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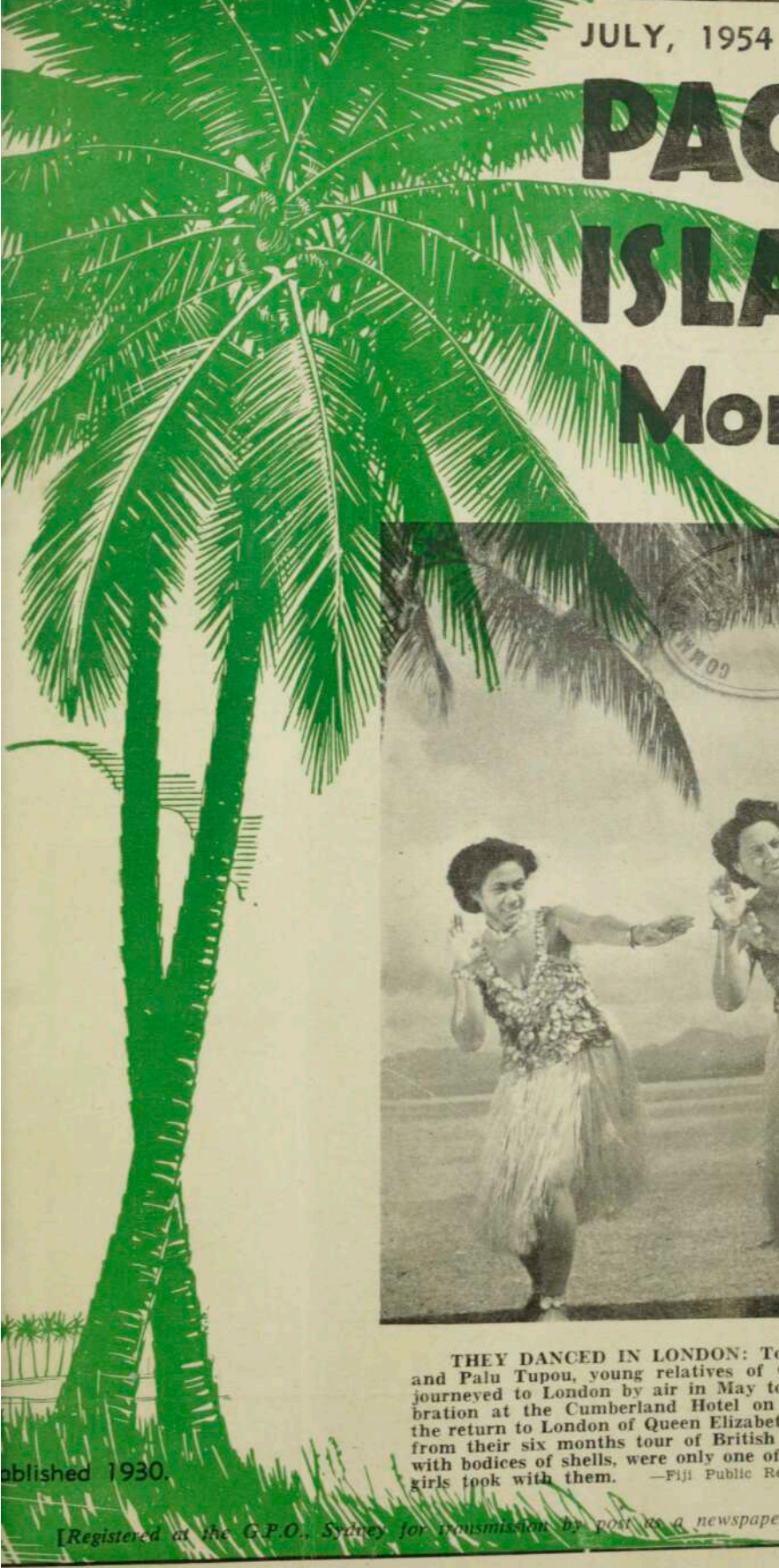
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THEY DANCED IN LONDON: Tongan dancers Veioqo Fakaua and Palu Tupou, young relatives of Queen Salote of Tonga, who journeyed to London by air in May to take part in a special celebration at the Cumberland Hotel on May 15, on the occasion of the return to London of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh from their six months tour of British Dominions. These costumes, with bodices of shells, were only one of six outfits which the Tongan girls took with them. —Fiji Public Relations Office Photo.

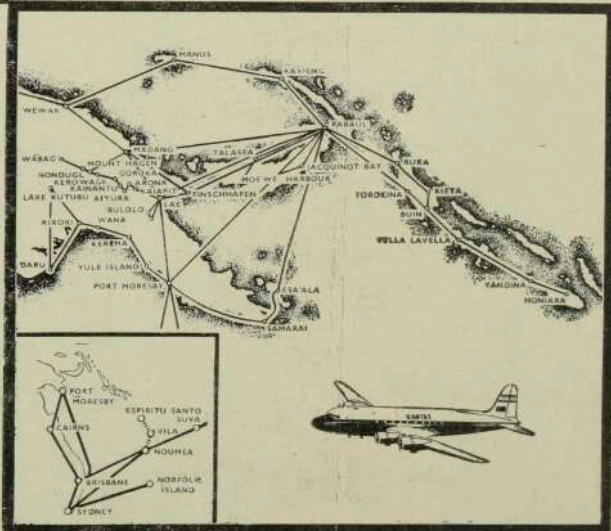
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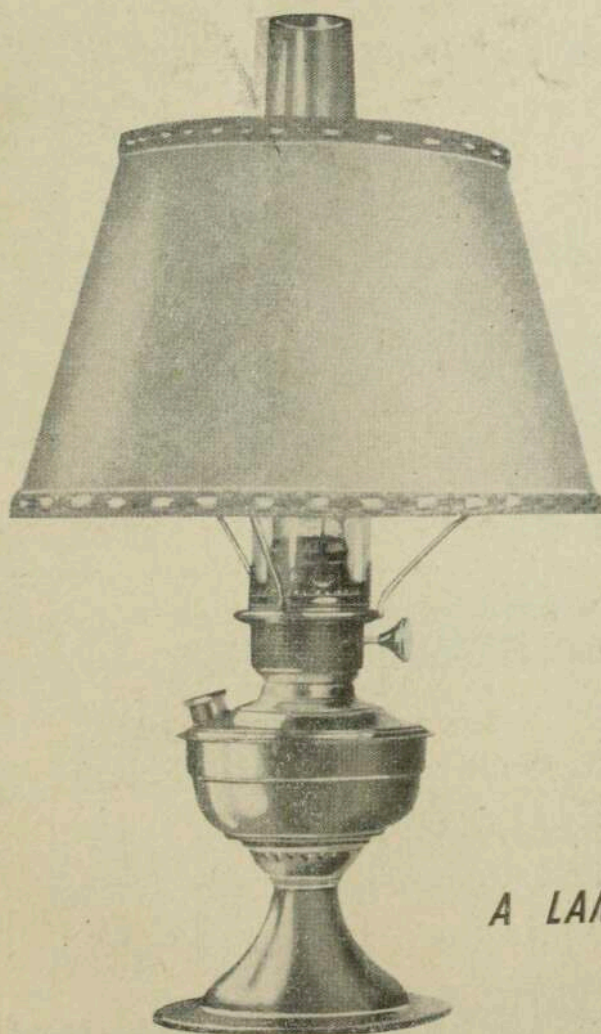
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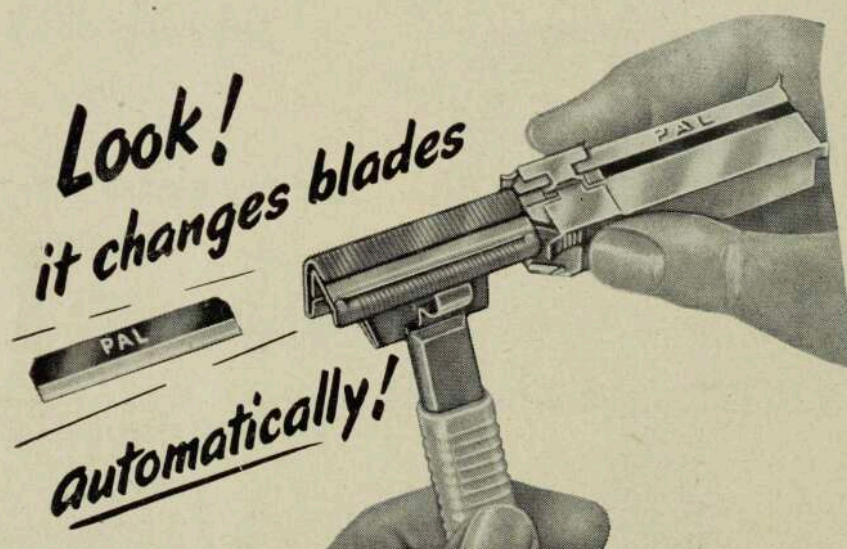
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Shipping Time-Tables

There now are comparatively few shipping lines running on regular time-tables in the Pacific Islands. The following time-tables 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 about August 4.

MV Malekula sails from Sydney for Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Alexishafen, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next sailing about July 13.

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

MV's Soochow, Shansi and Sinkiang, each 3,000 tons, provide regular service between Sydney and Papua-New Guinea ports. From July 19, Sinkiang will provide a fast service Sydney - Brisbane - Port Moresby and return by same route. Soochow and Shansi will continue Sydney-Brisbane - Moresby - Samarai - Lae - Madang - Kavieng - Rabaul and return, with calls at Melbourne as required.

Next Sydney sailing, Shansi: July 9.

Next Sydney sailing, Sinkiang: July 19.

Next Sydney sailing, Soochow: July 30.

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

Australia - New Zealand - Fiji - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1954-55.

		ORION	ORONSAY	ORCADES	ORSOVA	ORION
		1954	1954/5	1954/5	1955	1955
SYDNEY	depart	17 Sep.	19 Nov.	17 Dec.	28 Jan.	25 Mar.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	21 Sep.	22 Nov.	20 Dec.	31 Jan.	29 Mar.
SUVA	arr/dep	25 Sep.	25 Nov.	23 Dec.	3 Feb.	2 Apl.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	1 Oct.	30 Nov.	28 Dec.	8 Feb.	8 Apl.
VANCOUVER	arrive	7 Oct.	6 Dec.	3 Jan.	14 Feb.	14 Apl.
	depart	8 Oct.	7 Dec.	4 Jan.	15 Feb.	15 Apl.
SAN FRANCISCO	arr	11 Oct.	9 Dec.	6 Jan.	17 Feb.	18 Apl.
	depart	12 Oct.	10 Dec.	7 Jan.	18 Feb.	19 Apl.
HONOLULU	arr/dep	17 Oct.	14 Dec.	11 Jan.	22 Feb.	24 Apl.
SUVA	arr/dep	25 Oct.	21 Dec.	18 Jan.	1 Mar.	2 May
AUCKLAND	arr/dep	28 Oct.	24 Dec.	21 Jan.	4 Mar.	5 May
SYDNEY	arrive	1 Nov.	27 Dec.	24 Jan.	7 Mar.	9 May

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's next voyage scheduled to leave Auckland August 3.

Matua will leave Auckland on her next voyage June 26, and on her return to Wellington, July 15, will withdraw until August 25 on annual survey.

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. After annual survey, left Auckland in early April for Cook Group.

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 Norfolk Is.-New Hebrides Ports-BSI ports-Bougainville-Rabaul-Samarai-Sydney.

Sailing from Sydney about July 22.

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),

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Sailing dates:—

From Sydney, Northbound—Caledonien: July 8, November 23, April 12; Tahitiien: August 19, January 7, mid-May.

From Papeete, southbound—Tahitiien: July 26, December 14, end April; Caledonien: October 31, March 20.

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

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

Norwegian motor vessel Thorstis, carrying cargo and passengers maintains a regular service between North American ports and French Oceania, Samoa, Fiji, New Caledonia and New Hebrides.

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

Airways Time-Tables

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS
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Tues. and Fri.—Sydney - Nadi (Fiji) - Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Seattle-Portland.

Tues. and Sat.—Return via same route.

† Tues. and Fri.—Auckland - Nadi (Fiji).

† Thurs. and Mon.—Nadi (Fiji)-Auckland.

† Connecting with Strato Clipper at Nadi.

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Sat. and Wed.—Sydney-Nadi (Fiji)-Canton Is.-Honolulu-S. Francisco-Vancouver — with every alternate Wednesday service

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SOUTHWARDS

Mon. and alt. Fri.—Vancouver - San Francisco - Honolulu - Canton Is. - Nadi (Fiji)-Sydney. Second alt. Fri. (July 9, 23, etc.) service commences at San Francisco thence same route to Sydney.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINES (CPAL)

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SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways

NORTHWARDS

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (Skymaster)

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.15 pm
Brisbane, 11.40 pm	Moresby, 6.20 am
	(Wed., Fri., Sun.)
Moresby, 7.30 am	Lae, 8.45 am

Connecting services north of Lae by D.C.3 to Bulolo and Wau on Wednesdays.

Sundays and alt. Wednesdays
(Sandringham)

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 7.30 pm	Brisbane, 10.50 pm
Brisbane, 12.20 am	Cairns, 6.35 am
(Mon. and Alt. Thur.)	
Cairns, 8.05 am	Moresby, 11.55 am
	(Night stop)
Moresby, 8.30 am	Samarai, 10.30 am
(Tue.)	
Samarai, 11.00 am	Esa'ala, 11.40 am
	(Alt. weeks)
Esa'ala, 11.55 am	Rabaul, 2.55 pm

The alt. Wednesday Sandringham from Sydney terminates at Port Moresby.

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

SOUTHWARDS

Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays (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 9.30 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, 3.40 pm
	(Night stop)
Cairns, 8.30 am	Brisbane, 2.15 pm
(Fri.)	
Brisbane, 3.45 pm	Sydney, 7.05 pm

Alt. Saturdays (Sandringham)

Depart:	Arrive:
Moresby, 6 am	Cairns, 9.25 am
Cairns, 10.55 am	Brisbane, 4.40 pm
Brisbane, 6.10 pm	Sydney, 9.30 pm

3. N. Guinea Internal Services

Operated by Qantas

LAE—HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea) (DC3)

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LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.
Dep. Lae, 10.45 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul, Kavieng, arr. 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 (July 9, 23, Aug. 6, 20, etc.).

RABAU-MOEWE HARBOUR (Sandringham)

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul-Jacquinet Bay-Moewe Harbour - Talasea - Rabaul July 7, 21, Aug. 4, 18, etc.

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

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Sandringham)

Alt. Wed.—Rabaul - Buka - Kieta - Buin - July 14, 18, Aug. 11, 25, etc.
Alt. Wed. (same day) Buin-Kieta-Buka-Rabaul.

LAE - MADANG - WEWAK - MANUS - KAVIENG - RABAU 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, Wewak*, Madang*, Lae arr. 4.50 pm.
* Calls omitted every fourth Tue. (July 13, Aug. 10, etc.).

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)

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

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (Drover)

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 30 minutes.

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.

PAPUA-NEW BRITAIN (DC3)

Every Friday departs Lae 6.45 am, Port Moresby 8.45 am, Lae 10.45 am, Finschhafen 11.30 am; arr. Rabaul 1.40 pm.

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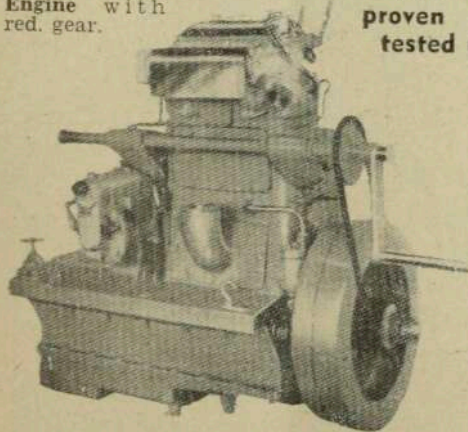
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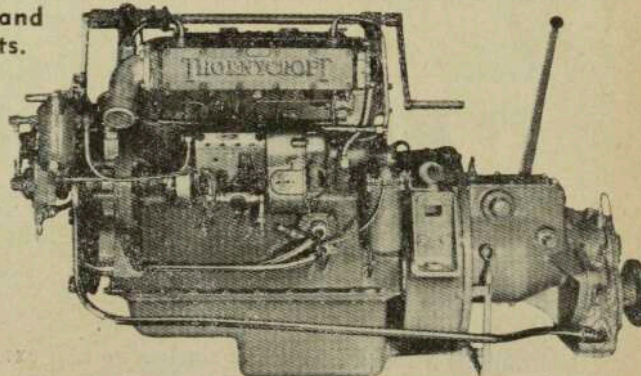
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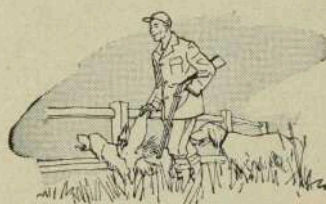
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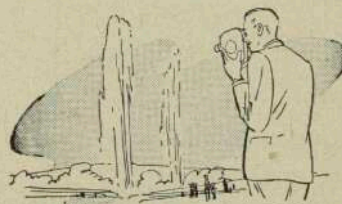
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Tues.: Depart Rabaul at 6.30 am for Madang, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae. Depart Lae 7.30 am for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka (subject loading available), Lae.

Thurs.: Depart Lae at 7.30 am for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka (subject loading available), Lae.

Fri.: Depart Lae at 7 am for Madang, Wewak, Momote, Kavieng, Rabaul — remaining overnight.

Sat.: Depart Rabaul at 8 am for Kavieng, Momote, Wewak, Madang, Lae.

4. Aust.-Dutch N. Guinea

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Tue. (July 20, 27, Aug. 3, 17, 24, 31, etc.), Honiara (dep. 7 am) — Yandina — Vellalavella — Buka — Rabaul — Finschhafen — Lae (arriving 3.30 pm).

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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		Vila, 7.15 am
(Wed.)		Noumea, 10.55 am
Vila, 8.15 am		Sydney, 8.40 pm
Noumea, 1.00 pm		

10. Sydney-Noumea-Suva

By Qantas with Sandringham Flying Boats—Weekly.

Depart:		Arrive:
Sydney, Thur.		Brisbane, 10.50 pm
7.30 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.

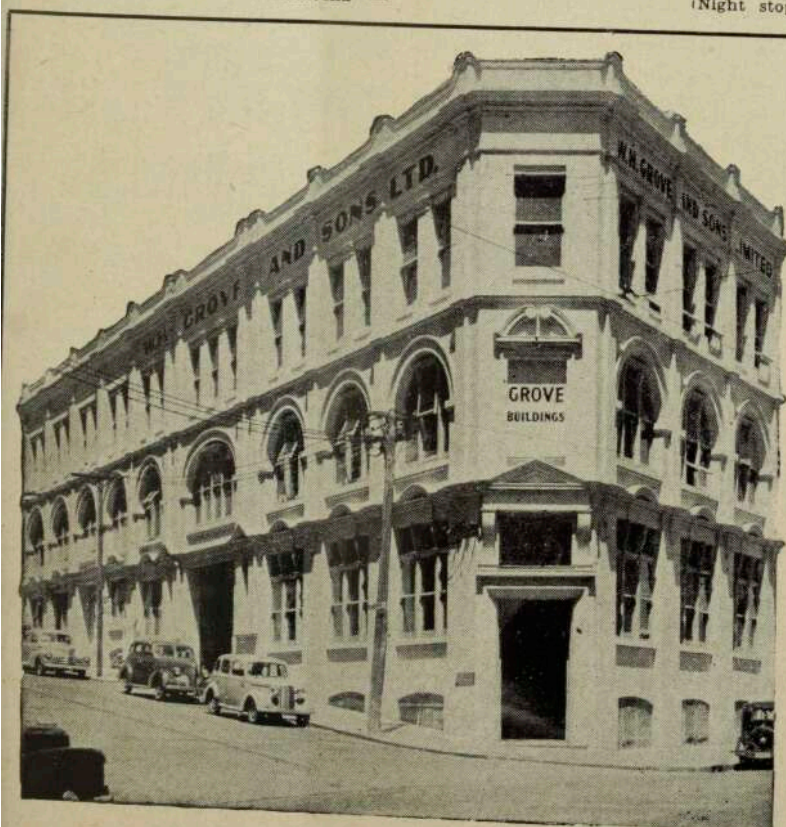
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Tues.—Dep. Ch'ch., 10 am; arr. Melb., 2.30
pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

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Dep. Nadi: Wed. 5.00 pm; Sun. 2.00 pm.
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16. New Zealand-Chatham Is.

Service does not run in Winter months.

17. Fiji-Tahiti

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Aitutaki, Papeete and return fortnightly
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Dep. Suva (Mon.) 9.00 am, cross Inter-
national Date Line; arr. Apia (Sun.)
1.55 pm; dep. Apia (Mon.) 2.00 am;
arr. Aitutaki 7.30 am; dep. Aitutaki
8.30 am; arr. Papeete 1.00 pm. Re-
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etc.
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Suva (Fiji)	70	12	0	127	2	0	10		
Auckland	47	5	0	85	1	0	12		
Wellington	47	5	0	85	1	0	13		
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Honolulu	243	6	0	431	19	0		1	
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Vancouver	301	7	9	542	9	0			
Papeete (via Suva direct)	136	8	0	245	11	6			18

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Fiji	39	7	0
Samoa	47	2	0
Aitutaki	67	11	0
Papeete	82	10	0

NOVEL ADVENTURES

MISADVENTURES she encountered on two plane trips in the Islands, and the quick glimpse she had of native life will provide the material for the next novel of an Australian writer.

The writer, Mrs. Dorothy M. Catts, was one of 12 passengers in the flying-boat *Awatere* when it lost a float over the Cook Islands in May. The crew got out onto the wing to stop the plane from plunging into the sea.

"And they stayed there," said Mrs. Catts, "though they were nearly blown off. We reached Akiama, where there is only one hut—the fuelling station. We were taken to Aitutaki by launch.

"They were wonderful to us there," continued Mrs. Catts. "We stayed two days and two nights—then a Bristol freighter from New Zealand came to take us off.

"But our troubles weren't over, because the freighter developed engine trouble between Aitutaki and Nadi. When we limped into Nadi the women were all badly shaken; we had been clinging to our Mae Wests—and praying—for three hours."

From Nadi, Mrs. Catts had a quieter trip by air to Sydney.

Before the excitement, she had been to London for the English publication of her biography of her husband, *James Howard Catts*. Her last novel, *Those Golden Years*, was accepted by Hutchinson's while she was in London.

Mrs. R. Cermak, of Potts Point, Sydney, was another of the travellers in the plane mishaps. She had been on a month's visit to her brother in Tahiti.

CARDINAL GILROY'S PRAISE FOR MISSIONS AND NATIVE CLERGY

IN a special interview before he left Port Moresby after his recent tour, Cardinal Gilroy said he had been impressed by the dignity of the five native priests of Papua and New Guinea.

"All of them served me either as deacons or sub-deacons," he said, "and they were as dignified and competent as any European priest."

He said everywhere he met with magnificent hospitality and that Administration officials, mission hosts and natives had given him a memorable welcome. His greatest surprise had been travelling with Bishop Arkfeld in his own aircraft.

"Twice a day we would set off to visit an outstation. We would taxi up to the church, spend a little time with the people, give them our blessing, and take off for another station. One day, Bishop Arkfeld suggested that we take a look at the Sepik River and see a typical village from the air. When they saw the aircraft, the people began running towards the airstrip until in a few minutes there was a crowd of several hundreds. Rather than disappoint them, the Bishop landed and stopped for a few minutes."

The most memorable incident of his trip, the Cardinal said, had been a mass baptism of fifty catechumens in the Sepik District at which he had officiated. On this and other occasions he found the natives to be wonderful listeners. They listened with acute attention to every word although in many cases the address had to be translated into pidgin and then into the local language.

"There is no doubt of the appreciation of the native people for the work of the missionaries," the Cardinal continued. "Twice, when I was travelling with Bishop Noser, we were approached by native leaders who asked that Fathers be sent to their areas. In each case the leader was a pagan. In another place the leader, a prominent Catholic, expressed his thanks to the missionaries for having taught his people a new way of life. This was only one of several, similar public statements that give a clear indication of the missionaries' impact on the people. I believe it is typical of all areas where the missions have extended their activities.

"In some places progress has been amazing. Twenty years ago the first missionaries at Menindi were killed. Now there is a faithful congregation of five thousand. But in spite of this the missions have a clear picture of all that remains to be done. There is no feeling of complacency among them. Everywhere there are

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FIJI, at the end of May, had 24 Credit Unions with a total membership of 2,724 and a capital of £5,921.

The Rev. Father Ganey, SJ, an expert on Credit Unions, was invited to the Colony from British Honduras last year and during the few months that he has been in Fiji he has had considerable success in promoting the movement.

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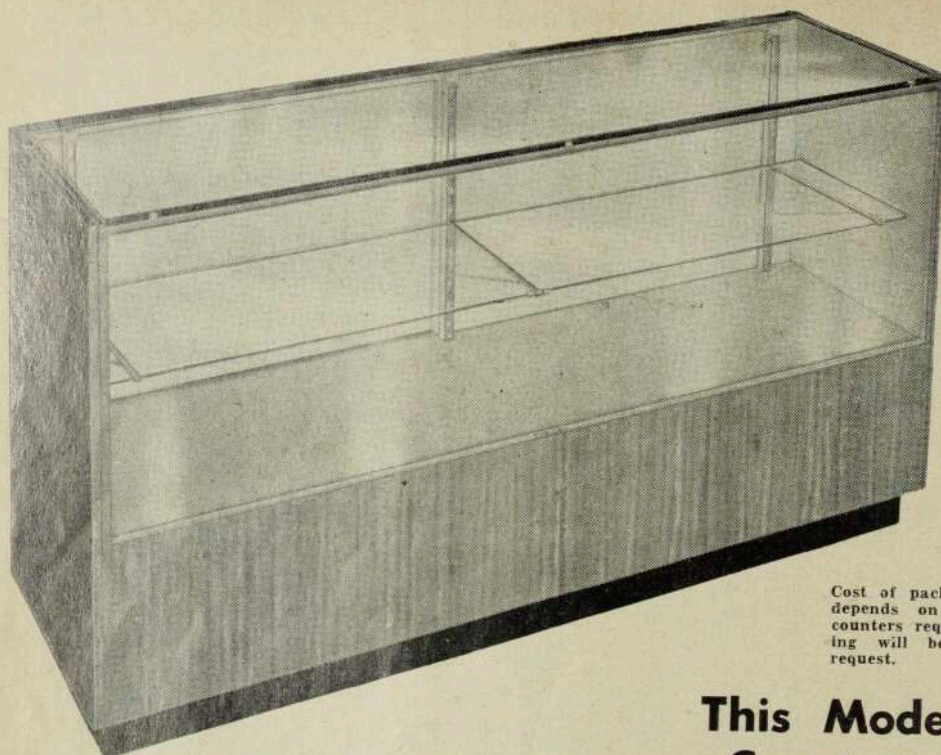
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Some light had been thrown on the geological nature of the country. There were indications that the major part of the area consisted of sediments (rocks from which oil could occur) and certain portions containing large thicknesses of black shales (also possible oil source beds). These reports would have to be confirmed by the expedition now moving into the area.

It was resolved at the meeting that the £5 shares be split into 100 shares of 1/- each.

Mr. R. N. Peacock, a Rabaul engineer who settled in the Territory after serving with the AIF during the war, was in Sydney in June. He said that Australia should look to the Territory as a partner in the national economy and develop it with that in mind. New Guinea was crying out for development by private enterprise, but too many people were going there from Australia for 12 months "just for the good money." He opposed a Commonwealth subsidy for a survey of tuna fishing off the Queensland coast. "New Guinea and Solomon Islands waters have all the tuna Australia could want for a large export industry," he said. "The Japanese have a fleet there for six months of the year and apparently make good business out of it."

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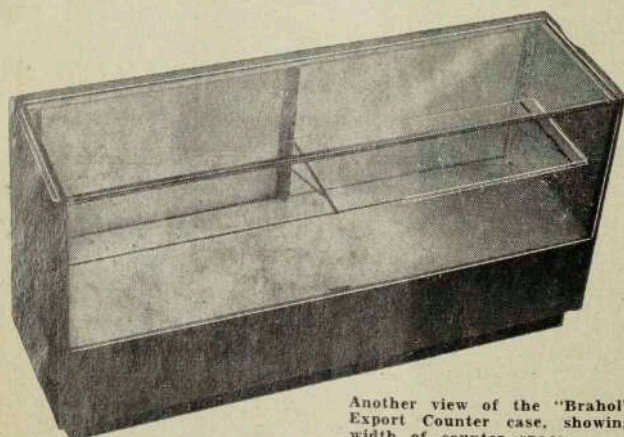
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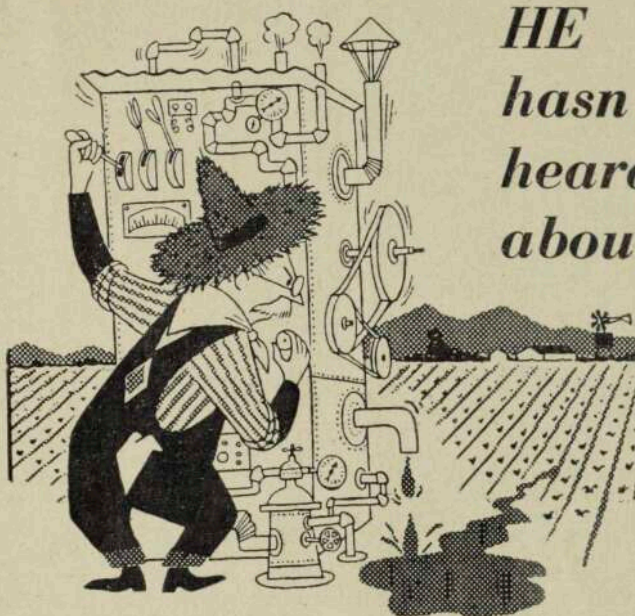
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IN TAHITI: Another Aspect of the Asian Problem in the Pacific

ENGLISH-SPEAKING people show a growing inclination to settle permanently in the attractive islands of French Oceania—and especially Tahiti—and Australian, New Zealand and American interests are always seeking a larger share of the trade in that large Territory.

But the French Government, while anxious to encourage Tourism (and the useful dollars and pounds which the tourists leave behind) does not view with favour the development of any permanent ties between French Oceania and the English-speaking people and interests. At times, it fails to use the proverbial velvet glove in handling these intruders, and their ceaseless applications; and bad feeling thereby is engendered. The *Pacific Islands Monthly* lately has received letters in which bitter complaint is made against the "anti-English" policy of the French Administration.

In our view, the policy of Governor Petitbon is no more anti-English than anti-anything else. Well-established British concerns like Messrs. Donald, the Union SS Co., TEAL, etc., have been treated with much consideration by French officialdom. It has been—and still is—the policy of France to reserve for French interests whatever benefits there may be in the commerce and transport and banking of the Territories which France

administers and protects. There is nothing new in that—except maybe that the French are pretty ruthless in applying the policy. Britain has been accused of the same thing.

But two important factors in the French Oceania situation give some justification to the complaints which have reached us. Both are beyond the control of the French Governor. One is international and the other racial.

THE French Colonial Empire (second in size only to that of Britain) is now—like the British Colonial Empire—under severe strain. Politico-economic conditions in Metropolitan France are far from happy and are not improving. The status of France as a Great Power actually is threatened. These things are reflected in unease and uncertainty in France's overseas Territories. This, in turn, is giving opportunity and encouragement to local nationalist movements which hate French colonial rule and increasingly demand complete independence.

In the French Pacific Territories based on Noumea and Papeete there is not the same nationalist defiance of the French as may be seen to-day in Africa and Asia; but there are restlessness and murmurings. French high officialdom in New Caledonia and Oceania, always sensitive, naturally resents these trends.

In line with a world-wide policy of encouraging indigenous people towards self-government and self-determination, France will do nothing to assist further European expansion in French Oceania; the probable attitude of Governor Petitbon is "Tahiti for the Tahitians." That is quite in order, as part of France's plan for meeting nationalist demands throughout the Empire.

BUT, unhappily, that policy makes no good impression upon the baffled Europeans who want to enter Tahiti; because, for every European who is kept out of Tahiti, there is greater opportunity for the industrious and thrifty Chinese who have settled there, and who are steadily enriching themselves upon French Oceania's productiveness and trade.

"If you are keeping us out in order to preserve Tahiti for the Tahitians," say the Australians, New Zealanders and Americans, "why are you giving security and encouragement and opportunities to the Chinese, who are making it impossible for the Tahitians ever to develop as a self-supporting and self-governing country?"

And that is a question to which Governor Petitbon, and all his predecessors, can find no answer. It is just as embarrassing as a similar question put to the Governors of Fiji (who have the Indians) and New Guinea (who have more Chinese).

But there is this difference—and the Governor of French Oceania should make careful note of it: In Fiji and New Guinea, any enter-

COMMENTARY

BY THE
EDITORIAL
STAFF.

'EMPIRE' AND 'COMMONWEALTH'

The word "Empire" has gone out of fashion recently and has been replaced largely by the word "Commonwealth". I happen to be old fashioned in this respect and prefer "Empire".

Outside our Commonwealth of Nations it is fashionable to condemn colonialism, but destructive criticism tends to ignore constructive achievement. It tends also to adopt a superficial view without probing deeply after basic issues.

The existence of the British Empire has been one of the primary factors for the spread of civilisation; it remains one of the principal bulwarks against moral and political decay.

The nature of the Empire has changed, but change should not be confused with retrogression. The process which has taken place, and is taking place, in many parts of the Empire is a progress which has been sought for and carefully planned.

—The Governor of Fiji, speaking at the Empire Day dinner in Suva.

Most people who knew the world before World War II will heartily endorse His Excellency's remarks.

Since the disastrous 1945-50 era, when the Attlee-Truman regimes were instrumental in giving away half the British and all the Dutch Empire, and allowing Moscow to put its Cold War stranglehold upon the world, it has become the fashion to speak apologetically of the British "Commonwealth", and shudderingly to refrain from even saying such horrid words as "Empire".

prising European, irrespective of country, is encouraged to go in and settle, and compete in trade and industry with the established Asian community, for the general benefit of the indigenous race; but in Tahiti there are sharp restrictions upon the entry of all kinds of Europeans, which operate for the benefit, not of the Tahitians, but of the 10,000 Chinese now established there. That situation can be described as stupidity in governmental policy, and a bad thing for the Tahitians.

THE establishment of the Chinese in Tahiti—like that of the Indians in Fiji—was a European sin against the natives. But the gentlemen who ought to be hanged for it are long since dead. We are faced with the results—which are that the Asians are there, for good or ill, and cannot be removed.

The only thing to be done now, for the protection of the indigenous peoples, is to open wide the doors

and "Colony". It is all part of the pattern laid down by the Soviet's fellow-travellers, and which is designed to weaken and destroy the structure of Western civilisation.

Unhappily, it is not possible to show the pre-war world to the younger generation and so let those who increasingly exercise political power see the Western peoples as they once were. But, apart from the cranks and the starry-eyed planners, the senior classes are unanimous in their affirmation that pre-war conditions were much happier than those of to-day, and immensely better than the dreadful set-up that appears to be forming on the horizon. In other words, "British Empire" was something to be proud of, and a lot pleasanter to live in than this drab and stumbling "British Commonwealth".

WHAT ACTUALLY IS WRONG WITH THEM?

Comment on the appointment of an Australian Treasury official to the post of Assistant Administrator in P-NG:

ON only three occasions in the past quarter century has Canberra selected men from the Territories administrative services for the posts of Administrator or Assistant Administrator. Captain Pinney was appointed from the Papuan service to Norfolk Island; Mr. Leonard Murray, from the same service to Papua (where he remained only a few months before he was driven out by the Jap invaders, and kept out by the savagery of a Socialist Ministry); and Mr. R. S. Leydin was promoted recently from the Northern Territory to Nauru.

of all these big archipelagoes—Fiji, New Guinea, Solomons, French Oceania, etc.—to European immigration and enterprise, in the confident belief that, wherever a hard-working, exploiting Asian race has been established (as in Tahiti and Fiji) the Europeans will hold the balance fairly between the communities, and provide the indigenous race with the protection and help which it must have if it is to survive.

The biggest problem in Tahiti is not the discontent of excluded Europeans, but to find the most

News Items appear also on page 9, this issue, at the end of the plane schedules.

effective means of controlling the Chinese community which now is nibbling away at the life-roots of the indigenous people. The solution to both may lie in introducing Europeans to hold the Asians in check.

In all the innumerable other cases which we have observed, Canberra has gone to other services for its Administrators. Apparently, men engaged in the Papua and New Guinea public services come under some fatal disability; because, no matter how well they conduct themselves as District Commissioners or Departmental heads, they are gently but firmly passed over when gentlemen are needed for the Territories' top jobs.

In Sydney, they have Royal Commissions about all sorts of things. Thousands of pounds, and a senior Judge's valuable time, and acres of newspaper space, have been spent on an inquiry into why Mr. Studley-Ruxton's ribs were sore. So surely we of the Territories may respectfully ask for a Royal Commission to find out what is wrong with the men of the P-NG public service, who may go so far—and no further.

WHERE DOES OUR SECURITY LIE?

EVERY archipelago in the South Pacific was interested in the overseas events in the last weekend in June. While Sir Winston Churchill and President Eisenhower, in Washington, were hammering out the future shape of the Anglo-American world, the Prime Ministers of India and China (Messrs. Nehru and Chou-en-Lai, representing at least one billion people) were engaged in a similar task in Delhi.

The Washington-Delhi discussions affect vitally the fate of all people, of all races, in the Pacific. Not one Pacific community, from Australia right down to the lowliest atoll, can retain its independence against this rising power in Asia, unless it has protection from an Anglo-American alliance.

Someone has suggested that New Guinea, Solomons and New Hebrides should immediately be placed under Australian protection, and that Fiji and Samoa should be regarded as the special care of New Zealand. If Asia develops new strength in the next decade in the way that it has done in the past ten years, Australia and New Zealand will not be able to protect themselves against Asia at all, let alone give security to smaller communities.

JAPAN, THE LIBERATOR!—CEYLON

Do those who watch the international and inter-racial turmoil in Southern Asia, and wonder what the future holds for the South Pacific, in relation thereto, ever examine the attitude of the Asian nations towards Japan?

We are inclined to forget Japan as a factor in the Asian set-up. Until World War II, she was Asia's leading nation, and a World Power. She was completely smashed in 1942-45; all her teeth were drawn, so she could not bite any more:

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Papuan Rubber Producers Could Get Relief After September

The patience of Papuan rubber planters may be rewarded in September—which is the approximate time set by the Australian Tariff Board for a hearing of an application for preferential treatment of imports of Papuan rubber into Australia.

THE planters' application has the blessing of the Department of Territories but is likely to be opposed by Australian manufacturing interests who would like to see the duty removed from all imports of rubber, whatever its source.

The Papuan planters' battle for tariff revision has been of several years duration; every red-tape obstacle has been placed in the way of anything practical being done.

At first it was refused on the grounds that it contravened the international trade and tariff agreement (GATT), but when GATT graciously gave its permission last year, it was then said that the matter would have to come before the Australian Tariff Board. Later, it was believed that this would not be necessary, and that legislation would be sufficient. More recently, this decision was reversed. The matter will now be considered, in a place yet to be set, probably about September.

The mere removal of the 2d per pound duty on rubber imported from Papua would not of itself do the Papuan planters much good other than, perhaps, give their rubber market preference in Australia. But when similar aid was sought and gained for the industry in the Depression, the duty was paid, as usual, by importers (4d per lb initially and later 2d), put in a special fund and refunded to the producers.

Something of the same sort is required now to put the Papuan rubber industry, which of all the P-NG primary industries is having the hardest battle, back on its feet.

Cost of production, on many estates, is more than the present world market price, and this is governed largely by the artificially low price at which the US keeps its synthetic rubber.

The Australian Government has said *ad nauseam* that it wishes to encourage the production of rubber in Papua—which at the moment is only one-tenth of Australia's requirements—but unless some scheme of financial aid is devised, it is unlikely that planters will be encouraged to plant up large new areas of rubber.

Mr. Devenish, British Consul, has returned to his post in Papeete, Tahiti, after extended leave in England.

FIJI RESIDENTS RECEIVE BIRTHDAY HONOURS

FIVE Fiji residents were included in the list of Queen's Birthday Honours.

Mr. F. C. Exon, manager in Fiji for Amalgamated Wireless (Australia) Ltd., for the last 20 years, received the OBE.

Mrs. J. M. Jardine received the MBE. She was Girl Guides' Islands Commissioner until she left the Colony to live in the United Kingdom recently.

Mr. G. R. Wilson, formerly of Vanua Levu, and a member of the Suva Post Office staff for the last 14 years, also received the MBE.

Supt. H. Halstead, Fiji Police, was awarded the Colonial Police Medal. He had charge of traffic arrangements for the Queen's visit in December.

Ratu Epeli Vakalalabure, Buli Tunuloa in Cakaudrove Province for more than 20 years, received the Certificate of Honour. He was a member of the Fiji Labour Corps which served in Europe in the 1914-18 war.

NEW PACIFIC PUBLICATIONS

THE *Handbook of Papua and New Guinea*, specially compiled by Pacific Publications Pty. Ltd. for the use of residents of the two Territories, and of persons interested therein, is now being printed, and will be issued shortly.

Immediately thereafter, Pacific Publications will proceed with the revision and printing of the *Pacific Islands Year Book, 1955*—which will be the Seventh Edition of this well-known reference book. The *Year Book* was issued first in 1932.

Despite care, errors of fact occur in a compilation of the size of the *Year Book*. Several have been noted since the last issue (1950), and corrections will be made. The publishers will be very grateful if anyone who has noticed important errors of fact, or omissions, will write to the Editor, *Pacific Islands Year Book*, PO Box 3408, Sydney, NSW, and direct attention to the fault.

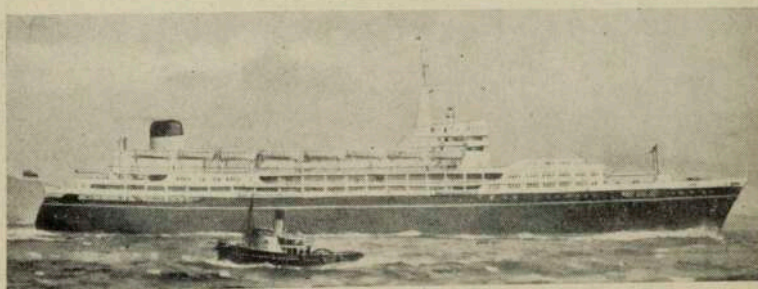
ANOTHER COCONUT PEST

A PEST called a "stick insect" has been reported from some coconut-growing districts of Fiji. Some infected areas are now producing little copra.

The local Department of Agriculture says that it is not a serious pest—but any pest is serious that interferes with copra production, when copra is worth £70 per ton.

The attacks of coconut pests—rhinoceros beetle, promecotheca, or a stick beetle or the rest—do not matter very much when copra is worth £4 per ton.

Southern Cross—New Round-the-World Liner



The new Shaw Savill 20,000 ton liner, SOUTHERN CROSS, under construction by Harland and Wolf, Belfast, which will be launched by the Queen on August 17. The Queen has also approved of the name of the liner, which will do four round-the-world trips each year, visiting South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, Tahiti and the West Indies and thus sailing, for the most part, under skies associated with the constellation Southern Cross.

The liner is of unique design, engines and funnel being as far aft as possible and there are no cargo holds or derricks.

No cargo will be carried. There will be accommodation for 1,200 one-class passengers.

SOUTHERN CROSS will be the most extensively air conditioned ship in the tropics and will have more deck space, in comparison with her size, than any other ship in the southern hemisphere. There will be 43,000 square feet of clear deck space, besides a cinema lounge, a smoke room and bar, two restaurants, a tavern, two swimming pools and forward lounge, all expensively decorated. She will make her maiden voyage early next year.

India is Unhappy About Nauru Phosphate

THE price paid by Australia for Nauru phosphate was questioned by India at the meeting of the UN Trusteeship Council in New York on June 16. Australia's administration of the island was being discussed.—See also page 86 this issue.

India's delegate asked why Nauru received only 5/8½ per ton, when 24/6 per ton was paid Angaur, in the Carolines, where Japanese were allowed to work the phosphate by the USA, the administering authority.

Australia's special representative, Mr. J. H. Jones, said there was no explanation for the difference, but funds made available by the Phosphate Commission were adequate for the Administering Authority to carry out its responsibility.

Asked who received the benefit from selling the phosphates at cost price, Mr. Jones said the Nauruans' income was not affected, no matter what payment was received for the phosphate.

The Indian delegate said the answers were unsatisfactory and he would again raise the question in the general debate.

Nauru is a Trusteeship territory held jointly by Australia, New Zealand and the UK. It is administered by Australia on behalf of all three. The British Phosphate Commission, on which are representatives of UK, Australia and NZ, works the phosphate. The Commission is quite independent of the Nauru Administration, although under the agreement, all expenses of the Administration and royalties which are paid in respect of the Nauruans, must be defrayed by the sale of the phosphate.

The phosphate all goes to these three member countries (in practice, to Australia and New Zealand). The Nauru set-up is, therefore, in quite a different category to that of Angaur, one of the Caroline Islands, held by the US under Trusteeship. If the US charges Japan 24/6 per ton for phosphate, then that is something between the US and Japan. Similarly, if the BPC supplies phosphate at cost to its members, for the good of Empire agriculture, and at the same time takes care of the legitimate requirements of the Nauruans, then that is the business of Australia, NZ and the UK.

The impertinence of the questions put to Australia by a country like India, where a large proportion of the population is at starvation level, shows the utter futility of the whole Trusteeship system.

Major T. H. Cude retired at the end of May after 30 years in Nauru. He had been three years with the British Phosphate Commissioners and 27 with Nauru Administration as Director of Police and a Magistrate. He is now living in Kallista, Victoria.

HIGHER ALLOWANCES FOR M'sLC

HIGHER allowances for elected and native members of the Legislative Council of Papua-New Guinea have been approved by the Minister for Territories and will be payable from the opening of the second Council later this year.

Elected members will receive an additional £75 a year, plus fares, to cover the cost of visits to the main centres of their electorates twice a year, and on such other occasions as the Administrator may authorise.

Native members will be paid the cost of fares for similar travel authorised by the Administration, and a travelling allowance of £2 a day.

The Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, said the allowances should enable elected members to maintain contact with their constituents and represent them more fully, and encourage native members to travel in their areas and develop a wider responsibility to their people.

Allowances paid in the past to non-official members have been

£4/4/- a day for meetings of the Council and Committees, plus £2 a day for the time absent from home, and £75 a year general expenses.

COSTLY GIFT

FIVE of the six Catalina amphibian planes presented by the Australian Government to the Dutch Naval Air Force in West New Guinea are still being overhauled in Sydney at a cost of £32,000 each. The gift was announced a year ago but only one plane has been delivered to Biak.

The six planes cost the RAAF about £360,000 in California during the war. An early quotation for making them airworthy after the war was £192,000, but it is expected that the amount will be more like £300,000 to make them fully operational.

Some Catalinas were sold at disposals sales after the war for £850 each.

Mr. Paul Mallon was admitted to practice as a barrister and solicitor of the Papua-New Guinea Supreme Court on June 18.

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of
20 Years ago.

COPRA was so sick, back in July 1934, that no one bothered to mention it much anymore. Our issue for that month had many pages devoted to alternate crops, designed to help the unfortunate planter out of his financial morass. Tung oil, tea, tobacco and bananas were a few of these "savers."

Other extracts from our July issue, 1934:

The Full Court of NZ gave its decision in the appeal of Mr. O. F. Nelson, of Western Samoa, against a sentence of eight months' imprisonment and 10 years' exile from Samoa on a charge of sedition (Mr. Nelson was a leader of the Mau movement). The High Court quashed the prison sentence but upheld his exile.

We reported that an interesting experiment was currently being made by the Malayta Company at Cape Marsh, BSIP, for the extraction of oil from green coconuts by a "bacterial and chemical" method.

A detective sent secretly from Sydney to work on BGD dredges at Bulolo, caught three Europeans stealing gold.

Brigadier-General McNicoll was confidently tipped as the successor of General Griffiths as Administrator of the Mandated Territory of New Guinea.

"There is now a large and growing section of the community advocating the early completion of the Suva-Sigatoka Road, which with the present Sigatoka-Lautoka Road, and the Suva-Lautoka Road would provide a complete route of 300 miles around Viti Levu—a great asset for tourist traffic."

A London report stated that Unilever was having difficulties with its margarine market and that a 3 per cent. loss in company earnings was the result. (The echo of planters' cheers can be heard to this day). A chairman of one of the Unilever Groups attacked the Dominions' powers of free entry for their butter into the UK—and suggested that this should be terminated.

Guinea Airways reported that their attempt to establish a plane service in Fiji—abandoned some months previously—had lost them £1,200. Editorially, we commented that the withdrawal of this service (Fiji Airways, Ltd.) from the Colony would "long be a reproach to the Government".

The moratorium suspending payments on New Guinea plantations being purchased from the Expropriation Board, was extended until June, 1935. The Custodian "deplored" the necessity, but could see no help for it until the prospects for NG crops improved.

In comparison, goldmining was booming. Here are some of the companies listed in that issue—most of them not even memories these days: Bulolo Gold Deposits, Ltd., Koranga Gold Sluicing, Ltd., Edie Creek Goldmining Co., Day Dawn South and Day Dawn (NG), Ltd., New Guinea Goldfields, Bulolo Gold Dredging Ltd., Placer Development, Bulolo Deposits, Guinea Dredging, Ltd., Platinum Guinea Gold, Samarai Gold Development, Gold Mines of Papua, Akmana NG Gold Co., Guinea Gold, etc.

FASHION NOTE: "Transparent cellophane is hailed as fashion's friend. It is being used to trim provoking little eye-veils and ties into ravishing little bows under the chin."

NO DRINKING PERMITS YET FOR P-NG NATIVES

The much-disputed question as to whether certain selected natives of Papua-New Guinea should be given permits to drink liquor has been decided—temporarily, at least.

BRIGADIER D. M. CLELAND, Administrator of the Territory, announced, on June 28, that the crucial section of the Ordinance which gives the Administrator power to exempt persons from the provisions of the ordinance will "not be proceeded with for the time being".

The Bill for the Native Liquor Ordinance was forced through the P-NG Legislative Council last year. Clause 8, which relates to the exempting of certain natives from prohibition, at the Administrator's discretion, was fought by virtually all of the non-official members of the Council.

