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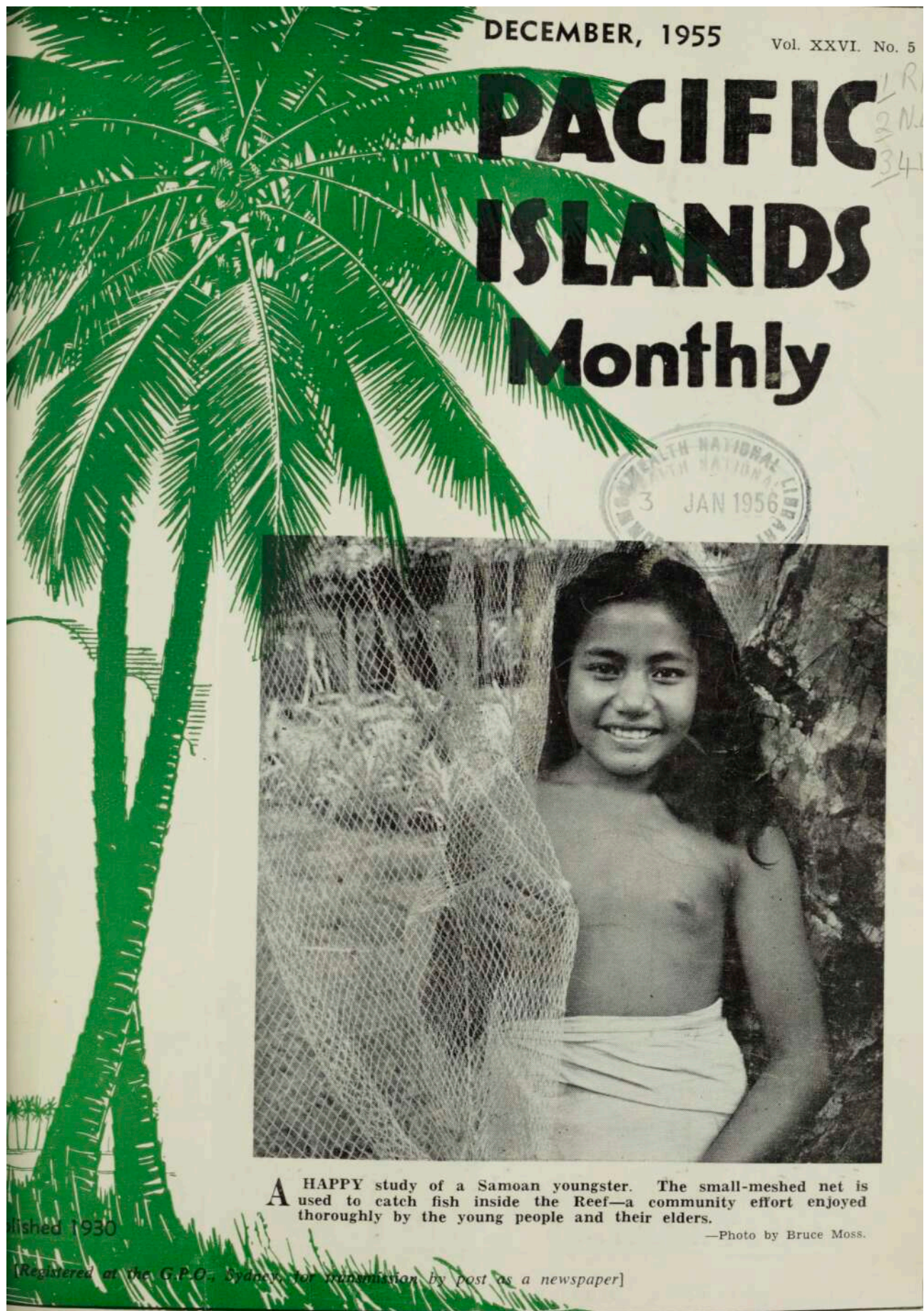
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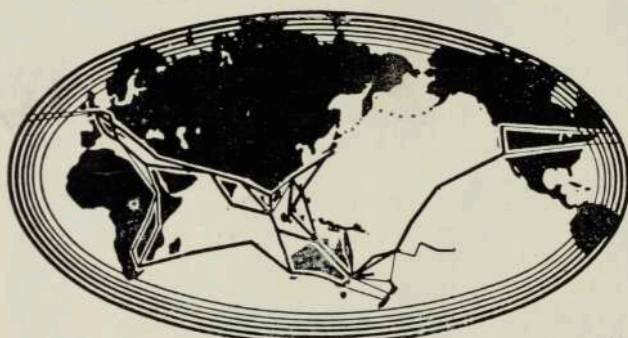
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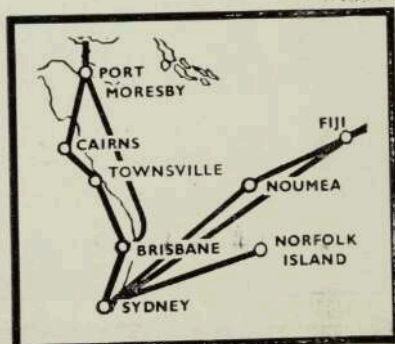
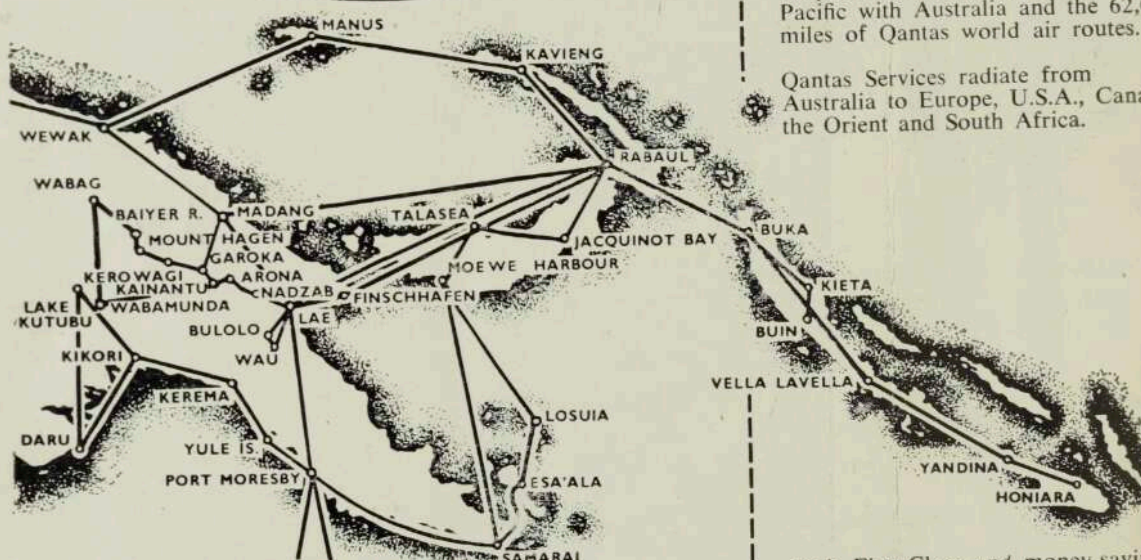


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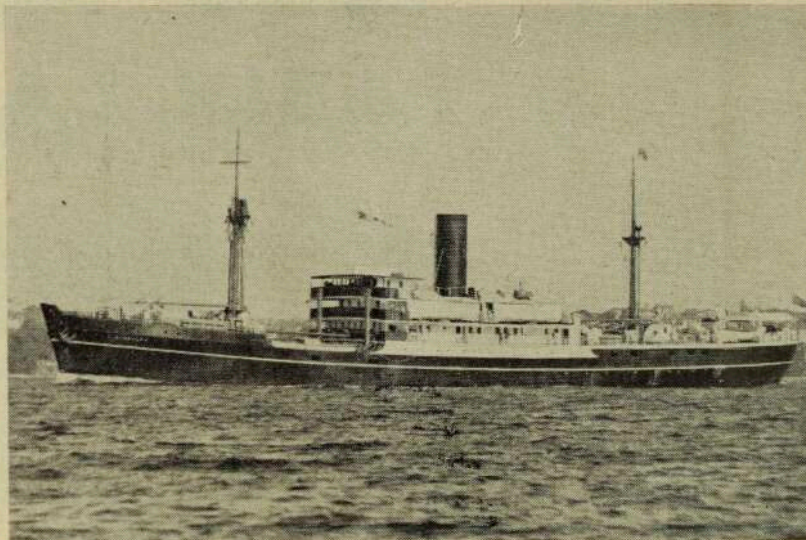
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Calls at Samarai subject to inducement.

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For further details please apply to agents, or refer to the weekly advertisement in the South Pacific Post

AGENTS

PAPUA: Steamships Trading Co. Ltd., Port Moresby, Samarai. Cables: Steamships.
NEW GUINEA: Colyer Watson (N.G.) Ltd., Lae, Madang, Kavieng, Rabaul. Cable: Colyeram.
BRISBANE: Wills, Gilchrist & Sanderson Pty. Ltd., 400 Queen Street. Cables: Wilgillsand.
MELBOURNE: John Sanderson (Shipping) Pty. Ltd., 111 William Street. Cable: Syndicate.
JAPAN: Tokyo, Yokohama, Osaka, Kobe: Butterfield & Swire (Japan) Ltd. Cable: Swire.
GENERAL AGENTS AUSTRALASIA: G. S. Yuill & Co. Pty. Ltd. 6 Bridge Street, Sydney. Cable: Yuill. BU 1712.
EASTERN MANAGERS: Butterfield & Swire, Hongkong. Cable: Swire.

Shipping Time-Tables

All sailings are approximate and may vary by as much as two weeks.

Sydney-Papua-N. Guinea

MV Malaita sails from Sydney for Rabaul, Kavieng, Lombrum, Lorengau, Wewak, Exishafen, Madang, Lae, Sydney. Next sailing Dec. 30.

MV Malekula sails from Sydney for Samarai, Rabaul, Kavieng, Manus, Wewak, Exishafen, Madang, Lae, Samarai and return to Sydney. Next sailing about mid-January.

MV Bulolo, modern liner, sails about every six weeks: Sydney-Brisbane-Moresby-Samarai - Lae - Madang - Manus - Rabaul - Samarai-Moresby-Brisbane-Sydney. Next sailing Dec. 13.

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

MV Shansi: Sydney - Brisbane - Rabaul - Kavieng - Samarai - Lae - Sydney. Sailing Dec. 10.

MV Soochow: Sydney - Brisbane - Port Moresby - Samarai - Sydney. Sailing Dec.

MV Sinkiang: Jan. 11.

FAR EAST-P.-N.G.

TUNING: Leaves Moresby Jan. 6, re-enters Japan via Brisbane. Leaves Japan Jan. 15, Rabaul Dec. 27, Madang Dec. 31, Jan. 2, Port Moresby Jan. 6.

ENGINEING: Leaves Port Moresby Dec. returns Hongkong via Townsville; leaves Hongkong Jan. 14, Rabaul Jan. 26, Madang Jan. 30, Lae Feb. 2, Port Moresby Feb. 7.

Details from New Guinea Australia Line S. Yuill & Co., Ltd., agents, 6 Bridge Street, Sydney.

Southbound only:

MV Aros: Rabaul Dec. 16.

MV Citos: Rabaul Jan. 19, Madang Jan. 22, Lae Jan. 24, then E. Australian ports.

MV Delos: Now northbound.

Details from Wilh. Wilhelmsen Agency Pty., Ltd., 63 Pitt St., Sydney.

SYDNEY-NETHERLANDS NG

Monthly service from E. Australian ports to Hollandia and Sorong (with Biak and/or Manokwari if inducement) thence Borneo, Bangkok, Singapore, thence Australia direct.

Details from Royal InterOcean Lines, 255 George St., Sydney.

N. Zealand-Fiji-Samoa-Tonga

MV Tofua maintains a service from Auckland to Suva, Nukualofa, Vavau, Niue, Pago Pago, Apia, Suva and return to Auckland.

MV Matua maintains a service from Auckland to Suva, Lautoka, Apia, Suva, Lyttelton, Wellington, and return to Auckland.

land. Each Autumn there is a temporary rearrangement of schedules while the respective vessels are on annual survey. Next sailing: MV Tofua Jan. 17; MV Matua Jan. 31.

Details from all offices of Union Steam Ship Co. of NZ.

N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The regular passenger vessel Maui Pomare should resume early in 1956. The 700-ton freighter Viti is meanwhile operating a cargo service from Auckland and occasional limited passenger facilities are available on trans-Pacific freighters.

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.

Sydney-New Hebrides-BSI-Rabaul, Etc.

MV Tulagi, 10 passengers, leaves Sydney for Norfolk, Vila, Luganville, Honiara,

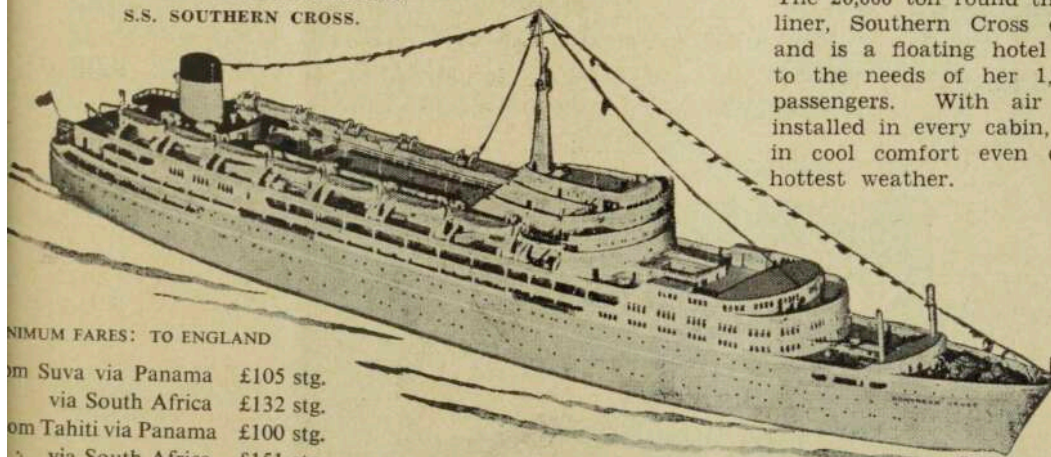
Australia - New Zealand - Canada - USA

Sailings of Orient Line Passenger Ships, 1955-56.

	ORSOVA	ORION	ORSOVA	ORONSAY	ORCADES
	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956
SYDNEY	depart 27 Jan.	2 Apr.	1 June	13 July	—
AUCKLAND	arr/dep 30 Jan.	6 Apr.	4 June	16 July	From
SUVA	arr/dep 2 Feb.	10 Apr.	7 June	19 July	Panama
HONOLULU	arr/dep 7 Feb.	16 Apr.	12 June	24 July	—
VANCOUVER	arrive 13 Feb.	23 Apr.	18 June	30 July	—
SAN FRANCISCO	depart 14 Feb.	24 Apr.	19 June	31 July	11 Sept.
	arr 16 Feb.	27 Apr.	21 June	2 Aug.	7 Sept.
HONOLULU	depart 17 Feb.	28 Apr.	Then	3 Aug.	8 Sept.
SUVA	arr/dep 21 Feb.	3 May	to	7 Aug.	16 Sept.
AUCKLAND	arr/dep 28 Feb.	11 May	Panama	14 Aug.	23 Sept.
SYDNEY	arr/dep 2 Mar.	14 May	—	17 Aug.	26 Sept.
	arrive 5 Mar.	18 May	—	20 Aug.	29 Sept.

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Any Branch or Agency of Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd.,
Head Office: Suva. Cable address: Burnsouth.

TAHITI

Etablissements Donald Tahiti, Papeete.
Cable address: Donald, Papeete.

Travel Shaw Savill

Tenaru, Yandina, Gizo, Bougainville ports, Rabaul, Sydney. Next sailing Dec. 15.

MV Mullama, 8 passengers, leaves Sydney for British Solomon's ports about monthly, ports varying with cargoes. Next sailing: Dec. 14.

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

Sydney-N. Caledonia-Tahiti

Vessels of Messageries Maritimes Line, coming from Marseilles, via West Indies and Panama, call about every six weeks at Papeete, Vila (New Hebrides), Noumea and Sydney, and return by same route. (At present on this run are the new motorships, Tahiti and New Caledonien).

MV Polynesie (Messageries Maritimes) maintains about monthly passenger sailings between Sydney and Noumea and the New Hebrides. Next sailing Dec. 23.

SS Neo Hebridais-II, 1,266 tons, maintains an irregular cargo service between Sydney and Noumea, and four charter trips per annum to Wallis Is. via Suva. Owners: Soc. Miniere et Maritime Hagen, Noumea. Sydney agents: H. C. Sleight, Ltd., 115 York Street.

Sydney-S. Africa-UK-Pacific Ports-Sydney

Shaw Savill's new one-class all-passenger liner Southern Cross makes four round-the-world voyages per year, two west-bound, then two east-bound, calling at Suva every trip, and at Papeete except in hurricane season. Next sailings: West-bound, calling Suva only, Jan. 12; West-bound, calling Papeete Mar. 30-31, Suva Apr. 5.

N. America-Fiji-Hebrides, etc.

Pacific Islands Transport Line's vessels Thorsisle and Thorshall maintain a regular service from Pacific Coast North American ports, with sailings every 35-40 days. Some ports depend on cargoes offering. Next sailing: Thorsisle: Sails Vancouver Dec. 22, Papeete Jan. 25, Nukualofa Jan. 31, Pago Feb. 3, Apia Feb. 4, Suva Feb. 8, Lautoka Feb. 18, Noumea Feb. 15, Lae Feb. 2. Thorshall: Pago Pago Dec. 14, Apia Dec. 16, Suva Dec. 21, Lautoka Dec. 23, Noumea Dec. 27.

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

U.S.-PAPEETE-PAGO PAGO-N.Z.-AUSTRALIA

Matson-Oceanic Line of San Francisco operates a regular passenger-cargo service from Los Angeles. Southern terminal ports vary with cargoes offering. Vessels call at Papeete, Pago Pago, and Suva, depending on cargoes.

SYDNEY-SUVA-HONOLULU-VANCOUVER

Pacific Shipowners, Ltd., of Suva (subsidiary of W. R. Carpenter & Co.) operate a service three times yearly with the 10,000 ton, 98-passenger vessel Lakemba along the above route. Accommodation is entirely First Class, two-berth cabins. Next sailings from Sydney late Jan. and late May, 1956.

Details from American Trading & Shipping Co. Pty., Ltd., Sydney.

HONOLULU-PAPEETE

The 242-ton auxiliary schooner Te Vega, American-owned, operates a luxury passenger service to a regular schedule, with calls at Marquesas and Line Islands as required. To dep. Honolulu Dec. 31, arr. Papeete Jan. 15. Details from Darr Lines, c/o Theo. H. Davies & Co., Honolulu, or Etablissements Donald, Papeete.

Airways Time-Table

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICES

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

(First and Tourist Class available on all Services.)

BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS
With Strato Clippers, using Sleeper and Berths*

Tues., Thur., Fri., Sun.: Sydney - Nadi - Canton Is. - Honolulu - San Francisco - Seattle - Portland.

Mon., Tues., Thur., Sat.: Return route.

* DC4 from Auckland connects, arriving Nadi Tues., Thur., Sun., departing Wed., Sat., Mon.

BY QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS
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NORTHWARDS

Tues., Thur. and Sat.: Sydney - (Fiji) - Canton Is. - Honolulu - San Francisco—with Sat. service extension to Vancouver.

SOUTHWARDS

Wed., Fri., Sun. — San Francisco - Honolulu-Nadi (Fiji)-Sydney. Summer service begins at Vancouver. (Crosses date-line enroute).

* TEAL DC3 services between Auckland and Nadi connect at Nadi Tues. and northwards; Wed. and Sun. southwards.

BY CANADIAN PACIFIC AIRLINE
(With Super DC-6B Aircraft)

Every Wednesday—Sydney-Auckland. (Fiji)-Honolulu-Vancouver-Amsterdam. Every Sunday leave Vancouver by

AUSTRALIA - WEST PACIFIC LINE

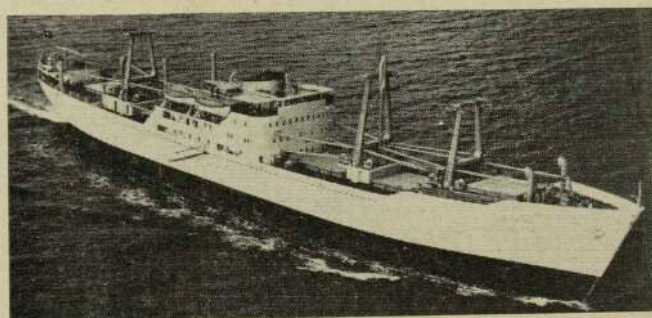
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AUSTRALIAN AGENTS: Brisbane & Adelaide: Gibbs, Bright & Co.

ISLAND AGENTS: Madang, Mr. A. Strachan; Lae, Mr. R. Tebb; Rabaul, Town Transport Ltd.; