were laid. Whether the remains of Mrs. Parkinson, who died in the Namatanai district during the Jap invasion, were eventually placed beside those of her family at Kuradui I know not. She would have liked it so.

The most imposing individual memorial I remember seeing in the Territory was one at Bogadjim, south of Madang, to a German naval officer and explorer. I forget his name. And the most isolated collection of graves was on Tasman Islands; that lonely atoll group away east of Bougainville, where for some years Death stalked with alarming regularity.

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Headstones and cemeteries make a gruesome topic; nevertheless, they hold great historical interest and value, and their locations should be clearly recorded for future references and will make a useful task for the proposed historical society at Moresby.

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NZ correspondent enquiring for data on Pacific shell money (PIM, Oct. p. 95) should consult any of the works of anthropologists like Malinowski, Thurnwald, Hogbin or Raymond Firth to name but a few. He refers to the word "itambu" as having possible connection with the Fiji "tambua." I think it has, but only in the general sense of something being sacred or precious.

The small shell money used in New Britain Blanche Bay area is called "diwara" and the shells are —or used to be—obtained from the Talasea district. All native money requires effort to obtain hence, naturally, its value: the white cowrie shells so highly valued by the inland natives of the NG mainland, and the gold-lip half-moons. In Buka, the old native money consisted of flying-fox teeth strung on fathom lengths of fibrous rope—and that would take some collecting in the bow and arrow days!

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New Britain's first missionary, Dr. George Brown, brought Fijian teachers with him and they were responsible for introducing words into the Blanche Bay dialect when that vocabulary was found to be inadequate of expressing needs of advancing civilisation. "Lotu" (the Christian religion) was one; the Bible became "A Buk Tabu" (pronounced tambu because "b" has the qualities of "mb") and Holy Ghost "Tulugien Tabu." I have an idea that "Talatala," or Protestant missionary, also comes from Fiji.

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A reader from New Ireland asks: "In your opinion, who is the surviving European in NG with the longest territorial residence, not including missionaries?" This is a bit of a poser, as I am not sure whether some of the older residents are still up in the Territory, or have retired to other lands. Until more or less recently I would say that "Karkar" Schmidt was, but now he is living near Gosford, in NSW. There is Dr. Kroenig still down at Toboroi, near Kieta. And there is Rudie Diercke, who was born in the Territory before War I, but spent some time in Germany during his youth. His father was the owner of Tinputz in Bougainville; his mother a niece of Queen Emma.

Possible qualifiers could be H. L. Schultze (lately come to Australia permanently), and Paul Parkinson. Any other nominations for the Long Residence Stakes?

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I see where the Rabaul TAC has been discussing the need for a town water supply—once more. In B4 days that was a subject receiving attention at periodic intervals and sources such as the Keravat and Warangoi were often mentioned. But that was all.

During the War when Jap forces in Rabaul numbered anything from 50,000 to 80,000, the problem was solved in short time by wells sunk all over the town, and the Botanic Gardens reservoir being put

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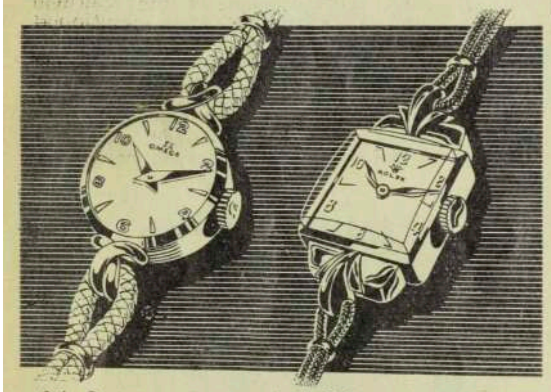

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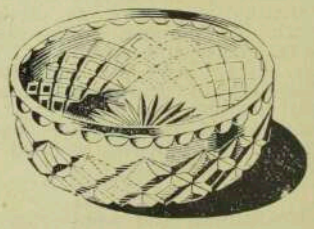

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to good use. In war-time, of course, one is not so fussy, but I don't remember hearing of the Nips suffering from any outbreak of disease as a result of bad water. Anyway, it's only used to wash and cook with. Unless, of course, tastes have changed since pre-war days.

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Gone are the days in Rabaul of the good old "kick cross," which often acted as a timely safety valve amongst the vari-tribal native labourers when they couldn't see eye to eye over some domestic or social question.

The Rabaul Soccer Assn. has now trained Rabaul natives to play soccer without bloodshed, according to *SP Post* report. No mention is made of an alternative method of settling tribal differences. Perhaps it means more work for the local courts, a greater expenditure of prison rations and even then the grievance still remains between the principals. It's no good forcing primitive emotions to go underground.

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Perhaps someone might start a boxing ring as a means to supplying a new safety valve. This was the method used for settling such arguments amongst the natives employed in the Engineers' section of the Military druing War 1 in Rabaul, much to the disgust of local non-military residents. It was introduced by a farrier, named Lyons. He had a flair for organising. He is now known to the world as Don Athaldo, the strong man!

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In reading through statements appearing in both the PNG and Australian press one cannot but notice that the thought uppermost in the minds of politicians is the defensive value of PNG to Australia. "Our Northern bastion." It is all a reaction to global jitters and one wonders how much consideration PNG would receive if there were no threat from the "have-nots" or Reds from our Near North.

On the other hand, officialdom in PNG appears to be obsessed with the one idea of putting on a good show for the hyper-critical members of UNO, an attitude well described not so long ago by N. H. White to the Wau-Bulolo TAC when he referred to the "decadent policy of appeasement for the satisfaction of the UN General Assembly."

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Some such expressions of opinion were voiced recently in an ABC Forum of the Air broadcast from Moresby (October 28) when the question, "Can we produce all Australian Tropical Needs?" was discussed by Messrs. Henderson and Foley (for the affirmative) and James and Sefton (for the negative). Each speaker rode his own particular hobby horse, which rather clouded the main issue and made listeners realise, more than ever, that unity of purpose and co-operation are the principal attributes for the successful development of PNG..

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Australia has been granted a "waiver" by the International set-up GATT (General Agreement on Trade and Tariffs) which, it is stated, "allows Australia to help the economic development of PNG" by admitting primary products duty-free or to reduce tariffs. It will be interesting to see what benefits, if any, PNG derives from this "waiver," especially the old TNG as compared with pre-war tariffs. I never heard any complaints of the old tariff which placed all member countries of the League of Nations on the one footing insofar as tariffs were concerned, and enabled many European goods to be landed in TNG far cheaper than in Australia.

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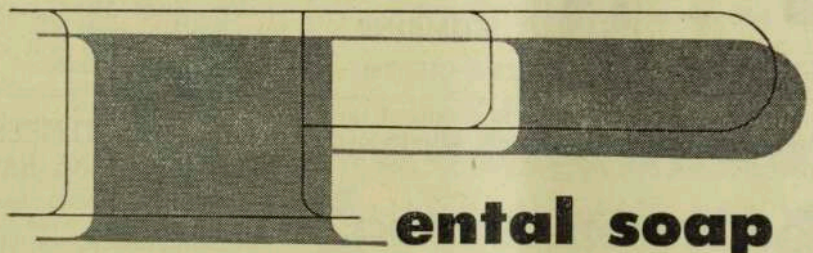
High Commissioner for Pakistan, Habibur Rahman, who attended the unveiling ceremony recently in PNG, hit the nail on the head when he returned to Sydney, by saying that education would give the natives a higher aim in life. He added: "They don't work to their full capacity because their needs are simple. They have no worries and plenty of food and sunshine."

I am inclined to ask: "Why force them to a 'higher aim in life' which only complicates their needs, brings economic confusion, immeasurable worry and atomic tension which is exactly where our

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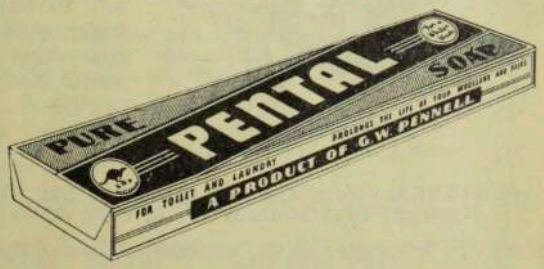


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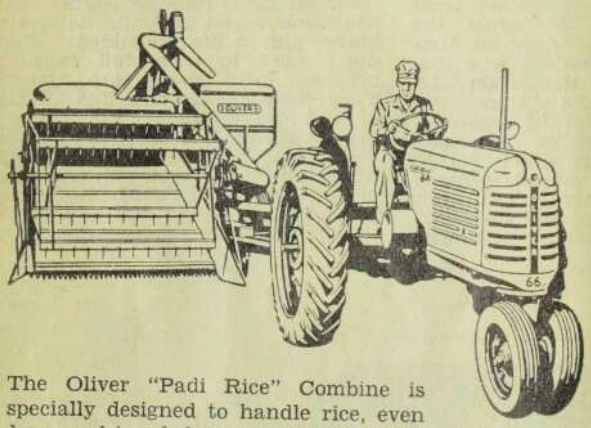

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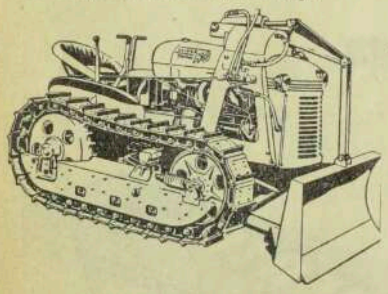

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own western civilisation has landed us all to-day?"

I have an idea that the Carpenter from Nazareth plugged for simplicity as one of the keystones when He laid the foundation for the Christian Religion. But simplicity now, 1953 years after His birth, is considered a near-crime. Surely it is as much a Human Right to be simple as it is to be educated.

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Latest PMG trade figures give cause for thought. Papuan imports exceeded exports by £2.57 million, while New Guinea exports exceeded imports by £1.31 million. Little wonder NG producers are not too happy with the merger of the two territories.

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I see where a Works Department employee complains of having to get a clearance from certain Administration Depts. in Rabaul before obtaining his permit to leave the country. This has been the custom for many years and the reason is simple: To prevent people slipping away without paying their telephone bill, rent and such-like and ensuring that native-labour matters have been properly finalised. It is an old NG custom and, providing the departing person is not trying to make a flit and avoid his creditors, there is no reason to complain.

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Latest reversal of economic form in the sale of PNG beer in Brisbane at 4/- a bottle, and more stocks anticipated to be available in Sydney and Melbourne before Christmas. What next?

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Applicants for the Civilian Internees' Trust Fund grant should take heart at long last. Latest tip is that payments will commence this month—November.

## TAKING THE TEMPERATURE OF TRAVELLING BANANAS

A NEW ZEALAND scientist on the staff of the industrial laboratories of the DSIR recently had the interesting task of nursing a consignment of bananas on an all-night train trip from Auckland to Palmerston North.

Temperatures were taken at regular intervals to see whether the patients were becoming too cold as the train climbed through the high country in the central part of the island.

Cause of the investigation was a theory that bananas are suffering in quality on the rail trip south from Auckland through being permitted to get too cold.

The finding was contrary to the theory. But some shipments of bananas are still arriving inland in poor condition.

¶ Pastor Ken Gray and family, SDA Missionaries in Papua, were on furlough in Australia in October.




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# TWO MARINE DISASTERS— TONGA AND FIJI

TWO marine disasters are reported—one in Tonga and one in Fiji.

Nukualofa reported in mid-October that an unnamed cutter, bound from Lifuka to Kao (30 miles to the westward) foundered with the presumed loss of seven lives, on October 2. One person aboard was a Fijian. Two Tongan survivors landed on Kao.

From Suva came news of the loss of the 35-foot auxiliary cutter *Nora*, when bound from Ngau Island to Suva, on October 21. Though normally licensed to carry 19 persons all told, the 32-year-old *Nora* had 39 aboard at the time. She was struck by a squall and capsized.

Twenty-six persons reached Moturiki on rafts; eight men and one woman were lost; and five others, including the captain, were saved, following an extensive air and sea search. They were picked up, almost exhausted, clinging to the upturned hull, 23 hours after the accident. They told of sharks circling the derelict, waiting for the men to drop off, one by one.

*Nora* is listed as belonging to Mr. J. Eastgate, of Levuka. She had a Fijian master.

# New Guinea—Anglers' Mecca of the Future?

IN years to come, New Zealand may have a rival as the trout-fisherman's paradise of the Pacific. Trout released in the Highlands and in rivers in the Morobe district of New Guinea are reported to be doing very well and if they continue to progress as at present, will be a matter of excitement to anglers everywhere—as well as to the local natives.

Between ten and 20 thousand baby trout were released in a stream near the Nondugl Experimental Station in December, 1949—they had been flown from Sydney in a specially equipped plane at the instructions of Sir Edward Hallstrom and released at Nondugl 24 hours after leaving Sydney. Nothing has been heard of these fish lately—although they were supposed to have been *tabu* to the natives for at least two years—the age at which they spawn.

A year ago trout were released in the Baiune River by the Bulolo Gold Dredging Co. and are reported to have grown an inch a month and to be about 11 inches long now. Just recently, BGD made another 5,000 troutlings available for release in the upper reaches of the Bulolo River. (Next Column)

Probably the trout in the Baiune and Bulolo have a better chance of survival than those in the Highlands. There are comparatively few indigenous natives in the former areas; in the Highlands there are a great many, and few natives can resist a fish—from the size of a minnow, and upwards.

¶ Mr. T. G. Pollard was married in September to Miss Patricia Southerden, of Brisbane. He is the eldest son of the late Mr. A. O. Pollard, who once was a well-known planter in the Hisiu district of Papua.

# Bank of NSW Now at Madang, NG

FOLLOWING close on its recent establishment of a branch at Bulolo and an Agency at Wau, NG, the Bank of New South Wales has opened a full branch at Madang, NG.

Manager will be Mr. W. H. Cargill, of Queensland. Madang is an important copra area on the New Guinea mainland; the Bank of NSW was represented in the town immediately before the war.

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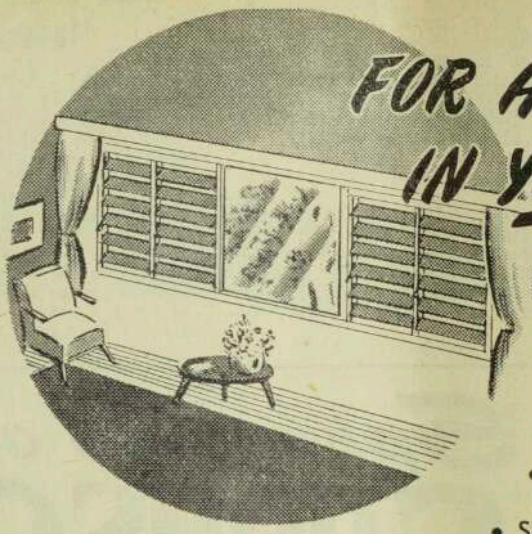

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## They Climbed Tahiti's Highest Peak

A notable mountaineering event took place in the Pacific on September 28, when a Frenchman and two French-Tahitians succeeded in climbing Tahiti's 7,339-foot pinnacle, Mount Orohena, for the first time. A number of atempts have been made in the past to climb this mountain, notably by the late Charles B. Nordhoff and companions, but the honour now falls to Monsieurs L. P. Alphonse Hollande, aged 46, Marcel Varuamana, aged 27, and Raymond Tiaore, 22.

The Tahiti despatch describes Orohena as the highest mountain in the Pacific islands, but this statement must of course be modified—there are much higher peaks in the Solomons, New Britain, New Guinea, the Hawaiian Islands and New Zealand. Few people are aware, however, that Tahiti has a peak of this height.

The photo shows the conquerors of Mount Orohena—left to right: Marcel Varuamana, Alphonse Hollande, and Raymond Tiaore.

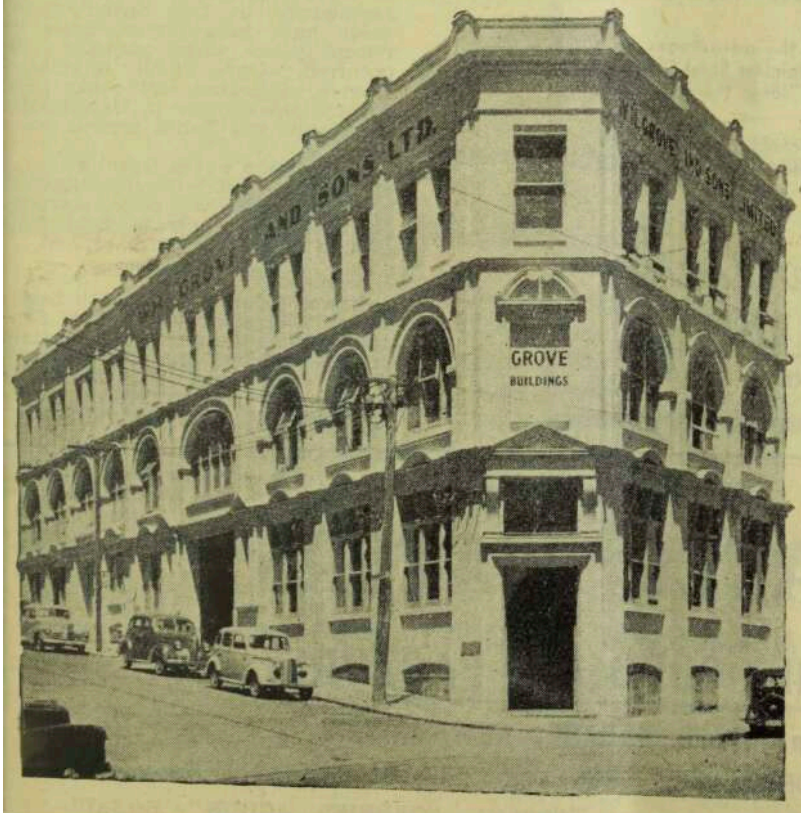
## FIJI'S 79 YEARS OF PROGRESS

THE commemoration of Cession Day — the anniversary of the signing of the Deed of Cession on October 10, 1874 — was celebrated throughout Fiji last month. As usual, Fijian and European leaders of the community spoke to large gatherings in many parts of the Colony.

The Governor, who was absent at the South Pacific Commission meeting in Noumea, telegraphed his greetings.

"On October 10, 79 years ago" said His Excellency's message, "your forefathers freely decided to cede your country to Queen Victoria. On the path of progress which they then chose Fiji has already gone far. If we continue to go forward, accepting both the advantages and the responsibilities of modern life and living together as a united community, I am sure that even better things lie ahead."

¶ The London manager of the Colonial Sugar Refining Co., Mr. Mallon, and the chief inspector, Mr. Carver, spent 10 days in Fiji during October.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## SUVA CAN EXPECT NEXT EARTHQUAKE 200 YEARS FROM NOW

A REPORT issued jointly by Dr. W. Skiba, Senior Geologist in Fiji, and Mr. H. Wellman, a New Zealand expert on tectonic (non-volcanic) earthquakes, shows that there is no evidence to support the theory that Fiji's September earthquake was of volcanic origin.

Soundings of Suva Harbour and its approaches to a depth of 2,000 feet showed no traces of recent eruption; but they did indicate that a considerable underwater landslide had taken place. In one place the depth has increased by about 300 feet and in another it has decreased by the same amount. Many thousands of tons of material were involved, and this movement was probably responsible for the tsunami, or so-called "tidal" wave (though the tide is in no way involved) rather than the actual earthquake itself.

Extensive cracks along and parallel with the coral reefs offshore near Suva have been examined. The parts of the reef seaward of the cracks have tilted seaward and numerous very large blocks of coral have been thrown onto the reef.

The report emphasises that the recent earthquake was not an isolated event. Earthquakes of similar intensity have occurred in Fiji several times during the last 100 years. A list of these is being prepared.

On the basis of evidence at present available of past earthquakes, it seems likely that a similar shake might occur at intervals of approximately 20 years, and within the Suva area at intervals of possibly 200 years.

The report explains one occurrence that gave ground to the suggestion that the earthquake was of volcanic origin. During the shake, sand-saturated water spouted from the ground on the alluvial flats of Ba, Wainibokasi, Vunidawa and Navua. They were caused through compaction—as the surface soil settled onto the less compact, water-saturated stratum below.

A full technical bulletin on the earthquake will shortly be issued by the Geological Survey Department.

### SEISMIC REPORTING STATIONS AS WARNING

Meanwhile, Mr. J. C. Grover, BSIP Government geologist, visiting Suva during October, advocated the setting up of a Pacific-wide network of seismic reporting stations to give advance warning of tsunami waves which sometimes cause great damage at points thousands of miles from their point of origin.

Though no such damage seems to have resulted from the recent earthquake in the Suva region, there have been several cases in recent years where damage has occurred. One which originated from a submarine earthquake near Alaska, did damage in Hawaii, the Marquesas and Tahiti several years ago.

Though the waves travel at great speed, an efficient organisation could, in many cases, pass a warning in time for people to gain high ground before the wave arrived.

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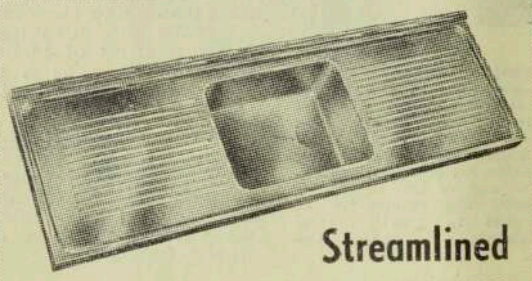
It was reported to the Fiji Legislative Council at the end of September that the nett amount raised in the Colony's internal Development Loan was £1,243,334. The amount has been transferred to the Development Reserve Fund.

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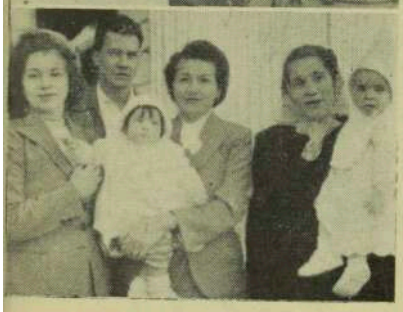

Travellers by TEAL in October included:—

Miss T. Stowers, of Apia, W. Samoa, who was met by Miss Enid Thompson when she arrived at Auckland, NZ, on holiday.

Mr. L. A. Pearson, who was in charge of the building of the new Methodist Church at Apia, W. Samoa, returned to Sydney with his wife and child, on leave, before commencing construction of the new Apia Bank of New Zealand in January.

Mrs. A. Petersen from Suva, Fiji, was met by Island friends—Mr. and Mrs. Fraser (left) and Mrs. Hunt.

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Abolition of amusement tax on amateur sporting events, in line with recent United Kingdom action, is being urged on the Government by Fiji sporting bodies.

Suva's Marine Parade, the waterfront road encircling Suva Point, has been renamed Queen Elizabeth Drive in honour of the forthcoming Royal Visit.

## Oscar Goes into Hotel Business

OSCAR G. NORDMAN, Tahiti businessman, has recently acquired the former Malarde home at Mataiea, on the south coast of Tahiti, 60 miles from Papeete, where he plans to establish a country hotel.

Alterations will be made to the old mansion and spacious verandahs will be added. Cottages will be built nearby, and a tennis court established. Billiard tables and a sound-movie projector will be installed. The property has a fine beach where canoes, a launch and fishing nets will be available to guests. Guests will be provided with regular and comfortable transport into Papeete.

Mr. Nordman—known to all and sundry as Oscar—has in his day been a ship's steward, cook, pantryman, sculleryman, and dishwasher, so knows the catering business from A to Z. He plans, he says, to serve decent meals that will suit all purses.

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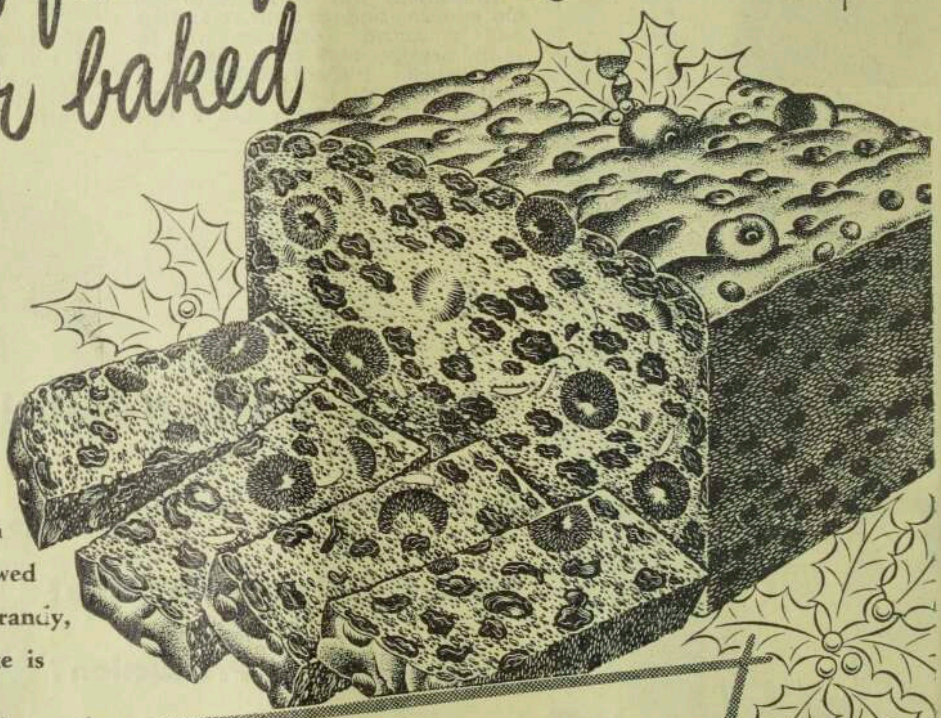

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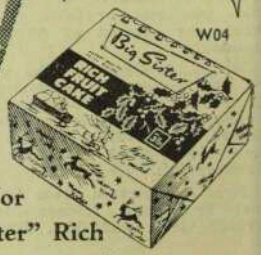


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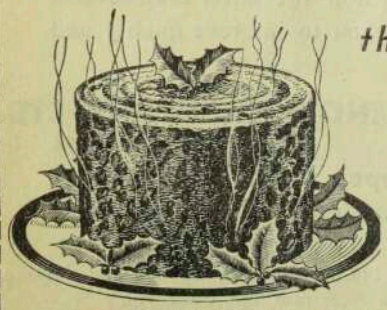

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## SIGNS OF TRADE WAR IN NEW HEBRIDES

An attack upon the preserves of some of the old-established concerns in the New Hebrides is being made by the New Hebrides Trading and Shipping Company, organised by Mr. R. Beim, which owns the handy little Vila-Sydney vessel 'Vila Star'. With the support of some Sydney merchants, and getting the advantage of lower freights, the Beim Company has been cutting prices. The older traders are fighting back, and there are indications of a lively price war. Photo (by Fung Kuei) shows Mr. Beim and some of his staff, in Vila.

¶ Miss Janece McLean left Brisbane in October for Namatanai, New Ireland by the *Malekula*, where she has been appointed teacher. She was formerly on the teaching staff at Goondiwindi (Qld.) Her parents have resided in New Ireland for several years.

## Fiji Prepares for Worst

THE Fiji Government has decided to set up permanent emergency committees throughout the Colony to deal with hurricanes, earthquakes or other disasters that may arise.

The move has been inspired by the recent earthquake and tidal wave and by experience of the 1952 hurricane and the confusion that existed in organizing relief following that disaster.

¶ Abkai Sinha, a Fiji-Indian, passed his final pharmacy exam. in Sydney in August.


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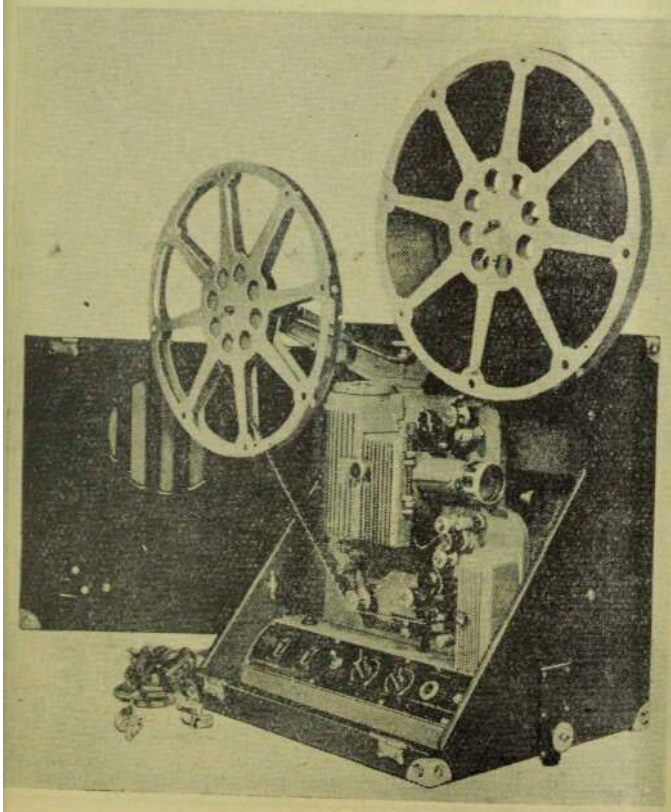


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## PAPUAN MAN AS MADANG DC

MR. S. ELLIOT-SMITH has replaced Mr. Charles Bates, who has been ill for some time, as District Commissioner, Madang, New Guinea.

Mr. Elliot-Smith is well-known in Papua but has not previously had an appointment on the "other side." He retired from the Service some years ago and went to Western Australia, but returned at the time of the Mt. Lamington eruption and did a fine job of rehabilitation in that district.

Earlier this year, when there was considerable public agitation about the increase of native offences against European women and children in the Moresby area, he was placed in charge of the District Office, Port Moresby, with considerable success. Mr. Elliot-Smith, who trained under the late Sir Hubert Murray, is credited with knowing his Papua better than most officers in the present District Services Department.

Mr. F. N. Bensted, Acting District Commissioner, Daru, has replaced Mr. Elliot-Smith at Moresby.

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The planned tour of British Columbia by a Fiji Rugby team in this Southern summer has been postponed for a year. A New Zealand Rugby team will tour British Columbia this season.

¶ Mr. S. Fish, assistant Director of Education in W. Samoa, together with Mrs. Fish and their son, returned to Apia in mid-October after leave in New Zealand.

¶ Mr. S. J. Mann. LLB., arrived in Suva with his wife and family early in October from Christchurch, New Zealand, to join the legal firm of Ellis, Munro, Warren and Leys.

For remaining at their posts during the earthquake and tidal wave, the Governor of Fiji has sent letters of commendation to a number of persons. They include six telephone exchange operators, and an Indian employee of the CSR mill at Nausori, Rasul Bux, who remained at his post when steam pipes burst.


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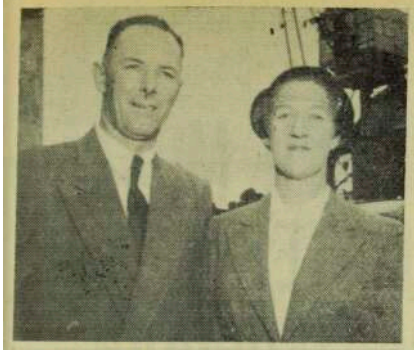

Island travellers arriving in New ealand in October included:—
Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Thomas, of Suva, settle in New Zealand. Mr. Thomas aves Suva Motors after 17 years in Fiji.
From Samoa: Miss Anna Sheck, Miss sephine Schuster, Miss Maria Sheck, r. John Sheck and Miss Lola Tasi.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Monk from Suva. r. Monk recently retired as Price Con- oller, Fiji.
Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Papalii from Apia. r. Papalii, of W. Samoa Treasury epartment, has been transferred to the reasury, Wellington, for three years.

## FIJI PRIVATES CANNOT SUPPORT THEIR WIVES

CRITICISM of the two-year-old decision to send Fijian troops to Malaya for two years (service has now been extended to 1956) has been strengthened by recent protests that the pay of a private—3/9d. per day — and marriage allowance — 2/- per day — is hopelessly inadequate for the support of wives in Fiji.

There has also been bitter criticism of the delay in establishing rehabilitation for returned men.

In Malaya, the Fijians have so far accounted for 85 of the elusive jungle terrorists — a magnificent record when compared with that of most other units. Typical criticism here of the present conditions is: "Hunt and Kill' was the motto foisted on the Fiji Battalion. Is it not pertinent to ask why successful hunters are not adequately rewarded?"

¶ Miss H. M. Cleaver, recently Matron of the Suva War Memorial Hospital, is now on retiring leave. She has spent 24 years in nursing service in the Pacific—the past 10 years in Fiji as Matron at Lautoka and Suva.

Less than 2 inches of rainfall, as compared with the September average of over 8 inches, fell in Suva, Fiji, as the dry spell, which began in August, continued into October.


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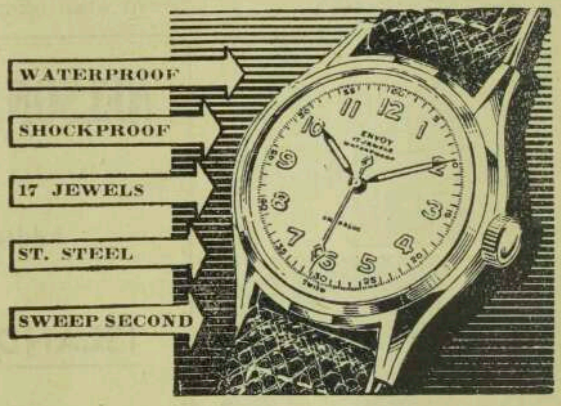

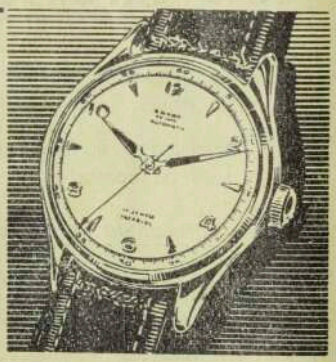

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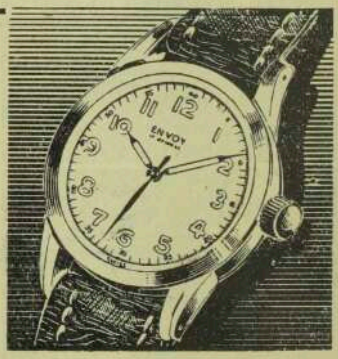

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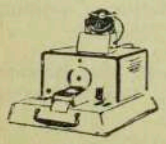

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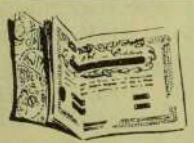

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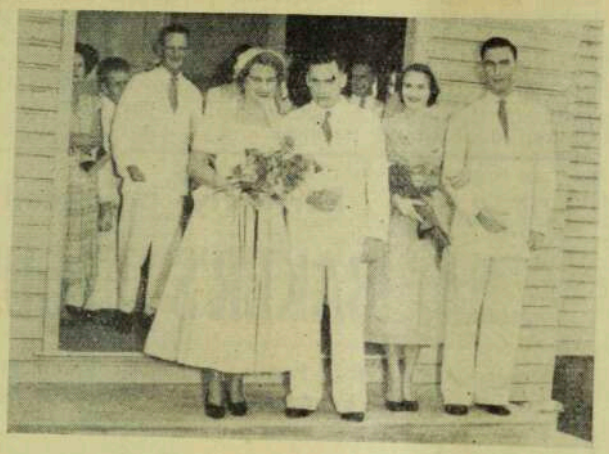

A photograph taken after the wedding, in the Rabaul Methodist Church, on September 26, of Miss Mavis Lamerton to Mr. Robert Graham Matheson. The bride wore a pale pink faille gown with matching hat and gloves and was attended by Mrs. Marie Soczynski as Matron of Honour.

Mr. D. J. Matheson, a cousin of the bridegroom, flew from Queensland to be best man. Mr. Ray Galloway gave the bride away.

The reception was held at the Residency, the guests being received by Mrs. J. K. McCarthy, assisted by Mr. M. Orken (in the absence of Mr. McCarthy).

Guests included Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. Boyan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Fienberg, Mr. and Mrs. K. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Liddle, Mr. and Mrs. K. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lange, Mr. and Mrs. B. King, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lange, Drs. K. Pike and J. Soczynski, Mesdames G. Latta, E. Smith, K. Hendren, F. Lewis, E. Mitchell, Misses N. Byrne, E. Bruce, N. Hendren, G. Rutherford, P. Clarke, E. Steven and Messrs. S. Pearse, V. Hayles, L. Berkfeld, J. Crockett, A. Filer, W. Levi, E. Hawnt, M. Orken, W. Dupe, M. Cherry, E. Clerke, L. Kent, A. Reed, W. Smith, B. Cobden, R. Parkinson, R. Bell, D. Barrett and W. J. Read.

Mr. and Mrs. Matheson will make their home at Rabaul. Mr. Matheson is Staff Surveyor of the Dept. of Lands, Surveys and Mines.

The photograph shows (left to right) bride and groom, Mrs. Soczynski and Mr. D. J. Matheson.

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In October, Fiji Airways was seeking a pilot with a senior commercial license. Salary: £1,350 with annual increments of £50 for the next three years.

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The Fiji Government has issued an attractive booklet of photographs, plans and details of the new Queen Victoria School which was opened last March. Copies are available from the Government Printer, Suva, at 1/-.

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## LESS WHALE OIL IN 1953 SEASON

A RECENT report from the International Whaling Commission shows that although the maximum allowable catch of Antartic baleen (toothless) whales was set at 16,000 blue whale units, the combined fleets of the world took only 14,855 units by closing date this year. This represents about 325,000 tons of oil.

For the 1954 season, the Commission has set a lower allowable maximum—15,500 units—and has introduced some other regulations. The season will open on January 2 and close April 7, unless the catch is achieved earlier, but humpback whales may be taken only on five specified days of the season—February 1-5.

These regulations do not apply to toothed whales, such as the sperm. The latter, hunted mainly for the non-edible oil contained in its head and used for industrial purposes, is usually taken earlier than January by some of the fleets en route to the Antarctic. This oil was last reported to be in poor demand.

With regard to the annual migration of whales from the Antarctic to the tropics, some recent interesting aerial research in Australian waters showed that humpbacks start to head south again after calving about August 24 and that their average migratory cruising speed is about 4.3 knots. They commence leaving Antarctic waters in April.

¶ Bishop Kempthorne, of Suva, journed to Aitutaki by TEAL aircraft at the end of October on Church of England business.

¶ Major-General Secombe, GOC Northern Command, paid a three-weeks' visit to Papua-New Guinea in October. His tour included Vanimo, the Australian Military outpost not far from the Dutch border in New Guinea. He travelled from Madang to Vanimo in the Army supply vessel *Tarra*.


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## To NZ By Air

Travellers from the Islands by TEAL in October included:—

Miss D. Scott from Fiji (right), who was met in Auckland by Mr. and Mrs. McNath and children.

Mr. Sudhakar, a schoolteacher from Fiji, visiting New Zealand schools during his vacation, was met by Mr. John Sharon, Auckland University student, also of Fiji.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Tuala arrived in Auckland from Apia.

¶ The 13-years-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Manicaros, who run a mixed plantation at Lae, in New Guinea, recently won an international art competition organised by the Danish Government for children of 13 and under. It was for drawings and paintings illustrating fairy tales by the Danish story-teller, Hans Christian Andersen. The boy, Lucas, who is a pupil at Mt. Carmel Boys' College, at Charters Towers, Queensland, won the Australian section and £50.

## The Last of Solomons Scrap Offered

THE British Solomons Government called for tenders in mid-October for salvage rights for three years to all scrap remaining in the group.

The material includes Japanese war and merchant vessels lying on the beaches of Kolumbangara, Guadalcanal and in Tulagi harbour.

Most of the "easy" scrap has been exported already; what remains will be worth less than it would have been some years ago when the scrap market was booming. It is probable that the bulk of the remaining scrap will find its way to Japan.

## Population of Cooks

THE population of the Cook Islands at March 31, 1953, was 15,343—all but 365 being indigenous. The area of the 15-island Group is 56,900 acres.

An analysis of published figures shows a natural increase for the year of 26.7 per thousand.

Rarotonga, the main island and seat of Administration, had a population of 5,988, followed by Aitutaki with 2,457, Mangaia 1,800, and Atiu 1,348. Only one island—Takutea—was uninhabited, though Suwarrow had a population of only 1.


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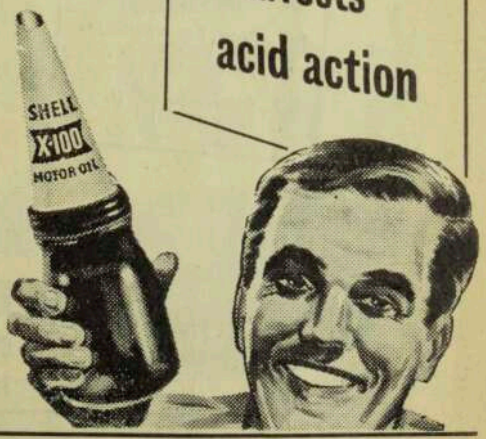


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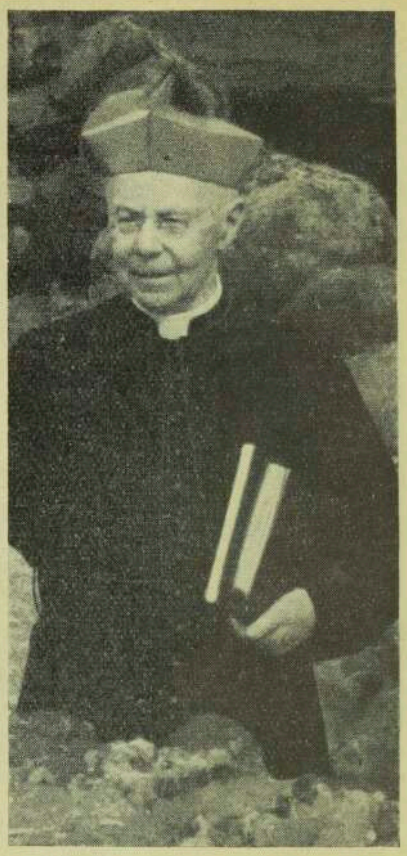

**Old residents of New Guinea will be happy to hear that Bishop Vesters, MSC, OBE, is still hale and hearty at 78. In October he was on a visit to the Territory to celebrate with his former co-workers, the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination.**

**He was born in Holland, was educated in local schools and later in France, Salzburg, Rome and Lorain University. He worked as a missionary in the Philippine Islands 1911-1915, and later in Brazil 1915-1920. He was then appointed Prefect Apostolic of the Celebes Mission. He relinquished this post only to become Bishop of Rabaul (Catholic Mission, Vunapope) in 1923. His tour of duty in TNG lasted until 1938 when he was forced to resign owing to ill health. A gifted organiser and administrator, he played an important part in extending the work of the Mission. In 1937 Bishop Vesters was awarded the OBE for his relief work on the occasion of the Rabaul eruption. He is now living in retirement at Mary's Mount, Melbourne, where this photograph of the Bishop was taken.**

The US Department of Interior has acquired three Sa-16 Albatross amphibians to provide air services within the Trust Territory of Micronesia, not already covered under contract by Trans-Ocean Airways. The Albatross aircraft is said to be faster and more efficient in operation than the Catalinas which they replace.




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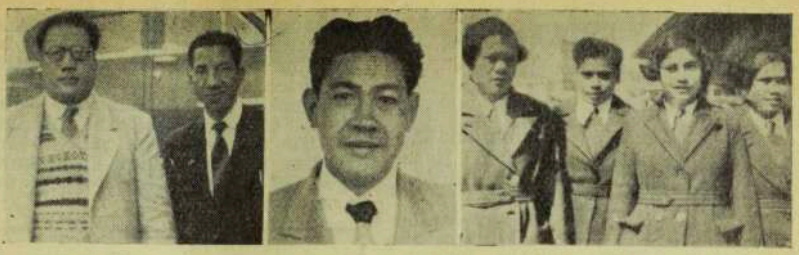
## Island Travellers



These Islanders were outward bound from Auckland, NZ, in October: Mr. James Williams (right), of Tonga, was farewelled by Mr. Joseph Vailima Tauaika, former NZ Army boxing champion in the Middle East: He is a Tongan, but is now resident in Auckland.

Mr. F. Loau, after several years in New Zealand, returned home to Vaiala, W. Samoa.

These Solomon Islands girls visited New Zealand on the Melanesian Mission ship Southern Cross in September-October, then returned home. Left to right, Perpetua Talu, Naomi Tate, Elizabeth Gorringe, and Edith Bale.

## NEW GUINEA BEER SELLING IN QUEENSLAND

ON October 23, a new bottled beer, South Pacific Export Lager, from Port Moresby, was on sale in Brisbane for the first time. The first of regular monthly consignments, 1,000 dozen bottles, arrived on the *Bulolo*.

The beer was brewed by South Pacific Brewing Company, Port Moresby, which began production last year. More than 80 per cent. of the consignment was snapped up by Brisbane freehold hotel-keepers seeking sample lots.

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## EMERGENCY PROCEDURE FOR DAMAGED SANDRINGHAM

THERE was some excitement at the Port Moresby Marine Base on October 8 when a Qantas Sandringham, carrying eight passengers, made an emergency landing. The aircraft, when landing at Lindenhafen, New Britain, tore a small hole in its hull on a reef.

After Lindenhafen the Sandringham was scheduled to go on to other New Britain ports, back to Rabaul and then Port Moresby via Samarai. But at Lindenhafen, just as it had picked up two passengers, it was noticed that water was filling the hull. The pilot, Captain Bob Fairservice, immediately took off and headed direct for Port Moresby.

He estimated that on take-off the Sandringham was carrying about 2½-tons of shipped water, and that it was lying a foot deep in the hull. It was seeping into the carpet beneath the passengers' feet. The water had gone by the time the Sandringham circled over Moresby, where two D.C.A. crash boats and a launch with pumping equipment, and one or two other boats stood by.

Captain Fairservice made a perfect landing, and taxied right up to the mooring buoy, where the passengers were taken off and arrangements made to beach the Sandringham. None had ever been taken on to the ramp at Port Moresby before, but only a fortnight before the procedure had been arranged.

A truck from the Australian Petroleum Company did the hauling, and the Sandringham was up and dry less than an hour after landing. It returned to Sydney two days later.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Pat Costello, of Suva, Fiji, who were visitors to London during the Coronation, arrived in Melbourne by P & O liner at the end of October—just in time for the Melbourne Cup, which Mr. Costello has not missed for many years. They returned to Fiji in mid-November after a brief visit to Sydney.

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When Mr. M. F. Giles, a technician at Fanning Island cable station, became seriously ill early in October, an SOS was sent to Australia for supplies of cortisone and ACTH to be despatched by air. The request was passed to the US Navy at Pearl Harbour. No seaplane was available there but a landplane made the 3,000 mile round-trip flight, successfully parachuting the drugs.

It became necessary, however, for the patient to be sent to hospital so a call was made on the RNZAF flying-boat squadron at Lauthala Bay, Fiji, and a Catalina made the long flight via Canton Island. Mr. Giles was transferred to a Pan American passenger aircraft at Canton and flown to Sydney, where he arrived just a week after the first appeal for drugs had been made. He is now progressing satisfactorily.

Fanning, one of the most isolated islands in the Pacific, is off the regular route of planes and shipping, is about 1,500 miles from Hawaii and about 5,000 from Sydney.

## Protection for N. Zealand Growers Even When Not Growing

WHEN Mr. Halstead, a Government member of NZ Parliamen, asked the NZ Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Holyoake, whether New Zealand, desparately short of potatoes, could not obtain some from a large surplus offering at Norfolk Island in October, he received the now familiar reply.

Mr. Holyoake said that it would be uneconomic to airfreight potatoes to New Zealand.

It will be recalled that some time ago the New Zealand Government, as a concession to Norfolk Island, permitted the import of certain vegetables, at certain times of the year, but by *air freight only*—to protect New Zealand growers.

It does not matter whether the New Zealand growers have nothing to offer, this extraordinary ruling seems still to apply. At the very moment that the Minister made his reply, the New Zealand government vessel *Matai* was repairing telegraph cables at Norfolk and was to come back to Auckland almost empty of cable. She could have carried at least 50 tons of potatoes. Another vessel, the 300-ton *Rannah*, idle awaiting a shipment of tomatoes from the Cook Islands, could also have made a profitable voyage to Norfolk if the quantities of potatoes were available there as suggested by Mr. Halstead.

Though Norfolk *could* produce every kind of produce in short supply in New Zealand during the winter, it appears destined never to be permitted to do so and it is not shortage of shipping tonnage that will be the cause.

¶ Mr. J. C. Gerlach of the New Zealand Department of Agriculture's Tropical Section, returned to New Zealand early in October after carrying out a survey of agricultural possibilities on three islands of the Lower Cook group.

## First Manager of Fiji Broadcasting Commission

Mr. K. G. Collins, at present station manager at radio station IYZ Rotorua, N.Z., has been appointed manager of the new Fiji Broadcasting Commission and will take up duties next February.

Station IYZ Rotorua, due to some peculiarity in the sighting of the transmitter, gives an excellent coverage for the South Pacific and is widely listened to by Island listeners, for whom a Request Session is provided each week. Mr. Collins is therefore already familiar with the tastes of Island listeners.


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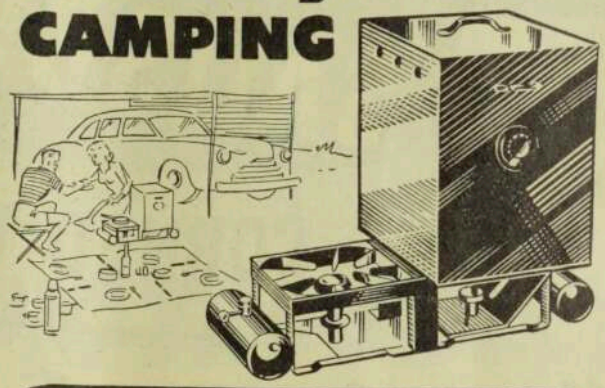

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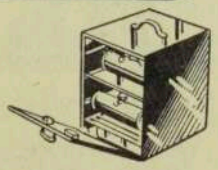

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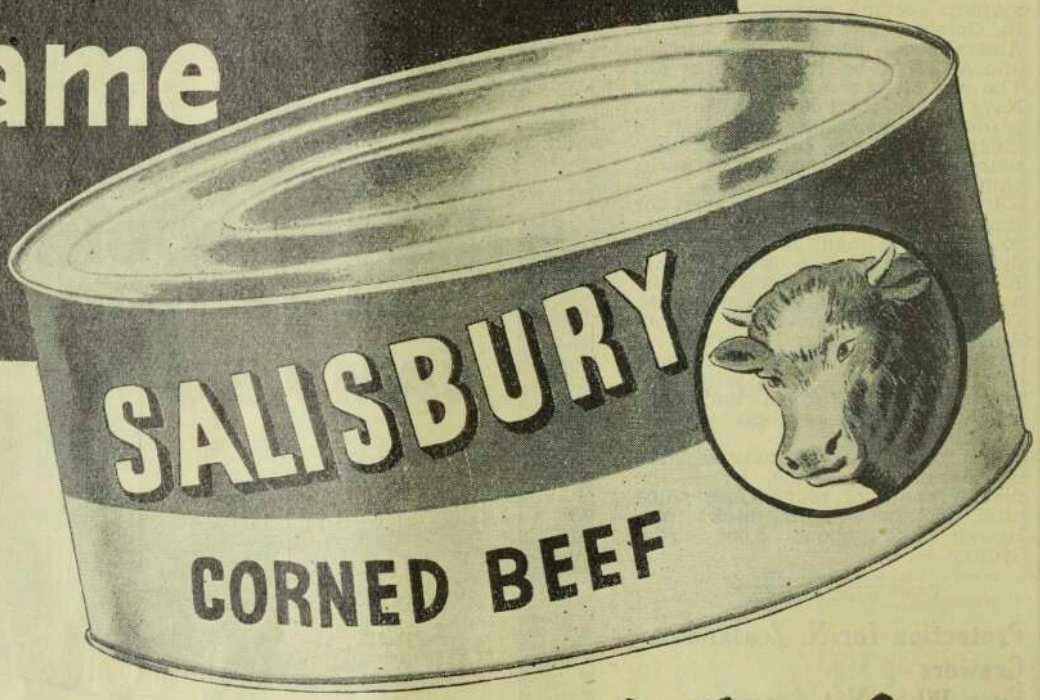


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The official opinion is that Madang will not have a reticulated water service for at least five years (for which read ten years!) and that tanks are the only immediate answer.

Until comparatively recently, tanks have been in short supply in New Guinea, as they have in Australia, and some of the methods of maintaining household supplies have been extremely crude.

In Kavieng, which is probably the least "rehabilitated" town in the Territory, the roofing on Administration houses is still mostly thatch, with a small piece of galvanised iron on the kitchen quarters which serves as the rain catchment area. More often than not, the "tanks" are salvaged 44-gallon drums. While these conditions prevail there is certain to be a panic period whenever there are two or three weeks without rain.

Port Moresby is the only town in the Territory that has water reticulation — and, according to some householders who live on the heights, there is often not much reticulation about that, either.

## LANDING BOND WANTED

MR. CYRIL ANDERSEN, a part-Ellice Islander visiting relatives in the Ellice Islands after touring North America as a nightclub entertainer, was refused a permit to land at Funafuti in August, until he could deposit a bond of £50 Stg., which was subscribed by friends and Ellice Islanders at Funafuti.

Born in Auckland, Mr. Andersen was not required to provide a bond when he visited the Ellice Islands in 1947, and he was informed this year that he would not be asked to deposit a bond to cover his present visit. He arrived with about £100 worth of canned food and gifts for his relations, but did not have the required cash.

## STAMP MEN'S COMPLAINT

STAMP collectors in various places are complaining rather bitterly about the equipment used by some postmasters in the British Solomon Islands. They say that they go to considerable trouble to purchase certain issues of Solomon Islands stamps and to have them properly postmarked — and then their trouble is wasted because either the date stamps are worn out, or the ink-pads are completely dry, with the result that the cancellations are an indecipherable blotch, and the stamps have to be thrown away. One correspondent says that a complaint in strong terms was made to the BSI postal authorities months ago without result.

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## COASTWATCHERS' MEMORIAL

### Probably be a Navigation Light

MORE than £1500 of the target £2,000 for the Coastwatchers' Memorial Fund had already been collected in early October. In the hope that the last £500 will be forthcoming before Christmas, the Committee (c/o Naval Intelligence Division, Navy Office, Melbourne, S.C.1) is making a final drive.

Recently the fund received a donation of £3 from Siarua, Giwa (his wife) and Eima (an adopted daughter), who work on Mr. Fred Archer's plantation at Jame, Buka Passage. These three natives were with the Coastwatchers during the war and some of their adventures have been told in PIM by Mr. Archer. They escaped in a submarine to BSI in 1943.

The Memorial will probably take the form of a navigation light — which will certainly be appropriate and useful among the thousands of miles of New Guinea's unlighted coastal waters.

Let us hope that the memorial light goes to Bougainville, where Coastwatchers did some of their most important work and which boasts a maze of coral reefs, and not one light among them. The names of the Coastwatchers would then be twice blessed — particularly by mariners who now, if they wish to crawl out of these "ports" in darkness, send a boat out first to hang a kerosene lantern on a stick off the worst of the reefs.

¶ A former Anglican, and the first Benedectine Abbot ever to visit Fiji, Dom Wilfrid Upson, O.S.B., Abbot of Pinknash Abbey, Gloucester England, paid a four-day visit to the Colony recently. He addressed a crowded congregation at the Sacred Heart Cathedral, Suva, and was accorded a ceremonial Fijian reception at Votua, before continuing his journey home by air from Australia


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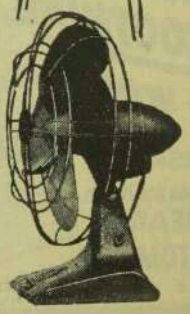

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# £10½ MILLIONS

## P-NG Exports in 1952-53

WITH justifiable pride, the Australian Territories Minister, on October 17, announced that the exports of the Territories of Papua-New Guinea in 1952-53 reached a value of £10,814,301, compared with £5,437,672 in 1949-50—doubled in four years.

In the same period imports have risen from £9,475,827 in 1949-50 to £12,071,481 in 1952-53. The 1952-53 figure was about £2,000,000 less than imports in 1951-52, the reduction being due largely to the policy of import restrictions to conserve exchange.

This would have been of great interest to all Pacific Territories, if only the Canberra bureaucrats had thought it worth while to show how the total of exports in 1952-53 was made up. Such a thing apparently never occurs to them. From the data given by the Minister, and other figures made available in Moresby, we have compiled the following table, which is approximately correct:

| | Quantity | Value (£A) |
|---|---|---|
| Copra, tons .. .. | 76,392 | 5,273,234 |
| Oil and meal, tons | 5,653 | 508,489 |
| Dess. coco., tons .. | 1,377 | 329,862 |
| Gold, oz .. .. .. | 138,835 | 2,149,817 |
| Rubber, lb .. .. | 6,520,275 | 736,080 |
| Cocoa, tons .. .. | 639 | 174,987 |
| Shell, tons .. .. .. | 795 | 129,114 |
| Timber, su. ft. .. | 1,998,778 | 76,009 |
| Coffee, tons .. .. | 47 | 31,055 |
| Silver, oz .. .. .. | 64,464 | 23,415 |
| Peanuts, tons .. .. | 110 | 21,302 |
| Cinchona, tons .. .. | 19 | 631 |
| Total value in 1952-53 .. .. | | 10,814,301 |

1952-53 exports included 19 tons of Kenaf fibre and 25 tons of passionfruit pulp.

The Minister said that the range of exports is also growing as new fields of primary production are opened, and he quotes Kenaf fibre, mangrove bark, passionfruit pulp, Kalip nuts, cinchona bark and peanuts. "The trend to greater diversification of production will give greater stability to the Territory's economy," he said. He noted that in 1952-53, natives produced 5,000 tons of copra, valued at £1,200,000.

The Minister also noted that the Territory is producing more of its own food—the imports of preserved vegetables and fruit, in 1952-53, were half the total of 1951-52. He added:

"Side by side with encouragement of the development of the Territory's resources, planned efforts are being made to increase local food supplies. Quick results are being obtained in vegetables, and long-term plans are being developed for local production of rice and meat, which are two of the largest items of imported foods."

The following figures show how some plantation production has grown in recent years:

| | 1948-1949 | 1949-1950 | 1950-1951 | 1951-1952 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Copra .. | 46,383 | 57,885 | 75,483 | 76,904 |
| C. Meal .. | Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil |
| Rubber .. .. | 1,198 | 1,634 | 1,952 | 2,849 |
| Cocoa .. .. | 200 | 207 | 317 | 477 |
| Coffee .. | 16 | 21 | 33 | 35 |

Papua-New Guinea now has an income of approximately £A19 per annum—£10½ millions from exports, plus over £7 from Australian Commonwealth subsidies, plus at least £1,000,000 being spent each year on the search for oil.

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¶ Monsieur Robert Charon, well known in Tahiti, was recently awarded the Legion d'Honneur and Croix de Guerre with palms "for services military and civil."

## Cargo Levy to Pay for Suva's Earthquake-Damaged Wharf

DUE to earthquake and tidal-wave damage to the Suva wharves, the Suva port authority has announced a levy of 5/- per ton on all incoming cargo to this Fiji port.

This will have the effect of raising the prices of all imported goods by 5/- per ton.

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Nurse Grace Morrison, MBE, was on leave in Sydney from Fiji in October.

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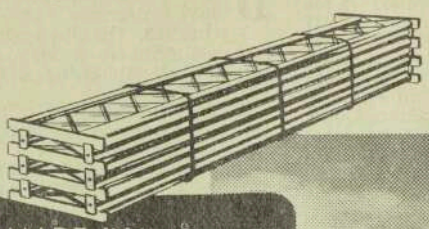

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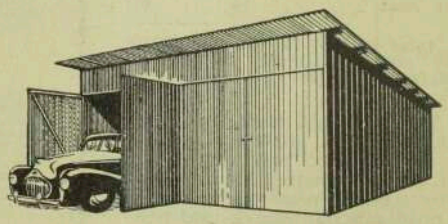

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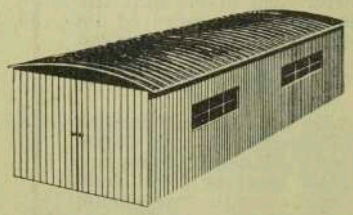

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# JAPANESE AROUND N. SOLOMONS

## Fishing Fleets Contact Natives

From a Special Correspondent

SOHANO, Oct. 2.

THERE have been a number of Japanese fishing fleets about these parts for some time—apparently fishing with marvellously long lines and plenty of green glass floats. Many floats are being washed up on the beaches round about.

Natives have come to me recently with tales of very bright (and large) lights at sea, which move erratically or stay hours in one place. There seem to be mothership attending on the smaller vessels. As you know, a Jap trawler was on the reef near Kieta, and taken possession of by the Administration.

Recently, a local ship went out to the Tasmans, skippered by Bert Wickham, who is well known in TNG. He reported to the District Commissioner at Sohano that there was a Jap ship fishing adjacent to the group and that, about three weeks prior to his arrival, Japs from some ship had landed on one of the Tasman Islands and had burned a store or shed. A patrol went out from Sohano to investigate, and a report was made. At about that time a Jap ship, estimated to be about 5,000 tons, was sighted between Mortlock Group and Tasmans; but there was no communiction with her, seemingly.

Now all this means—to the natives—that the Japs are back again. What construction they put on these things one cannot say—but nothing to our credit, I guess. The Japs—as you'll know—landed a while back on Cartarets and on Buka (northern side) and held converse with the natives. Some Buka natives—I am told—said that some of the Japs claimed that they were part of the previous garrison in Buka.

These outlying, unvisited islands are a danger, and these things emphasise it. No one would have known about the Tasman visitation but for Wickham—on a shelling and trading jaunt—visiting Tasmans and sending a radio.

Patrols nevah—well, hardly evah!—go out that way to see what is doing. Wouldn't you think that the Navy would show the flag around about more frequently, and improve morale, etc., among the coons?

Another thing is that Bougainville is so close to the Solomons, and the natives get all the news—by Mission boats, etc. Our people (Europeans) feel that it all affects the discipline, etc., of the area; but the Administration (as usual) couldn't care less—we are far away from Moresby and H.Qrs.

*EDITORIAL NOTE*—There is no need for panicky headlines in the Australian newspapers—Japanese fishing fleets are quite legitimately

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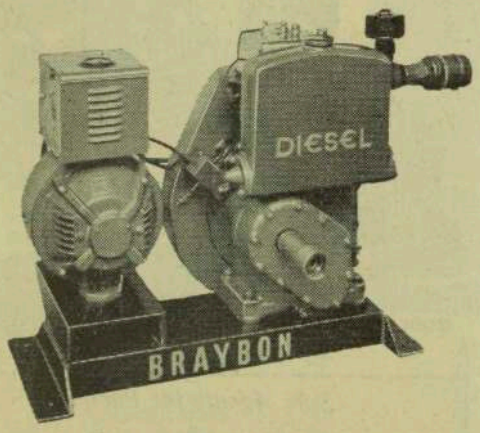


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pursuing their avocations in and around the Solomons (the north-western islands of which are part of the New Guinea Administration). We reported three months ago that Japanese fishing fleets, using a new and scientific technique, were getting astonishing catches of good fish in these waters; and we suggested that the British or Australian Governments should pay the Japs to show us how to make use of the hitherto unexploited wealth of our tropical seas.

The disturbing statement is that these wandering ex-enemies of ours are making contact with the natives. It is impossible to prevent such meetings; but the Administration surely could keep closer supervision over them, and prevent any sinister development. It would be easy to create among these primitive people a belief that the Asiatics, in spite of Western suzerainty, are coming back.

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¶ Colonel C. L. Pleasants, lately commander of Fiji Military Forces, returned to New Zealand on October 8.


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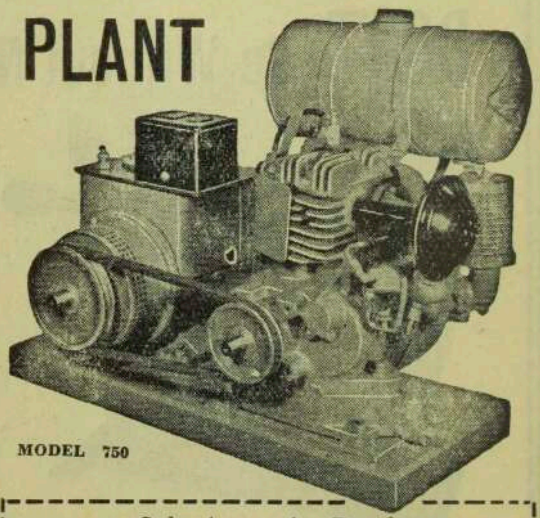

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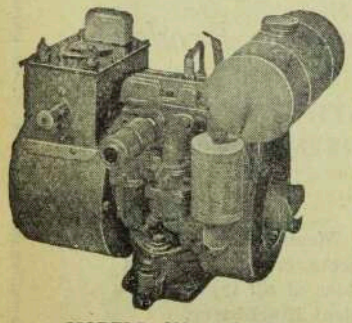

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# 'BLACK MAGIC'

## How Do Islanders Communicate?

By L. POOLE

I noticed, in a recent *Pacific Islands Monthly*, that Captain N. W. Macdonald, of the Western Pacific High Commission's motor-vessel, described how some Makwana boys knew that one of their number (a returning indentured labourer) had died on the ship at sea, although no message had been sent them. The captain said that, as they anchored a canoe from Makwana came out for the body; and he called it Black Magic.

But it was not Black Magic. As long as Whites, from the West, have been visiting these archipelagos of the Pacific Islands, the inhabitants have been known to send messages in this way, over miles of intervening sea, and along the coasts.

In this case the boy concerned was a Makwana native. Therefore, the message was received from a fellow-member of the tribe on the ship. The dead boy was closely related to some highly-placed relative at Makwana—probably the son of a chief or perhaps the next in succession.

The natives of the Islands in the Torres Strait and Arafura and Coral Seas, and those lying between the Australian continent and New Guinea (Murdug, Badu, Moa, and others too numerous to mention) were all adepts at sending messages of this sort—certain groups having a system of communication as correct as our wireless.

Often, on especially serious occasions, native drums were extensively used, to stir up the war-like feelings of the people when they were expecting the receipt of such tribal messages.

To my knowledge, the last definite message sent by a Solomon Islands "boy" was in 1913, when a recruiting schooner, a very fine vessel, was burned to the water-line in Marau Sound, Guadalcanal. Thirty miles distant, the news was received in some way across the water, at Aola, by a native of the tribe concerned —ship's name and other particulars were complete.

I think that this message system is a natural-born gift of people directly attuned to earth vibrations. The power was possessed only by intelligent men of rank.

In urgent cases it was the only means of communication, and it was used to warn many a tribe of the approach of blackbirders, giving the kanakas time to hide in the bush where, in those days, sailors dared not penetrate.

As the natives were human, with all man's vanities and love of show added to their desire to stand pre-eminent among their fellows, they interwove so many curious and often revolting and awe inspiring ceremonies with their practice of sending and receiving messages, that reverence and fear of them were aroused among the masses, reducing them to abject submission. From this attitude of the natives there originated the white man's application of the term, Black Magic.

I thought this had become a dead letter, and I wonder just what Captain Macdonald means by the term, as used by him.

As the need for these tribal messages decreased, owing to the increasing white population, so did the practice of the system disappear and one can understand how the natives have lost the art. Secret ceremonial practices by the feared witch-doctors were bound to be abandoned as Western influence grew.

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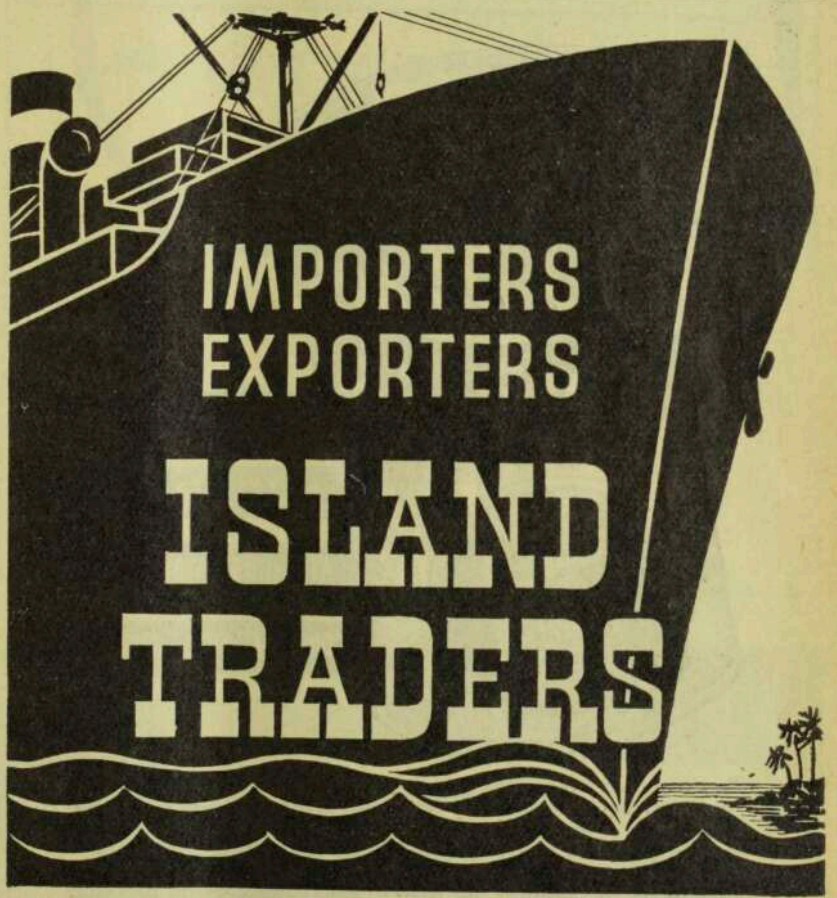
The Netherlands now ranks second amongst the West European oil producers. Up to a few years ago no oil was found in the Netherlands. At present oil wells in Holland produce approximately 700,000 tons annually — about 25 per cent. of the country's own requirements. The Netherlands also has developed an important oilfield in Western New Guinea.

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## 'SCREECHING UNLIMITED'

Letter to the Editor

AFTER a short period of righteous indignation, the people of Fiji can only comment, with ridicule, upon the "screeching unlimited" with which the sensation-making newspapers of Australia treated our September earthquake. The purpose of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, in distributing such inaccurate information, is rather more obscure than that of the newspapers, whose life-blood depends upon massed sales.

The stories of eye-witnesses returning from Fiji to Australia are mostly too absurd for comment; but two may be referred to.

One said: "Thousands of natives and Europeans screamed and ran." One might imagine that this referred to the Fijians. The natives did not panic and accepted this visitation with the same stoicism with which they confront other natural disturbances from time to time. Whatever the impression gained by the so-called eye-witness, his judgment must have been so seriously impaired that it probably influenced his rather precipitate departure from the Colony.

Then there is a short story associated with another Australian newspaper comment. This was the statement: "Fiji isn't the same any more; nobody smiles or laughs."

Shortly before Suva's quake, a NZ newspaper published a cartoon showing the conclusion of a monumental cash collection taken during a church service, and bearing the caption, "It always happens like this after an earthquake." This cartoon came into the possession of a Suva resident who sought the advice of local clergy, shortly after the earthquake, as to the correctness of this portrayal. He was promised by the reverend gentleman that after the next Sunday the correct answer would be forthcoming.

However, on the following Monday, the lay enquirer was confronted with a rather indignant request from the Church as to the present whereabouts of his copy of the cartoon. This was produced from his pocket; and he was then greeted by the remark: "That is quite in order; but in the collection yesterday, there was a 10/- note pinned to a copy of that cartoon." So, "Fiji isn't the same any more, nobody smiles or laughs."

I am, etc.,
A. C. O'REILLY.

Suva, Fiji.

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The Transactions of the Fiji Society for the period 1941-47 were being published in New Zealand during October. The two volumes will contain a great deal of interesting material on many aspects of Fiji.




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# SUVA PROCLAIMED A CITY

## Area's Population 40,000

SUVA, Oct. 14.

WITH a flourish of trumpets blown by Fijian soldiers in scarlet tunics and white sulus, and with the similarly dressed men of the Regimental Depot Band of the Fiji Infantry Regiment adding to the note of pageantry, Suva was declared a city on October 7.

The Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) signed the proclamation on a dais in front of the decorated Town Hall, watched by civil, military and church leaders, and by about 10,000 Europeans, Indians, Fijians and Chinese.

Suva people generally were interested, but not enthusiastic. The only strong outburst of applause came when the Mayor (Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane), replying to a short address by the Governor, linked the proclamation with the 79th anniversary of the signing of the Deed of Cession. Europeans, and some Indians, let themselves go a little when the Mayor said:

"That day of celebration (October 10) every year brings significantly to our hearts and minds the spirit of the Deed of Cession, and more strongly do we appreciate the loyalty and splendid example of our Fijians, whose ancestors ceded these islands to the Crown."

Outlining the history of Suva since Governor Sir William des Voeux proclaimed it a town in 1881, Mr. McFarlane referred to the presence on the dais of Mr. "Tavua" Johnson, who was a member of the Suva Town Board under Mr. Gabriel Marks as long ago as 1908.

Associating Suva's new status with the dignity of the ancient cities of the United Kingdom, the Governor said that, although the capital of Fiji could not yet claim to rank with the great cities of the world in importance, "it can, if it will, in dignity hold a place worthy of an ancient honour; and it can now hold its head higher among our Pacific communities."

The proclamation, made in the name of the Queen, was read by the Town Clerk (Mr. R. Balfour). It referred specifically to the point that Suva now has a population of "not less than 20,000." At the moment, the fast-increasing population is about 30,000 in the city area of Suva Peninsula, but the total number who are well within the orbit of the capital's daily life is at least 40,000.

### Indians in Unworthy Role

The last previous meeting of the Suva Town Council, held on October 6, was boycotted by the five Indian members who walked out on September 22. All five, however, attended the proclamation ceremony next day.

At the meeting on October 8, the seven remaining members (five Europeans, one Indian and one Chinese) unanimously carried a resolution which "unequivocally affirmed that his Worship the Mayor did not use the epithet of 'fool' or


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'fools' on September 22." (The Mayor had previously made a similar denial in a statement to the press).

When moving the resolution, Mr. W. G. Johnson said that the wide publicity being given to an incorrect statement by the councillors who walked out, if not contradicted unequivocally, "might permit such an incorrect report being used with sinister motives in certain parts of the world where the press and people had little regard for the truth." He added: "I am sorry that those councillors who withdrew have not shown a greater sense of responsibility and understanding."

The public at large, including a considerable number of Indians, are heartily sick of the whole storm in a teacup. The only question that exercises the minds of anyone except the five councillors (who apparently still cling to the idea that the "dictatorial" Mayor insulted them and the whole Indian community) is what, if anything, is behind the rumpus.

Some people on the sideline believe, rightly or wrongly, that the "cause" could be an attempt to get rid of the present Mayor and elect an Indian Mayor of Suva before the Royal visit in December.

To date, the net result of the uproar has been an increase in the prestige of Mr. McFarlane among responsible people of all races. His statement to the press in reply to a string of extraordinary "allegations" was a model of patient moderation.

## The World Needs More Cocoa

THE considered view of a conference of cocoa interests recently held in London was that the world demand for the product is increasing and, in a few years, should reach an annual consumption of a million tons. Present world consumption is 750,000 tons.

This is good news in the South Pacific, where large areas of cocoa have been planted up since the end of the war. As far as this is concerned, however, the situation may be levelled out by the fact that science hopes soon to have beaten swollen-shoot disease which has seriously affected production in West Africa in recent years.

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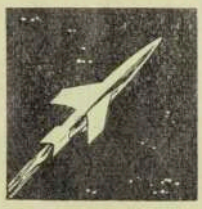

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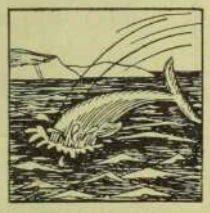

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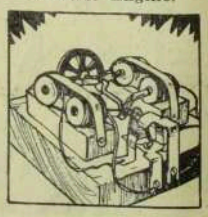

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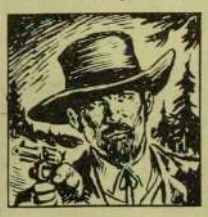

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## Remarkable New Method of Food-gathering

EXPERIMENTS carried out in recent years—notably, by Professor Konradin Kreutzer, of Friburg University, Germany—promise a complete revolution in fishing methods within the next few years. Some of the implications of this system seem likely to be of interest to the Islands.

At the present time, for example, a Dutch expert on fishing methods of the older type is teaching the Tongans fishing, to aid that country in supplementing its food requirements. The demand for supplies of fish in other Groups is even more pressing. Though fish are plentiful the people have either lost the old arts of catching them or, for some reason, they cannot be readily caught.

Kreutzer, and some Russian experimenters, have discovered that if a pair of conductors are lowered into the water, and a direct current applied between them, fish in the area between the conductors will invariably head towards the positive one. Then, if the current is interrupted and applied in impulses, each impulse causes the fish to give an involuntary twitch, which kicks it in the direction in which it is heading.

Thus, for example, the positive conductor might be placed at the inner end of a big net, and the negative conductor might consist of a long bare wire somewhere out in front of and across the entrance to the net. Any fish then coming between this latter wire and the net itself can be forced into the net by electricity.

In the same way, a fish "fence" can be erected which can be just as effective as the coral fence used in fish traps in the Islands. Such coral fences have been largely responsible for the silting up of the Ngatangiia harbour, Rarotonga. Under the new system a single wire, which would not affect the flow of water at all, might be just as effective.

However, the matter is not quite as simple as it appears at first sight. The greater the distance between the two conductors, the higher the voltage required to force a sufficiently large current through the water. This involves heavier generating equipment.

But experiments have already shown conclusively that there are some cheap and immediate applications. By the above system, the fish are not actually killed or stunned at all. But by another method, in which the current is fed to a fish-hook and to another electrode a foot or two further up the fishing line, a fish which normally puts up a big fight can be temporarily stunned, and easily hauled in by the use of only a few volts.

The "fence" method, however, is by far the most interesting insofar as the Islands are concerned. It has now been found that, by varying the voltage and the number of impulses per minute, a choice can be made between the sizes, and even between the varieties, of fish. Correctly adjusted, unwanted fish will pass through the "fence" unaffected, and the sizes required will be held for the waiting spearmen or hand-netters.

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¶ Mr. John Perry arrived at Port Moresby at the end of September to take over as acting senior geologist with the Department of Lands while Senior Geologist, Mr. J. Thompson, takes leave in Australia.

¶ The Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, returned recently to Fiji after furlough overseas.

## Radio NZ Daytime Service

RADIO New Zealand has instituted a daytime news broadcast containing items of particular interest to people living in the Islands. The broadcast is made on week days at 0030 GMT—that is, 12.30 p.m. NZT, 1.30 p.m. in Samoa, and 2 p.m. in the Cook Islands.

This street view, showing the western end of Victoria Parade, indicates how Suva, chief town of Fiji, is growing. The Triangle Garden can be seen in the distance. The new South Seas Hotel occupies the space between the right-hand building in this picture, and the "Fiji Times" office.


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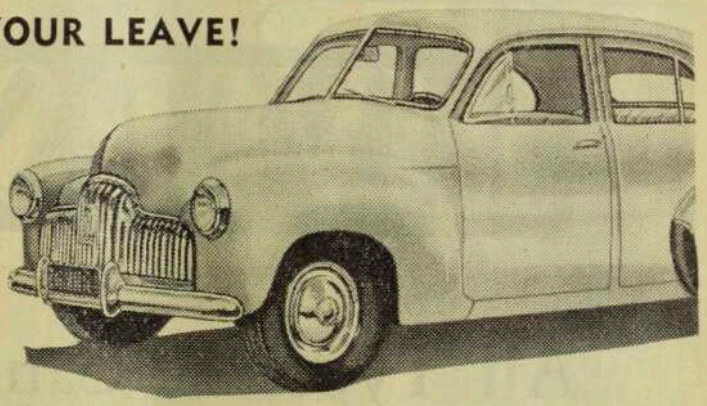

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## HONIARA RADIO

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VQO is run entirely on voluntary effort, the greater part of which falls on the wireless officer at the Government station VQJ2, Honiara. Mr. R. F. Calvert, who opened the broadcasting station and acted as announcer, engineer and (in conjunction with the PRO) as programme director, is now on leave in Sydney, and his work is being continued by Mr. D. G. Crump, of Honiara, with Mr. F. Eastick as wireless technician.

## Catching Sharks—Taveuni Style

When Mr. W. W. Warden, planter, noticed that sharks had been attracted to the shore at Soqulu, Taveuni, Fiji, by a dead animal in the water, he tried some marksmanship with a .303 rifle. This was the bag. Two of the sharks are over 12 feet in length.

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## FIJI'S RELUCTANT REHABILITATION OF EXSERVICEMEN

FUTURE rehabilitation policy covering service in World War II and in Malaya will be discussed at a suitable opportunity by the new Legislative Council of Fiji.

The old Council's Standing Committee on Finance last July refused to sanction further funds towards rehabilitation loans, declaring that in its opinion the necessity no longer existed, although a number of beneficiaries under the scheme were left with houses or other undertakings partly completed and with no funds to complete them.

The Governor, on that occasion, provided by special warrant the sum of £5,000 to meet requirements, and announced that a further £12,000 would probably be required to meet existing commitments during the current year. The Governor has also, more recently, made an interim grant of £1,000 to provide tools for servicemen returning from Malaya.

The matter is now one of urgency and it appears that the new Legislative Council will have to decide on a policy towards the rehabilitation of troops from Malaya, the first of whom were sent overseas two years ago.

¶ Mr. R. N. Sanders, a former veterinary officer in Fiji, has been appointed Deputy Director of Veterinary Services in Uganda.

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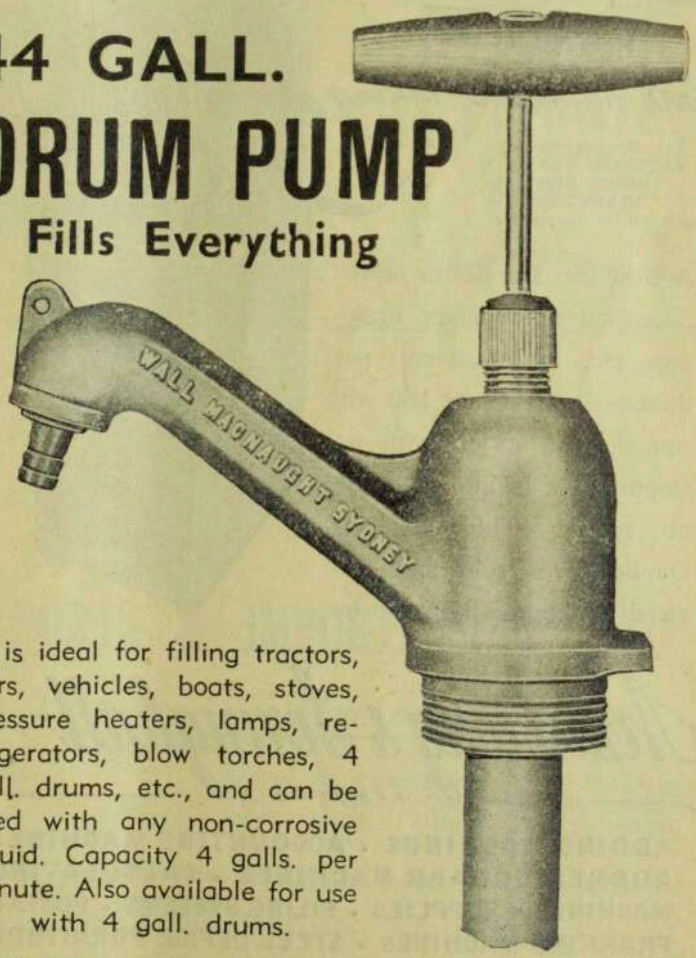


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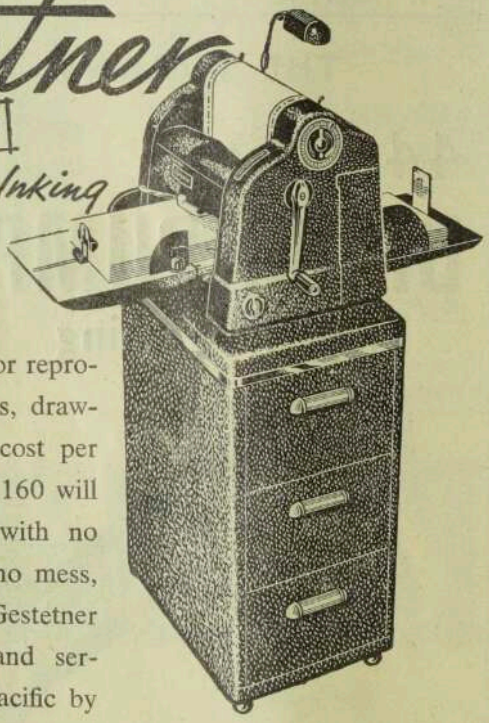

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## ASIATICS IN THE NEW HEBRIDES

Letter to the Editor

THE South Pacific Commission is spending a great deal of public money for the uplifting of natives, and their protection, but it seems to have very little interest in what is happening to natives in the New Hebrides, under the present muddled administration. The public should be told about conditions here in Santo.

The Tonkinese (ex-indentured labourers) who are now free agents, carry on an immense trade in sly-grog selling, and nothing whatever is being done by the Authorities to check this. One Sunday morning I saw one Tonk going out in his jeep (many of them are running jeeps as taxis) along the main road, to some near plantation, with one case of trade rum, and one "damejeanne" of red wine.

It is a known fact that this trade is going on in a big way, and these people are making much money at the natives' expense and health—without mentioning the disturbance of the peace. If you took a walk along the main road any Saturday or Sunday you would be amazed at the number of drunken natives. Will you tell me what is the use of this South Pacific Commission? Grog should be the first evil they should combat.

Another grave danger is the introduction of Chinese. They are building new shops as fast as they can. They import mostly Chinese goods and only favour Australia, for supplies, in a small way. The NH commerce will soon be, like Tahiti, entirely in the hands of the Chinese. For all one knows they may be Communists.

The Europeans pioneered these Islands, paving the way for the Chinese. It is time something was done.

When will the British Government decide to place responsible people in the position of District Agents, like the French do? Most of our officials are too young and inexperienced.

I am, etc.,
OLD RESIDENT.

Santo, NH.

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Extreme fire hazard existed early in October in the north-western parts of Viti Levu Island, due to the lengthy dry spell. On the Island of Dreketi an entire village was burnt to the ground when the villagers were out on the reef fishing or in the hills at their gardens.

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The Lautoka (Fiji) Land Valuations Appeal Court has granted the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. a considerable reduction in Land taxation respecting land owned by the company in the area. The reduction in rating represents a loss to the Town Board, in taxation, of £1,929 for 1953.




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## FAREWELL TO A FRIENDLY PUB

AS a newcomer to the South Seas, and reading the PIM of September, 1953, I was interested to see the article on "Farewell to Mother Mac's"; and so I submit my own version of the actual farewell.

On August 7 last, I was very new to Suva, and a friend kindly offered to show me the hotels. So we did what is commonly known as a "Pub crawl," i.e., one beer in each place.

From the rather awe-inspiring (to me, anyway) magnificence of the brass, thick carpets and turbaned Indians of the GPH, my companion suggested we have a look in at Mac's Hotel.

We walked through the doors, and down the rather long passage, and I was delighted to find a small, friendly little bar, rather like the ones in NZ. There it was, the real Bohemian atmosphere. The scarred, terrazo bar-top, the battered stools, all made me feel at home. Bert Cooper, with his kindly smile, was my idea of a genial Mine Host; and I felt sad that I had found this little den only the day before it was to be demolished.

The last day I went along to join in the farewell. There was Bert, mournfully doling out beers, and the regulars sadly standing around him. Everyone was really sorry that Bert was going, and he was presented with a scroll, signed by everybody. "Duffy," of "Duffy's Tavern," I believe they used to call him, affectionately.

As I walk past, now, they are busily demolishing all the buildings, and only a few boards are standing as a sad reminder of a very friendly hotel and excellent host.—

L. TOMPKINS.

¶ The engagement is announced of Margaret Florence, the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Rowe, of Kokopo, New Britain and North Balwyn, Victoria, and Chester Lees, younger son of Mrs. Austin-Pratt, of North Balwyn and the late Mr. Harold Austin. The wedding is to take place in January.

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# SWAINS' HEADACHE

## Labour Problem for an old Family

SWAINS ISLAND, northern outlier of American Samoa, has been experiencing some unrest of late.

The 800-acres island, which has belonged to the Jennings family since 1856, has a population of about 150. They were originally brought from Fakaofu, in the nearby British Tokelaus. Swains is geographically one of the Tokelaus, but was declared American Territory in 1925.

The population is employed by the Jennings family, making copra on a daily task basis. Some of these people are now claiming squatters' rights to the land on which they live. They are reluctant to work for Jennings, and he consequently wishes to return them to the Tokelaus and replace them with other people there, who are said to be keen to work on Swains. Some claim that the daily task is excessive.

An American Samoan Government party recently journeyed to Swains to discuss the problem. They carried out a test of the daily task and found that the 200 nuts which have to be cut per man per day, could in fact be cut in from 48 to 90 minutes by the men employed on the test.

At present the island is producing only 200 tons of copra per annum. Jennings considers that at least 350 tons could be produced by willing labour. Nuts lie sprouting under the trees.

The problem of squatters' rights seems more complicated. Legally, it seems that Jennings must remove the people from his land for one day per year, in order to retain his clear title. But where can he remove them to? Swains is 100 miles from Fakaofu and 200 miles from the nearest American territory, Tutuila.

Could they be taken for a 24-hours' cruise on the high seas, to meet legal requirements? Even if they could, the chartering of a vessel would cost a great deal. Presumably, all their goods and chattels must also be removed from the island for that 24-hours' period.

Meanwhile, the legal men have returned to Pago Pago to ponder on a knotty problem.

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Netherlands industrial and commercial interests have established a "New Guinea Institute," which aims at furthering knowledge about Netherlands New Guinea, and also at improving the economic ties between Holland and Western New Guinea.

# NEW MOVES IN WESTERN SAMOA

THE Western Samoa Legislative Assembly resumed its adjourned session on September 21, following the return of Hon. Tamasese.

Heading the agenda of this session was the District and Village Government Bill, which proposes to introduce a district and village government organisation, under the control of a District and Village Government Board.

The new Development Plan was to be debated and it was anticipated that some members would bitterly oppose many of the proposed measures involved, on the grounds that the economy of the country is incapable of bearing the heavy costs involved—especially if the prices of copra and cocoa fall, as many members consider likely.

Hon. A. M. Gurau gave notice to move that the control of prices of imported commodities be removed, in line with steps taken in New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

The report of the Commission of Inquiry into the liquor situation will be debated.

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A further 16 rhinoceros beetles were found in the area round Suva, Fiji, early in October.

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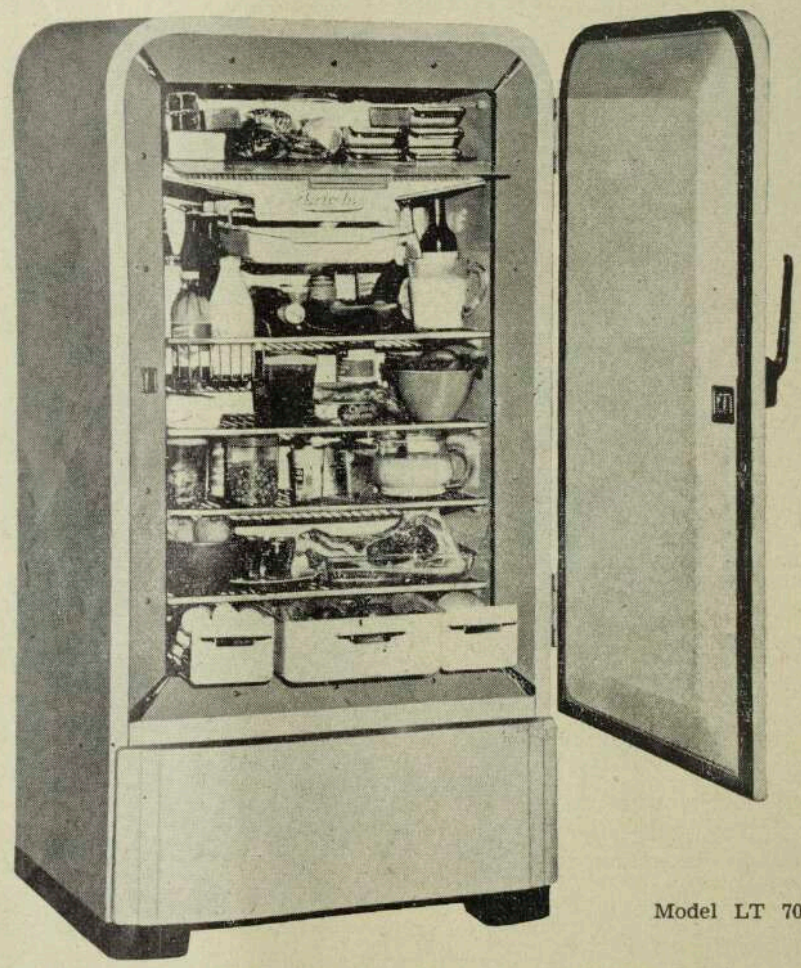

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## PAPUAN RUBBER-GROWERS' BURDEN

ALTHOUGH a strong plea for the removal of the iniquitous duty on rubber was made in the Papua-New Guinea Legislative Council in July, by Mr. Fairfax Ross, nothing appears to have been done by the Canberra czars; and now, on the falling world market, the Papuan growers' return from rubber is just about eaten up by the cost of production (not less than 1/9 per pound).

Mr. Fairfax Ross said that Senator Kendall and a deputation of growers interviewed the Territories Minister not long ago, and pointed out that the rubber duty was first imposed by the Australian Government in 1932, to provide a fund to help the Papuan growers to survive the depression. As Sir Hubert Murray pointed out 20 years ago, it saved the industry; but Canberra never removed the duty, although the proceeds are not now returned to growers.

It was once ½d per lb. Now it is 2d per lb and, imposed on the Papuan product, seeking a protected market in Australia, it now is a crippling burden.

Mr. Fairfax Ross begged the Administration to do all that it could to remove the anomaly.

**The New Apia Methodist Church nearing completion. The official opening was to take place October 1-2. The church, of modern design, faces the Apia waterfront road.**

¶ Mr. O. G. Chapman has been appointed Commissioner of Works in the British Solomons. Mr. Chapman was seconded to the Western Pacific High Commission from Fiji last year.


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## NEW PASSENGERS-ONLY VESSEL WILL CALL AT SUVA

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The United Kingdom Government gift to the sugar industries of the various Colonies was expected to yield about £90,000 in the case of Fiji. At a meeting between the growers and the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. it was agreed that, as with a similar earlier gift, the amount would be divided in the proportions of 59.3% to the growers and 40.7% to the millers. (The "gift" consists of money received for sugar by the UKMOF in excess of the amount paid to the producers).

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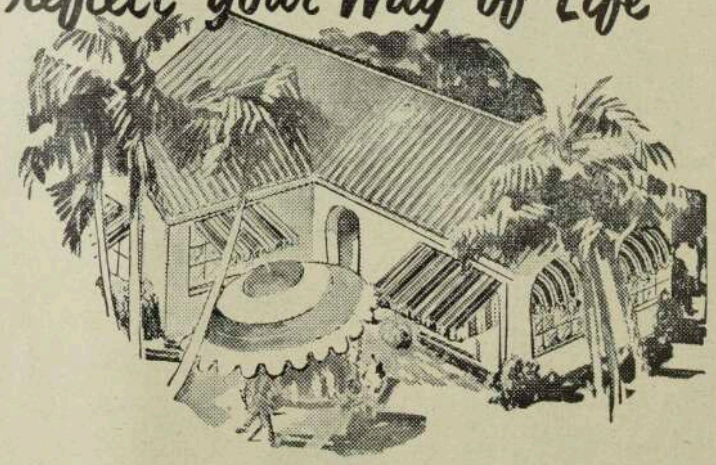

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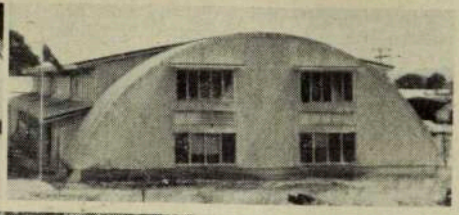

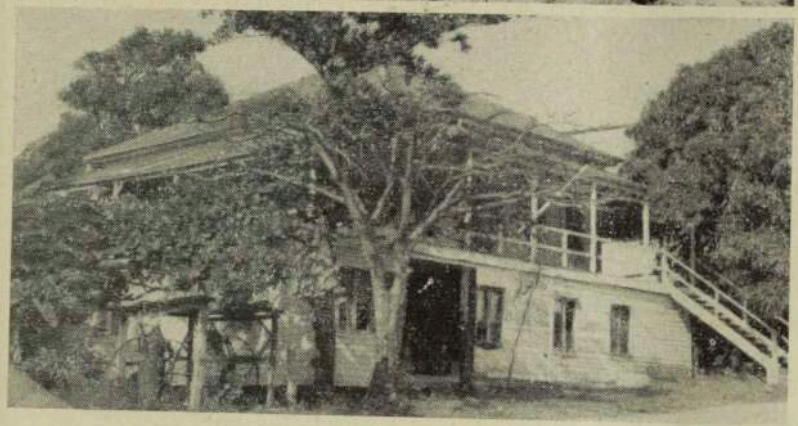

A new Printing Office, for the Papua-New Guinea Administration, modern in every respect, was opened recently in Konedobu, Port Moresby, by the Territories Minister, Mr. Hasluck. Photos (by Papuan Prints) show the new building; the old Government Printery, in Douglas Street, which served for about 50 years, and has been demolished; and the Minister (left) chatting with the Government Printer, Mr. W. Nicholls.

## FIJI CLOSES UP HER CURRENCY

FROM July 31, 1954, only Fiji currency will be legal tender in the Colony. At present, United Kingdom coinage and Australian sixpences and copper coins are also accepted as legal tender. Between now and July of next year any such coins paid into the Banks will not be paid out again. After that, no coins other than those of Fiji will be accepted at all.


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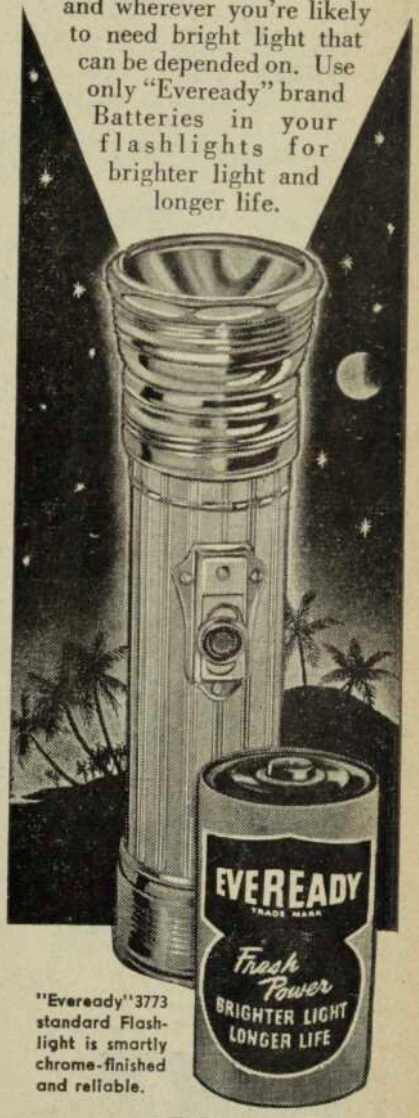


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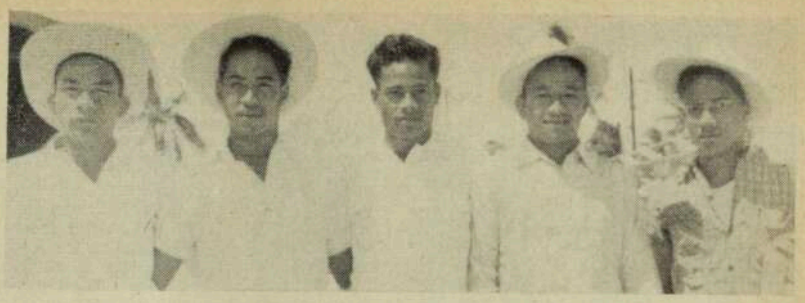
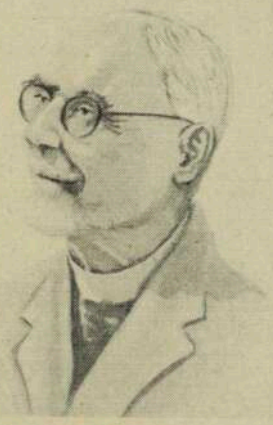
These experiments have been tried before with other primitive P-NG natives, and some idea of the reaction of these people can be gained from the experience of some from the Adelbert Ranges.

Like the Mendi natives, they were on their first introductory visit to the "outside world," and on reaching the coast boarded a very small craft en route to Madang.

They were not at all sure about that boat, but they almost collapsed with amazement when a 300-tonner hove into view. They were just getting their breath back after that jolt, and feeling brave enough to take a second look, when the 6,000-ton *Bulolo* came around the bend!



These Tongan boys, off to a new life in New Zealand, travelled south by September Tofua. Left to right: Halafihi Sio'ata, Supi Lio, Sione Fili, Taniela Muli, Mataliki Pelisikoti.



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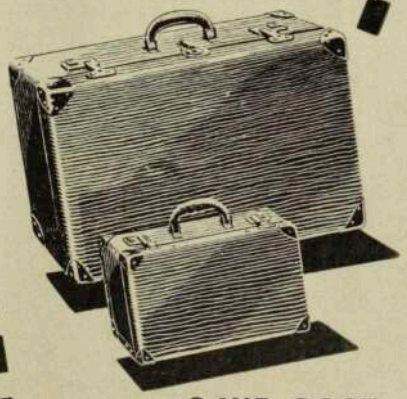

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## TRANS-BUSU LET AGAIN

### New Timber Area in NG

THE trans-Busu timber permit area—just east of Lae on the New Guinea mainland—has been let again, this time to a firm of Victorian sawmillers, Messrs. Murdock and Murphy, of Healesville.

It was let a couple of years ago to a Queensland firm; but, at the end of last year, the latter asked to be relieved of it on the grounds of recession in the Australian timber industry and prior commitments in Queensland.

The trans-Busu area is the largest timber permit area so far offered by the Administration, and consists of 21,000 acres of Taun, NG walnut, Pacific maple, Erima, Anisoptera and Terminalia.

The successful tenderers will have to erect a mill within 12 months and supply a million superfeet of sawn timber annually for Territory use. They will also have to do some considerable road and bridge building—including one large bridge across the Busu River—in order to get the timber into Lae for shipment. The rivers in the area have scared most timber men off the project.

## Paul Has Medal Here for Thee!

Twenty-two natives of Papua and New Guinea were recently awarded the first of the new Loyal Service Medals (Civil) which have been instituted by Minister for Territories Paul Hasluck.

All but one of the natives have been upwards of 25 years with the Administration, in either Territory. Odd man out was a Paramount Luluai, of Kainantu in the Highlands, who recently was responsible for some important road work.

One cynic has remarked that this is obviously part of the pronounced Hasluck policy of lifting the status of the P-NG native in half a decade—the presumed term of office of Mr. Hasluck.

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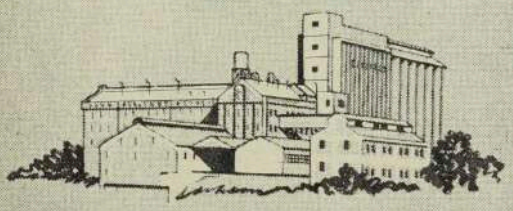

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The modern tropical building is equipped with every aid to teaching, and is attractively placed in spacious grounds in the suburbs of Apia, less than a mile inland from the waterfront.

"I know of no other country where so much educational progress has been made in eight years as in Samoa," said Dr. Beeby, addressing the Assembly. "Eight years ago the highest standard of work here was equal to the NZ Standard I or II. Now . . . with the exception of English . . . the standard is our III or IV." School buildings being built in the Territory would be a credit to any country.

Disagreeing completely with those who thought the Samoan standard of education was now adequate, Dr. Beeby stressed that higher education is absolutely essential if Samoa is going to attain complete self-government. There was clearly no money to give every Samoan a higher education; but most children should be educated to Standard IV. Then the brightest pupils should be selected carefully for higher education.

Dr. Beeby recommended: (1) Establishment of compulsory education in stages, and encouragement of boys to remain longer at school; (2) Raising the standard of education of teachers entering the training college by catching them earlier and by providing better facilities for their earlier training; (3) Using the facilities of Samoa College ("the hope of Samoa") to best advantage by carefully selecting the pupils entering; (4) Establishment of scholarships for higher education in NZ; (5) Employment of European teachers "as soon as possible" in the district schools, to facilitate better the teaching of English—an essential language if the people are to take their place in the world as a self-governing country; (6) Increased drive towards the teaching of modern methods of agriculture; (7) Reduction in the size of the schools in the Malifa Compound to handle not more than 500 or 600 pupils—anything larger was unwieldy; (8) Primary education in the Samoan language, then the use of English at higher levels; (9) A programme of adult education by every means, including radio broadcasting.


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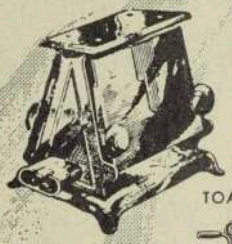
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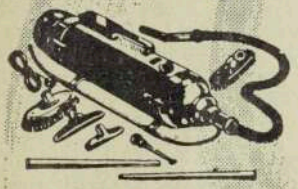
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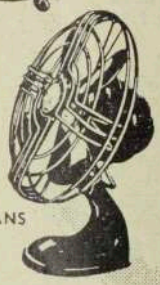
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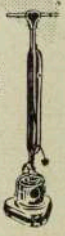
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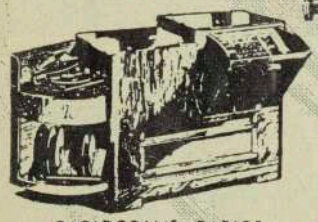
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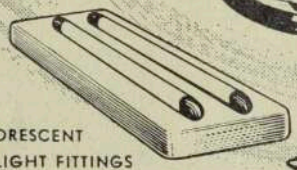
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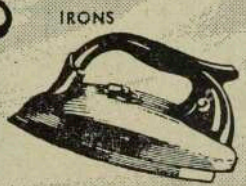
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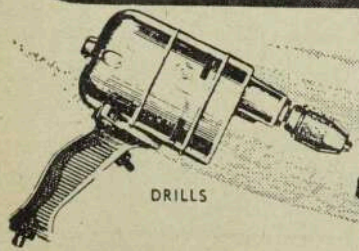
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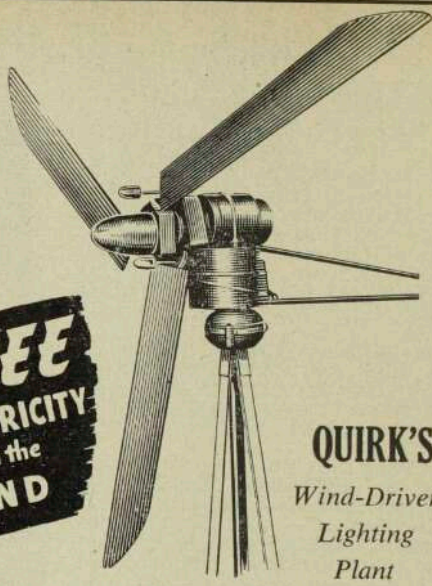

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# Tropicalities

## NO WHIP FOR MOTHER MAC

FANNING ISLAND has been much in the news lately. It was in 1903 that I was working on the Suva end of the cable from Fanning, and I have always remembered a Service memo from the Superintendent. Fanning Island Cable Station to the Superintendent, Suva, asking him to send a box of worms by the cable ship *Iris*, shortly to leave Suva for Fanning.

It seems they were battling to get a kitchen garden started and, probably quite rightly, thought a few worms might help things along.

Some of the staff loved Fanning Island. For my part I got out of the service for fear of being sent there. Fancy doing two years on a mid-Pacific atoll where there were no worms (or girls)!

It was years later, when I was sitting on the upstairs verandah at Mother Mac's hotel, in Suva, at early morning tea-time, when a lady from a few rooms up suddenly called: "Look! Look! Here comes a horse!"—and a six-years-old boy rushed out from their room to get what was obviously his first sight of a real, live horse.

He was a young Wardrop, born at Fanning Island, and the family had arrived the night before after a spell of about seven years there.

Speaking of Mother Mac's: the recent very interesting reminiscences in the PIM were, I think, a bit astray over the horse-whip. Mrs. Mac never needed one—the lash of her tongue was quite enough to clear any rowdy bar parlour I ever saw. When the old grey dressing-gown appeared at the top of the stairs, everyone knew it was time to go.

She was one of the very best, at heart. Well I remember having a quiet after-dinner "wad" with her one evening.

"When I first started this business," she remarked, "I said to myself, 'Old Girl, you've got to be a devil'"; and, with a cackle of laughter, she continued: "and, my god, I've BEEN a devil."

As for the horsewhip, I think someone will back me up when I say it was Ma Reading, at the Melbourne Hotel, farther up the Parade, who was supposed to crack that, and right skilfully, too. Another good old sort was Mrs. Reading, who never did anybody any harm. —WAGGA.

## LIVING HIGH IN NOUMEA

THE cost of living (and that includes beer!) shocked the Australians who went to New Caledonia for the Centenary celebrations in September.

Sydney newspapermen who were there to cover the Sydney-Noumea yacht race said that the island offered the tourist a wonderful time—if he could afford it.

With the Australian £ worth 140 francs, a roll of film which cost 3/3 in Australia cost 6/9 in Noumea; a two-mile taxi ride was 16/-, beer 2/3 per glass, butter 7/- a pound, tea 11/- a pound, cauliflowers 12/6 each, and eggs 9d each.

They said carpenters and other tradesmen got £32 per week—and needed every penny of it.

## NO MORE NENES

IT is reported from Hawaii that the nene, one of the rarest birds in the world, is rapidly dying out despite all efforts to preserve the species.

The nene is a large goose, native to two islands in the Hawaiian chain, Maui and Hawaii. Their numbers were estimated at 25,000 at the beginning of last century; but there are not more than 70 of the birds, over half of them in captivity, living to-day. Their life span is known to exceed 40 years.

The Hawaiian Board of Agriculture and Forestry spent $6,000 last year in an effort to increase their numbers by artificial insemination and other means. The birds usually keep to the one mate, and the younger ones rarely produce fertile eggs.

## BRING ON YOUR PIGS AND YOUR BUNS!

IN Rarotonga the Titikaveka village elders revealed what that popular Cook Islands excursion known as the *tere* party costs the hosts.

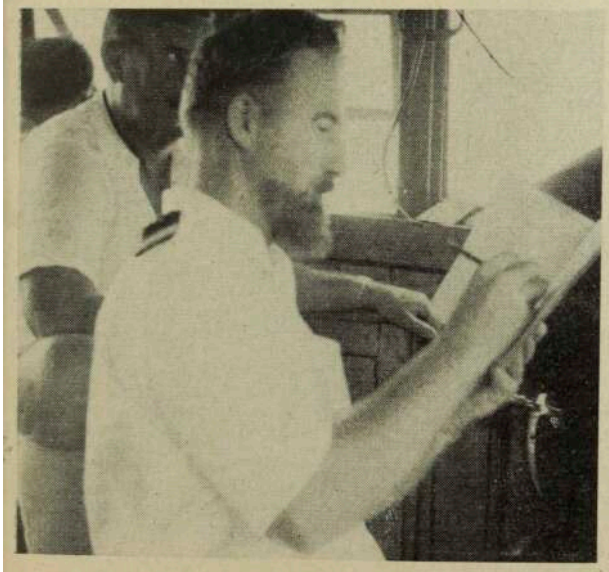
When guests from Aitutaki descended upon them in three recent visits the following items were delivered to the village chefs on each occasion: Pigs, 112; fowls, 112; meat, 244 16-oz tins; taro and kumaras, 448 lbs; banana puddings, 224; cakes, 65 dozen; bread, 336 loaves; scones and buns, 2,400 pieces.

This explains why the live-stock are reported to get fidgety whenever a local small-craft is seen approaching an island.

## ASSOCIATION OF IDEAS

BETWEEN service in Malaya and his return to Fiji in November, Lieut.-Colonel Ratu Edward Cakobau, MC, enjoyed an Australian holiday—taking in the Melbourne Cup and seeing some of the sights of Sydney Town. He is still the best looking man south of the Line and this 6-ft Fijian in green beret, khaki sulu and shirt, got, in return, his fair share of attention in the Southern cities.

The Colonel tells with much relish of the struggles of the reception clerks at his Sydney hotel with a name that is spelled Cakobau and, incomprehensibly, is pronounced Thakombau. And of the evident confusion of the lady who got into



## Portrait of an Artist

**Captain Brett Hilder of MV Malaita at work on a rough sketch which no doubt by now has formed the basis of one of his famous water colours of Pacific Islands natives. The subject in this case was the native helmsman of the Administration workboat at Sohano, Buka Passage, TNG.**

**The interested onlooker in the background is Mr. Jimmy Joyes of Iwi Plantation, Bougainville.**

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the lift with him at the same hotel one morning. In stony silence they descended from the fourth to the second flour while the lady seemed incapable of getting her gaze higher than his bare legs.

Then, evidently feeling that Summer must have come to that neck of the woods, unnoticed, she burst out, somewhat uncertainly: "Lovely weather we are having—isn't it?"

* * *

LIEUT-COL. Cakobau's appointment to command the Fiji Battalion in Malaya was announced last April—the post had previously been held by a New Zealander. He was the only non-European officer commanding troops in Malaya. It is understood that he will now remain in Fiji and return to Government service as an administrative officer, as he did after his return to the Colony from service in the Solomons during World War II.

He says that his Fijians have been happy in their Malayan service and that the Fijians were a delight to the British Army authorities—especially those concerned with the provisioning arrangements.

Evidently these gentlemen, who were already coping with rations for British Other Ranks (BORs) and Gurkha Other Ranks (GORs) and African Other Ranks (AORs) were horrified with the prospect of providing a fourth variety of food for the FORs. When informed that the Fijians had no prejudices and would eat ANYTHING, so long as there was a lot of it, there was much rejoicing.

In the early days it was decided, as an experiment, that no liquor restrictions would be placed upon the Fijians. It was realised that many people in Fiji would object to this but it was believed that sly-groggers would supply some of the Fijians, anyway, and that it was better if the whole thing were conducted out in the open.

The men were warned that whether or not the experiment was continued after the first six months was up to them. If they proved that they could drink and behave—OK. If not, then liquor was off.

After the six months' trial period, liquor was off. Even men who hitherto had had a clean record blotted their copy-books. A drinking Fijian is a fighting Fijian—and their fighting was not confined to the Terrorists.

HE COULD NOT CARE LESS

AUSTRALIAN newspapers got a trifle mixed over the titles of Edward Cakobau, holidaying in Sydney, on his way home from Malaya. First, he is Ratu, being a hereditary noble of Royal blood. He is also Lieut.-Colonel, having been in charge of the Fiji battalion in Malaya. He is also Honourable, because he is a member of the Legislative Council, and has just been called to the Executive Council. Also, he holds the Military Cross, won on active service in the Solomons. "Lieut.-Colonel Ratu the Honourable Edward Cakobau, MC, MLC," would about cover it. But the smiling, soldierly young Fijian —"Edward" to his many friends—gave the impression that he was completely indifferent to his various titles.

# *Suva Knew Darling, Tahiti's Nature Man*

*By BILL CRAIG*

SOMETHING has appeared in PIM recently about the Tahiti "Nature Man", Ernest Darling, and I have noticed that little or nothing has been said about his last few months, spent in Suva in 1918.

Mailboat day in Suva was usually a most interesting event for the local inhabitants; and, when there were no counter-attractions, many of the lads of the village (particularly those young colonials from the Pacific Cable station who worked night shifts) wandered down to the wharf to see the passengers disembarking. As Suva at this time was rather dull and drab, mailboat day became one of the highlights of the month; and the American passengers always provided an infinite variety of clothes, dress, accents and verbosity.

One day we were startled to see a very odd figure coming down the gangway, and there was a buzz of excited comment from the little group in which I was standing. I distinctly remember one lad in the group giving expression to his thoughts by a spontaneous ejaculation, "Jesus Christ, Himself"! Indeed, the figure might well have been a Biblical character; for here was our "Nature Man," Ernest Darling.

With long straggling hair and beard, Darling's slim, athletic figure was adorned with only three articles of clothing; a one-piece "romper" suit made of a dark grey material, a pair of large, comfortable sandals, and—looking most incongruous—a dark-green celluloid eyeshade.

The romper suit had short sleeves, and the short trousers appeared to have a bloomer effect, being fastened above the knees. I forget whether it buttoned up the back, but there did not appear to be a buttoned flap normally seen in a romper suit. On his back he carried a bundle—apparently clothes—at the end of a short pole. During his stay in Suva, I never saw him wear anything different.

He had little difficulty in passing through the Customs and, eventually, he proceeded through the township, followed by a small but eager troop of curious Fijian boys. Darling secured lodging in the Nagangi district—between the present Government Buildings and the Melbourne Hotel. Nagangi was also the centre of the Samoan settlement, where the well-known identity "Selio the washerman" lived; and here he occupied a small hut at the rear of Robinson & Ballantyne's stables (later a garage).

For the first few days, Darling's comings and goings were always followed with great interest by both Europeans and Fijians. The small Fijian boys were delighted to follow their newly-found hero as he wandered down to the markets every morning. After a week or two, he was accepted as a matter of course; and his one-piece romper and eyeshade became a familiar sight to us as he passed the Cable-station, laden with bananas, coconuts, taro or fish.

To those interested in him, Darling was always ready to discuss world affairs; and his arguments on the philosophy of life were really convincing, and one felt that here was a man who was at peace with the world.

Occasionally, he distributed a few pamphlets—not indiscriminately, but only to those who had befriended him. These pamphlets were printed in phonetic English and I remember one that was headed "THE MARRIJ RELASHUN," and referred to the necessity for keeping fit and well before entering the state of matrimony.

On one occasion, during a conversation I had with him, Darling suddenly turned to the grassy lawn on the side of the road and quickly turned a couple of handspring somersaults. "If you can do that when you are my age of fifty-two, you are very fit," he said.

On returning to the Cable Quarters that evening, I tried several times to do one somersault; but failed miserably, although I was only nineteen at the time.

There is no doubt that Darling enjoyed his sojourn in Suva, and he was always thrilled when we called on him to discuss his "system." However, Nagangi was, to a certain extent, "out of bounds," and he was more or less looked upon as a man who had "gone native."

During the great influenza epidemic of 1918, poor old Darling was stricken with the complaint. He was attended by a well-known Suva doctor, who prescribed a light diet and hospital treatment. But Darling refused to go on a diet, and insisted on his usual fare of coconuts, bananas and fish. Unfortunately, this proved too much for his weakened system, and he passed away. At this time, I also was laid up with the flu, and weeks later, when I missed his familiar eye-shaded figure jog-trotting past the office I was told of his death.

# SANTO, THE TOWN THE YANKS LEFT

By
JUDY TUDOR

*This mighty bomber strip, and those outlying fighter strips that lie hidden behind the mossgreen hills, were built by Americans, with American money. It is American fighters that stand in the revetments; American shoulders and American cement that built those permanent wharves inside the reef...*

*But who owns the island on which so much money is being invested on permanent improvements? It is not legally America's...*

*On some islands where there are coconut plantations owned by big British and French companies the US has bought coconut palms—every one being counted by a Company representative on the spot—at prices ranging from 50 cents to several dollars each—in order to have the right to cut them down to build defence runways.*

*In the Pacific . . . after selecting a coral spot necessary to defend Australia, Alaska and America, and recover the Indies, Malaya, Burma and China, we begin making this hitherto valueless spot well protected and secure and as valuable as possible—all without any purchase, agreement or understanding.*

SO wrote US war correspondent George Weller for the *Chicago Daily News* in July, 1943. A good news story then, for home consumption, it makes strange reading in Santo, New Hebrides, just 10 years later—and Santo was no doubt one of the places Weller had in mind when he wrote the article (called *U.S. As Sucker No. 1 in Pacific Isles*).

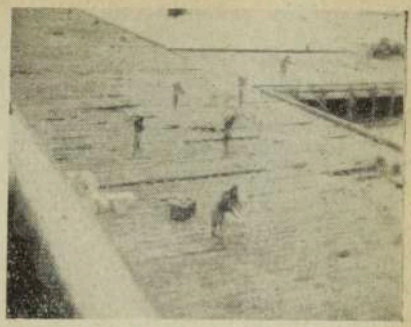
It has been kept and was given to me by Mr. Tom Harris, of Santo, who has lived in that part of the woods for the past 35 years. He was there when the first Americans came, looking for a Hebrides base from which to kick back at the Japs in the Solomons; he rounded up some horses and helped them explore the area; took them to the place which ultimately became their first air-strip, and obtained the labour which helped to make it.

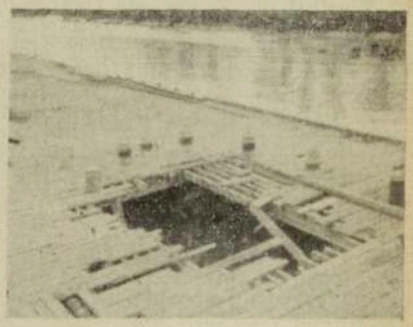
He remained on at Santo while it grew into one of the largest bases in the South Pacific, with about 350,000 troops at the peak of its usefulness, over 400 miles of wide coral roads, half-dozen bomber and fighter strips, a similar number of wharves and thousands of the Quonsets which seem as though they might be the most permanent legacy of the US invasion of the Pacific.

He remained still when, in the later stages of the war, they shipped out to bases further north; and he is there to-day—running what is probably the largest cinema in the South Pacific—certainly one of the most unique.

But Santo, in 1953, is largely (but not altogether) a variation of an old theme—from jungle to jungle in half a generation. Probably not more than 60 miles of the roads are still in use. No one uses the airfields—Santo's weekly airservice to and from Australia is by flying-boat; the thousands of Quonsets have been reduced (at a wild guess) to a hundred still in use.

Some of the Tonkinese jeep taxis of the New Hebrides.





At top: Pier 5—the half-dozen native stevedores (there seemed never to be more than half a dozen at any one time) had to carry the cargo off the wharf because it was unsafe for lorries. The fuzz in the right foreground is a crop of local grass. Lower: Pier 3—a lorry went through this hole, but the rest of it was considered safe for vehicles (in March).

What Mr. Weller was pleased to call "permanent improvements" in the way of wharves, have been reduced to a silly joke. What are still called grandiloquently Pier 3 and Pier 5 are in existence; but they have both reached the stage now when a good hard jolt from a row-boat would likely send them toppling into Segond Channel. Master mariners approach them cautiously, and the ideal is to tie up with two or three feet to spare.

Pier 3 has suffered most from mariners who have not achieved the ideal. Swathes have been cut off each end by visiting copra ships, and a huge scollop has been put into it somewhere near the middle by the old *Morinda*. In the centre of the decking there is a gap, maybe 30 feet square, now ringed around by red-painted oil drums, where a lorry went through. Minor holes occur at intervals; but, by using hatch-covers and pieces of airfield matting, it is possible to get lorries onto about one-third of it.

Pier 5 is peppered with holes of varying shapes and sizes, and what decking remains carries a healthy crop of local grass. They keep the lorries off this one. Native stevedores pick their way daintily between and around the holes.

BUT Santo—or maybe more correctly, the Segond Channel area—has not reverted to its 1941

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state, either. Then it consisted only of plantations between the Segond Channel and the low coral terraces that Nature has upthrust between the sea and the high, volcanic mountains of the interior. The whole was interspersed by rivers which limited all land transport. There were no roads; there were a few bullock-carts and riding-horses on the plantations; but if you wanted to visit a neighbour you went by sea. Goods were brought in and copra loaded off each plantation. There were no stores; certainly no plane services; it was a remote island outpost in which the handful of European residents were left very much to their own devices.

To-day, by comparison, it is a thriving metropolis; and if by some magic you could get the whole caboodle and shove all the houses and bits and pieces together, you would probably achieve a town of perhaps the size and proportions of Madang (NG) or even Levuka (Fiji).

But nothing so sissy as a town-plan for the independent New Hebrides! As a result, Santo town straggles along about five miles of the waterfront road that the Yanks built; the post-office and radio station marking one end of it, Pier 3 approximately the other. About 1½ miles separate the two main European stores. The cinema and Club occur somewhere down towards Pier 3's end of the town.

The headquarters of the British District Agent, carrying on the British New Hebrides tradition of seclusion, is about 14 miles out of the town. Only the desperate or the well-heeled would attempt to visit it because if Santo does nothing else, in its present state it provides the bushranging Tonkinese taxi-drivers with the best opportunity they ever will have of getting rich quickly.

The taxis are mostly resurrected war-time jeeps; their drivers wispy Tonkinese, most of them in cheap sun-helmets; and all talking a babble of a language out of which here and there, like currants in a bun, you can pick out such things at "bateau," or "ten-shillings."

Architecturally, of course, the ubiquitous Quonset dominates the landscape—even where small Tonkinese stores are going up in timber or cement, the roof has the characteristic Quonset curve, as it is built of salvaged iron. There are in Santo, as elsewhere, some ingenious attempts at adapting the Quonset but the majority still flourish in their faded wartime coats of camouflage.

SOCIALLY, Santo, perhaps, regards itself as a sort of Melanesian Tahiti. There is no emphasis on the "European community," as in some other territories; there are just people, every shade from coal-black to pure white. The sex-lives and idiosyncracies of the various inhabitants are freely discussed, without inhibitions, and liquor is obtainable by all and sundry (except, officially, the native) at wayside bars and cafes (with little unpleasant drunkenness).

There is the very good Civil Club—and that greatest of all social levellers, the Tom Harris cinema, the largest Quonset of them all, into which on Saturday nights—the men wearing hang-out shirts of gaudy design—crowd something like 500 people (cheap seats in front, more expensive to the rear, and a bar at the side) to see in the hot darkness, Arab sheiks gallop madly over the desert and American cowboys do almost the same thing. (The goodies can be distinguished from the baddies by the various hoots and cheers of the audience).

The show begins at 8.30 and consists of a long portion of "serial," and a feature film. Somewhere in the centre there is an interval when patrons retire to the bar; interval can last up to three-quarters of an hour, depending upon the time it takes the last patron to buy his last drink.

Out in front of the theatre, Tonkinese stalls sell a bizarre assortment of theatre fare including hard-boiled eggs and watermelon; and literally hundredweights of peanuts. The melons and eggs seem to be consumed outside, but the peanuts are brought in so that above the six-shooting of Randolph Scott or the trials and tribulations of the Arab sheik, is the continuous sound of peanut shells being crunched. At the end of the show the floor is carpeted inches deep with discarded shells.

IT is customary, at this stage, to ask ponderously "What of its Future"; or to conjure up visions of the Tonkinese taxi-bandits or sellers of watermelons and hard-boiled eggs as an Asiatic Menace. If you give this angle even superficial attention you will probably come to the conclusion that Santo has no reason for being at all—or no reason for being other than it was in 1941. The apparent pie-crust prosperity of Santo (like a dozen other South Pacific towns) is, of course, a direct reflection of the high price of copra. If the copra boom ever bursts, one of the first results in Santo, no doubt, will be that many of the Tonkinese will give up being independent taxi proprietors and seek a wage job—if they can get one.

Under these conditions they may become a menace, Red or otherwise but to have any informed opinion about that, one would need more experience of the wily Tonk than that which comes from being buffeted about in their madly scuttling jeep taxis.

Presumably if one lives in Santo one's intelligence is frequently teased by these conundrums; but if a mere visitor, it does not seem to matter very much, anyhow; even Mr. Weller's sad 10-years-gone presentation of the US as the Pacific's number-one sucker seems now to make poor sense.

There it lies, under a sulky sky, a sparse straggle of unpainted buildings and crumbling wharves; half-buried by encroaching jungle and uncut weeds. Here and there evidences of neatness, industry, forward planning; but for the most part, this town the Yanks left is just about halfway to you-guess-what. On the way out? Hard to believe that it is on its way in.—*Santo, March, 1953.*

## FIJI, 1953

WE now awake, to find the sleeping years
Have spread a darkling shadow o'er the skies
Of this fair land of ours. Time-serving men,
With muddled thinking and unconscious lies,
Have placed in jeopardy the sacred trust
To guard and keep intact our Island home.
What then this horde, of Asiatic breed,
That sweeps across our land like seething foam!

If we survive, then this it cannot be
That one among these Servants hath a plan
To right the wrong, untangle all the skeins:
These times *can not* produce that man.
This problem grave, it cannot be resolved
By talking men in council; they are just
Successors to the countless other men
Now gone to whence they came—into the dust.

Great warriors we, and athletes of renown:
The pity is that this great energy
Is not directed to the jobs at home
Instead of serving others out across the sea.
A country won, it is not always so
That only by the use of arms to win
Mere courage can defeat the open foe.
A different thing, the enemy within.

Our land we claim, and this land must be used
For our own good. And this is what we need:
The indolence of years to cast away;
The fertile earth must know the quick'ning seed.
No medals here, no paths to glory lead;
But untilled acres, knowing nought of plough
Can point the way to duty. We must see
A different kind of war is on us now.

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# THE STORY OF WM. REIHER—I

BY· WILLIAM SCHUTZ

*(Most people of the Central Pacific have heard of the Reiher Brothers—the three clever sons of a German father and a Marshallese mother. The family was among many people of similarly mixed blood who were driven out of the Micronesian archipelagoes by the Japanese into the adjoining British islands after World War I. The Reihers, although at first handicapped by lack of English, became British citizens and outstanding technicians.*

*In this and a second article (next issue) Mr. William Schutz—himself a Gilbert Islands resident of similar origin, and now head of the group's biggest co-operative society—tells the story of William Reiher. All three Reiher Brothers are now dead.)*

ON August 1, 1953, William Henry Reiher died in his home on Abemama, leaving his wife, 3 sons, 6 daughters, 4 grand-children, 1 son and 1 daughter-in-law to mourn his passing.

Continuous bad health robbed the Gilbert and Ellice Colony of the full service of an accomplished tradesman and skipper—in fact, a man of all trades. This is the life story of a man who was educated in a German Mission School; trained by a conscientious Mission Brother (who was a master of all trades himself); who later, through self-study, mastered the English language sufficiently to acquire in English and in German, the arts of navigation, engineering, architecture and ship-building. William held no ticket or certificates, but anyone knowing his achievements will admit that he was a talented and skilful man.

This story of a remarkable man, of mixed European and Islands blood, should give food for thought to those responsible for planning the education and upbringing of Islands youth. There are thousands of these young people, as clever and talented as William was; but, through lack of facilities, they cannot make use of their talents because educators and planners fail to give them opportunities for education and training.

WILLIAM REIHER was born in Jaluit, Marshall Islands, the second son of Captain Adolph Christopher Reiher, and Mary *nee* Foliet, on November 28, 1889.

In 1900 the Sacred Heart Mission started a school on Jaluit. William, with his elder brother Fritz, his younger sister Elizabeth, and the youngest brother, Heinrich, were the first pupils of that school.

Fritz, the eldest, robust and strong, was apprenticed to the Jaluit Geaselschaft as carpenter after a year in school. He continued his studies in the evenings under one of the Mission Brothers.

William, Elizabeth and Heinrich finished their eight years' schooling. William was put under Brother Servatius, the Mission house-builder, and this training made William a most accomplished carpenter and the man-of-all-trades. Shipbuilding knowledge was added when the Mission decided to build a vessel of its own—the 60 ft schooner *Regina*.

William Schultz who tells the story.

The Marshall Islands were then a German Territory.

The Jaluit Gaselschaft employed William as a skilled tradesman. He joined his brother Fritz in doing all odd jobs in wharf, punt and boat building, with ships' repairs added, under the direction of a man named Muller. The latter directed the outside work of a firm owning a mail-steamer of 1,000 tons, and three auxiliary vessels of 150 tons.

About 1913 he was sent to Truk to erect new buildings for the company's branch there and, on completion, he was offered a vacant trading station. He was to run it on his own account, the company granting him credit for a start.

After the outbreak of World War I, and the Japanese occupation of the Marshall Islands, William decided to return to Jaluit (1916). Fritz Reiher was now trading on the island of Majuro. No jobs offering from the Japanese, William went to Majuro. About the middle of 1918, a fearful typhoon devastated Majuro, killing many people and destroying all coconuts and fruit trees. Some 300 natives were evacuated to Jaluit and later to Ebon Island.

MV *Mauno*, Burns Philp's trading ship under command of Captain I. R. Handley, was the first vessel to visit the island after the catastrophe. Seeing the plight the islanders were in, Captain Handley landed all his cargo of rice and flour and returned to Jaluit to report the matter to the Japanese administrator.

(Captain Handley was among those murdered by the Japanese at Tarawa in 1942).

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A scene on the deck of the LMS schooner 'John Williams,' where William Reiher was a temporary deck officer. (Photograph taken by editor of PIM in the Ellice Islands which he visited in September, 1941.)




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# *This Adam is a Kukukuku*

WHEN Colin Simpson gave up most of his radio work—for which he was well known—and decided to make his living by writing books, there was no lack of local prophets to call the scheme crazy: Australia is a tough place in which to make a living from books. But if Simpson can keep up the standard of his first two *Adams* then there should not be too much trouble in doing just that. The New Guinea Adam, like its Arnhem Land predecessor, has all the hallmarks of a best-seller.

*Adam in Ochre*, which appeared about two years ago (and concerns the Arnhem Land aborigines) has now been followed (October, 1953), by *Adam with Arrows*. The new book is produced to the same high standard that put *Adam in Ochre* well ahead of most Australian book productions; and it is illustrated with line drawings, and black-and-white and coloured photographs (the latter financed by Sir Edward Hallstrom, to whom the book is dedicated).

This Adam, with arrows, is a Kukukuku. One of those pint-sized bow-and-arrow fighters who wear bark hoods as protection against the elements of the almost perpendicular country they inhabit westward of the Huon Gulf, in New Guinea, and southwards almost to the Gulf of Papua, in the region of the Vailala River; and whose very name is a dark and fearful legend in both Territories.

THE infamy of the Kukukuku has spread everywhere among the more civilised natives of Papua-New Guinea; by them he is endowed with almost superhuman powers as a fighter; he "savvies kai-kai man"—in other words, is a cannibal; and he is their original bogey-man in human form. Half a dozen Kukukukus, brandishing bows and arrows on a ridge, are enough to panic the largest line of cargo carriers.

Nor does the Kukukukus' evil reputation end with the natives. They have given the administrations of Papua and New Guinea plenty to think about ever since Europeans first ventured into their country at the beginning of this century; and probably will continue to do so for many years to come.

The Kukukuku is still largely an unknown quantity; unpredictable, friendly and fierce by turns, much more reluctant to embrace the trappings of civilisation than other New Guinea natives. (It is perhaps worth recording, however, for the benefit of Mr. Simpson's readers, that the lads who deliver Wau's milk supply are reformed Kukukukus; so also were those who picked coffee berries in the Wilde plantation at Wau, right after the war, when labour was hard to get. Most still maintained their independent habit and would, could or feigned not to understand Pidgin).

Because, on their native heath, the Kukukukus' life is entirely orientated towards fighting, they have developed few of the decorative arts and few of the social graces. And, also because of their fighting habits, they have been left severely alone—with one exception—by anthropologists who have got most other primitive people between the covers of a book, long since. (The exception was an Englishwoman, and Simpson tells something of her life among these people). *Adam with Arrows* is interesting on this score alone—that is, that it gathers together almost all that is at present known about the Kukukukus, and presents it in one very readable volume.

THE book, however, is quite deliberately written to catch the attention of the general Australian reading public. It contains all those small things—the snippets of sex lore, the dramatic presentation of incident and continuity of action—that make for reader appeal, and because of this is likely to appear to the average New Guinea reader as—at times—overdramatised. Not even in Kukukuku country is the life of Administration personnel so much a matter of continual stress and strain and murder-hunts and flying arrows, *ad infinitum*, as the narrative would leave the uninitiated to imagine. And some NG Old-timers will, no doubt, feel that there is too much of this Government official, or of that.

The book was not written for NG Oldtimers, however; it is essentially the story of a native people and their contact with European civilisation, through Administration officers. And, though one realises that District Services personnel are not always regarded as prophets in their own country, as presented by Colin Simpson it is most likely that they will be elevated to the position of Number-one Pin-Up Boys among Australian arm-chair adventurers from this time forth. It is largely an unpublicised service, anyhow; a little attention won't come amiss.

To sum up: Excellent entertainment value, as well as being a contribution to our knowledge of a little-known people. Even dyed-in-the-wool Territorians will find far more to like in it than to dislike.—JT.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd. Australian price, 25/-.)

An old photograph of the Kukukukus who murdered Baum; the story is told again in Simpson's book. Note the bark hoods or cloaks.

## Worth a Place on Your Bookshelf

**AUSTRALIAN ROUND-UP:** Colin Roderick, who has by now become an authority on early Australian literature, goes back as far as 1790 for some of the stories which he has got together to form this handsome collection of Australian prose. Some of the stories, however, were written as late as 1950.

Many of them were first published in the Sydney "Bulletin" in those days when it was regarded as the bushman's Bible and when it prided itself in being a vehicle for budding Australian literary talent. Some of the stories first saw print in the old "Lone Hand" magazine, also a "Bulletin" publication, and defunct these many years.

The volume will thus have considerable appeal to those who feel that short story writing is not what it was; and these things were done much better in the days when the Commonwealth was young.

In his foreword, Mr. Roderick says that in choosing the stories that appear in the book and cover a period of 150 years in Australian life and literature, he has put the accent on narrative—that is, that




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each must have a story to tell and not be merely a sketch or a vignette about a "mood a passing cloud, a flower or a mug of beer."

Most people who have struggled through the surrealist tripe that masquerades as the short story among Australian literary high-brows, will probably agree with him. The short story is the hardest literary medium of all, and judging by the manner in which borrowers or buyers of books spurn the volume of short-stories, the least popular.

An illustration accompanying Ninia, in Australian Roundup.

It is a debatable point whether Australia has yet produced any really great short-story writers—but they all seem to have one dominant characteristic (this is noticeable not only in Roderick's collection but in others) and that is their stress on the macabre, the bizarre; on violence or poverty or frustration. Even their humor is inclined to the sadistic.

This is a phenomenon that is hard to understand in a country which enjoys so much vaunted freedom, sunlight, open spaces, call of adventure and what-have-you. But to write about it is apparently regarded as corn; it is much more artistic to write about misery in Woolloomooloo, or soul-destroying frustration in a small town, or drought and dead sheep in the Never-Never or murder in a bush humpy. In such things does Australia find its literary expression; God knows why. Most Australians are unconcerned with misery, drought, frustration and murder and lead normal enough lives; an overseas reader, addicted to Australian literature, would be excused for thinking otherwise, however.

Included in the Roderick collection is a Louis Becke story of the Caroline Islands called "Ninia," from which comes the illustration herewith. It is a tale of retribution: a white man lands on a small island and with the aid of five muskets assists the native inhabitants to assassinate the less fortunate natives of a neighbouring island. Years later he himself is killed by a jealous chief but his wife and half-caste daughters are spared. The daughters and their friends are blown out to sea in a gale and drift in a canoe many days. Only the elder daughter survives and is brought safely home through prayers to a strange God whom her father thought to mention only at his last dying breath.

Such well known names as Henry Lawson, Roderick Quinn, Vance Palmer, Jon Idriess, Myra Morris are represented among the 38 authors whose stories make up the volume. There is a biographical note about each of them which makes the work doubly valuable from the point of view of anyone interested in Australian writing, ancient or modern. Price of the book is 21/-. (An Angus and Robertson publication).

★ ☆ ★

THE wife-husband writing team of GEORGE H. JOHNSTON and CHARMAIN CLIFT, authors of prize winning "High Valley," have made China the scene of their second novel, "THE BIG CHARIOT."

The time is the 19 years from 1644 onwards—the first years of the Manchu period and the trailing end of the Ming Dynasty. During these 19 years, the remnants of the Ming—Emperors and pretenders—fled the whole length of China from Pekin, just under the Great Wall, to Canton in the south; and then the whole breadth of the land, to Yunnan, and finally, into Burma where the last of them were rooted out and done to death at the instigation of the Manchu conquerors.

It is the story of these years of wandering with which the Big Chariot is concerned, and particularly as it affects the two central characters, the twin brothers Cheng, one of whom casts his lot with the Manchu, the other who follows the waning fortunes of the Ming to the bitter end.

When the story begins, this oldest of all civilisations was at an interesting period of its history; the fire and drive of the Ming Dynasty had all but spent itself in close to 300 years, and in its place had come the inevitable slide into corruption and weakness. While the court was ruled, behind the scenes, by the eunuchs, the land was ravaged by drought and famine, the peasants were at revolution point, and when the Manchurians came down from the north in pretence of liberating the down-trodden, the result was never in doubt. The Manchurians claimed the Dragon Throne for their pains and the aftermath of "liberation" was little different from what more modern folk found it to mean.

But although it is the story of a period, it primarily is a story of people; Chinese people, of course, with what we might be pleased to call peculiarly Chinese reactions to some situations, but on the whole, people with the same loves and fears and hates, joys and sorrows as we too experience—an exotic setting but a human story.

Although it covers, in time, a period of nearly 20 years, its action does not drag; it is beautifully written and presented, contains a love story and a surprise ending.

From Angus and Robertson, Sydney; Australian price, 18/9.

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"ON OUR SELECTION," by Steele Rudd.

In the past half-Century there have been so many corny jokes concerning Dad and Dave—and, of course, Mabel—that Australasians have lost track of the original stories and their writer, Steele Rudd.

The stories originally appeared in Sydney "Bulletin" as a series of sketches; later, were published in book form as "On Our Selection" and "Our New Selection." Just recently, Angus and Robertson have reissued the two as a combined edition, and new generations of Australians are reading the original stories for the first time and, to their surprise, finding them good writing and good reading; comparatively undated as to time—although they were first published over 50 years ago; and, so far as these earlier Rudd stories are concerned, that there was no Mabel.

Dave's only recorded passion concerned Fanny Bowman, for whom love could be seen "working in him like yeast . . . he developed a passion for small things, trifles he had hitherto regarded with contempt, purchased silk handkerchiefs and perfume and conversation-lollies . . ."

After dinner each night he would rush to saddle a horse and would not be seen till next morning. The course of Dave's love-life was subject to the usual amount of frustration, however, mostly connected with Jack Gore, the Bowman's hired man, though superior and looked upon as one of the family.

Months went by, Dave still taking nightly toll of the riding horses, then . . ."

"Jack Gore left Bowman's service one morning. He left it suddenly. Bowman sacked him, and Mrs. Bowman talked to the neighbours about him with the wrath of an insulted mother. 'The cheek of him,' she said to Mother, 'to think he was good enough for Fanny! Why, we wouldn't have kept him a day if we'd thought—if we'd even dreamt. Fanny, indeed!' "

Mother told Dave what she had said, and Dave left home a little earlier that evening. He returned unexpectedly, went to bed in bad humour and some time later was seen dancing on Fanny's photograph which he had torn from the family album.

Jack Gore had been away some months, then one day he returned to Bowman's and "neither Bowman nor Mrs. Bowman attempted to chase him away. Work was suspended for twenty-four hours, and at midday, a tired, dust-covered parson came to their door astride a poor horse, and got down and married Jack Gore to Fanny.

"It was a quiet wedding.




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"When they heard of it Mother and Sarah whispered things to one another and Dad thought of Dave. 'Thank God.' he said, 'The horses'll have a chance t' get fat now'."

Our Selection was on the Darling Downs in Southern Queensland where Rudd himself, the eighth child in a family of 13, had lived much the same sort of life as he portrayed in his stories. Those were the toughest days of Australian "cocky-farming," when farm life seemed to consist mainly of a slab house and a water hole; droughts, and corn and wheat that brought a shilling or two a bushel; of patched pants and no shoes for the kids and a diet of bread and treacle and spuds and pumpkin and mutton, sometimes; more often, kangaroo-tail. But Rudd saw homour where most other Australian writers would have been pleased to see tragedy and in penning his stories gave an imperishable record of Australia before pioneering became a spent force.

If you can forget the tenth-rate movies and the radio serials that have cheapened it, you will find Rudd's "Our Selection" something of a classic. (Australian price, 15/-).

## ISLANDS

There's an island set in the grey
North Sea,
Where hands may be tied, but
thoughts are free,
And hearts are bigger, they say, by
half:
In the face of death they can look
and laugh.

In London's mews and timbered
lanes,
From the Underground to the
weather vanes,
You may sense the Past, if you still
life's pace—
And know you belong to a goodly
race.

And on Yorkshire's moors where the
heather's blue,
And the sky and the dales and the
mountains, too,
You can drink the air, and drink
again,
For it's air that tastes like the best
champagne.

Through Kentish woods, and Surrey's
vales,
A sense of blessed peace prevails;
And Autumn's brush with its russet
and gold
Shows Death in a land which is
never old.

There are great grey rocks on the
Cornish coast
Which stands like a pledge of the
British boast
That, despite the assault of every
foe,
They'd still be free—or the world
should know.

If you choose to roam from this
pleasant place,
I would say—to the South, then,
turn your face;
And look for the palm and the
mango tree,
And an island set in an azure sea.

—H. H. MADAMS.

# THE COCONUT—THE PACIFIC'S MOST VERSATILE PLANT

*(Extracts from a talk broadcast from Z.J.V., Suva, by the Nutrition Section of the South Pacific Health Service).*

FRESH coconut forms an important ingredient in the diet of the people in the Pacific and South East Asia. It provides the main source of fat in the diet, and the juice and flesh contain protein and small amounts of vitamins.

The young shoots at the top of the palm are very good for eating. These can be made into the famous millionaire's salad, so-called because making this dish causes the palm to become unproductive; consequently millionaire's salad is rarely eaten. The shoots are not unlike celery in appearance. They are crisp and have a slightly nutty flavour, and are delicious chopped up and served with avocados or mixed with mayonnaise and served with any salad.

The nut may be used at every stage of its development, and every part has its uses. The husk can be used as a pan scrubber and in many places it also makes an inexpensive toothbrush. The fibre provides a valuable material for making string, rope, mats, stuffing for upholstery and many other useful articles.

The meat begins to form when the nut is about six months old, and it is at this stage that the nuts are most commonly used. The green coconut has a soft white pulp. This is delicious if chilled and eaten with a spoon. It is also good food for young babies; and a little may be added to custard or cornflour mixtures.

The halves of the young nuts with the soft meat attached can also be used for serving fruit salad or fruit cocktails.

Inside the kernel is the coconut water which can be removed by boring two holes at the "eyes" of the nut. This water has a slightly sweet flavour. It may be added to soups, sauces and stews and should never be thrown away. Or it may be used in making lolo or coconut cream. The flesh of the mature nut is used for making this.

Grate the coconut with a grater or remove the nut from the shell and put it through the mincer. One coconut usually makes about three cups of grated nut. Add ¼ to ½ cup of coconut water or boiling water to the grated nut. Allow to stand about 15 minutes, knead with the hands and squeeze through a cloth, preferably two thicknesses of cheese cloth. This makes a cream suitable for pouring over puddings, or for cooking with green vegetables or fish, etc. If the cream or lolo is to be used for making a curry sauce for egg, meat or fish dishes, a larger amount of coconut water or boiling water can be used. One to two cups of water to three cups of grated coconut is most suitable. For a really thick creamy lolo, add a little dried milk just

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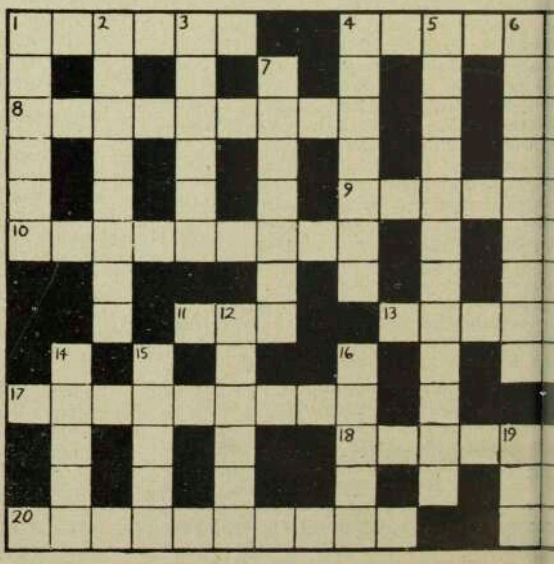
— ACROSS —

1.—How many letters in the Welsh alphabet?
4.—What fertiliser is found on the islands in the Pacific?
8.—What name will be given to the Queen's new Royal yacht?
9.—What was the ancient name of the western districts of Asia Minor?
10.—Which oil is obtained from the hooves of oxen?
11.—What tree comes from fire?
13.—What world-wide organisation sends food, money and clothing to underprivileged peoples throughout the world?
17.—What is the term for the chemical that reveals the latent image on photographic film?
18.—What is the Lena?
20.—How is the phrase. "Gentlemen, include me out!" described?

— DOWN —

1.—What was the name of the place where public executions took place in London that is now the site of Marble Arch?
2.—What church festival is celebrated on Jaunary 6?
3.—What is the principal river of England?
4.—What is the cause of falling hair?
5.—What is the capital of Madagascar?
6.—What name is given to the Sessions Court in London?
7.—What was the ancient capital of Syria?
12.—How is Joe's famous restaurant described in Cuba?
14.—What is the name of the underground railway in Paris?
15.—Who caused his own children to be strangled on suspicion of their conspiring against him?
16.—What is the term for a sharp ridge or edge on stone or metal?
19.—What bird was said to be able to carry off an elephant?



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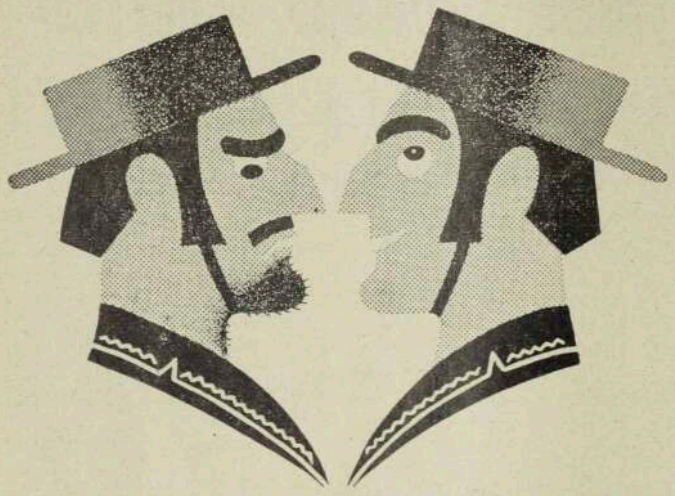

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before serving, one teaspoon of dried milk to the cup of lolo is sufficient.

Lolo can have salt water or sea water added before it is used with vegetables. It can be flavoured with lime leaves, limes, or lemon juice before adding to sweet or fruit dishes.

The grated coconut meat will still retain sufficient flavour after the cream has been extracted and may be used for curries, puddings, macaroons and candy. Add about one tablespoon of grated coconut to a pint of ice cream before the last whipping, or substitute ½ cup of lolo of coconut cream for ½ cup of milk in an ice cream recipe.

A baked sprouted nut makes a delicious dish. The outer husk is removed and the nut is baked whole in a moderately hot oven, about 1½ to 2 hours depending on its size. It is then split open, the inside of the nut scooped out and seasoned with salt and pepper. It may be served as a vegetable or plain as an accompaniment for a pudding.

### BANANAS WITH COCONUT SAUCE

6 small green bananas.
2 tablespoons sugar (if you use dessicated package coconut, 1 tablespoon of sugar will be sufficient).
2/3 cup grated fresh coconut.
1 cup milk.

Place the whole, unpeeled bananas in boiling water and cook 20-30 minutes or until they are soft. Remove the skins from the bananas and cut them lengthwise. Make a sauce by heating the grated coconut and sugar in the milk. Pour this sauce over the bananas and serve them as a dessert with whipped cream if desired. Serve either hot or cold. Lolo can be used instead of milk and sugar.

THE kernels of the ripe coconuts are used to make copra. The nuts are split in half and are either sun, smoke or kiln dried for about four days, then crushed and milled to give oil and coconut meal. The oil is often a basis for margarine, substitute ghee and various cooking oils. The meal, which is left after the oil is extracted, is fed to cattle, pigs and poultry. It has a high protein content but is difficult to utilise as a human food.

In the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, a coconut drink called toddy is prepared by cutting the skin of the coconut flower bud. The syrup-like juice then drips overnight into a coconut cup which is suspended below. The following morning it is collected and used throughout the day. Children are given the toddy when it is fresh but some adults prefer it slightly fermented. This drink provides an important source of vitamins.

"Sour" toddy is an alcoholic drink made from the over-fermented liquor. Sometimes toddy is boiled before drinking. If it is boiled for a long time all the water evaporates and leaves a sweet sugar. It is used the first and second day after making and babies are often given both fresh and boiled toddy.

### PAWPAW AND COCONUT PUDDING

3 cups grated coconut and 1 cup boiling water (make into 1½ cups lolo).
1½ cups thick pawpaw pulp, sieved.
Pinch salt.
¾ cup sugar.
7 tablespoons cornflour or cassava flour.

Make the lolo using the grated nut and the boiling water. If the lolo measures less than 1½ cups make up with coconut water. Mix the cornflour, sugar, and salt together, and stir into the pawpaw. Cook over a slow heat, stir until the mixture thickens. Add the lolo and cook five to 10 minutes. The mixture should be stiff but not stiff enough to mould when cold. Pour into a dish and chill. Lolo may be served over the pudding if desired.




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## RECIPE CORNER

READERS are invited to send in recipes using Pacific Islands ingredients or ingredients readily obtainable in the Islands. Ten shillings will be paid for each one used.

### PAWPAW SAUCE CAKE

1 cup diced pawpaw.
1 egg.
¼ cup butter or margarine.
1¼ cups flour.
¼ teaspoon ground ginger.
1 teaspoon lemon juice.
1/3 teaspoon ground cinnamon.
1/3 teaspoon grated nutmeg.
1 cup sugar.
1½ teaspoons baking powder.
¼ teaspoon salt.
½ cup raisins or sultanas.

Stew pawpaw in a little water until a soft smooth sauce is obtained. Press mixture through a coarse sieve if necessary. Cream butter or margarine, add sugar and add beaten egg. Sift salt, baking powder, spices and flour together. Add pawpaw sauce and dry ingredients alternately to the egg mixture. Fold in lemon juice and raisins. Pour into greased loaf tin and bake in moderate oven for 50 to 60 minutes.

—Mrs. E.J.L., W. Samoa.

### BANANA CAKE

4 oz butter.
6 oz sugar.
2 eggs.
2 ripe bananas, mashed.
1 level teaspoon soda.
1 level teaspoon baking powder.
8 oz flour.
2 tablespoons boiling milk.

Cream butter and sugar; add eggs beaten), mashed bananas, then soda dissolved in boiling milk. Lastly add flour and baking powder. Bake in two greased sandwich tins for 20 minutes in moderate oven (350 degrees). Fill with whipped cream and sliced bananas or bake in one tin and ice with lemon icing.

—Mrs. R.J.T., NZ.

### GUAVA JELLY

Wipe guavas with damp cloth. Cut them up finely. Barely cover with water and boil thoroughly. Put into jelly bag and leave to strain all night.

Measure juice and allow a cup of sugar to a cup of juice, and for every six cups of juice allow one cup of strained lemon juice. Boil quickly till a little jelly will set in a dish when cool, then bottle. This jelly will keep for a long time if put in air-tight jars.

—Mrs. L.C., Suva.

## GIBBINGS EXPLORES ANOTHER RIVER

ROBERT GIBBINGS, bearded Irish giant, who spent some time in Polynesia in 1945 and 1946 preparing his book, *Over the Reefs*, has just published another River book, *Coming Down the Seine*. It is written in the same style as his other travel books, with many woodcuts and is likely to be read with interest by his many friends in the Islands.


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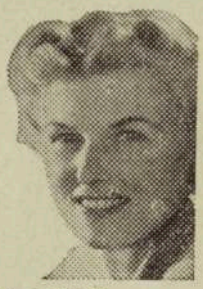

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## The Story of William Reiher

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As there was now nothing doing on Majuro, Fritz, with his family and William, returned to Jaluit. Fritz went as plantation manager to Kili, a small island, owned by a German named Bock, which the Japanese Government confiscated. William got a repair job on the Boston Mission ketch *Ijuran* (Morning Star) which lasted a few months. Then a small Japanese firm engaged him to finish a small schooner which it was building, after the Japanese builder, following a dispute, abandoned the job.

When the ship was ready, William took command of it and, with a full cargo of general stores, a crew of four and two Japanese representatives as passengers, he left Jaluit for Ebon, about 60 miles to the SW. When 20 miles off Ebon, calm set in; and their water supply, although strictly rationed, ran out on the fourth day of the calm.

William, expert in Marshall Islanders' weather lore, knew the calm would last. Luckily, he had his tools aboard, and his ingenuity saved them all. Among the general cargo were several cases of Japanese biscuits, in tins. From two biscuit tins, William manufactured a distilling plant, from which about 24 oz of fresh water was obtained in 12 hours.

They kept the fire going day and night, using all the case wood in the cargo and dumping the contents of cases into the hold. The rationing of the water, agreed on by the Japanese passengers and the crew, was half a bottle for the master, and half a bottle for the crew and passengers, every 12 hours. With the juice from tinned fruits, of which they had a good supply, they nearly doubled their water supply. (Japanese fruit-juice is not so sweet as American or Australian fruit syrup). The half bottle for the crew and passengers was doled out by the senior Japanese, to himself, his companion and the four Marshallese, in spoonfuls; whereas William could do with his half bottle as he pleased.

For fully 14 days the calm lasted, and part of the cabin linings were

## Solution to Crossquiz

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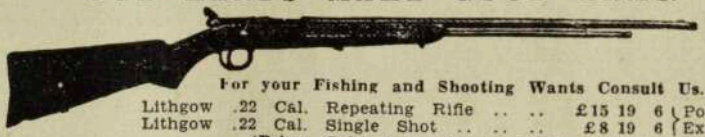

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already used up for fuel, when a breeze sprang up from the east, bringing a shower of rain with it.

Food was plentiful, but no one cared to eat, except a bit of biscuit and canned fruits, as the thirst after eating was unbearable. All day long, all hands—with the exception of the two Japanese, who kept to the cabin most of the time—were in the water, hanging to the side of the ship, to escape the burning rays of the sun; or they huddled on deck, heads between their knees, under cover of mats from the sun, just staring at the deck. The four Marshallese youths stood the ordeal well, and they tended to the breaking up of cases to keep the fire going, and refilling the boiler with salt water.

William said he felt himself getting weaker and weaker. Sleep was a sort of dozing off, with hallucinations, but each time he started to talk or groan one of the crew would force on him the bottle with water, with fruit juice added, and a sip of this drink marvellously refreshed him and cleared his brain for an hour or so. Then the process would start again. He concluded that a healthy human being can live long on a little biscuit, with fruit juice once a day, and a sip of water every 1½ hours or so during the heat of the day.

Then the rain came, and this is how William Reiher described it:

If it were not so pathetic, the scene that followed would have been funny. A few seconds after the rainfall all hands—himself, the Japanese and the Marshallese—went down on their knees to lap up, like dogs, the water running over the deck and in the scuppers. None of them thought to let the rain clean the deck and scuppers first, before drinking. Though all were weak, they were so refreshed by the water that they were able to set sails. The wind was steady and the rain kept falling for over two hours. They filled their small tank, all the buckets and pans available, and set course for Ebon.

William had only a sextant, a compass and a chart to navigate the ship with. His knowledge of navigation by instruments was all

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self-taught as he had never served on a ship before that trip, although he had sailed a lot with native skippers on their little boats and was able to learn the Marshall Islanders' art of navigation by "watching the waves." This knowledge helped him a lot in later years, as master of the Government ships *Kia Kia*, *Margaret* and *Maureen*, and the Mission ship *Santa Teretia* in bad weather, around the Gilberts, Phoenix and Ellice groups. It is well known that he never once lost his way.

According to his dead reckoning, he was about 30 miles NW of Little Makin when the calm ended; and from that point he set his course for Mille, and thence to Ebon.

Back in Jaluit, he repaired the damage to the cabin of the ship and left to take command of the ex-Catholic Mission ship *Regina* which, as an apprentice, he had helped to build years before. The Japanese Government took the vessel over after the German missionaries were sent home, and the object of the trip was to take two Japanese Government officials around the eastern islands of the group (Radak) for inspection. The treatment he got from those arrogant Japs was so bad that, on his return to Jaluit, he left the ship.

As there was nothing doing on Jaluit—the Japanese having their own handymen working for low wages—William left the main settlement and lived with relations on an islet about 14 miles distant. Here he did some native house-building and fishing.

About September or October, 1920, MV *Mauno* (I. R. Handley, still master) developed engine trouble. The engineer, a young Australian, named Goulding, could not repair it.

This young man, playing the rich man's son on Jaluit, used to light his cigarettes with 5 or 10 Yen notes. Once, in the presence of the Chief Customs Officer in the main coffee shop on Jaluit, (it was called To-sang Coffee Shop, but you could, in a backroom, get sake, beer and imitation whisky labelled "Pure Whisky, made in Scotrando") Goulding attempted to light his cigarette with a 10-Yen note. Value in those days of a yen was 2/-. Quickly the Japanese took the note from his fingers, before it got alight and, jumping up, he shouted: 'Don't do that. You insult my country."

Goulding stood up, took the note, tore it in half and, throwing the two halves on the table, walked out saying, "Oh, it's nothing. In Australia I light my cigarettes with £5 notes."

The Jap pocketed the two halves and, lifting his cup of sake, said to his companions (who were not Japanese): "Let us drink and be happy. He is a silly boy playing the rich man's son. To-morrow I will paste the note together and return it to the captain."

Sure enough, next day he appeared aboard the *Mauno*. After an hour with the Captain he went ashore again. In the evening he shouted drinks to the same fellows with the 10-Yen note, which Captain Handley told him to keep. Three days later, young Goulding was put aboard the mailboat as passenger for Australia, via Yokohama.

The arranging of Goulding's passage is of interest, as it throws some light on how the Japanese mind works in regard to prestige, and the age-old Asiatic fear of "losing face." It shows how Burns Philp treat employees who failed. Captain Handley insisted on a second-class passage. The Purser countered that he could not allow a man known as chief engineer of a Burns Philp ship to travel otherwise than first class. Burns Philp, he said, are our agents in Sydney, and they are well known in Yokohama, and this man arriving there in second class would damage the prestige of Burns Philp. In fact, he continued, Burns Philp would "lose face" in Japan. So Goulding travelled first class NYK, benevolent BP forking out nearly 1,000 Yen for expenses.

*Mauno*, lying at anchor without an engine off Sydney Town (Burns Philp station) ½-mile distance from Jabwor (the main settlement) was like a lame duck. None could be found to repair the engine, until someone remembered William, living on his islet 14 miles away. Old Handley knew Fritz, who had done


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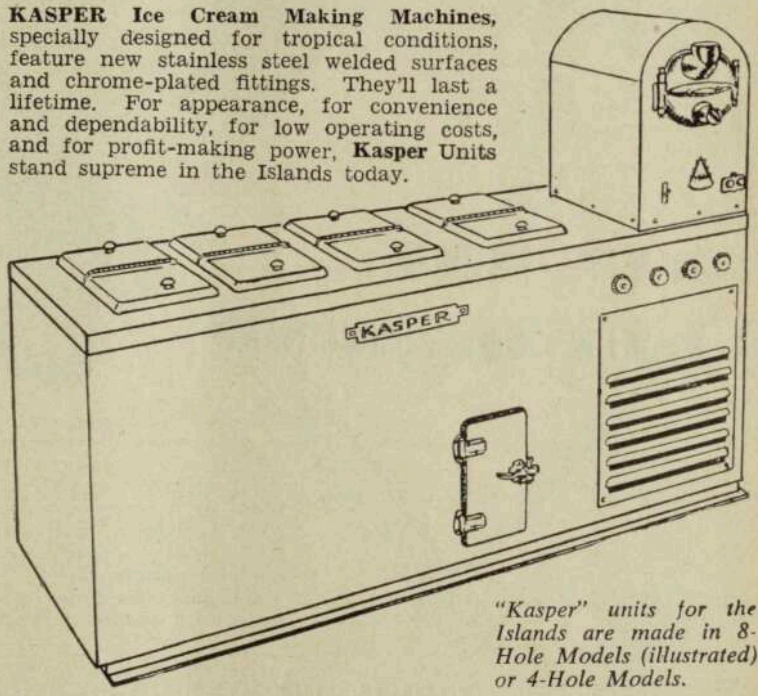


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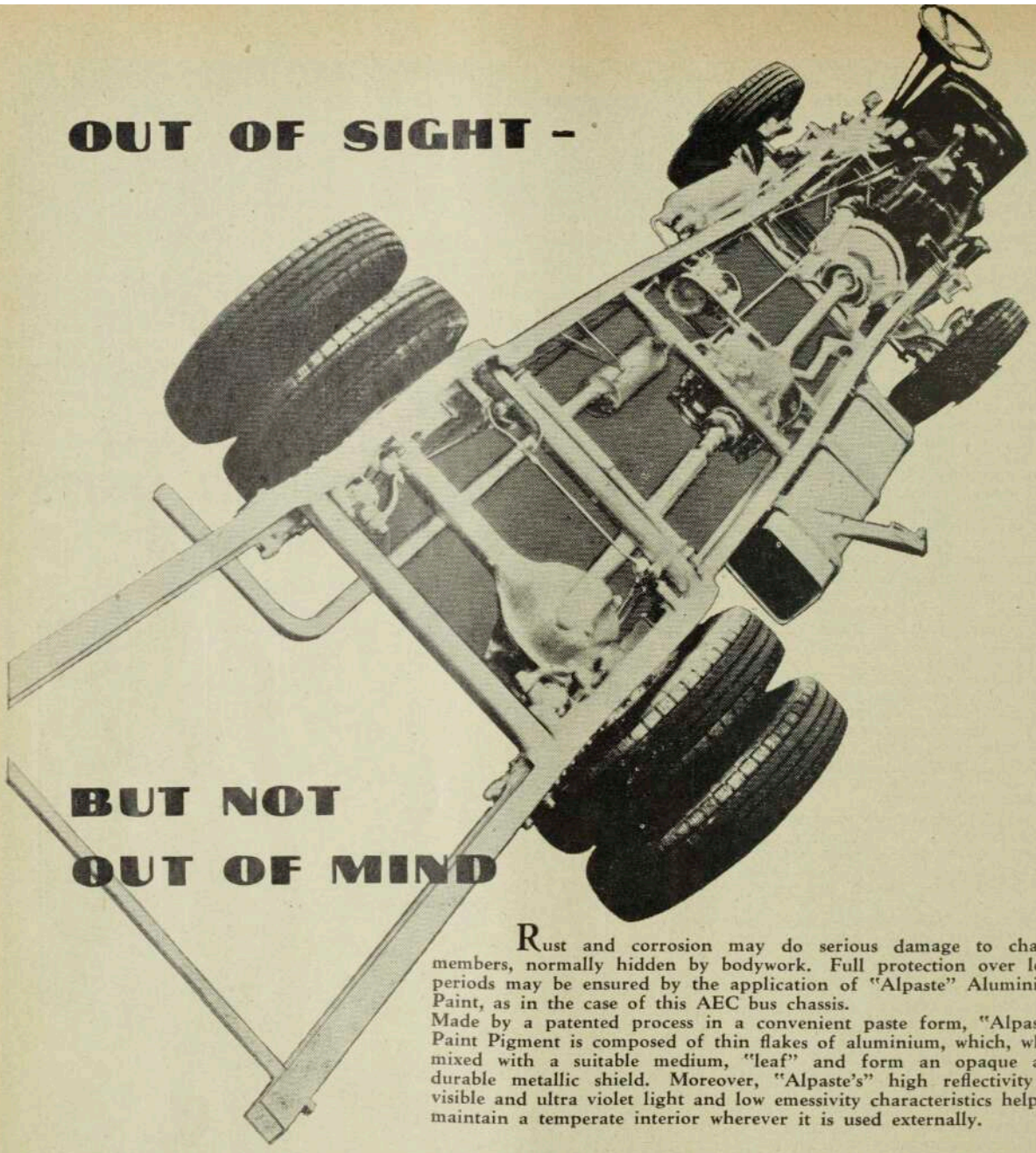

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odd repair and improvement jobs on his vessel about a year before, but had never met William. But he knew the Reihers as clever craftsmen—as did all in the Marshalls—and he sent his launch for William. Then he told William to repair the engine.

"Captain, I am not an engineer, I have never been in an engine-room before, he protested.

But Handley was adamant. "Damn you," he said. "They told me you are a man of all trades. Get on to it."

"Very well, Captain. But you must give me time to strip the whole engine, so I can see what each part is there for, and study the instruction book. I may be able to find the fault."

The two engine room boys were instructed to work under William's order, and the stripping began. Halfway through, when he asked one of the boys to crank the fly-wheel, he noticed that the fly-wheel was wobbling. The thought came to him that the whole trouble might be in the fly-wheel—all pipes and parts stripped appeared in perfect order.

*Mauno's* engine was an old-style (in those days new) Union Engine of 110 H.P., 3 cylinders, that stood nearly 7 feet high, with a fly-wheel of about 5 feet diameter—starting on benzine, then running on power-kerosene and water. When he took out the fly-wheel key, he found that it was worn out, hence the wobbling, and the whole trouble.

A new key was found in the spare parts locker, and refitting was quick work. In seven days from the day he took over the engine he had it running.

He was made engineer and mate, with a bosun's pay. He stayed on the *Mauno* in that capacity until the *Mauno* had to go to Sydney for overhaul in 1924, when it was necessary to have a ticketed man as mate. Old George Carter got the job, and William was engineer. Returning from Sydney, in May, 1924, he took his vacation in the Marshalls. He joined the *Mauno* again as mate, and married Terautete, *nee* Johnson, in 1926.

(To be concluded in December)

## Another Archbold Expedition for NG

THE Fourth Archbold Expedition to New Guinea will spend nine months in the Papua area, making the first comprehensive survey of the flora and fauna of the region.

The expedition will be led by Leonard J. Brass of the Archbold Biological Station in Lake Placid, Florida. He will be accompanied by Geoffrey M. Tate, in charge of the expedition's New York headquarters in the American Museum of Natural History, and Hobart M. Van Deusen, of the Museum Department of Mammalogy. The 1953 expedition is sponsored by the Museum, Richard Archbold, Arnold Arboretum, and the US Office of Naval Research.—*Pacific Science Bulletin.*

Inoculations against any possible outbreak of typhoid during the congested period of the Royal Visit to Suva, were being urged on the population by the Fiji Health Department.

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## SAMOA ABANDONS BRITISH PREFERENCE TARIFF

REPRESENTATIVES of British textile firms doing business with West Samoa, and firms exporting primary produce to that Trust Territory, are perturbed at the recent abandonment by West Samoa of Empire Preference tariffs.

It is known that business interests in Apia have for some time been dissatisfied with shipping connections between the United Kingdom and Samoa and especially with transhipment delays in Suva. The Apia Chamber of Commerce has been negotiating with various shipping lines, seeking a more direct service. The abandonment of the Preferential Tariff therefore is likely to increase interest on the part of non-British exporters, and improve shipping prospects.

British textile exporters now fear that the Japanese will immediately make an all-out drive to capture the not inconsiderable Samoan textile trade. Japanese vessels running phosphate from Makatea Island and coming south in ballast are said to be available for a direct service from Japan.

New Zealand primary produce exporters on the other hand suggest that America might show an interest in dumping surplus goods on the Samoan market. Two American shipping lines are available to provide direct service.

Textile representatives have emphasised the "Unfair to Britain" angle in referring to the danger of keen competition from Japan; but a recent article in the New Zealand Chamber of Commerce journal, discussing such "unfair Japanese competition" noted that Japanese competition is not necessarily unfair. The disparity between wages in America and England is considerably greater, the article points out, than the disparity between wages in England and Japan. Japan probably would be just as willing to import Samoan copra, say, at the same price and in the same quantities as Britain is now doing.


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## Visit of Bank Chief Has Had No Visible Result

CONSIDERABLE interest was aroused in the Territory of Papua and New Guinea in August when Dr. H. C. Coombes, Governor of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, and a large party of high bank officials, toured the Territory in a specially-equipped plane.

Territorians hoped that the visit had to do with increased Australian investment in the Territory and the establishment of some kind of institution which would finance private enterprise.

Dr. Coombes and party departed without telling anyone what their luxury trip portended—if anything. And two months have now gone by without any more information forthcoming. We can only hope that the Doctor and his financial underlings have, in the interval, been making plans as to how the Commonwealth can best help P-NG to become that supplier of all things tropical to Australia — which perambulating politicians constantly assure us P-NG is capable of doing.

When Dr. Coombes and party were at Wau, Mr. N. White, local business man, farmer and chairman of the Wau-Bulolo Advisory Council, met them and subsequently wrote to Dr. Coombes in Canberra, pointing out some of the ways in which P-NG could be assisted to become Australia's bulwark in the north.

What Mr. White said in his letter is what most clear-sighted people think. Dr. Coombes, however, is one of Australia's top-flight bureaucrats and it is unlikely that he will see things in the same simple light.

Some of the points Mr. White made were:—

**HYDRO ELECTRICITY POTENTIAL:** Mr. White suggested that someone of the competence of the engineer in charge of Australia's Snowy River project be invited to examine the hydro potential in New Guinea. He said that top-ranking engineers should make the investigation and that they should "get around on their own feet and see things." So far, said Mr. White, the practice has been to fly over the country, return to Port Moresby for a dinner or two, and then return to Sydney. Aerial surveys were well enough up to a point, but an investigation on the spot was what was needed.

He pointed out to Dr. Coombes that NG had hundreds of rivers that could be harnessed, and that NG was closer to Australia in the north than Tasmania was in the south.

**AGRICULTURE:** Mr. White said that there were large areas of valley floor where mechanised farming could be applied with immediate results. The foothill areas could be used for suitable plantation activity. Soil fertility, abundance of green manure, assured rainfall and a condition of everlasting Spring were indicative of the capacity of Papua-New Guinea to maintain many millions of people. Crops suitable for the area included rice, sugar, coffee, tea, cocoa, coconuts, peanuts, fibres, millet, soya beans, cotton, spices, vanilla, etc. If Australia was serious in the contention that something must be done to defend her northern approaches then something should be done without delay to invest in Territories development.

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**GENERAL:** Mr. White said that the people were not really concerned whether the Commonwealth Bank opened a branch at Wau. Banks would automatically appear when sufficient volume of business developed to warrant them. What the people did urge was that the Commonwealth should invest as much as possible in Territory development. He believed that it would be a better investment than the 31 millions earmarked for the Colombo Plan.

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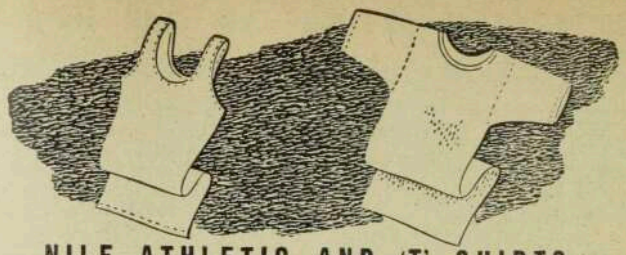

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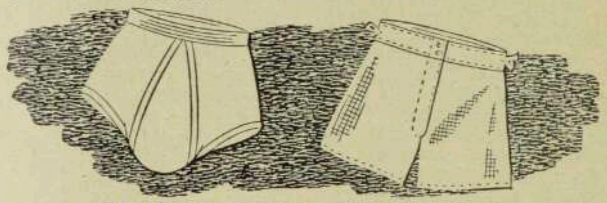

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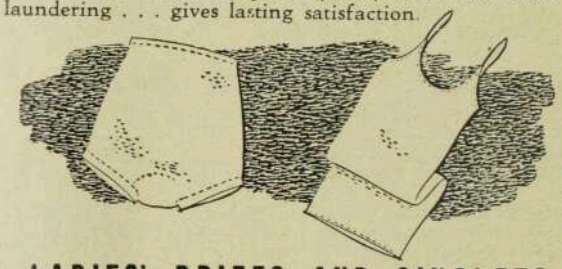

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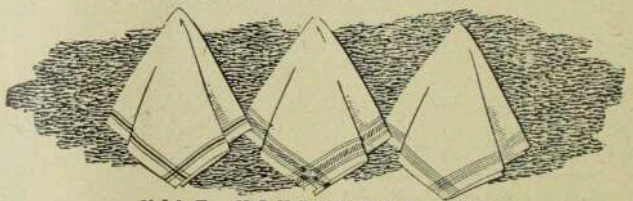

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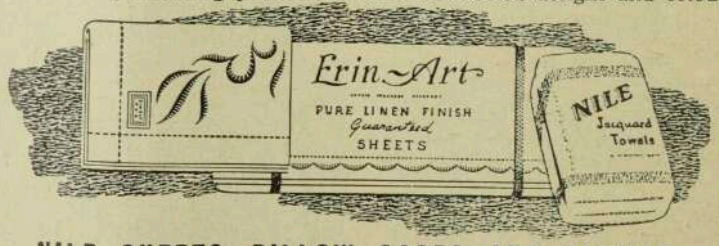


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so much hot air; but the newspapers printed it and many people in Australia believed it.

As far as the future of the natives was concerned, Mr. White thought that they would have little future at all if it were not in association with the European residents of the Territory. They must progress and prosper with the Europeans —and they were already doing well in that direction.

# DANGEROUS ATOLLS

## Nassau's New Settlers Do Well

ONE of the recent migrations of Pacific Islands people was the settling of a number of families from over-populated Pukapuka, Northern Cooks, on the uninhabited 300-acres island of Nassau, 45 miles away.

Nassau was a coconut plantation in full production until the Japs came into the World War, 12 years ago. It remained uncared for until about two years ago, when the people of Pukapuka bought the island for around £2,000.

On a recent visit to Nassau to load about 20 tons of copra, those on board the motor-ship *Charlotte Donald* learned that there were 85 men, women and children now living there. They had already paid for the island with the copra they exported.

Landing supplies and taking off copra from Nassau is a hard task. The little island has one of the worst reefs in the Pacific. There is the cost of broken oars and damaged boats to be set against any profit in taking the copra aboard a boat-load at a time, when the reef is workable.

Business firms throughout the Pacific islands which collect copra from such lonely settlements no doubt feel they are under an obligation to render a service to the Islanders in out-of-the-way places.

On the same trip the ship called at Pukapuka (45 miles away) and collected about 40 tons of copra, after staying off the atoll for a week. At Pukapuka the custom of shipmasters is to "tail off" from the reef on the lee of the island, with a kedge anchor in a crevice to hold the ship from drifting away. Copra has to be brought out in canoes to the ship. A "bad reef" and variable winds can delay a ship for days.

Between Nassau and Pukapuka is the celebrated Tema Reef, which has been described in some books. A big sea breaks over it at all times, and it is a grim sight for seafarers and passengers. No wonder the first English navigator to sight Pukapuka gave the atoll the name Isles of Danger!"—AJS.

Nukulau Island, Suva's playground islet which has been closed following the recent tidal wave, has again been opened to visitors.

# WAU DISTRICT NEWS

From Our Own Correspondent

WAU, October 28.

THE Wau District Show will be held on Sunday, November 8, 1953. It will be officially opened by the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland.

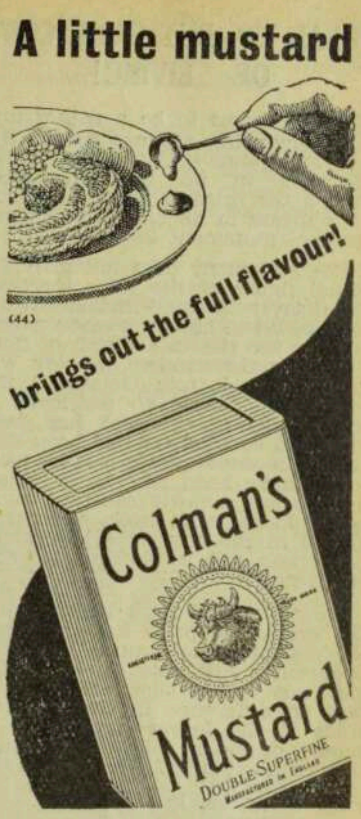
The Committee which has already received trophies for competition, expects this will be the most successful show ever.

Residents believe that good entries in the various sections do much to advertise the agricultural potential of the district.

Mr. Bob Green, who was Secretary of Wau Club and Assistant Secretary of the Golf Club, and a popular member of the community, has resigned from New Guinea Goldfields, Ltd., to take a position with Cottees Passiona, Ltd., at Goroka Eastern Highlands.

The Indian cost-of-living index in Fiji rose slightly during the third quarter of the year — increases in the price of bread, sharps, potatoes, onions, sugar, goatmeat, tea and cocoa accounting for the rise of three points.

A record banana export from Fiji to New Zealand is expected this year. By early October, 264,000 cases had been shipped. The all-time record was 283,237 cases in 1925, though greater shipments have been made to Australia in the past.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## BREAD UP, BUT SAME COST OF LIVING!

WHAT seems to be a rather unconvincing attempt to tell the Fiji public that the cost of living has in no way increased, though the price of bread has gone up, appears in an official Fiji Government statement issued recently.

The statement does not give the actual figure of the price increase, but it says: "A small increase in the price of bread has been made necessary by the rise in the cost of flour since the Government subsidy was removed, and from October 1 the bakers will charge 1/- per loaf. If the weight of the loaf had been increased to 2 lbs (as had been suggested in some quarters), the price would have been ½d. Most householders buy a fairly constant number of loaves each week, and a rise of 2½d in the cost of a loaf would have been felt in the general cost of living."

So the weight of a loaf remains the same, the price has increased, the cost of living is unchanged and apparently Fiji eats bread by the loaf, not by the slice, and can detect no difference in the digestive tract if the loaves happen to be small ones—or big ones—which they're not going to be, anyway!

Pass the cake, brother.—JPS.

Over 200 Eastern Samoan men serving in Hawaii with the US Navy, and their families recently attended a celebration marking the first anniversary of the opening of their Congregational Church at Pearl Harbour. The church was opened shortly after the Samoans arrived there last year.

¶ Mr. W. E. Donovan, Accountant-General, Fiji, and Mr. R. W. Parkinson, recently Fiji Statistician, both returned from overseas leave recently. Mr. Parkinson now takes over the duties of Import and Price Control from Mr. W. E. Monk, who returned to New Zealand during October.


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# UNDER MICROSCOPE

## Distinguished Scholars Survey W. Samoa

From Our Own Correspondent

AUCKLAND, Oct. 20.

THE Auckland University College Department of Geography will shortly implement a survey of Western and Eastern Samoa, financed partly by a Carnegie Social Science research grant.

The complete project will last for five years and will involve a field survey of resources, population, economy and contemporary land-use practices. The implications of a rapidly increasing population, land tenure, transport, commercial, agriculture, and social and economic difficulties arising from these, will all be studied.

The research team comprises five distinguished NZ academicians. Asked whether this project would not be covering considerable ground which the South Pacific Commission already has covered or is planning to examine, the head of the team, Professor K. B. Cumberland, said he was in communication with the SPC on the subject, and the University project probably would work in closely with the plans of the Commission.

Mr. V. D. Stace returned to NZ in mid-October after carrying out an economic survey of W. Samoa for the South Pacific Commission; and Dr. Norma R. McArthur, under a research fellowship grant from the Australian National University, was in Samoa in September studying population trends and implications for the same body.

The Red Cross was making a drive in Suva, Fiji, in October to increase membership.

In Lautoka, Fiji, town planning projects are halted pending settlement of legalities involving the ownership of town lands.

¶ Dr. W. H. Rees, Medical Officer, South Pacific Health service, recently transferred from Tarawa, Gilbert and Ellice Is. colony, to Nukualofa, Tonga, where he relieves Dr. Cotton.

## Noted Journalist in Polynesia

Mr. G. Ward Price, special foreign correspondent of the London Daily Mail, and a director of Associated Newspapers, was visiting Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and Tahiti in August-September. He returned to Tonga aboard Tofua from Auckland in October at the same time Queen Salote returned home from the Coronation.

Mr. Ward Price has been roaming the World as a journalist for the past 45 years, serving as a correspondent in both World Wars and more recently in Korea.

He said that Queen Salote's visit to England had created a great interest here in Tonga, and it is for this reason that he was covering the story of the Queen's return home.

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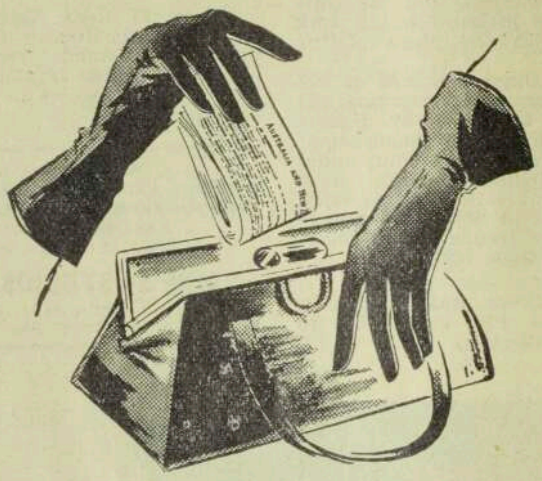

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## LATE—BUT STILL BETTER THAN NEVER

THE frantic efforts of Fiji and Tonga to eradicate rhinoceros beetles that had gained admittance to those countries, has thrown into relief the almost total lack of precautions for confining New Britain's agricultural pests—namely, the giant snails, rhinoceros beetles and caspid pest of cocoa—to that district.

It is understood that some ban on carrying plants from Rabaul to other parts of the Territory, particularly to the Highlands, does exist; and that there is legislation to prevent the unauthorised movement of plants from New Guinea into Papua. But neither ban has been policed in the past and unless this sort of regulation *is* policed, it is useless.

Even the most virtuous citizens are usually not above taking a "bit of fruit" or a "few cuttings" or a pet plant where they legally have no right to be taken. (Rhino beetle is widespread in New Ireland, too—but no one seems to be worrying about that).

The P-NG Agricultural Department has now asked for co-operation from the public and from air and shipping services to help in keeping the agricultural pests that already exist in the Gazelle Peninsula confined to that area. Mr. P. Brosgarth, Assistant Agricultural Officer at Rabaul, will make the necessary inspections and issue the clearances for all plant material authorised to leave the area; air and shipping services will have authority to check cargo and baggage to see that unauthorised plant material is not included and District Commissioners and Customs officers in other parts of the Territory have been asked to keep a close check on shipments from Rabaul.

### PLANT INTRODUCTION WORK

An officer of the P-NG Agricultural Department, Mr. G. Keleny, visited Fiji in September to discuss co-operation between the two countries on plant introduction work. He returned to Port Moresby via Noumea where he has reported to the South Pacific Commission.

### P-NG RICE FOR CALEDONIA AND HEBRIDES

About 1,000 lbs. of seed rice will be shipped to the Chamber of Agriculture in Noumea, New Caledonia, from Papua-New Guinea. A smaller consignment will go to the New Hebrides.

Over four-fifths of the seed sent will be of the Mekeo variety, a type evolved from varieties imported to New Guinea before the war. The rest will be of the Bubia strain, which comes from the Agricultural Station of that name in the Markham Valley near Lae. It was bred




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from rice found growing near Lae after the end of World War II—presumably planted there by the Japanese.

## FACE-LIFT FOR APIA DOCK AREA

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 15.

GOOD progress is being made with construction of the new passenger landing jetty and Customs examination shed at Apia, W. Samoa.

This is the first part of a plan, approved by the Legislative Council earlier this year, which will change the face of Apia's waterfront.

The plan includes lighting of the dock area, installation of a 10-ton crane, establishment of complete banana export facilities, repairs and extensions to the main coastal-vessels' wharf, establishment of a liquor retail store on the water-front, with Harbourmaster's and Customs offices above, enlargements to import storage shed on wharf, fencing the entire dock area, and the installation of two mobile cranes for cargo handling.

The new passenger jetty will re-move passengers from the con-gested cargo-handling area. The letty is built of concrete, arranged on levels each differing by 15 in. to suit any stage of the tide.

## GOLD FROM TONGA'S SEA

THE Cook family, which has carried on sporadic whaling for a great many years in Nukua-lofa, Tonga, had a windfall in August, when three whales were taken. The whalers used only an open surf boat, with oars and sail, and an old-fashioned harpoon.

Unlike other Pacific whaling en-terprises, the whales caught by the Cook family are not used for oil, but to augment the Nukualofa meat supply.

Taken within sight of Nukualofa wharf at intervals during the month, each whale was towed ashore near the town, and sold in pieces to eager customers. Each whale brought from £300 to £500 before it became too ripe for the removal of further steaks.

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## WAR ON THE BEETLE

### Predator Established in Micronesia

ROBERT OWEN, Chief Entomologist for the US Trust Territory of Micronesia, reported on August 7 the finding of a female *Scolia Ruficornis* wasp at Koror, in the Palau Islands. This event marked an important advance in the fight against the Rhinoceros Beetle.

In the Palau Islands, the only area in which the beetle is known to exist in Micronesia, more than one-half of the coconut palms have been destroyed by the beetle.

Through the co-operative efforts of the Hawaii Board of Agriculture and Forestry, the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association, the Invertebrate Consultants' Committee of the Pacific Science Board, and the Government of the Trust Territory, *Scolia* wasps were introduced into the Palau Islands—the first in 1947 and the last in 1951. The Scolia wasp destroys the beetle.

The finding of the wasp indicates that it has become established in the islands. Still to be determined, however, is the rate at which the wasp will multiply in this environment. It is hoped that it will develop rapidly and that it will become an important factor in control of the Rhinoceros Beetle.—*Micronesian Monthly.*

¶ Mr. Robert Munro has retired from his position as chairman of the Suva City Planning Board; his position will be taken by the Director of Lands, Mr. R. V. Cole.

¶ Ratu Sir Lala Sukuna was welcomed home from the Coronation at a series of Fijian receptions early in October.

¶ The senior Broadcast Officer for the Department of Education in Papua-New Guinea, Mr. P. Cochrane, visited the Sepik area in October to take recordings of native songs, dances and folklore. The material is for the Native People's Session, broadcast daily over 9PA Port Moresby.


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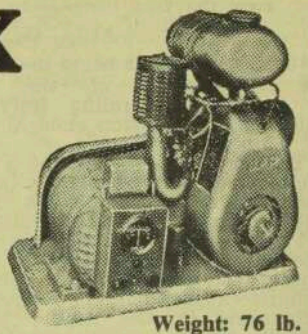

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# SNOW ON THE EQUATOR

## What Three Climbers Found 14,000-ft Up In NG

*AS part of a New Guinea holiday, two Victorian alpine enthusiasts, Messrs. L. Rayner and N. Semple, recently climbed the four main peaks of Mt. Wilhelm, in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea. The peaks are about 9,000 feet above the Government station of Goroka—which, at 5,200 feet, is considered itself to be very much Highland country.*

*The Victorians were accompanied by Patrol-Officer A. M. Keogh, of the Papua-New Guinea District Services Department; and, when they returned to civilisation, the three men were able to give some interesting information about a hitherto little-known part of New Guinea—a New Guinea where cold mist and rain, ice, and even snow take the place of the more usual damp heat of the tropics.*

*The information which the men gave was covered by an interesting press release from the Port Moresby Public Relations Office on September 24:*

THE party found small isolated patches of snow on the upper ridges, and streams near their advance camp iced over during the night. No native carriers were taken beyond the base camp because of the low temperatures and the difficult rock formations which had to be traversed. Using special gear brought from Australia, complete supplies for two men for five weeks was reduced to four lightweight packs. This included food, clothing, bedding, tents, medical supplies and photographic equipment.

The altimeter carried by the party gave a height of 15,400 for the main peak, 14,900 for the next highest, and around 14,500 on adjoining peaks. All four main peaks were climbed to make a check on their height. A cairn and notes left by previous climbing parties were located, including those placed on the peak by the Vial and Noakes expedition of 1938.

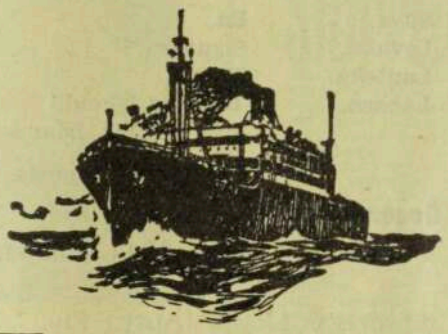
Describing the main peak, Mr. Keogh said it was composed mainly of granite impregnated with magnetite deposits which caused erratic variation in compass readings. From the summit of Mt. Wilhelm, they sighted the Finisterre and Adelbert Ranges, also the Amele bluff at Madang, and the Bagasin Mountains. Weather conditions were difficult on the higher levels, and mists, heavy rain, frosts and hail were experienced during the trip.

Mr. Keogh said that the Pindeaunde and Guraguraga Valleys adjacent to Mt. Wilhelm are of glacial origin, and the three lakes in the valleys are all brilliantly coloured, varying from jet black in overcast weather to a bright blue or green on sunny days.

The valleys were rarely visited by natives, except for hunting expeditions for ringtail possums which are fairly common in the area. It is believed that the Guraguraga Valley had never previously been visited by Europeans.

Vegetation in the two valleys was varied and colourful. There were small scattered clumbs of timber, but most of the vegetation consisted of patches of coarse alpine grass and a few stunted shrubs of the gorse variety. No timber of any kind was seen above 12,500 feet. The thickly-glassed floors of the two valleys were similar in appearance to the high cattle country of the Upper Murray Valley in Australia. The grass was of a short, coarse type which appears to be a variety known as Cushion Grass. It is particularly hardy and grows on rock slopes at heights up to 14,000 feet.

Beyond the two valleys native sweet potato gardens were seen as

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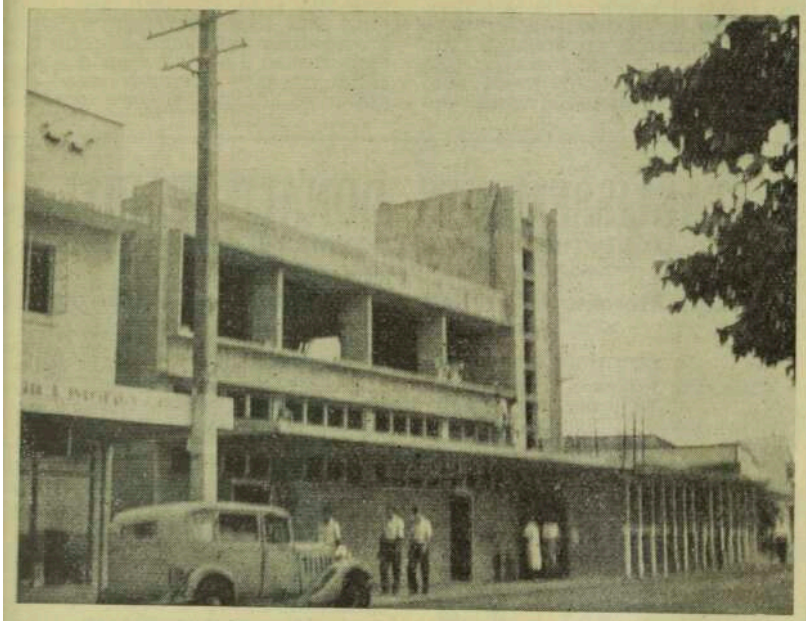
high as 8,700 feet, and pandanus groves at nearly 11,000. The latter appeared to do particularly well at an altitude of 8,000 to 10,000 feet.

Many unusual flowers were seen and photographed in colour by Mr. Rayner, who also made a colour film of the areas covered during the trip. All three members of the party likewise made a collection of unusual geological and insect specimens.



The New South Seas Hotel, now being built by Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., in Victoria Parade, Suva. It will be finished late in 1954. This photo was taken the day the spacious bar section was opened, a few days before the earthquake. Building operations ceased after the earthquake; but is does not appear that the new structure has been damaged in any way.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## SMALL NG SHIPS WHICH DON'T CARE!

Letter to the Editor

THE majority of small-ships' captains who serve the coast of Papua and New Guinea do a sterling job. But their fine record in making easier the lot of the outstations is sometimes counterbalanced by the lack of consideration shown by a minority.

There was the case of a recent visit by a small ship to New Britain north coast ports. It called at estate A, and then went to estate C. Estate B lies halfway between A and C, with a better approach and better reefmarks than either A or C.

At estate C, the captain informed the manager that he had on board two cases for estate B, but that he was in a hurry (it was a Wednesday) and he considered two cases were insufficient cargo to warrant calling in to Estate B, so he was taking them back to Rabaul.

Manager of estate C said he would take delivery of the cases and advise manager of estate B. Manager of estate B then had to send 4 units 14 miles to collect the cases, thereby losing their labour on the estate for one day.

This sort of thing should be stopped. There is far too much dumping of cargo at places other than which it is consigned to, because the master of a ship is keen to get back to Rabaul for the weekend. It is certainly not the first time this has happened in this area.

It is also time that a little more comfort appeared on some of the small ships. Recently, a couple with a baby went by small ship (about 85 tons) to their home. The trip took two nights and three days. There was plenty of room on the upper deck to sit around and enjoy the trip; the weather was beautiful, and the ship as clean as a new pin. But there was not one chair provided for passengers. In all, this ship carried 2 men, 2 women, and 2 children, plus Captain and engineer—6 adults. All had to sit on


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the deck or sweat in the saloon. When remonstrated with, the master said he had requisitioned chairs from the agents (one of New Guinea's biggest firms) but they had not done anything about it. I saw this ship a month later and it still had not got its chairs.

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## THE BASIC PROBLEM IN ATTACKING MALARIA

RESEARCH now in progress at Liverpool University promises to break the vicious circle which, up to the present has prevented the complete eradication of malaria.

Although the site of the malaria can be suppressed, and patients seemingly cured of the complaint, the latter are always subject to relapses which can reinfect mosquito hosts and so restart the process.

Malaria, too, has presented certain problems to which no answers have as yet been obtained. Amongst these is why it affects persons in different ways — to some, it may prove fatal; it may damage tissues in others; but on the other hand there are people who contract the complaint and yet escape serious aftermath.

These were some of the points made when Dr. W. H. Andrews (Lecturer in Tropical Medicine at the Liverpool University) addressed the British Association Conference recently.

He pointed out that human arteries possess the power of constriction, and may be constricted when abnormally influenced. Research in this sphere leads to the suggestion that aftermaths from malaria may arise from the retarding of the blood stream, particularly in the liver.

The brilliant work of Professors Shortt and Garnham at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1948 had revealed that the malarial parasite lodged in the liver. This discovery solved the problem that had puzzled experts in tropical diseases for years, as to how malaria caused relapses even when it was impossible for patients to have been reinfected.

Dr. Andrews explained that the Liverpool research had been concentrating on the possibility that the malarial parasite in the liver, by affecting the blood standard, causes reaction in the tissues which in turn causes change in the blood circulation. The parasite itself, he explained, uses oxygen and by reducing the oxygen-carrying capacity of the blood can diminish the blood's ability to feed the tissues, cause smaller cardiac output, effect alteration in pulmonary circulation and induce many other reactions.

The liver receives a special blood supply and can thus be a source of deterioration in any part of the body. If the means of destroying the parasite in the liver were discovered, it would not only lead to a breaking of the malaria circle, but also prevent subsequent damage to other organs which is so often the aftermath of malaria.

This problem was reviewed by Mr. R. S. Bray. He explained that, following its introduction into the human body by the female mosquito, the parasite takes eight days to develop in the liver, and, after breaking into the blood stream, it can come back to that organ to reproduce itself. It is in a relatively inaccessible position and is able to resist drugs while in the liver. So far, only one drug "prematuin" appears to be able to attack the invader in this stronghold. "Until this phase is easily assailable by a suitable drug" summarised Mr. Bray, "we shall not be able to prevent malaria fully, instead of merely suppressing it as we do now".


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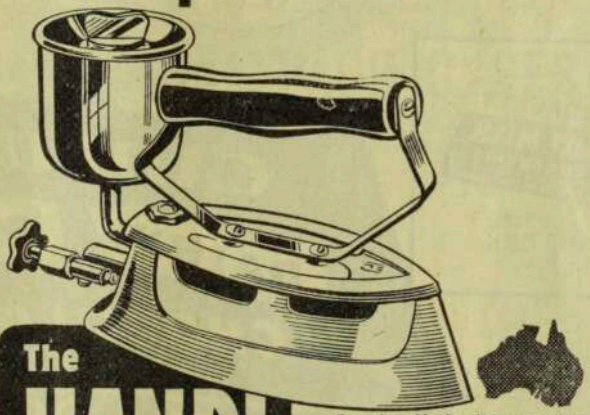

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From Our Own Correspondent

PORT MORESBY, Oct. 24.

ACCORDING to a Commonwealth Works Department statement made in Port Moresby in October, the Department expects this year to spend a greater percentage of the money authorised for works than in any year previously.

Reasons for this are the decision to keep Rabaul as headquarters of the New Britain area; the intention to proceed with many major projects, including the Port Moresby hydro-electric scheme at Rouna, hospitals at Lae and Port Moresby, new wharves at Kavieng and Rabaul; and construction of permanent houses at many places throughout the Territory.

The Works Department up to the middle of October had received £735,100 in authorisations for work to be done — £225,500 for Papua, and £509,600 for New Guinea and the islands region.

A considerable stepping-up in building is expected this year because of the letting of major works by contract.

## LOOKING TO ISLANDS FOR MUTTON-BIRDS

THE extended use of mutton-bird oil for medicinal purposes, the result of the enthusiastic development of the industry by Mr. John Paterson, has led to an increased demand for the mutton-bird (a petrel called *Puffinus Tenuirostris*). Mr. Paterson has been organising their collection from the Australian coast, from Tasmania to Cairns, but he has run into trouble in Queensland. There are countless mutton-birds along the coast of Queensland but, in the view of the Queensland Government, they are among the protected birds of Queensland territory, and may not be touched. As a result, the directors of the Paterson Laboratories are turning their eyes towards the South Pacific Islands — and they are of opinion that they will get adequate supplies of mutton-birds in the more southerly of the tropical archipelagoes, like Tonga and the Cook Islands.

## SIR HENRY SCOTT AT THE BAMBOO CURTAIN

SIR HENRY MILNE SCOTT returned to Fiji, via Sydney, at the end of October, after spending a brief holiday with the Governor of Hongkong, Sir Alexander Grantham. He reported that Sir Alexander (who is a former Governor of Fiji) and Lady Grantham are held in very high regard by all classes in Hongkong — and especially by the Chinese.

Sir Henry Scott, with the British police chief, walked to the Kowloon boundary, between the British Colony and Red China. He was there regarded sourly by the Red frontier guards, and carefully photographed by them.

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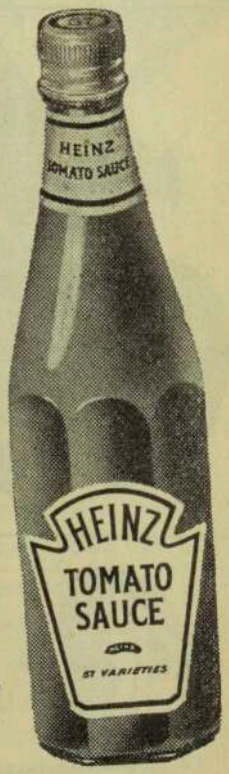


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# NG's 280 Students Cost Admin. £45,000

From Our Own Correspondent
PORT MORESBY, Oct. 24.

THE annual allowance paid by the Administration of Papua-New Guinea for all European children who attend secondary schools in Australia, has been increased from £100 to £115. And what is additionally pleasing to parents, the new scale has been made retrospective to the beginning of 1953.

In addition to the allowance, each child is entitled to one free air passage to and from New Guinea each year.

About 280 children are benefitting this year — and will cost the Administration about £45,000. The number of children in 1954 will likely be 300.

Although this is not the full cost of sending a child to boarding school in Australia, it is a considerable help, and in this regard the parents of Papua-New Guinea are among the most favoured in the Pacific. Parents in the British Solomons, Fiji, etc., must stand the full cost of educating their children and when there are two or three children it literally can drive the parents to the verge of bankruptcy.

The PNG education allowance seems likely to become a permanent arrangement, although when it was instituted two or three years ago it was as a temporary measure — only until such time as a High School was provided in the Territory.

The majority of New Guinea parents prefer the allowance in lieu of a local school, the general opinion being that children are better out of a tropical native country during their formative years.

¶ Mr. A. C. Reid, District Commissioner Southern, has been appointed Acting Director of Education in Fiji. His position as District Commissioner will be taken by Mr. W. V. C. Baker.

¶ His Lordship Bishop Foley, S.M., of Fiji, paid a short business visit to Auckland and Sydney recently.


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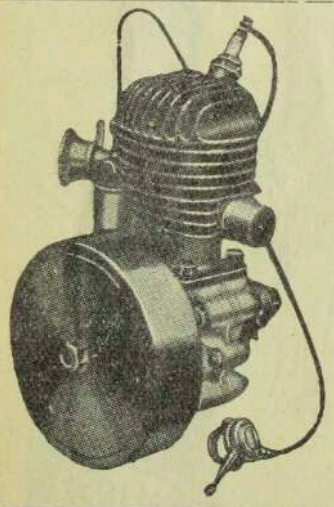

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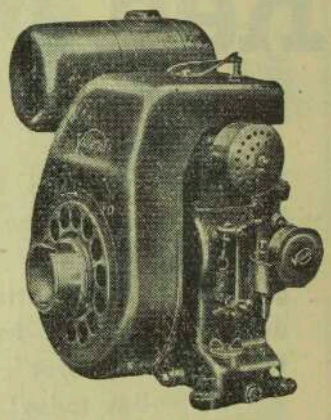

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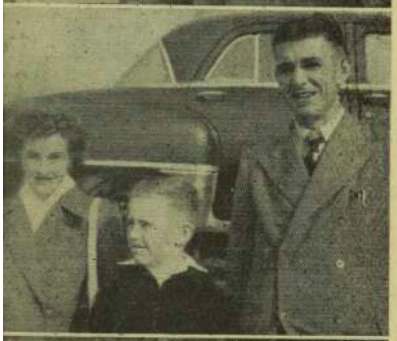

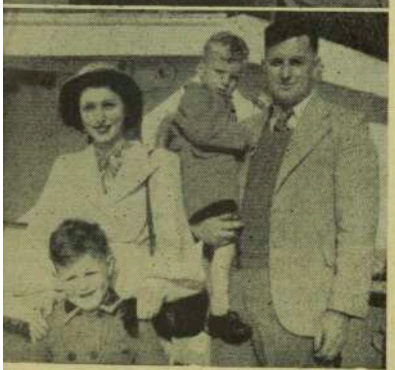

Island-bound from Auckland, NZ, in October were:—

Mrs. H. M. Scott and John returned to Suva. Mr. H. Maurice Scott, who was an official representative of Fiji at the Coronation, returned by air earlier.

Major A. F. S. Ohman, Chief Veterinary Officer, Fiji, and Mrs. Ohman returned to Suva after six months' furlough in England.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Gibbard and Leslie were bound for W. Samoa where Mr. Gibbard has been appointed in charge of the manual training centre at Samoa College. Mrs. Gibbard will also be taking a teaching appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Donnelly and children were on their way to W. Samoa. Mr. Donnelly is on the staff of Avele School.

The Indian Government has offered three scholarships to students of Indian descent resident in Fiji. One scholarship will be for schoolteachers, the second for "higher studies in arts and humanities", and the third for the study of Indian music. Selected students pay their own travelling expenses.

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## Islands Visitors to NZ

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The Rev. Father Cornelius Van Den Berg, of Rarotonga, was en route for Holland on leave; Mr. B. Hunter who has been employed on the Rarotonga Power Scheme for the past 2½ years.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Henderson from Rarotonga.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilson from Rarotonga who were met by Mrs. Connal (left) and Mr. C. Smith.




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# Plans for the Islanders

## 12th Session of South Pacific Commission

MORE copra, greater yield from fisheries, help for co-operative societies, improved diet and more reading matter for Islanders, are among the main targets on which the South Pacific Commission will concentrate next year, according to decisions taken at the Commission's twelfth session, which concluded at Noumea on October 29.

Others are health education, research on mosquito-borne diseases, community development, and increased rice production.

The Commission considered its work for Islands people could best be carried on next year by concentrating its efforts and limited resources in selected fields. Its choice was guided by the recommendations of the Islands delegates, from 18 Pacific territories, who attended the second South Pacific Conference at Commission headquarters last April. These recommendations were for Commission action towards the social and economic advancement and welfare of Pacific Islanders.

### VALUES OF FOODS

In the health field, the Commission adopted an expanded three-year programme of nutrition research.

The Commission's bio-chemist, who recently returned from abroad, where he studied latest techniques in food analysis, will concentrate on laboratory research on the nutritive values of Islands foods.

The nutritionist will continue field studies on family diets in Islands territories, begun several years ago.

A food technologist will be appointed to recommend improved ways of preserving and storing staple Islands foods, such as fish, grains, roots and tubers. He will work closely with the fisheries and subsistence crops officers.

### CONTROL OF DISEASES

The Commission noted that a specialist in mosquito-borne diseases had been appointed to expand the work being carried on to give effect to the recommendations of the conference on filariasis and elephantiasis, held under Commission auspices in Tahiti two years ago.

The delegates to the South Pacific Conference last April agreed that health education was an urgent need for their peoples, and asked the Commission to make available suitable illustrated pamphlets and posters. This request will be given high priority in the health programme.

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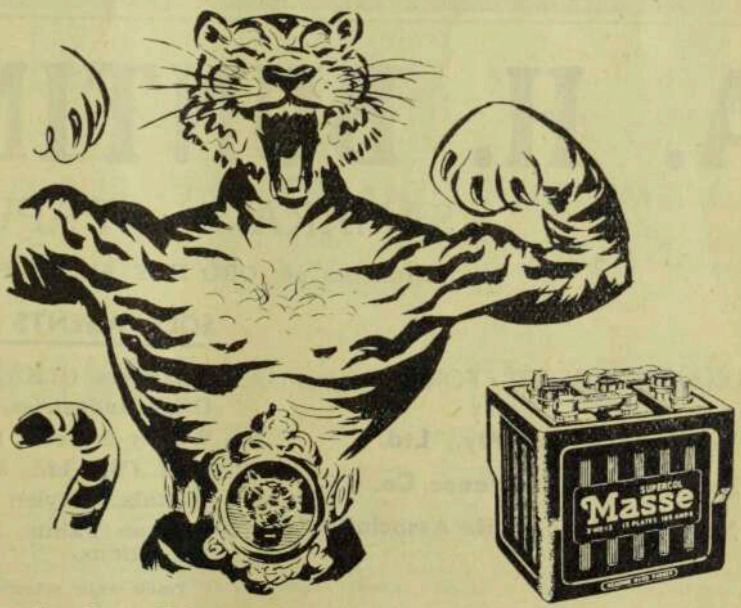


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field, the Commission approved concentration next year on projects relating to expansion of cash crops, control of plant and animal pests and diseases, and development of fisheries.

Reference was made to the regional survey being carried out of the main crop of the area, the coconut, by the Commission's specialist, Mr. W. V. D. Pieris.

Also noted was the progress made in organising the campaign for controlling the rhinoceros beetle, which is seriously threatening the coconut industry in certain territories. An entomologist has been engaged to work on beetle ecology and control problems in Western Samoa, where the pest made its first Pacific appearance in 1910. A second entomologist will be appointed to undertake investigations in India, and possibly elsewhere.

RICE, FISH, ETC.

Rice is a valuable staple food in some Pacific territories. To determine if this crop can be expanded in the area, it is hoped to arrange for an expert from the Food and Agriculture Organisation to make a survey of the rice-growing potentialities of the region. He will also report on available types of mechanical equipment for milling rice, including small units for village use.

The Commission will continue its financial support of the Nadurulouloulou introduction garden in Fiji, which is engaged in the important task of selecting and introducing new plants of economic importance to the area.

Fish is a main source of animal protein in the diet of Pacific Islanders. Next year the Commission will engage an expert to assist and stimulate fisheries investigation and development in the region, including inland fisheries and pond culture. In general, he will work along the lines recommended by the fisheries conferenc held under Commission auspices i Noumea in 1952.

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findings of a report on commercial relations in the Pacific islands, prepared this year for the Commission by Mr. V. D. Stace, an economist of the Reserve Bank of New Zealand. Publication and comprehensive distribution of this report was directed at the twelfth session.

The Commission noted that Mr. Stace was carrying out, as a Commission-sponsored undertaking, an economic stocktaking of Western Samoa as the first stage of an economic survey of that territory. It considered the results would interest territories faced with the problem of expanding populations and limited resources.

### GROWTH OF LITERACY

Last year the Commission set up the South Pacific Literature Bureau to stimulate the supply of reading matter for Islanders, for which an acute need exists. At the twelfth session substantial expansion of the Bureau's work next year was authorised. As well as encouraging production of general literature, it will provide material such as that requested last April by South Pacific Conference delegates, who stressed that posters and pamphlets were urgently needed to instruct their people in such matters as village hygiene and coconut cultivation.

The Commission will continue to encourage planned community development as a means of promoting better living in Islands communities. It noted the marked increase of interest in such schemes that had taken place since 1951, when it sponsored the pilot community development project carried out by the Government of Fiji on Koturiki island. Next year its support for similar projects will mainly take the form of providing technical advice and assistance to territorial administrations on request.

The importance of co-operative societies in the economic development of the region was stressed at the second South Pacific Conference. Next year the Commission will obtain an expert to advise territorial administrations desiring assistance in co-operative matters. He will also prepare, for circulation among island peoples, simple practical manuals.

### NEXT CONFERENCE

The Commission decided that the third South Pacific Conference will be held early in 1956. Lae, Apia, Papeete and Noumea are being considered as possible sites.

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AN indication of the coming of age of the Pacific Islanders is shown in the latest Cook Islands annual report, recently published.

Wherever, in the past, the word "native" was used, it has this year been replaced by "Maori."

The perfectly innocent and inoffensive word "native" is now completely *tabu* in most parts of the Pacific. Only a very few years ago, all students graduating from the Central Medical School, Suva, were called NMPs. The removal of that offensive "N" was the first move in the deletion of the odious word from the Pacific dictionary. The graduates are now SMP's, CIMP's, TMP's, etc., according to whether they come from Samoa, Tonga, Cook Is., etc. The word native somehow, has come to mean "primitive," "ignorant" and "inferior."

To-day there just are no inferior people in the Pacific unless they happen to be Europeans.

And by the same token, it is high time someone began a campaign for the uplift of that downtrodden race.

Let us begin by banning the word "Whites" when referring to them. The term is still used all over the Pacific, and is equally as degrading as "blacks," "coon," "kanaka," etc., and infinitely more so than plain "native."


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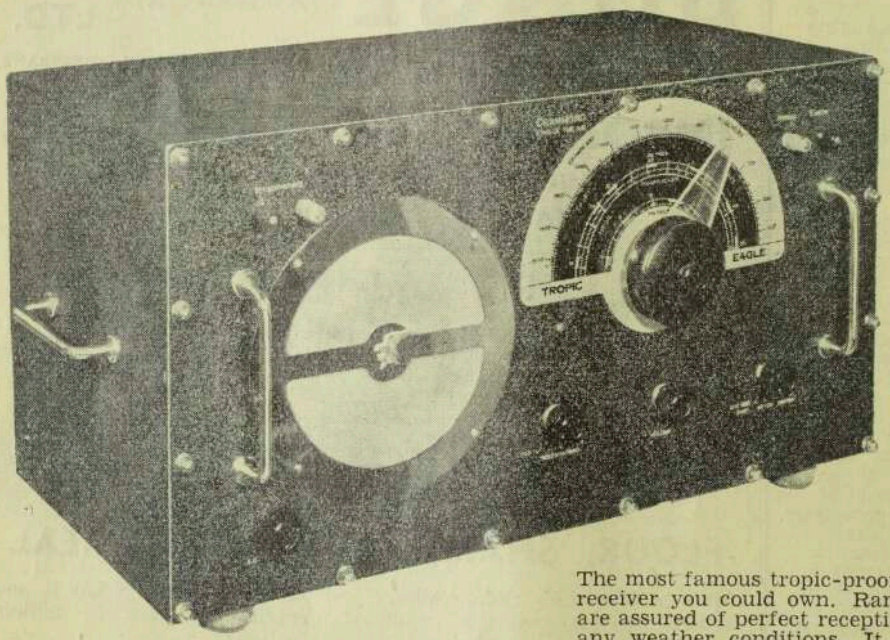


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*ISLANDS HAMS: Let your Pacific eighbours know you're active by hecking in on your favourite band ith a CQ at 0100/0700/1900z. Use a known time will help you—d them.*

MOST interesting Island signal of the month seemed to be FW8AB on allis, who has apparently been on the and for some time but rarely appears the air and then mainly only to main-in skeds with FK8AB/AO on 14 mc/s V, Sunday mornings. Also reported to me on 7 mc/s occasionally. Name at e moment is not available, but some tails may be forthcoming by next nth.

Doug Berry, ZK-1-BG, possibly the most tive 3.5 mc/s man in the Islands, ssed in a report on activities in the oks again this month. A contact with 9WZ lately brought his score to 12 untries worked on this band in recent nths. ZK-1-AB, the other Doug, with watts and a long wire antenna, con-es his activities mainly to 14 mc/s CW th good effect.

There is good news for the VHF men. -1-BH, Nat Bradley of the ionisphere tion, is preparing a 6-metre rig for coming summer. The receiver will available very soon. Ron Lowry, -1-BI, is the only other man in any y active in the Cooks. He occasionally pears on 3.5 mc/s CW. Stuart Kingan, eran ZK-1-AA, was apparently showing ns of rejoining the fraternity recently en a coconut palm fell across his wer line bringing down six power poles. ems a lot of damage for one coconut m!

We understand that Hugh Hickling, -1-AT, has returned to Rarotonga after period in hospital in Suva. He is not the air however.

y the time this appears a big silence l probably have descended upon Niue ich both the ZK2 men will have quit the end of November. There is reason hope, however, that ZK2AA, at least, y appear again in the Islands under ther call.

uring the month Pat Senior, ZM6AA, heard active on 80-metre phone in tact with a ZL and with a moderately ng signal in Auckland.

tan Mayne, VR2AS, reports from Suva t the Hams there will be co-operating h the local broadcasting station staff ing the forthcoming Royal Visit—isting in the manning of broadcast y posts. Stan also reports a new n, Barry Spring-Rice from New land, a sergeant in the Fiji Army, ar section. Barry was not previously Ham. Stan does not report his call-but we assume that it is VR2CX. ZC-1 transmitter-receiver will probably used.

y kind co-operation of Radio Inspector Raebel, VK9HI, of Port Moresby, we able, this month, to give a complete ing of VK-9 New Guinea Hams, rect as at October 23. A great number of these, we know, are rarely active. Notes from those that are would be appreciated.

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VK9AB, A Bunting, DCA, Port Moresby.
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VK9BJ, B. M. Johnson, APC, Badili.
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VK9CS, C. J. Spehr, Lutheran Mission, Madang.
VK9DS, D. B. Schroder, DCA, Lae.
VK9DT, D. G. Taylor, RTC, Samarai.
VK9FK, R. C. Fawkes, DCA, Lae.
VK9FN, F. M. Nolan, 9PA, Port Moresby.
VK9GB, A. Barrie, OTC, Rabaul.
VK9GV, G. V. Campbell, AWA, Lae.
VK9GW, G. A. Warner, OTC, Port Moresby.
VK9HI, L. C. Raebel, Lawes Road, Port Moresby.
VK9JO, T. S. Kepner, APC, Port Moresby.
VK9JP, J. F. Pert, DCA, Lae.
VK9KC, W. Bock, Pandora Crescent, Port Moresby.
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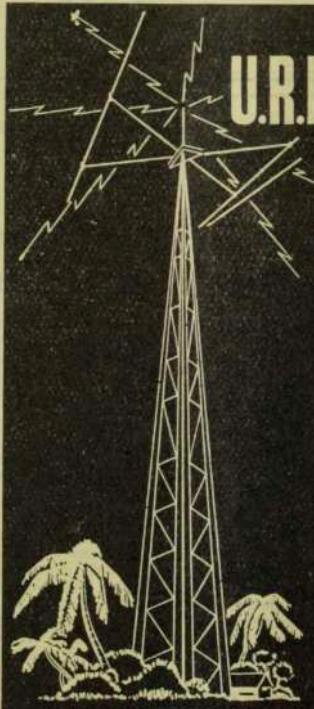
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VK9WG, W. C. Gee, Port Moresby.
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VK9WK W. K. Webster, OTC, Port Moresby.
VK9WP, W. A. P. Luke, OTC, Rabaul.
VK9YT, C. J. Zimmer, Lamasong, New Ireland.
VK9YY, A. J. Smith, AWA, Lae.

## SAMOANS TO TAKE ANOTHER STEP IN LOCAL GOV'T

From Our Own Correspondent

APIA, Oct. 20.

THE Attorney-General of W. Samoa, Mr. W. E. Wilson, outlined the proposed system of local government in the Territory, when the District and Village Government Board Bill was before the Legislative Assembly during October.

The Board will first begin to establish District authorities, rather than Village authorities. Such authority will be interested in every aspect of the life of the people in that District, and its power for good will come from its general administration of the District and its advice to the central government on the needs of the people there. The functions of the authorities will be gradually extended from a limited control, at the beginning. Encouragement of increased production in the District would be one important function; the encouragement of thrift another.

The Board would have the power to organise and maintain a watchful control over the operation of the District — and eventually the Village authorities.

¶ Mr. C. A. Seller, who has been o secondment to the Colonial Offic since 1951, returned to Fiji recentl and has been posted to the Secre tariat in Suva.

¶ Mr. A. L. Harrison has bee appointed to a new Fiji Police De partment post of Vehicle Examin ing Officer. He will be stationed i Suva.

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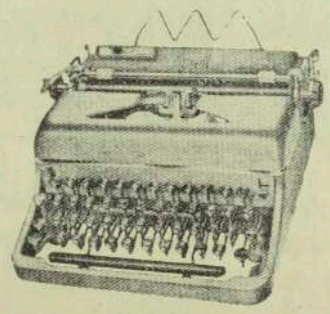

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## TONGAN BOXER HAS BOUT OF TEMPERAMENT

TONGA'S heavy-weight boxing champion, Kitione Lave, was very much in the news in New ealand during October and was lso showing a little prima donna-ish emperament.

He was annoyed, many consider ith justification, by the referee ho stopped his fight with NZ hampion Don Mullett when he was early on the point of gaining a nock-out victory, and by not being warded even a technical knock-ut. He was even more annoyed hen he did not gain an immediate ontest with Australian Ken Brady, ad announced his intention of re-rning to Tonga for a holiday.

At the last moment, however, he ncelled his booking on the *Matua* d decided to remain. Thereafter, series of statements was issued his manager regarding his in-ntions—each giving some new an.

When it was finally arranged that ave would meet Brady on No-mber 9, the New Australian Crivic November 23, and have a return ut with Mullet in January, the ongan's manager announced, on ctober 28, that Lave was suffering om a back injury and would have stop training.

Whether he would be able to go with the latest programme of hts was uncertain late in October t New Zealand boxing fans were ping that he would—although ey were getting a little tired of e many alterations to plans that d been announced.

It is certain, however, that when-er Lave reappears, he will fight a packed house and a large dio audience.

**Auckland, Oct. 30—Officially announced ve has a ricked back and must undergo nth's treatment. His projected fights h Brady on November 9, and Crivic on vember 23, have been postponed.**

## High Infant Mortality in Cooks

COMPARED with its parent country, New Zealand, infant mortality in the Cook Islands revealed in the 1952 annual re-rt, is disturbingly high—and con-derably higher in the latest ures issued, than it has been for ne years.

Whereas the rate in New Zealand about 28 per thousand live births, was 138 per thousand in the oks last year, and 101 the previ-s year.

The report notes a good deal of alnutrition amongst infants and ys that the Administration sup-es free milk to all such cases re-rted.

Infant mortality accounted last ar for 37% of the deaths, most ing between 6 and 12 months of e.

## NORFOLK IS. NEWS

NORFOLK IS., October 23.

JUDGE SIMPSON has now completed a sitting of the Norfolk Island Court and returned to Sydney. One case which created some attention was that regarding the transfer of a piece of property by the holder of a Power-of-Attorney to the owner's sister for a "consideration of one shilling." The Court's verdict upset the transaction; the P-of-A gave power to lease, sell, etc., but not to give away!

* * *

Although the shipping companies have blamed the slow turn-around of ships and long stays in port for high freight rates (in our case £15 per ton from Sydney) our record of handling cargo under difficulties is steadily improving and the 'Malaita' got away this week after a stay of only 1½ days. Maybe our freight rates will come down soon; they influence the high cost of living and cause petrol to be 6/5½ per gallon.

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A bring - and - buy - a - gift afternoon recently raised £110 for the local hospital. The Island is now trying to raise £500 for the Queen Elizabeth Gift Fund which will equip a dental clinic and provide free dental care for children and expectant mothers. The money donated will carry a Commonwealth subsidy and the Administration will guarantee part of the resident dentist's salary.

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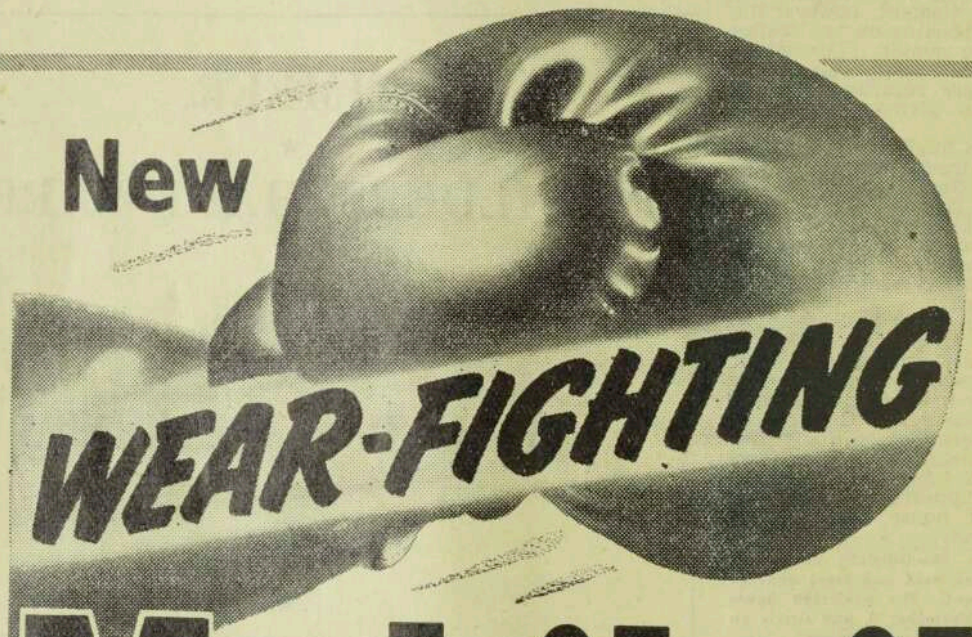

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# NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

CHANGES IN APPROACHES TO JVA HARBOUR: — An official atement from Suva late in Oc- ber indicates that, in so far as ipping is concerned, the recent rthquake and the accompanying bmarine landslide near the proaches to Suva harbour in no y permanently affects navigation.

"Suva harbour appears to have ffered no change in depth," says e report from Acting Harbour- aster E. L. James, nor is there idence of any shoaling outside, t "soundings of Kandavu Passage, e approaches to Suva from both st and west and the entrance to va harbour as shown on Admiralty arts, can no longer be relied on."

GOODBYE TO *KURIMARAU*: This old-timer is to be disposed by the Western Pacific High mmission. Rumour has it that e was "almost sold" locally in niara but that the deal fell rough. She left Honiara for llina, NSW, on October 16, where e will be available for inspection prospective buyers.

*Kurimarau* has had an honour- le career in the Pacific. She first peared in BSIP in 1930, ex-Hong- ng, where she was built to the der of Levers Pacific Planta- ns Ltd. to replace the old *SS Kobiloko*. *Kurimarau* was at first used by Lever's General Manager, Major F. Hewitt, for inspection tours of Company plantations and also for concentrating copra from outlying estates and for supplying stores. Captain Bill Rawson was her Master from 1930 until the Japanese invasion of BSIP

In 1942 the vessel was bombed while lying at Gavutu but successfully evaded the attack and reached the Russell Islands, where she remained until she successfully evacuated a record passenger list of 62 and got them safely to Australia.

In Australia the vessel was chartered by the Australian Shipping Control Board and engaged in war service; she was twice bombed and machine-gunned in New Guinea waters, the second time being extensively damaged but not before shooting down two enemy planes. Mr. Jack Gaskell, now in Honiara, served as first Officer during her war service.

After the war, *Kurimarau* was surplus to Lever's requirements and was purchased by the WPHC to carry stores and supplies to the Solomons from Suva and at that stage was the Protectorate's only overseas shipping link. She also made several trips to Sydney.

After Burns Philp resumed services to the BSIP with *Muliama* and *Malaita*, she came under the control of the BSIP Government Trade Scheme, but *Kurimarau* is now considered to be too expensive for the BSIP.

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life of the Solomons; she is remembered fondly by many who have had happy voyages in her; and with curses by those whose stomachs are not equal to the ordeal of long voyages in small ships.

JAPS SEEK SALVAGE RIGHTS:—Japan is reported to be seeking salvage rights covering about 98 Japanese vessels sunk during the last war in its Trust Territory islands area of Truk, Palau and Saipan. The ships are said to total about 434,000 gross tons. According to Japanese reports seven of these vessels could be economically salvaged and returned to use, and at least 100,000 tons of scrap metal salvaged from the remainder.

The Trust Territory Government and the US Navy are said to be strongly opposed to granting Japan salvage rights in the area—even if it would be unprofitable for American interests to carry out the salvage.

SHIPS—AND STAMPS:—As stated in September PIM, *Miena* is depicted on a BSIP postage stamp. Our attetnion is now drawn to the fact that the Tongan Government vessels *Hifofua* and *A'oniu* are depicted on a recent new Tongan 2d stamp.

THOSE MEDICAL PATROL BOATS:—In August, 1952, we reported that the New Zealand Lepers Trust Board had approved funds for the building of four 55-ft motor vessels for the use of the Missions in the New Hebrides-Solomons engaged in the care of leper patients and for other medical patrol work. Plans have been finalised, and tenders will soon be let for the building. They were originally expected to cost £NZ15,00 each.

*STANLEY ANGWIN*:—Th British cable ship arrived at Suv from Singapore during October repair three cables severed by th undersea landslide that took pla during the earthquake of Septembe It was understood that the vess


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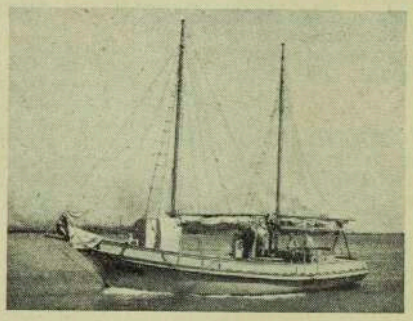

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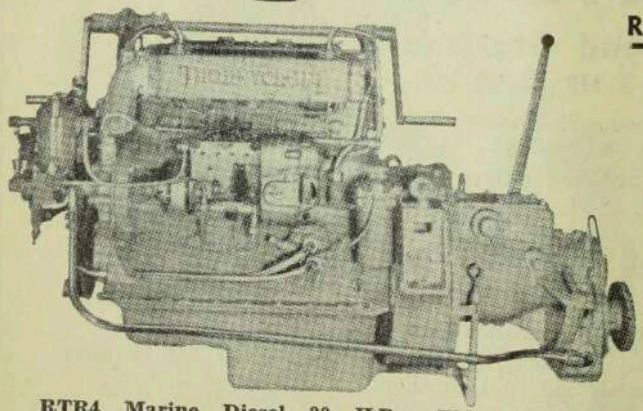

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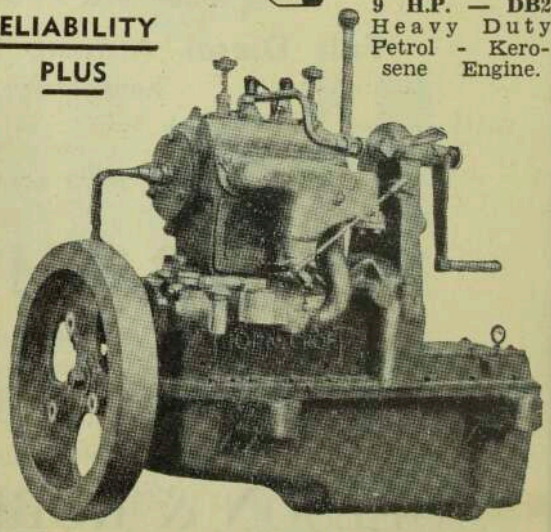

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uld also carry out detailed sound-gs of the approaches to Suva, a sk for which she is especially uipped.

NZ CABLE SHIP:—The New aland cableship, *Matai*, experi-ced very bad weather at Norfolk land during October but eventu-y completed relaying a shore-end the Norfolk-Southport (Queens-nd) cable and the Auckland-rfolk shore end. Due to the cky nature of the bottom at rfolk Island, the shore ends rely last more than a year or two. *atai*, after laying a short cable in e Auckland area, will go to Bass rait on another task.

Cook Islands residents will be in-rested to know that Mr. Charlie nith, who was master of the Ad-nistration vessel *Ranui* there for time, has been on loan to *Matai* chief officer, being one of the w officers available in New Zea-nd with experience in cable-ring. He is Assistant Harbour-aster at New Plymouth.

LAST VOYAGE OF SOUTHERN ROSS:—It is reported that this in-screw steel motor yacht, ned by the Melanesian Mission, ay now be on her last voyage from ckland to the New Hebrides-lomons. Archdeacon H. V. C. ynolds of the Mission left Auck-nd on October 7 for the United ates on a three months' lecture ur for funds for *Southern Cross II*. It is assumed that the Mission ll use commercial transport in e interval between laying up the esent vessel next year and com-ssioning a new one.

The present vessel was built in itain in 1933. She is 298 gross ns, 143 nett, and measures 111 t by 28 feet. She was classified 100 A1 at Lloyds in July, 1951, t considerable money would now ve to be spent at the next sur-y to maintain this standard.

Mr. George Hunt, who crossed e Tasman last Summer in his cht *Corsair*, joined the ship in tober as second engineer on the omotion of Mr. D. L. Pryce to ief. Mr. W. Hulbert, who had en chief for some years, resigned. deck, Mr. Lewis, who joined as ief officer on the previous visit to ckland, and later resigned and urned from the Islands, was re-aced by Mr. Reg Woods, who ain came out of retirement to n his old ship.

The vessel cleared Auckland Oc-ber 14 and will be away for some nths.

SUCCESSFUL AIR-SEARCH:—nolulu newspapers report that extensive search was carried out July for the motor vessel *Venus*, und from Rota to Tinian in the arianas with a crew of five and passengers, all natives of the arianas. *Venus* was located 130 les northwest of Guam after 70,000 square miles of ocean had been air-searched. She was towed in by a Coast Guard cutter.

LONG, LONG TOW:—The Dutch tug *Humber*, which recently towed a former USSCO coaster from Noumea to Japan, arrived in Auck-land in mid-October and departed, with the salvage tug *Foremost 17* in tow—bound for England. The voyage, by way of Torres Strait and Suez, was expected to take 2½ months. *Foremost 17*, it will be re-called, successfully salvaged a con-siderable amount of gold bullion from the wreck of the *Niagara* off the New Zealand coast last Autumn. Although she came across the Tasman under her own steam, she is considered unsuitable for a long ocean voyage.

NEW FIJI LIGHTHOUSE:—The Fiji Public Works Department re-cently completed construction of a new lighthouse on Vatulele Island, south of Viti Levu, which will per-mit safe navigation of large vessels between Vatulele and Beqa at night time. At present vessels without radar bound from Lautoka to Suva stand outside Vatulele by night. They will now be saved 40 miles on that run.

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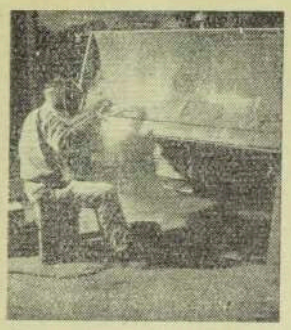
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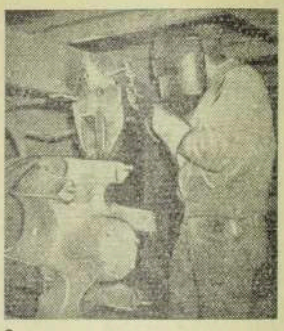
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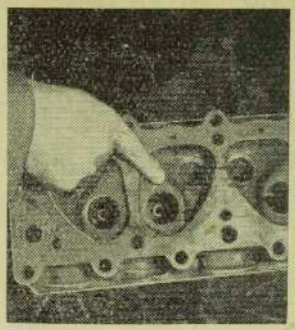
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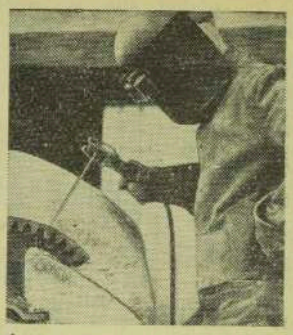
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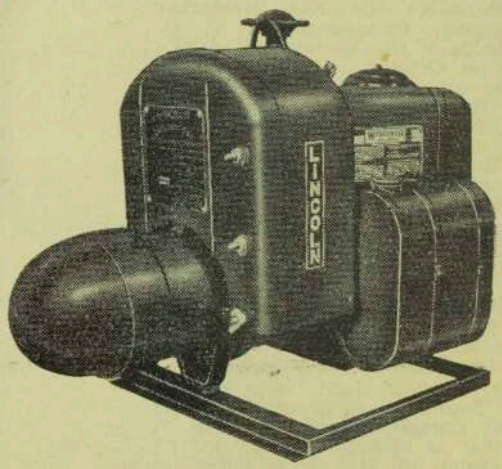


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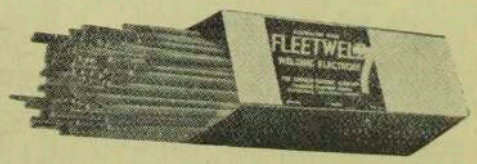


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MATSON CO. MAKES MONEY:—But not in ships. The company reports that the Moana Hotel, and others which the company owns in Hawaii, are proving money-spinners. They are now calling tenders for a new $2½-million Waikiki hotel to be known as the Princess Kaiulani Hotel. There have been recent suggestions that Matson may quit shipping entirely.

NEW PORT FOR SUVA:—The rebuilding of the port of Suva at a cost of £2,300,000, now being considered by the Secretary of State for the Colonies, envisages the removal of the present PWD yard and Vacuum Oil Co. installations from the north bank of the Walu Bay creek to a location further north, and the construction of a dock, slipways, fruit storage sheds and refrigeration stores on the area indicated. An oil berth will be established near the Tamavua beacon. Temporary repairs to the existing wharves will cost £90,000.

THAT ILL-STARRED NAME:—In January we noted that vessels with the name *Tahiti*, and its variations, have had unhappy endings. Oscar Nordman, of Tahiti, now recalls yet another—*Tamarii Tahiti*—lost in that graveyard of schooners, the Tuamotus, in 1908, just four years after she was built for S. R. Maxwell & Co. The late Captain Joe Winchester, one of the best-known skippers of the early 1900's, was in command and the loss of the vessel cost him his job and most of his property. Oscar gives no details of the circumstances of the loss of the splendid 150-ton schooner which was built in San Francisco.

*NUKULAU* COMING—SLOWLY:—South Pacific Shipping Co. of Suva has had more than its share of trouble in transferring registry of its vessel *Nukulau* (formerly *San Michele*) from Italian to British registry. But the 500-tonner was reported in Indian waters in mid-October and steadily heading Fijiwards.

NZ SURVEY VESSEL:—Although urgently required for ocean survey work and the correction of navigational charts of New Zealand's Island Territories and home waters, a survey vessel at present being built by a Scottish shipyard for the New Zealand Government may not be completed. Originally estimated to cost £450,000, the figure has now risen to over £1,000,000. If the order is cancelled, however, it is estimated that compensation might run to £400,000.

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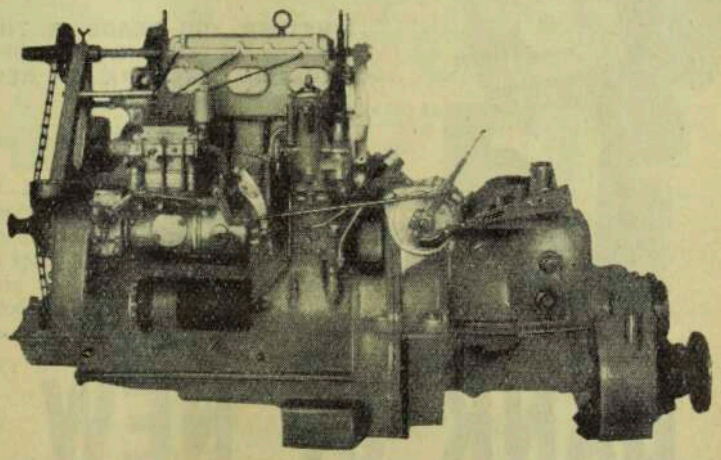

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the Government at the suggestion that the new vessel may be abandoned, declaring that a survey of the New Zealand coast is urgently needed to reduce navigational risks. The cost of the vessel and survey would be small compared with the losses that might result otherwise.

KOITAKI'S NEW WORK BOAT: Koitaki plantation at Sogeri, Papua, now has its own work-boat, the *Koitaki Numu*.

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*Koitaki Numu* will be used to recruit native labour along the Papuan coast.

## News of Cruising Yachts

• Seven Seas Cruising Association reports in its interesting bulletin of letters from members that STORTEBECKER III (Dr. Franklin-Evans), which left Auckland August, 1952, and called at several French Oceania ports and Hawaii enroute to Vancouver, is again planning to head south for New Zealand or Australia next April. Frank Jensen, the doctor's cruising companion for several years, will apparently remain in Canada when the 33-foot German-built yawl again puts to sea.

• The same source reports the 36-foot ketch LITTLE BEAR, of San Diego, as due to clear Balboa for New Zealand last September; she should appear in French Oceania soon. Owners are "Buzz" and June Champion.

• NEW SILVER GULL (Harry and Oceana Scott of Sydney) continues to cruise the waters in the vicinity of Vancouver. Mrs. Scott recently underwent an operation but is again well. No word of the 44-foot ketch heading south again yet.

• SKYLINE, last of the Auckland yachts to head Islandwards this year, lost one of her crew in Papeete. There Les Goodsall, one of her navigators, changed over to the American 14-ton yawl SILHOUETTE II which was homewards bound after participating in the Honolulu-Tahiti race.


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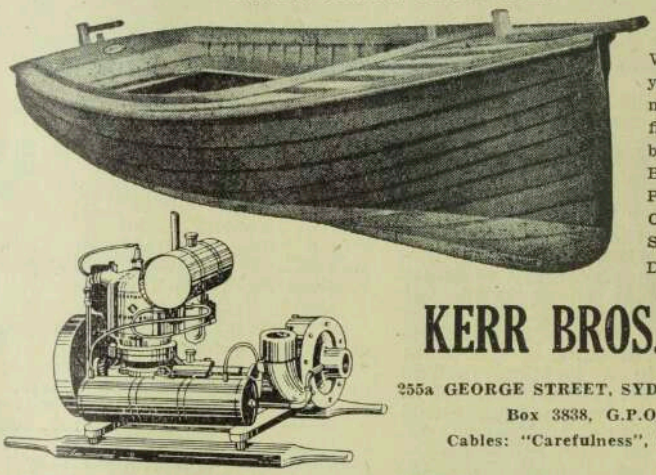

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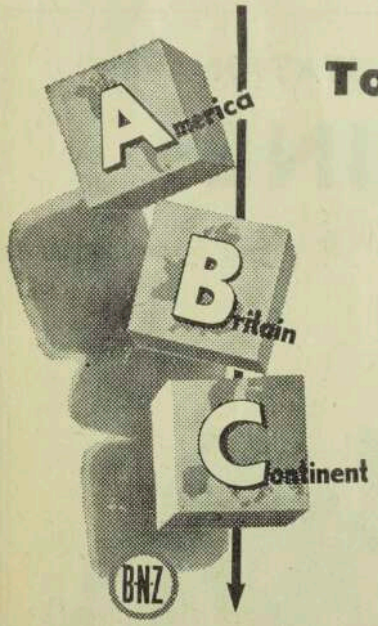


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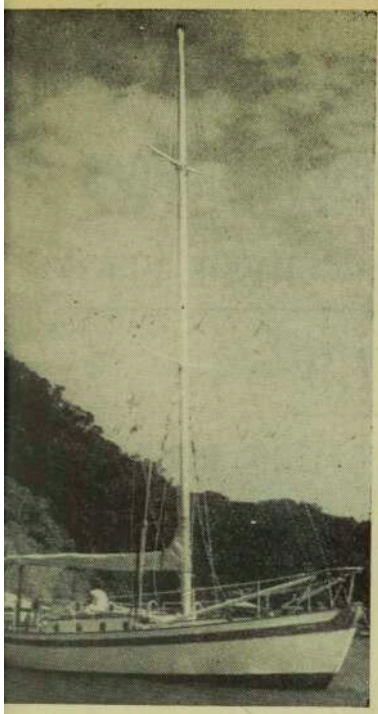

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KYLINE should be out by now for
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ANNA ELIZABETH, which was in
iti and Cook Islands waters early last
r, is reported to be still in the
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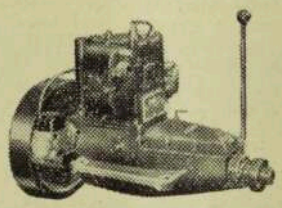
● VENTURER, 18-tons, 50-ft. American schooner, arrived at Papeete from the Galapagos September 30, three years and a few days out of her home port of Boston. Bob Burke and John Grant, joint owners, are on a round-the-world cruise. They plan to remain for a while at Tahiti.

● LEDA (Wilson brothers of Tauranga, NZ), arrived at Hilo, Hawaii, October 12, after a 20-day passage from Nukuhiva, Marquesas, during which she was becalmed for nine days. She was expected in Honolulu later in October.

● TERN II (Lieut. B. C. Pester, RNZN), bound for Auckland from England, reached Las Palmas, Canary Islands, September 30.

● Several cruising yachts that were in Suva during September arrived in Auckland during October. They were TAURANGI, WHITE SQUALL, and WANDERER III. The latter made calls first north of Auckland. GHOST was also sighted by the Union Company's TOFUA becalmed some 300 miles from Auckland and was expected in Auckland later. These were, with the exception of Eric Hiscock's WANDERER III, all Auckland boats which have wintered in the Islands. BOUNTY, still out, headed westward for Noumea and Australia from Suva.

● FLAMINGO (W. McCarthy and three companions Messrs. Heerdegen, Pledger and Petrie), left Tauranga for Auckland,

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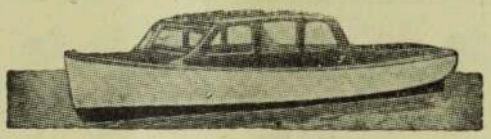

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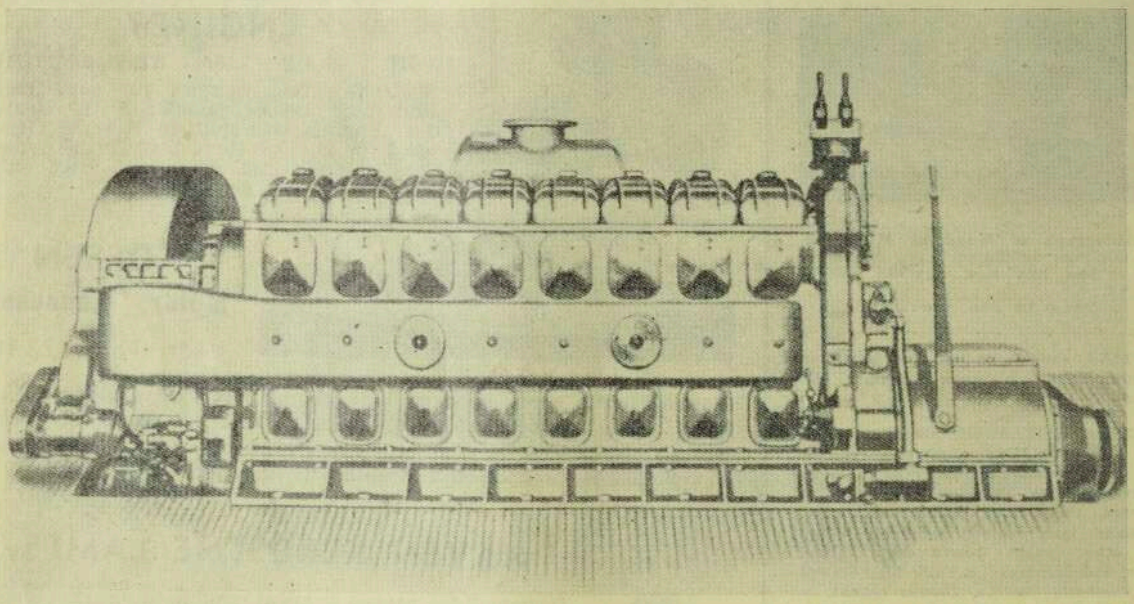

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NZ, on the first stage of a world cruise early October. The Tasman crossing was planned for November. The 32-foot Bermudan sloop was built by Warren McCarthy in Auckland and completed at Tauranga. The yacht has a 4 hp auxiliary. The route planned is via Torres Strait and Cape of Good Hope.

● The 43-ft. yacht BEYOND, reached Sydney, on October 2, 15 months out from Falmouth, England. Owner is Mr. T. C. Worth, a UK businessman who is combining pleasure with business on his world cruise.

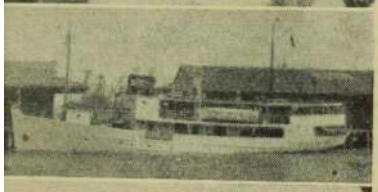
He is accompanied by his wife as crew. They have already visited France, Spain, Portugal, Canary Islands, West Indies, Panama, Tahiti, Fiji, New Zealand.

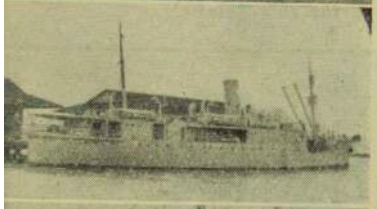
Mr. Worth said he learned his navigation from the books of his father, Mr. Claude Worth, a famous yachtsman. Mr. and Mrs. Worth, unlike most round-the-world yachtsmen, stepped from BEYOND in Sydney, looking fully-equipped to do a day's business among that city's top-flight business executives.

● A New Zealander, Lindsay Harman, 25, set out from Brisbane on Saturday, October 26, in the 18-foot racing skiff SEVEN SEAS, for Auckland via Noumea and Norfolk Island. He is accompanied by his fiancee. Unhapily, he came to grief after only 45 miles, on the Salamander Banks (off Moreton Island, near Brisbane). He hopes now to sell the yacht and return to Auckland.

● Trans-Tasman Race: Late in October eight yachts were entered for the trans-Tasman biennial classic which will be raced from Auckland to Sydney in January. It is expected that there will be some later changes, however. Entries for New Zealand vessels closed October 31—and for Australian vessels November 30.

On October 28, the entries were as follows: HOPE, BLUE WATER, GHOST, SKYLINE, BLACK ROSE, and TAIHOA from New Zealand, and TE RAPUNGA





Mr. G. H. Hunt joined the Melanesian ssion ship Southern Cross as second ineer.

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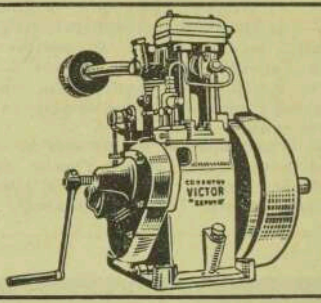

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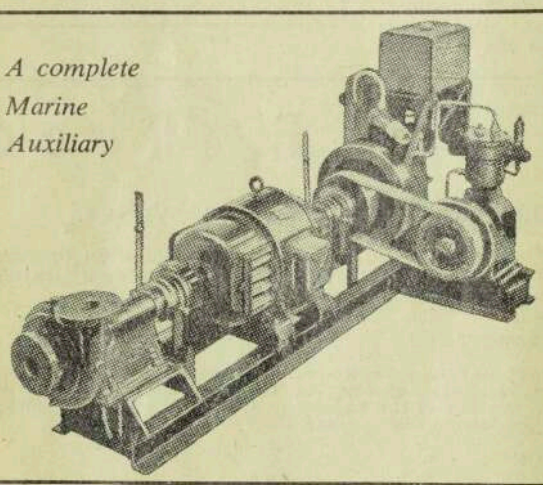

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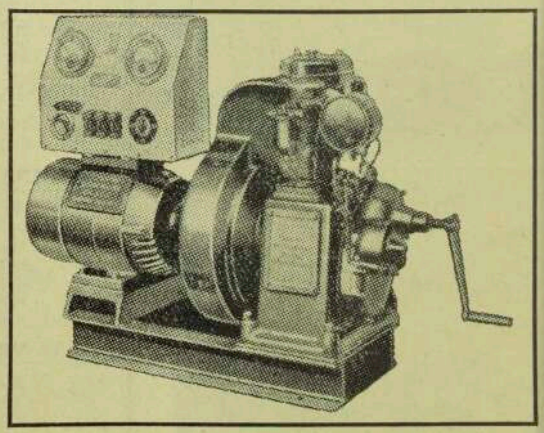

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and SNOW GOOSE from Australia. There seemed to be some doubt whether GHOST, just back from her Island cruise, would cross the line on the great day—but some other Australian enries may still arrive. Details next month.

• TEMPTRESS, Warrant Officer Gordon Kells, RNZAF, and crew of two arrived Auckland October 24 from Suva. She was sailed to Fiji last year by her owner when he was posted to duty at the RNZAF base, Lauthala Bay.

• GHOST, Ken Brown and crew of three, completed her Island Cruise by arriving back at her home port, Auckland, on October 23. Journeying abroard, as far as Honolulu she had made a notable voyage without mishap.

• TROPIC SEAS, sailed by American John Caldwell, his Australian wife Mary, and three sons aged six, three and 12 months, arrived in Newcastle, NSW, on November 1.

The family left California in May, 1952. The youngest boy, Roger, was born in Tahiti where they remained six months. Mrs. Caldwell's parents live in Sydney; she says that if she returns to America she will not be in a small boat. Mr. Caldwell said the cruise has been paid for with the proceeds of "Dangerous Voyage" which he wrote after his previous attempt to sail across the Pacific from America to Sydney.

• HO HO II, Norwegian-built 54-foot Colin Archer-type ketch owned by Birger Lyn, which left Sydney some months ago for Norfolk Island, moved on from there to Noumea, thence probably the New Hebrides, where her owner is offering the sturdy craft for charter or for sale. Aboard the yacht, which Byrne sailed from Norway a couple of years ago, is his wife and small son.

• BLUE WATER, one of the group of Auckland yachts that Island-cruised in recent months, arrived back at her port from Tonga late October.

## TRIPLE TRAGEDY AT VAVAU

(From Our Tonga Correspondent)

A TRAGEDY has recently upset the calm of the Vava'u group. Lute, a Tongan living in the village of Longamapu, Vava'u, became distressed at the attentions which 'Ofiu, a driver for Morris Hedstrom's, Neiafu, was paying to his wife. On the afternoon of September 18, he saw the couple enter a house together. When they came out, he was waiting for them with a shot-gun. Pushing his wife aside, he took aim and fired at 'Ofiu's head, killing him immediately.

After the murder, Lute got his four-year-old son and went into the bush, telling his wife to follow them. Terrified, she ran instead to the main road and found a lorry to take her to Neiafu, where she reported the tragedy to the police.

Police efforts to bring in Lute failed, but on September 22, a small party of searchers headed by the father of Lute, discovered the bodies of Lute and his son near an old cattle fence in the bush. Lute had killed the boy and then committed suicide. They had been dead several days when they were discovered.

Scenes shot by the New Zealand camera-men Roger Mirams and John O'Shea during the July festivities in Papeete this year, have now been released in a new travel film made for Tasman Empire Airways and entitled *The Link*. The film, which will be seen along the Islands of the Coral Route in due course, includes shots of New Zealand scenic attractions and of Sydney.

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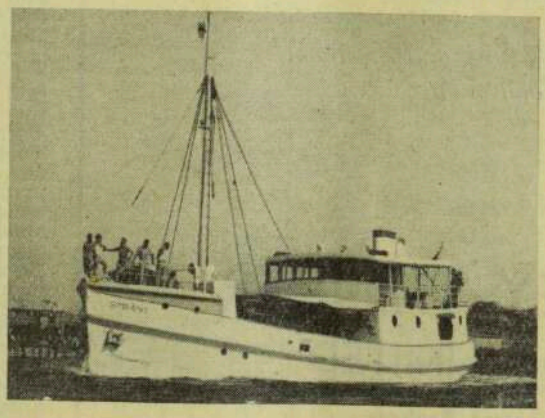

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# Niueans Appeal Against Conviction for Murder

## Evidence Given by M. G. Check

A FULL Court sitting in Auckland, New Zealand, on October 29, reserved its decision on the appeals of three Niueans against their conviction for the murder of the Resident Commissioner, Mr C. H. W. Larsen, on August 16.

The three accused, Folitolu, 25; Latoatama, 21, and Tamaeli, 18; were brought to Auckland from Niue on the *Maui Pomara* on October 10.

The grounds for the appeal were:

- That the Judge's summing-up or direction to the assessor at the trial was not made in open Court, and there was no possibility of checking it in law; such procedure was contrary to accepted procedure in NZ.
- That there was no adequate proof of the cause of death, as no internal post-mortem examination had been made.
- That statements made by the appellants were inadmissible and should be rejected on the basis that the appellants had been interrogated when making them.
- That there was provocation that should be sufficient to reduce the decision to one of manslaughter.
- That there was not sufficient proof of "malice aforethought."

During the appeal evidence was taken from Mr. M. G. Check, who was an LMS missionary on Niue from 1949 until January, 1953. He said that he had learned to speak the language, knew Latoatama and Tamaeli and had seen Mr. Larsen on official business frequently.

The mentality of the Niueans, he said, could not be compared with that of Europeans because their abilities lay in different directions. Their attitute to right and wrong was also different. They were unpredictable and emotionally like children—the serious part of the appellants' statements was their complaint that there had been sustained and continuous ill-treatment from Mr. Larsen. It seemed to him from the statement made by one of them that he was "so full of hate that he did not want to eat" on the night of August 16, that they were obsessed with their grievances, real or imaginary. Unless a Niuean was ill or brooding deeply he was always ready to eat.

It was a fact, he said, that there had been a petition to have Mr Larsen removed from the Island.

Mr. E. H. Pleasants, who appeared for Folitolu and Latoatama, said that statements made by the three appellants should be carefully scrutinised. The amount of detail in the statements was quite contrary to the idea of a native making a voluntary statement.




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Mr. S. C. Ennor, who appeared for Tamaeli, said that his statement was inadmissible and that the evidence against him was insufficient to justify his conviction on a capital charge. It had been Tamaeli's intention merely to beat the deceased.

He said that in the Island's language "keli" could mean kill, beat, scold or dig. The word "mate" similarly was open to mistranslation because, as well as being a term for death, it could also mean illness due to accident or warfare.

MR. H. R. C. WILD, who appeared for the Crown, said that inquiries made at the Department of Island Territories showed that the only record of a petition to remove Mr. Larsen was a telegram received from one of the Island councillors who afterwards said that it had been sent through misunderstanding.

He said acquittal of the accused was not justified. Referring to lack of a post-mortem he said that the evidence of the doctor justified the Court's concluding that Mr. Larsen's wounds caused his death.

There was no evidence that the accused were induced to make statements—they had asked for an interpreter, saying they wished to tell the truth.

On the point of provocation, he submitted that evidence did not indicate any ill-treatment of the accused by Mr. Larsen. They had not seen him ill-treat prisoners. He had thrown a stick which bounced off the ground and hit Tamaeli.

There was no evidence that the accused were in a state of passion at the time of the murder. They had got one bushknife from the tool and had then walked a mile to Mr. Larsen's house where they took the other two knives from a shed. There was evidence of a previous intention of Latoatama and Malitolu to "chop off" Mr. Larsen's head. Tamaeli was either an abettor or a party to a common purpose. If he was in the room when Mr. Larsen was attacked, he had a lethal weapon in his hand and was ready to aid or acquiesce.

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Mr. A. F. S. Ohman, Chief Veterinary Officer, returned to Fiji from furlough in England in October. While overseas he visited veterinary research and animal husbandry stations in the United Kingdom and Europe, and attended the 15th International Veterinary Conference in Stockholm last August. Some 1,300 delegates from all parts of the world attended—before sitting down to the banquet provided. At Pirbright, England, Mr. Ohman, visited the foot-and-mouth disease research laboratories which are under the control of Dr. Galloway, a world authority. With modern air travel this disease is always a danger to Fiji. Visits were also made to research centres in Scotland and London.

## ONE CROOK MADE A CRIME WAVE FOR TAHITI TOURIST

REFUTING a charge by a disillusioned tourist who, under the heading "Tahiti rampant with Crooks Scowls burlarized Tourist," poured out his bitter soul to a Honolulu newspaper, Chief of Police Frank A. Biesel of Tahiti, has written to PIM.

M. Biesel admits that, as with all tourist resorts, there are some thieves and rogues in Tahiti, especially during the July festivities, but asserts that Tahiti's record is probably better than most resorts.

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¶ Mr. Paul S. Savidge, of Texas, USA, arrived in New Guinea on November 1, where he will assist in the development of the plywood industry for Commonwealth and New Guinea Timbers at Bulolo, NG. He believes that the future of NG plywood is bright.


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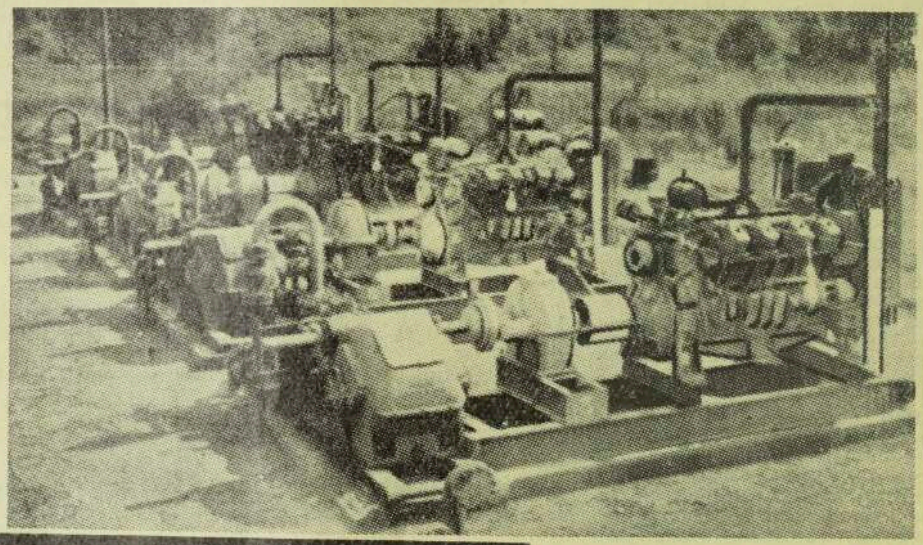

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### How Hagen-Gusap Road is Built

MICHAEL LEAHY, with his wife and three small sons, recently led a jeep party over the new ɔad which has been constructed ıder the direction of District Com-issioner Ian Downs between oroka and Mount Hagen in the ighlands of New Guinea. The 150-iles journey occupied 12 hours. hen the Leahy brothers and J. L. aylor first discovered this country er 20 years ago they took two onths to make the same journey ı foot.

Mr. Leahy paid a warm tribute the work done by DC Downs, actically without equipment. He id: "This road has been made th nothing much more than inted sticks and bare feet."

One now may travel on a rough ad from Mt. Hagen eastwards to oroka, and 100 miles beyond to usap. At Gusap this long-planned ain highway for the Highlands ll fork—one branch continuing stwards to Lae and the other go-g generally to the northwards rough the Ramu country and wn to Madang.

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### Windsor-Perry Wedding

Mr. Ken Windsor, radio - officer and purser of the Islands ship Maui Pomare, was married recently in Wellington, NZ, to Miss Jocelyn Perry.

The best man was Mr. Ian Hethering-ton, formerly of the Post and Telegraph Dept., Rarotonga, Cook Is.

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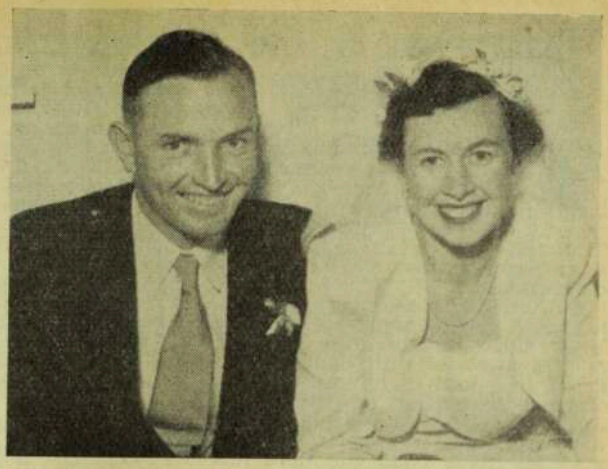

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# Canna—New Rival to Kenaf and Jute

AUSTRALIA has produced what is alleged to be a serious challenge to New Guinea's infant kenaf industry (and, of course, to jute). This is canna fibre, produced from the plant which hitherto has been regarded merely as a garden decoration.

Cultivation of cannas for fibre has been getting some attention in NSW since shortly after the end of the war—certainly longer than kenaf has been of interest in New Guinea. This year, however, about 8,000 acres have been planted in the Port Macquarie district and the material made from the fibre has been claiming public interest.

Canna enthusiasts say that the whole of the plant can be used, that it can be handled entirely by machinery and that—greatest advantage of all—it does not have to be spun or be woven into cloth as does kenaf or jute. The fabric made from canna is made by a simple pressing process, the gums and resins in the plant acting as the bonding agent. It may be waterproofed by a further simple process.

It is claimed that it can be used for most of the purposes for which kenaf and jute are now designed. The greatest use for industrial fibres of the kenaf and jute variety —as far as Australasia and the Islands are concerned—is for wool packs, and corn, wheat and copra sacks. Other uses are backing for linoleum, string, etc.

To just which of these purposes canna fibre can be put has not been specifically stated. It seems too much to believe that millions of pounds have been wasted hitherto on expensive spinning and weaving machinery if a simple process of bonding can cover the same ground. Presumably canna fibre can also be used by decorticating—as with kenaf. If could be, too, that if canna can be bonded, so also can kenaf.

¶ Miss Joyce Walker, of the Methodist Mission at Mendi, NG, Southern Highland, was on furlough in Australia in October.

## Influenza in New Guinea

To protect the natives of th Highlands areas who have litt natural immunity from commo European ills, quarantine restri tions have been imposed in Papu New Guinea against the prevailin influenza epidemic.

The influenza started in Po Moresby a few weeks ago, has spre to other centres and has affecte Europeans and natives.

For the time being, Europea and pilots travelling to the Hig lands must undergo a physical e amination at take-off points; grou patrols and native travel throug the Highlands is also banned.

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## ABAUL BUILDING ITES: OME CORRECTIONS

Letters to the Editor.

YOUR report, "Land Board Building Site Allocations Cause Rabaul Discontent" (page 34, Sept. issue), contains number of inaccuracies.

The "local Land Board" has no fixed mposition. The members of the New uinea Land Board are appointed by the dministrator, by notice in the GAZETTE. he membership can and has varied at fferent meetings. In my own case I ve only sat once on the Board, and my pointment was specifically gazetted as ing for that meeting only.

I was not a member of the Board hich is alleged to have had discussions th a representative gathering of Rabaul sidents and I have no knowledge of ch discussions. I rather think your rrespondent is confusing the Land ard with the Papua-New Guinea Town nning Board, which latter body did in t meet residents of Rabaul. It was at s meeting (at which I was present) at Mr. Gabriel Achun made the statent to which your correspondent alludes.

The statement that most of the Euroan tenders are known to have been her than the Chinese is incorrect. Grossly exaggerated is the statement t most of the Chinese recommended blocks already have building sites, uses and other property. Most of them eady have business premises, but how ny have residential premises? How ny of the members of Rabaul Chamber Commerce, who have protested so dly, reside on their business premises? . Chipper and Mr. Brelaz certainly do .

n ex-serviceman is alleged to have a rmissive occupancy" over a block. ere is no such tenancy in the Land s. Further Mr. Chipper did not uble to tell your correspondent, nor did r correspondent trouble to ascertain t this ex-serviceman has a Chinese e and is, in effect, an absentee landd, as he resides on a plantation in Ireland and leases the existing subndard building to a young married ployee of the Commonwealth Departnt of Works.

t is not disclosed—naturally—by the mber of Commerce that the two comies that tendered higher amounts for block are respectively (a) allied with ompany which is probably the biggest er of freehold land in Rabaul and irons and the Gazelle Peninsula, a l of this land is still, seven years r the resumption of Civil Adistration, unused, some of it is sub- (b) Already the owners of a number dwellings in Rabaul the majority of ch are sub-let; occupiers of a large a of land which is immediately outside present town boundaries of Rabaul. would point out that all sittings of Land Board are open to the public, act that has been frequently gazetted. s entirely possible, however, that many ple in Rabaul were ignorant of this

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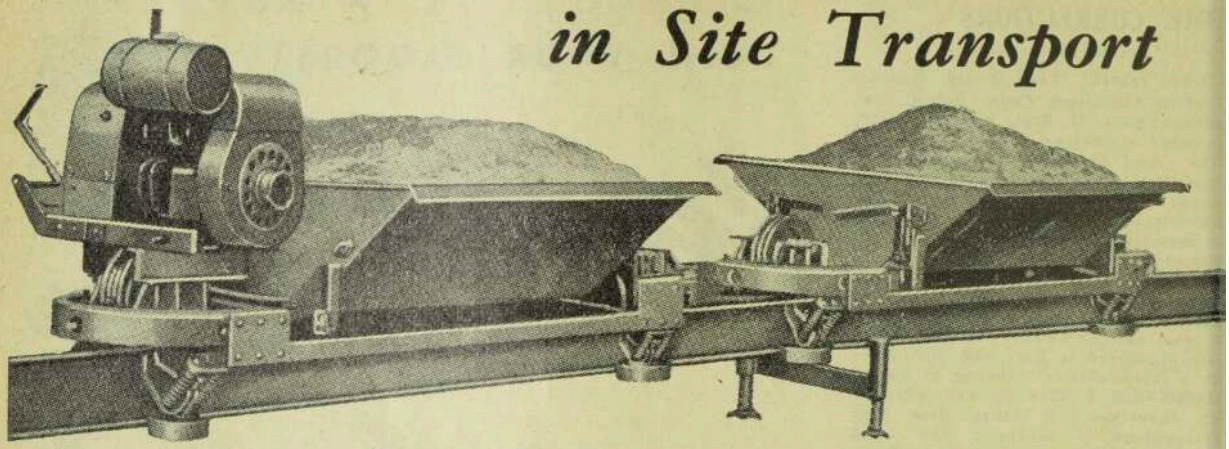

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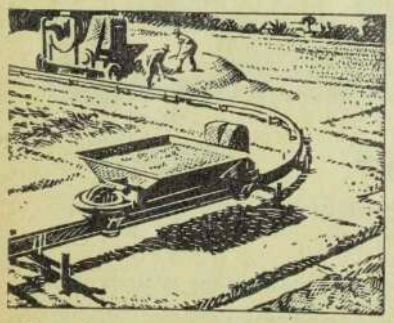

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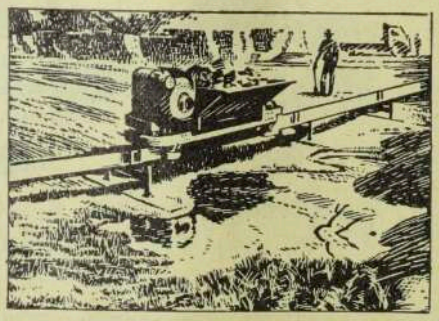

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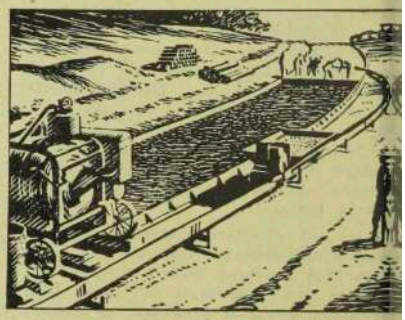

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The only questions I have asked in egislative Council were in regard to elay in holding Land Board sittings. s I am not the person responsible for etting the date of such meetings I fail see why I could not ask the Secretary f Lands to explain any delays—even if were a permanent member of the Board, nd I AM NOT.

As to the merits of having separate sidential areas for various sections of ie community: There are proper bodies uch as Town Advisory Councils) where ich questions can be discussed, as they ould be, OPENLY, with all parties to ie argument present. This has not to ite been attempted although several embers of the Rabaul Chamber of ommerce are also members of the abaul Town Advisory Council.

The Rabaul Chamber of Commerce does t represent ALL the opinion of residents Rabaul, of any race or creed.

It is evident that little or no attempt as made by your correspondent to ascer- in all the facts.

I am, etc.,
DON BARRETT.

abaul, October 9.

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N the September issue of your journal I was quoted as making the following tement: "Mr. Achun, a spokesman for e Chinese people, was asked whether e Chinese wanted to live away from eir shops and among the Europeans; d, after some thought, he said perhaps of them might, but for the most part, e Chinese preferred their neighbours to Chinese." I wish to state that I do t remember ever having made such a tement.

I am, etc.,
GABRIEL ACHUN.

abaul, October 10.

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## TONGA UP-TO-DATE

### New Residence for Queen

PLANS for a new royal residence were taken back to Tonga recently by Queen Salote on her turn from New Zealand. They re prepared by the Ministry of orks in Wellington, N.Z., and it understood that the site for the w building is about 3½ miles away om the present old 2-storey Palace the capital. The new site is on ie of the highest parts of the flat and of Tongatabu.

Unlike the old building, the new ie is reported to be especially de- gned for the tropics and of attrac- e design. Details have still to be alised, following which, it is ex- cted that construction will com- ence without delay.

Late in October it was reported at Queen Salote had purchased a umber landaulette car in New aland. The car was originally ken to New Zealand for the pro- cted tour of the late King George but was later sold to a resident Dunedin. It is a 7-seater car ted with radio and inter-phone. will be delivered to Nukualofa in vember.

## PRAYER AS A WEAPON AGAINST RHINO BEETLES

### But it May Have Serious Repercussions in Tonga

IT could be that the power of prayer, as demonstrated in Tonga, is a two-edged sword.

In September, Tonga observed a week of prayer in which they asked that they be delivered from the scourge of the rhinoceros beetle which was discovered in Vav'au a couple of years ago and against which vigorous battle has been waged ever since.

In the month following the prayers, very few beetles were found and the Tongans attributed it to Divine intervention.

However, Mr. Micky Miller, who has been in charge of the beetle-war, has been worried because beetle hunting has been very much less intensive since the week of prayer —and he remembers that much the same sort of thing happened on Niuatoputapu, another Tongan Island, where he led an anti-beetle crusade some years ago.

Following a week of prayer there, the people were very indifferent about hunting the beetles, assuming the matter was being taken care of Higher Up. Consequently the beetle got a fresh hold.

He fears that something of the same sort may happen in Vava'u.


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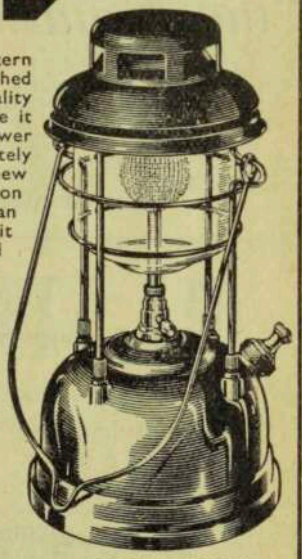

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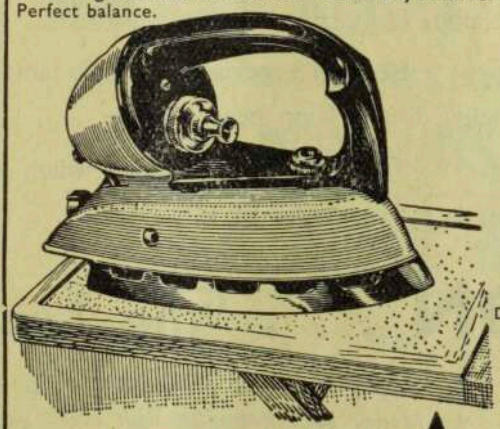

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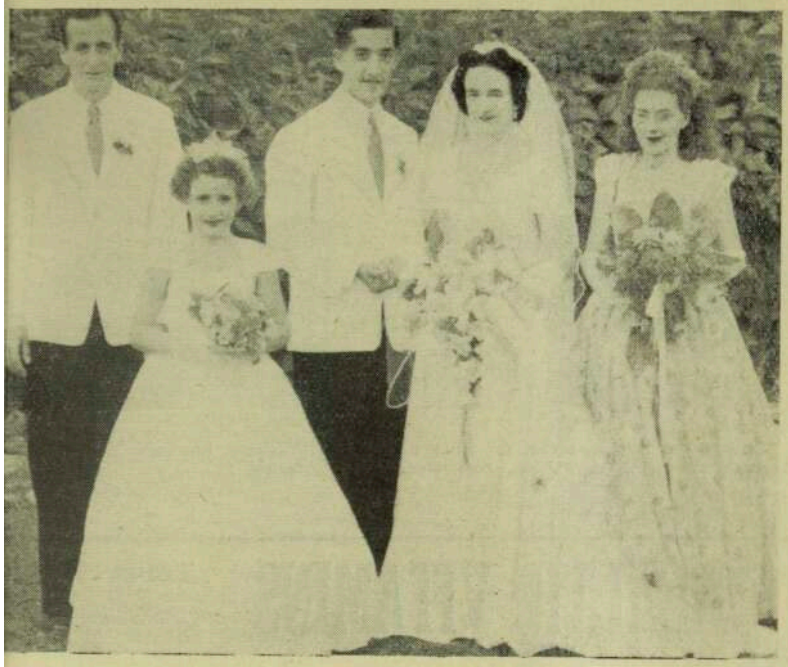
## Flight-Goodman Wedding



This photograph was taken after the marriage, on October 24, of Miss Iris ight of New Zealand to Mr. Stanley Goodman of Honiara. The bride wore a gown ivory brocade and was attended by Mrs. J. E. Cameron as matron-of-honour and Miss Beverley Howell as flower-girl. st-man was Mr. J. C. Cameron. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman were the first ropeans to be married in the new glican Church, Honiara. The Rev. R. Garrity performed the ceremony and e boys of the Melanesian Mission sang e hymns unaccompanied. A reception lowed at the Sisters' quarters at the ntral Hospital, where the bride is a rsing sister.

## Curious Ethnological Link Discovered

THE *Micronesian Monthly*, discussing the Bishop Museum expedition to Kapingamarangi, olated southern-most atoll of the rolines (and jumping-off spot for panese attack on New Guinea), ports an interesting link between at Polynesian outlier and the stant Tuamotu Islands (French ceania).

One night Dr. Kenneth P. Emory, ho was studying the language, ard an Islander reciting an cient chant. Dr. Emory recalled at he had heard this same chant the Tuamotu atolls years earlier, d that the people there could not plain its meaning. The Kapingarangi people were able to exain the chant—and thus provide key to some obscure words of the amotu language which has long en a puzzle to scientists.

The Kapingamarangi people form e of those isolated Polynesian mmunities scattered about Micro-sia and Melanesia.

## PRICES FOR MICRONESIAN COPRA, SHELL

ALMOST the entire produce of the American Trust Territory of Micronesia is at present going to Japanese buyers. The vessel *Gunner's Knot* lifted 2,100 tons of copra and 270 tons of trochus in various parts of the Territory during September.

Copra quotations from the Pacific Coast, the report states, advanced to as high as $197.50 (£85 Australian) per ton, CIF, afloat. European buyers were offering as high as $222.50 for October and $221.50 for November CIF shipments. Japanese quotations were lower, but more satisfactory shipping connections are available. A strike in Los Angeles oil mills was causing the keen demand from the Pacific Coast.

The price currently paid to producers is $100 per ton delivered to Island Trading Co. warehouses. There was a $10 rise to this figure in September.

The 1953 trochus crop was in excess of the expected amount, and the balance of the crop was sold to Japan in August at a price said to be much higher than that paid last year. Increased activity in the textile industry—with a corresponding increase in demand for trochus buttons—is said to be the cause of the rise. Exact prices paid were not stated.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## AUSTRALIA GOES INTO PEARL BUTTON BUSINESS

THE recently established trochus button industry at Levuka, Fiji, seems likely to meet increasing competition from an Australian factory. About a year ago a group of Brisbane businessmen established a mother-of-pearl button factory at Smith's Creek, near Cairns, Queensland.

Until recently this factory has ben equipped to cut and drill blanks only, the final polishing being done by another firm in Sydney. However, polishing and other equipment is reported to be on the way from Germany to Cairns, where experiments are also being made in cutting trochus buttons in addition to the MOP.

Several Sydney firms have in the past produced a small number of buttons, but it has never developed into an important industry in Australia before.

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Tahiti learned in October that Mr. Jean Fougerousse, who was born there 47 years ago, and has been resident at Seattle, USA, is being deported for Communist activities there. Tahiti will protest against the re-entry of Fougerousse to French Oceania, where Red activities are unwelcome. However, as he is a native of Tahiti, he probably cannot be debarred from returning home.

Glamorous bridal array for this native girl—Patricia Boa who married Jol Lamond at the Koki Mission, Port Moresby, on October 10.

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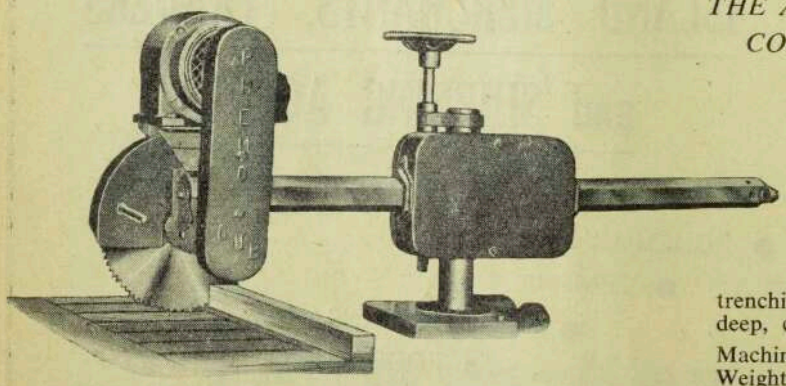

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## SHEEP POSSIBILITIES IN NEW GUINEA

CROSSES between Asiatic and Romney Marsh sheep, and especially the back-cross to the Romney, are proving to be useful wool growers and carcase animals in the Highlands of New Guinea, says the Australian Territories Department in a recent pamphlet.

At the end of 1952, there were 100 sheep in the two Territories of Papua and New Guinea—300 of them in Papua and most of the balance in the Highlands.

Officials say that experiments are being carried out to see if sheep husbandry is an economic proposition in the Highlands. There is still uncertainty as to whether pure Romney or Romney back-cross are the most useful in this country. The sheep are run in small flocks (30 to 40) with cattle—it is found that it is difficult to care for the sheep properly, in larger numbers. The chief trouble in low dry areas is the screw-worm fly, and in moister areas infestation with internal parasites.

It hoped to obtain from the experiments being conducted at Nonga by the Hallstrom Trust, information as to the technique of management necessary for such farming in New Guinea.

### 20 YEARS AGO

It was reported in the PIM 20 years ago by Mr. E. J. Wauchope that he had obtained excellent results on his coastal plantation near Madang from the crossing of Asiatic with Romney Marsh sheep. And he strongly recommended that officialdom should carry on with such experiments. But, as so often happens, officialdom ignored the pioneering work of private enterprise — and proceeded to do the whole thing all over again a generation or two later.

Minister for France in New Zealand, M. Noel Henry, with Mrs. Henry, visited Fiji, Tonga and Samoa in the October issue from Auckland. Mr. Henry is France's senior diplomat in the South Pacific.

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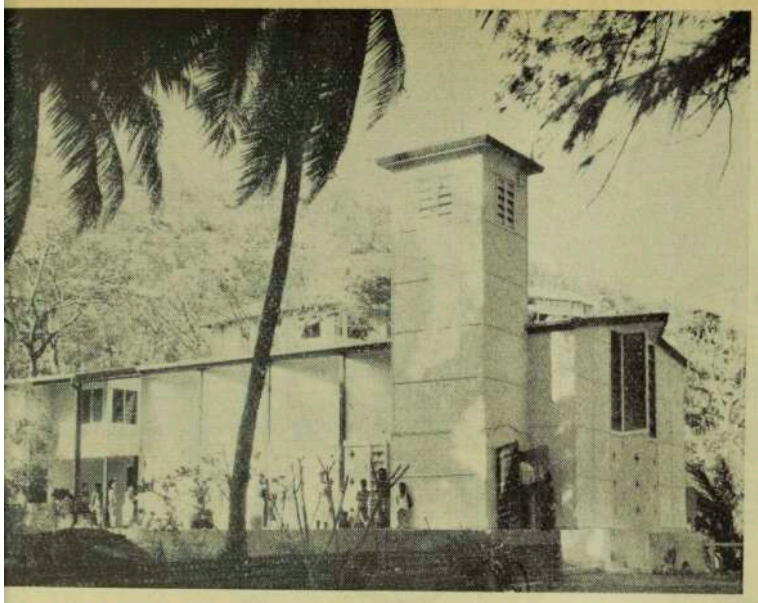

## New Church for Ela Beach

Ela Beach Road in Port Moresby, which already rivals some other more famous Pacific Islands roads in beauty now has a new church completed recently by the Seventh Day Adventist Mission. It is built on old Spanish Mission lines and is painted in pastel colours. It was erected by the Mission staff at a cost of £3,000.

Chief Justice F. B. Phillips, of P-NG, officially opened the church at the end of September.

Several SDA Pastors from Australia, New Guinea and the United States took part in the opening ceremonies. The Rev. D. E. Ure, of the London Missionary Society, also assisted.

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is seven months since the inoceros Beetle was discovered Viti Levu; and, after seven ns' war against the pest, it clear that the infestation is ast two or three years old. h teams every week are find- eetles and grubs in situations a wide arc around Suva which s it clear that the pest is dug in over a large area. ing these months there has close inspection of Fiji's more tant coconut-growing districts ecially Taveuni, Vanua Levu he Lau Islands—but there has no sign of the beetle any- there. So far it is confined i Levu; and the Government, ry intensive restrictions on all unications, will try to keep it

's main island, where the is at present confined, for- ely produces only an in- simal proportion of Fiji's total output.

## th of Fijian Centenarian

well-known Fijian, Ratu eki Tayaga, died at Tubou, a, on October 25. He was n to be well over 100 years e.

well remembered incidents in and elsewhere which are now d as history. He claimed to known Rev. David Cargill and Wm. Cross, the first mis- ies in Fiji, and to have at- d some of their meetings. u Josateki was one of Maafu's nants, when Maafu was the viceroy of the Lau Group, and accompanied him on several of his war expeditions.

He married four times, and is survived by his fourth wife, Rai, whom he married in 1935. A descendant, Josua Bogidrau, is in charge of the Public Relations Office Fijian broadcast programmes.


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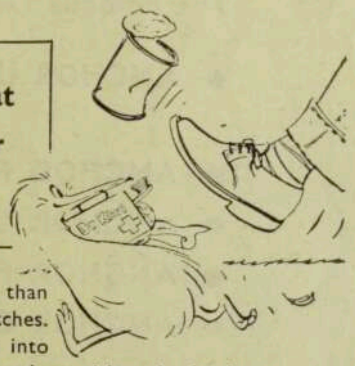

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## Queer Effect of Earthquake

The most remarkable feature of the Suva earthquake, in September, was the collapse of a large section of the coral reef along this part of the coast of Viti Levu. It was as if the side of the reef facing the open sea had broken off and slid away into deep water. Then the following tidal wave picked up some of the fragments and threw them back on top of the reef and, in some cases, over into the lagoons. Photo (by Fiji PRO) shows Captain James, Dr. Skiba and Mr. Wellman out on the reef opposite Suva, examining one of the great cracks which opened in the reef, and some of the reef fragments.

## CITY COUNCIL POLL IN SUVA

SUVA, November 2.

Irs. Ann Bernard was beaten in the 'a Ward by-election on October 31, Mr. A. D. Leys. Mr. R. Spowart, ) had lost the seat in the annual lloting-out", tailed the poll. Voting: D. Leys, 169; Ann Bernard, 67; R. wart, 42.

the contest for the Indian Samabula rd seat, Dr. Ram Lakham (the only ian Councillor who did not walk out September 22) scored a remarkable win, despite a sometimes virulent campaign against him. Possibly some of the more venomous attacks—based mainly on allegations that he had "sold out to the Europeans," "lowered the dignity of the Indians" and "damaged the Indian fight for equality" — overreached themselves. Voting: Ram Lakham, 319; N. L. Verma, 168; A. G. Akhtar, 148; L. P. Sawalia, 41; G. Singh, 11.

For the Indian Suva Ward, A. I. N. Deoki polled 316 votes, and R. D. Sharma (the former member) 286.

W. E. Goodsir was returned unopposed for the Suva Ward European seat.

## NATIVE LANGUAGES

Translators are required urgently for the following languages:—

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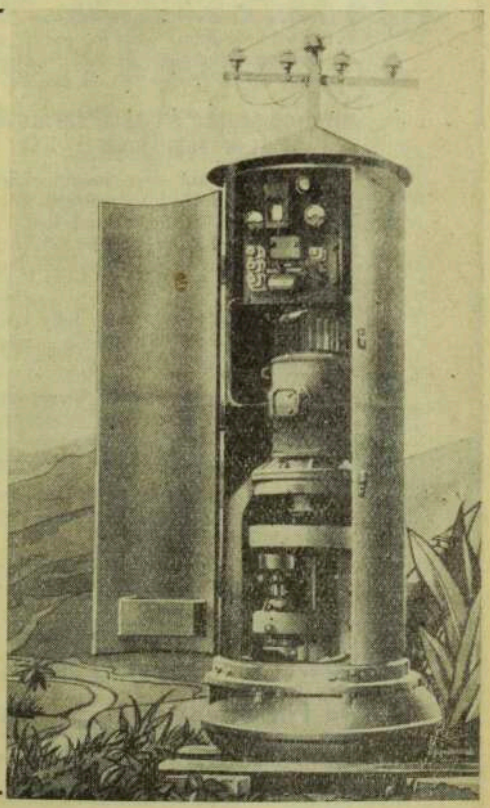





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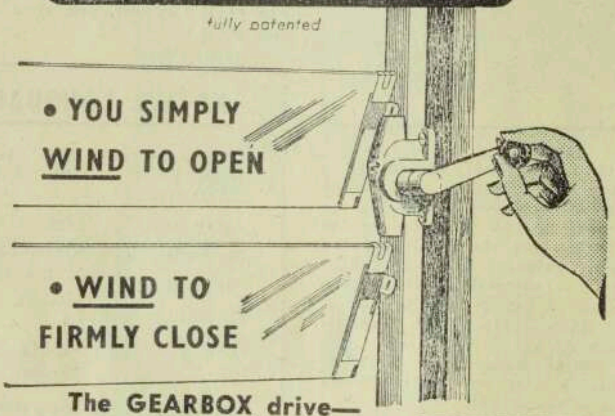


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## British Monarch in South Pacific

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where they will rejoin the *Got*
As a result of this, Queen Eli
beth and the Duke of Edinburgh
spend most of Saturday and a g
part of Sunday in Nukualofa.
When Queen Salote returned
Tonga, in early October, she ca
a large meeting of High Chiefs
leading officials and made to th
the surprise announcement t
Queen Elizabeth would arrive
Saturday, 19th, instead of Sun
20th, as originally planned, and t
Tonga's preparations of welco
would have to be expanded
speeded up accordingly.
The little Kingdom immediat
was thrown into tremendous act
ity, and elaborate preparations
dancing and feasting have b
under way ever since.
The plane carrying the Ro
party (presumably the plane m
available by TEAL for the Quee
visit to Lautoka on 18th) will arr
in Nukualofa about noon on 19t
Queen Elizabeth's first duty
be to place a wreath on the Tong
War Memorial. This will be follow
by a presentation of Tongan gi
followed by feasting and danc
until four when the Queen will
tire to the Palace and rest u
the Royal dinner with Queen Sal
at the British Consulate. The Qu
will spend the night at the Pal
which hundreds of Tongans
surround all night with torch
Dawn will be heralded by
Tongan Guard playing nose flut
On the morning of Sunday 20
the Royal party will attend a serv
in the Wesleyan Church, af
which Queen Elizabeth will go w
Queen Salote to visit the latte
country estate. The rest of
Royal party will partake of a fe
on the Malae at Nukualofa.
The Queen and Royal party w
depart from Nukualofa for N
Zealand in the *Gothic* at 3 p.m
It is probable that the events
Tonga, like the events in Fiji, w
provide a memorable chapter in
history of Queen Elizabeth's roun
the-world tour.

### POLYNESIA AND N. GUINEA

During the ensuing four mont
the Royal party will be on tour
New Zealand and Australia, a
very elaborate preparations
being made in each country.
In order that the people of We
ern Samoa and the Cook Islan
may join in the welcome to t
Queen, the New Zealand Gover
ment has arranged to transp
selected delegations of Samoans a
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ıd Cook Islands will be allowed organise their own welcome, while e Royal party is in Auckland. It had been hoped that the Queen ight be able to make a brief visit Melanesia — especially the east- n part of New Guinea — but that s not been found possible. How- er, a selected number of people om Papua and New Guinea will it Australia, so that they may ke part in the welcome to the ieen.

Four Europeans from New Guinea d four from Papua will accom- ny the Administrator, Brigadier eland and Mrs. Cleland to Can- ra between February 13 and Feb- ary 20 to represent New Guinea ring the Royal Visit to the Aus- lian capital. In addition, there l be a full representation of ive servicemen, Army and Navy, d the Royal Papua-New Guinea nstabulary; and as well, one offi- and 12 other-ranks of the ua and New Guinea Volunteer les (a European unit).

HE Europeans who have been chosen to represent the Terri- tory are: Bishop P. N. W. ong, Mrs. Myra Humphries, Mr. A. James, and Mr. E. J. Frame n Papua. And from New Guinea, Mr. D. Barrett, Mrs. Doris Booth, Mr. James Leahy and Mr. Paul Mason.

¶ Mrs. C. H. Maclean, of New Guinea, has been down in Sydney since early October and intends re- maining until early in the New Year when she will return to the Territory. Mrs. Maclean was ill for some weeks before she left NG and spent some time in hospital after she arrived in Sydney, but she is now well. In the Territory she makes her home with her son, Dis- trict Commissioner Colin Maclean, of Sohana.

¶ Mr. John Koontz, an American of Columbus, Ohio, arrived at the Lutheran Mission at Madang, New Guinea, in early October, where he will direct the printing plant. He has been foreman of the Lutheran Press in Columbus for the past few years, although he was in Madang in 1946-47. At that time most sup- plies were impossible to get, ink and paper having to be imported from America. He built his own accom- modation from army surplus mat- erials then, but this time he has been supplied with a three-bedroom house.

## THE CITY OF SUVA

While a very large crowd looked on, the Governor of Fiji, Sir Ronald Garvey, on October 9, proclaimed Suva a City. Immediately afterwards, he signed the proclamation. The Mayor, Councillor D. M. N. McFarlane, is a formal witness.


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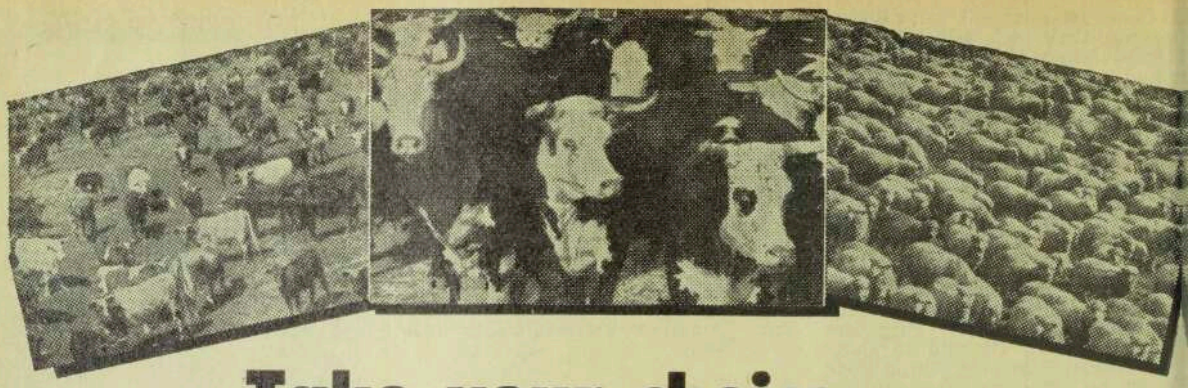

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# DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

### MR. WILLIAM M. CALDWELL, O.B.E.

Mr. William M. Caldwell died in va on October 12, aged 67. He s born in Fiji where he joined e Government service in 1903 and er was in succession, Postmaster, vuka, Revenue Officer at the easury, District Commissioner of a and Colo East and Assistant mmissioner of Inland Revenue, m which position he retired in 1.

Mr. Caldwell was a past president the Suva Defence Club and was arded the OBE in 1944.

He was closely associated with the parations for the arrival of ngsford Smith's *Southern Cross* its trans-Pacific flight in 1928. was also associated with the ture of Count von Luckner at kaya Is., Fiji, during the First rld war.

Mr. Caldwell is survived by a son the Fiji Police and by three ghters.

### MADAME HENRIETTE CERAN-JERUSALEMY

Madame Henriette Ceran-Jerusmy died at Tahiti recently folring a fall and the fracture of an n. She was 80.

She was born at Raiatea, and was grandmother of Monsieur J. B. an-Jerusalemy, President of the emblee Territoriale of French ania.

### MR. CHARLES GIFFORD

Mr. Charles Gifford, a resident of hiti for over 20 years, died in nnell, Iowa, USA, earlier this r, according to advice just reed. Mr. Gifford, who returned his homeland only last year, was years of age.

### MR. JOSEPH GIBSON

Mr. Joseph Gibson, manager of Grand Hotel, Papeete, died of a rt attack recently. He was 51.

He is survived by his wife, forly a Miss Adams, and several dren.

### MADAME BLANCHE MARIE PUROA TEHONOTUAHITU LAGARDE

Madame Blanche Marie Puroa honotuahitu Lagarde died at eete on September 25.

well known resident of French ania, she was born at Taiohae, rquesas in 1895.

### MR. F. W. CLARK

Well known over many years as engineer on Papuan coastal els, and popular from Samarai Daru, Mr. Frederick Windred rk died in Brisbane on October aged 64, following a heart colse.

When Captain A. S. Fitch, in , took to Papua the little trading steamer *Queenscliffe*—from which sprang the now big Steamships Trading Co. Ltd.—Fred Clark was engineer in charge. Later, he took up land in the Kerema district, and planted up Koaru Plantation—which he sold to the LMS on the outbreak of World War II. He acted as relief engineer on coastal ships on many occasions. Since the war, he had been in business in Brisbane, and was chief engineer on the pilot ship *Matthew Flinders*. He leaves a widow and a grown-up family.

### SISTER BEATRICE DEVENISH-MEARES

Old Rabaul residents will be sorry to hear of the death of Sister Beatrice Devenish-Meares, who looked after so many of them when they were patients in the Namamla Hospital. Miss Meares left the Territory some time before the invasion and was engaged in nursing in New Zealand and later in Newcastle (NSW). She died in Sydney on October 22, at the age of 59.

### MRS. JOHN GRANT

Mrs. John Grant, wife of Mr. J. F. Grant, died in Suva on October 30 after a long illness. She was born at Nausori 62 years ago.

She was a vice-president of the Girl Guides' Association, and of the Suva Basketball Association, and was also a strong supporter and active Committee member of the British Red Cross Society. She was a former president of the Istri Seva Sabha.

Mrs. Grant is survived by her husband, a son, Mr. Edward Grant, two daughters, Mrs. J. B. Singh, of Suva, and Sister Mary Monica, now in Los Angeles, California, and 12 grandchildren.

### MRS. A. IRVINE

The death occurred in Sydney in July, and has just now been reported to us, of Mrs. Alec Irvine, of "Malaqereqere," Singatoka, Fiji. She went to Fiji to live in 1907 and at different times lived in Lautoka, Ba and Nadi, as well as Sigatoka.

Her husband was the son of a former Attorney-General in Fiji, and died in 1951

Mrs. Irvine went to Sydney to live after his death.

She was a very fine woman, well-known for her patriotic work. Residents of Fiji remember how she won a walking competition at the Singatoka Hotel after she had passed her 80th birthday.

### MR. HOMER L. BAKER

Mr. Homer L. Baker, staff economist for the Trust Territory of Micronesia, died in Honolulu on September 8, aged 43. He had been chief economic adviser for the Territory for two years and had served as US Representative on the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission, at Noumea.

### MRS. J. C. COLLINS

Mrs. J. C. Collins, widow of the late Mr. J. C. Collins, of Suva, died in Sydney on October 21, aged 87. Mrs. Collins arrived in Fiji with her parents in 1870, and was present at the signing of the Deed of Cession at Levuka in 1874. She left Suva shortly after her husband's death 30 years ago. She is survived by two sons and a daughter, all of Sydney.


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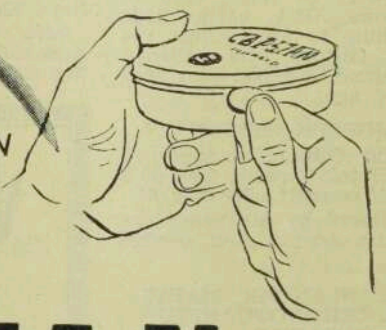

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AUSTRALIAN newspaper reports in early November indicated no lessening in the chaotic politico-economic conditions which are causing revolutionary uprisings in Indonesia.

The reports showed three main areas of disaffection — Northern Sumatra, where forces of the official army have been trying for six weeks to suppress a large rebellion by extreme Islamic forces; Western Java, where bandit chiefs are said to have entered into an alliance with the fanatical Dar-ul-Islam sect; and a large section of the Celebes Islands.

It is almost impossible to make sharp distinctions between the various parties seeking power in Indonesia—but they appear mainly to consist of the official (or Republican, or Nationalist) party, which nominally controls the Government; large sections of rebellious Moslems, plus parties of disorganised banditry; and a kind of Trade Union organisation which is very deeply penetrated by Communism.

These parties overlap and mix in all directions. The one factor that stands out clearly is the growing weakness of the official Government as compared with the increased strength of the dissident Moslems and the Communists (who are mutually antagonistic).

New Guinea especially, and the South Seas generally, are affected by these developments, because Indonesia provides a natural bridge between Asia and the South Pacific, and especially because there is always a possibility that this irresponsible Indonesian Government, in a last desperate bid for power, will try to unite Indonesia in an attack upon the Dutch administration in Western New Guinea.

THE present Indonesian administration (formed in August after the collapse of the Wilipo "Government") has on several occasions lately issued belligerent statements insisting that Western New Guinea belongs of right to Indonesia, and the Dutch must get out. It is quite possible that, if it had the forces available, this set-up would make a formal move against Western New Guinea—thus precipitating a crisis which would involve Australia, United States and the United Nations—but it is in such a state of disorganisation that it is probably incapable of making such a move.

The danger is there, however, and the indications are that the Powers immediately concerned—the Netherlands, Australia, and India—are conscious of it.

MEANWHILE, some Australian newspapers have had special reporters in Dutch New Guinea and, from the material they have supplied, we gather the following interesting facts:

Estimated indigenous native population: 1,000,000.

Estimated native population in controlled areas: 200,000.

Principal centres of administration and development: Hollandia, Manokwari, Marauke, Fak Fak and Klamano and Sorong (headquarters and port respectively of the new oil-field developed by the Netherlands-New Guinea Petroleum Co., which now has in operation 20 wells, producing about £270,000 tons per annum, valued at about £1,000,000 Australian).

Labour—Native supplies quite inadequate, with the result that native workers are getting ten times more per month than in Australian New Guinea, and large numbers of Indonesians have been brought in.

Private enterprise is not being encouraged to the extent expected, apart from the oil-field. The country has resources of gold, silver, nickel, tin, lead, iron and sulphur —but prospecting licences are not issued freely, and only to Dutch subjects.

There are approximately 10,000 Dutch and Eurasians (mostly from Indonesia) in Western New Guinea, and a few thousand Indonesian labourers. The cost of living is extremely high. The Administration collects large amounts in direct income tax and in duties, and the Netherlands Government makes large grants to encourage development.


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# PAPUA-NEW GUINEA ROUND-UP

(From Our Own Correspondents in the Territory)

## PAPUA ALIENS IN LINE WITH NEW GUINEA ALIENS

THE new Aliens Registration Ordinance came into effect throughout Papua and New Guinea on November 1.

It is now compulsory for Aliens over 16 to register within a month; a great number of the people affected are in the Missions or are medical officers working throughout the Territory. They must supply their addresses and occupations and inform the registering office whenever they change their locality or their occupation.

There is believed to be a strong security background behind the Ordinance. One of the questions aliens are asked is the amount of military service they may have had.

The new Ordinance is the first for Papua, where aliens have not been required to register before, although they have been required to register in New Guinea. It is one of those Ordinances which rile some old residents of Papua — that is, it is "designed to bring Papua into line with New Guinea."

Before aliens leave Australia for the Territory they will be asked to supply photographs of themse and to fill in their registrat forms. This is to relieve the p sure of work in the Territory, to avoid any delays to new arriv

## MODERNSING OF TERRITO TELEPHONE SERVICES

There are big plans in the air expansion of the telephone sys throughout Papua and New Gui in the next few years. Only del likely will be caused by a lag in livery of equipment.

Some of the plans include:

- A new trunk route between H Moresby and Sogeri.
- A complete automatic teleph exchange for Port Moresby
- Possible public trunk link tween Wau and Bulolo.
- Laying of underground cal at Rabaul, Lae and Madan

The new trunk route betw Port Moresby and Sogeri already started. The Post Office pects to complete it in about months. The line will be erected steel poles and will replace the army line, which is in poor con ion.

This line will become more portant as Moresby developm expands outwards along the r towards Sogeri.

Installation of underground ph cables has almost been finished Port Moresby, and will give s scribers a more trouble-free s vice. The old Army lines have d a good job, and the marvel is t the Post Office has been able hold them together over all th years of heavy work.

All the underground cables sho be installed by the time the n Moresby automatic exchange is erating. Delivery is expected at end of 1954, and will go into new building to be put up at back of the present Port Mores Post Office. Besides the autom central exchange, which will h provision for 2,000 lines, there be two satellite exchanges at Ko dobu and Boroko. These will h 1,000 lines each.

Between Wau and Bulolo te will take place to see if it is poss for a V.H.F. link to be establis to take public trunk calls. Equ


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SICCATED COCONUT STILL "FROZEN"

octor Michael Wilson, leading
tralian Bacteriologist, inspected
coconut mills in Papua in
ber, with the object of finding
how desiccated coconut from
ua became contaminated. He
le his investigation with the
stance of the Territory's Health
ctor, Dr. J. Gunther. (Papuan
nut is suspected of having
ed an outbreak of typhoid in
tralia in August.)
r. Wilson thinks that bush rats
be the cause of the contamina-
. He trapped some of the rats
took specimens with him to
tralia for laboratory examina-
. In a statement, Dr. Gunther
that the four desiccated mills
P-NG were infested with bush
— that desiccated coconut at-
ted them like magnets.
r. Wilson will return to the Ter-
y in November to continue his
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inating agent. He will also look
other sources of possible con-
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FORMER ANGAU CHIEF RETURNS ON VISIT

ajor-General B. M. Morris, the
ner G.O.C. of ANGAU, visited
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here was a guard-of-honour of members of the P.I.R., and a e group of personal friends to ome him back. He now lives in rement in Victoria.

### RCHBISHOP DUHIG LAYS EWAK FOUNDATION STONE

he Roman Catholic Archbishop Brisbane, Doctor Duhig, aged 84, ed the Territory in October, had a few interesting com- ts to make on the things he

e made his visit to bless the dation stone for Wewak's first hedral, which will be built by Society of the Divine Word. he Missionary Fathers of this r had a flourishing mission in ak before the war, but bombs ced it to rubble. They started hard task of rebuilding after war and invited Dr. Duhig to the fruits of their work. The hedral will take about a year to plete and will cost £15,000. . Duhig said he found the ves in New Guinea, especially nd Wewak, to be intelligent le and willing to work. He said while there he saw many of coming home "without cere- y" from periods of recruitment, he felt that this must have pted family life. He advocated ter terms of recruitment.

### SINKING OF STC SHIP

he 56-foot "K" boat *Kone* sank her moorings in Port Moresby our on October 16. She was ying a cargo of 30 tons of copra rubber, but this was all taken nd dried out.

he Port Moresby Fire Brigade assistance by pumping out the so that she could be taken to slipway. Not much harm done; is owned by Steamships Trad- Company, and was put into ser- a few days after the mishap.

### TERRITORY P.S.A.

The Council of the Public Service Association in the Territory decided at the end of October to set up a sub-committee to investigate the cost-of-living. The idea is for the committee to arrive at a cost-of-living figure for P-NG — a difficult business at any time.

The cost-of-living in the Territory is a perennial subject for discussion and particular interest was attached to the abolition of quarterly basic wage adjustments in Australia. At the end of October it was not known in the Territory exactly what effect this would have on Territory public servants.

The *South Pacific Post* has been carrying out its own survey on a cost-of-living figure. But figures seem to vary with different householders.

### ROAD CONTRACT FOR QUARRIES LIMITED

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### LAND AVAILABLE AT LAE

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¶ Mr. J. L. Macduff, a senior magistrate in Fiji, who has been stationed in the Colony since 1945, was recently appointed a Puisne Judge in Kenya.


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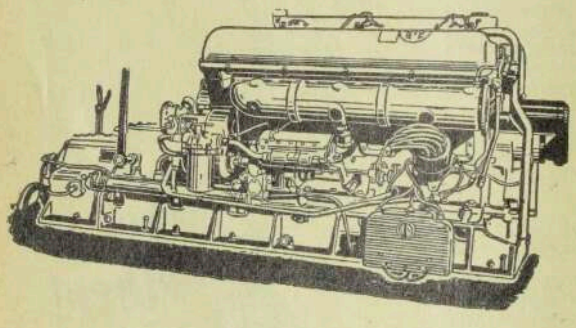

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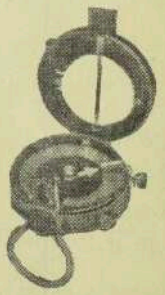

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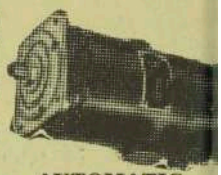

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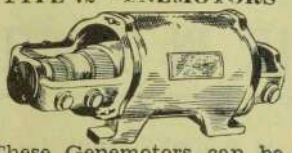

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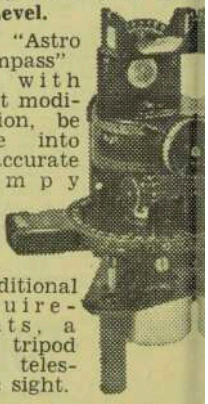

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# STRANGE VOTE IN TAHITI

## oderates Regain Control

R Tahiti correspondent reports some further lively political developments in French Oceania. n October 17, following an extraordinary session of the Territorial Assembly to elect a Councillor represent French Oceania in s, it was announced that Mr. n-Jerusalemy, President of the mbly, had won the vote, 15 ).

zzled, the Poroi supporters, following a meeting, declared that thing was amiss.

e Chief of Police thereupon ucted an investigation, and took n statements from the Poroi orters as to their vote.

was then announced that the l representative, Mr. Anthelme lard, had won the vote, 13 2.

the same session, a vote was n in the Assembly on the er of French Oceania becoming epartment of France, a move h Mr. Ceran-Jerusalemy had gly advocated in his recent to France.

e Assembly rejected the pro- l, 15 to 10, whereupon Mr. n-Jerusalemy resigned. His e as President was taken by Poroi party member, M. Ilari, M. Poroi as vice-President.

e Assembly, though headed now he Moderates (of which Mr. i, Mayor of Papeete, is head) has a majority of members of es and groups which were l in the elections earlier this with Mr. Pouvanaa a Oopa's ocratic Assembly Party, of which Ceran-Jerusalemy is second-in-nand.

. Ceran-Jerusalemy, protesting ast the recount of votes in the -mentioned issue, left for ce on October 30 to report the to the Assembly in Paris when eets on December 10.

### GOVERNOR PETITBON RETURNS

PULAR Governor Petitbon will eturn to Papeete in November. t had earlier been predicted after furlough in France, he d go elsewhere. Mr. Poroi, or of Papeete, when in Paris tly, is understood to have d a special plea that Mr. bon be reappointed, and this s now to have taken effect.

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. Michel Petit, with Madame and son Didier, left Tahiti per L for France on leave early ber. They expect to be absent Papeete for 8 months.


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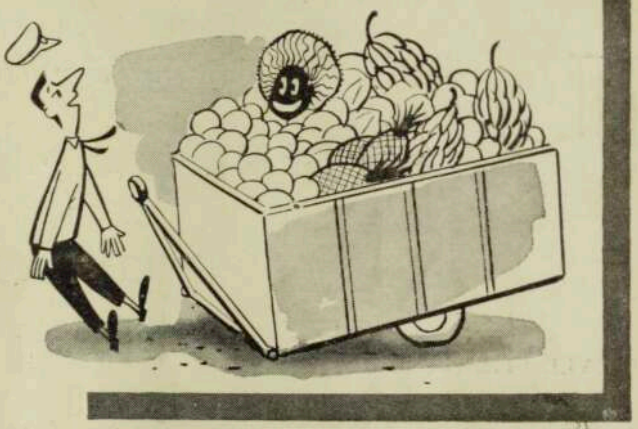

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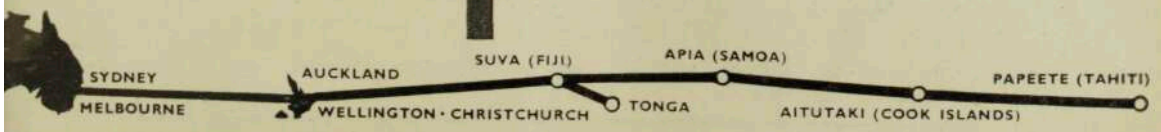





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