Since then, it has been condemned by missions, the RSSAILA and various Town and District Advisory Councils.

The Administrator's announcement is a victory for public opinion—although a great number of P-NG residents would like to see the ordinance repealed. While it is here, they feel that it can be used.

Although some point was given to the Administration side of the case by the two Native Medical Practitioners, graduates from Suva Medical School, who were recently fined for drinking alcohol, the general opinion is that total prohibition is in the interest of the natives generally, in the present stage of their development. The few educated natives who are otherwise required to live as Europeans will have to suffer for the good of the many.

The Ordinance, whether clause 8 proceeded with or not, will not prevent some natives from drinking. But a sprinkling of permitted drinkers through the native community, would not make the task of keeping liquor from those without permits, any easier.

Mr. C. D. Rowley, principal of the Australian School of Pacific Administration, Sydney, since 1950, has been invited by UNESCO (the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation of the United Nations) to study the conditions of adult education in certain parts of the Orient—and especially in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam (in Indochina) and in Japan, Philippines and Indonesia. If granted leave by the Australian Government, Mr. Rowley probably will depart in November, and will be away for six months on his very interesting mission.

Fiji, Too, Has its Liquor Troubles

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 23.
THERE has been an enormous increase in the number of liquor exemption permits issued in Fiji over the past six years. In 1947 there were only 7,542 holders of all races. In 1953 there were 20,088—14,615 being Indians; and 5,473 being Fijians and others.

This large increase has followed the proposal, made first in 1947, to lift liquor restrictions altogether from the Indians while retaining virtual prohibition for the Fijians.

The measure was not received sympathetically by the Europeans or the Fijians and, in 1949, after a chequered history, the measure was dropped.

However, in effect, the objective has been achieved by a large increase in the number of permits issued to Indians—most Indians who want to drink seem now to be able to get a permit.

Drinking in the Colony is not, of course, confined to permit-holders and it is common talk that anyone who wishes may obtain any amount of illegal liquor by one means or another. The increase in drinking is causing concern to community leaders and various remedies have been suggested. At the recent meeting of the Council of Chiefs, the Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, suggested that perhaps one way would be to make permits the rule for everyone, irrespective of race.

It is unlikely that this would be very favourably received by Europeans.

The Council of Chiefs recommended two types of permit for Fijians—one in which a provincial committee would decide the quantities to be issued; and the other which would be a general exemption from restriction.

On the same liquor question, a few months ago, the Rev. L. D. Fullerton, of the Methodist Mission, said that between 1950 and 1952 liquor imports rose from £135,500 to £237,000—2½ times the approved Government expenditure on Agriculture, and the quantity imported in 1952 was 375,500 gallons compared with 289,000 gallons in 1950.

There have been suggestions in

CAPTAIN BARNES AND A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES

WE have been trying to ascertain the verdict of the French Court in Tahiti, which recently heard the action brought against Captain Barnes, proprietor of the Hotel Les Tropiques, by the Messageries Maritimes. Captain Barnes inadvertently sent to a newspaper an incorrect report about an MM liner—he reported that she had grounded, whereas in fact she had successfully negotiated a slight amount of navigational bother when in the Pass through the reef which encloses Papeete Harbour. The Co. claimed a million francs in damages, and other penalties, and the Court reserved its decision.

There is in Sydney a report that Captain Barnes was fined a few thousand francs (about £20 in Australian currency); but we cannot confirm it. As is common in French law cases, the authorities concerned display extraordinary coyness in giving any information to the newspapers.

There is a report from Tahiti that Captain Barnes has appealed against the verdict, whatever it was, and is confident that his appeal will be upheld.

Three Rescues at Samarai

MR. BEN GARRETT, an ex-Moogee lifesaver who is now a member of the Burns Philp (NG) Ltd. staff at Samarai, Papua, was luckily on hand at Rogea beach on June 6 and rescued a woman and two men who were in difficulties in an undertow.

Mrs. Joan Taylor was caught in the undertow and carried 75 yards out. Mr. Peter Davenport went to her aid but got into difficulties himself; then Mr. Ern Graham went to the assistance of both but could do no more than support Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Garrett then swam the 75 yards twice to bring in Mrs. Taylor and Davenport, both exhausted. Graham was able to make a little progress towards the beach and was helped over the last stages by Garrett.

Fiji in recent years that a local brewery might be established. Missionaries have indicated that it will be over their dead bodies.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: Breweries have been set up in P. Moresby, Noumea and Papeete. There seems no suggestion, in those places, that these breweries, of themselves, have caused any increase in the consumption of alcohol amongst the natives.)

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Fate of Captain Keller

From Carlton Younger, formerly of Cape Marsh, in the Solomons, and now residing at 3 Dexter St., West Bundaberg, Q.:

"Captain Otto Keller, about whom you make an inquiry in June PIM, was killed, I believe, about 1912, while he was recruiting on Malaita. I cannot recollect the name of the schooner (not steamer) he was on, nor can I place the date of his death. I lost all my diaries in the Evacuation, and have no definite details. He was supposed to have been seen in Rabaul on a small steamer in 1920; but this I doubt. Dick Laycock and Markham are both gone; but perhaps the Kuper boys would remember some details."

Information, Please

Arthur C. Johnson aboard the brigantine *Yankee*, writes for some information: "I read in an old encyclopedia that there once were Galapagos tortoises (land turtles) on Rotuma. I inquired when we went there this time and gathered that there had been just one, but it had been run over by a lorry some years ago. It had been kept by a Mr. Crocker. Does anyone know of either the tortoise or Mr. Crocker?"

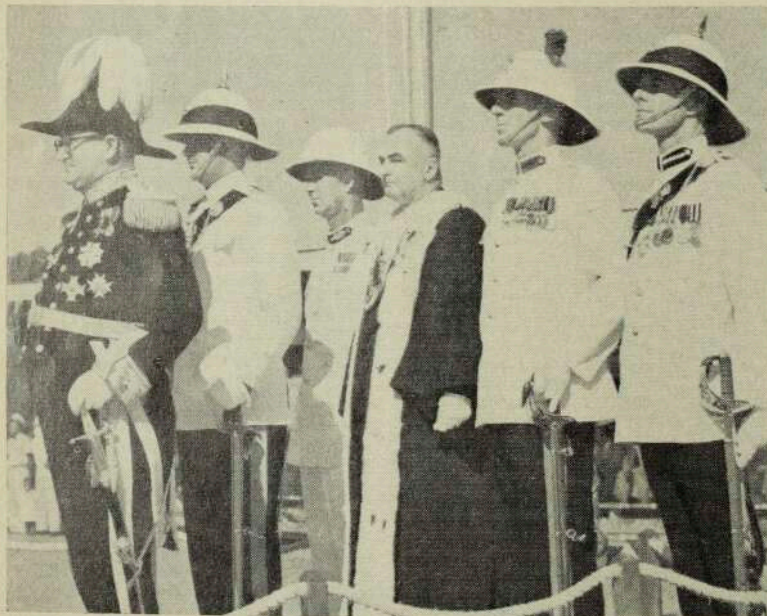
Tahiti and its Laws

From a man who until recently was a resident of French Oceania, commenting upon a Tahiti legal action which made the headlines not long ago:

"There are people in those islands

who will start a libel action at the drop of a hat, regardless of how much truth there may be in what the defendant has written. The lawyers of Tahiti grow fat on such actions; and it is just too bad for the defendant if he is a foreigner. No harm must come to French citizens when they go to law with foreigners! Furthermore, the Governor of Tahiti can tell a foreigner, on his own decision, to get out and stay out—it has happened!... Some people have wondered why the *Pacific Islands Monthly* has never told the full, disgraceful story of the Kong Ah scandal, in which so many prominent merchants and shining *fonctionnaires* were involved. But I, who once knew Tahiti so well, and the strange processes of its laws, do not wonder. That Kong Ah story should be published—but not until you have all the facts."

Queen's Birthday Parade at Lautoka



The official party on the saluting dais at Churchill Park, Lautoka, Fiji, during the Queen's Birthday Parade. From left: The Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey; Supt. D. T. Saint, ADC; Mr. David Collins, District Commissioner; Councillor C. A. Adams, Mayor of Lautoka; Colonel T. C. Campbell, DSO, MC, Commandant of the Fiji Military Forces; and Mr. E. K. Laws, Commissioner of Police.

It was the first time that the parade was held at Lautoka. It was arranged in recognition of the magnificent welcome given by the people of the town and surrounding districts to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh in December. It meant that the Royal Standard flew over Churchill Park for the second time in six months.

The parade, commanded by Captain J. McL. Ross with Captain R. G. Q. Kermode in charge of the saluting battery, included 100 men of the Fiji Military Forces and the Regimental Depot Band of the Infantry Regiment. Others who attended were ex-servicemen under Mr. J. Hodgkinson, Boy Scouts under Scout District Commissioner C. E. Mansell, and Girl Guides under Guide District Commissioner Mrs. J. Coode.

At the Suva ceremony the salute was taken by the Governor's Deputy, Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart. The Parade Commander was Wing-Commander B. E. V. Le Pine, and units of the Military Forces, and detachments of the RNZAF and Fiji Police took part.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

Answer to Promecotheca

A note from a New Guinea friend who did not enclose his name:

Regarding an article in your March issue by my old friend Harold Koch, about *Promecotheca*. The *Scolia Wasp* and the red ant are absolutely useless in the control of *Promecotheca*. But the *Pleurotropis wog*, from Fiji, is the answer. We found this most effective on Linga Linga and Lindenhaven Plantations before the war, and it is still there—but in decreased numbers.

(Our article in June PIM supports above statement.)

Before Elizabeth II

From a private letter written by Fred Archer (Jame Plantation, Bougainville) just before the Queen commenced her Pacific tour:

I think Her Majesty will achieve much, if the gods be her way at all. Which reminds me. One day, away up in the dripping Bougainville mountains, with the Coast Watchers, in 1942, I read in an old *Blackwoods Magazine* that a 15th Century Prophecy said: "England shall come to its greatest glory during the reign of the Second Elizabeth." I showed this to Jack Read, and he said:

"H'm, maybe — but it's bloody doubtful if we'll live to see her crowning. I reckon our main job, just now, is to keep clear of these Nips."

At that time, the Japs were all over New Guinea and the Northern Solomons, and it was the job of the Bougainville Coast Watchers to keep the Yanks advised of their movements, so that every time the little swine stuck their heads out down Tulagi way, the Yanks could blast them. Little did we dream then that we should see Elizabeth crowned, and — as Queen of the British Commonwealth — making a formal tour of the South Pacific!

Who's Who in Fire-walking

From a well-known resident of Fiji:

I have a bone to pick with you. In a PIM in 1953 there are photos of Indian fire-walking, and the caption said: "Indian fire-walking is generally considered more spectacular than the Fijian, in that they walk the bare red-hot cinders, whereas the Fijians first cover the red-hot rocks on which they walk with green leaves. The distance walked by the Fijians is also shorter".

I've never seen the Indian ceremony, and the Bega one once only; but I do vividly remember that the stones were absolutely white-hot when the embers were raked off—I think I am right in saying that they are heated for 24 hours. Someone threw his handkerchief in at that point and it flamed, several feet above the stones.

The fire-walkers then appeared from their dressing shed, slowly and ceremoniously circled the pit over the stones—I think a couple of times—then the leaves were thrown in, and on these they sat or squatted in thick smoke.

Their legend says they could originally lie full length on the hot stones, and that they are able to transmit their power to anyone who trusts them sufficiently to be led by the hand around the pit. I know of only one chief who had the courage—in thick football boots—and that again may be only a tale!

Forgive this nationalistic outburst, but I couldn't let those Indians get away with it! Another thing. Theirs is a religious frenzy, whilst the Fijians are normal—e.g. doctors have examined them before and after, found them to jump quite normally when a pin is stuck into their soles, or a lighted cigarette held there!

Don't Ask Us—Find It Yourself!

One of the major chores of PIM editorship is the acknowledgment of letters from people in all countries who want to get away from it all, and have decided that they can be happy on the kind of Pacific island they have read about somewhere.

Ever since Captain Cook's cabin boys chased the lissome lasses of Tahiti around the palm-trees behind Point Venus, imaginative writers have let themselves go on the subject of life in the Pacific Islands. Ardent readers in the chillier climes now believe that every dot of land, from Indonesia on to Oceania provides pleasant warmth, abundant food, scented beauty and ageless romance.

And so, when life becomes almost intolerable, they write excited letters to the over-burdened PIM editors—"where can I find an is-

land in which I can make a real home"—and then follow the writer's ideas of what he wants—a catalogue which almost always indicates that he hasn't a clue to what actually are the conditions in the South Pacific to-day.

Let them be warned. There probably are thousands of attractive places in the South Pacific, to which a man may retire; but they cannot be acquired by mail-order. Every Territory Government—and there are 16—has different laws governing immigration and settlement; every island has, as well as some possibly pleasant angle on life, some problem of environment. The only possible way in which a European may settle in the Pacific Islands is to take a lot of time off, and go personally and woo the bureaucrats for permission to look for the right location.

Answer Could be 'Rats'

Mr. R. F. Vaughan, of Sandakan, North Borneo, was intrigued by "Strange Case of the Missing Gnashers" in May PIM—a story of the mysterious disappearance of a set of false teeth in Kavieng.

I should say that rats provide the solution. I have known two cases of rats carrying off dentures. Each time, non-recovery would have been a serious matter—the nearest dentist was very far away.

The one occasion was at a gold-mine in the Celebes, and the other was when we were prisoners here under the Japs—and on both occasions the anxious searchers were successful. At the gold-mine the teeth were discovered in an attic, and on the second they were in a nearby concrete drain.

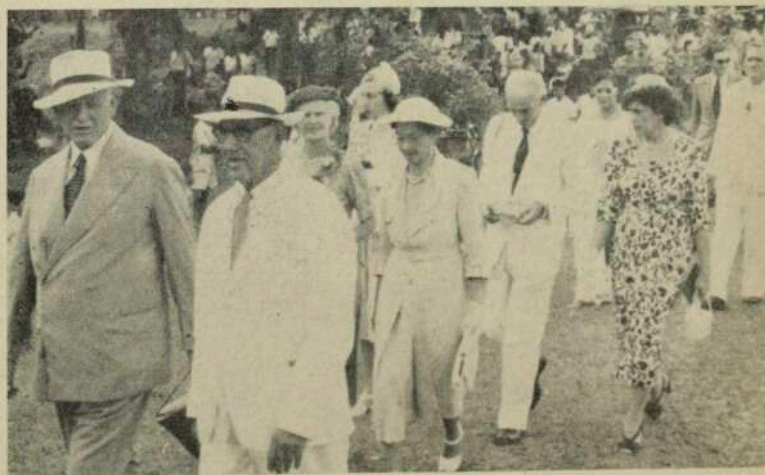
I advise those who must wear dentures, and who discard them at night, always to put a cover over the tumbler in which they repose—and a weight on top of that.

'Hindustan', Please

A valued correspondent in Indonesia challenges our reference to the Nehru section of India as "Hindustani". That, of course, was an error—we intended to say "Hindustan". Hindustani is, in a general way, Hindustan's language and way of life.

Our point is that it is a mistake, now, to say "India" when we mean Hindustan. "India" is the former Anglo-Indian Empire, which comprised what, since 1946, has become the nations of Pakistan, Hindustan, and some more-or-less borderline native States under independent rulers. By far the larger part of the former Empire has gone into Hindustan, but that still does not make it "India", in the former sense of the term.

NZ Governor-General's Tour



The Governor-General of New Zealand, Sir Willoughby Norrie, made his first visit to the Dominion's island Territories in June. Accompanied by Lady Norrie and daughter Miss Rosemary Norrie, he called at Tonga and Fiji as well as the NZ administered territories of Western Samoa, the Lower Cook Group and Niue. The tour lasted 22 days.

This photograph was taken when the party attended the Queen's Birthday race meeting of the Apia Turf Club, Western Samoa. Sir Willoughby is shown with Mr. A. R. Cobcroft, Club president. Behind them are Lady Norrie and Mrs. Cobcroft, Miss Rosemary Norrie, and the High Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Powles, with Mrs. E. Paul.

The Vice-Regal party, which included aides, travelled mostly by RNZAF Sunderland, but they were aboard the HMNZS Black Brinze for the Cooks-Tonga part of the tour.

NOISE!

From P-NG's 972 Jeeps and
1,732 Trucks

ALTHOUGH residents of Papua-New Guinea would have us believe that that Territory is a haven of peace (compared with the wild rush, din and general madness of, say, Sydney), in this writer's humble opinion they have some of the noisiest towns in the world.

As far as Port Moresby is concerned, I'll say all that again—doubled.

This is partially explained by the figures recently issued: of the 4,000 motor vehicles in the Territory, a quarter of them are jeeps and there are 1,732 trucks. (The rest include 244 motor cycles and 21 buses).

Add to these facts the following:

● Jeep owner-drivers have only one method of starting their vehicles:—get the engine turning then push the accelerator flat on the floor. This produces a most satisfactory noise, particularly if the vehicle happens to be outside a hotel in the small hours of the night. That these mis-used buggies don't take off vertically is not the fault of the person at the punishing end of the accelerator.

● The 1,732 trucks are almost invariably driven by natives to whom all noise is glorious and an end in itself. Few, if any, of the trucks appear to have mufflers but all of them seem to have 57 different gears: there is always just another one to which the ausky fiend at the wheel can shift in order to grind his juggernaut over the not very formidable hills of Moresby.

The new offices that Burns Philp have built in Musgrave Street, in Moresby, are the most modern and elegant in the Territory. But in May their owners were frantically lining them with acoustic material in an endeavour to minimise the noise that rises continually from huge trucks grinding and whining their way up the hill.

In the meantime, when you wish to speak privately to an inhabitant of one of the offices, he carefully gets up and closes all the louvres onto the street so that you can make conversation without screaming.

I have my doubts about the efficacy of acoustic material—a form of wallboard used in Australia to line phone booths. It is peppered with small holes which are supposed to absorb the noise and it works very well in the heart of noisy Sydney. But the ANZ bank in Moresby has these anti-noise devices, and yet within that building, too, the noise of passing heavy traffic is still excruciating.

It seems to me that when Territory folk gave the driving of semi-

RABAU FAREWELLS DC McCARTHY

THERE were numerous parties in Rabaul in June to farewell District Commissioner and Mrs. J. K. McCarthy before they left for Port Moresby at the end of the month.

Mr. McCarthy is to have two months' sick leave in Moresby before proceeding on recreation leave.

One of the parties was given by District Officer and Mrs. J. J. Murphy at their new home at Namanula. Every member of Mr. McCarthy's own department contributed to the success of the occasion.

Mr. McCarthy has been in Rabaul for the past five years. Previously he was District Officer, Madang.

WELCOME TO MR. FOLDI

At the May meeting of the Rabaul Chamber of Commerce, members decided to hold a function to welcome Mr. McCarthy's successor—Mr. J. R. Foldi, who arrived in Rabaul in June.

At the Governor's Garden Party



Misses Evelyn and Daisy Waddingham, daughters of Mr. Albert Waddingham, manager for Burns Philp (SS), Ltd., at Lautoka, and Mrs. Waddingham, photographed at the garden party at the Governor's Bure after the Queen's Birthday ceremony at Lautoka, Fiji, in June. The Governor, Sir Ronald Garvey, entertained 400 guests of all races.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

trailers, 10-ton trucks, diesel engines and other abominations into the hands of natives, they paved the way for stretched ear-drums, high blood pressure, frayed nerves and stomach ulcers to become endemic diseases.—J.T.

P-NG ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

AS was forecast in this and other periodicals, some months ago, Mr. Rupert Wilson (at present the Assistant Secretary of the Banking, Trade and Industry Branch of the Australian Commonwealth Treasury) has been appointed Assistant Administrator of Papua and New Guinea.

In the combined Territories of Papua and New Guinea there now are 12,000 Europeans, over 2,000 Chinese and at least 1½ million natives. Huge public funds are being put behind developmental plans, and there is administrative and commercial activity on all sides. The Administrator (Brigadier D. M. Cleland) exercises supreme power, subject to the Australian Government; and thus he carries an enormous load of responsibility.

The plan, presumably, is that he now shall have someone at headquarters to take some of the responsibility for financial and administrative direction, allowing him more time for personal supervision "in the field."

Mr. Wilson, 51, appears to have special qualifications in that direction. He has an excellent record. He has been engaged in commerce; he was in the service of the Tasmanian Government; he holds the Hawkesbury College Diploma of Agriculture; and, as Director of War Service Land Settlement, he had an important and difficult job in supervising the rural training of ex-servicemen and the employment of loans and allowances. He will take up duty in Port Moresby on July 22. (See "Commentary").

Forewarned is Forearmed

FIVE days after his appointment was announced from Canberra, Mr. Rupert Wilson, Assistant Administrator elect of P-NG, arrived in Port Moresby on the *Bulolo*.

The *Bulolo* had left Sydney on June 23, two days before the Canberra announcement.

Mr. Wilson, who was accompanied by his wife, was taking a pre-view trip around the Territory. He takes up duty on July 22. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson is on the nursing staff of Port Moresby hospital.

¶ Mr. C. A. G. Coleridge has been appointed Director of Audit, Fiji. He expected to leave the United Kingdom in June. He is 41 years of age, was educated at Malvern College and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. He has served in Tanganyika as Assistant Auditor and in Nigeria as Senior Assistant and Principal Assistant Auditor.

The Problems of Taxation and Loans in Fiji

A Change from Income to Customs Tax Possible

ANGLES of the Report of the Committee of Fiscal Review, involving changes in taxation which will affect most classes of the people, have been receiving a lot of public attention in Fiji.

The Report was before the Fiji Legislative Council, which sat in the latter part of June. The Governor said that some of the important recommendations in the report were discussed at the Colonial Office when the Colonial Treasurer visited London in May; the Report generally was approved; but further consultations between the Fiji Government and the Colonial Office were necessary before the most important recommendations can be accepted for implementation.

The most important changes proposed, in a general way, are the land tax and the transfer from direct taxation—that is, less emphasis on income tax and more on Customs tax. It is assumed that this is the outcome of the well-known difficulties which the Government of Fiji always has had in taxing the incomes of the Indians. This has had the effect of throwing too large a proportion of the cost of government upon the non-Indian sections. More taxation of

imports and less of incomes will readjust this matter; but it may have other repercussions—so the Secretary of State for the Colonies (very wisely) will not permit any hasty decision.

From 1955 to 1960 (said the Governor at the opening of the Legislative Council) Fiji will need probably £8,000,000 for capital works. External loans may provide £4,000,000—mainly for Suva's new docks and water supply; the Colonial Development and Welfare Funds might provide £2,500,000 for roading and similar works; while the Colony itself might provide £1,650,000 for agriculture, housing, industry, and so forth.

Discussion of Fiji's Taxation Problems

By "TAVITE"

THE Fiscal Review report tabled before the Colony's Legislative Council has, as expected, aroused a lot of criticism from the various communities in Fiji, and there is bound to be pressure exerted on the Government so that each race, from a taxation point of view, will not be worse off than at present.

The Committee has made a genuine attempt to find a more equitable distribution of the taxation burdens. But this is difficult, in view of the Colony's peculiar problems and also because the Colony has outstripped itself in the field of direct taxation by the imposition of a scale of income tax, which, in the higher brackets and the company field, is comparable with that of more advanced countries, with far greater resources. A reference to the appendices in the report shows how lavish the Government has been in the past in following the Socialistic pattern set by the self-governing members of the Commonwealth, from whom the taxation machinery was largely borrowed.

The Committee's attempt to get something in return for the Education and Medical services is praiseworthy—although it may cause some temporary hardship, particularly to the indigenous race. At least it should adjust the disparity which existed when the Medical Service finances were heavily strained by the overwhelming and comparatively free use the hospitals and their pharmacies were put to by the Indians, who enjoyed this privilege as a surviving relic of the immigration days.

This further example that the Indian community does not cry "discrimination" when it benefits by it is mentioned here because there was no reference to the benefit by the Committee. It studiously but no doubt correctly omitted it. But the point has already been noted and publicised, as a reference to an article from Suva, under date May 12, will show.

To stifle the howl which would have gone up, and been heard perhaps as far away as Delhi, the Committee took the next logical step of recommending that the Fijian, too, pay for his medical services.

If the recommendations on the Medical services are adopted—that is, everyone to pay—the Colony as a whole must benefit, because there should be a marked diminution in hospitalisation and drugs costs when the Indians have to pay. They in the past have been the biggest users of the free service.

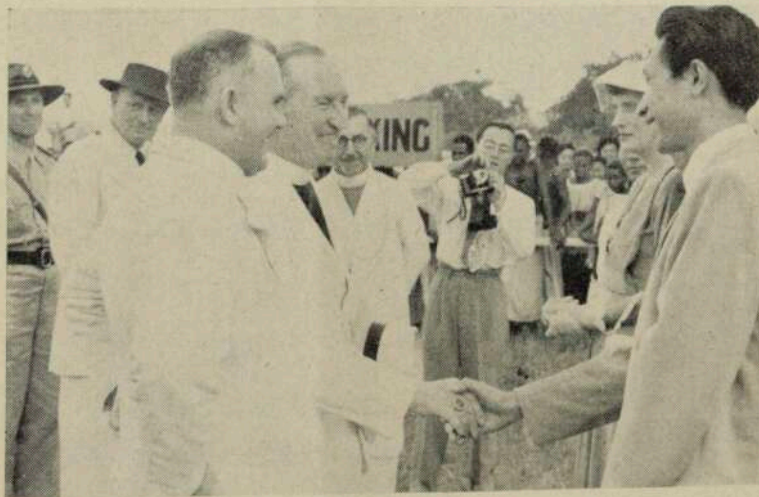
HOW DOES THE REPORT AFFECT THE INVESTOR?

ONE recommendation of the Committee should be of great interest, now and in the future, to everyone connected with the Colony's continued prosperity, and especially to Australian investors, because the bulk of the capital invested in the Colony is Australian. This is the recommendation:

108. We consider it essential for company activity to be substantially developed in the direction of greater national productivity (from which increases in the return of Government revenues can be expected to flow). This development is largely dependent upon the attraction of both men and capital (particularly risk

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Cardinal Gilroy in Rabaul



When Cardinal Gilroy arrived at Rabaul, New Britain, during his extensive tour of P-N-G in May, he was met by a police guard-of-honour and welcomed by many Europeans, Chinese, Euronesians, and natives. He is shown in happy mood during the welcome.

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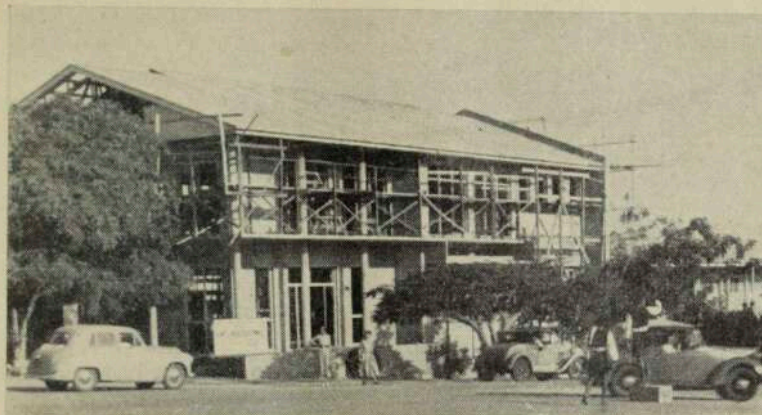
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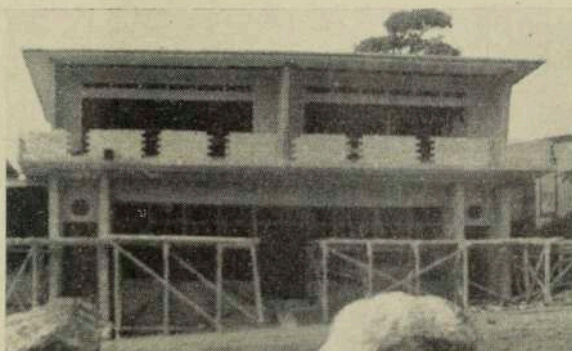
On present indications, Port Moresby — which before the war was a sleepy hollow of two or three hundred residents — will eventually be one of the most attractive tropical towns in the South Pacific. New buildings that are going up are substantial and attractive, as shown by these semi-completed structures.

At top, is the new Bank of NSW premises, at the corner of Musgrave and Douglas Streets, which will replace the old tin shed which has done duty as banking chambers and staff quarters since the end of the war. It is built of small cement bricks, and cement pillars along the facade and side of the building are a feature of the "Colonial" type architecture.

On the corner across the street, the foundations of the new Commonwealth Bank, which will be of modern design, are taking shape.

The lower photograph shows the new freezer being erected by Steamships Trading Company in Douglas Street.

When the two banks are completed, there will be only one blank corner on



Musgrave and Douglas (the third corner is occupied by the Papua Hotel) and this contains the remnants of foundations of a hotel begun by Steamships before the war and never completed.

The corner seems to be used now for assorted purposes—a taxi stand and what seems to be a depot for native police. A couple of very large dogs, which make the night hideous with their barking, also seem to live there somewhere. No one appears to know when or if STC intends to complete that hotel—but no town ever needed an additional hotel more than does overcrowded Port Moresby in this year of 1954.

British Scientists Visit Rennell

A YOUNG British scientist, Mr. John Bradley, and his wife have returned to London after collecting insects and birds on Rennell Island for the British Museum.

Rennell, 120 miles from the British Solomons, was the couple's idea of "paradise island". They found that the natives had no money or clothes worries, no weapons except catapults for hunting, and no colds or influenza.

They also found that of all the

odds and ends they took with them to the islands, the natives preferred custard.

Do You Remember Capt. Thomson?

A N overseas message in June, said that Captain George Thomson, formerly of the British Overseas Airways Corporation, has died at his home in Suffolk, aged 62.

It was stated that Capt. Thomson had crashed on a mountain in New Guinea in 1930, and subsequently the mountain had been named after him.

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

COMMERCIAL firms are drawing on NG these days for names for various trade lines. A brand of ladies' foundation garments revels in that mutilated word "Lap Lap," and I recently saw some Angora knitting wool labelled "Fuzzy-Wuzzy." Actually neither word is of NG origin. "Lap Lap" comes from the Polynesian "Lava-lava" and t'other was popularised by Kipling in his poem "Fuzzy-Wuzzy" about the bravery of the Sudanese.

Not for a moment do I suggest that the lines advertised are as synthetic as their names.

The word "lap-lap" always reminds me of the resident of Rabaul who, some years ago, in explaining to her visitor from South who asked for the derivation of "lap-lap", said: "It covers the lap, my dear."

The Army Education Corps has sent an officer to P-NG to train the

PIR in English. This should please the UNO Trusteeship Committee, which has no love for Pidgin. Nearly 20 years ago Bandmaster Crawley started training his Rabaul Police Band, not only to read music, but also the rudiments of theory; and he proved to the sceptics that the technical details were not beyond his pupils.

It was only in the May issue I mentioned that Walter H. Lucas was still his dynamic self. On June 12 he passed to his long rest, and his remains were cremated in Sydney's Northern Suburbs Crematorium on June 15. Sydney newspapers, apparently, had no space to even mention the passing of one whose influence was greatly felt in the immediate post-War I years in the Pacific. "W.H." had many critics, especially after he was appointed Chairman of the Expropriation Board in 1920—but he did his job conscientiously, as he saw it. As BP's Islands manager he was averse to employing married men on Islands plantations. "They spend too much time in the house, and planting flowers," he used to say. Returned Diggers from the First War, who were engaged as plantation men for the Exproboard, didn't appreciate this policy; and when the RS League was formed in Rabaul in 1921, with Business Manager Fred Jolley as chairman, and Frank Saunders as Secretary, a strong protest was registered against the Lucas ruling of no wives for Board employees. I was appointed publicity officer and managed to get some space in the southern papers, with the result that "Billy" Hughes, then Prime Minister, had the ban lifted, and conjugal happiness reigned supreme. I don't suppose many Diggers who attended that meeting are still up there.

One thing WH did accomplish, with good results, was to make all the plantation men coconut pest and disease conscious. There was never any skimping where pest-gangs were concerned on Board plantations.

I see that the annual conference of the NSW ALP recommends the abolition of the indenture system among the P-NG native workers. One might justifiably ask: What's the difference between the present-day indenture system and compulsory unionism? The less P-NG has contact with modern unionism for the next decade or so, the better for all concerned. The enlightenment of the P-NG natives will all come in time. And we must be careful, too, of our definition of "enlightenment."

News of the discovery of "100,000 Lost Natives in NG" by Alan Roberts and John Arthur recently, when cruising around the Mueller and Karius ranges, has brought

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some satirical remarks from English journalists. Said one London columnist:

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It would seem that the wheel of civilisation has taken a full turn and at least some people realise that our present-day Western set-up is not, after all, such a blessing as the starry-eyed theorists would have us believe. If we could pass on to these primitive people only the advantages of civilisation (of which health and hygiene are the outstanding parts) without the adversities (atomic warfare, power politics and confusion of sectarian dogmas) we might be justified in our studied, self-righteous programme of thrusting our Way of Life upon these dwellers in "undiscovered" NG. At least they should have the option of living their own lives if they so desire it.

Australia has been having more brick-bats hurled at it by members of the UN Trusteeship Council, especially India and Syria, of all places. "P-NG's educational programme for natives is inadequate and what is to become of the Nauruans in 60 years' time when the phosphate deposits are worked out?" Judging by press reports it would seem that Bert Jones, our special representative at these meetings, is quite capable of holding his own against the critics, and his replies to questions have been about the best I have read during the last thirty-odd years of these assaults on Australian administration.

Capt. Carl Haug's enquiry for old shipmates of the *Garnet Hill* (June Editors' Mailbag) brings to my mind dapper Capt. Keller (who wore his cap at the Beatty angle and was a skipper of Government steamers during the Military Occupation in TNG in the early '20's). I think he was in the *Meklong* or *Siar*. He had an attractive wife. Seaman Fehr would be K. Fehr, who owned a plantation south of Kieta, in Bougainville. I think it must have been Iwi. He, was "expropriated" and went back to Germany about 1923.

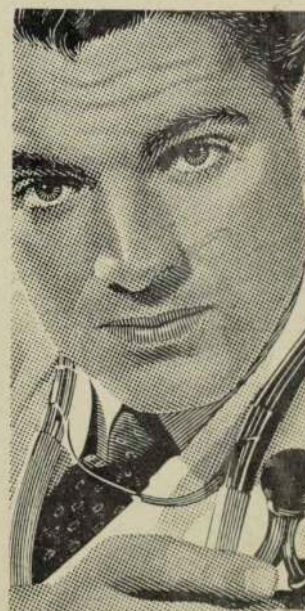
Apropos the war memorial to be erected in Rabaul ("Do You Remember?" PIM, June), it was designed by the late R. L. Clark, who was then State President of the NG RSL, and a photo of the model appeared in a PIM issue. There was, however, a memorial erected on this same site—but by the Japanese, in 1943, to commemorate their "conquest" of NG, and it consisted of a well-shaped soft-wood log, about 15 ft high, covered with Japanese

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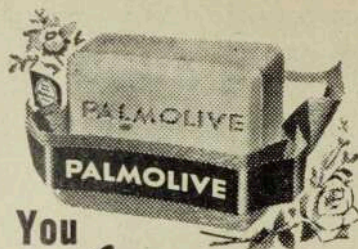
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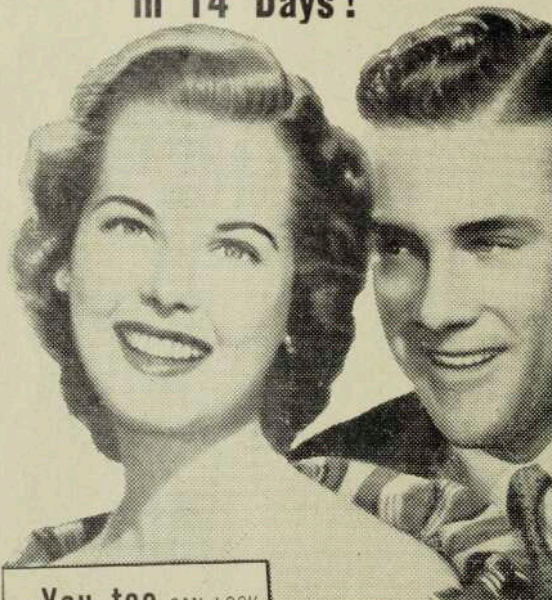
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There was a lot of good meat in an April editorial in the *SP Post* anent World Health Organisation and Australia's generosity towards under-privileged nations. The writer asked: "What has WHO ever done for NG which, logically, should be one of the first claimants for a hand-out from coffers filled by world subscription?"

One can safely ask: "What beneficial action has T-NG ever received from the two world organisations under which it has been ruled for 30 years? I can call to mind only the very effective survey made by Dr. Lambert in 1921 against hookworm. And that was under a Rockefeller grant.

If Australia contemplates continuing in the role of airy god-mother to P-NG indigenes on such an extravagant scale, then some of the monies now being spilled into the coffers of UNO for other under-privileged peoples should be diverted to the native races under our own care, and thus some relief afforded to the Australian taxpayer.

Jack Chipper, of Rabaul, a couple of months ago, summed up the present situation in a faithful description of conditions at a meeting of the Rabaul Chamber of Commerce. There are scores of residents who have aired the self-same opinions, but are not fortunate or fearless enough to have received the same publicity.

He deprecated the practice of "giving something for nothing" to the natives. And one heartily endorses his argument. The NG native is not naturally a mendicant in any sense of the word. From the crack of dawn native tradition has been "something for something" — a fair exchange; payment in some form or other.

Their old native markets have instilled this principle in their customs, whether it was a taro for a fish or a head for a head. Certainly, there are some mendicants — the "spivs," who cadge and beg at every opportunity — but they are not characteristic of the native way of life, and it is up to the Europeans to see they do not develop and become a menace. They require to be slapped down even as our own "spivs" are treated. And let not the fact that the UNO has its eyes on NG as a deterrent to slapping-down.

The possibility of the rehabilitation of the Botanic Gardens at Rabaul not being carried out (May PIM, p. 9) is sorry news. That area — pre-war — was one of the Territory's main attractions, where flowers, fruits and trees from every tropical country bloomed in profusion. It was second only to the gardens at Buitenzorg, the social

capital of Java in the Dutch time, once described as the "most beautiful in the world."

But in these years beauty must be sacrificed to "progress" and now modern pre-fabricated houses will replace the stately avenues of palms, the open green spaces, and the exotic trees. The Diddimans of the past will turn in their graves when they realise what may happen to Rabaul's Garden of which they were all so proud.

A Melbourne report recently referred to the fact that government control "over the purchase and distribution of woolpacks would cease from January 1, 1955, and over consacks from February 1, 1955." This might be a help to the kenaf producers of NG. To assist in the change-over the trade would be allowed to start buying operations six months in advance.

I enjoyed the *Canoes and Ships* stamps-article by KN in April PIM, but was surprised he made no mention of the steamer series of the old German Colonial government, which was issued for all German colonies, merely the name of the colony being changed. The "Deutsch Neu Guinea" series, overprinted "GRI," after the Australian occupation, had a good value. So much so that a "smart Alec" started overprinting the old German stamps himself and flooded the market.

The changes wrought by Time:

Lai-Lee Wedding

Miss Miriam Lai, kindergarten teacher at the Administration School, Rabaul, was married at Burwood, Sydney, on May 25 to Mr. S. C. Lee, of Rabaul. Photograph shows, from left to right: Mr. Lai For Tai, father of bride; Mr. Gabriel Achun, of Rabaul; the bridegroom and bride; the bride's mother; Miss Betty Liu, bridesmaid; Mr. Lai and Mr. Joseph Chan.

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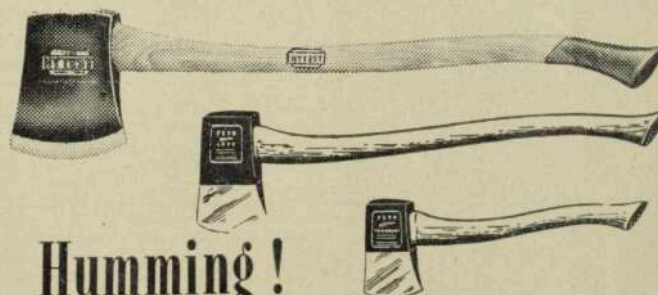
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The Hagen-Sepik patrol touched at Chauve in February, 1938. Said the leader, J. L. Taylor, in his report: "On January 29, the journey from Bena Bena to Mount Hagen began. It was marked by a great enthusiasm of the people along the route and the hundreds of volunteers to join the party. I quote from my diary of February 3: 'At Chauve about 2,000 people at the station. Visitors greeted me with cheers of welcome, outstretched hands and smiling faces. Every here and there a prominent man and sometimes a little child would kiss my hand. Hundreds asked to be allowed to go with us. Unfortunately, I could only take a few from each. Food in abundance.'"

After 16 years it seems as though the Pax Britannica policy is working in inverse ratio.

About the same time there appeared in Sydney newspapers a story, released by that mythical individual, "a government spokesman," which told of another Patrol

Officer—J. E. Wakeford—who had completed a 58-days patrol through the country of the Kukukukus (usually accepted as the "bad boys" of NG) who were described as a "kind and generous people with a wonderful sense of humour." Wakeford said the tribesmen's notorious reputation was now unwarranted.

Well, time will tell whether the Kukukukus have changed their spots, or whether it is a new technique injected during the School course at Mosman.

It was encouraging to hear Cardinal Gilroy, on his return from a visit to P-NG, remark that "New Guinea is now wide awake, although

before the War it could be described as a country asleep."

I don't know that His Eminence's remarks are quite fair in this regard. New Guinea has been awake for some years. It is the Australian people who have been asleep and are now only realising the potentialities at their northern door—economically, socially and strategically.

¶ The engagement has been announced of Miss Patricia Wiseman Clarke, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Clarke, of Brae Street, Inverell, NSW, to Mr. Alex Hopper, of Belik Plantation, New Ireland. Miss Clarke has been for some time at the Regional Library, Lae.

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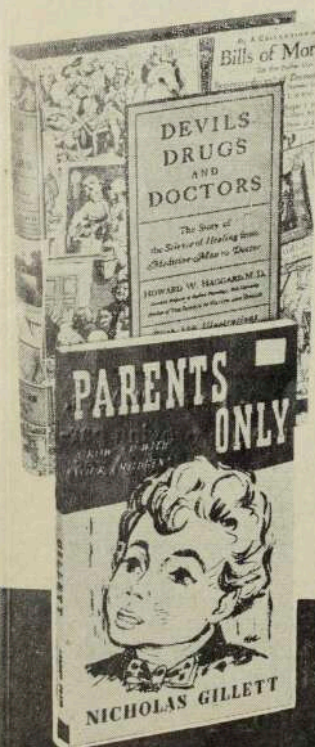
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South Pacific Air Service Reorganisation Has Pleased Few

WHATEVER the various Government airline chiefs feel about their recent re-organisation of south Pacific services, they are still earning passenger curses on some of the routes—particularly in Fiji where the whole of the former services have been disorganised.

As one irate Island resident expresses it—"the Coral route has been well mucked up."

The TEAL flying-boats that run the Coral Route to Papeete are now based on Lauthala Bay, Suva. Normally they fly a fortnightly service through from there to Papeete, but at the present season they are running a weekly service.

The additional service that TEAL used to run to Western Samoa on three out of the four weeks, has been cut out. This may not matter so much because Western Samoa is reasonably served by the USS Co.'s *Tofua*—and, of course, by the Coral Route.

But all passengers to Tahiti from NZ now fly from Auckland to Nadi by land plane. Nadi is 150 miles and 5 hours of dusty road from Suva by taxi; or 1½ hours by Fiji Airways plane. This costs the customer £8 by taxi (which can be shared) or £4 by plane. This arrangement involves a night in a Suva hotel—also at the customer's expense. TEAL will handle hotel and Fiji Airways bookings but will not make taxi bookings. Other travel agents will do any of these tasks.

Southbound TEAL DC6 services from Nadi to Auckland are arranged to connect with the Sydney-North America service by Qantas. As a consequence, passengers from Suva or the Coral Route arriving at Nadi by the 8 a.m. Fiji Airways plane must wait at the airport until 5 p.m. that day to make their connection—and then arrive at Auckland about midnight.

IT was certain that when services were reorganised in the South Pacific, for reasons of economy, there would be grouses from some communities. But Suva seems to have come out most unfortunately in the reshuffle; and it appears that little attention has been paid to their air requirements—particularly as regards the Suva-Auckland link which was possibly the Colony's most important.

The whole trouble of the Coral Route hiatus at Suva could be solved by the flying-boats calling at Lautoka. This would involve only a 20-mile ride from Nadi to the base. There is an alighting area at Lautoka—the Queen's plane used it last year when she visited the sugar town—and it seems likely that TEAL will eventually come round

to it. Otherwise their much advertised Coral Route—from New Zealand anyway—will lose much of its glamour.

A Lautoka pick-up would not, of course, help Suva-Auckland passengers, who would still have to use Fiji Airways or a taxi (or a bus) to make their connection at Nadi.

SYDNEY-NOUMEA-SUVA SERVICE

At present Coral Route travellers from Australia through to Papeete may join the TEAL flying-boats at Suva—the Qantas Sydney-Noumea-Suva service is still operating, although under threat of the axe.

Originally it was intended to withdraw this service in June but there were so many complaints from people all along the line, particularly in Noumea and Suva, that the Australian Department of Civil Aviation was called upon to reconsider the matter.

At this writing (July 1) the Dept. is still deliberating, and the Qantas service is functioning as usual. There is a rumour to the effect that the difficulty may be overcome by combining the Sydney-New Hebrides service with the one to Suva—that

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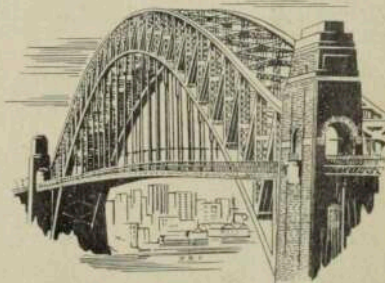
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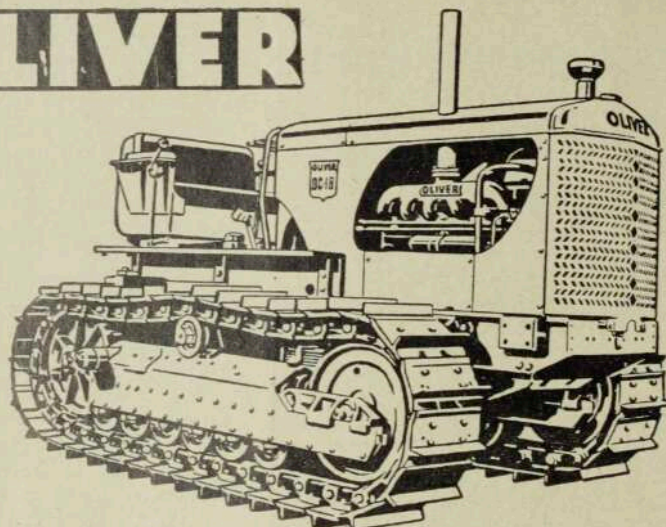
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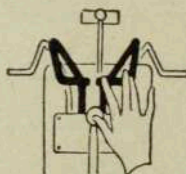
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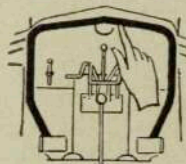
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is, one plane would make trips Noumea-Suva and Noumea-Hebrides before returning once weekly to Sydney. This would involve stop-overs in Noumea for some passengers, and the hotel accommodation position in Noumea is not good.

New Caledonia's protest comes from both the Government and the South Pacific Commission, both of which have made much use of the Noumea-Suva Qantas service to maintain communication with North America (through the international airport in Fiji) and with Western Samoa, French Oceania and other countries eastward of Fiji.

It is vital to the work of the South Pacific Commission (whose headquarters were established in Noumea by the six contracting Governments some years ago) that it has quick and easy access to the 14 South Pacific Territories which it serves. The withdrawal of the Sydney-Noumea-Suva service would embarrass the South Pacific Commission.

ROSE BAY RESIDENTS LIKE IT

However, the South Pacific reshuffle has been pleasing to some— notably the residents of Rose Bay, Sydney, who have been agitating for about 15 years to have the flying-boats removed from that exclusive harbour-side suburb.

When the last TEAL Solent left there on Sunday, June 27, that meant that movements in and out of the base were reduced by about 20 a week. Only Qantas and Ansett use the base now.

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REPORT ON TOURIST AIR TRAVEL

OUR NZ representative recently travelled from Nadi, Fiji, to Auckland, Tourist Class, in a DC-6 aircraft. He reports on this new means of travel:

As far as comfort, meals and service are concerned, for a comparatively short flight, the Tourist Class cannot be faulted. Only the "frills" have been abolished.

Located in the fore part of the aircraft, there is slightly more noise than in the first-class compartment. One fault noticeable in this aircraft was that, in rearranging for tourist class, the reading lights had not been altered to suit and reading on the night flight was therefore difficult. This matter will no doubt soon be corrected.

Greatest hardship is the reduction in baggage allowance from 66 lbs to 44 lbs for the Tourist

passenger, though this is probably adequate for the business man making a quick trip, especially if he wears his heaviest Southern suit for the flight.

But even should he carry the full 66 lbs of baggage, he would still be in pocket on the Nadi-Auckland sector where the excess rate is 3/11 Stg. per pound. The comparative First and Tourist single fares on

this sector are £NZ39/7/- and £NZ31/10/-, so if the tourist carried 66 lbs he would pay in all about £NZ36 and save £3.

It is certain that, on the Nadi-Auckland sector, where the flight takes over 5 hours, Tourist Class will be popular.

EDITORIAL NOTE: It seems to us that by going "Tourist", the Suva-Auckland traveller will just

about break even—the cost of getting from Suva to Nadi will take care of any saving on the Nadi-Auckland fare.

Sohano, on Bougainville, T-NG, will be gazetted as a town shortly. Kleta, the old district headquarters, is the only "town" on Bougainville but Sohano, now District HQ, since the war, has outstripped it.

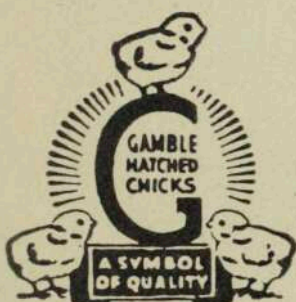
Island-Bound From Sydney on the Bulolo



The above travellers sailed to P-NG on the Bulolo from Sydney on June 23. From L to R: The Rev. J. D. Flentji, with his wife and children—Margaret, David and Shirley—were returning to Nakanai, New Britain, after leave. Mr. Snowy Halpin, return-

ing to Bulolo where he works with BGD. Sister Daisy Banner, leaves for another term with the Methodist Mission Hospital at Salamo. Mr. D. Whitcombe, who intended looking New Guinea over with a view to settling there. The Rev. R. L.

Williams was farewelled by his wife when he set out for the Baptist Mission at Baiyer River, in the NG Central Highlands. Mrs. Williams will follow in a few months' time.



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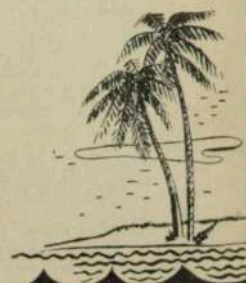
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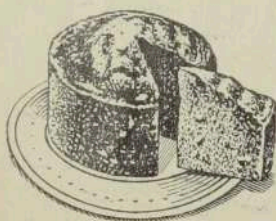
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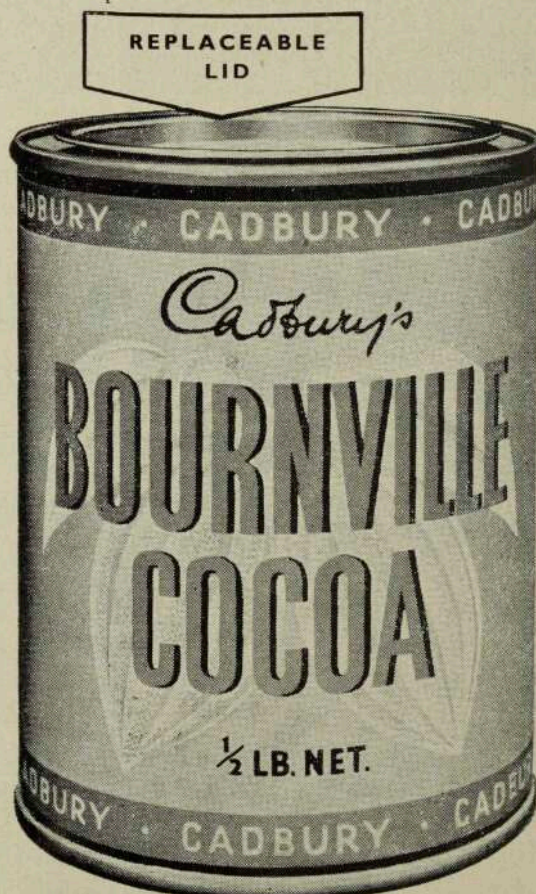
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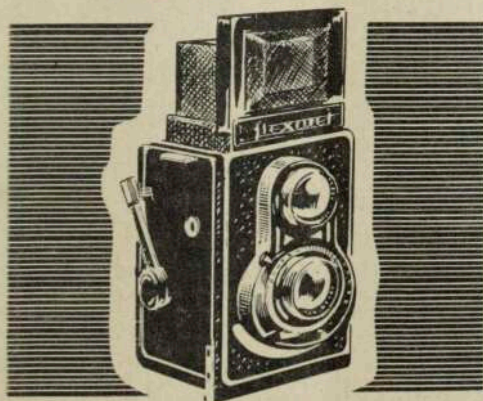
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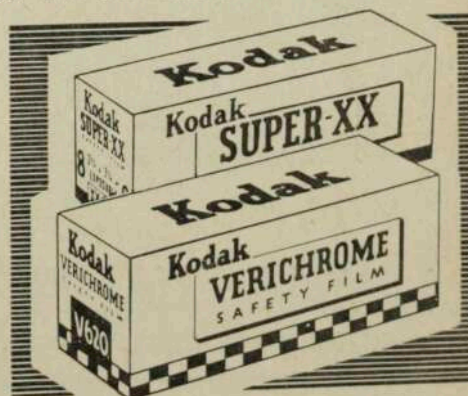


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The new arrangement should now make it possible to get seat bookings at short notice.

MORE IRRITATION IN MORESBY

PASSENGER tempers were frayed on June 22 when a Qantas Sandringham was delayed a day in Port Moresby at the direction of the Regional Director of Civil Aviation. Passengers allege that they were actually seated in the plane waiting to take off for Rabaul

when they were told to disembark.

The plane was grounded to allow an inquiry into crew complaints on rest periods—under Civil Aviation regulations plane crews must have

a specified rest period while on active flying duty. It appears that crew members had to sleep in a Port Moresby mess because no beds were available in either of the town's two hotels.

This seems unusual; we understand that rooms are permanently engaged for Qantas crew members at the Papua Hotel. However, at the same time, the hotel position

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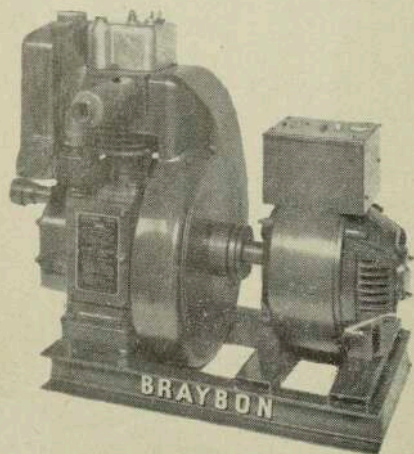
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The Papua Hotel provides all Qantas accommodation, including crew accommodation, and regular overnight passenger accommodation for the Sandringham which arrives in Port Moresby from Sydney each Monday and goes on to Rabaul each Tuesday. In addition, the crew of the Sandringham which arrives in Moresby alternate Thursdays is also accommodated for several days; there is the normal flow of travellers coming in to Moresby to await aircraft for Australia; or alternately, arriving from Australia to await transport to other parts of the Territory.

Finally, there are the travellers within the Territory seeking accommodation.

THE CASE FOR ANOTHER HOTEL

The accommodation available in the town at present is frequently inadequate for the demands put upon it. The managers of the hotels, therefore, either have to turn guests away, knowing that there is no other place for them to go; or they put extra mattresses into two-bedded rooms and earn the curses of guests already in residence.

Moresby needs another hotel, or alternately, a Qantas establishment on the lines of the passenger and crew accommodation provided so admirably at Lae.

In a number of the air services provided in New Guinea it is still necessary for the crew to arise at some ungodly, small hour of the morning. When the crew is accommodated in a hotel, that means that the rest of the guests also are awakened, which in turn, means that said guests get about four hours sleep on that night.

It is usually completely useless to try to go to bed in most of New Guinea's hotels until midnight. The bars do not close until 10, or later on the New Guinea side, and it requires those two extra hours for stragglers to get to their beds. Even then, it is not unusual for some people with little regard for the comfort of others, to make wassail for hours outside the bedroom doors of other guests.

THIS state of affairs is not the fault of the hotel proprietors or their staffs. It is the fashion in P-NG to make noise when, how and where the fancy takes you, regardless.

And added to this is the fact that in all tropical hotels the problem arises of how to let in the maximum amount of air, and, at the same time, not let in the maximum amount of noise.

Builders of hotels in P-NG have

solved the problem, for the most part, by letting in the air and allowing the noise take care of itself.

When the Papua Hotel was designed and built before the war—to cater for the wants of residents and travellers of a town of 300 or 400 residents—it was admirable for the purpose. Even to-day, under hopelessly crowded conditions, it has some features which cannot be bettered by hotels anywhere. But the European population of Moresby is now about 10 times that figure and there is much more travelling per capita of population done in the Territory now than there ever was before the war when the bulk of people went by ship and so took

their accommodation with them.

Nowhere else in the world but P-NG is it taken so matter-of-factly that one should share a room with a perfect stranger; and this uncivilised custom alone, is responsible for a great deal of the noise in Territory pubs: One person cannot make very much noise; but put two people together and they can keep their neighbours up half the night. Drag in a mattress and require a third party to sleep on it, on the floor, and the best hotel room begins to look like a camp and the three occupants can put on a party that will keep the whole hotel awake.

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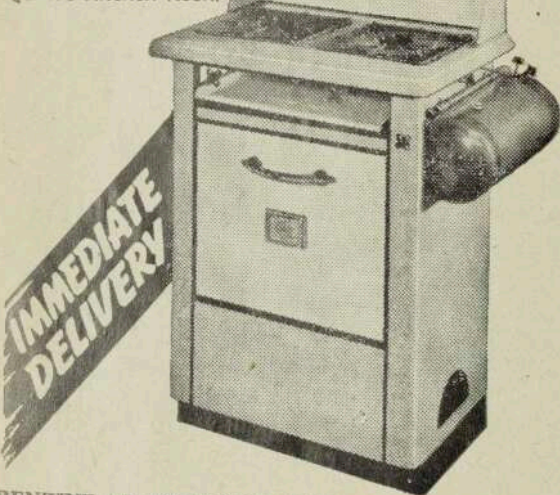
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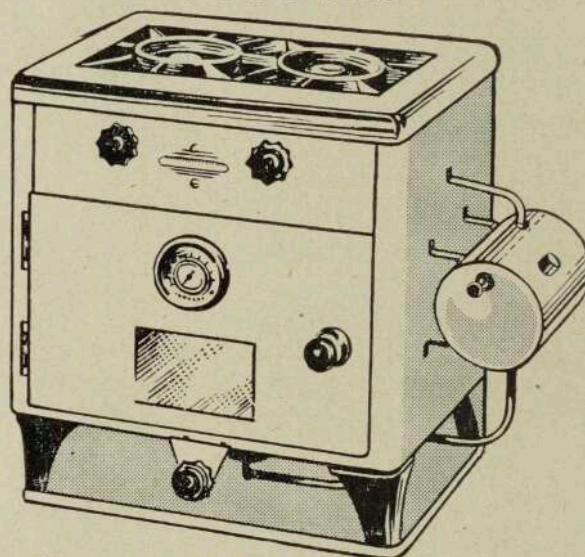
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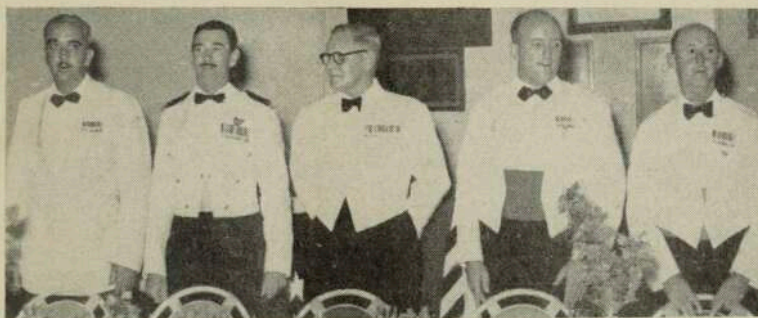
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additional hotel accommodation seems to be to supply managers with double-strength sleeping-pills, to be issued to guests, as required.

¶ Miss Barbara Furness, of the Australian Broadcasting Commission's executive's office, flew from Adelaide to Port Moresby on June 6. She will stay there for 21 months as secretary to the ABC manager for Papua and NG, Mr. H. S. Sibary.

Tenders by W. A. Purchase for the erection of three "L" type residences with native quarters at Lae have been accepted by the Department of Works of the P-NG Administration. The cost of the residences will be £4,940 each. Two are to be completed in 20 weeks, one in 16 weeks.

Old Soldiers Meet at Dinner



At the official table at the Waterloo Dinner, held in Port Moresby at the RSL Club, on June 19. From left to right: Mr. H. Triggs, Mr. C. Miles, the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, Capt. W. B. Lawson and Col. W. Young.

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Lions Club Spreading

AN International Branch of the Lions Club has been formed in American Samoa by Mr. Elmer A. Wilson, formerly of Hawaii. It was sponsored by the Kalaupapa Club of Hawaii, and 40 members have already joined.

Governor Lowe and several American Samoan officials attended the Charter dinner on June 4, and Mr. Wilson was presented with two jewelled pins—one for forming the Club and the other for doing the job alone.

The Lions, an organisation similar to Rotary, have a branch in Australia.

¶ Mr. C. J. Millar, who was formerly an ADO with the Department of District Services, in P-NG, is now superintendent of reserves in the South Australia Aborigines Department.

¶ Ratu Dr. J. A. R. Dovi, MBE, has settled down in his new post in Suva as Deputy Secretary for Fijian Affairs. He is a brother of Ratu

Sir Lala Sukuna, and he rendered distinguished service during many years as a Medical Officer in the Solomon Islands.

¶ Mr. Max Blackwood, post master at Samarai, Papua, left by Sandringham on June 25 for three months' leave in Australia. He is being relieved by Mr. Charlie Simkiss, of Port Moresby.

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The Asian Influence on Rabaul's Political Future

A SEPARATE roll for Asians is the only method of guarding against the possibility of New Guinea finding itself represented in the P-NG Legislative Council by two Asian members.

This argument, introduced in the last stages of the June meeting of Rabaul Town Advisory Council by Mr. J. L. Chipper, went enthusiastically *unsupported* by most of the other members—including Mr. D. Barrett, sitting Member for New Guinea Islands who, it is believed, has the goodwill of most of the Asian voters in the community.

Mr. Chipper was also critical of the Legislative Council in what he suggested was its dilatory manner of setting up a select committee to inquire into the composition of future Legislative Councils.

(The committee was chosen last November and it was believed, at the time, that its recommendations would be made in time to be acted upon before the election of the second Council in October, 1954. It was thought then that the Legislative Council would meet early in 1954; it did not meet until May, when the report of the committee was tabled. As a consequence, it is unlikely that the necessary legislation will be passed—it requires amendment to the P-NG Act by Federal Parliament—in time to alter the composition of the incoming Council. One of the recommendations was that the number of elected members be increased from three to nine).

Mr. Chipper claimed that, as matters now stand, Asian electors could by force of numbers elect two Asians to be the NG representatives; and that if this happened the European community would be unrepresented. To prevent this, he said, the Asians should have a separate roll and elect their own representative, while Europeans elected theirs.

The Asian members of the TAC, either because they did not want an Asian representative to Legco, or because Mr. Chipper framed the motion, seemed singularly unenthusiastic about the Asian roll.

Mr. Barrett, who was one of the architects of the report on the composition of the Legislative Council, replied somewhat tersely that, not counting those who deliberately boycotted the last election and did not enroll, there were 400 European voters; and at present there were about 300 Chinese "Australian protected persons" who were entitled to vote.

(All Asians who are born in New Guinea become Australian pro-

tected persons automatically; but at the age of 21 they are required to either revoke this status and register as aliens, or signify that they will remain "protected.")

IT has been rumoured locally that Mr. Chipper might stand as a

candidate for NG Islands electorate at the next elections on October 2. And his motion at the TAC meeting, has been interpreted, by some, as a move to separate Mr. Barrett from the Asian vote.

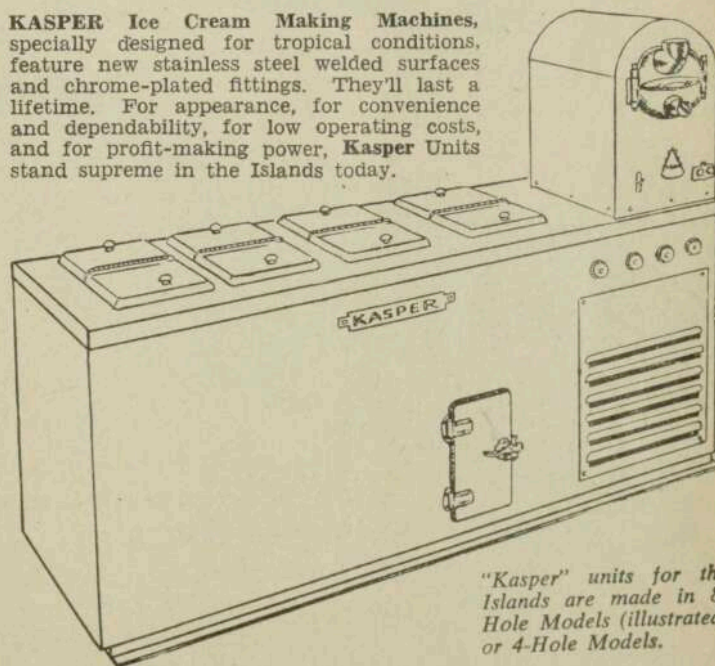
Whatever the truth of this, it is a fact that Mr. Chipper was one of the leaders of that section of the community (notably the Rabaul Chamber of Commerce) which boycotted the 1951 elections. They took the line that a Legislative Council so overloaded with official members would be largely ineffective, and as a protest against this they did not register to vote.

Most people in the Territory will now agree that although the non-

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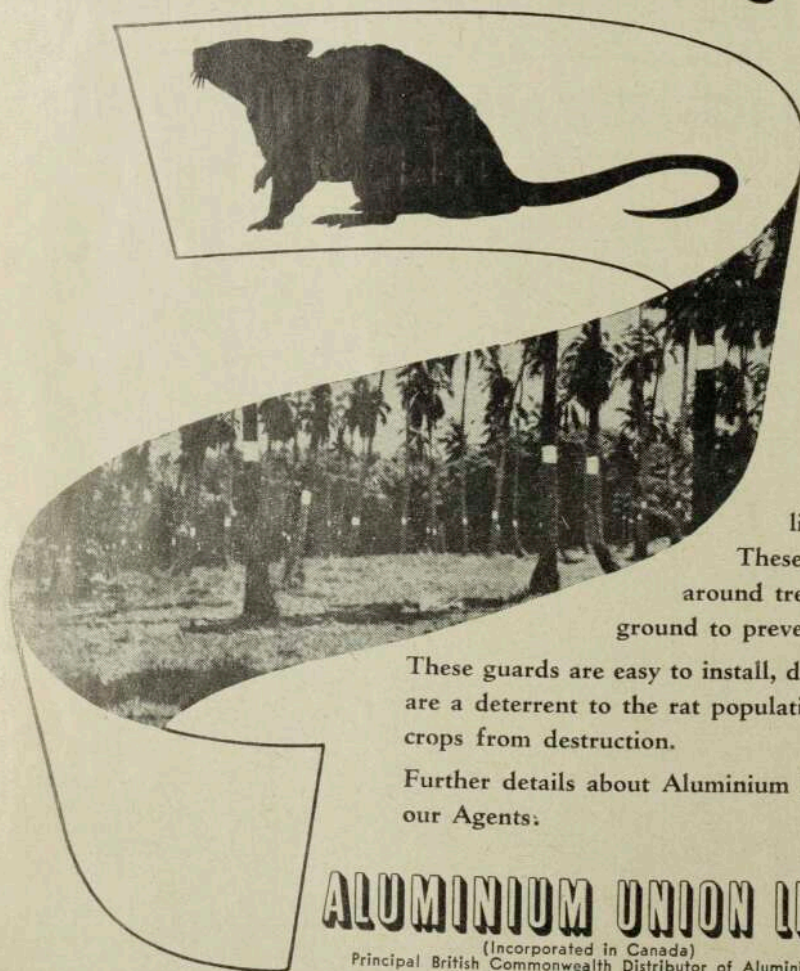
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1954 Rugby Union Tour:

The Sentiment is Out—Fijians Now Judged for their Football

THAT is how the Fiji Union footballers finished their 1954 Australian tour. They played their last match in Orange, NSW, on June 29, and left Sydney by plane on July 2, to play one match in Auckland the following day at the request of the NZ Rugby Union. They left Auckland for home by TEAL on July 4.

Their two defeats in Australia were in the first test and in one of the two matches against NSW.

They won the second test 18 points to 16 in a ragged but sensational game on the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 26, the second-last match of their tour. They also won one of the test matches during their 1952 tour, but whereas they played a "gentlemanly" game in that earlier series, they gradually adopted the more forceful Australian tactics in the series just concluded, and it was in the second test that these tactics were most apparent. With Australia fighting to win both tests, and the Fijians determined to even the test score, there were fights and brawls on the field, hooting of the Fijians by the crowd of 33,099, and argument over doubtful tries and a penalty after the full-time bell which gave the visitors their victory by a narrow margin.

Until that final bell the Fijians were trailing 15-16.

After the match everybody was wondering why three tests had not been included in the itinerary, and there was some agitation for the third to be played. But the itinerary had been agreed upon before the tour began and there was no extra match.

The hooting in the second test was not vindictive. That is the Australian fashion. It is a fair summary to say that the Fijians are accepted now, in Australia, for their football—and not as novelty visitors from some other world. This is probably a good thing, all round.

Throughout the tour, the visitors were fully as popular as they were in 1952 and they drew even bigger crowds

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through the gates. The gate takings proved their popularity, because the English Rugby League players were in Australia at the same time, and League has a bigger following in the two main Rugby States, NSW and Queensland.

The English and Fijian teams did not play on the same day in the same city, each itinerary being made to avoid a clash of matches, but when the Englishmen arrived the newspaper publicity had to be shared. In the earlier tour it was all the Fijians.

Although the financial result of the tour will not be known for some weeks, officials expected before the last game at Orange that the takings would be about £30,000 for all 17 matches. Half of this covered the expenses.

The Fijians atoned for both their

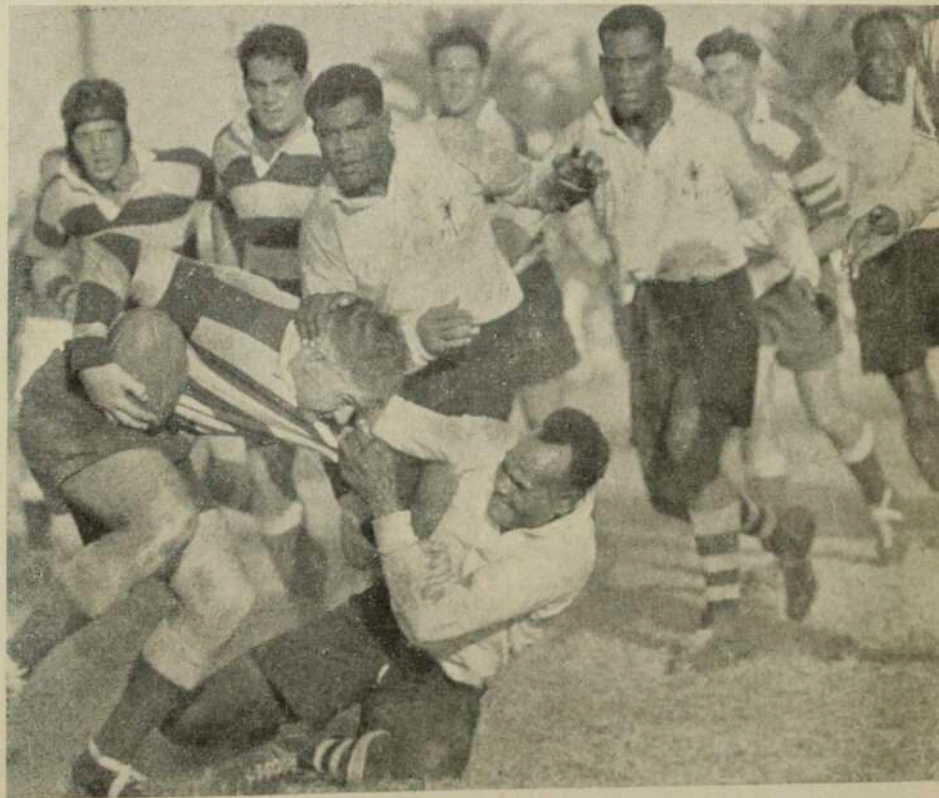
defeats, beating NSW by 24 to 19 in the return match on June 19.

They had no difficulty in beating Victoria and South Australia, the lesser States in the Rugby world, and they had runaway wins against NSW country teams. They beat Queensland 53 to 16, and Brisbane 34 to 9 in a night match—their first, played under floodlights.

At the end of the second test, S. Vatabua was the highest individual scorer with 100 points. A. Nawalu was next with 84, then G. Cavalevu with 36.

NO TONGA VISIT

The NSW Rugby Union announced late in June that it would not finance a team to visit Tonga in the near future, as had been suggested. The expense would be too great. Afterwards it was said that

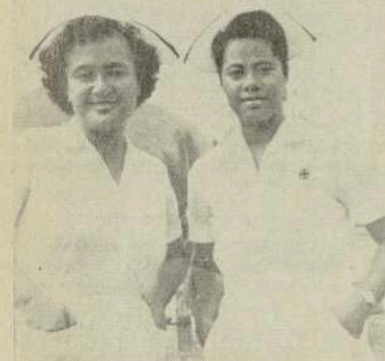


The play becomes willing during the Fiji v. South Harbour match in Sydney. Semesi Baleca tackles Outsider.
—Photo by courtesy of Sydney Daily Telegraph.

an Australian team might tour Fiji next year.

Newcastle Rugby Union endorsed a proposal to extend its team's tour of New Zealand by three matches in Fiji provided the additional expense was guaranteed. Mr. A. E. Goodsir, manager of the touring Fijian team, was reported as saying that three matches in Fiji would nett at least £1,600, sufficient to cover the expense.

Samoan Nurses for NG



Misses Tala'i Ioana and Luagia Fa'agau, graduate nurses from the American Samoa Hospital who have gone to Papua with

the London Missionary Society, to serve in the Mission hospitals there, for the next two or three years. They relieved two other American Samoa nurses who have completed their tour.

Miss Ioana is from Lau'i'i and Miss Fa'agau from Matu'u, Island of Tutuila, American Samoa.

—Photo by Pan American Prints, Pago Pago.

¶ Mr. J. W. Willoughby, assistant secretary in the Industries and Commerce Division of the Australian Department of Territories, will visit Fiji after the South Pacific Research Council meeting in Noumea to study agricultural and marketing organisation in the colony.

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Two Years' Work Completed By NZ Couple

TWO years' research into the reasons why malaria-bearing mosquitoes do not appear south of 20 deg. S. and east of 170 deg. E. in the Oceanic Pacific were completed in April.

The project was initiated by the RNZAF and supported by a grant from the NZ Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. It was carried out by a NZ couple,



Dr. Marshall Laird, who held the rank of Squadron-Leader in the RNZAF during his researches in the Pacific, and his wife, outside the laboratory in the C.W.M. Hospital, Suva.

—Photo by Jack Thornton.

Dr. Marshall Laird, MSc, PhD, and his wife, who acted as technical assistant, photographer and secretary.

Dr. Laird concentrated his studies around the southern and eastern perimeters of the malaria zone. From headquarters in Suva—a laboratory in the Colonial War Memorial Hospital made available by the Fiji Government—he made frequent visits to other islands in RNZAF planes.

In 1952 the couple spent a month in New Caledonia and visited Belep Island, north-west of New Caledonia. Although Belep is situated north of 20 deg. S., within the malaria zone, it has no anopheles mosquitoes—a distinction shared by several groups of islands within the malaria zone.

In February, 1953, Dr. Laird worked at Futuna, the nearest malaria-free island to the perimeter of the zone. It is the only island east of 170 deg. E. in the New Hebrides, which makes its immunity the more remarkable.

Later in 1953 the couple went to Bellona (Solomon Is.) and Tutuba (New Hebrides), and to the Polynesian outliers Rennell and Sikiana

Is. Both of these were considered free of anopheles till the 1930's; malaria is now prevalent on both islands.

The Lairds also visited the Loyalty Islands, G & EIC, Tonga, Cook Island, Norfolk Island, W. Samoa and Tokelau Island. A month was spent at Aneityum, New Hebrides, the most southerly—it is south of 20 deg. S.—Pacific island with malaria. Last year they tramped 8 hours daily on an 8-day trek into the interior at Guadalcanal.

Dr. Laird believes that his wife was the first white woman seen in those parts. Most of the route lay above 2,000 feet. The journey was part of their high-country research, which they also conducted in Fiji,

into the altitudinal range of mosquitoes, about which very little is known.

Discussing the project before he left Suva for Singapore in May, Dr. Laird said: "A part of its significance is to evaluate chances of the introduction of anopheles into the Pacific's malaria-free area. It is the largest malaria-free tropical area in the world, so the spread of the anopheles would be a major disaster."

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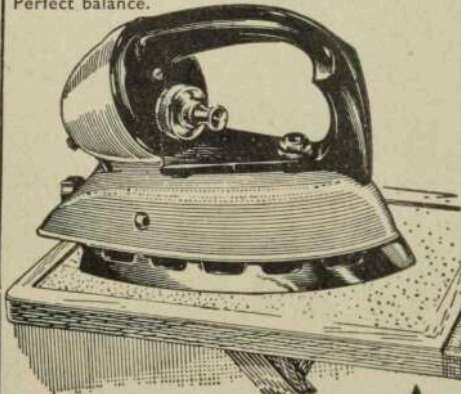
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In pursuit of the bug, the couple contracted malaria in the Solomons.

Early this year Dr. Laird was awarded a doctorate of science in recognition of parasitological and entomological research over a period of years. More than forty papers, resulting from his researches in the Pacific, have been published by various scientific bodies. On completion of his most recent work in the islands he accepted a research and lecturing appointment with the University of Malaya, situated in Singapore.—JACK THORNTON.

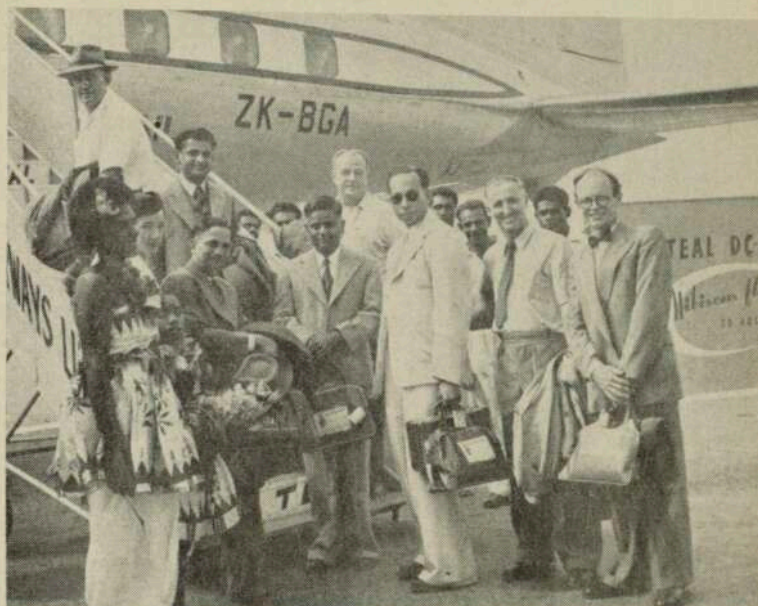
Wedding at Rarotonga

MISS DEBORAH PAMATATAU, daughter of Resident Agent Pamatatau, of Puka Puka, and Mrs. Pamatatau, was married recently at the LMS Church, Rarotonga, to Mr. Gordon Brereton, of Rarotonga Radio.

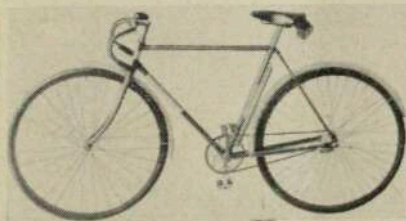
The bride was given away by Judge McCarthy and the reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ingram.

Mr. W. H. Chinn, CMG, Adviser on Social Welfare to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, visited Fiji in May-June, where he inspected all charitable institutions, various minority settlements and government detention farms, etc.

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The Secretary of State has also approved the provision of funds for these relief measures. The names of the Members of the Board and its method of operation are to be announced later.

EDITORIAL NOTE: The decision to assist "residents in straitened circumstances" followed the announcement at the end of 1953 that the British Government had given £500,000 to the BSIP from Japanese reparations. Planters urged that the money be spent on war damage compensation. This was refused—but the High Commissioner promised that cases of real hardship

would be considered on their merits. It is now nine years since the end of the war—a long time to be in straitened circumstances. It seems late to be investigating hardship arising from that catastrophe—although, perhaps, better than never.

† Mr. R. W. Smith, who was a Medical Assistant for some years in Papua—lastly at Tufi—retired from the service last year, and is now a member of the staff of Drug Houses of Australia, Ltd. He returned to Papua in June, as a commercial traveller representing that firm.

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Progress in Anti-TB Fight in Fiji

From a Special Correspondent

CRITICISM of the way in which the Fiji War Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis Fund has been administered is not justified by investigations on the spot.

Anyone who goes up to Tamavua Sanitorium, or does the rounds of Viti Levu, any day of the week, may see what is being done, and how complex are the problems involved.

The relationship between the Fund and the Anti-TB Campaign should not be confused. The Fund is not a separate organisation operating its own private Anti-TB Campaign in the field. The Fund merely makes equipment, buildings and materials available to the Fiji Health Department, and the Health Department does the work. The work it does is limited by the amount of skilled manpower available, and many other factors. Therefore the speed of progress is limited, not by the rate at which the Fund Trustees will make money available, but in the main by limiting factors in the Health Department.

There have been delays in receiving certain equipment, but these are not the fault of the Trustees. They are due to unpredictable circumstances overseas. Some delay was also caused by damage to equipment in the Suva earthquake, last year.

Late in June the Trustees issued a special "Resume" of activities to date, in an effort to clear up "some misunderstanding in regard to the administration" of the fund. The closing paragraphs:

"There has been great progress in the campaign against tuberculosis during the four years that the War Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis Fund has existed. With the equipment supplied by the Trustees the tuberculosis problem has been attacked from many different aspects.

"During the period under review over 40,000 people have been tuberculin tested, and more than 25,000 vaccinated with BCG. The number of chest X-rays interpreted annually at the Tamavua Hospital has increased from 8,000 in 1949 to 14,000 in 1953.

"The number of beds set aside for the treatment of the tuberculous has also been increased. In 1949 it was 162, to-day it is 342; and, further, there is a plan to increase this number to 398 by the end of the year, i.e., this represents a 245 per cent. increase in five years. All these increases have automatically required increases in the ancillary services, in the nursing department, laboratory department, etc.

"As the activities of the War Memorial Anti-Tuberculosis Fund

must be integrated with the facilities provided by the Medical Department, further long-term planning by the Trustees of the Fund is contingent upon the Medical Department's hospital policy, which is at present under review."

The Chinese business interests of Magazine Aline, Tahiti, leased Mr. Tony Bambridge's former store. Mr. Bambridge has shifted to the W. L. Young Building, formerly home of S. R. Maxwell & Co. Chinese interests in French Oceania now operate most of the local shipping. Their vessels always manage to return from the outer islands loaded, where ships belonging to other owners often came back half-filled.

More Goats Wanted

FIJIAN Indians are still eating goats faster than they breed them. Another 85 carcasses were landed in Suva from the *Oronsay* in May and more are being sought in New Zealand and Australia.

Comparatively few goats are reared in NZ, the most accessible shipping point, and few more, if any, in Australia. The shortage is likely to be a continuing one.

¶ Mr. R. M. Scotten, American Ambassador in New Zealand, and Mrs. Scotten, will make a round trip in the USS Co.'s *Tofua* in August, on a holiday visit to Fiji, Tonga and Samoa.

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Salvage Operations in Rabaul Harbour

The Japs Want to Buy the Ships We Sank

SALVAGE operations on the Jap ships at the bottom of Rabaul Harbour got away to a blast of Australian newspaper publicity in June.

The Sydney end of it is being handled by Mr. Nicholas S. Frangi, representative of Pacific Islands Salvage Company and J. V. Miller (New Guinea) Ltd., who have acquired the salvage rights to the ships sunk in Rabaul harbour and others off the Bougainville coast. Mr. Peter Turnbull, who has engaged in other salvage ventures in the area, is also interested.

The important Rabaul end of the business is in the capable hands of ace-diver John Johnstone, who made a survey of the area at the end of last year and who went back to do some hard work in May, 1954. Mr. Johnstone's sober approach to what he evidently regards as just another job is in contrast to the newspaper treatment of the undertaking at the Sydney end which turns it into an exciting submarine gamble where "anything is likely to turn up—even bars of gold!"—and all in glorious Technicolour!

We understand that the salvage

rights to the sunken Japanese ships in Rabaul—said to be about 200 in number, some under and some partly out of the water—were acquired by Mr. J. L. Chipper, Rabaul businessman, for a very small sum shortly after the war. Mr. Chipper's interest in the salvage operations is not known, but he appears to have retained some interest.

Mr. Johnstone, in his first dive in June, is reported to have discovered a Jap aircraft-carrier with 20 aircraft still on its flight deck. Nine tons of propeller (at £30 a ton) had also been salvaged and sold.

An impressive number of private fortunes have already been made out of war-scrap deals in the South-west Pacific. There seems no reason why another fortune should not be made from the wrecks in Rabaul and Bougainville.

But the scrap market is, not so buoyant as it was—Japan now providing the main market—although, according to the story put out by Mr. Frangi in Sydney, British, Continental and Asian interests are clamouring to establish letters of

credit in order to be on the ground floor should anything interesting come up from the bottom of Rabaul harbour.

The publicity that the venture has received in Australia is not calculated to do the shareholders any harm. To the contrary, as the principals are, no doubt, aware.

This is listed as Mr. Johnstone's last job before retirement and it is calculated that it will take two years.

Mr. Johnstone has retired twice before and his age is given at 62. He looks a very fit 50. If anyone can salvage a fortune from Jap war wrecks, he is the man for the job.

FOOTNOTE: The Japs are reported to have offered a million

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ANOTHER BUTTON FACTORY FOR FIJI

THE Governor of Fiji officially opened the Colony's second shell button factory early in June. This factory is owned by an Indian business man and former politician, Mr. B. D. Lakshman, and is located on the outskirts of Lautoka.

Like Mr. McCown's button factory, which commenced operations at Levuka last year, it is equipped with the most modern German shell-buttonmaking machinery. It has a present capacity of 200 gross of buttons per hour and will employ 14 workers.

Mr. Lakshman intends to employ his own fishing fleet to obtain trochus. Japanese are currently offering £300 per ton for trochus in Fiji—which makes for very expensive buttons.

A recent interesting addition to Tahiti's international colony is Mr. Carlos Garcia-Palacios, late Deputy Director of the Radio Division at United Nations Headquarters, New York, who has settled in Tahiti after 30 years in international affairs. A Chilean by birth, he has travelled widely on League of Nations and UN business. He speaks

five languages and has been on the staff of the International Labour Organisation, in Geneva, on UNNRA staff, and lately at UN headquarters. He plans to spend his retirement making movies and recordings for use overseas on radio and television. He is Consul for the Republic of Chile in Tahiti.



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RAROTONGA MAY BE BACK ON THE AIR ROUTES

RAROTONGA, Cook Islands, will again have an air connection with the outside world if present plans of Samoan Airlines Limited of Pago Pago materialise.

Samoan Airlines President, Lawrence M. Coleman and operations manager, Wm. H. Cox, said in Suva early June that the company expected to commence operations by late August or September, using an amphibious Catalina.

They would start with a weekly return flight from Tafuna, Tutuila, (American Samoa) to Satapuala, Upolu (Western Samoa) with a flight, approximately monthly, from Tafuna through Rarotonga to Papeete and return by the same route.

Approval has been received to operate an unscheduled service on the latter route and negotiations are now proceeding with a view to extending their link westward through Tonga to Fiji.

Under this plan it might then be possible to fly from Fiji along the Coral Route by TEAL Solents to Papeete and return with SAL through Rarotonga, Tafuna and Tonga along this company's "Last Paradise Route," as they have named it.

Mr. Coleman said that the company anticipated that traffic would probably warrant up to three flights per week on the link between Eastern and Western Samoa.

Rarotonga has not had a commercial air link since New Zealand National Airways Corporation withdrew 18 months ago, though New Zealand Civil Aviation Authority Dakotas, calling at the island about every three or four months since, have on these occasions uplifted passengers to connect with TEAL at Aitutaki.

It is understood that provision was made in the current Cook Islands Estimates for subsidising an air link between Rarotonga and Aitutaki. It is possible that the New Zealand Government intends to support the new SAL service, although it will not provide a Rarotonga-Aitutaki connection.

Motor Vehicles Third Party Insurance is to be brought into operation in Fiji on October 1, 1954. It will operate in the same way as in many other British countries, the vehicle owner being required to take out a special policy covering injury to any person other than the driver.

The American film company which planned to make a film in Western Samoa this year, based on Sir Arthur Grimble's book about the Gilberts, *A Pattern Of Islands*, has now shelved the project indefinitely.

Nukualofa Will Have Hotel

PLANs have been approved by the Tongan Government for a small but modern tropical-style hotel which will shortly be built at Nukualofa on a site to the eastward of the wharf and not far from the Yacht Club. At present only limited boarding-house accommodation is available.

The plans were prepared by the New Zealand Ministry of Works, which is also working on plans for the new Royal Palace.

Work on the hotel is likely to commence before the end of this year.

Other plans are being prepared for a hostel for the use of young

Tongans in Auckland, to be built adjacent to Queen Salote's Auckland residence acquired last year.

The Pacific Islands Society held a meeting and social evening at the Feminist Club Rooms, Sydney, on June 24. Miss Ruby Trevitt arranged a screening of a selection of colour films by courtesy of Mr. Frank Brook.

It is possible that General Charles De Gaulle will visit Tahiti in September, according to our Tahiti correspondent, who reports that an invitation to the Free French leader was conveyed from the Colony by Mayor Poroi when he recently visited France.

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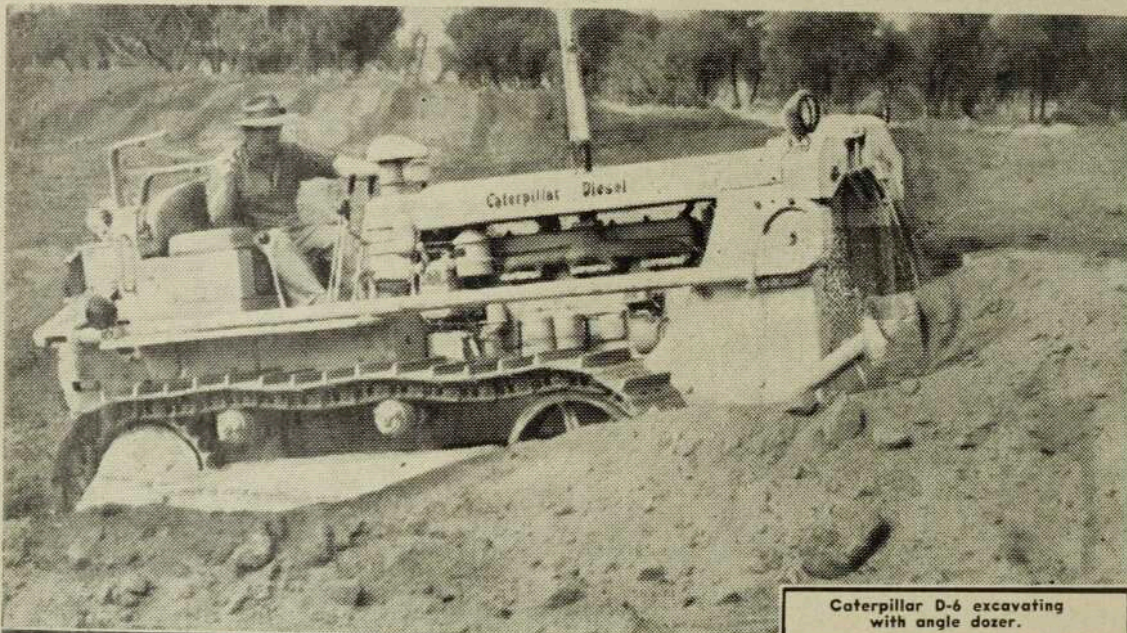
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Pacific Experts Meet at SPC in Noumea



The Research Council of the South Pacific Commission met at SPC Headquarters in Noumea at the end of May. These photographs of delegates and officials of the Commission were taken by F. E. Dunn during the session. TOP (left to right): Dr. F. Bugnicourt, of the French Institute of Oceania, standing, and SPC General-Secretary, Sir Brian Freeston, seated: Mr. John Ryan, Assistant

General Secretary of the SPC with Mr. R. Hancock, also of the SPC; Dr. A. H. Kroon, Executive Officer for Economic Development, SPC; LOWER: Dr. T. G. Lonie, Director of Health, Western Samoa; Miss Sheila Malcolm, SPC Dietitian; Mr. B. E. V. Parham, Deputy Director of Agriculture, Fiji; and Mr. D. R. A. Eden, General Manager, NZ Reparation Estates, Western Samoa.

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ISLANDERS A "NUISANCE"

SOME bad publicity for Islanders resident in Auckland, New Zealand, resulted from a recent court case there. A Crown Solicitor, opposing the appeal of a Samoan or part-Samoan against a conviction on three charges of assault, said that Islanders were "causing a tremendous amount of nuisance."

The defendant in this particular case was a 30-year-old plumber, William Bentley, whose appeal was dismissed. He received three months hard labour.

A number of cases involving other Islanders—not all from Samoa—have occurred in recent months, all following more or less the same pattern. All have had too much to drink and have shown a propensity for bashing people.

Jap War Money for NZ-ers

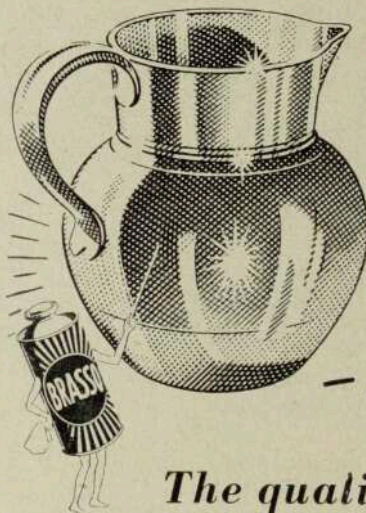
THE New Zealand Government announced in June that a grant of £25 will be made to all ex-prisoners of war of the Japanese who had been with NZ forces.

New Zealanders who suffered loss of property in German or Japanese-occupied territories during World War II—but not in Japan itself—were also invited to file claims with the Public Trustee, Wellington.

This latter seems to suggest that a New Zealander owning, say, a plantation in the Solomons might be in line for some compensation, which will be paid out of funds realised on the disposal of ex-enemy

war assets.

The New Zealand Ex-prisoners of War Association is dissatisfied with the amount of £25 and the matter will be discussed at the annual conference late in July.



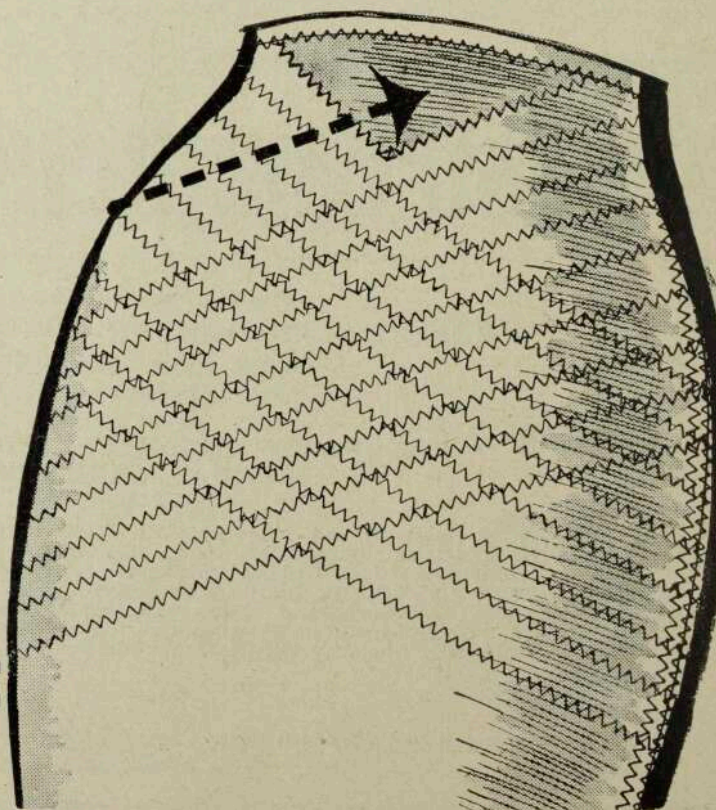
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Indian Commissioner Welcomed

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Papuan Desiccated Coconut Factory Out of Business

THE difficulties of selling Papuan desiccated coconut in Australia is the main reason why the Territory's largest desiccated coconut factory has closed down.

The factory, of Coconut Products Limited, of Aroa Plantation, Hisiu Beach, put everything up for tender in May—including a steel frame factory building of 15,000 square feet, three residences, 11 native labour houses, machinery and plant, including 4 Harvey desiccated coconut dryers and 3 exhaust dryers.

Coconut Products (which is not connected with the company of the same name in Rabaul) has been manufacturing desiccated for 25 years.

They believed the market for Papuan coconut for the next few years will be uncertain following Australian publicity over contamination last year.

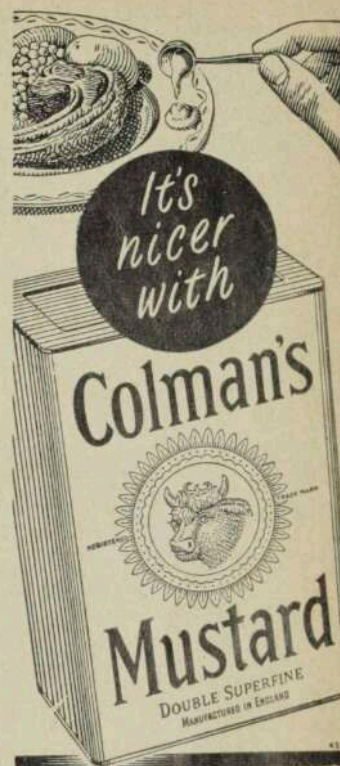
No one has yet found out what caused the contamination.

Another bacteriologist will arrive in the Territory about June to carry on the investigations which started last year. He will be from the Commonwealth Department of Health, and be seconded to the Administration.

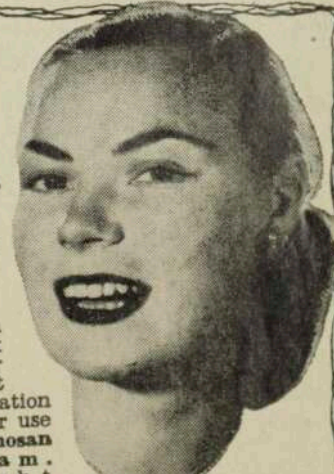
Matua off Islands Run

AS is now customary during the winter, the Union Steam Ship Company will withdraw the *Matua* from the Fiji-Samoa trade in July and the vessel will make two runs to Melbourne to load shipments of oranges for New Zealand.

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Controversy at Suva Exhibition . . .

Of the 107 exhibits at the 1954 Exhibition of the Fiji Arts Club in May, the most controversial was the oil painting "Madonna of the Palms", the work of Mrs. T. H. Parker, wife of the Senior Collector of Customs in Suva.

Mrs. Parker signs her paintings with her maiden name, Humbert, and has wide recognition overseas. She is shown here with her "Madonna".

Mrs. Parker had an early and notable career in various academies overseas. She was born in Constantinople, where her father was German Consul at the turn of the century, and after training as a child she was accepted as a pupil for portrait work by the Italian artist Pisani.

She qualified as a school teacher during World War I. Later, she again turned to painting, but was rejected by the modernistic Berlin Academy of Arts and Crafts because her work was too academic. She then took to literature, qualified as a doctor of philosophy at Gottingen, was accepted as a Fellow of Hunter College, New York, and appointed assistant professor at Vassar College.

Here she resumed her art studies and exhibited regularly.

Later, she conducted an art class in Bermuda and acted as critic.

She arrived in Fiji with her husband



last year. Discussing it as a painter sees it, she said: "Fiji has an extraordinary colouring. There are silvery-purple qualities in the air, clouds and sea which I find unusual and often baffling."—
JACK THORNTON.

Nouvelles Tahitiennes, a new official paper, recently began publication in Papeete, Tahiti. The new journal presents official news without comment.



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First officers of the Chamber are: President: A. J. Carfax-Foster; vice-presidents: Sharma and Munji Javidji; committee: Messrs. Baxter, Tom Ben, Gondrill and Lodhia; treasurer: G. Khatzi; auditor: A. Murray; secretary: R. J. Crilley.

Formation of the Chamber is only part of the evidence that Nadi has suddenly developed a civic pride. The Township Board has been enlarged and has called a special meeting to discuss town-planning. Many fine concrete buildings have been erected, and others are in course of erection or planned for this year.

There are only about 900 people in the township, but it is the centre of a prosperous cane-growing district and up to 15,000 people use its facilities.

A party of Queensland bowlers will fly to Fiji for a series of matches in August.

¶ Dr. Hector McDonald with his wife and son left Fiji in June on leave to England. At present Medical Superintendent at Makogai Leper Hospital, Dr. McDonald was formerly at Honiara, and his wife, who was in the Army Nursing Service overseas during the war, was stationed at Norfolk Island for a time.

¶ Mr. Dick Mounsey, well known in Polynesia through his visits on behalf of W. H. Grove & Sons Ltd., of Auckland, is retiring from business and will settle in a country district in New Zealand. Mr. Mounsey recently made his last visit to the Islands—a round trip to the Cooks in *Maui Pomare*.



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World Market Prospects For Pacific Crops

IN a summary of present and future world markets for Pacific crops, the South Pacific Commission *Bulletin* for April made the following points:—

COPRA: This year should see increased supplies which could have a depressing effect on prices. Conditions in USA might also cause a reduction in demand despite expansion elsewhere. Producers in British territories were given, retrospective to January 1, 1954, an increase of 7½ per cent. by the British Ministry of Food. In April, the free market price was about £10 per ton higher than the MOF price (£70), but it later declined and continuance of the wide disparity between the prices appeared unlikely.

COCOA: Main reasons for the boom prices appear to be poor crops in Nigeria and the Gold Coast at a time when stocks were low, consumption increasing, plus insufficient replanting since the disastrous prices of the early Thirties. The shortage is likely to last another five years and prices should remain good, although present boom prices are not likely to last indefinitely because they will tend to reduce effective demand and encourage substitutes.

COFFEE: Prices rose from 55 cents to more than 90 cents a pound on the New York market in the year ending April, 1954. There is evidence of a genuine current shortage due to a bad season in Brazil this year and a general higher demand since the war. Producers appear to be in a favourable position for at least two or three years. Prospects not clear beyond that because of evidence that acreage has increased in last year or two.

RUBBER: Probably the most depressed commodity on the market. London spot price of 17d a pound for No. 1 RSS in April was an increase of about 80 per cent. on pre-war compared with an increase of 150 per cent. for raw materials in general. Major reason is the production of synthetic rubber, now more than half that of natural rubber. But there are signs of improvement. USA industry is using more natural rubber because of the lower price, and production of synthetic has fallen. A further serious fall in prices is not likely.

FRESH FRUITS: Demand in New Zealand for bananas, pineapples, oranges and tomatoes exceeds supply, even though imports of bananas and oranges were records last year. NZ incomes are likely to be 10 per cent. higher this year, and demand should continue.

Other markets expected to be sound except USA.

SUMMARY: The outlook for all crops except rubber is good, the other main weakness is with copra producers who must rely on the free market.

But, in the longer view, it seems that world economic conditions are getting back to "normal." One of the consequences will be fluctuating prices and, in some cases, a fall over a period. This does not mean that a slump is coming on anything like the scale of the early Thirties, but from now on, calculated boldness will pay better than the previously successful spirit of rash overconfidence.

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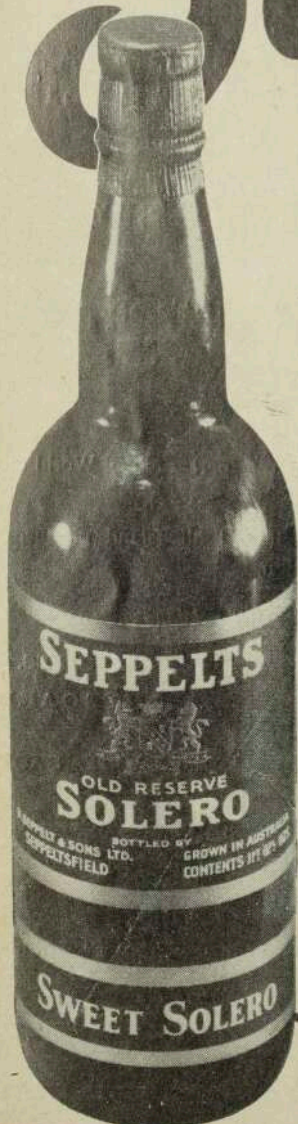
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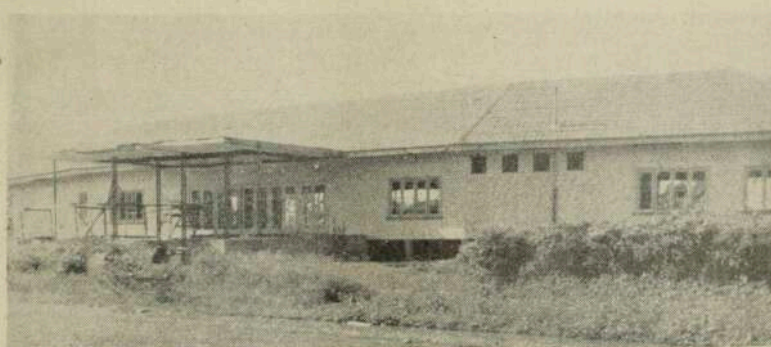
The Growing Town of Lae

TOP: The unusual and attractive Catholic Church which has a commanding position on the edge of the Terrace. Between this new church and the modern picture theatre and its attendant shops, is the unfortunate wartime structure known as Lae Hospital. Lae is to get a new hospital someday.

We understand that the site allocated for the hotel was on or near the site on which the church now stands. But Mrs. F. Stewart preferred to build her hotel down on the flat.

Lae's business community thought they did too, but one by one they are rebuilding on the Terrace.

LOWER: This fine new building is being erected on the Terrace at Lae, N.G., for the Lae Club.



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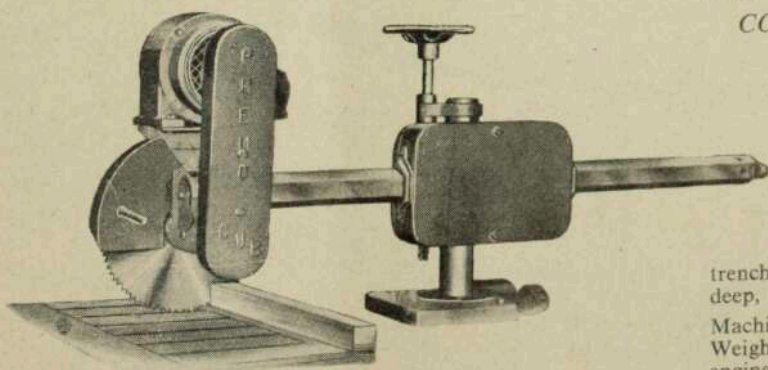
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Travellers on the Soochow from Sydney

Among those who sailed for Papua-New Guinea on the Soochow on June 16, were (left to right): Mrs. R. Tolhurst (right), with her two children, Timothy and Louise, who were returning to Port Moresby after several months' holiday. They were farewelled by Mrs. G. Dunn, of Keravat, who was on leave. Mrs. L. McHardy, of Melbourne, who visited her son at Lae. The Rev. T. J. Gibson with his wife and a friend. He will relieve the Church of England Minister at Lae, who is due for leave. Mr. Gibson has visited Rabaul twice previously. Miss Barbara Graham with her mother, Mrs. K. Graham. Miss Graham recently graduated from Sydney University as a geologist and will work at Port Moresby for the Australasian Petroleum Co. The Rev. R. Reah and the Rev. S. D. White, who were on their way to Wabag in the New Guinea Highlands.

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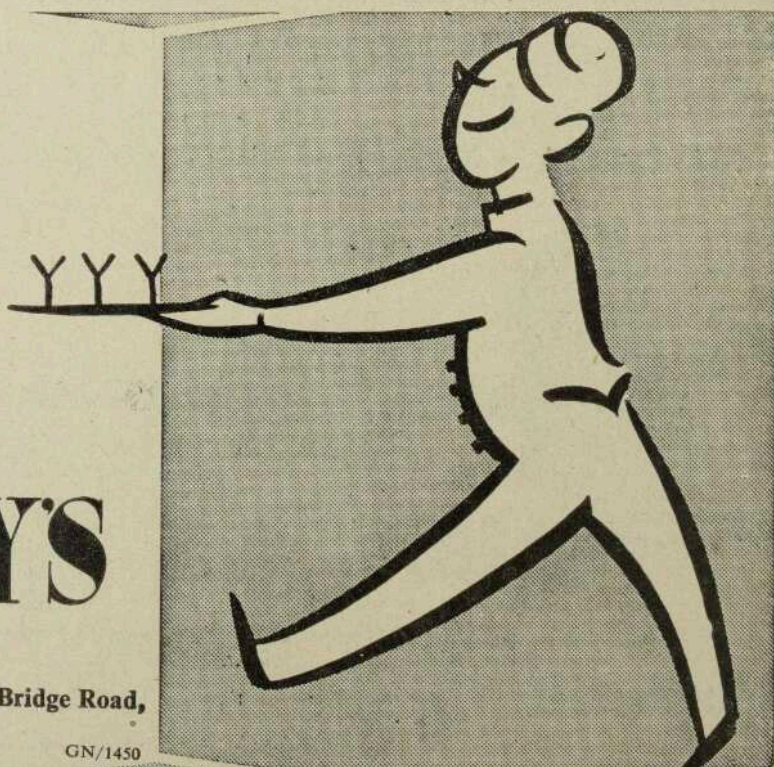
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FUR COATS IN FIJI

Letter to the Editor

THERE was a time when we thought that the days of dressing Fijians and other native peoples in unsuitable clothing were past. People denounce the early missionaries who introduced "Mother Hubbards" and other voluminous garments to the Islanders in the name of modesty; but does anyone worry about the garments which are sold in our time to the Fijians and other races for the sake of profit only?

For some time I have been concerned at the ridiculous garments which are sold by irresponsible storekeepers. My classic example is that of a man's satin reversible, silk-embroidered jacket (lumber type), thickly padded all through, which I felt sure would never pass beyond the doors of the store in which I saw it. As a garment, it was neither serviceable nor suitable for any man of any race to wear in this climate as a utilitarian garment; but I realised how wrong I was when only a few days later I saw a Fijian walking along the sunlit street, resplendent in his padded jacket. On this occasion I felt that the storekeeper was to blame for having no conscience in the matter.

On reading your April issue I found this reported, in connection with the Cathedral Building Fund: "She has sold half a dozen fur coats (which must be the Fiji equivalent to selling refrigerators to Eskimos) and loads of heavy underwear."

Speaking as one who has lived and worked among the Fijians for years, and who is concerned for their welfare, I can't help feeling that this sort of thing is unwise, however worthy the cause for which the money was used in this particular case. Surely the use of such unsuitable clothing is only encouraging chest complaints and other ills which the country as a whole is trying to fight, and responsible people should have a conscience about either giving away or selling such garments to the Fijians, Indians, and Chinese.

It is true that some of these people feel the cold in the cooler months, but it is not to their ultimate good to encourage them to wear heavy underwear, fur coats, padded jackets, and polo-necked sweaters in this climate.

I am, etc.,

LILY M. HILL.

Savu Savu, Fiji.

Two Samoan boxers, Suival Paiana and Pasitale, under the management of Mr. Eugene Paul, of Apia, were to visit Papeete, Tahiti, in July, each to fight three bouts with local boxers. Mr. Gustave Spitz was promoting the event at the Tahiti end, which was arranged to coincide with the July celebrations.

Niue Murderers Will Be "Educated" in Gaol

ALTHOUGH they are unable to read or write and speak only broken English (other than Niuean), an attempt is being made to rehabilitate the three Niue Islanders now serving a life sentence in Auckland prison for the murder of the Island's Resident Commissioner, Mr. H. W. C. Larsen, in August last year.

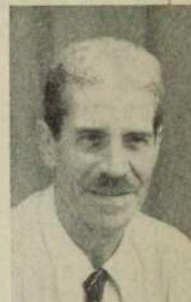
A native officer of the Island police is with them as interpreter.

The eventual release of the prisoners and their return to the Island will be at the discretion of the Executive Council.

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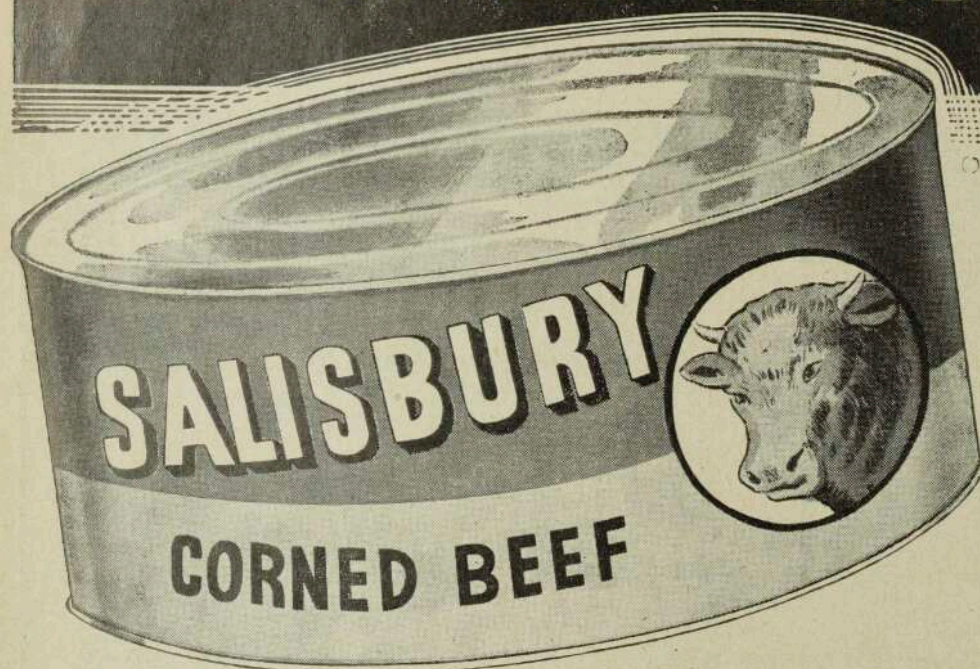
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First, the jagged outline through the blue haze; then the individual valleys and peaks sorting themselves out; the dense coconut groves of the coastal plain with the white line of surf breaking on the encircling reef; and, finally, the twin settlements of Avatiu and Avarua behind their separate reef passages.

There is the exciting disembarking by winch-hoisted basket to a lighter at the ship's side, and ashore, the prospect—at first sight, anyway—is scarcely less pleasing.

For the visitor, the Rarotonga Hotel is as pleasant a stopping place as any in Polynesia—and the drive round the island's lovely, shady, 21-mile roadway can be repeated again

and again, and never palls.

Along the byways, in towards the mountains, the orange groves are green and pleasing, the rough-surfaced little lanes edged with red hibiscus; and a climb by foot up one of the inland valleys, past the taro swamps and along the banks of some mountain stream, through the semi-tropical forest, is sheer delight.

BUT that is about the extent of the pleasant prospects in the Cook Islands to-day.

Dominating everywhere is an over-riding air of depression, discontent and dead-endedness which

pervades every aspect of native life. There is no village leadership; no village pride; practically no village life or even real family life; no discipline; little respect for anything; and only one visible ambition—to get to New Zealand.

That is not to say that nothing is being done to improve this situation. The Further Education Scheme is one effort in the right direction; and Mr. Ron Thorby's experimental farm on Mauke could be another. But, at the moment, the foregoing is roughly the situation in the Cooks.

This malaise is reflected in the citrus replanting scheme—apart from a box-wood timber scheme, the only enterprise of any importance in the Cooks Lower Group.

The citrus scheme is a 90 per cent. Government industry. The peoples' part is merely to have grudgingly permitted the Government to use the land. It is surveyed by the

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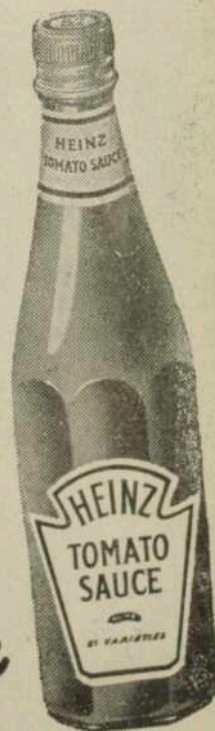
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During this period the owners, almost to a man, sit on the sidelines and show no interest. Most are then prepared to pick the fruit (after the cases have been delivered to the orchards) but they are not compelled to pick. The Department will arrange that, and, of course, the transport to the packing sheds. This is fruit growing *de luxe*; heads we win, tails you lose!

Once the orchards start producing, the Department deducts the charges which have accrued at the rate of 75 per cent. of the takings, the other 25 per cent. going to the land owners. Eventually (in theory, after about 10 years) the orchards become free of debt and pass entirely into the hands of the land-owners. But even the owners admit that, in actual practice, the day that most plots are turned over to the owners, they will immediately start reverting to jungle.

If the Department values its considerable investment, and all the Government effort that, has

been put into the scheme, it will never allow the plots to become entirely free of debt. Most of the owners will not want them to be handed back entirely to their care, anyway.

The citrus scheme aims at a target production of 75,000 cases

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plantings will, it is hoped, expand at the rate of 50 plots per annum until 825 acres in all have been planted up on the four islands.

Probably New Zealand could buy cheaper and better oranges elsewhere—these cost about £3 per 70-lb case by the time they reach the public—but the scheme is designed to give the Cook Islanders an incentive to become private producers; and as a means of improving their standard of living.

It is true, of course, that a few islanders have responded favourably, have provided the labour themselves, and have already freed their plots of all debt, but for all practical purposes there is no interest whatever in the citrus scheme—except on pay-day, when a good percentage of the pay-out goes into the making of a bush-beer binge.

IN Rarotonga, especially, there is a large influx of people from the northern atoll islands who are, of course, landless in Rarotonga. They depend largely for their livelihood on the precious tomato crop for which no shipping is guaranteed.

Landowners permit them to grow tomatoes, on a profit-sharing basis, but these people often lose, after having put a lot of hard work into the crop, if it happens to ripen between ships.

The Administration has not been prepared to arrange a guaranteed shipment.

In addition to these northern "aliens", a few of the keener Rarotongans — the same men who manage their own orchards — also take a gamble on tomatoes. But tomatoes are not a Government scheme. The Administration has decided that the citrus investment is enough to gamble on for the present.

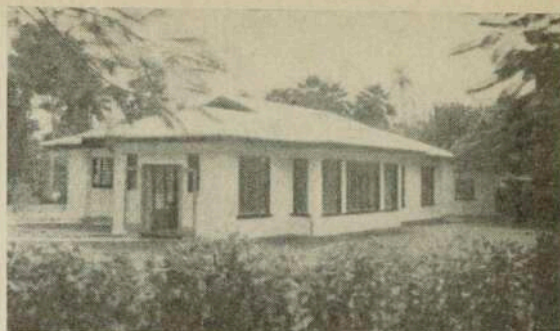
For it it a gamble: It costs from £250 to £300 to bring a 90-tree plot to the bearing stage, and a great deal of money has been laid out in field and packing-shed equipment. Rarotonga has just installed a £1,200 grading machine in each of its seven packing sheds. Other equipment is coming. Any year a hurricane could cause great destruction to the orchards.

WHAT then is wrong with the Cook Islanders?

The islands are a dead loss to New Zealand. This year New Zealand taxpayers will pour out funds to the extent of £25 for every one of the 16,000 persons in the Cook Group—plus a further £50,000 or more to offset the loss sustained by the operations of the *Maui Pomare*.

New Zealand is not making a penny or gaining in any way whatever by administering these islands. The people are living on charity and making no effort to help themselves.

The most controversial building in the Cook Islands. This Official Secretary's house was built last year by the local PWD from local "inexpensive" coral-lime, at a cost of £7,364 — plus another £1,000 for separate servant's quarters, etc. This building is cited as an outstanding example of misdirection of funds in the Cook Islands.



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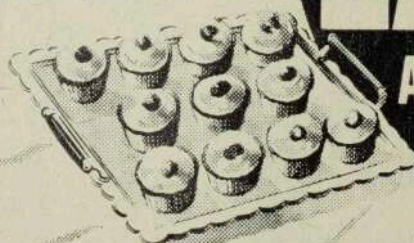
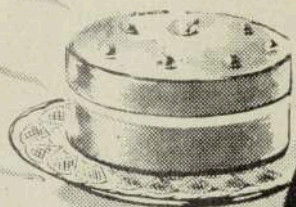
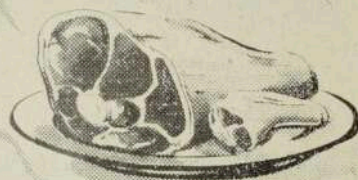
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How they came to that state and whether or not it was in any way the fault of New Zealand is another question entirely.

The Cook Islanders of to-day point to the houses of the Administration officials and calculate what they cost. But, after all, who paid for these houses? The NZ taxpayer.

The roads are dusty. But are the villages forming working bees to help improve them?

The water supply is bad! So it is—but, after all, why should the New Zealand taxpayer be interested in a modern water supply for Rarotonga when there are plenty of places in New Zealand, in productive areas, where the water supply is just as bad?

Can the New Zealand taxpayer be expected to continue to pour out charity to a people who are not even able to reorganise their system of land ownership so that they can rebuild broken-down, unhealthy wrecks of semi-European-type houses; or re-roof the old stone buildings that are scattered through every village?

So many people claim ownership of one piece of land or a house that it is impossible for them all to get together to agree to rebuild. So the houses drift from bad to worse.

Aitutaki is possibly the most disgraceful example of this housing deadlock, although the American troops during the late war, provided such a rich harvest the owners

could well have afforded to rebuild.

THE system of communal ownership is the major stumbling block between the old and new ways of life. There is absolutely no incentive for a Cook Islander (or for that matter for any Pacific Islander) to venture into some industry. Even where he can obtain clear title to a piece of land, his relatives will milk him of the proceeds of his enterprise. Why work for a bunch of lazy brothers and cousins? So why work at all?

In fact, there is only one way out: Escape from the whole mess to New Zealand where a man can earn as much in a month as he could ever hope to earn in a year, in the Cooks; and where he can do what he likes with what he earns. Even after grub-staking the lazy brothers back home, there is still plenty over.

Viewed from a practical business point of view it would pay New Zealand to leave the Group and to take all the Islanders who wished it, along as well. About 80 per cent. of the people would jump at the chance of resettlement in New Zealand. Those who wished to remain in the Cooks could look after themselves.

Otherwise, if New Zealand hopes to retain trained — or even untrained — administrative staff in the Group, it will be necessary to pay New Zealand rates of pay or, alternatively, to completely ban all emigration from the islands.

At the moment, the Administration offices, schools and workshops are training grounds for emigrants and this situation is rapidly becoming a major problem.

Scholarship students are refusing to return to Cook Islands conditions and rates of pay once they have

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completed their courses in New Zealand.

Some believe that payment of New Zealand rates of salary would not halt the drift, and might even speed it up, as improved education is doing.

The emigration problem is discouraging to the European administrative staff and to private enterprise. Most European administrative staff have the interests of the Cook Islanders at heart. They do not blame the Cook Islanders for trying to escape from it. But they continually see their efforts in training a staff member thrown away after a few months or years, and have to start from scratch again with a new trainee—with the sure knowledge that the same thing will happen again.

The Administration has said that there are no positions filled by Europeans in the Cook Islands to-day that can be filled by Islanders. That is true, but the Islanders seldom remain in those positions with their low native-scale salaries.

The present Government salary scale is unjust in that an Islander with qualifications equal to a European, can never receive anything like the same salary, housing conditions, etc. Thus, he leaves and goes to New Zealand—whereupon another European has to be imported and housed, and an impressive Public Works Department has to be established to provide the

houses and the other facilities that the European demands before he will agree to come to the job.

THIS is the broad problem that New Zealand faces in the Cook Islands to-day. Whatever decisions are made, short of quitting the Islands entirely, costs are

going to increase year by year.

If the present trend continues, the Group will eventually be populated by a large staff of well-housed Europeans and a mere handful of Islanders. There will be 800 acres of citrus orchards, maintained by labour demanding New Zealand rates, plus tropical allow-

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ances, and producing oranges at several times the cost that they could be obtained from elsewhere. The Islanders will all, or nearly



Recent travellers between the Cook Islands and New Zealand included (top to bottom): Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders, of Auckland. Dr. Saunders and Mrs. Choate, of the Crippled Children's Society, made a June survey of crippled children in the Cooks Lower Group to choose those to be taken south for treatment.

Miss Poko Utanga, of Rarotonga, now studying at Ardmore Teachers' Training College, Auckland, and Miss Taiti Cuthers, of the same island, now training as a nurse at Auckland Public Hospital.

Mr. P. T. Karika was farewelling Mr. U. Utanga, Rarotonga school teacher who returned after six months' leave in NZ.

Miss Rita Fortes and Miss Doris Daia, both of the Cook Islands and now resident in New Zealand, farewelled friends leaving on June "Maui Pomare". With them is Mr. Norman Truscott, of Auckland.

all, have escaped from the land that Europeans frequently try escaping to!

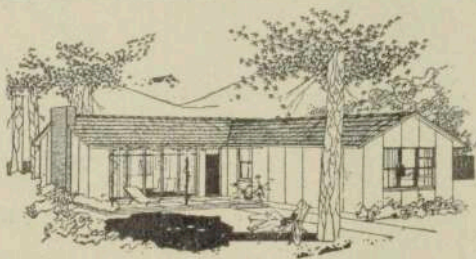
Some of them, due to the hopelessness of the environment of their upbringing, will never adjust themselves in New Zealand. They will waste every penny they earn. But the majority, once away from that Limbo that the Cook Islands have become to-day, will find new hope, new incentive. They frequently obtain good positions, save their earnings and send their children to good schools where they, in turn, are treated as 100 per cent. New Zealanders, with the same opportunities when they leave school.

The Cook Islands Lower Group is fertile and could provide all manner of tropical produce, but so

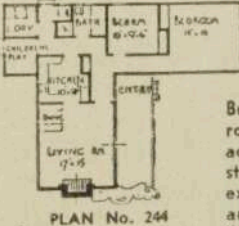
long as the present situation exists, the islands will continue to lie idle, non-productive, and a temptation to the hungry hordes to the north-west.

¶ The Mayor of Suva, Mr. D. M. N. McFarlane, opened a new wing to the Suva Merchants' Club in May. The new extension was formerly the Masonic Lodge Building.

Dr. Norma McArthur left Canberra at the end of June to study population trends in Australian and Dutch New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. It will be the second part of the survey she began last year. She will be away about four months, mainly studying records at Administration centres and missions.



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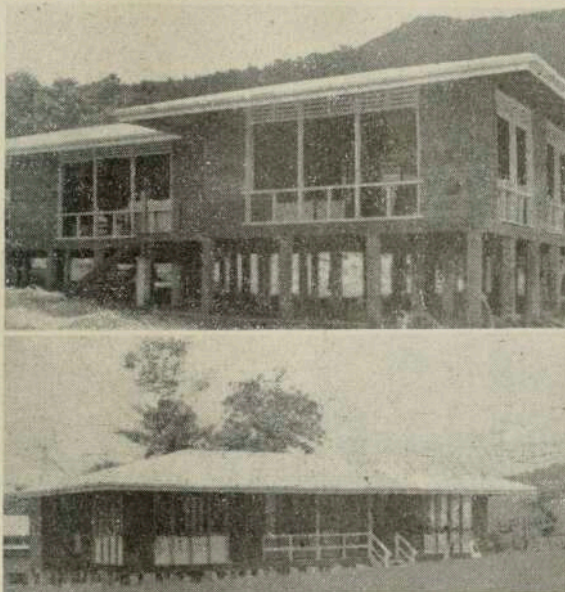
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The houses are attractive and are built in the oiled timber which is the most popular building material for private or commercial purposes in post-war Rabaul. These houses are such an improvement on the temporary houses that preceded them, any criticism seems mere quibbling. But on tropical standards, they are compact to the point of being crowded. In the 2-bedroom house, the fuel stove in the kitchen (opening off the living-room) is likely to prove a central-heating unit for the whole dwelling. There is virtually no verandah space. However, each house is to have a septic tank and—provided that someone can devise a means of keeping up a water supply during the dry season—that is going to be a decided im-

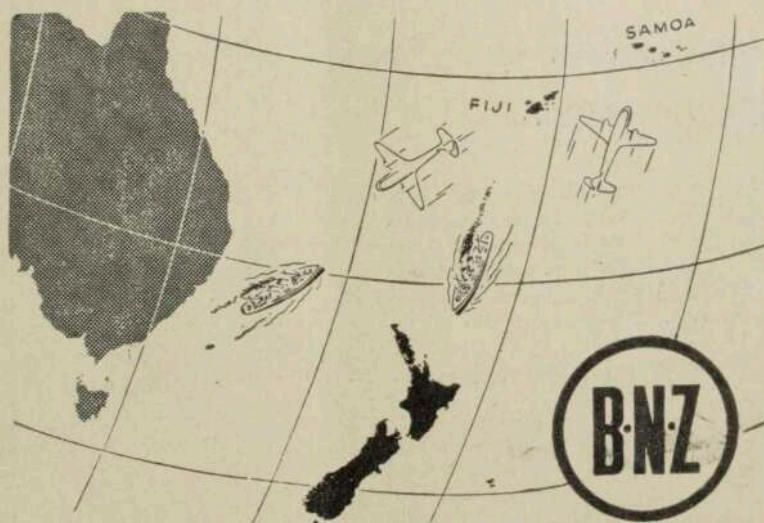


provement on Rabaul's present obnoxious sanitary system. The houses—around 19 in number—are being built by Italian workmen under contract.

Mr. V. H. Long paid a compliment to Territory drinkers when he returned to Sydney after managing the Cosmopolitan Hotel at Rabaul for the last six months. He said their drinking was more "civilised" than in Sydney. The Cosmopolitan had no brawls and few drunks.

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NOTES FROM NORFOLK ISLAND

(From Our Own Correspondent)

NORFOLK IS., June 17.

Although it will be another two years before we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the settlers from Pitcairn, the Administrator has convened a meeting to plan the celebrations, and committees have been formed. A big contingent of V.I.P.'s, old residents and tourists is expected in 1956.

Casual labour is hard to get these days. Work on Government House and houses on Quality Row is absorbing the skilled tradesmen, and another gang is busy on fencing-in Queen Elizabeth Avenue in readiness for more tree planting.

It is likely that most residents will pay their public work tax this year instead of doing their work at scrub cutting or on roads. The levy is 10 days' work or £1 per day in lieu. Last year's innovation requiring residents over 55 to pay the tax unless they have been living here for 10 years, brought in a welcome £250.

The Archbishop of Sydney, Dr. Mowll, made a short visit to the Island on his way home from New Zealand. He confirmed a number of parishioners and drew the biggest attendance in years when he preached at St. Barnabas' Chapel. The Archbishop was interested in the Island's traditional hymns. The men's choir, led

by Mr. Carty Christian, sang them at a social in Rawson Hall.

Work is proceeding on Kingston Jetty, steel girders being driven as piles to hold the concrete work. An old convict-built building has been restored for use as a Customs and cargo shed. It is now almost the same as it was when the Pitcairners first saw it nearly 100 years ago.

Old-timer, Mr. Fred Tattle, returned after a long holiday in New Zealand, but had to go back there in a special plane after an operation.

Mr. W. G. Johnson, chairman of W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji) Ltd., ordered a number of passenger and commercial vehicles while he was in Adelaide early in June. He said some of the vehicles would be used as taxis for the tourist trade in Fiji.

For the first time since before the war, snow capped the peak of Mount Wilhelm in Central New Guinea on June 8. It is the only mountain in P-NG where snow has ever been recorded.

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NOUMEA HAS TOO MANY MOTOR VEHICLES; TOO MANY BAD DRIVERS

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, June 15.

WHEN the *Caledonien* arrives at the end of June she will bring a near-record cargo of 71 new cars to be added to the 5,600 already in New Caledonia; and traffic hazards will be increased proportionately.

If the present rate of importation continues, Noumea streets will soon become impassable. There are daily peak-hour traffic jams now, and the rapid increase in accidents is worrying the authorities. There is at least one accident a day, and nearly every holiday brings a fatality.

Too many cars, and inept, speeding and careless drivers are being blamed. Police have been given orders to control traffic more strictly and the number of "tickets" being handed out shows how seriously they are taking them.

Not the least danger on the road are the Tonkinese drivers. They are a menace to other peoples' lives and their own. They appear to be devoid of sane reactions and go into a panic at the first sign of a traffic hazard.

No New Hebridean resident will quarrel with the statement that a Tonkinese on a bicycle is bad enough, but that behind a steering wheel he is a public menace. With his increasing prosperity, he is to be found at the wheel of fast, murderous cars. He is often contemptuous of the law and thinks nothing of driving without a licence.

N. CALEDONIA'S METAL ECONOMY

From Our Own Correspondent

NOUMEA, June 15.

NEW CALEDONIA's trading figures for the first four months of the year emphasise its economic dependence on the mining industry. A depression in this industry would be disastrous.

In the four months, exports of chrome and refined and unrefined nickel at £3,014,000 approximately were almost equal to the total imports, £3,041,000.

The total exports were £3,530,000, coffee (£337,000) being the most valuable commodity next to the metals. Miscellaneous exports in order of value were copra, hides and trocas.

Coal from Australia for the nickel smelters at Noumea and petroleum products from Indonesia and USA formed the bulk of the imports.

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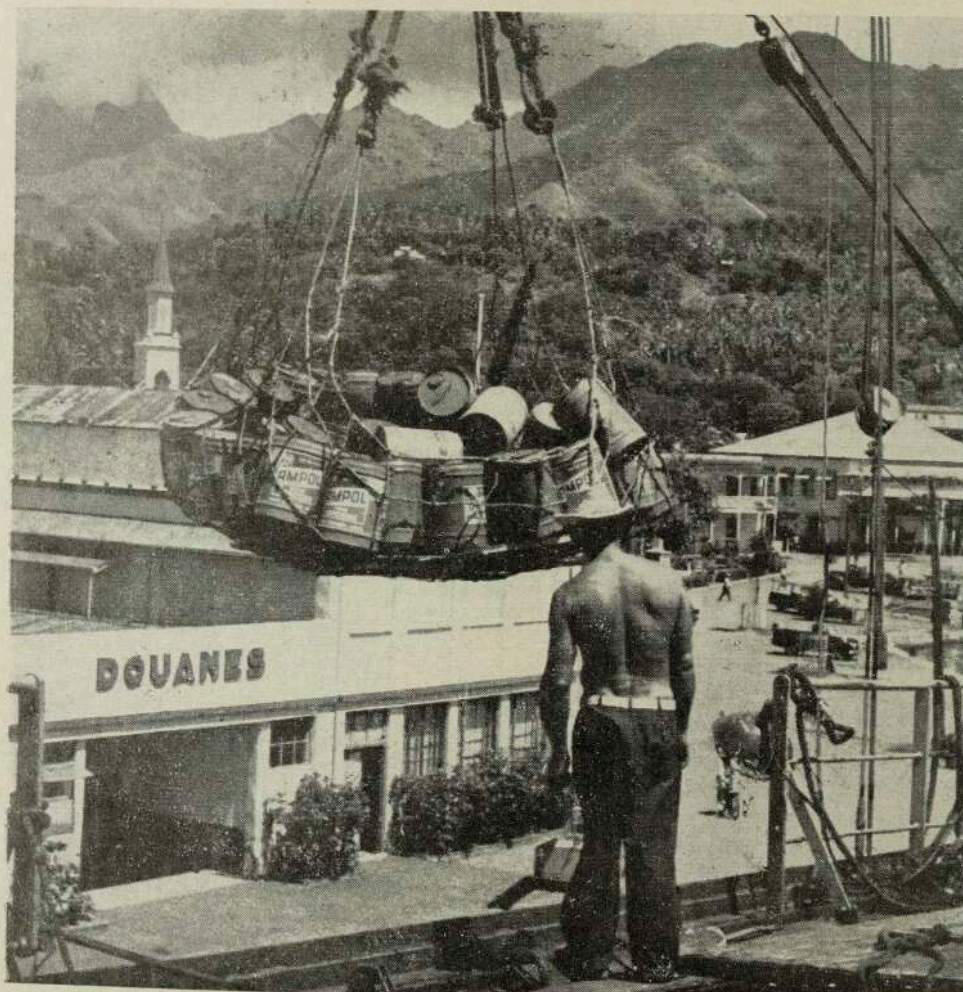
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MAGAZINE SECTION

Tropicalities

YOU, TOO, CAN EXPORT ORANGES

THERE is a native Co-operative in Rotuma which is on the alert for business with the outside world. When the *Altair* called in May to load copra for Suva it appeared to the man in charge to be an excellent opportunity to despatch a consignment of their best oranges to the Suva market. Rotuma oranges are sought after there.

Quite a lot of labour was involved in picking and packing the 200 baskets, each of about two dozen oranges. But the shipment was successfully loaded, and the co-operative's members sat back and celebrated, while awaiting a cable from Suva announcing the profits of the deal.

Some days later it came: "Proceeds of sale, £28; freight and charges, £40; send £12."

LEARNING BY DOING!

IN Vila, New Hebrides, there is an enterprising French war veteran who operates one of the most popular and flourishing bars in town during the week, then at weekends dons flying kit and does a roaring business flying sightseers over the surrounding countryside.

On the young pilot's own telling, he simply decided that flying could not be so very difficult, bought himself a Tiger Moth in Australia, took it up to Vila, climbed in—and took off. After a couple of circuits he was ready for business as a charter-flight operator.—JPS (What, no Department of Civil Aviation to insist on A or B Licences?)

PIONEERS WERE KIND TO PESTS

IN Tonga, Samoa and Fiji the air is abuzz with big brown wasps that are steadily multiplying year by year. Mr. J. D. Whitcombe, old-time resident of Tonga, noting this, tells how they came to the South Pacific.

In 1892, Mr. Thomas Rudling, later Collector of Customs in Tonga, arrived in the Kingdom together with his Hawaiian wife. With them they brought five or six hives of bees. One of these hives had, however, been invaded by wasps, and so wasps became established in Tonga, later to spread from there to the other Territories.

Even to-day the Nukulalofa property where Mr. Rudling lived is known as Be-kula or red-bee—the name for a wasp.

No less interesting, says Mr. Whitcombe, was the introduction of the cane-like grass called Johnston Grass which is widely established in Tonga to-day. In about 1900, the German firm of D.H. and P.G. imported a large consignment of horse collars which were stuffed with Johnston Grass. Eventually, having served their term, the collars were cast aside, their leather linings worn out—and from the linings fell the seeds which introduced this weed.

COOK ISLANDS SONGS GO ON THE AIR

LATE last year the members of Ngatangia settlement, Rarotonga, hit upon a novel idea of raising money to further the activities of their Community Centre.

GEORGE HILL RETIRES



GEORGE SIDNEY HILL, the British Treasurer of the Condominium of the New Hebrides, is one of the steadiest supporters of that much-maligned edifice of experimental government. His job calls for impartiality as between the French and British viewpoints to which George adds a good deal of quiet common-sense.

Like many of the permanent residents, and unlike many of the more transient officials, George has an affection for the New Hebrides way of life, and the people who

The unique songs and chants of the islands are completely unknown to European and American radio listeners, and a half-hour programme of Rarotongan music was tape recorded and sent off to America by Mr. Ronald Syme.

It was learned later that WMYC, a City of New York Radio Station, had accepted "Songs of Rarotonga" for the "Hands Across the Sea" programme, and proposed to extend it to over 100 stations of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters.

A further programme was given by Police Sergeant Nia Rua's choir which was also recorded on tape and taken to Britain by Mr. Syme. It was accepted by the BBC and will be broadcast in the Light Programme and the General Overseas Service.

Arrangements are being made for the Rarotongan Boys' Brigade touring party to be televised and broadcast for the famous "In Town To-night" programme.—W. H. PERCIVAL.

CULTURE IN NOUMEA?

A note from our correspondent in Noumea, New Caledonia:—

For the last month or two Noumea has been in the throes of a cultural wave. Started by a visiting Australian juggler it was continued by a sword swallower. Later we had a classical pianist and his violin playing partner. We have now with us no less than the Baron Von Heicz and "le mauvais garçon du Catch" Jon Morro. Headlines in the local paper promise their meeting as being sensational. One wonders what else this cultural urge will bring to us. . . .

MORE ADAM AND EVE

FOLLOWING publication of *The Creation*—the story of Adam and Eve in Pidgin in the May

have been born happily under the two flags of the Condominium.

George Hill first saw Islands service at Nauru in 1920. Five years later he joined Burns, Philp and went to the New Hebrides. In 1926 he was married in Sydney to Miss Mildred McCoy, of Vila, and went to Salamaua to open a store there for Burns Philp. From there, he joined the Edie Creek gold-rush, with Jack Edwards, and then staked the first mining leases for the Kalindi Syndicate. By 1928 he had given up goldmining, and went to Kavieng to work for Ted Bishton, on Ulul Nono plantation.

The following year, Mr. Hill was back in the New Hebrides as a trader; but the price of copra was falling fast, and he joined the Condominium service in 1931. He became Treasurer in 1935, and is due to retire this July. He is remaining in the Hebrides, and will live at his home at Black Sand, four miles along the coast from Vila.—BRETT HILDER.

issue of PIM, a mysterious parcel arrived for the Editor from Mr. Joe Bourke, of Wau, New Guinea.

The parcel contained a double-sided record of a slightly different Pidgin version of the same story and, at present, it is giving considerable amusement to the Editor's friends.

No explanation has been forthcoming from Mr. Bourke as to the time and circumstances of the recording—and we should like to hear more.

If the record were available commercially in New Guinea, Mr. Bourke might make a shilling or two. It is a fact that one has to have a reasonable working knowledge of Pidgin before it is possible to recognise cleverness in these curiosities, as distinct from mere novelty.

A SCOTSMAN TO FIJI

IF I could woo my muse aright,
To Fiji I'd some lines indite,
And lift her praise wi' a' my might
That all may ken.
Vouchsafe, Oh Muse, a little light,
And guide my pen!

When sturdy Tasman found Fiji,
He little thought, in days to be,
Here Scots would come their weird
to dree—

A gift from heaven!
And spread abroad in this braid
sea,

Their precious leaven.

And teach a race o' graceless loons,
The art of using porridge spoons,
Clead them in claiht frae Scottish
towns—

For they've nae breeks!
The lassies—they just wore festoons
O' native leeks!

Waes me, nae heather fires the
hills,
Nae speckled trout sport in the
rills,

At gloamin' fa' nae lapwing shrills
Above the corn:
And—worst of a'—nae whisky stills
The glens adorn!

But here are shining sapphire seas,
Soft sunlight and the green of trees,
And, over all, the sea-borne breeze
Croons out its song!

Nae frost, nae snow, the senses
tease
The whole year long.

So, tho' we sing o' auld lang syne,
And now we tread the gowans fine—
Fiji! a wallie waught, in rhyme,
We raise to thee!

Tho' heatherless may gift divine
Thy portion be!

—DRABA VERNA.



YOUWIGA

A CONSPICUOUS visitor to Port Moresby in May was this bearded native, Youwiga (or as Eric Feldt spelt it in his *Coast Watchers*—Youwika).

Apart from the beard, which is of a luxuriance unusual in a New Guinea native, the first thing you notice about Youwiga is that he has one blue eye, a patch over the other, and an artificial arm with a hook at the end of it. But that is not what makes him conspicuous: Youwiga has an air of personality about him; a man in anyone's language.

That is rare, in a country where the tendency seems to be to jump from savagery to par-boiled sophistication.

At the outbreak of war, Youwiga was a Sergeant in the native police force. He was with W. J. Read through the Bougainville-Solomons Campaign of 1942-44, and to this extent his story is told in Feldt's *Coast Watchers*. There is a photograph in that book showing Youwiga—clad in shorts only, his sergeant's stripes stuck to his bare arm with sticking plaster—receiving the Loyal Services Medallion. He is credited also with DCM and MM.

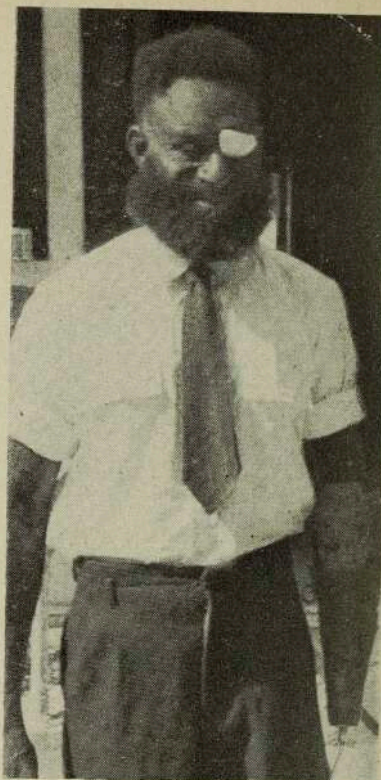
But in 1944, sometime after he passed from the pages of *Coast Watchers*, he was involved in a bomb explosion that cost him his sight and one arm. He was taken to Greenslopes military hospital in Brisbane and there received the first corneal graft that was undertaken in Australia. Hence the blue eye, which gave him partial sight. He was in Moresby in May for a periodic medical check-up.

Youwiga comes from a village in the kunai country near Yamil, back of Wewak. From this foothill country you can look over the plains that, if you could see far enough, extend to the Sepik River. It is an area of large native population, and after the war Youwiga encouraged his group of villages to make a beach base near Wewak. There they acquired an old ex-army sawmill and set themselves up in the milling business. Added to that now is a fleet of trucks. Technically, the whole thing probably belongs to Youwiga's group—but Youwiga is the boss. He is a man of great influence among his people.

And Simogun . . .

ACTING as guide and friend to Youwiga in Moresby in May was Simogun, native member of the Legislative Council.

Simogun comes from Dagua, a few miles up the coast from Wewak; was a sergeant in the native police and had an outstanding record with the *Coast Watchers*. He was awarded the BEM and the LSM. Simogun is the only native member of the P-NG Legislative Coun-



YOUWIGA

cil who has made any real contribution to the Council's deliberations. When he gets to his feet, everyone listens—there is likely to be a bombshell or two dropped. He says what he wants, how he wants and asks no person's pardon. His delivery is good and he speaks fluently—too fluently for those whose Pidgin is a bit shaky.

Maybe it is a pity he does not speak straight English. But, if he did, then it would not be Simogun.

It was Simogun's decision that he should wear a *lava-lava* to meet the Queen in Canberra during her visit, and not trousers, as had been suggested. He has his own natural dignity and good commonsense. That is all he needs to make him equally at home at a Royal Ball or in his own village.

Simogun has been greatly impressed by Mr. S. Elliott-Smith, a well-known member of the old Papuan service, who recently moved over to "the other side" and cleaned up the Telefomin murderers in quick fashion.

Mr. Elliott-Smith's term of duty as District Commissioner, Sepik, was to have been short; but this was not to the liking of Simogun. The story is that in early May, Moresby headquarters received a radio from him to the effect that the Sepik people wanted Elliott-Smith to remain—and that if the

THIS MONTH'S NEW READING

Happy Australian Occasion

Australia's best-seller of the moment is the official Commonwealth compilation *Royal Visit*—a title that is self-explanatory.

It was written, photographed and designed by the Australian News and Information Bureau of the Department of the Interior, Canberra, and published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd., of Sydney.

The first printing of 30,000 was completely sold two months before the books were available. The second printing went the same way. The third printing is now on sale.

Because the Australian Government subsidised the paper used in the first printing, that was sold at 19/6 per copy. Subsequent printings have been 21/6 per copy—at all Australian booksellers.

The book covers the tour of Her Majesty and the Duke of Edinburgh from Sydney (arrival February 3) to the farewell scenes at Fremantle, WA, nine weeks and about 13,000 miles later. The book is lavishly illustrated in black and white and some colour photographs and is printed on first-class art paper.

Because it is a Commonwealth job, State politicians are conspicuously absent from photographs. All in all, it is a memento of a happy occasion which most people will want on the family bookshelves.

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Administration had not the money to pay his salary. Simogun and his group were willing to do so.

At the Legislative Council meeting in mid-May, Simogun renewed his plea that Elliott-Smith should remain for two or three years. All the luluais, tululs, and chiefs of his district desired it, he said.

The plea must have been heard. Shortly afterwards, Elliott-Smith was posted to Wewak—although he and his family had been packed up and ready to go elsewhere.

The fact that there are men of the calibre of Youwiga and Simogun in New Guinea is in spite of, rather than because of the various theorists and advisers who have been abroad in the country in recent years. It is useless spending vain regrets on the days when a native was a native, and judged only as he behaved in a labour line; for good or ill those days are gone. And as things stand to-day in New Guinea, it is a great pity that there are not 10,000 more Simoguns and Youwigas, instead of the countless big-headed, take-all-and-give-nothing Smart-Alecs who have emerged in the P-NG version of the Welfare State.—J.T.

Sins of the Mothers

WHEN Miss Jane Gillespie produced her first novel, *The Weir*, critics treated her kindly and went so far as to call her "promising". One critic said, of *The Weir*, that it would leave no parent's withers unwrung.

We now have her second novel, *The Hidden Heart*, which has also pleased the critics (it is a Book Society recommendation) and continues with the wringing of parental withers.

Miss Gillespie sets her two novels at the turn of this century. Perhaps in writing of this period, she finds that it is easier to capitalise on family inhibition and emotion. The children of the 1950's are perhaps not so self-sacrificing or willing to give up their time to pander to the weaknesses or whims of parents.

None the less, the novel is a clever study of character, nor is it the sort of character that was confined to the Edwardian era, although, no doubt, the Edwardian influence had something to do with making the characters so confoundingly high-minded. In this day, the people concerned in the story would have committed their little sins, and have done with them, rather than have wasted so much time talking principled nonsense about them.

But then, of course, there would have been no story.

(Published by Peter Davies, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

Back Street to Royal Bed

THE psychological novel is not Daphne du Maurier's meat; her stories are down-to-earth, and as stimulating as a good fresh wind, fast-moving and human.

In *Mary Anne*, she tells the story of her own great-grandmother, Mary Anne Clarke, one-time mistress of the Duke of York (brother to that Prince of Wales who became George IV), contemporary of Mrs. Fitzherbert.

Of no great classical beauty, Mary Anne had that undefinable something that caught the interest of men and permitted her to lead them by the nose throughout her life.

Fiercely stubborn, she knew what she wanted and went after it without too fine a scruple. She could be generous, sentimental but convention was not allowed to interfere in what she wanted or how she got it.

She used the material to her hand to pit herself against society, the Army and the whole Royal Family. There were disappointments and triumphs, in about equal proportion.

In that era that preceded mealy-mouthed Victorianism, life was earthy, vigorous, high-coloured. Miss du Maurier's story of her ancestor, from the back lane's brat of London who rose to a position where she could cause cracks in the whole Royal facade, and who eventually died, at an old age, in exile in France, is as fast-moving as any we have had from her.

Mary Anne savoured life. Such a change from our usual run of heroines who spend a life-time fighting their inhibitions.

(Published by Angus and Robertson, Ltd., Sydney. Australian price, 16/-)

ABC of Tonga

GRASPING time by the forelock, Sir Harry Luke, one-time Governor of Fiji, has given us *Queen Salote and her Kingdom*.

It is written strictly for those Britishers who took Queen Salote to their hearts during her visit to London for the Coronation last year, and whose appetites were further whetted by Queen Elizabeth's visit to Tonga in December, 1953.

Sir Harry Luke, during his term in Fiji, had Tonga within his oversight, as it were. He was High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, as well as Governor of Fiji, and although Tonga is nominally independent, she is guided by Britain from Fiji.

Much of the material that appears in the present volume was contained in *From a South Seas Diary* by the same author. But the visit of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke to Tonga is also covered, in story and in photographs.

Although it is unlikely to have any great impact on the world of literature, it is a very adequate primer for those who know nothing about Tonga and would like to know something. It has all those things about Tonga which publishers believe will create "reader interest"—that is, Falcon Island which comes and goes; Captain Cook's tortoise; Tin Can mailman, etc. It no doubt will be very popular amongst Queen Salote fans in Great Britain and elsewhere.

(Our copy from the publishers, Putman & Company, Ltd., 42 Great Russell St., London WC1. Price in Britain, 9/6.)

For Underwater Enthusiasts

IF you desire to keep tropical marine life in your drawing-room, as a hobby, then *Marine Tropicals*, a small illustrated book by Ed. L. Fisher, published in Florida, USA, will show you how it can be done.

Mr. Fisher has spent the last four years mooching around the sea bottom of the Florida Keys, studying tropical fish. He was, of course, equipped with an aqua-lung.

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Charley the Fisherman.



THE last great arrowhead of pelicans slid down to their anchorage at the far, western end of the lakes; the final flush of the setting sun flared and died; and, suddenly, the lake shores were spangled with the flares of the prawn-fishers.

Our skiff lay anchored fore and aft athwart the current, as is the custom of the Tuggerah Lakes fishermen. Over the lee gunwale dangled a sugar bag containing our day's catch—half a dozen flathead, a few bream and blackfish, and a solitary flounder.

"Up in New Guinea," said Charley, "a cove coming home with a catch like this would be lucky if he wasn't cut up for bait."

"Why?" said Mick in mild surprise. "This is about the average day's catch around here."

"In New Guinea," said Charley, sententiously, "a man wouldn't be game to come in with less than a couple of hundred fish, the smallest one twice the size of any of these."

"I dunno about that," said Mick, suspiciously. "I was up there for three years with the small-ships during the war and I didn't see much in the way of fish then, except the goldfish—herring in tomato sauce! There was no lack of them."

Mick was a stranger, recruited by Charley as a target for his loquacity. I had been too long in the places Charley loved to lie about to be of any use as an audience, hence

Mick's presence.

Mick was shaped like a six-foot pair of dividers, with half a yard of yellow phiz on top. But he was a good listener, and suited Charley. "Sometimes I've brought home over a ton of fish, half of 'em weighing over forty pounds each," continued Charley.

"With a net, maybe," allowed Mick.

"Not with a net," contradicted Charley.

Mick studied Charley for a while out of the sides of his eyes, then:

"What bait did you use?"

"Bait?" answered Charley,

ceded, cautiously; then proceeded at a tangent.

"Most of our fishermen were one-armed fellahs. On the wall of the old pub was a picture of Lord Nelson with a patch on his eye and an empty sleeve. Once a visitor asked the barmaid who the picture represented. 'Search me!' she replied. 'Some mug been dynamiting fish, I daresay.'"

Charles, as usual, laughed at this ancient jest, but Mick was not amused. "Dynamite!" he said coldly, "don't tell me any man who shoots fish is a fisherman."

"And why not?" cried Charley, with asperity. "There was Scotty Carr, for one, not only a fisherman but an angler. He had a steel hook in place of his missing limb, and to see him fasten that hook in the gills of an opponent during a brawl and play him up and down the length of the bar like a salmon was a sight for sore eyes."

"Pah!" said Mick, disgustedly, and began to reel in his line. "I don't believe there's a real fisherman in the whole of New Guinea."

"You don't know what you're talking about," replied Charley scornfully. "Why, there's a native there to this day can drop a line overside at any tick of the clock and haul it in again straight away with a whacking great tuna, trevalli or barracouta, before your very eyes."

"Casey is his name, a big, splay-footed, wall-eyed Mamba boy; the

By Bill Gill

evasively. "Why, any old thing. There's tons of bait to be had anywhere by a man of gumption."

Mick said no more, but appeared to be thinking real hard.

"And another thing," continued Charley, hurriedly, in case Mick might think too deeply. "The natives of the Dobu Passage catch thousands of fish without line, hook or harpoon."

"By hand, I suppose?" countered Mick, after a pause.

"No, not by hand; with a wisp of spider's web swinging on a kite."

"Over forty pounds each, I suppose," said Mick with a leer. "Was that how you caught yours?"

"Well, not quite," Charley con-



"NOT with a net . . ."

cook on the *Coral Belle*. Him and the skipper, a white man, are making a fortune out of the racket.

"Like on all the small coastal vessels the skipper of the *Coral Belle* is also the chief steward, and any profit he makes on the catering goes down south. When he discovered Casey's genius he took him into partnership and, from that day until this, FISH has been the only item on the menu.

"I remember taking passage on her once and, for the first day or two, the fresh fish was a welcome change from the tinned-dog diet ashore. I had noticed how, half an hour before any meal time, the skipper would holler, 'Casey! how about a nice bit o' fish?—and, sure enough, half an hour later it was on the table.

"But, after a few days, the everlasting fish began to pall. 'Listen,' I said to the skipper, once, 'how about an egg for a change? Or a piece of poultry? I see you've got a crate of chooks down aft.'

"'Nothing would please me better, Charley,' said the skipper, a polite little man, 'only for two things. First, no eggs—the chooks are all roosters; and, second, no poultry—the roosters are all Casey's.'

"Remember, those were the days when there was value in the pound—of tobacco! For a stick and a half you could buy a chook anywhere throughout the Islands. Except from Casey! He wouldn't sell at any price. So with fish we had to be content.

"Towards the end of our cruise I was below in my bunk when I heard the skipper hail Casey for another 'bit o' fish' and presently the cook passed aft along the alleyway. Then I heard a confusion of flapping

wings and screeching fowls and Casey's voice growling. 'Quiet, you fool cock-a-roo! What for you sing out alla time?'

"Hopping off the bunk I glanced aft and there was Casey tearing the tapered, yellow-red neck feathers out of one of the roosters. When he'd got a good handful he whipped it to a hook, hove it overside and, bang! he hooked a pike, a fathom and a half long, before his line was clear of our wake.

"That was why he kept the scrawny-necked, choleric collection of chooks. The feathers, sleek with the fowl's fat, and maybe with the odd spot of blood on the quill, got 'em every time.

"After giving Casey a severe dressing down for cruelty to chooks I had a go at it myself and that's how I came to be in the position to admit that I'm undoubtedly the most successful fisherman in the Western Pacific."

"You're telling me!" said Mick, cryptically.

"Not only have I fished in the Islands," continued Charley, remorselessly, ignoring the interruption, "but I sailed in a whaler when I was a lad, and caught some whoppers *then*, I can tell you."

"Now take it easy," said Mick. "We've got some of the world's biggest whales on this coast in winter, don't forget."

"Only minnows compared with some I've seen. Once, on a cruise off Cape Flyaway, we ran foul of a whale which nearly foundered us. He was a monster! In the end we harpooned, speared and scuttled him after battling for nearly a week. In his maw we found a Greenlandman, with royal yards crossed, and the captain and mate



"I've heard some liars in my time . . ."

in the cabin quarrelling about the reckoning."

At that the moon, unmooring from the sandspit at the estuary, came drifting up the tide. Without another word, we up anchors and pulled for the jetty.

"Well, old fellow," said Mick, as we parted for the night, "I've heard some liars in my time, but that one about catching fish with some spider web and a kite caps them all. A sailor's farewell to you." And off he strode.

"Well, what do you know!" said Charley, in an awed voice. "The only true yarn I've told him all day, too!"

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Although the coloured tropical fish common on Island reefs are well-known to dwellers of the South Pacific, few have gone to the trouble of keeping them in home aquaria. Residents of New Guinea and Bougainville can see small tanks in operation by visiting *MV Bulolo* and *MV Malaita* which usually carry consignments of fish to the Taronga Park Zoo in Sydney. The idea was originated by Captain Bill Wilding formerly of *Malaita*, now of *Bulolo*.

The idea of keeping tropical fish for pets seems considerably more complicated than keeping common-or-garden gold-fish—but if the hobby is to catch on, residents of the Islands should be in a good position to be first in the field.

The book could be of interest to spear-fishermen and aqua-lung addicts in the Islands. Even if you do not want to keep fish for pets, it is nice to know what you are looking at. Well illustrated in black and white and colour.

(From Sub-Marine Studios, 918 Langford Building, Miami, Florida. Price, \$1.50.)

According to the National Geographic Society, Indonesia leads the world in coconut production. The Philippines, India, Ceylon and the South-west Pacific Islands are next in order of production. There are about one million acres of palms in the American tropics, with some plantation culture in Brazil, Mexico and the West Indies. The chief consumer is the US, with Europe second.

† Dr. A. S. Singh, the new resident medical officer at the Manning River District Hospital, at Taree, NSW, was born in Fiji of Indian parents. He intends to return eventually to Fiji and work among his own people. He went to Australia eight years ago and graduated in medicine earlier this year. He has been working on a Colonial Development Scholarship.

Times have Changed in Eden

SWAIN'S ISLAND made one of its rare appearances in the news earlier this year when an American Executive Order decreed that it should have a Village Council with a mayor, a policeman and an annually-appointed Government representative. This Order denoted the arrival of democratic "progress" — following demands by the Tokelau islanders who lived there to work the plantation, for a stake in the land.

But for nearly a century before this, Swain's was under the care-free ownership of the Jennings family, without any interference from bureaucracy and a description of these idyllic years is contained in a 20-year-old letter which has just come to hand.

The letter was written by Mr. A. Schultz, a former resident of Tonga and Samoa who lived on Swain's for some years. He was a prisoner-of-war in an American camp, and died soon after he was repatriated to Hamburg, Germany.

Since Mr. Schultz's letter was written there have, of course, been radical changes on Swain's Island, for many, the last "paradise" of the Pacific.

The Island's present owner, Mr. A. E. Jennings, has a modern motor vessel to keep him in touch with Pago and all modern conveniences is his home. He also has all the modern troubles. Workers are claiming higher wages, regulated hours and better living conditions—and there have even been strikes.

But civilisation had not intruded when Mr. Schultz wrote the following:—

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ABOUT 175 sea miles north of the Samoan Islands is a small, lonely island about 18 feet above sea level. It is called Swain's Island, or sometimes Gente Hermosa or Olosenga. None of the great powers interested in the South Seas and competing for possession of the many thousands of islands had annexed it before 1925.

The island belonged neither to the Samoan Islands in the south nor the Tokelau Islands (the Union Group) in the north. It had always been overlooked until in 1924 the owner, Mr. A. E. Jennings, who was born there, went to Pago Pago and asked the Governor of American Samoa if he could influence Washington to take his island under American protection. He said the island was about 750 acres, without the lagoon.

Subsequently, the Congress of the United States agreed to the annexation and on May 13, 1925, the Governor of American Samoa ar-

rived from Pago Pago and ceremoniously raised the American flag on Swain's Island. (In the following year, the northern Tokelau Islands, only about 100 miles distant, were transferred to New Zealand administration.)

Once a year, on May 13, the American Governor visits the Island from Pago Pago to celebrate Flag Raising Day.

Swain's is probably the only fertile island in the world owned by a man who has never paid a penny for his ownership. It happened like this:

IN 1856, the year that the famous old Hamburg firm of J. C. Godeffroy and Son established its first branch in Apia, Samoa, there was living there a Mr. E. Jennings, of New York. He was the grandfather of the present owner of Swain's, and he had arrived at Samoa in one of the old whaling ships.

Jennings heard from the whaling crews about the mysterious island. As one of the first customers of Godeffroy's, he bought materials for a wooded house, utensils, provisions and equipment and sailed for the island with his Samoan wife and their child.

He found there some two dozen Tokelau Islanders on a fishing expedition. They told him that the island was only temporarily inhabited.

When the islanders witnessed the unpacking of Jennings's goods and equipment and the wonderful European manufactures they had never before seen, they offered to stay with him as voluntary workers in his Garden of Eden.

He started to produce coconut oil in giant boilers which are still in existence. Later he planted the whole of his paradise and produced copra. He became a wealthy man and nobody contested his ownership of the island.

Now, his grandson drives his motor car on good roads through his plantations. He has named his new bungalow very appropriately

PIM CROSSQUIZ NO. 53

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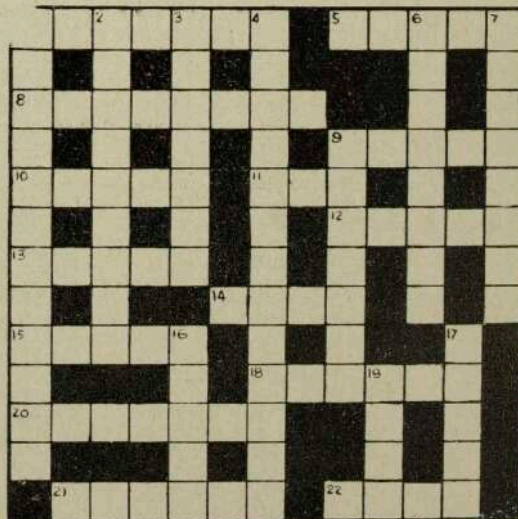
ACROSS

- 1.—Which gem has the largest range of lustre and colour?
- 5.—What was the name James Hargreaves gave to the spinning frame he invented?
- 8.—What title of rank comes between that of Earl and Baron?
- 9.—What disciple was known as "the big fisherman"?
- 10.—What were the universal musical instruments of classical Greece and Rome?
- 11.—What was the name of the "little" character in "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?
- 12.—Who composed "La Traviata"?
- 13.—What is the name of the Mohammedan religion?
- 14.—What does the "A" stand for in the abbreviation A.D.?
- 15.—What is the general name for all the woody, climbing and twining plants in tropical forests?
- 18.—Of what is the smooth, hard outer covering of the teeth made?
- 20.—What do the Chinese celebrate some time between January 21 and February 19?
- 21.—In which Mediterranean principality is Monte Carlo situated?
- 22.—What is the imaginary line on which an object revolves?

DOWN

- 1.—Where was Dreyfus originally condemned to imprisonment for life?
- 2.—What country is England's biggest customer for motor vehicles?
- 3.—Which American animal is physically unable to retreat when danger threatens and falls over in a dead faint?

- 4.—By what name is the first part of the Divine Comedy known?
- 6.—What short piece of music for the piano was invented by John Field?
- 7.—What is the term for a young horse in the second year of its age?
- 9.—Who is the most famous Russian ballerina the world has known?
- 16.—The nuts of which genus of palms are chewed by the Malays and make their mouths red?
- 17.—What movable parts of an aircraft increase its lift and act as a braking effect in landing?
- 19.—Who wrote "Das Kapital"?



"Eden" or, in the language of the island, "Etena".

Yes, it really is a Garden of Eden, without snakes and tailor's bills or even mosquitoes; where money means nothing, as it does not buy anything; where nobody can land without permission from Mr. Jennings.

Nowadays the island, which can be sailed around in two hours, is inhabited by some 100 Tokelau Islanders of whom half are children.

Though they are not all angels, not one of them is missing from the Sunday service in the small church which Mr. Jennings has given them. Judging by the beautiful singing of hymns by these hundred happy human beings, they should be given the best seats in heaven. The South Seas are the field of the missionaries, and here on Swain's a sympathetic old Samoan missionary of the London Mission preaches to his small community who know no troubles.

Coconuts, bananas, taros, paw paws are abundant. There are also troops of pigs fed with coconuts and of excellent quality, and numerous fowls, all contributing to the islanders' kitchen. Last, but not least, are the rich fishing grounds which border on the miraculous.

A reef, only 100 yards from the beach, surrounds the whole island and inside the reef where the water is only a yard deep, as well as outside on the high sea, fishing is unlimited the whole year through

and the natives have become expert fishermen.

To witness the interesting fishing for flying fish we went out with some natives in two high, sea-canoes with outriggers of 12 inches diameter, across the reef after dusk.

Each canoe had a few dozen torches of dried palm leaves which were lit to attract the flying fish. Standing upright in the canoes with nets on long poles like butterfly-nets, the natives caught small fish only one foot long and in one and a half hours both canoes had a catch of 202.

Another time, half a bucket of sardines were caught in a quarter of an hour from the beach. Then one of our brown friends discovered a turtle track leading from the water across the white sand to the bush. He followed it and reappeared in a minute with 87 turtle eggs. Better still, he joyously told us that he would be able to catch the turtle too, as he knew for sure that it would come in the next 10 or 12 days to the same spot to lay more eggs.

And sure enough, at the given time we received the report that the turtle had been caught and that it weighed 280 pounds alive.

Another time the master ordered his servants to catch lobsters at night, and the next morning 20 lobsters were delivered to the house. I was now convinced of the unexcelled riches in fish round the island.

MEN and women on the island have to work for the owner on five week days for three or four hours to cut copra as payment for permission to live on the island. When ordered to do so they must return to their home islands. They rarely do this voluntarily. The men receive six and the women four shillings' worth of



Filani'a, daughter of High Chief and Mrs. Tamasese, one of the debutantes at the St. Mary's Old Girls' ball at Apia on May 20.

Island Debs. Make Their Curtsies



Debutantes and Hierarchy at the Annual Ball of the St. Mary's Old Girls' Association, held at Apia, Western Samoa, on May 20. The debutantes were presented to His Excellency, Archbishop Romolo Carboni, Apostolic Delegate for Australia, New Zealand and Oceania. He had just officiated at the consecration of Bishop Dieter.

Front Row: Miss M. McDonald (president of the Association), Bishop Foley (Fiji), Hon. Tamasese, Bishop Dieter (newly-consecrated Bishop of Samoa and Tokelau), His Excellency Archbishop Romolo Carboni, Bishop Darnand (recently re-

tired), Mrs. Tamasese and Bishop Joyce (Christchurch, NZ). Second Row: Misses Catherine Roberts, Enid Thomsen, Tina Fruean, Elizabeth Lam and Agnes Andersen.

Third Row: Misses Agnes Pereira, Roslyn Langkilde, Matilda Betham, Cynthia Godinet, Elvira Gabriel, Mariene Geabauer, Margaret Young, Tafu Levy, Anne Stowers, Elizabeth David, Sussana Schmidt and Marie Swanney.

Back Row (Obscured): Misses May Levy, Miriam Young, Alice MacCarthy, Genevieve MacKenzie, Filani'a Tamasese, Anna Betham, Josephine David and Theresa Histake.

—Photo: Edwards Studio, Apia.

DIET AND DENTAL HEALTH

(Extracts from talk broadcast from ZJV by the Nutrition Section of the South Pacific Health Service from a paper prepared by the Dental Department).

MANY people do not realise just how much the diet affects the growth of the teeth and how essential it is to eat the right kinds of foods, every day.

Each tooth is a living part of the body containing nerves, arteries, veins and other tissues, all of which contain cells.

The cells of the body must have certain basic essentials in order to work properly. These essentials are obtained from the food eaten and unless the cells have a sufficient and adequate supply of each and every nutrient every day, they become starved and eventually sicken and die.

While the teeth are developing within the jaws, it is necessary that they receive adequate amounts of building materials such as proteins, minerals, and fats and other nutritive elements found in foods. For this reason, it is essential that growing children have plenty of fresh milk to drink each day.

Children should have at least one pint of milk every day until they are 12 years old; and adolescents should have 1½ pints of milk every day.

In this way, they will receive sufficient calcium to build strong straight bones and teeth. The enamel of the teeth develops within the jaws over a long period of time, and if the intake of calcium is inadequate, the enamel will be mottled and pitted.

In pregnancy and lactation, the intake of calcium should be increased as the unborn and newly-born baby draws its supply of calcium for its bones and teeth from its mother. Sugars and starches which are the carbohydrate foods used by the body in order to obtain energy for muscular activity, should be eaten in the

correct amounts depending on how active a person is, and how hard they work. Excessive amounts of refined sugars are harmful to the teeth.

Tooth decay is caused by certain bacteria in the mouth which rapidly converts into lactic acid; this acid eats away the enamel and dentine of which the teeth are formed. Whenever sugary and starchy food clings to the teeth this destructive acid keeps on forming. The more often sugar is eaten, the quicker a tooth is destroyed. When sweet liquids are drunk the sugar clings to the teeth in a film.

The saliva of the average person, with the help of the alkaline foods also eaten with meals, can easily neutralise the small amounts of acids produced during meal times, so that tooth decay does not result. But if cakes, biscuits, sweets and chocolates are eaten five or six times a day, between meals, the amount of acid formed in the mouth is rapidly multiplied and the saliva will be unable to cope with it.

Every time a sweet is eaten, the teeth suffer an attack of acids, especially if the sweets are eaten between meals as they then stick to the teeth for comparatively long periods of time. At meal times sugar is brushed off the teeth by other foods such as vegetables and fruits, but when sweet foods are eaten between meals the particles left in the mouth are not brushed away.

Besides cutting down on sweet things, other good ways to prevent tooth decay and bleeding and infected gums are as follows:

Firstly, finish every meal with a tough scrubbing food such as celery, apple, coconut, raw carrot, lettuce or a stick of sugar cane. The concentration of sugar in cane is not sufficient to cause decay and the self cleansing qualities of the fibrous material are excellent for the teeth. It is interesting to note, that a child has to chew a considerable length of sugar cane in order to ingest as much sugar as most people take, as refined sugar, in one cup of tea.

Secondly, good tooth brushing is very important. Teeth and gums should be brushed as soon as possible after every meal and certainly after breakfast and before going to bed. Frequently people clean their teeth when they get up and do not clean them after breakfast. This is wrong; they should be cleaned after breakfast. Teeth and gums should be brushed carefully, making the bristles get in between the teeth. The best way to brush is by brushing round in small circles on all surfaces. It is not the tooth paste which is important—common salt is just as good—it is how and when and how often the teeth are brushed which is important. A tooth brush costs less than a cake of milk chocolate and does a hundred times more good.

If packed lunches or sandwiches are taken by members of the family for a meal away from home, one of the scrubbing foods should be included to chew afterwards to cleanse the mouth—especially if it is impossible to clean the teeth, with a tooth brush after eating.

The following salad recipe is excellent for the teeth:

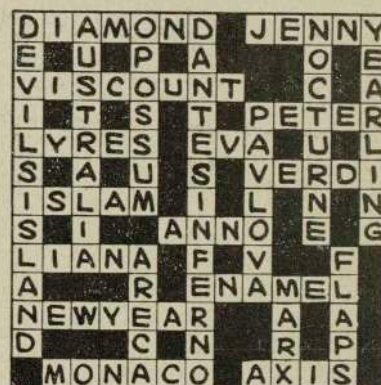
RAW SALAD

- 1 small cabbage or China cabbage, shredded (use dark green leaves as well as pale ones).
- 2 large carrots, grated.
- 2 Spring onions, chopped.
- 1 cup grated raw coconut.
- 2 large tomatoes (sliced).
- 2 tablespoons grated cheese.
- 1 tablespoon sultanas.
- ½ cup freshly chopped pineapple.
- 2 tablespoons vinegar.
- A few drops of salad oil seasoning.

Toss the cabbage and spring onions in vinegar and salad oil. Place on a flat dish. Arrange other ingredients in an attractive pattern. Place in refrigerator for 10 minutes to chill and make crisp. Serve with any suitable meat, egg or fish dish. Half an apple can be chopped up and added to the salad when available.

When celery is obtainable, very delicious savouries can be made by taking pieces about 3 inches long and stuffing them with grated cheese or grated raw carrot.

Solution to Crossquiz from Page 82



Bible in Marovo

A TASK which was started in the Western Solomon Islands over 30 years ago is now being completed in Australia. It is the translation of the Bible into Marovo, a dialect of the Western Solomons group.

Mr. H. B. P. Wicks, a retired Seventh-day Adventist missionary, is now completing the reading of the page proofs. He started the translation when he was in the Islands in 1920. Another missionary, Mr. A. R. Barrett, carried on where Mr. Wicks left off and completed the translation last year.

The work was sent to the British and Foreign Bible Society in London and an agreement made for its publication.

Sixteen South Sea Islanders were among 108 members of the New Zealand Boys' Brigade who arrived in Sydney on the Monowai on June 16. The boys have gone on to England for the international camp of Boys' Brigades to be held on the fields of Eton College.

The Tongan heavyweight boxer, Kitone Lave, returned to Sydney from New Zealand early in June to complete a ten-fight contract with the Australian Boxing Club. He found no prospects of suitable fights in NZ.

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goods per month for their work.

Right in the centre of the island is a quiet lake about three-quarters of a mile long. It contains fresh water and is up to 40 feet deep, so that a refreshing daily bath can be enjoyed.

Three, or at the most four, times a year a small steamer of an English firm at Apia calls at the island. She lands goods and mail and takes a load of copra. There is no other connection with the outside world, no radio news disturbs the peace and quietness. The mighty roar of the surf on the enclosing reef supplies eternal music, the only true harmony in this solitude.

When I wandered about in some remote corners of the island I entered the small cemetery and was surprised to decipher on an old moss-grown tombstone the inscription: "Here rests Phoebe Ranzau, born Jennings; born 9th July, 1850; died 5th September, 1871."

The young woman was the half-caste daughter of the first owner of the island, who had married one of the first captains of the Hamburg firm of Godeffroy.

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India Has Plans for Nauru

LATEST brain-storm in the Trusteeship Council of UN is that Australia should send back-loads of soil and manure to Nauru to replace the phosphate taken out over the last 50 years and that which will be removed in the next 40 or so.

The idea came from the Indian delegate. He feels that Australia owes this to the Nauruans whose island is slowly being whittled away. The idea of removing them all to another island is "against the UN Charter."

The Indian delegate obviously labours under a delusion that enormously rich and fertile soil is being removed from the little island to enrich the British dominions. Quite the reverse is the case: raw phosphate, of itself, will grow nothing. Some other points overlooked by the delegate:

- The population of Nauru is 1500 and growing; it would now have been considerably more if some hundreds had not died during the Japanese war-time occupation and removal of the natives to the Carolines. It is population pressure, not phosphate, that will force them out.

- The part of the island where phosphate has been removed is not fertile. The fertile portion of the island, where the Nauruans live, has not been encroached upon by the phosphate workings.

- If there had been no phosphate workings on Nauru, the island would still be largely barren and the Nauruans, instead of being well endowed would have been just another group of poverty-stricken dry-island natives.

- Australia administers Nauru on behalf of the British and New Zealand Governments. The three hold it jointly under trusteeship. Soil-shifting, if any, should not, therefore, be the sole responsibility of Australia.

- The purchase of another island has been discussed between Nauruan leaders and the Australian administering authority. The fact that the Nauruans have been paid adequate royalties on every ton of phosphate removed will ensure that they will be financially able to do this when and if they deem it necessary. The royalty has been calculated to provide for their present needs—and to set up a community fund which will stake them to something else when phosphate workings finish. Nauruans are regarded as the wealthy natives of the Pacific.

They Want More Money to Stay in Fiji

Reports of Public Servants' Teachers' Salaries

THE Fiji Government has accepted "without comment" the report of the Salaries Commissioner (Mr. Justice Carew) on the salaries of the Colony's public servants.

It is believed that substantial rises in PS salaries retrospective to January 1, 1954, will result.

According to the report, the only alternative to raising these salaries is to lose some of the most promising officers, particularly technical officers. The cost of living in Fiji in 1954 is calculated to be 2½ times more than in 1939; and between 1950 and 1954 the cost rose by about 25 per cent.

Cost of living in Fiji is believed to be higher than in most other British colonies and, at the same time, salaries and allowances are much lower. As a consequence, the Fiji Government is finding it difficult to fill senior posts as they become vacant through retirements or transfer of officers to more lucrative posts elsewhere.

TEACHERS' SALARIES, TOO

Meanwhile a local committee set up to inquire into the state of school-teachers' finance has recommended that their salaries should rise substantially (it is estimated that it would cost the Colony £53,000 in the first year).

It is the opinion of the Committee that the scheme under which New Zealand teachers serve in the Colony for a short period is not altogether to the benefit of Fiji education. Most of the teachers serve only two years—and that,

through no sense of vocation but mostly because Fiji service counts as "country service"—of which the NZ teacher has to put in three years.

Commented the committee: "It is probably this rule that has ensured a supply of teachers to the Colony . . . but a satisfactory education service with continuity cannot be obtained in this way."

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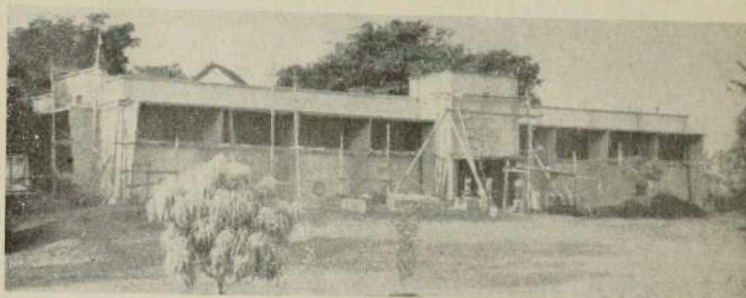
teacher-training scheme now operated by the Administration of Papua-New Guinea. Up to 10 students of matriculation or similar qualification will be chosen each year and trained at the Teachers' Training College in Sydney. While at the College, they are paid a salary according to their age—between £450 and £1,000 per annum. On graduation they are posted to the Territory as members of the Territory's Education Department, and must guarantee, under bond, to work for a specified number of years.

These teachers are tied in no way at all to the NSW education system and it is hoped in this way to provide a solid core of European teachers whose allegiance is solely to the Territory.

The only alternative to this is to try to recruit qualified teachers from Australia or New Zealand—with all the difficulties encountered by Fiji with its system of short term secondment from New Zealand service.

A promise that he would see a rare duck took Sir Edward Hallstrom on a visit to the New Guinea Highlands mid-June. The duck, a *Salvadoris*, is believed to be the only one reared in captivity. It was to be brought, for Sir Edward's inspection, to the Nondugl Experimental Farm.

Fiji's New Museum



The Fiji museum nearing completion in the Suva Botanical Gardens. Transfer of exhibits from the Carnegie Library building will start at the end of July.

—Photo: Jack Thornton.

† The Rev. James Aingimea, first missionary from the 1,500 natives of Nauru, passed through Brisbane last month to take up his first appointment at Daru in Western Papua. He was accompanied by his wife and four children. He decided to become a missionary when he was subjected to Japanese cruelty on Truk during the war. After liberation, he applied to the Congregational Church of Australia for training, and went to Cromwell College, Brisbane, in 1951.

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Tongan Women Missed Their Vote

Five New Members in New Parliament

From Our Own Correspondent

NUKUALOFA, June 16.
A TECHNICAL error in legislation passed three years ago to give them the franchise, deprived the Tongan women of a vote at the general Parliamentary election held on May 28.

If the error had not occurred, the Tongan women would have been the first Island women to gain political equality with their men. However, it seems certain that the distinction is reserved for them. The error will be rectified and the women will vote at the next election in three years' time.

Tonga's Parliament meets in the middle of the year. It consists of seven nobles elected by their peers (the hereditary chiefs), seven representatives elected by the people, and the Cabinet Ministers, including the Governors of Ha'apai and Vava'u. The speaker is appointed by the Queen, usually from the nobles.

The candidates elected on May 28, were:—

REPRESENTATIVES OF NOBLES: Lavaka, Kalaniuvalu and

Fusitu'a for Tongatapu; Tuita and Tu'ihangana for Ha'apai; Veikune and Tu'ilakepa for Vava'u.

REPRESENTATIVES OF PEOPLE: M. Finau, S. Tu'akoi and H. Vete for Tongatapu; V. L. Tu'akihekolo and S. P. Afeaki for Ha'apai; T. Mafua and S. P. Afuha'amango for Vava'u.

All were sitting members with the exception of Lavaka, Fusitu'a, Tu'ilakepa, H. Vete and S. P. Afeaki.

The stormy petrel of Tonga's Parliament is S.P. Afuha'amango, whose leftist views have often enlivened the conservative formality of debates.

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Parliament usually conducts itself with dignity. The speeches are eloquent, flowery, and full of imagery. They are an example of the gift of oratory and impromptu speaking possessed by the Tongan and his Polynesian cousins, and their humour is no weak element.

Every Parliament has its "grand old man", and Tonga's is M. Finau, of impressive bulk. He is the Kingdom's senior lawyer and an old boy of Newington College, Sydney.

He was a noted athlete in his College days. He was a member of the First Fifteen and First Eleven which dominated the Sydney GFS competitions in 1900. He was also the crack rifleman of the GPS that year.

THEY'RE FREE IN BWI! Clones, Fertilisers, Gratuity for Cocoa Planters

COCOA planters in the British West Indies are getting a free distribution of high-yielding clones from the Department of Agriculture, free fertilisers until the trees reach maturity, and a gratuity for every tree as soon as it reaches bearing age.

These handouts are part of a Government scheme which is expected to triple production of cocoa in that Colony in the next three years.

Mr. D. R. A. Eden, general manager of the New Zealand Reparation Estates in Western Samoa, explained the scheme in the April issue of the South Pacific Commission *Bulletin*. He said that no better way to stimulate production had yet been discovered, and that the mechanics of the scheme were not beyond the scope of any of the Agriculture Departments in the cocoa-growing territories of the SPC region.

The BWI Department has set up propagating stations with large nurseries for selected clones. From these are drawn the greenwood cuttings for propagation and distribution to planters. The station at La Pastora, in Trinidad, is probably the largest of its kind in the world. It produces 300,000 rooted cuttings a year for the planters, and its propagating boxes, hardening facilities and shaded storage sheds cover acres of land.

Some of the clones were originally selected by the Imperial College of Tropical Agriculture. In Trinidad and Tobago, varieties ICS (1) and (95) are the most popular. Plantations of these have yielded as much as 2,000 pounds of cocoa (dry weight) per acre a year.

The Imperial College has, in Trinidad, a new centrifugal humidifier for rapid propagation. It produces a thin fog of water vapour which maintains maximum humidity in a frosted glass house, and regulates the heat generated inside by the sun. Propagation takes from 16 to 20 days. Another seven days

are allowed for the roots to penetrate the bamboo basket containers. The cuttings are then given two months' hardening in slat-covered bush houses before distribution and planting under shade.

Although the machine is regarded as a definite improvement on older methods, it is not used at the La Pastora and other stations in BWI. These still use the glass-lidded box type propagators for which a satisfactory routine has been evolved.

Mr. Eden in his article said that, according to reports at the last London cocoa conference, 200,000 tons of cocoa beans are lost annually through pests and diseases. The toll of capsids, swollen shoot, witch's broom and black pod was

heavy. In the Gold Coast plantations in 1953, an average of 574,000 trees were cut down every month because of swollen shoot.

¶ Miss Anne Hendy-Pooley returned home to Sydney on June 26 after working for a year in Noumea. She is making hurried preparations for her wedding in August to Mr. John Wheelock, American Vice-Consul in Noumea. Afterwards the couple will go to America and await Mr. Wheelock's new consular appointment.

¶ Dr. Erich Boltze, German Minister in New Zealand, paid a visit to Western Samoa in May, travelling by air.



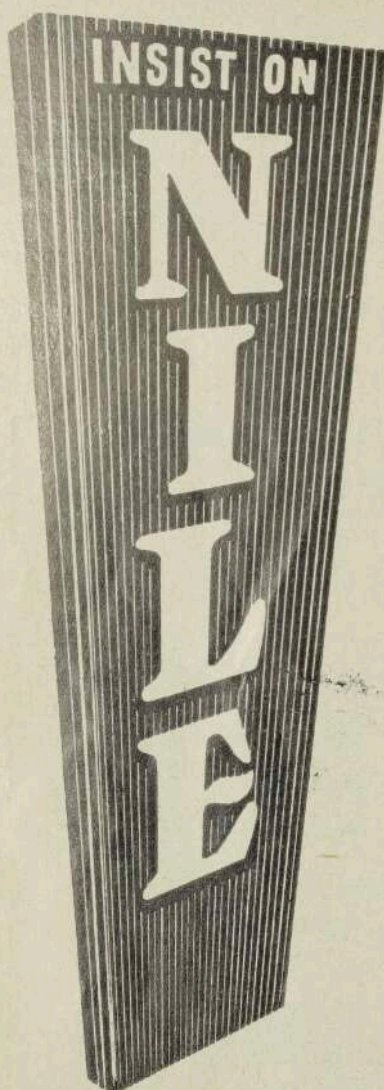
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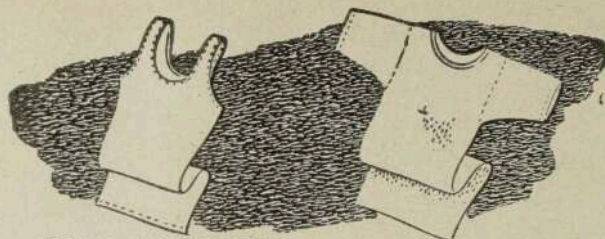
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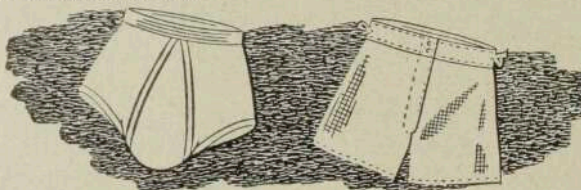
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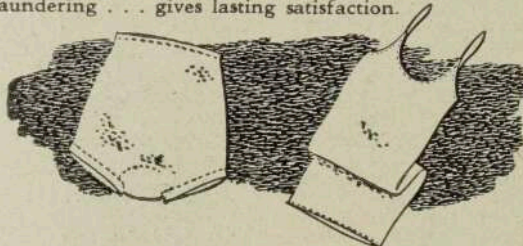
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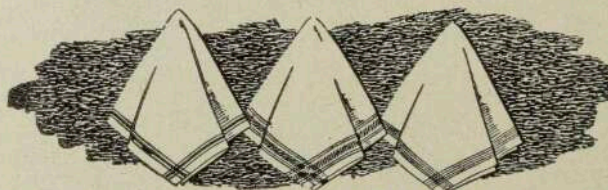
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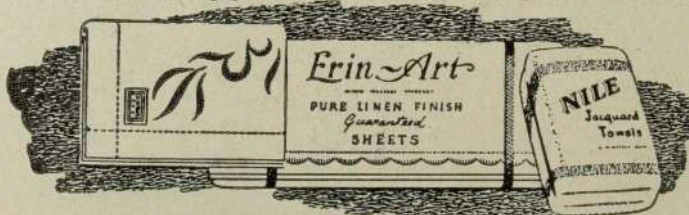
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BRITAIN IGNORES FIJI'S VITAL PROBLEMS

The following was written for the "Pacific Islands Monthly" by a special correspondent in London. It does not necessarily express the opinion of the PIM; but it does show how deeply some people, who are concerned for the welfare of Fiji and the Fijians, resent the attitude of the British Colonial Office towards Fiji's population problems.

LONDON, June 11.

THE PIM, expressing doubt about whether the Colonial Office ever will do anything to accede to the Fiji Government's request for a formal inquiry into Fiji's population problem, is absolutely right. From what I have seen and learned here that problem—and others, too, in the Pacific—is influenced almost entirely by India; and anything that might offend India is not even considered.

That is the cornerstone of Britain's Colonial policy and, I fear, of her Foreign policy, too. She is creating thereby a dangerous situation—more dangerous than need be—but nothing seems to shift her from it.

As we see it here, the best way

of dealing with the menace of Asia is to bring strong outside pressure, if possible from Australia and New Zealand, whose safety and security can be seriously endangered if Asiatic Communism spreads further south.

India's idea is to tighten her grip on Fiji to such an extent that she presently will be able to turn around and order the Europeans out of the Colony—and the same with other colonial territories around the Indian Ocean.

New Zealand, especially, is very deeply affected by this situation. She should take over Fiji as soon as possible—inconvenient though it may be—in the interests of her own security. In fact, the only reply to Indian penetration is the withdrawal of the Colonial Office in favour of New Zealand and Australia—and woe betide them both if they do not realise this in time. Indians from Fiji are clamouring to be allowed to settle in NZ, but are kept out now by NZ's immigration laws—an affront to India which NZ does not mind risking. For this reason, I hope Britain never gets into the ANZUS Pact.

An historical survey of the South Pacific would reveal the bad record of the British Colonial Office. It would show, too, how this Office is carrying on the old traditions. Appeasement of Germany was all the rage once. Now it is Asia, particularly India.

¶ The engagement was announced in Sydney on June 6 of Miss Barbara Payne and Mr. Bruce Blackwell, of New Guinea. Miss Payne is the principal of the Barbara Payne Academy, a finishing and grooming school for girls. The couple will live in NG after their marriage.

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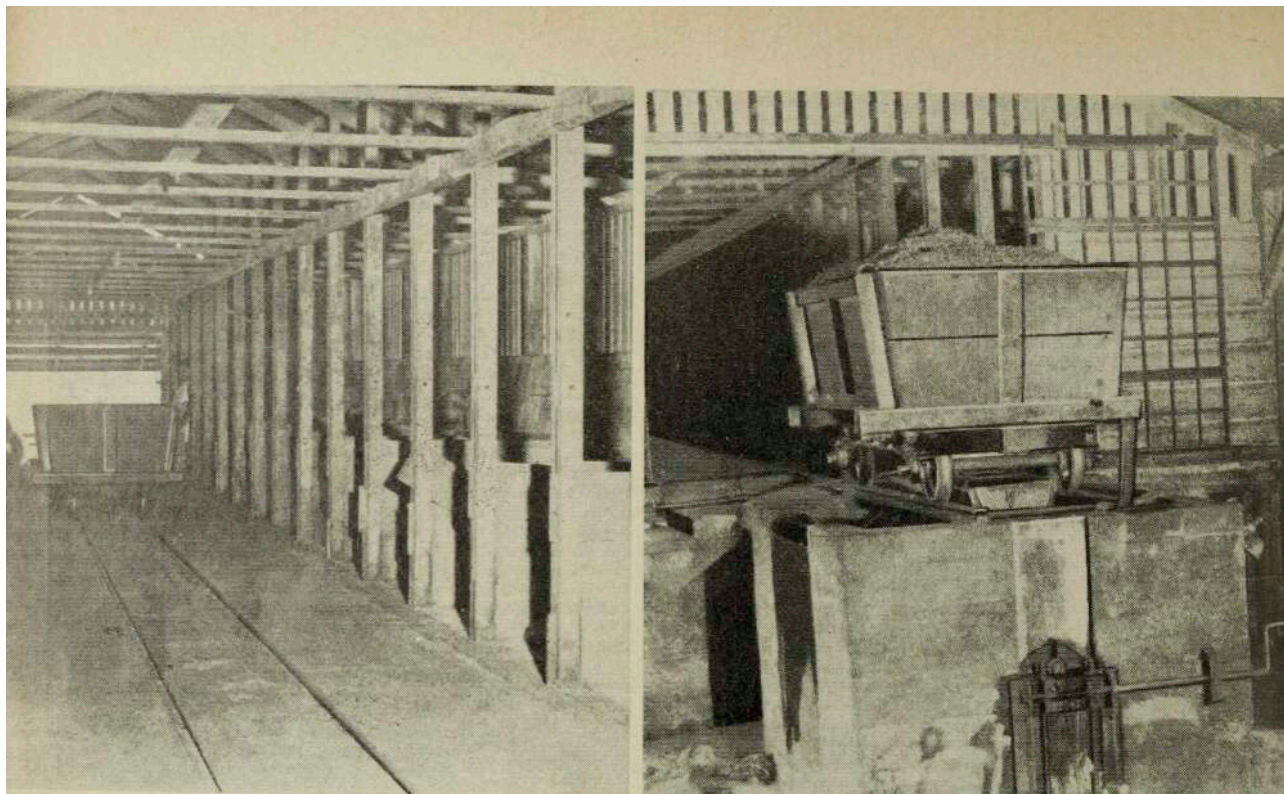
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Western Samoa's Method of Successful Cocoa Processing

THE discovery that cocoa improves in flavour when the process of fermentation is interrupted was made by chance when a Samoan grower of cocoa asked Reparation Estates for assistance—a parcel of his beans had been rejected for export because they were mouldy, under-fermented and badly dried.

The condemned beans were washed and redried in one of the rotary hot air driers at the Estates fermentary, and were improved to such a degree that it was believed that some new principle in processing had been discovered.

An "interrupted" kiln-dried method of processing cocoa beans has been evolved in Western Samoa, and is said to give the maximum flavour to the finished product. This and other aspects of processing beans in that Territory were contained in a paper read by Mr. D. R. A. Eden, of NZ Reparation Estates, Western Samoa, to a Cocoa Conference in London last year. The paper is summarised here from the April issue of the South Pacific Commission "Quarterly Bulletin."

However, research showed that a German scientist had made a similar discovery as long ago as 1908—it is based on the theory that fermentation of cocoa beans can be

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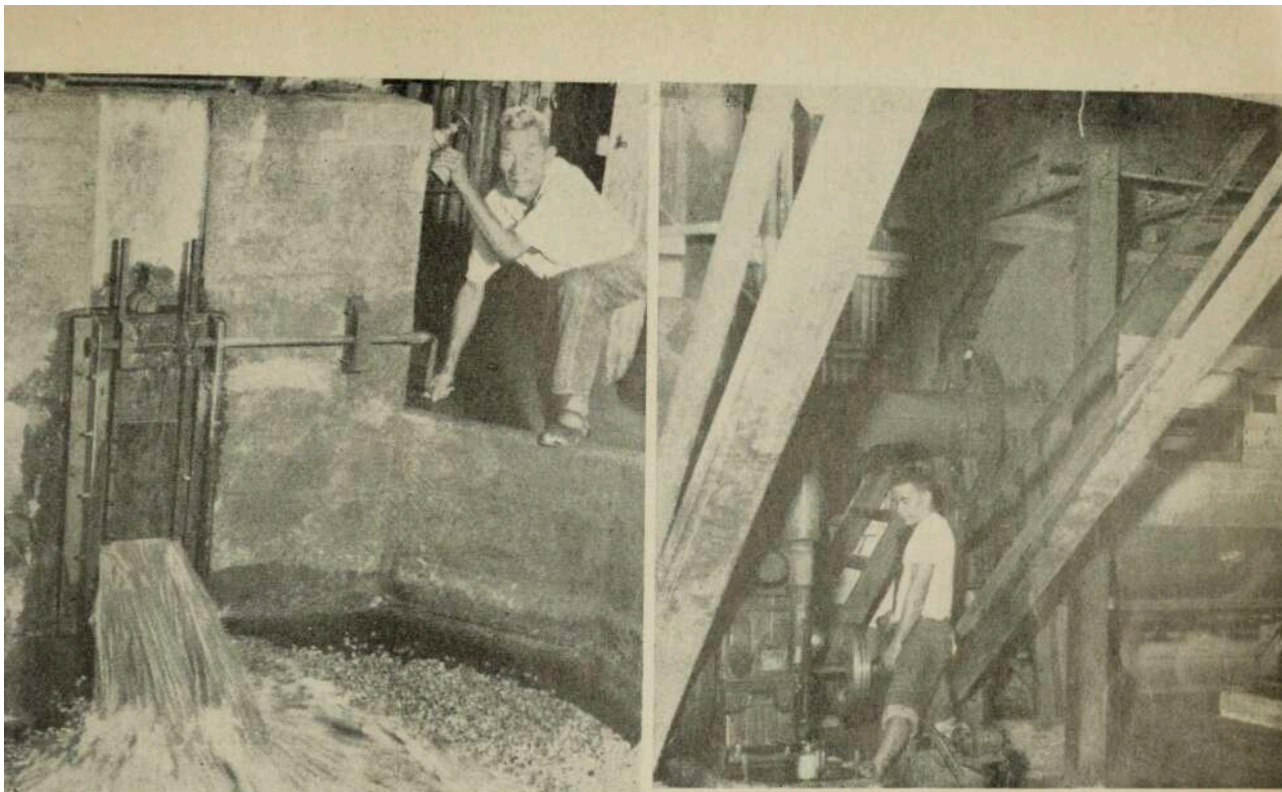
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had penetrated sufficiently into the cotyledons, otherwise super-acidification produced an acrid bitter flavour in the finished product. With the equipment available in those days the theory was not put to much practical use.

EQUIPMENT

The equipment used in the fermentaries of the Reparation Estates is as follows:

- Twenty wooden boxes line each side of the fermentaries. They are 5 ft by 4 ft and 3 ft high. They are constructed of movable planks fitted into slots. Each holds 3,000 lbs of wet cocoa when full. To prevent overheating in the fermentaries, the roof is constructed of bright aluminium to reflect the sun's rays and the walls above the boxes are built of slats with 2-inch spacing to allow air to escape.

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Photographs show, from left to right:

- Some of the 20 wooden boxes which line both sides of the Reparation Estates' fermentaries.

- Beans are taken from the fermenting boxes after 5½ days and passed through the washing tank.

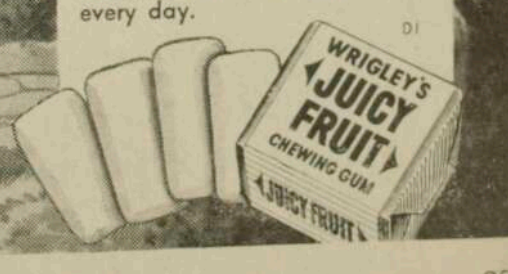
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After the first 12 hours the cocoa is turned daily—by shovelling each boxful into an adjoining box. Pod cores of placentas, and black inferior beans are picked out. As soon as a new box is filled, it is covered with banana leaves and sacking.

● After 5½ days the beans then pass through the washing drum where three changes of water remove the contracted pulp.

● Beans are then discharged into a draining pit.

● When drained, they are removed to the drying platform of the hot-air dryer and here remain for approximately 12 hours before drying is interrupted at a point where all surface moisture has been removed, but where a certain amount of dampness (not free moisture), is present in the cotyledons. Accuracy in judging this stage comes by experience.

The partly dried beans are then cooled to avoid sweating and are stored until a full load for the McKinnon rotary drier is ready.

● The McKinnon rotary drier is never used in the Estates fermentaries as a complete drier. It was designed as a coffee drier, and the small holes in the surface of the stainless metal drum become easily clogged with the sticky residue

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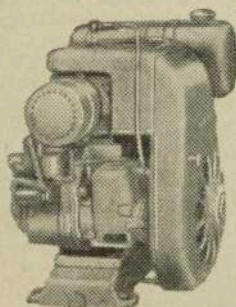
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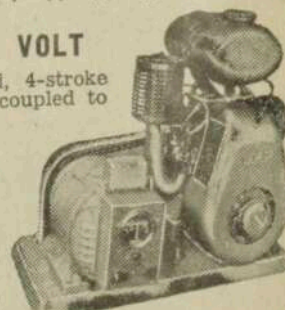


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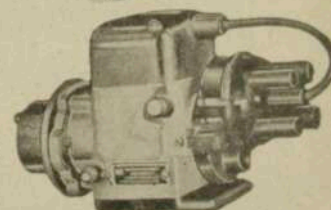


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Miss Phyllis Margaret Clarke and Mr. Edward Barden Turner were married at St. Paul's Church, Samarai, Papua, on May 22. The Rev. A. G. Daw officiated; Miss Betty Cooper was bridesmaid and Miss Susan Daw was flower girl. Mr. Norman Ridder flew from Port Moresby to be bestman, and Mr. Beavers, of Kwato, gave the bride away.

Seventy guests attended the reception at Burns Philip "Bach". The couple left for a honeymoon at Kwato.

—Photo by F. Hoeter.

Mr. J. C. Gilbert was appointed building inspector at Wewak, New Guinea, on June 18.

Mr. Ravuama Vunivalu, senior Fijian unofficial member of the Legislative Council, has resigned. He enlisted in the Fiji Military Forces and has joined the First Battalion in the fight against the Communist terrorists in Malaya. He also resigned from the Fiji Broadcasting Commission and has been replaced by Livai Volavola.

Mr. Tony Richardson, 27, left America in December to go to Sydney, and eventually arrived on April 16. In Panama he joined Mr. Pebble Rockefeller, owner of a 40-foot yacht, and set out for Tahiti. The yacht was becalmed for days on end and reached Galapagos Islands 24 days later. He decided to fly to Sydney from Tahiti.



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Morobe District's Problem Bridge

The Markham Point bridge construction, about 14 miles from Lae, N.G., as it was at mid-May, 1954. Work on the bridge (by Hornibrook's Constructions, Ltd.) began about 15 months ago, but the contractors have been continually held up by bad weather and floods.

About 100 yards below the point shown in these photographs, the company built its married-quarters. They were on the bank of the river then, but subsequently the Markham changed its course, and where those quarters were is now a sweep of the river.

The experts still maintain that they chose the right spot for the bridge. But others, of long residence in the district, would not be surprised if the Markham lived up to its reputation, changed course again, and left the engineers with a bridge but no river.

Local flooding can be coped with; most of the trouble has been caused by heavy rains in the headwaters of the river.

The piles are carried on an overhead cable which is suspended on two mighty, steel masts, one at either side of the river. The butt of one mast can be seen, top right, of the third photograph. Its partner is on the bare patch on the other side of the river—shown in the same photograph.

Photographs one and two show a pile being carried on the overhead cable, and then being juggled into position by Europeans and Markham natives, operating from a canoe. The river had no flood in it when these photographs were taken—but when there is, spills and long swims are frequent.

The engineers expected to drive piles at the rate of one per day from mid-May. There will be 17 spans in the bridge.

† Capitaine de Fregate Colas des Francs, after a period of service as Commandant of the Marine in French Oceania, returned to France per *May Tahitien*. He has been succeeded by Capitaine de Fregate Vauchez.

† His Excellency Governor Petitbon, of French Oceania, accompanied by Messrs. Buestel, Chief of Finance, G. Allain, Chef de Cabinet, and Dr. Casterene recently made an official tour of the Tuamotus in the Government schooner *Tamara*.

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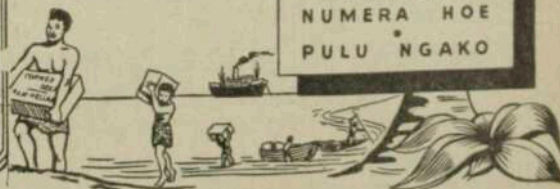
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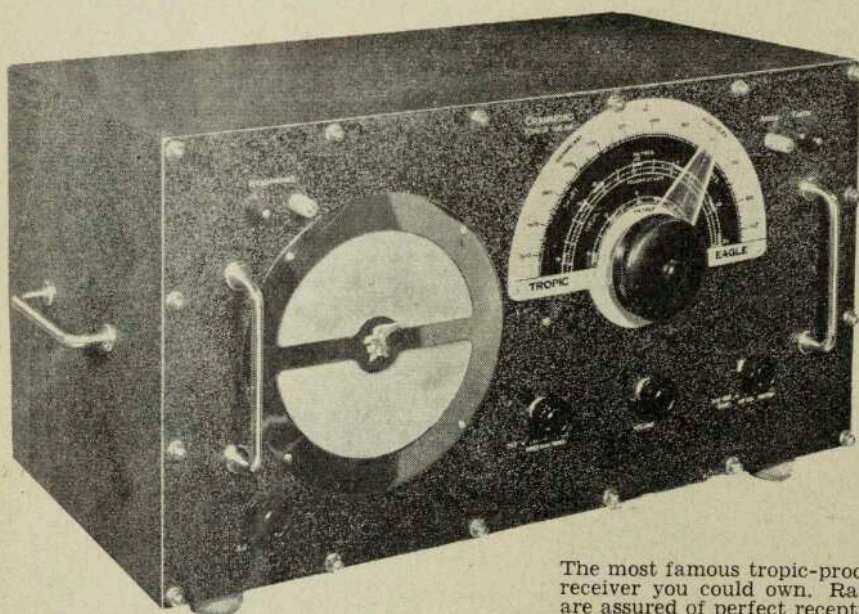
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OUR Ham news collecting service has been disrupted by recent travels and this month's notes are fragments from all points.

Ere this appears, there should be a new Fiji station on the air—VR2BD, W. McMillan, ex-ZL-1-BB, now attached to the technical staff of the Fiji Broadcasting Commission's station ZJV in Suva. At first he'll be heard on 40 m. CW/phone, doubling with a 3584 kc/s crystal—7168 kc/s—but later there will be VFO with 60 watts of carrier-controlled phone. We're picking that this will be an active station.

We hear that Don Franklin—VR2CU has departed for ZL.

ZL-1-VI reports that Ray—VR3A on Fanning is now heard with an excellent 8 m. sig on 3511 kc/s—50 watts input and a long-wire.

From Apia ZM6AS and ZM6AP have both been heard on 80 m. phone.

From the Cooks, ZK's 1-BG/BH/BI have all been active—the latter with very fine quality phone, but all three using phone and CW. Doug Berry—ZK-1-BG has now raised his 80 m. tally of countries to 19 last reported being PY6FL.

Another phoney seems to have sprung up in the form of VR6AH—or is he a phoney? That goes on at Pitcairn is still a mystery, though certainly some signals are coming out of the island. Incidentally, it could be that VR6AH and ZK4AC are the same. The latter says he's at Tongareva—Enryhn Island in the Northern Cooks. We have it on the best of authority that there is no ZK-4 station in existence—except this illegitimate one with "Paul" for the controls.

From Niue, Eddie—ZK-2-AC is now active on 40 m.—working with his ZL notes. We believe that ZL2HY is building him another (possibly lower powered!) transmitter at present. Strangely enough,

when BERS-195 heard him working in April there was not a single DX station in the queue. Maybe the beam points south-west! Listener Eric also reports that French Oceania stations FO8AC/FO8AK have been active on 20 m. with good CW sigs in daylight hours.

There is reason to believe that Palmyra Island, long silent, might find itself a voice again. Phil Palmer—VR3C on Fanning reports much activity at KP6 with the arrival of a tuna fishing organisation and the reopening of the airfield—and where there are inhabited islands there are radio men, and they usually turn out to be Hams in places like that—so keep a lookout on 20 m.! Incidentally, in this connection, we hear KG6AEX at Guam is very much alive on 20 m. phone. He was formerly that very active Palmyran KP6AA, well known in the South Pacific 7 or 8 years ago, when the island still had an ionosphere station operating.

A New Guinea phone sig that finds

its way well down to ZL on 80 m. at times is VK9FN—frequency 3620 kc/s. A new station up there is VK9EB, K. S. Mullan, C/O. AWA Aviation Service Depot, Lae—QSL address P.O. Box 13, Lae. Also noted is a change of address from Bulolo to Wau for VK9RM.

What can be made of this YJ-1-AC man, who says he's a US Navy meteorologist in the New Hebrides? A quick check with some people just down from that area failed to shed any light. We'd like to hear some details from him.

From Raoul, where it's always Sunday, in the Kermadecs, we hear ZL-1-AHC putting out a powerful 80 m. phone signal. Not a DX prefix—but an island never-the-less.

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in Tonga," reports Radio Superintendent Simmons in a recent letter. Pity! So if one shows up without warning you'll know him for what he is.

This month we present a photo of the Barolongang gang. We cordially invite photos of other groups of Hams—especially from the French territories and New Guinea. We believe they're of general interest. Notes from all quarters are also solicited.

Atoll Research Team

THE Pacific Science Board of the US National Research Council recently sent a team to Kapingamarangi, Caroline Islands, as part of its coral atoll programme. The team will study environmental factors affecting life on atolls and will make investigations in anthropology, botany, etc.

Members of the team are Mr. E. D. McKee (US Geological Survey), Dr. C. Hand (marine invertebrate zoologist), Dr. W. A. Niering (land ecologist), Dr. R. R. Harry (ichthyologist), Dr. J. Wiens (geographer), and Mr. W. Jan Newhouse (algologist).

Mr. Peter Yeomans, son of Mr. Tom Yeomans, of Sydney and New Guinea, is making good as a designing artist overseas. He has recently been awarded a scholarship to study at the Cranbrook Academy, a unit in a large, non-profit educational centre in Michigan, USA. He studied

industrial designing at East Sydney Technical College. Later he practised store layout and design and set himself up as a freelance designer.

He then went overseas, and in the last two years he has studied sculpture and designing in England, travelled extensively in Italy, and worked and studied in Toronto, Canada. In London he won a com-

petition for a design to decorate Australia House during the Coronation celebrations. He intends to remain overseas, where he considers there are greater opportunities. His father, Mr. Tom Yeomans, is well-known in New Guinea through his association with gold mining and, more recently, with the South Pacific Brewery.

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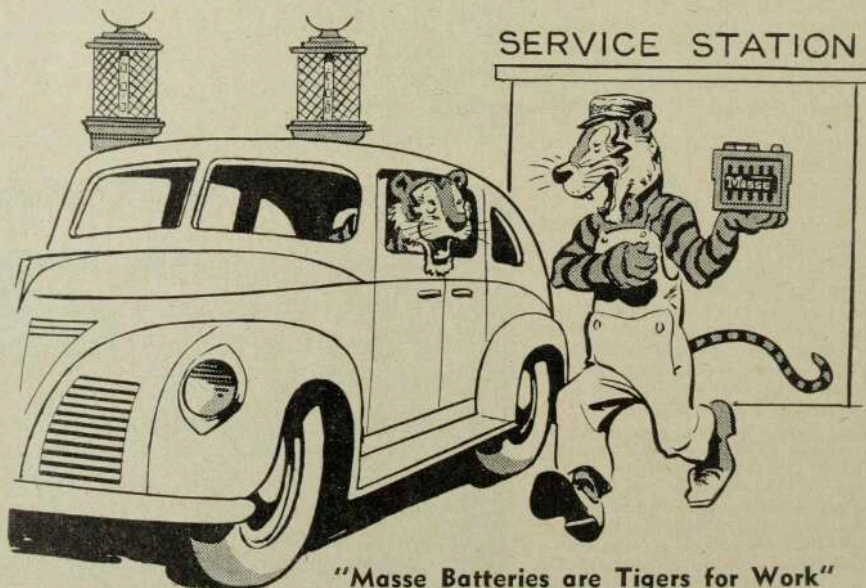
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News of the Small-Ships

DOWN—AND UP:—*MV Ralun* dragged her anchor at Namatanal, New Britain, on May 29 and, striking a steep reef ledge, pushed the flukes through her hull. She sank in nine fathoms of water with 550 bags of copra but without loss of life.

Encouraged by the success of similar operations, nine Chinese with an interest in the ship decided to salvage it. They are Pang Chun Wai, Pang Chun Cheong, Seeto Wing Cheong, Tong Yuen Ming, Tong Poon Ming, Touly Yan Ming,

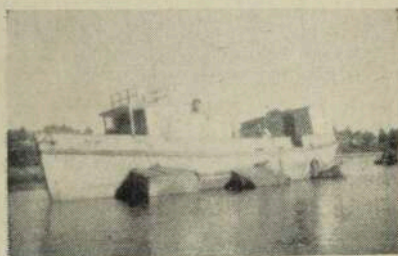
Lieutenant of HMNZS *Pukaki*, has been appointed for the first nine months. A building, jetty, motor launch and some smaller craft will be acquired.

SHELLBACKS PLEASE NOTE:—Arthur C. Johnson, aboard the brigantine *Yankee*, at present in the Islands, appeals to old-timers to give him news of the barquentine *Volador* which was chartered by Burns Philp & Co. in 1909. Where she was built, how did she end, what was her history? Johnson's Bookstore, Springfield, Mass., USA,

will find him, or if the story is worth telling we will tell it here.

MARY WINKLEMAN:—Johnson also asks for information on the wreck of this vessel as she left Pago Pago harbour in 1933. She is believed to have been engaged in gun-running or smuggling. He met her earlier owners in Panama recently. She was a barquentine.

WHAT OFFERS?:—It will be recalled that in May, 1953, the 250-ton motor vessel *El Retiro* (formerly *Kapiti* of NZ) was thrown onto the reef at Million Dollar Point, Santo, shortly after Mr. Donald Gubay had purchased her from Captain E.



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They used six pontoon cubes as camels and 120 44-gallon drums. Tong Chou Ming and a native diver and attached the drums to the hull and pumped air gave the ship sufficient buoyancy to drag her into four fathoms. The drums were then released, the cubes lashed on either side and filled with air, and the ship beached.

The lifting of the ship took 31 working days, a creditable performance.

Ralun is valued at £14,000. She has a Gardner 8LS engine. Her mast was lost—and the copra—but she is repairable.

RNVR FOR FIJI:—New Zealand's Chief of Naval Staff, Commodore Sir Charles Madden, returned from Suva early June following a visit in his capacity as adviser to the Fiji Government and announced that a Fiji Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve force is to be established.

Commanding officer of the reserve would be Lieutenant-Commander G. R. Woods, present naval liaison officer in Fiji. The strength of the unit would be about 20 officers and 200 ratings by the end of two years. It was hoped that eventually the unit would be entirely manned by Fijians, but in the early stages a staff officer and some petty officer instructors would be recruited in New Zealand.

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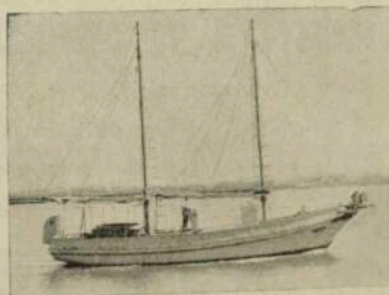
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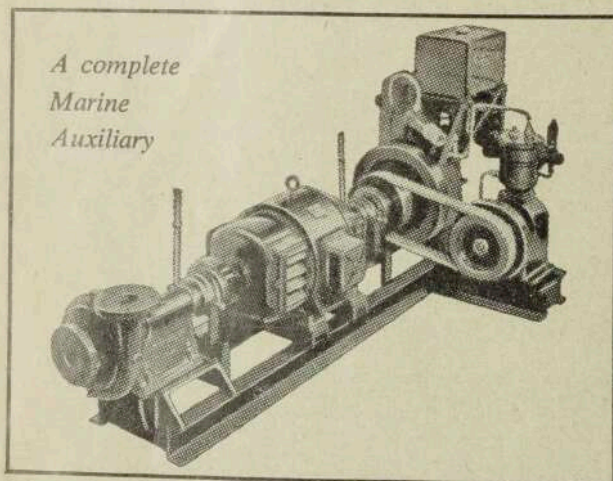
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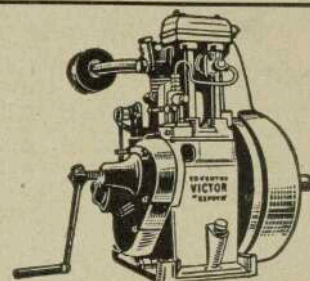
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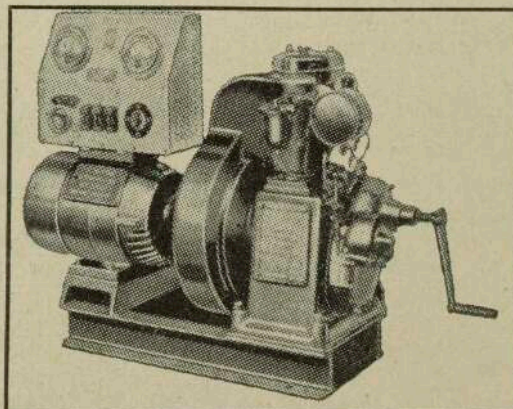


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SANTO WHARF:—This wharf can be considered a total loss following serious damage to the already dilapidated structure by a tanker. It is understood, however, that a lighterage service will shortly be in operation on a commercial basis, replacing the wharf which, incidentally, was free to all comers to use at no charge—a relic of the military occupation during World War II.

BOUGHT AT GUAM:—Peter Throckmorton, of the Reliable Engine Repair Service, Honolulu, who toured South Pacific groups last year looking for ship-sale business, reports that his ex-serviceman organisation has made a purchase in Guam. He and others were leaving Honolulu in June to bring back a convoy of four vessels—a 450-hp tugboat, one LCT hull, one 250-ton steel barge, and another wooden barge of the same tonnage.

OLD PHOTOS WANTED:—Union Steam Ship Co. are seeking photos of their former vessels *Kakapo* (1900), *Fijian* (1889), *Brunner* (1900), *Snark* (1905), *Boojum* (1887), and *Lady Bird* (1881). They are prepared to buy them through local Island shipping managers.

MONIQUE LOSS OFFICIAL:—A communique issue by the Merchant Marine Ministry in France declares the motorship *Monique* to be officially lost, and her passengers, captain and crew to be dead. The Justice Department has announced that the families of the victims may claim damage whatever may be the result of the inquiry into the disaster, and that both the owners of the ship and the captain may be held responsible.

Monique, of 240 tons, left the island of Mare, in the Loyalty Group, at 4.15 p.m. on July 31 last year to sail the 50 miles to New Caledonia. She was never sighted again. More than 120 people, including 20 Europeans, were on board.

BROTHERS DELAYED:—Seven *Little Brothers* and owner Willis, are reported not to have got away on the Pacific drift voyage in May. A mid-June despatch from Callao indicated that the voyage would, however, commence before the end of June. A few other details were supplied. The raft has a keel and a steering wheel as well as tiller, to ease the work.

A radio transmitter is being carried but no details of radio plans or frequencies are known. Most probably the set is a Gibson Girl operating on 500 kc/s with kite aerial and hand-turned power generator.

A parrot and a cat have joined the crew. Based on *Kon-Tiki* experience, first possible landfall

would be made about the end of September, but Willis insists that he's heading for Samoa, not French Oceania, so another month might be added—possibly much more.

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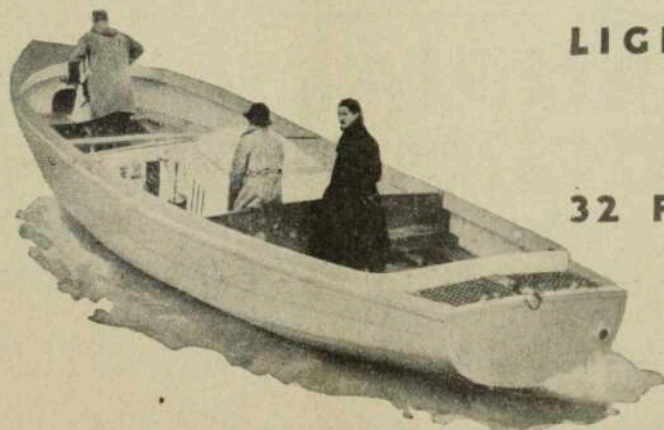
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MORE DRIFTERS:—As the American Willis set out from Callao, Peru on his expected drift to Samoa, late in June, it was learnt that another 6-man raft expedition was preparing to drift from California to Hawaii.

LAURABADA FOR SCUTTLING: The historic 160-ton Papua Administration yacht *Laurabada*, built in 1934 and handed over to the Port Moresby Sea Scouts four years ago, is to be officially destroyed by fire "after a fitting ceremony." Apart from her historic associations, *Laurabada* did some most valuable work in World War II evacuating people from behind the Jap lines, a good many owing their lives to her. For a long time she was skippered by Mr. Ivan Champion.

CHARLES H. GILBERT REPORT:—The US fish and wildlife research vessel *Charles H. Gilbert* recently cruised Polynesia and reported favourably on tuna fishing possibilities in the Marquesas on returning to Honolulu. Large quantities of a sardine-like fish of an ideal size for tuna bait were found in the many bays there, and the surrounding waters contained numerous tuna schools. As many as 20 large schools were sighted within an hour, mostly identified as 10-30 lb yellow-fin.

FROM NOUMEA:—Under command of Captain Louis Jegou, and with Captain Robert Souprayen chief officer, Societe des Iles Loyaute's 260-ton vessel *Rosalie* came south from Noumea for refit in Auckland late June. With 18 aboard, the Auckland-built ship came down in ballast in 8 days against fresh southerlies.

Chief Officer Souprayen, normally master of the ship on the inter-island run, said the company has an 800-ton vessel being built in France and due in New Caledonia waters before the end of the year. This will replace their *Monique*, lost without trace last year.

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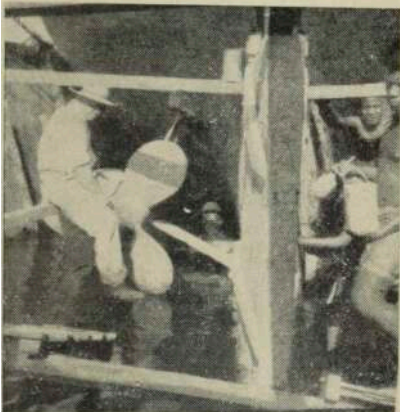
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RABAU COFFERDAM:—A cofferdam, capable of taking 300 tonners, was built in Rabaul, NG, in May by local engineer Mike Morgan and confounded the numerous sceptics by successfully raising the



Top: Mr. Mike Morgan, inside the cofferdam, at work on the "A" brackets. Lower: The Kulu with her stern supported by the cofferdam.

Kulu and allowing her "A" brackets to be repaired. As the photograph shows, it is like a welded-steel tank, in which the stern of the ship sits. Water is pumped out of the tank so that repairs can be made.

For years Rabaul owners and agents have been under the expense of sending ships to Moresby, usually empty, maintaining an idle crew on board, paying daily wharf charges and slipping and rental charges (2/6 a ton), and suffering long delays. Early in January Steamships Trading Co. advised that the Moresby slipway would not be available for the *Kulu* job until the end of March. The price quoted for changing the "A" brackets was £2,000, and this would probably have grown to £3,000 with the delays and other expenses.

Nothing more need be added to show the advantages of the new cofferdam. It is believed that Burns Philp will soon use the dam to change the *Katika's* brackets.

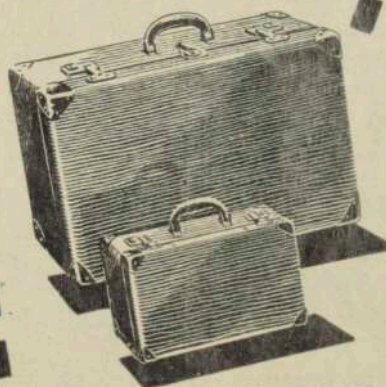
NUKALAU LOST:—Another Pacific trader rang the Lutine bell at Lloyds in mid-June when South Pacific Shipping Co.'s *Nukalau* took the big plunge on her first working voyage for her present owners.

The 400-ton, Italian-built, wooden ship, after months of delay in delivery from Cyprus to Suva and more months in improving and extending the accommodation, left Auckland in May for Australia and was returning to New Zealand with

a cargo of hardwood poles from Coff's Harbour, NSW, when she foundered. The ship happened to sail from Coff's Harbour on a Friday, there were thirteen persons aboard, and it was June 13 when she sank. She had also had her name changed and mis-spelt in the process, and—let's admit it—ships which her chief engineer and second officer, part owners, have been associated with, have had unfortunate histories. *Karoro*, just sold by them, promptly nosed up on to Aitutaki reef, and *Alexander*, their next purchase, with equal promptitude put herself, by some extraordinary fluke, on the same reef a little later.

Nukalau seems to have opened up

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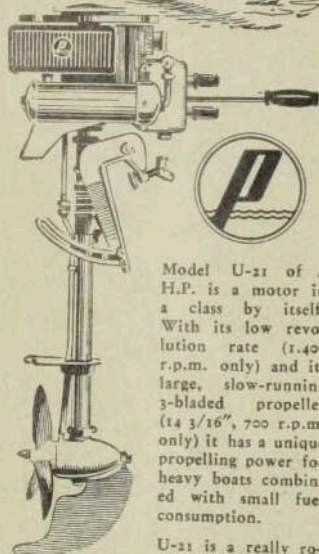
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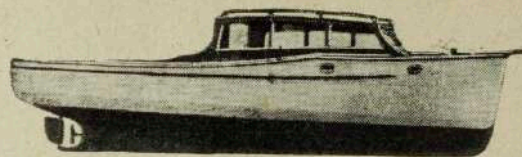
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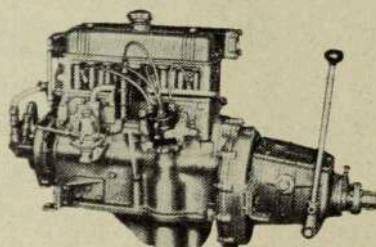
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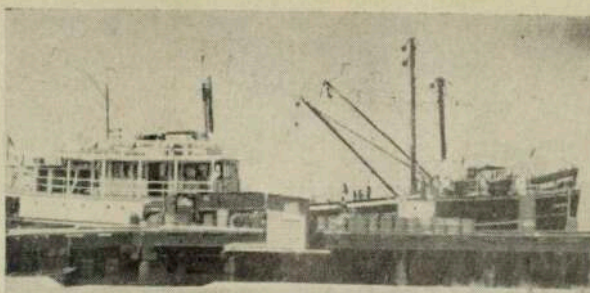
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when 200 miles off the NSW coast in moderate weather. Her master, Captain D. K. Matheson, an experienced mariner of high professional standing, sent out a distress call on the evening of June 12. Colonial Sugar Refining Co.'s *Fiona*, 65 miles away, was diverted to the scene, arriving in time to take off all hands in the early hours of the following morning as *Nukalau* went down. The crew, including seven Fijians or part-Fijians, was landed on Lord Howe Island and flown back to Sydney.

South Pacific Shipping Co. is registered in Suva, but the vessel was still registered in Famagusta, Cyprus. Shareholders included Mr. J. Turner, Suva small-ship owner; Captain Jack McK. Arnot, of the Fiji trader *Altair*; and Mr. Lew Graham, chief engineer, and Mr. C. Harrison, second officer, both of

Auckland. The vessel was under charter to Hong Kong & Eastern Shipping Co., a subsidiary of Tasman Steamship Co., of Auckland, with headquarters in Sydney, and was reported to be fully insured. Messrs. Graham and Harrison had put a great deal of hard work into preparing the vessel for service.

Mate of *Nukalau* at the time of her sinking was Captain McLeod, well known in the Cook Islands as former master of *Te Aroa*.

TOIL AND TROUBLE:—A few days before *Nukalau* foundered, Captain E. Savoie's *Jacques del Mar* (ex-*Holmburn* of NZ) put on a performance seaward from Port Macquarie, NSW. Following a serious engine breakdown, the Master sent out a call for help and the salvage tug *Woona* was despatched from Sydney and returned with the 48-

year-old veteran in tow. The motor was described as "a little dicky" when Captain Savoie purchased this and the *Colorado del Mar* (ex *Hokitika*) in New Zealand ports last January.

GONE FISHING:—The 69-ft trawler *Lucy Star*, which saw service in the Islands during the war, has

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left Sydney for New Zealand's South Island, where she will be used for fishing. She is powered by a 160-hp diesel.

SHELL-52:—Built by Millers Ltd., Suva, this 75-foot welded steel oil barge was recently delivered to Shell Oil Co. for use on the Suva-Lautoka run, carrying 84 tons of bulk oil in four tanks. Full details appeared in this column last August.

ANOTHER OPERATION:—Ronald Johnson, who last year twice cleared Sydney on an island yacht cruise but each time sold the yacht on arrival at Honiara, was heading south from Hongkong in June with another. This time, however, he and his yacht were aboard the *Eastern Glory*.

Johnson hoped to sell the 32-footer en route to Sydney, possibly at Lae, NG. Freight alone was costing £500. Completed to his own requirements, the craft looked a useful sort of shallow-draft, centre-board fishing boat.

BOMBARD ILL:—Frenchman Dr. Alain Bombard (*The Bombard Story*), who made a darling drift voyage across the Atlantic last year to prove his theory that a shipwrecked seaman can survive entirely on food and drink obtainable from the sea, is reported now to be seriously ill of a bone disease. The disease, it is believed, is the result of extreme malnutrition and loss of weight caused by his experiment.

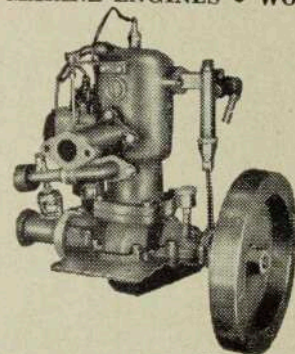
NOUMEA R/T RADIO WATCHES:—Noumea's radio watch for R/T calls has recently been revised and the frequencies altered to conform with international requirements. Coast station and ships now use 4100 and 8200 kc/s. Watch is maintained on 4100 kc/s from 2100-2330 GMT and from 0330-0500 GMT, and on 8200 kc/s from 2200-0400

GMT, service on the two frequencies thus overlapping.

RESHUFFLE:—From Nukualofa it is reported that the Government's 108-ton auxiliary ketch-rigged *Hifofua* will shortly be offered for sale, and that she will be replaced as a personnel-shifting vessel by the *A'oni*, Suva-built 80-ton ketch

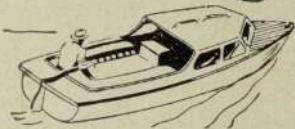
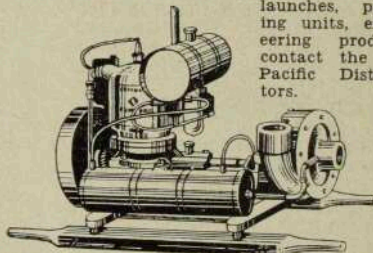
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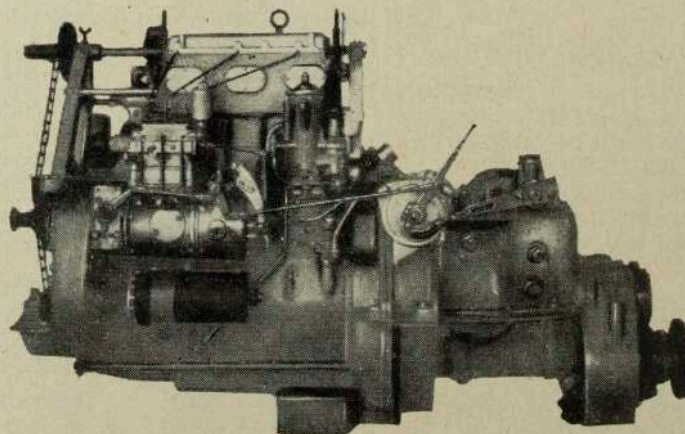
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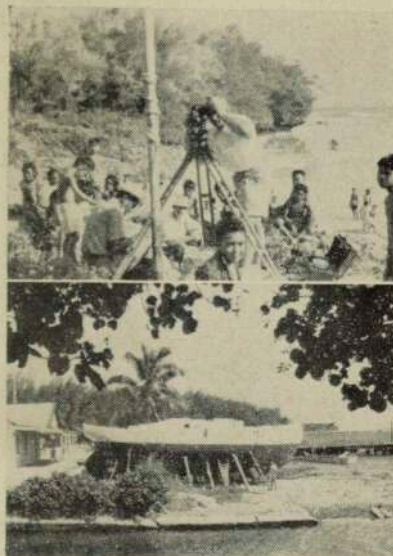
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Below: The ketch SIREN, formerly owned by Captain Grey, which was wrecked at Avarua, Rarotonga, several years ago and since salvaged. She is shown in her cradle at Avarua wharf ready for re-launching.

at present employed by the Tongan Copra Board. A'oni'u in turn will be replaced by a new steel vessel, probably of 600 tons, for the copra trade.

Hijofua was built by Chas. Bailey, Auckland, in 1927, and can carry 50 tons of cargo, 10 cabin passengers and 80 deck passengers. She had an extensive refit in Auckland last year.

SOUTHERN CROSS:—The Melanesian Mission ship *Southern Cross* was due to leave Honiara on June 21 on her last voyage for the Mission, with Bishop Hill, new Bishop of Melanesia, on board. She will call at ports in the Eastern Solomons, the Reef Islands, Santa Cruz, Utupua, Vanikoro, Tikopia and Espiritu Santo, after which the Bishop will visit the New Hebrides, Banks and Torres Islands. The *Southern Cross* will then proceed to Ballina, NSW, and will be sold.

In the course of her 21 years' service to the Mission she has visited most of the islands of Melanesia, including New Britain and Papua, and during the Japanese war she saw service with the RAN. Her present captain is Lt.-Cdr. O'Neill, DSC, RNZN (retired). Her mate, Mr. H. Woods, served more than 50 years ago in an earlier *Southern Cross* and is well known throughout the islands.

The Mission held a farewell service on board on Sunday, June 20.

Classed as 100-A-1 in Lloyds 1953 *Register of Yachts*, *Southern Cross* was built by Cammell Laird & Co., Birkenhead, in 1933 and is 298 gross tons, 143 nett. She is powered by a pair of Gardner diesels. Mission headquarters in Auckland have a price ticket of £15,000 Australian on the ship.

Funds are being collected for a new ship for the mission. Meantime, chartered tonnage or regular trading vessels will be employed to move personnel and cargo.

CHANGES COMING:—Suva Post Office, which operates the coastal and inter-island radio service in Fiji waters, reports that frequency

changes are likely to come into force there about August. Instead of using 6,300 kc/s (4200 kc/s as an alternative), local shipping will shift to 4073.9 kc/s (8262.3 kc/s) and the Post Office station will reply on 4445 kc/s (7360 kc/s). The latter transmitters will also be used for inter-island communication.

Voice-equipped vessels approaching Fiji from overseas will still call the Cable and Wireless overseas radio station, which listens on 6280 kc/s at 0400 GMT and 2300 GMT, replying on 5887.5 kc/s.

NOW IN TASMAN:—Japanese tuna boats have lately been successfully operating their long-line fishing methods in the central Tasman sea, midway between Australia and New Zealand, and have

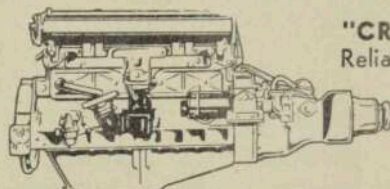
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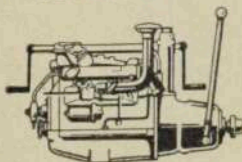
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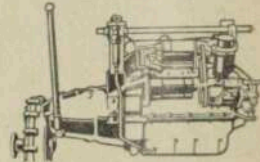
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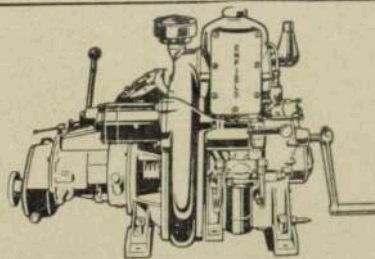
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taken large catches of albacore this autumn, according to American fishing interests. It has not been generally appreciated in the South Pacific that Japanese fishing vessels—modern 18-knot craft—had extended their operations so far south, though tuna are known to migrate still further south on the Australian coast. The Japanese vessels are operating in pairs, one hauling in while the other re-baits, the line being lifted every 10 to 12 hours.

SPECIAL CHARTER:—To take Cook Island labourers home from Makatea phosphate island and return with a new gang, M/v. *Orohena*, largest vessel in the French Oceania inter-island trade (532 gross tons) made a charter voyage in May for Compagnie Francaise Phosphates d'Oceania, owners of *Oiseau des Iles*. The latter vessel also made a voyage to the Cooks a few weeks earlier. *Orohena* is owned by Andre Biouin & Cie., Papeete.

ITC VESSEL LOST.—The Micronesian Island Trading Co.'s AKL vessel *Metomkin*, was lost on a reef outside Ponape Harbour early this year. Despite efforts by the US Coastguard vessel *Planetree*, and the Pacific Micronesian Line ships *Terry*, *Baker* and *Roque*, the stranded vessel could not be refloated and became a total loss. The 36 passengers and 80 tons of copra aboard at the time were safely landed.

SALVAGE IN MICRONESIA.—Some time ago we reported that Japanese firms were keen to obtain salvage rights covering wartime wrecks in Micronesia. We learn that the Trust Territory Government has signed a preliminary contract with the San Francisco firm of J. H. Pomeroy & Co. in which they have been given 120 days to survey and determine whether operations would be technically or economically feasible. That firm will then have the right of carrying out salvage under terms to be decided, if the survey proves favourable.

TO SAIL AGAIN.—The Catholic mission schooner *Romace*, which operates in Micronesia and which went ashore near Truk late last year, now seems likely to sail again. A US Navy salvage team abandoned efforts to refloat the schooner but the mission authorities, convinced that the job was not impossible, carried on the salvage work themselves. The vessel was gradually shifted nearly 1,000 feet across the reef, extensively replanked, and was ready to be relaunched in April.

WATCH THAT SHIRT.—Marine authorities have issued a warning that under certain circumstances a nylon shirt worn by the helmsman can cause a deviation of the compass. A recent case was noted where a man wearing a shirt made

of orlon—one form of nylon—caused the steering compass to oscillate in a peculiar manner. The effect was traced beyond shadow of doubt to the shirt.

H-BOMB EXCITEMENT.—Water-side workers in Australia during May were refusing to work cargo in vessels arriving from the Far East without their first being checked for radio activity. One vessel affected was the Swedish ship *Citos*, which came from Japan via Hong-kong, Borneo and Rabaul to Sydney. Another was the Chinese vessel *Hai Chang*, which the ship agents declared had never been nearer than 2,000 miles to the scene of the H-Bomb tests. Watersiders in Cairns refused to handle the cargo of Japanese cement until tests were made. With greater reason, natives of Rongelab and Uterik, in the Marshall Islands, accidentally affected by radio-active dust from the tests, appealed to the UN to have further tests halted.

NUKUALOFA RADIO: Further to the details given in April PIM, Nukualofa Radio now reports that speaker watch is maintained for Smallcraft on the International distress frequency of 2182 kc/s from 0540-0950 GMT and from 1140-1240 GMT, daily, including Sundays.

Nukualofa is thus the first Islands station to establish an almost continuous watch on this frequency.

Furthermore the station, like Suva, provides a R/T service from ship to any person ashore in Nukualofa connected to the telephone system. Conversations are restricted to ship's business. The charge is 5/- for the first three minutes and 1/6 per minute thereafter. Messages to other parts of Tonga not available on the R/T service are accepted at 4d per word.

• The former luxury schooner *IDALIA* was abandoned by an amateur crew 180 miles north of Honolulu mid-June. Navy transport LT. ROBT. CRAIG found her by chance, a drifting derelict, and took off the crew.

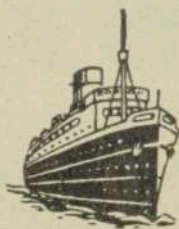
Nine men and women amateurs comprised the crew. They spent 25 days trying to take *IDALIA* to San Pedro, California, without auxiliary power or radio and with a minimum of seamanship.

The log said the vessel became becalmed in the Molokai Island channel "and was tossed like a cork, causing flimsy mainsail and jib to rip to ribbons". On the third day sails were repaired and a fresh breeze rose, but bad seamanship endangered the vessel. There were days of heavy seas, and the other log entries were:—

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The above vessels have put in at Papeete recently

Top: CHARLES H. GILBERT, research vessel of the US Fish and Wildlife Service.

Centre: Lieut. Pester's TERN II, called en route from England to Auckland.

Lower: American yacht NORDLYS.

ing of heavy seas. Three hours a day pumping out bilges.

Nineteenth day: Crew on starvation rations. Pumping difficult.

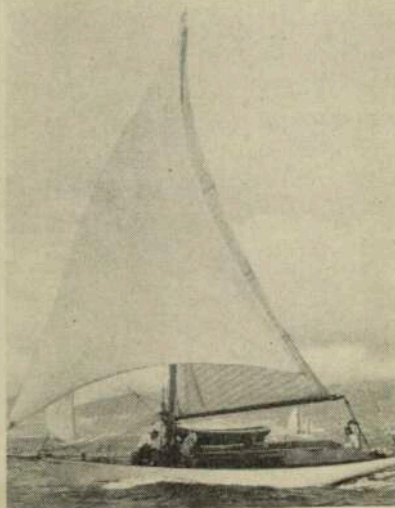
Twentieth day: Food withheld from crew to make them go back to pumping.

On the twenty-fifth day a light was seen on the horizon, flares were shot off and the LT. ROBT. CRAIG came alongside.

Final log entry—"Rescue accomplished smoothly under difficult conditions. Even saved ship's cat".

• The 56-year-old gaff rig ketch **CARIAD** arrived at Port Moresby on June 6 and left a few days later for South Africa. She has been on a world tour—the second—with her 66-year-old owner, Mr. W. Flitton, a SA businessman.

Mr. Flitton expects his hobby will get less of his time in future. He was returning home the short way, via Cocos and Mauritius, following the death of his business partner, a friend for 40 years.



The attractive Chilean schooner **SERVA LA BARI** at present at Papeete.

The sloop **PRIMAVERA** at present in Oceania waters. It is owned by Mr. Paul Hurst, of Lanikai.

• **PRIMAVERA**, American 5-ton sloop, manned by owner Paul Hurst and three companions, arrived in Papeete May 27 from Hilo, Hawaii. The yacht had taken part in the Trans-Pacific and Ensenada races last year. Now out on a five-months cruise, she will call at various islands in French Oceania before returning to Honolulu.

• **SOLACE**, a 30-foot, English, Alden-designed ketch, cleared Balboa May 3 in course of a circumnavigation. The yacht is owned by Commander Victor Clark, RN, Retd., a well-known English yachtsman, who is accompanied by Stanley Mathurn. Calls were planned at Gala-

pagos, Marquesas, Societies and on to Auckland, thence via Torres Strait, the total voyage taking about three years. En route to Panama from Lymington, England, Commander Clark had a number of different companions for various stages of the voyage. The Commander served in **HMS REPULSE** at the time of the **BISMARCK** chase. He received the DSC at Narvik and a bar to it in Malaya. He was a prisoner of war for 3½ years in Sumatra.

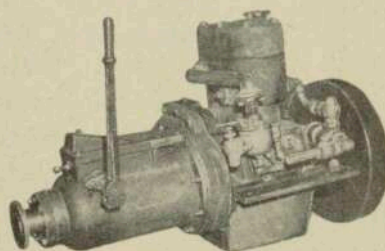
• **ARTHUR ROGERS**, after a lengthy rest in Auckland, pointed her nose to the Islands again June 6. Aboard the 70-foot Brixham ketch with owners Tom and Diana Hepworth were five young women who had joined, on an expense-sharing basis for the present cruise. First port was to be Nukualofa, with a possible

call at Raoul Island, Kermadecs. At Tonga, Manase, the Tongan boy who has been with the ship since she cleared there last year will leave. After Nukualofa the cruise will include Vavau, Fiji, New

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The round-trippers are Elizabeth Worley, Auckland, Allison Goodwin, South Island, Marjorie Pannett, a Christchurch nurse, June Cabeena, a nurse from Australia, and Dr. Thelma Johnson, of England—who recently came out as doctor in a Port Line vessel.

• **LADYBIRD**, 31-foot Auckland ketch, with owner Cyril Hill, his wife, and Peter Edmonds who last year sailed his own **TAURANGI** on a cruise through Polynesia, cleared Auckland early June on a similar cruise. **LADYBIRD** was expected to head for French Oceania, then circle back to the westward and return home from Fiji in the early summer.

• **ARIES**, American tobacco baron R. J. Reynold's 92-foot ketch, is not coming to Tahiti this year. The yacht crossed the Atlantic, then headed back for the Mediterranean. Mr. Reynolds last year acquired a property with its own jetty in Tahiti, and was expected to spend a large part of his time there with **ARIES** in the future. The new English-built yacht was expected there early this year.

• **RCC Awards**: The Coveted Royal Cruising Club Award this year went to a number of yachtsmen seen in the Pacific last year. The Challenge Cup was awarded to **MOONRAKER**, 60-year-old 10-ton gaff cutter, sailed by Peter and Ann Pye from England to Vancouver via Polynesia.

BEYOND, T. C. Worth's alloy motor cruiser, drew the Romola Challenge Cup.

This boat sailed out to welcome the Royal Yacht **GOTHIC** at Direction Island in the Cocos-Keeling Group. It was the only yacht present.

STORTEBECKER III, Dr. Franklen-Evans's 8-ton German built yawl, was awarded the Founders Cup in recognition of a stout effort by a small vessel in

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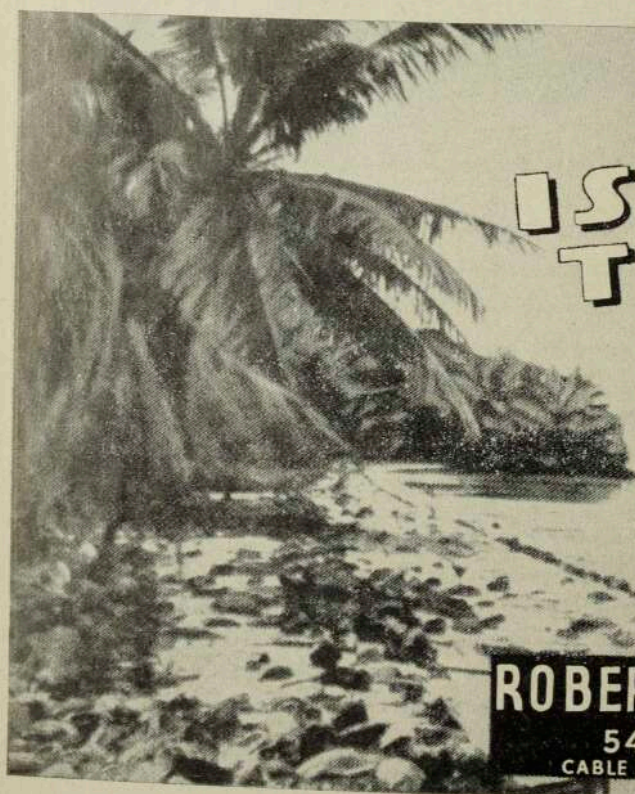
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Pacific waters. This month there is news of more.

● **MAREVA**, a 55-ft., hand-designed motor-sailer, built in 1939, cleared Balboa May 8 according to our Canal Zone correspondent. This is the vessel we reported in February under the name of **SEARCH**. Now registered in St. Louis, USA, she had Papeete on her transom on clearing Balboa and will be registered there on arrival via Galapagos, and Marquesas. She is being delivered to Mr. James McConnaughey, an American who has acquired property in Tahiti. The delivery crew of five is headed by Captain Walter Kupiec, who will remain in the vessel for a while to break in a Tahitian crew. Next year, it is understood, the **MAREVA** will be engaged on some sort of scientific expedition in the Islands.

Mr. McConnaughey has written several books, mainly historical fiction, among them "Three for the Money", a book on the Islands which is said to have caused some adverse criticism by the French in Tahiti. Mrs. McConnaughey is also a writer.

● **GLORIA DALTON**, an 86-ton schooner from California, dropped in to Papeete May 18, having cleared from Ensenado, Mexico. She was to return to that port after a short sojourn in French Oceania. The vessel is owned by Charles H. Otterman, who is accompanied by a son and eight other crew members. The yacht was built at Long Beach in 1930.

● **SERVA LA BARI**, 80-ton, 92-foot, two-masted schooner from Quintero, Chile, was another surprise arrival in French Oceania. Chilean deep-water yachts are few in these waters. This attractive clipper-bowed, counter-sterned steel vessel is owned by Jorge de Giorgio, Jr., and she carried a crew of eight. Calls had been made at Valparaiso, Callao and Rikitea in the Gambiers en route to Papeete, where she arrived May 7. The owner plans a three months' stay in French Oceania. The yacht was built in Holland in 1938 and has a 90 hp diesel auxiliary. She carries a permanent yard and squaresail on the foremast.

de Giorgio is prepared to take six paying guests on a voyage back to Chile via Mangareva, Pitcairn, Easter and Juan Fernandez to Valparaiso, price 2,500 dollars each, or its equivalent. Interested parties could contact via cable to Oceanic Papeete.

● **YANKEE**, Capt. Irving M. Johnson's big brigantine was reported in the New Hebrides in May. In her third post-war circumnavigation **YANKEE** had so far made calls at a large number of islands with her crew of college students. (See story June PIM.)

They will next visit the Solomons, to the north coast of New Guinea, Borneo, Siam, Singapore, Jakarta, Bali, Christmas Island, Cocos Keeling, Mombasa, Zanzibar, Capetown, St. Helena, Ascension, the West Indies, Bermuda and back to Gloucester, Mass., at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 1, 1955.

Based on past experience, **YANKEE** will be right there on time.

● **RAKOA**, 47-foot sturdy motor saller from Wellington, NZ, received a hammering in May on the run south homeward

bound from Suva. This yacht is owned by the three Tomkies brothers with Mr. Eric Tomkies as skipper. Also aboard when she left Wellington were Messrs. W. H. Leighton, E. A. Owles, R. T. Wallis and K. E. Niven, all Wellington business men. At Suva, Mr. Wallis became ill and returned to New Zealand per **MATUA**. Mr. Lloyd Jensen, an employee of Millers, Ltd., Suva, gave up his berth in that ship and joined the crew of **Rakoa**.

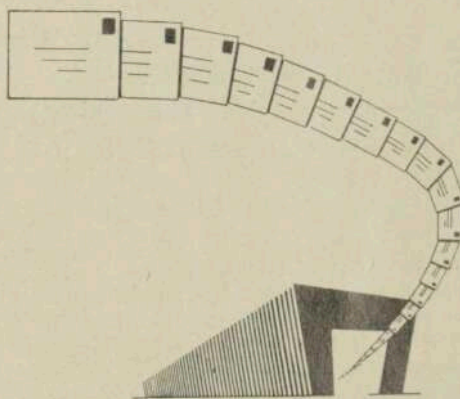
Earlier, calls were made at Sunday Is. (Raoul) in the Kermadecs, Nukualofa, Namuka, Lifuka, Vavau, Suva, Lautoka and the Yasawas, the yacht returning thence to Suva to clear for home. On the run south she struck heavy weather and arrived in Whangarei, NZ, after an 8-day passage.

Some of the crew plan to return to Fiji next winter but, to save time taken up in the longer passages, have arranged

for the use of a cruising yacht in Fiji waters.

● **NAITAMBA** should be heading south from San Francisco for New Zealand by the time this appears. American owner R. K. Smith, now living in Wellington, selected two men in response to an advertisement, and they went north in May. Mr. Jack Dobson as a passenger in **ORONSAY**, and Mr. Hilton by air, with Mr. Smith. There were 150 applicants to help sail the yacht south, the terms being that selected men would pay their own passages to the States. Dimensions of this yacht are not known but she is believed to be a 36-footer.

● Eric and Susan Hiscock, of England, had a tough slug in their **WANDERER III** up the Queensland coast with head winds and currents and and poor anchorages. Never again, they say. Make



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• The 40-foot Coronado, Cal., ketch TROPIC BIRD was at Galapagos Islands in May on a special charter delivering films and materials to a Walt Disney unit working there. The yacht was to return to Balboa. Manned by Leo and Pat Miner, this one may be seen in Polynesia some time.

• STORTEBECKER III, Dr. Franklen-Evans' English yawl, according to Seven Seas Cruising Association, has now about-turned, and instead of heading back for New Zealand this year is on her way for a summer cruise in Alaskan waters.

• GEMINI, Jack and Leah Wheeler's 34-foot steel welded ketch which last year cruised French Oceania, was still in the Hawaiian Islands early May but about to head for Portland, Oregon, the home port, via Alaskan waters. GEMINI caused a deal of interest for radio amateurs in the South Pacific as Jack is a keen Ham and had permission to operate under a French call-sign while in French Oceania waters but based ashore.

• KONA, leaving Papeete April 6, gave her next ports as Raiatea, Bora Bora, Maupiti, then down to Rurutu, Rimatara, and across to Mangaia in the Cooks, thence Rarotonga, Pago Pago. Anyone seen Skipper Blackford and his 40-foot schooner of late?

• Tahiti Yacht Club is showing considerable revival after years in decline. It will be remembered that the Club was

reorganised last year. Since then there are signs of some racing events developing. Latest of these was a race in which 12 small sailboats took part on April 11, the course being from Papeete to Moorea. The race began at noon and the yachts were escorted by the large visiting American yacht NORDLYS which acted as Commodore ship. The race was completed without incident, the contestants being entertained at a native feast with dancing. They returned to Papeete next day, where prizes were presented later by His Excellency Governor Petitbon, Patron of the Club.

Further club races are planned during the July celebrations.

The original Tahiti Yacht Club, formed between the Wars, included in its initial membership the following well-remembered citizens: The late Captain E. Lucas, M. Walter Asmus, M. Alec Sturgios, Mr. Eugene Overton, Mr. L. A. Norris, Mr. "Pop" Wilson, M. Selover, Mr. L. T. Piver, M. Martial Iorss (present Commodore), Mr. "Painless" Parker, Mr. Bud Hawks, M. S. Bissell, Mr. O. G. Nordman, and M. Fontana—and possibly others.

• SKYLINE, which cleared Auckland last winter for Vancouver, making calls at Rarotonga, Tahiti and the Hawaiian Islands, arrived at her destination during May after a very rough 42-day passage from Honolulu. Accompanying owner Denis Ryan on the last leg of the cruise was Rod Helmer, a chemical engineer from Canada. His original two companions left the yacht at Papeete and Honolulu respectively.

PAPUA-NEW GUINEA CENSUS

CONCURRENTLY with the Australian census, the Commonwealth Statistician ordered a non-indigenous census to be taken in Papua-New Guinea on June 30. Asiatics as well as Europeans were to be included, and forms were to be completed and returned to district commissioners by July 1.

Officials expected the census to reveal a big increase in the total European population due to expansion in trade and private building in the last three years. Some estimate the European population at 12,000, compared with 2,500 in Papua and 4,000 in New Guinea when the last census was taken in 1948.

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ONLY funds are needed now to give Rabaul a reticulated water supply, said District Commissioner J. K. McCarthy at a Town Advisory Council meeting shortly before he left for Port Moresby.

Wells that have been tested in the Burma Road area are believed to be ample for supplying the town with permanent water.

The nearest running streams to Rabaul are the Warangoi River and the Kerevat River—both at least 20 miles in a direct line from the town. It has always been agreed that the cost of reticulating water from these sources would be prohibitive.

The alternative is tank water, supplemented, as soon as the dry season descends upon the area, by water purchased from coastal wells.

As soon as Rabaul has a few weeks without rain the water carting begins. It was so before the war and the practice continues.

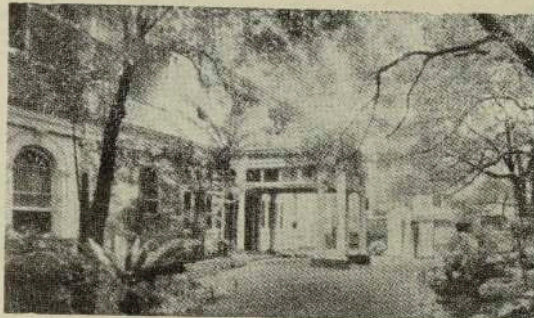
If all the money that has been spent on carting and buying water in Rabaul in the past 30 years had been accumulated in one fund, it would have gone a long way towards paying for any reticulated system.

Private individuals and firms have attempted to solve their water difficulties in the post-war years by putting down wells and pumps themselves.

There are two schools of thought as to how the water should be pumped from the wells—the pro-windmill group, and those in

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official members of the Council are almost never permitted to alter vital legislation, they have at least been the voice of the people and through them public grievances, previously settled out of hand by regulation, have an airing.

The setting up of the first council in 1951 was hurried through in a few weeks and, for some political reason, thrust upon a P-NG community insufficiently prepared for it. But it was a beginning and if the recommendations of the Select Committee are carried into effect, it should be a much more effective body.

It is interesting to note that the report recommends that in choosing nominated members, full consideration should be given to selecting someone who will represent the Asian community.

MORE MANGANESE FROM FIJI

CONSOLIDATED Manganese and Mining Co. of Fiji reported early June that they have recently made some important new finds in manganese deposits in the hinterland of Viti Levu near the headwaters of the Sigatoka River.

Work is proceeding quickly in one of these areas and the manganese will be brought out by convoys of trucks. The first convoy brought a large quantity of the ore over 100 miles down the Sigatoka valley and around to Lautoka recently.

Proposals have been made to principals in the United States to finance establishment of a loading berth at Momi, on the south coast of Viti Levu, where overseas vessels could be loaded by conveyor belt from stockpiles ashore. Loading at Momi would avoid the long truck haul to Lautoka.

First big shipment will be made from Lautoka to the United States in July. Although American principals were advised that a shipment would not be ready earlier, they diverted a ship to Fiji in May hoping that a quantity could be sent.

A serious slip occurred on an access road which was not yet ready for heavy traffic, and it was not possible to load this vessel, which departed after waiting some days. By the end of 1954 it is expected by the company that considerable quantities of manganese will be reaching the loading point.

Sepik Oil Search

A PARTY of nine Europeans and 40 or 50 natives will soon be searching for oil in the upper Sepik district of New Guinea. Key personnel left Melbourne on June 20.

The party will make an initial survey of the prospecting area granted to Enterprise of New

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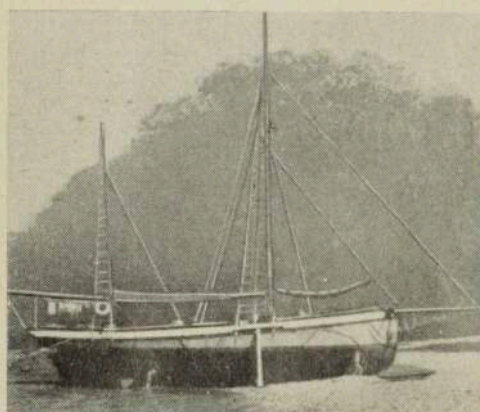
Services of a Government geologist have been lent to the party, and the Territory Administration has made available a patrol officer and six native constables.

Manager of the company, Mr. A. B. Kaines, said an aerial survey made in May indicated that there

was little population in the northern and western sections of the area, and that they expected little trouble.

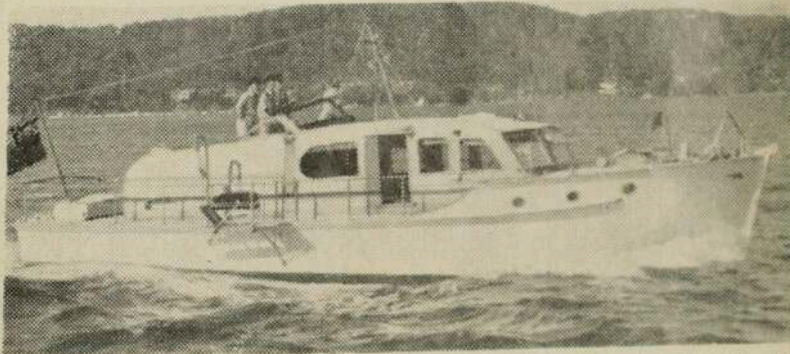
¶ The engagement was announced in Sydney early last month of Miss Sally Lynch, of Glen Innes, NSW, to Mr. Donald Seton, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. Carden Seton, of Choiseul and Guadalcanal, BSIP.

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like a sheep-dog, in a jeep.

He is a club member, and is anxious to fly, so he provided transport free and loaned the club money to buy one of the aircraft.

NEW ADO'S

The Papua-New Guinea *Gazette* in May carried the names of 28 post-war patrol officers who had been promoted to Assistant District officers.

They are the first to be appointed since the war.

The list created interest through-

out the Territory, and a certain amount of teeth gnashing. There are likely to be some appeals.

BALL OF THE YEAR

Perhaps because it coincided with Australia election night, Rabaul's ball of the year, the Frangipanni Ball, was reported to have not been its usual bright self this year. The ball—first held in 1938 to celebrate the first flowering of the frangipanni after the devastation of the 1937 eruption—has become an annual event and symbolises Rabaul's peculiar faculty for rising above its many vicissitudes.

The attendance was not as large as usual and about 11 o'clock it was announced that Labour was winning the Australian elections. This made everyone feel low—and they remained feeling low because an hour or two later, when the Liberals made a late run, someone forgot to tell the assembled dancers.

A NEW AND BETTER KONE CLUB

A special meeting of the Kone Club (Public Service) at Port Moresby early in June discussed plans for a new club building.

The President of the Public Service Association, Mr. R. Brennan, said the club when finished would be the best equipped in the Territory. It was expected that finance would be arranged through debentures taken up by club members.

It is to be erected along the foreshores of the harbour. Plans call for a large, two-storey building, with swimming pool, tennis courts and a large sports area.

ATTACKING P-NG'S COST OF LIVING SCIENTIFICALLY

The Minister for Territories will be asked to set up a "Cost-of-living" committee following a special conference held at Port Moresby, in June, between the Secretary of the Territories Department, Mr. C. R. Lambert, and representatives of the Public Service Association of the Territory.

The PS Assn. believes that a cost-of-living figure should be set every year, and that it should not continue to follow the allowance fixed for Australia. Mr. P. Clarke, on behalf of the Association, said that present cost-of-living in the Territory was a third higher than in Australia.

The cost of living committee could examine and advise on such matters as the amount paid to parents towards the costs of education of children attending secondary schools in Australia. (The present subsidy is £115 p.a.)

The PSA suggested that the committee consist of a Commonwealth officer, a private citizen and a member of the Public Service Association.

Mr. Lambert told the conference that the Minister agreed that a

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local basic wage should be determined and that the Territory was operating on a basic wage and cost-of-living borrowed from Australia.

Mr. Lambert also promised to pass on to the Minister the Association proposal that a Supreme Court judge be appointed as a public service arbitrator in the Territory.

Mr. S. Fox, a Port Moresby accountant, is favoured by the PSA to represent the citizens on any committee. Mr. Fox said that the deliberations of the committee would affect everyone in the Territory because salaries paid by private enterprise were influenced to a great extent by Administration salaries. He added that in the index borrowed from Australia, no allowance was made for the cost of native labour, which was something most people had to make allowances for.

LAE'S OVERDUE HOSPITAL

Lae's new European hospital will cost £220,000. Mr. S. A. Watkins, who arrived in the Territory at the end of June, will make final arrangements for its completion.

Mr. Watkins is a director of T. J. Watkins (New Guinea) Limited—the parent firm is in Cairns, Qld.

The new hospital will consist of 11 separate buildings. The contractors will take a large number of specialists up to New Guinea to work on it. Trans-Busu or Bulolo timber will be used wherever possible. It is hoped that the job will be completed before the end of the contract time, stipulated as 80 weeks.

MURDERER ON THE LOOSE

Lae had a day of excitement in June following the escape from the local gaol of a native criminal after he had allegedly murdered a fellow prisoner. The native was already serving a sentence for killing a fellow prisoner in the Madang gaol.

When he escaped on the morning of June 22, he was armed with a large knife and Lae people were warned that he was dangerous.

Police hunted for him all that day and two native constables recaptured him about midnight.

PORT MORESBY SHIVERS

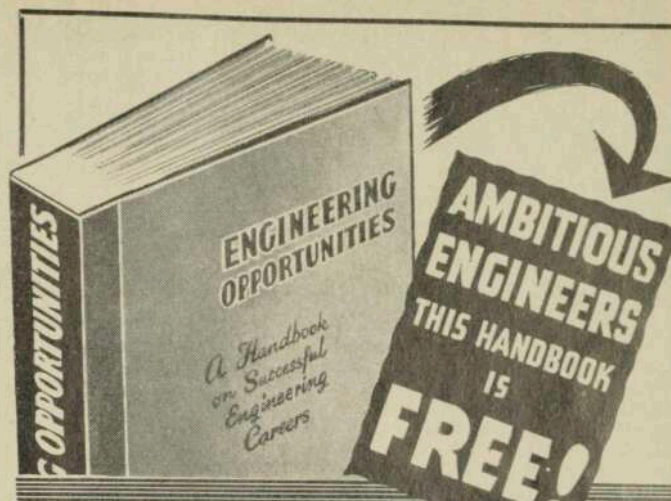
Port Moresby residents on the night of June 23 put on more blankets, and complained about the cold.

The reason: temperature at 6.00 a.m. was 58 degrees—the lowest reading the Weather Bureau could find on its records, and 15.9 degrees lower than the average June minimum for Port Moresby.

SOLDIER-SETTLEMENT AGAIN

The Morobe District Advisory Council feels that it might be the thin edge of a solid wedge of soldier-settlement if they can get the Administration to assist one returned man.

With this in view, they proposed at their May meeting of the DAC



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to ask that a returned soldier, Mr. Austin Ireland, be assisted on a £1 for £1 basis to plant up 100 acres of coffee.

Mr. Norman White asked that the DAC take a personal interest on the application in the hope that it would "start something moving."

Mr. A. Eldred supported the idea, but did not seem to have much faith in its chance of success. He said that when the RSL had first tried to start a settlement scheme he had been asked by the Administrator to submit a concrete proposal.

He had collected the names of 40 reputable citizens who had desired to participate—some of them with a substantial proportion of their own finance—but nothing had been heard since.

However, the resolution was carried in regard to Mr. Ireland's claim, and now the Morobe DAC—and the rest of P-NG—will wait to see what transpires.

RABAU'S INADEQUATE ELECTRICITY SERVICE

Because Rabaul power-house is inadequate for the demands now put upon it, it is unlikely that the new Administration houses being erected in Malaguna Road will be connected to the supply. This was stated by District Commissioner McCarthy at the June meeting of the Rabaul Town Advisory Council.

At the same meeting, a motion was passed to the effect that the local regulations relating to prohibition of certain electrical appliances be policed.

At present, alleged council members, some consumers were obeying the regulations while others were using cookers and other prohibited

appliances with the result that peak-hour drain caused some localities to be almost without light and power at all.

Mr. G. Kent suggested that the Administration might have power to control the sale of prohibited appliances, which another member of the Council, Mr. J. L. Chipper,

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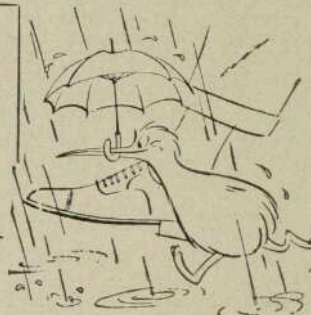
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said were on sale in the local stores and therefore presumably bought.

THEY BUILT IN A ROADWAY

If the P-NG Land Board agrees, a street running between Kamarere St. and Malaguna Road, Rabaul, will be cut from its surveyed width of 66 ft to a laneway of 21 ft, to allow two Chinese merchants to retain the land upon which they have built their shops.

Misinformation about survey pegs led Man Kwong and Man Hee, shortly after the war, to build their shops on land that subsequently was shown to be reserved for a road.

WARNING ON RATIONS

District Commissioner F. A. Bensted caused a mild panic in Port Moresby when he declared that many rations made up by local stores did not contain all the food a native is entitled to for a week under the Native Labour Ordinance. He said the responsibility was the public's, that people detected giving insufficient rations to employees could be prosecuted.

Many people have been simply ordering "a ration" from their local stores and handing it, once a week, to their house boy on the assumption that it was all it should be. Price for the rations is usually about £1. The latest price set by the District Office in the Central District for a reasonable ration is 24/6.

Mr. Bensted's announcement caused many people to check the rations they ordered, and one or two stores began to alter them or to explain that more items should be added.

Possibly the trouble started through price cutting, with stores competing to put up the cheapest ration.

MT. MICHAEL CLIMB

An Administration patrol planned to climb Mt. Michael, in the New Guinea Eastern Highlands in June, to make a geographical fixation of the peak and a general survey.

The peak is about 12,500 feet. Permanent beacons were to be erected, and mirrors fixed in relation to the main beacon to allow distant horizontal bearings to be taken at certain times of the day. Use of normal beacons for this purpose is limited by the bulk of the mountain and its sheer slopes. The largest beacon will serve as a control position for aircraft.

The survey was organised by Mr. Ian Downs, District Commissioner, Eastern Highlands. Leader of the climbers was Patrol Officer J. L. Thyer. Others were Staff-Surveyor Bridges, Chainman M. Zachar, of the Lands, Surveys and Mines Department; and Cadet Patrol Officer W. MacGrath.

Previous ascents have been made, but this was the first with equipment for survey work. Carriers, who included two of Mr. I. F. G. Downs's

men on the Hagen-Sepik patrol, were given special training. Prefabricated beacons of sheet iron and sawn timber had to be carried to the peak.

June 24: Party seen at 11,500 feet. All heavy equipment on site, beacon for air navigation nearly completed. Expected that all objectives would be accomplished.

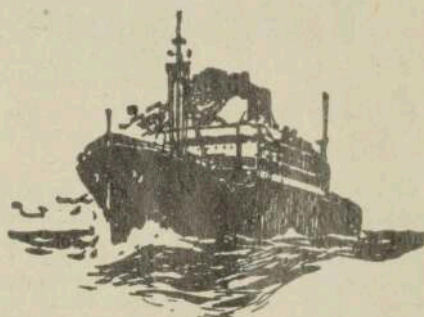
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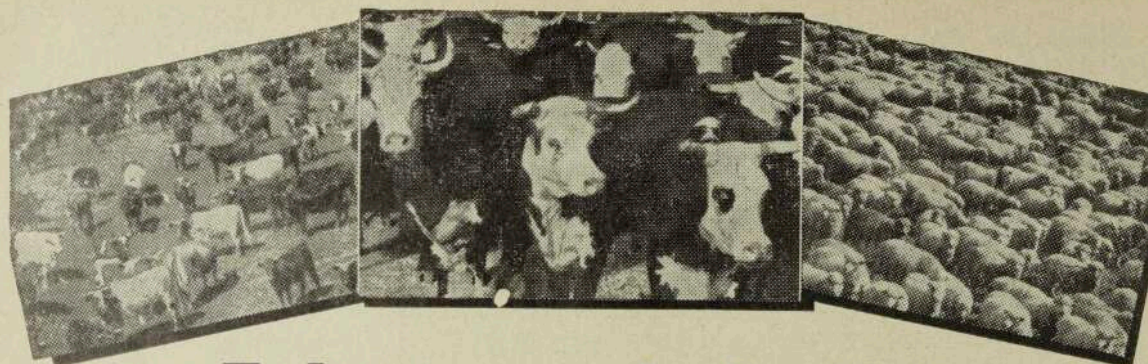
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one end of it, shown here in part behind the empty drum, was a lean-to made of scraps of paper, tin, etc. Nobody who was asked could say which native (or natives) lived there but one European resident remarked: "Probably an employee of the Administration — no private employer would be allowed to provide that sort of accommodation for his native labour."

more than £27,000. It has 308 members. Net trading surplus last year was £1,622, a 2½ per cent. rebate to members amounting to £785. All Society business is conducted by members without outside help.

TEN NATIVES DROWNED IN STRICKLAND

Eight native carriers and a native constable were drowned when a canoe accident occurred near the junction of the Burnett and Strickland Rivers on June 15. The following day another native carrier was drowned during the crossing of the Murray River.

All were members of an Australasian Petroleum Company survey party which has been operating northwest of Tari and southward through the Strickland Gorge to Everill Junction during the past few weeks.

The survey party, which was accompanied by Assistant District Officer D. Clancy, comprised two APC geologists, a field assistant, 13 native police and 163 carriers.

Mr. Clancy conducted a Coroner's Enquiry, and Mr. P. J. Mollison of the District Services office at Port Moresby, flew to Everill Junction to get first-hand information and discuss arrangements for compensation payments to the relatives of the natives who were drowned.

Mr. Stanton Crouch arrived in Melbourne in June on long leave from the Papua-New Guinea Department of Education. He was formerly with the Methodist Mission in Fiji.

¶ The Anglican Bishop of New Guinea, the Rt. Rev. P. N. W. Strong, returned to Samarai, Papua, on June 8 after attending the consecration of the Bishop of Melanesia at Honiara, BSIP, on May 30. He has since been making a tour of the diocese before attending a congress of Anglican Bishops in America, after which he will visit England and Holland, and then return to America. He will do deputational work in England and America.

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Polynesian Ceremonies in Sydney

THE Fijian Rugby football team in Australia was entertained in June by members of the Polynesian Association representing Fiji, Rotuma, Tonga, Tahiti, Samoa, Hawaii, Nei and Tahiti. Yaqona (kava) was made and ceremonially served. As a compliment to Fiji, the women members presented Island Dances, wearing dresses of tapa cloth from Bau, the traditional home of the Cakobau family.

Another ceremony took place in June at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gosnell, at Sydenham, Sydney. Mrs. Gosnell (Fesaitu) recently lost both her mother and her aunt—Mrs. Caroline Ray Voufoou, aged 88, and Mrs. Jessie Ray Varomue, aged 93. Both these ladies, of Rotuma Chiefly rank, passed away in Suva. They were daughters of a master mariner of the early days, Captain Kenneth Arthur Ray, skipper of the three masted schooner "Marian Rennie", well known when Levuka was the first capital of Fiji. Club Members gathered at Fesaitu's residence with customary offerings of food. Kava was made, and members presented a series of Island songs and dances, as their "sevusevu" to the families of the deceased ladies.

Popular Monsieur Monty, on completion of his term as Post Master, Papeete, returned to France with Madame Monty by May Caledonien.

¶ We learn in a note from Dr. W. C. Klein—who is about to leave The Hague for Central Africa—that he has now completed volumes I and II of his monumental book on New Guinea. He has had thirty collaborators and he, as the editor, has written the chapters on trade and

industry. The book deals with Australian as well as with Dutch New Guinea. Dr. Klein, in tropical Africa, will gather data so that he can deal with a comparison between Central Africa and New Guinea working methods.

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P-NG's Last Frontier Surveyed From the Air

AUSTRALIAN newspapers in May and June had an acute attack of Shangri-laitis following the announcement from Port Moresby that an aerial survey party had located large groups of hitherto little-known people in the Highland areas of P-NG.

There was a spate of Letters-to-the Editor from respectable John Citizens; and the newspapers themselves beat the editorial chest and inquired: "Should we leave them alone?"

But it was a rhetorical question only: nothing will induce any newspaper to leave P-NG alone if events there can be twisted to produce a sensation.

The representative of one London daily has been inquiring how he can hire a plane and fly into one of these "mysterious" valleys, to be first in the field with an exclusive interview with the savages.

Most of the newspaper stories, based on conjecture and imagination, are sheer nonsense.

The facts are these:

IN accordance with Administration policy, the Director of District Services, Mr. A. A. Roberts, and the Regional Director of Civil Aviation, Mr. John Arthur, in late May began a 10-day aerial survey of the last large area of unadministered country in the Territory. This extends northwest from Tari, in the Southern Highlands District, to just beyond the Strickland Gorge. It represents some of the most rugged country in Papua or New Guinea.

It is predominantly of limestone and jagged peaks rise to over 12,000 feet. The inhabited valleys lie at between 5,000 and 6,000 feet.

It was known that some of these valleys were populated; but basing estimates on the extent of the gardens observed, in the recent survey, it is now estimated that probably 100,000 people live in this untouched area.

The survey showed that the Muller and Karius Ranges, which parallel each other, and run N-W from south of Tari to the Strickland Gorge, enclose three valleys. There is a gap into this valley system at about 7,500 feet but it is too narrow for aircraft. The survey plane used a second and wider gap at 9,000 feet.

The streams and rivers in the valley appear to drain into a series of small lakes, and then into a larger lake. It is thought that the

Lexy's Birthday

Popular Lexy Seagar, of Port Moresby, with some of her admirers who helped her to celebrate her birthday with a party on June 6. ("Lexy's" is Moresby's best-known restaurant).

—Photo by Papuan Prints.



water then finds an outlet through subterranean channels in the limestone formation—there appears to be no other outlet from the valley for it.

Other population groups were located by the survey team N-W of Tari, and also near the extinct volcano of Bosavi.

The floors of the valleys appeared

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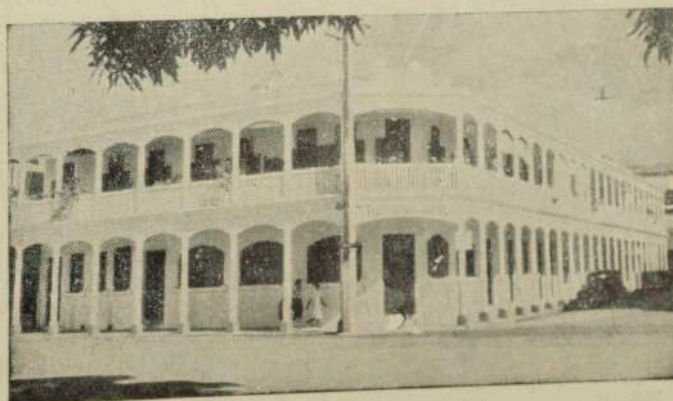
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swampy and it is doubtful if there will be any suitable sites for landing strips.

With this preliminary aerial survey, many years of hard ground work is eliminated and it is hoped now that patrols will be able to go into the area towards the end of this year.

Tari will be the base from which these ground patrols will operate and these will be supplied, not from the Highlands area, but from Kikori on the Gulf of Papua where a new aerodrome is under construction. This involves fewer flying hazards, besides being a more direct route.

REBUILDING THE FORESTS OF THE EASTERN HIGHLANDS

THE bare, grassy hills of the Eastern Highlands District of New Guinea, should one day be a thing of the past.

Already 800,000 seedling trees—mostly of klinki and hoop pine—have been planted out in the District, and by the end of the next wet season, it is hoped that the plantings will pass the 1,000,000 mark.

Forestry belts and plantations can now be seen from some of the Highlands roads. Natives are taking a keen interest in the plantings

AS AUSTRALIA SEES IT

THE Fijians doing their war dance before the Rugby Test on Saturday was the most frightening sight I ever saw. They shook their fists, made terrible gestures in the air.

The Australian 15 in their green sweaters looked puny, almost insignificant. But they waited patiently, until the Fijians finished their dance, and made no attempt to flee. Then those little green-sweatered men went on to defeat the mighty Fijians. It was astonishing.

—A Columnist in the "Courier Mail" after the first test in Brisbane.

and have been known to walk long distances to obtain the seedlings.

Scattered groves of casuarinas were the only trees that broke the monotony of the grassy valley and hills of the Highlands when Europeans first saw the area. But that this general treelessness was man-made was obvious. Over the centuries, the natives destroyed the timber and used these grasslands as their "fighting lands" or for hunting. The villages were higher up in the forest belt.

One of the curses of life in Goroka for Europeans has been the difficulty of obtaining firewood—or such things as fence posts—from close at hand.

Fiji Empire Society's Dinner



Guests at the centre table at the Empire Day dinner of the Royal Empire Society, held at the Grand Pacific Hotel, Suva. At right, Sir Ronald Garvey, Governor of Fiji, talks with Mrs. Hyne and Mrs. Roth. At left, Mr. Ragnar Hyne, Chief Justice of Fiji, talks with Lady Garvey.

The dinner was the first for some years. It was organised by Mr. Hyne, who is corresponding secretary of the Society in Fiji. About 50 members attended.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relations Office.

Wau to Have Another Agricultural Show

THE 1954 Wau District Show will be held on October 3, 1954; an enthusiastic committee has been formed to conduct it.

A comprehensive programme has been drawn up which includes sections for Agriculture, Livestock, Culinary, Needlework, Floral, Handicrafts and School Exhibits, with a special for Native Exhibits. Trophies will be awarded for various classes of exhibits and to the most successful exhibitor in each Section.

A RASPBERRY FOR O'KEEFE

FILM people who were honoured by a peek at the film *His Majesty O'Keefe* before Australasian audiences saw it, cannot make out how the picture turned out so hopelessly bad.

Many local people appeared in the film, which was shot in the Colony 2 years ago, in crowd scenes and as individual players.

Most viewers summed up the film simply as "Awful."

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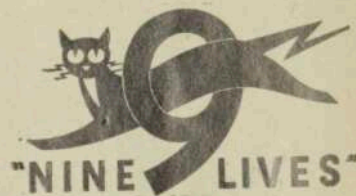
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UP—AND UP!

Cocoa Prices Still Rising

IT was reported in New York early in June that there was unlikely to be any early increase in the production of cocoa in West Africa, even though the disease which has caused recent damage may be overcome.

The reason given was that the W. Africa cocoa cartel had prevented native growers from deriving any benefit from the big price increases in recent times. Growers were receiving only seven cents per pound, a price that gave them no incentive to increase production.

Other points from the New York report:

Brazil, which usually produced about 17 per cent. of the world's cocoa (West Africa normally produced half) has a good crop coming on, but this is unlikely to affect the price or the acute shortage.

Consumer resistance to the high prices is not very evident in the United States or Europe. US sales dropped only 3 per cent. in the first quarter of 1954 compared with last year, and in Europe they have actually increased.

However, there is considerable research going on in the States to produce a cheap cocoa substitute

and some success has been achieved.

SAMOAN PRICE DROPS

After it had reached the record price of £500 Samoan (equivalent to Stg.) per ton FOB Apia for first grade late May—at which figure a small parcel was sold to New Zealand buyers—the Samoan cocoa

market receded and quotations at mid-June were at £460-£470 Samoan per ton.

Although fair quantities are still being harvested, the current crop is far below expectations because of adverse weather conditions early in the year.

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NEW GUINEA AT £590!

Overseas buying, mostly Continental with perhaps a little English, has sent the price of New Guinea cocoa up again. The price quoted in Sydney on July 2 was £A590 per ton, another £30 rise in a month.

Local chocolate manufacturers were not competing in the market at this price. Quantities available were not big, but they were snapped up for overseas buyers who are no longer able to get immediate deliveries of African beans, the crops from there all having been sold late May.

Some New Guinea planters are believed to be sending their beans direct to the Continent from Rabaul.

The price being quoted overseas for African beans, forward delivery in January-March, 1955, is £475 Stg. per ton. It therefore appears that there will not be any fall in the price of NG beans for some time.

One big Sydney importer received his biggest single consignment of New Guinea cocoa early in July—150 bags. It was all from the Gazelle Peninsula.

Sydney Market Firm For All

New Guinea Coffee

But Some Buyer-Resistance On Overseas Markets

ACCORDING to a recent New York report, world coffee production is estimated to be only slightly lower this year than last, despite major frost damage in Brazil last year. World prices are likely to move down gradually if the Brazil crop reaches the expected 14.4 million bags.

Indonesia is showing a rapid increase in production and this year hopes to ship 2 million bags to the US, putting her in third place on the world production ladder, with Mexico second.

Purchases are easing in the States where all warehouses are said to be bulging with supplies following heavy March-May buying. Some consumer resistance to the high prices has also become evident. Coffee was retailing in New York recently at \$1.20 per pound, roasted and ground, which is comparable with Australian-New Zealand prices.

There is a ready market in Sydney for all New Guinea coffee, and prices remain firm at 6/6 to 7/- c.i.f. per pound for good quality beans. One big importer has received the first consignment of new season's beans, but it was expected that the price would be something lower than the 6/6 because of faulty drying. The parchment has not been en-

tirely removed, a definite fault in marketing.

Unless this is removed, it is likely to burn during roasting and taint the bean.

Reports from New Guinea indicate that coffee production will increase appreciably in the next few years, hundreds of native nurseries are being established through the Eastern Highlands district under the direction of the Agricultural Extension Officer, in co-operation with the District Services Department. They are located near Highlands roads and are under regular supervision.

As well, there is a considerable planting up by Europeans in both Highlands and Wau areas — and there would be more if the land were made available.

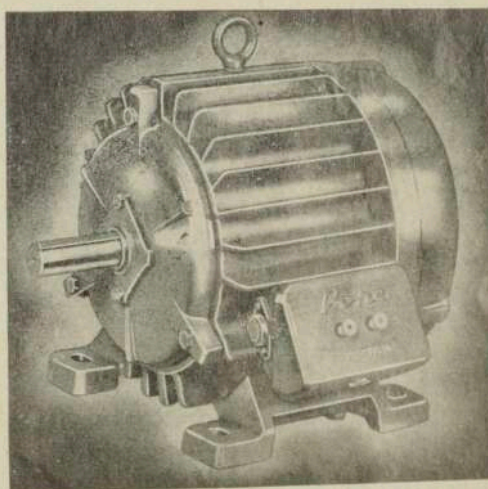
Telefomin Murderers on Trial

THIRTY-FIVE natives are likely to stand trial at Wewak, New Guinea, for the murder of Patrol-Officers Harris and Szarka and two native constables at Telefomin, at the end of last year.

The trial was set down for July 7. Mr. Justice Gore will preside.

All the accused have been in custody in Wewak since the beginning of this year.

† Commander W. Burrows, an old and well-known resident of Fiji—he was District Commissioner in the 1930's—left the Colony on the June Oronsay to make another attempt to settle in his homeland, England.



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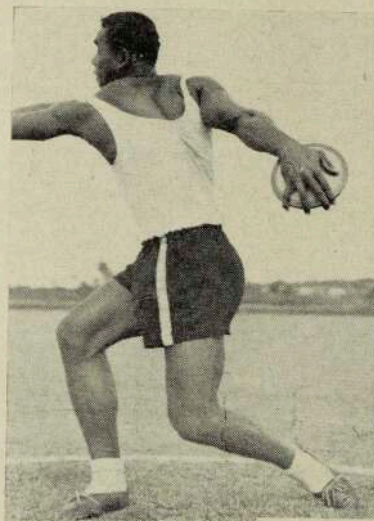
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Fiji's Six for the Games

FIJI will have six representatives competing at the Empire Games in Canada, one of them, a 17-

years-old school girl, in the women's broad jump events.

They will leave for Vancouver on



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July 14, and will camp at the University of British Columbia, a few miles from the city. They will return about August 15.

The Colony's sporting fans are disappointed that Maitaika Tuicakau has been declared medically unfit to make the trip. He is the only Fiji representative to hold a Games title. But hopes are high that this year's team will return with more honours.

Of the five men, three are javelin throwers, one a discus thrower, and the other a runner.

Members of the team are shown opposite page. Reading left to right, top to bottom, they are:

Mesulame Rakuro, 22-year-old headmaster of a small, village school in the interior of Viti Levu. He is Fiji's champion discus thrower, his best distance being 141 feet. He competed before the Queen last year.

Semi Qio holds the record javelin throw of Fiji, with a distance of 199 feet 11 inches. He has been the Colony's leading exponent of the sport for five years. He is a policeman.

Joseva Sadulu, 23, will compete in the 440 and 100 yards races. He set Fiji's record time of 53 seconds for 440 yards under adverse conditions. He was second in the 100 and 220 yards events at the Fiji championships. He is a cane farmer.

Tito Elo is another policeman and is Fiji's present javelin champion with a throw of 199 feet 4 inches. He won the javelin event at the Royal Tour meeting with 199 feet.

Villame Liga, the third javelin thrower, is a 21-year-old student at the Methodist Theological College. He has beaten Elo three times out of six in the past season. His best distance is 189 feet. He also threw before the Queen.

Sainiana Sorowale (inset), the 17-year-old schoolgirl who is Fiji's woman broad jump champion. Her best distance is 18 feet 4 inches. She will be the first Fijian woman to represent her country in sport overseas.

Mr. Arthur Eustace, manager-coach of the team. He is a teacher, and is secretary of the Fiji Amateur Athletic Association. For three years he has been organising track and field meetings in Fiji. He coaches the leading senior club, Nasinu Teachers' Training College. He was formerly NZ champion and record holder in sprints and hurdle events, and represented NZ at the last Empire Games.

Mrs. Eustace will also make the trip to Canada as chaperone to Sainiana.

The team has been training five days a week under the Association's coaches, Mr. L. Lloyd, Mr. H. M. McMillan and Mr. Eustace. The coaches have reported that all competitors have improved in style and technique, although there has been little effort at maximum times and distances. Fiji Public Relations Office Photos.

¶ Captain R. W. Hallam has resumed duties as master of the *MV Polurrian* after a holiday in Australia. Mr. Charles Balmer has also returned to the ship as second mate. It was reported some time ago that Captain Hallam had left the Territory permanently.

¶ Mr. K. L. Gibson, of Kerr Bros. Pty., Ltd., island merchants and buying agents, Sydney, will leave by plane for Rabaul on July 17, to act as representative for the firm in New Britain, New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

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BSI SEEKS SECOND STRING TO HER ECONOMY

Mineral Search Extended

THE geological investigation of the British Solomon Islands has been extended for another three years. The work started in 1950 on British Colonial Office funds under the direction of senior geologist Mr. J. C. Grover, who has now been joined by two other geologists.

Past work has been devoted to examining areas of likely economic value and to getting overall picture of the geology. This reconnaissance work will be continued, but more detailed surveys of mineral-bearing areas will now be made.

The party is operating from headquarters at Honiara, on Guadalcanal. There has been strong evidence of gold on the island and observers are hoping that the party will at last pinpoint it.

A sizeable goldfield might be all that is wanted to speed up the development of the BSI. At the moment economy is dependant on the coconut, but the group has rich potentialities.

Miss Margaret Champion, younger daughter of Mr. H. W. Champion, former Government Secretary of the Papuan Administration, recently graduated from Sydney University. She received her BA degree with honours in philosophy.

CENTRAL PACIFIC BAROMETER

Annual Accounts of Morris Hedstrom Ltd.

IF the annual balance-sheet of Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., is accepted as a barometer of trading conditions in Fiji, Samoa and Tonga, the past year there has been good and prosperous. The company, in the year ended March 31, 1954, made £110,328 net profit, compared with £107,834 in 1952, and £97,353 in 1953. The company hitherto has paid 10 per cent.; it is hoped in future to pay 12½. Both the company, and the Territories in which it operates, appear to be doing very well.

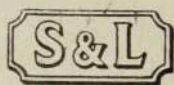
This company, for years, has been embarrassed by lack of opportunities in its area for fully employing its savings. Among the assets which it holds against its £2,394,000 of liabilities (mostly share capital, reserves and trade creditors) are cash and short-call deposits of £600,000, and about £300,000 in shares and gilt-edged stock. After long hesitation, the company in 1952-53 decided to build a large block in the centre of Suva—mostly the new South Seas Hotel (for which there is urgent need) with some shops and offices. Then came the earthquake of September, 1953; and for that and other reasons it was considered desirable to halt building operations at the first storey, and revise the whole plan. Building has not yet been resumed.

The company also engaged in a building programme at Lautoka—primarily a large garage. This operation also had to be halted—due to an unanticipated difficulty in dealing with storm water drainage.

NOTABLE PENSIONS FUND

One of the most remarkable things about this company's annual accounts is its statement of its Pensions Fund. It has an accumulated fund of just on £250,000, all invested, and the income from which is some £14,000 pa. The company contributes some £20,000 pa. and the staff contributions total £10,000 pa. That is, the Fund receives about £44,000 pa. and pays out in pensions only £3,000 pa. If this goes on much longer, positions on the staff of MH, Ltd., carrying full pension rights, could be put up for sale by public auction! It is the juiciest pensions scheme in the South Seas.

The French Oceania inter-island air service will be expanded in Papeete, with a Catalina aircraft, which Monsieur Pierre Widlund, a pilot employed by the local airways organisation, has flown to Papeete from France.



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Fiji's Taxation Problem

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capital) from overseas, and the rates of both personal and company tax play an important part in the matter.

114. In view of the close economic links between Fiji and Australia, we consider that the law in Fiji should be altered to provide for taxation of dividends in shareholders' hands. But it must be remembered that this "double" taxation must affect the basic rate of company taxation. For example, the basic company tax rate in Australia, where there is "double taxation" in this sense, is 6/- in the £; whereas in New Zealand, where dividends in the hands of the shareholder are non-assessable for tax, it is up to 11/6 in the £. It is, after all, sensible and equitable that if the same money is taxed twice, it should be taxed on either occasion at the lower rate, than if it is taxed once only.

To quote and underline the first 11 words, "in view of the close links between Fiji and Australia" it may pay the Government to take another look at this particular piece of advice, because of the very strong and current agitations which recently have been made in Australia for the removal of taxation on dividends in shareholders' hands.

With the return of the Menzies-Fadden Government it is quite on the cards that this pernicious impost will be removed. Even if it were not, it is doubtful whether the suggestion that the income tax rate be lowered (*vide* the last sentence in recommendation 114 quoted above) would provide any inducement for investors—in the company field, anyway—as it is thought that the rate for this type of activity in Fiji is far too high. Thus, the development of new industries probably would be adversely affected by the adoption of a wartime practice which is suspect by investors.

WHAT will happen to this report? The outcome will be awaited with interest. Our guess is that a lot of it will be implemented by the Government.

Apart from the Fijians themselves, the net result may be a slight rise in the cost of living, with the consumer paying a little more for everything he buys or uses because of the shift from direct to indirect taxation.

But it is doubtful, now, if the taxpayer will benefit greatly from a reduction in direct taxation, because the Government recently has considered the adoption of other reports which, if adopted will give increase in teachers' and Civil Servants' salaries. (See elsewhere.)

How will it affect the Fijians? They, more than anyone, will be worse off financially. They could close the gap by working harder, or by levying a tax on their own exportable produce; or they could square accounts with the other races by raising the rents on their leases when they fall due for renewal.

It is hoped, however, that the Fijians themselves will provide the best solution, possibly by a com-

bination of courses. In spite of his reputation for taking things easy, the Fijian has sufficient worth-while ingredients in his splendid make-up, given the chance, to solve this problem, too.

Mr. David Wilson, former radio operator and sales manager in America, has been appointed South Pacific representative for United Air Lines, with offices in the APA Building, Martin Place, Sydney. United is America's oldest scheduled airline. It operates a fleet of 174 four-engined and twin-engined Mainliners, serving 79 cities and Hawaii.

Tongan Army Soon in Training

EQUIPMENT for the new Tongan military forces has been arriving in the Kingdom from New Zealand by air and sea. The RNZAF, in two Bristol freighters flew in some of the gear at the end of June. Other supplies etc, arrived in HMNZS *Lachlan*.

Captain A. M. J. Milliar of the NZ Army has been in Tonga for the past year supervising the erection of a training camp near Nukualofa.

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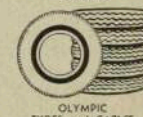
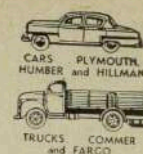
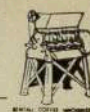
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Soft Pedal Urged for Raluana Affair

THOSE people who hoped for fire-works or spectacular Administration action to bring the Raluana and other dissentient groups into the fold of Native Village Councils in the Gazelle peninsula area of New Britain, are apt to be disappointed.

The Raluanas and a few other minority groups of the total 35,000 Tolai people have consistently refused, on one pretext or another, to join a Village Council. The Administration has alternately threatened and cajoled them and, finally, the matter was to have been settled once and for all as soon as the Administrator, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, returned to the Territory after leave at end of April.

It was believed that the Administration would insist that the Raluanas and the other dissentient groups get into some Village Council—or else the Administration would lose face or antagonise those Tolais who are already operating Councils and helping to pay for their own social services.

But it seems that it may now be otherwise. Shortly before he left Rabaul on transfer, District Commissioner J. K. McCarthy—who a year ago was at the receiving end of a crutch wielded by one irate Raluana—had this to say:

In the last three years there have been five Native Village Councils set up in Kokopo and Rabaul which cover some 30,000 Tolais. A proportion of these people numbering approximately 2,500 have not joined the Councils and have opposed being included in them.

Information from themselves regarding their opposition is not clear.

The Village Council system, as established in Kokopo and Rabaul, has met with some very fine results, especially in the fields of health and responsibility. There is no doubt that the native people of the Tolai have shown themselves willing to shoulder responsibility. Last year the people of the Councils here paid £39,000 towards the upkeep of their schools, Aid Posts, Hospitals and roads.

But the minorities consider that by going into Councils they are going to lose some element of their native rights. They fear they will be overruled by others. The groups that oppose the Councils are not financially well off. They do not own much land.

My advise to my successor is that these people should be given the opportunity of forming their own groups and small Councils. This has been objected to by some people, who have studied Native Village Councils and it has been freely said that it is impracticable to form small Council groups. But that is a small price to pay for the sake of good native administration.

The Village Council system was initially described as voluntary, in

which event the Raluanas were only exercising their privilege in refusing to join the movement. Subsequently, there was a considerable amount of Administration pressure and, unfortunately, the whole affair, which should have been one of domestic politics, received a great deal of publicity. Today every shade of opinion exists among the residents of New Britain as to who is right or who is wrong about the Raluana affair—but most agree that the Administration could have handled the matter better.

Ripe Oranges—£6,000 Loss

NEW ZEALAND taxpayers probably lost £6,000 on 6,000 cases of oranges which arrived in Auckland by the *Waihemo* in June from Rarotonga.

There had been difficulty in estimating the vessel's time of arrival, holidays intervened during the loading, consequently the oranges were over-ripe when unloaded. They were sold at special auction for about half normal prices, the taxpayer standing the loss because producers received the guaranteed price once the oranges were on the water.

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At rear, standing from left to right, are Messrs. Maurice Scott, Henry Major, Grahame Wallace, Mrs. Olive Harrieks, Mr. Len Usher, Mrs. Harrieks, Sr., Mr. Paul Harrieks, Mrs. Pamela Scott, Mr. Max Lovell, and Mr. Jim Foster.

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† Mr. W. C. Groves, P-NG Director of Education, returned to Port Moresby on June 16 after attending the sixth meeting of the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission in Noumea.

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. THOMAS L. SEFTON

Mr. Thomas Leslie Sefton, one of the pioneers of the rubber industry in Papua, died at his home at Ela Beach, Port Moresby, on June 9, after a long illness. He was 70.

Mr. Sefton arrived in Papua from NSW in 1909. He was employed in Port Moresby by the Bank of N.S.W., but the following year became manager of the Koitaki Estate at Sogeri—in those days there was no road and the climb over the Bluff to Sogeri Valley was accomplished on foot or with the aid of a good horse.

He was manager of Koitaki for almost 40 years until his illness about 5 years ago, after which his son, Mr. Colin Sefton, succeeded him as manager.

Mr. Sefton was a foundation member of the Papua Planters' Association. He was president on many occasions.

In his lifetime as a planter, he made an outstanding contribution to the rubber industry, both in practical development, and in his work for the Association; he played a prominent part in overcoming many economic problems of the early days.

The present president of the Association, Mr. E. Fairfax-Ross, said of him: "As his memorial, there stands the thousands of planted acres in the Sogeri valley and the deep respect of his fellow planters."

Mr. Sefton leaves a widow, a daughter, (Mrs Phil Oakley), and his son Colin. All are living in Port Moresby.

MR. ARTHUR JOSKE

Mr. Arthur Joske, probably the last of the European pioneers of Suva, died in Sydney in May. He was more than 80. He went to Fiji with his parents in 1870, his father taking up land at Suva from the Polynesian Company.

He was educated in Australia and joined the firm of Brown and Joske (now W. R. Carpenter and Co.). Later he founded his own business as commission agent and banana buyer and shipper. He made his home in Sydney when he retired.

MR. J. P. MOLLOY

An old and well known Fijian resident, Mr. J. P. Molloy, died in Suva on May 28, at the age of 79.

He was born and educated at Levuka. He later joined the firm of Henry Marks & Co., and then for many years was in charge of the Suva municipal market.

COLONEL F. W. VOELCKER

A former Administrator and High Commissioner of Western Samoa, Lieutenant-Colonel F. W. Voelcker, CBE, DSO, MC, died on May 22 at his home in Auckland. He was 58.

After a distinguished military career during the First and Second World Wars (he commanded the Third Battalion, Fiji Regiment, in the Solomons campaign), Colonel Voelcker was appointed Administrator of Western Samoa. In 1948 he raised the new Samoan flag and became the first High Commissioner of the Territory.

He also represented New Zealand at the South Pacific Commission. Relinquishing his position as High Commissioner in 1949, he returned to NZ and later served in Korea with the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency. He was invalided from Korea in 1953.

Colonel Voelcker initiated many development schemes in the Territory, particularly roads, water supplies and the new broadcasting scheme from Station 2 AP.

A requiem service was held on May 26 at Apia Anglican Chaplaincy. The service was conducted by the Rev. C. Whonsbon-Aston; the Chief

Judge, Mr. C. C. Marsack, delivering a memorial address.

SIR FREDERICK DOIDGE

The High Commissioner for New Zealand in London, Sir Frederick Doidge, died there recently at the age of 70. He was formerly Minister for External Affairs and Minister of Island Territories, and in the latter capacity visited Western Samoa in 1950.

REV. J. F. GOLDIE

The "father" of the Methodist Mission in the British Solomon Islands, Rev. John Francis Goldie, died at his home in Melbourne on June 29. He was 84. (Over)

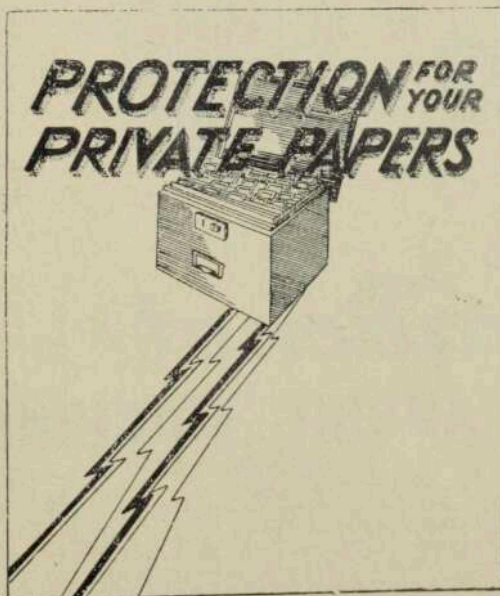
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Mr. Goldie was born in Tasmania, but at the turn of the century he was a Methodist Minister in Queensland. When a contingent of Melanesian sugar workers was being returned from there to the Islands, he volunteered for service with the Methodist Mission Society and subsequently, in 1902, started nearly 50 years of mission work on an islet in the Roviana lagoon. His first assistants were a handful of teachers from Fiji, Tonga and Samoa, and from his early work has developed the virile Methodist Mission throughout the BSI Protectorate and in Bougainville.

Mr. Goldie founded the mission on sound principles which have been acceptable to his colleagues. He believed that education and religion were complementary.

His wife, Helena, went to New Georgia as a bride and was one of the first white women to live in the Group. She died in Melbourne in 1949.

In 1951, Mr. Goldie retired after leading the mission for 49 years, and made his home in Melbourne. The Methodist Church in New Zealand had, in the intervening years, taken over the responsibility of the missions in the Western Solomons, Bougainville and Buka, so that later in the year of his retirement Mr. Goldie toured New Zealand as guest of honour at many church gatherings.

Following the translation of smaller religious works, Mr. Goldie completed the translation of the complete New Testament into Roviana during his retirement. He also supervised the publication of other mission books.

He is survived by three married daughters.

MR. ERIC WEINE

The death, following an accident, of Mr. Eric Weine occurred at the Base Hospital, Dubbo, on June 21. He was 62.

Mr. Weine was a well-known resident of Wau, New Guinea, from the early 30's to the time of the evacuation. He had a dental practice there. He did not return to the Territory after the war, and for some years has been practising in Wellington, NSW.

The accident which caused his death occurred when he was returning home after a day's clay-pigeon shooting. His car left the road and hit a tree.

He is survived by his daughter Margot (Mrs. John Lyall).

MR. WALTER H. LUCAS

(See Talk-Talk, this issue)

Mr. Walter H. Lucas, one of the outstanding personalities of the South Pacific at the time of the First World War, and first chairman of the NG Expropriation Board, died in Canberra recently at the age of 85. He had been in ill-health for some time.

Mr. Lucas had many years with Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd. before he

accepted several official appointments. He joined the company in the New Hebrides, but later went to Sydney to supervise the company's interests in the South-West Pacific.

During World War I he left the company to become technical adviser to the Federal Government on Pacific Islands matters.

He, Judge (later Sir Hubert) Murray and Atlee Hunt constituted Board of Inquiry at the end of the war to consider the desirability of the amalgamation of Papua and the newly-acquired German New Guinea. In a majority report, Lucas and Hunt opposed the union.

Later, Mr. Lucas was appointed chairman of the "Expro" Board to liquidate the German commercial interests in New Guinea.

After his retirement, Mr. Lucas retained an interest in one or two plantations and was still a director of them at the time of his death.

Mr. Lucas is survived by one son, Ernest. Mrs. Lucas died some years ago. Mr. Ernest Lucas is now in England, having been on board ship when his father died. He is an engineer with the British Phosphate Co., which has new ships under construction in England.

Another son was an engineer at Parliament House, Canberra. He died several years ago.

MR. E. P. WOOD

The death occurred on March 23 at the Concord Repatriation Hospital, Sydney, of Mr. Eric Percy Wood.

He will be remembered as having spent some time in Rarotonga in the 1920's before going to New Guinea where he managed Neinduk and Lilinikali plantations in the Baining for W. R. Carpenter & Co. before World War II.

MRS. MARGARET WRIGHT

A well-known identity of Wau, New Guinea, Mrs. Margaret Wright, died suddenly at the European Hospital, Wau, on June 25.

She was one of the early pioneers of the Morobe District having arrived in the Territory in 1923 and a Salamaua in 1927.

Before the war, Mrs. Wright spent much of her time at Rabaul, Savile, Manus, and, in the later years, resided at Golden Ridges near Wau and after the war returned there.

She took a keen interest in all civic affairs and was a staunch supporter of all local charities.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her husband, Mr. James Wright.

BROTHER DAVID

Brother David, the oldest Marist Brother in New Zealand and formerly stationed in Fiji, died in Wellington recently.

Brother David, who was professed in Sydney 62 years ago, served as a teaching missionary for 33 years in Fiji, going there first about 1900.

CAPTAIN H. S. COLLIER

Captain H. S. Collier, perhaps best known as Master of the four-masted barque *Pamir* during the latter days of her service under the New Zealand flag, collapsed and died in an Auckland street recently.

He served in many Union Steam Ship Co. Island vessels.

¶ The engagement was announced recently of Miss Patricia Margaret Wood, of Auckland, to Mr. David Cowell Boys, of Masterton, NZ, both of whom have been residing in Rarotonga for the past year. Mr. Boys was born in Rabaul in 1933 and lived in the Baining for the first 10 years of his life. He has just completed a term on Rarotonga Radio staff.

TAHITI CHINESE OWE THE TAXGATHERER 9,000,000 FRANCS

CHINESE traders who fail to pay their taxes, will be discussed in Papeete at the next session of the Assemblée Territoriale of French Oceania.

Our correspondent there reports that Chinese tax defaulters at present owe some nine million francs in overdue taxes.

A section of the community is in favour of deportation of these Chinese.

The Chinese traders, of course, insist that they are having a hard time, with the French Government making it as difficult as possible for them.

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Fijian Way of Life (G. K. Roth).—A first hand account of the Fijians at home that will serve as a valuable source of information for inquirers. Illustrated. £1/1/-, post, 11d.

Social Anthropology in Polynesia (F. M. Keesing).—A survey covering not only the Polynesian region of the Central and Eastern Pacific, but also Fiji and certain adjacent Micronesian areas, the Gilberts and Nauru. Map end-papers. £1/7/6, post, 11d.

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**'DISCOURTESY' TO TAHITI'S
GOVERNOR**

Letter to the Editor

AFTER allowing for the freedom of the Press, and the right of every man to express his views, nearly all European residents of Samoa feel that it savours of unfair play when a person in high position is criticised, and because of his standing cannot defend himself.

The attack on our Queen's representative in Western Samoa, as printed in *NZ Truth* and reprinted in the May issue of PIM, had this element of unfairness.

Only those who reside in Apia know of the generous hospitality of "Vaillima," a hospitality which extends beyond duty, and therefore beyond official allowance for entertainment purposes.

In the matter of the so-called discourtesy to the visiting Governor of Tahiti, it was surely Tahiti's business, and no more than ordinary politeness, to give notification of the impending overnight stay of its Governor in Samoa. In Apia we think far too highly of our High Commissioner to allow such criticism to be published without protest.

I am, etc.,

"VAIALA."

EDITORIAL NOTE

We express regret that we caused the High Commissioner any embarrassment by publishing a report taken from a source which we now know to be irresponsible and unreliable.

We are aware that it is the usual procedure that a high official, such as Governor Petitbon, if he wishes formal recognition in a place he proposes to visit, shall give some prior advice of his arrival. We learned that in this case Governor Petitbon gave no such advice; and the first that the High Commissioner (Mr. G. R. Powles) knew of his arrival was a telephone message at 2 p.m. from the French Consular Agent (Mr. F. E. Paul), saying that the French Governor was in Apia, and would Mr. Powles care to join them at a cocktail party later in the day. Mr. Powles naturally assumed that M. Petitbon wanted no formalities; and M. Petitbon and Mr. Powles had a happy, and informal meeting at the cocktail party. That evening, the High Commissioner gave an official dinner party at Vaillima, and M. Petitbon was among his guests. A few weeks later, Madame Petitbon, on her way through, stayed overnight in Apia, as the guest of the High Commissioner.

Mr. Powles, naturally, was amazed at the attack which appeared in the New Zealand newspaper, and which obviously was unjustified and irresponsible.

Saying that he could see no mitigating circumstances, Mr. Justice Gore, in the Supreme Court at Port Moresby, on June 9, sentenced a Sepik District native to death for having raped a European woman. The defence pleaded consent, but the judge accepted the contention that the native had overpowered the woman. The Executive Council will decide whether the death sentence will be carried out.

Bulolo Passengers



Passengers on the Bulolo from Sydney on June 23, included.—Top: Miss E. Lampard and Miss B. R. Lehmann were off to work at Rabaul. Miss Lehmann's parents live there. Centre: Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Platten returned to Tabar, New Ireland, after four months' leave. Lower: Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Matthews, formerly of Samarai, were going to Salho. He is with the Department of Public Health, and is the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. Matthews, of Port Moresby. With them are their daughters Margaret and Sue-Ellen. They were in Sydney for nine months, and were farewelled by Mrs. E. Martin, of Sydney.

New Samarai Church

The new church built by the Catholic Mission at Samarai, Papua. Cardinal Gilroy consecrated the church during his visit to the island on May 25.

—Photo by F. Hoeter.



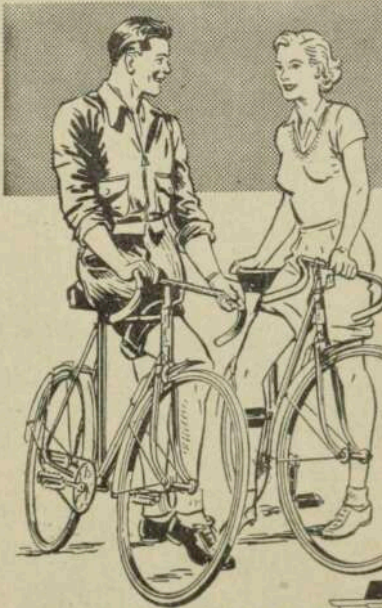
Dr. Alfred Wood has been appointed secretary-general of the Methodist Conference in Australia. He was a missionary in Tonga for some years until 1948 and taught the sons of Queen Salote.

CIMP Manea Tamarua, superintendent, Rarotonga Sanatorium, is taking a special course at Tamavua

Sanatorium, Fiji. Staff Nurses Tekura and Teroro, of Cook Islands, are also taking special courses in Suva.

Miss R. M. Wilde returned to Brisbane by July Bulolo. Miss Wilde has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Doris Booth, of Wau, for the past 8 months.

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Commentary

(Continued from Page 14)

and she was deprived of her so-called Empire. But she is coming back into international affairs. While Britain builds up Germany fast as a Western barrier against Communism, America is doing the same for Japan, as an Eastern barrier. But will she stay there, as a kindly and obedient barrier?

Meanwhile, consider the words of Sir Susanta de Fouseka, Foreign Minister of Ceylon (nominally the titled diplomat of a friendly unit of the British Commonwealth): "The people of Ceylon have a special affection for Japan because they are not unmindful of the fact that countries of Southeast Asia achieved their independence far sooner than they would have done, as a direct result of Japan's participation in the war."

"Participation", forsooth!

The average historian believes that the independence of India, Pakistan, Burma, Ceylon, and Indonesia came about in the 1945-50 period because the post-war Socialist Government of Britain, badgered, blundering and bemused, gave away a large part of the British Empire at least a decade before it was ready for self-government, and forced the helpless Dutch to do the same in Indonesia. But Asian historians, apparently, are going to give the credit (or debit) to the gentlemen of Japan, who imposed three years of torture, murder and slavery upon the hapless countries of SE Asia and SW Pacific.

Former Prime Minister Attlee should be compelled to travel around these regions and study the results of his bumble-footed planning in 1945-50.

BISHOP DROPS A BRICK

WHILE on the subject of Colonialism, it is noted that in June an Adelaide Bishop, letting himself go at a luncheon party, publicly said that "the French are charming people but rotten colonists", and "I think Indo-China is right in its desire to be rid of them."

Whereupon certain newspapers gave a list of French achievements in Indo-China. When France took over in 1875, it was a worthless country, swept periodically by revolutions, terrible famines and epidemics. The French, by constructing roads, railways, vast drainage and irrigation works, and maintaining order, turned it into a region producing vast wealth, and made it the second largest rice-exporting country in the world. Diseases have been checked, and the country, over the last 50 years, has been made increasingly literate. It is to be regretted that these well-meaning reverend gentlemen

cannot keep their noses out of international affairs of which they obviously have no knowledge.

AGAIN THE TRUSTEE COUNCIL!

"NEW Guinea was a bureaucracy where the Europeans held all the responsible posts and the natives the lesser posts" complained an Indian delegate at the Trusteeship Council in New York on June 29. He criticised the Australian Administration for its failure to appreciably reduce the illiteracy rate in the Territory. He was sure that, as there was so little improvement since 1920, there must be something wrong.

Australian Minister W. D. Forsyth wearily pointed out, for the ninety-ninth time, that these New Guinea natives are extremely primitive; and that, before it is possible to reach

them and introduce even a slight degree of literacy, it is necessary to break through the barrier imposed by the facts that (a) a large proportion of the people have had little if any contact with Europeans and (b) they speak innumerable languages—there is no common tongue.

One wonders how long the Trusteeship farce is to continue, and why Australia should be harassed by this type of uninstructed idealist. Sooner or later, New Guinea will have to be taken over completely by Australia. Why not sooner?

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ABOUT THOSE ASIATIC REDS

AN excited correspondent in Australia savagely reproves PIM for "pro-Americanism"; and asked: "Isn't America, by refusing China admission to the United Nations, and encouraging the French to fight on in Indo-China, arousing Asia against us, and rendering unsafe the whole future of the people in the South Pacific?"

Which is a very slick bit of Fellow-Traveller propaganda. Here is the answer.

Communist China is a militarily aggressive nation, which never ceases to spit venomous hatred against the United States. This is a typical extract from a very recent Red China pamphlet:

"We must hate America, because she is the Chinese people's implacable enemy.

"We must despise America because it is a corrupt imperialist nation, the world centre of reaction and decadency. We must look down upon America because she is a paper tiger and entirely vulnerable to defeat."

Red China invaded South Korea and precipitated the Korean War. Red China's troops are fighting the French in Indo-China today. Red China supplies the Terrorists in Malaya and keeps that rebellion alive. The Charter of UNO limits membership to "peace-loving States". Is China in that category?

In Indo-China, hitherto a French dependency, there are 30 million people, divided between the recognised States of Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam. America's policy, which France now has fully accepted, is that these three States shall be established as *independent* countries. Red China (with Russia in the background) says that it also wants the three States made "independent"—but on terms which mean that all three inevitably will be absorbed into the Red framework behind the Iron Curtain. No Western nation would agree to that.

It is all part of Stalin's Cold-War pattern. The Muscovite plotters do not want any kind of a settlement, except on Communist terms. The plan is to keep us all armed, alarmed and divided until our economic structure begins to crack. Then, Hey for the revolution!

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MEDALS FOR TWO NATIVES

TWO natives who rescued a third from drowning at Nauru last December have received awards from the Royal Humane Society of Australasia. First-Class Police Constable Lipine received the silver medal, and Ellice Islander Tanielu, brother of the rescued native, Matiava, received the bronze medal.

The three were in a working party trying to secure a large mooring buoy in a high sea with a full gale blowing.

They were working on a life-line when Matiava lost his grip and was carried out by the undertow.

It was impossible to put a boat over the reef, and Tanielu and Lipine were washed back by the surf when they attempted several times to swim out.

When Matiava's position appeared hopeless, Lipine waited his opportunity, gripped the reef with his fingers and toes and allowed the surf to break over him, let go when the surf began to recede and was carried over the reef by the undertow. He swam to Matiava and brought him in.

Treatment of Vanikoro Timber Worker

Letter to the Editor

I WAS astounded to read in January PIM an article headed, "Treatment of a Vanikoro Timber Worker." The charge that this injured man was treated with cruelty and deprived of his sick pay is absolutely untrue.

Lowney (the man mentioned) when he met with the accident, was driven from the job to the river, by motor lorry, and then was taken to hospital by launch. He was not at any time given morphia, and was quite well and back to work in seven days. He was also paid compensation for the time he was off work.

The treatment of European labour on the island of Vanikoro differs very little from that in Australia—with the exception of wages, which are twice as much as Australian awards, and three times that of Fiji.

I believe the article originated with a person who was unsuited for tropical life, and who became disgruntled with everything connected with it. Probably to try and alleviate his feelings, he wrote an article absolutely without foundation, to which he did not have the courage to sign his name.

I am, etc.,

A. E. HALING.

Vanikoro, BSI.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Jones will leave Sydney in July to make their home in Lae, New Guinea.

Land for Soldier Settlement in New Britain



Some of the land in the Gazelle Peninsula area of New Britain upon which returned servicemen and others have fixed their eyes—and have been told that it is native-owned and unavailable for European settlement. The top photograph shows part of the river flats bordering the Wanangol River, which have now been cleared of timber by J. L. Chipper and Co. This is only a tiny fraction of the land in the valley which is estimated to be 20 miles long by 10 miles wide.



At right, Mr. Frank Holland (in hat) who has been responsible for the roads put in to the Wanangol for J. L. Chipper and Co. He is standing on the bank of a tributary of the Wanangol, over which the Company will build a bridge to open up more timber. They intend to erect their bridge on hollow logs, one of which can be seen in the centre of the stream. The theory is that hollow logs will offer less resistance to flood waters.

Below—a portion of the country viewed

from the Catholic Mission near Vanadidir. Mt. Varzen is on the left and behind it a range of mountains beyond which is the headwaters of the Wanangol. The country in the immediate foreground is native settled but beyond Varzen there is no sign of settlement.

The whole area is ideal for cocoa growing.



Big Development Plan For Dutch NG

But Parliament Must Approve

AFTER two years' work, a special commission of the Netherlands Government has produced a 10-year development plan for Dutch-New Guinea.

The plan has yet to be debated by the Netherlands Parliament. If approved, it will indicate a significant change of Netherlands policy, because the plan is based on close co-operation between Government and private enterprise. Such co-operation has not been encouraged since the war by Netherlands officialdom.

The plan provides tentatively that the Government will set up agricultural, forestry and cattle-breeding stations at Bird Head, north-west and south-west coastal plains and the inland regions of Membrano, Klamono and Moturi; provide prospectors for nickel, chrome, cobalt and coal; encourage planters to extend rice and cocoa growing areas; hasten education to bring more natives into the civil service; and increase oil production from Klamono and Moturi.

Government and private enterprise finance for the scheme is proposed, the Government to encourage investment and development with tax relief and subsidies, and the building of roads and ports.

LIVESTOCK EXPERIMENTS IN CENTRAL N. GUINEA

A MEETING of the members of the Hallstrom Trust was held late in June at Nondugl, in the Central Highlands of New Guinea. This is the livestock experimental station established soon after the war by Sir Edward Hallstrom, the Sydney philanthropist, and liberally endowed by him.

It is mainly concerned with the acclimatisation of sheep, and the instruction of the native people in the care of sheep and the effective use of their wool. The Trust has met some problems in the susceptibility of the sheep to certain tropical diseases under certain conditions.

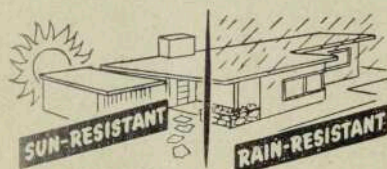
On returning from Nondugl, the Administrator (Brigadier D. M. Cleland), who is a member of the Trust, expressed the belief that the establishment now is making satisfactory progress and should show some good results within the next year or two.

With effect from April 1, the Crown Agents for the Colonies are to be known as the Crown Agents for Overseas Governments and Administrations. The word "Colony" has now been classified along with the word "native"—it is *Tabu*.

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SITE FOR MEMORIAL TO LATE SIR HUBERT MURRAY

WE are informed by Judge R. T. Gore, of Port Moresby, who is at the head of the Committee responsible for the Memorial to the late Sir Hubert Murray, that there has been a certain amount of delay in completing the plan because the site for the Memorial is not yet ready.

The site finally approved is at the Port Moresby end of a large area of lowlying ground, on the harbour foreshore between the port and Konedobu. This area is being filled in to make a large playing-ground and gardens.

Good progress has been made with this work and the Administration now is preparing the place where the Memorial will be erected. The Memorial is to be a fountain, with a suitable inscription thereon. As soon as the site is suitably completed and the ground settled down, the Committee will proceed with the erection of the fountain. It has in hand, for this work, a sum of £3,211.

Club Helps New Britain Women

THE New Britain Women's Club, at Rabaul, New Guinea, was being redecorated in June. Part of it was being undertaken by club members who were giving their own time to go along to wield a paint brush.

The club performs a great service to out-of-town New Britain women, as well as in providing a cheerful and restful meeting place for the town's women. A small bedroom wing provides sleeping accommodation for women and their children who have to come into town to await hospitalisation or for other reasons.

The club hopes to expand this residential part of the building shortly.

A full-time caterer is now at the club and morning and afternoon teas and lunches are provided for Rabaul business people, men or women.

President of the club this year is Mrs. Nell Long.

N. Guinea Goldfields Production

	From Golden Ridges	From Koranga	From Tributes	From Timber
1954	oz	oz	oz	sup. ft.
January	950	118	87	152,028
February	1,004	165	66	66,233
March	1,177	452	130	152,358
April	1,085	130	164	121,552
May	1,186	686	109	187,045
June	1,134	394	111	186,920

NZ TRADE MISSION TO PACIFIC

A SIX-MAN delegation of the New Zealand Manufacturers' Association and a representative of the Industries and Commerce Department will visit Western Samoa, Fiji and Tonga in July on a combined goodwill and business tour. It is the strongest trade mission of its kind to leave NZ.

The party will go first to Fiji and will arrive at Nadi on July 14, and Suva July 16. From July 18 to 22 will be in Apia. It will return to Suva on July 24 for one week, during which a one-day visit will be paid to Tonga, on July 28. It will be back in NZ on August 2.

Everybody Welcome

ALL Islands people visiting Sydney have an open invitation to call at the All Nations Club at 50 Bayswater Road, Kings Cross, and make full use of its facilities.

Mr. D. de Graaff, an agricultural officer at Port Moresby, was one of the latest visitors to spend many pleasant evenings at the Club, participating in such activities as billiards, chess, bridge, and the regular Sunday night dance. Tennis and golf outings are also arranged. Other recent visitors at the Club were two members of the staff of William Creekwoldt's—Mr. W. Schwartz on his way to Honiara and Mr. Schabarth returning from Rabaul. Membership is 50 per cent. Australian, 50 per cent. New Zealand.

Visitors from Dutch New Guinea will find a special friend in Mr. Peter Bekker, and those from French Pacific Territories will have their language problem solved by Mr. Francis Wheeler, the Club's Public Relations Officer.

New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney

The annual general meeting of the New Guinea Women's Club of Sydney will be held in the Feminist Club rooms, 77 King Street, Sydney, on July 22. Members will meet first for morning tea at 10.30 a.m. Members gathered at the Cenotaph on Sunday, June 27, to pay homage to the men who were lost in the Montevideo Maru. A short service was conducted by the Rev. R. Spencer, of the Methodist Church. The NG Ex-Servicemen's Club was represented by Mr. Pagett. Later members gathered for afternoon tea at the Hunter Club.

A picture evening was held at the Club rooms on the night of June 11. Films and commentary were provided by Mr. N. Percroft. During June, Mrs. A. Gregory, of the G Women's Assn., Melbourne, paid the Club a visit.

Mr. P. L. James and Mr. Jackson Seeto were elected to the Rabaul Building Board at the June meeting of the Rabaul TAC.

Leung-Seeto Wedding



Two members of well-known New Guinea Chinese families were married in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, on June 12. The wedding party is shown on the steps of the Cathedral after the ceremony. The bride was Miss Dorothy Leung, of Kavieng, and the bridegroom Mr. Timothy Seeto, of Rabaul. Both were educated in Australia. Their future home will be in Rabaul.

—Photo by C. H. Meen.

¶ Monsieur Sanner, Inspector of French Colonies, arrived in Tahiti in May per naval sloop *La Perouse* to spend some months on inspection.

¶ Dr. F. Bainbridge, formerly of Cairns, arrived in Port Moresby late May to take up duty with the Department of Health.

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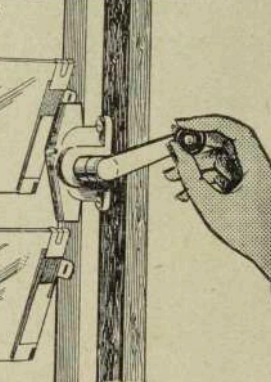
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Buying was halted pending assurances that all copra would be certified non-radio active by competent authorities at Guam before shipment. All copra has consequently been tested since then—though none has been found radio-active.

The CIF price US Pacific Coast in mid-April was \$187.50 per ton. By the end of the month, immediately preceding the hydrogen-bomb blast, the price was down to \$175 due to heavy supplies of copra entering the market from the Philippines. Following a complete hold-up of exports for some time, there was a further falling tendency as a result of increasing supplies of Indonesian copra reaching the Japanese market which is the most accessible to Micronesia from the shipping point of view.

MORE FIJI TOURISTS

A TRAVEL Association has been formed in Fiji to co-ordinate the handling of the growing tourist trade.

It comprises representatives of the Visitors' Bureau, air services, shipping companies, hotel groups, travel agents and transport companies. Mr. W. G. Johnson, chairman of the Visitors' Bureau, is president.

Another indication that the tourist trade is increasing is the opening of an office at Lautoka, north-west coast of Viti Levu, by Whites Travel Service, of New Zealand. The office is in the Australia and New Zealand Bank building.

Whites are responsible for considerable traffic to Fiji with special-rate tours and individual itineraries (the business has nearly doubled this year) and the purpose of the new office is to co-ordinate local handling.

At the annual meeting in Papua of the Samarai Amateur Fishermen's Association on June 29, Mr. Neville Chester was elected president; Mr. Vernon Gabriel, secretary; Mr. Neville French treasurer, and Mr. Tony Kelly club captain. Retiring president, Mr. Alec Barker scooped the trophy pool by winning all events. An outing to the Doonlins two days earlier concluded the 1953-54 season. Mr. Gabriel got the biggest catch—a 15-lb blue cod.

PLANS FOR THE WELFARE OF PACIFIC ISLANDS PEOPLE

EIGHTEEN senior specialists in agricultural sciences, education and health concluded, early in June, ten days' study in Noumea of the problems of development in the Pacific islands. They assembled at the headquarters of the South Pacific Commission for the sixth annual meeting of the Commission's scientific advisory body, the Research Council. They came from places as far afield as Netherlands New Guinea, Guam and Samoa.

Dr. E. M. Ojala, Deputy Chairman of the Council, said: "We meet here as scientists, covering many disciplines. The factor which unites us is the Commission's objective: to encourage and strengthen international co-operation in promoting the economic and social welfare and advancement of the people of the region."

"The Council's task is two-fold: to recommend and define the research which the Commission itself should undertake to heighten its consultative and advisory role; and to define progressively the patterns of research needs in economic, social and health fields, for the guidance of governments and institutions interested in research in the region."

DURING its June meeting, the Council reviewed the arrangements made for carrying out research studies and technical services approved by the Commission, following recommendations made by the Council at its meeting in 1953.

The meeting reaffirmed the content of long-range work already defined; and formulated additional proposals for work in the subjects elected by the Commission for concentrated attention at the present time. These subjects include—

- The coconut, rice and fisheries industries in the Pacific islands.
- The introduction of economic plants for improved agriculture.
- The control of pests and diseases in agriculture, especially the rhinoceros beetle.
- The assessment and improvement of nutritional standards.
- The control of filariasis and malaria.
- Co-operative societies.
- The promotion of literature for islands people.
- The use of visual aids in health and educational work.

The technical content of the current work programme of the Commission has been worked out by the Research Council in the course of its meetings during the last five years.

During the last twelve months, 7 technical specialists had been engaged in field work in the South

and Central Pacific region under Commission projects.

Mr. W. V. D. Pieris (Technical Officer, Copra) has completed his field studies of the coconut industry, in the course of which he made his experience available to administration officials, planters and villagers. The Council examined his recommendations for future organisation of research in this, the most important crop of the region.

The problems and potentialities of rice-growing in the South Pacific have been investigated by Mr. R. Watson, an officer of the Food and Agriculture Organisation.

The first regional programme of research on the most serious pest of the South Pacific, the rhinoceros beetle, has been successfully launched by Mr. L. J. Dumbleton (Plant and Animal Quarantine Officer) and two entomologists are now working on this problem for the Commission, one in Western Samoa and another in South-East Asia.

The study by an agriculturalist, Monsieur J. Barrau, of the subsistence production patterns of the indigenous people is proceeding well.

Mr. H. van Pel, formerly Director of Fisheries in East Indonesia, has been appointed as Fisheries Officer and takes up duty in July. This appointment will equip the Commission to follow up the Noumea Fisheries Conference of 1952 with more active steps, in conjunction with the Territories, to promote the further study and utilisation of the region's fishery resources.

During the year, Mr. V. D. Stace, whose services were made available by the Reserve Bank of New Zea-

land, undertook an economic stock-taking in Western Samoa for the Commission, the Western Samoan Government paying two-thirds of the cost.

The Commission has obtained the services, since November, 1953, of Dr. M. O. T. Iyengar, a specialist of world repute in mosquito-borne diseases. He is paying particular attention to filariasis.

The South Pacific Literature Bureau, operated by the Commission, reports 5 new publications specially adapted to the requirements of Pacific people; 4 others are in the press; 11 manuscripts are being prepared for publication; and 40 others are in hand.

The Council's further recommendations will be considered by the Commission at its next Session in October.

EDITORIAL NOTE

But What Really is Being Accomplished?

WITHIN its prescribed field, the Research Council of the South Pacific Commission appears to be doing, most conscientiously, an excellent job of work. Highly skilled men from many countries have been all over the South Pacific countries, examining, diagnosing and recommending. Their findings, supported by masses of data, come in an increasing stream of books, pamphlets and reports from the Commission's Publicity Bureau.

But what actually is being accomplished in the realm of practical administration, in the South Pacific's 14 or more Territories, as a result of this costly set-up called the South Pacific Commission? That is

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the question that earth-bound commentators ask, and the Commission should try to answer it.

An impressive corps of experts reports to the Research Council; the Council reports and recommends to the Commission; the Commission, presumably, sends on recommendations to the six nations (Australia, New Zealand, France, Britain, United States and Netherlands) which created it.

And then what happens? How many of these expensively-wrought recommendations have been given actual shape in the field of Islands government? That is what the humble taxpayer should be told.

Is the South Pacific Commission really changing and improving the texture of Islands life? Or it is just a pleasant and very expensive toy for the diversion of a group of well-endowed Commissioners. If only a section of the Commission's impressive spate of publicity could describe the accomplishments of the Commission, instead of the recommendations of its instrumentalities, one or two hard-working commentators really would be grateful.

Still Suffering for War in P-NG

"Bangalore torpedoes" which were probably discarded by the Japanese during the war, killed seven natives on the Aitape coast of New Guinea in June.

The natives had built a fire to boil sea water to procure the salt for trading. The fireplace consisted of brass shell cases standing upright in the sand, and a drum of sea water was supported by what appeared to be a number of iron bars found in a nearby dump.

The bars were actually cylinders filled with explosive which the Japanese used on barbed-wire entanglements. They exploded in the fire.

Another native heard the explosion five miles away. He investigated and found only a small crater where the fireplace had been and mutilated bodies scattered in the vicinity.

The Assistant District Officer at Aitape, Mr. John Williams, has asked the Army bomb disposal section to remove the "torpedo" dump.

¶ On return from the round trip on the *Tofua* to Samoa, Mr. and Mrs. Eric Weir, a Sydney couple who had been in Suva about a year, left Fiji in April for Canada, where Mr. Weir will deliver illustrated lectures on New Guinea and the South-West Pacific Islands. They lived two years in New Guinea, where Mr. Weir was employed by a goldmining company and spent his week-ends producing movie travelogues and colour photographs.

Fijian Chiefs Prefer Tradition to Democracy

From Our Own Correspondent

SUVA, June 25.

THE Council of Chiefs, the parliament of the indigenous Fijian people, at its 1954 meeting recommended the following proposals for the economic development of Fijian land:

(1) The economic development of Fijian land should normally be based on the proprietary landowning unit (the larger the better); (2) Programmes for the economic development of Fijian land should be drawn up in consultation with the authorities responsible for drawing up programmes of social services, the maximum use being made of co-operative societies; (3) Suitable persons should be appointed to organise the economic development programmes and see that they are carried out; (4) A levy should be imposed on the proceeds obtained from sales of certain produce and used for the improvement of the social and economic conditions of those on whom it is imposed; (5) The building and repairing of houses should be done outside the economic development programme.

On the subject of alterations to the system of Fijian representation to the Legislative Council, the Council of Chiefs dug its toes in firmly.

The Governor had suggested as a possibility "some form of direct representation" for the Fijian people on the same basis as that provided for Europeans and Indians.

The Council of Chiefs, however, stated in a resolution: "This Council respectfully recommends the maintenance unamended of the existing system of representing Fijian opinion through the Council of

Chiefs and the panel of Fijians that it elects, from whom are selected the Native Members of the Legislative Council".

Furthermore, the Council of Chiefs, "having carefully considered the desirability of appointing a Standing Committee of the Council to represent it during the intervals between one meeting and the next, respectfully submits that the traditional form of representation of Fijian public opinion by the full Council is the one that the Council feels should be retained".

DESPITE the Council's willingness to adopt measures to ensure the economic development of Fijian land, nothing could better illustrate its innate conservatism than its firm treatment of the proposals for a tentative move towards Fijian democracy.

When opening the 1954 session last month, the Governor said that "the Chiefly system, on which so much depends, should march with the times and not ignore, for too long, the modern trends of democracy".

It is clear enough that, sooner or later, the representatives of the Fijian people will be in the firing line of inter-racial politics, and it may be wondered whether the conservatism of the Council of Chiefs is not somewhat overdone.

A publican's licence was granted by the Licensing Court on June 10 to Mr. E. C. N. Helton for his Wewak, New Guinea, hotel. The hotel will be known as the Wewak Point Hotel.

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PAPUA AND NEW GUINEA

	At Main Ports	Crushers, Ex-ship Sydney
Hot Air	£A75 0 0	£A97 0 0
FMS	£A74 5 0	£A97 0 0
Smoke-dried	£A71 10 0	£A96 0 0

	FIJI
Pltn.	£F70 15 6 (60 pts. & over)
FMS	£F70 10 0 (45-57½ pts.)

W. SAMOA:—No details—producers expect about £NZ58 in 1954.

SOLOMON IS. AND G. AND E. COLONY:—No details—producers should receive about £A66/8/- delivered at main ports.

Currency Note: Compared with Sterling, Aust. £ is worth 15/-; Fiji £ is 17/6; NZ £ is 20/-.

COCOA.—Islands prices are usually based on rate for Accra cocoa (W. Africa), quotation (from Colyer Watson, Ltd., Sydney) for which on July 2 was £Stg.538/10/- (£A673/2/6 approx.) c.i.f., ton, Cont. ports.

N.G.—£580-£590 approx. per ton, in store, Sydney.

Samoa.—Sydney agents in July quoted Samoa cocoa at £S495 (£A618/15/- approx.), f.o.b. per ton, first grade.

COFFEE.—P.-N.G. Recent overseas market increases have brought Territories coffee to 6/6-7/- per lb. All supplies assured of quick sale. **MANGAIA** (Cook Islands).—Robusta, green, unprocessed 1/- - 2/- per lb. on plantation.

PEANUTS.—P.-N.G.:—Little change from last month. Stiff opposition from superior grade Australian nuts has made it increasingly difficult to dispose of P.-N.G. nuts. Price: Kernels, 1/5; in shell, nominal, 10d-1/-.

RUBBER.—Papua-New Guinea: Price based on Singapore figure which fluctuates from day to day. Quotation on July 2 was 25½d Aust. lb. Singapore rate July 2 No. 1 grade RSS (sellers) spot 67½c lb. c.i.f. (approx. 23½d Aust. lb.).

VANILLA BEANS.—Sydney quotations by (Victor Karp, Tulk & Co.): Tahiti.—Early season's stocks now available. White 72/-, Yellow 72/-, Green 68/-.

RICE.—New season's (1954-1955) price is: P.-N.G.—Dry brown and dressed £83 f.o.b. per ton. Other Pacific Islands, including N.Z. dependencies, £90.

PEARL SHELL.—Prices fixed between Torres Strait producers and Otto Gerdau Co. (USA) for 1954: AA/A/B grades, 85c lb. (£A850 approx. per long ton); C, 80c lb. (£A800); D, 55c lb. (£A550); E, 40c lb. (£A400); EE, 30c lb. (£A300)—all c.i.f., New York. No change from last season. **Manihiki.**—£NZ250 (£A312/10/-) per long ton, f.o.b., Rarotonga.

TROCHUS SHELL.—N.G.: £280 nominal. Market quiet. Fiji, £F170 per ton f.o.b., Suva.

GREEN SNAIL SHELL.—Market dull in Sydney at present. N.G., 1st grade £210 per ton less rejects; Spotted £70-£80 both ex-wharf, Sydney. N.H., No interest in Sydney. **B.S.I.**, No. 1 grade £175-£190, Spotted £80 ex-wharf.

LONDON PRICES

LONDON, May 21.
Copra, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton:—
New Hebrides . . . 77.500 Metrop. francs (£A100 approx.)
FM Straits, June-July . . . £Stg.71 (£A88/15/- approx.)
Philippines, June-July . . . \$137.50 (£A83/3/- approx.)
Coconut Oil, c.i.f., Continental Ports, ton:—
FM Straits, bulk, 1% FFA . . . £Stg.111 (£A138/15/- approx.)
Ceylon, bulk, 3½% FFA . . . £Stg.108 (£A135 approx.)
Cocoa, per 50 kilos, c.i.f., Nth. Continental Ports:—
Accra, May-July . . . £Stg.24/15/- (£A618/15/- approx. per long ton)

ISLANDS MINING SHARES

	FIJI	Aug. 1939	June 1	July 1
Emperor	b9/11	b17/3	b17/9	
Loloma	s25/6	b27/-	b27/-	
	PAPUA-NEW GUINEA			
Bulolo	b124/-	s68/-	s60/-	
Mandated All.	b3/8	s2/-	b1/-	
N.G.G. Ltd.	b1/10	b1/8	b1/11½	
Oil Search	s3/11	b22/-	b32/-	
Oriomo Oil	b5/-	b9/2	s15/6	
Papuan Apin.	b4/11	b4/4	b7/2	
Placer Dev.	b68/6	s282/6	b260/-	
Sandy Creek	b1/5	b4d	s6d	

EXCHANGE RATES

FIJI.—Through BANK OF NSW, ANZ BANK and BANK OF NZ. Australia on Fiji, basis £100 Fiji: Buying, £A111/2/6; Selling, £A113. Fiji-London, basis £100 London: B. £110/12/6; S. £112. NZ-Fiji, basis £100 NZ: B. £111/11/9; S. £110/4/3.

SAMOA.—Through BANK OF NZ. Australia on Samoa, basis £100 Samoa: B. £A123/12/6; S. £A124/10/9. Samoa-London, basis £100 London: B. £100/7/6; S. £101/10/-. Samoa-NZ, basis £100 NZ: B. £100; S. £100/10/-. Samoa-Fiji, basis £100 Samoa: B. £111; S. £110.

PAPUA - NG.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (Port Moresby, Lae, Rabaul, Kavieng, Madang), **BANK OF NSW** (branches: Pt. Moresby, Lae, Bulolo, Rabaul, Madang, Samarai; agency: Wau) and **ANZ BANK** (Port Moresby) quote exchange rate Australia-Papua-NG: 10/- per £100.

BSI.—COMMONWEALTH BANK (branch at Honiara) quotes exchange rate Australia-BSI: 10/- per £100.

FR. PACIFIC COLONIES.—Pacific francs, most valuable of the three franc groups in French Union, are used in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, and Fr. Oceania. **FRENCH BANK** (Comptoir National D'Escompte de Paris) in Sydney quotes (nominally): 145.78 Pac. fr. to £Aust.; 176.72 Pac. fr. to £Stg.; 64.70 Pac. fr. to US \$.

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Air Bigwigs Talk Secrets In Melbourne

DELEGATES from the five British countries that form the South Pacific Air Transport Council met in Melbourne from June 28 to July 1.

The press hand-out, issued shortly after the session ended, said that it has been impossible to reach unanimity on the issue of whether the future development of Nadi Airport, Fiji, "should proceed on the basis of the two existing runways or whether it would be better to construct an entirely new runway."

We, naively, had imagined that the matter of Nadi's third runway had been resolved at the 1953 meeting of the same organisation, at least 12 months ago. It has been discussed for at least three years.

Thirty-one top-flight bureaucrats and Ministers from UK, Australia, NZ, Canada and Fiji attended the conference. As well, there were six air-company delegates who attended certain sessions; and eight secretaries, typists, "document filers" and whatnot.

Apart from Nadi's runway, the rest of their deliberations are apparently to be regarded as top-secret. The press officer informs us we are not permitted to go beyond the press hand-out. The public is there to pay, and ask no questions, apparently.

One of the objects of SPATC (according to its book-of-words) is to "keep under review and to promote the progress and development of Commonwealth civil air communications in the South Pacific."

Its first meeting was in 1946, in that era when the British Socialist governments felt that they had to get into the air-transport business. The inevitable happened, and in recent months we have witnessed a reorganisation of all South Pacific air services—which, amongst other things, has effectively organised Suva (the most important city in the S. Pacific) out of any sort of international air service at all.

We hope that this was one of the aspects of aviation discussed behind the closed doors of the conference lately ended in Melbourne.

Fijian members of the Catholic Brothers in Fiji are being formed into their own native communities to be known as the Native Brothers' Congregation. The first has been established at the Tunu-ua Mission, Cakaudrove, under Brother Saverio Ratu Salia. It will do saw-milling and farming as part of the self-supporting activities of the Mission. Previously, the Fijian and European Brothers worked together.

THEY ALL WANT TO BE IN THE TUNA FISHING BOOM

THE spectacular success of the Van Camp-Japanese tuna-fishing experiment off America Samoa, has started a tuna boom everywhere in the Pacific from Palmyra to the Nth. Queensland coast. Elsewhere in this issue is a note to the effect that Tonga is also interested. And Japanese craft are known to fish regularly round NG and BSI waters.

Enormous quantities of tuna are known to be in the Pacific, and these fish can be caught provided the correct technique is used and the equipment is available.

This gratifying fact has emerged from widespread surveys of the area in the last couple of years, particularly by the US Fish and Wildlife Service research vessels, and the Japanese.

A late June "Fish and Wildlife" report from Honolulu indicated that one vessel, *John E. Manning*, just back from a cruise in the Line Islands, found great quantities of tuna in the vicinity of Fanning Island and also Jarvis Island. Near Fanning, catches of 14 fish per 100 hooks laid out where made—a very good take. The *Manning* used the long-line technique with a stainless steel main line.

Also used was a "mid-water" trawl, towed at between 300 and 400 feet deep, in a region where the best of the big yellowfin tuna are believed to cruise and feed. The purpose was to catch samples of the food-fish of the tuna.

Perhaps the most successful exploratory voyage was that made by two vessels, the *Alrita* and the *North American*, on the technical advice of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, which considered that an upwelling of waters near Christmas Island indicated a favourable fishing ground for tuna.

This proved to be the case and the two vessels, using Japanese long-line methods, with herrings as bait, landed an average of two tons of tuna per vessel per day, bringing back to Honolulu early in March, 220,000 lbs of fish, mainly yellowfin tuna but including skipjack, albacore, marlin and ono. The yellowfin ranged from 14 to 150 lbs each, averaging 85 to 90 lbs.

The vessels worked the Christmas Island area for 30 days. They used 1,700-foot lines, buoyed at each end, each with eleven, three-fathom drop-lines fastened at intervals along the main line. Each 1,700-ft. line thus sagged so that the middle hooks were 300 feet or more below the surface. A series of these lines was made fast, end to end, to extend over many miles of ocean. About 850 hooks could be laid out each day by each vessel. Hauling was done with mechanical aid.

Following the successful American cruises around Fanning and Christmas Islands, it is reported that considerable interest is being shown in the area by US mainland

and Hawaii-based tuna clippers. It is likely to become a major winter fishing area for the mainland boats. The present activity at Palmyra is, no doubt, associated with this development.

AS reported in PIM earlier this year, representatives of hotel interests in Honolulu flew there by chartered aircraft late last year to investigate the possibility of establishing a hotel at the now uninhabited atoll, with the idea of encouraging big-game fishermen to holiday there.

Late April, Captain Miller, owner of the small vessel *Joyita*, who operates a fishing enterprise at Canton Island, was recruiting labour in the Phoenix Group to take to Palmyra to rehabilitate the airfield there, on behalf of some American interests. At the same time a large tuna fishing organisation was reported to be setting up headquarters at Palmyra.

Whether the planned air operations are to supply this tuna organisation, or whether they are connected with the Honolulu hotel owners' plans, is not clear at the moment.

Whatever the explanation, it is certain that Palmyra is again coming to life—the island, it will be recalled, is owned mainly by the Fullard-Leo family of Hawaii, except for one islet that is under other Hawaii ownership. The Fullard-Leo interests have been taken care of for the past several years, since American forces withdrew from the former war-time air-staging base, by a caretaker, a retired Honolulu photographer, with, for a time, an assistant. They had been the only men on the atoll, apart from visitors from an occasional tuna boat from Honolulu who drop in from time to time to operate in the surrounding waters.

Members of the Fijian Rugby Union team, touring Australia, were visitors to the Australasian Methodist Conference in Brisbane in May. The Methodists probably are the dominant religious body in Fiji and Tonga. Two of the footballers, Samuela Domoni and Wame Salabongi, preached in Brisbane churches. The Conference passed resolutions insisting that the primary and most important task of the Administration in Papua-New Guinea is to raise the natives' standard of life.

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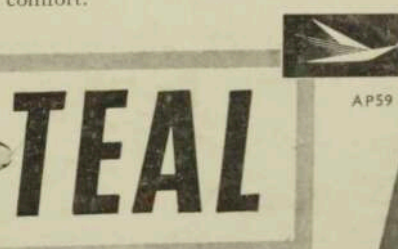
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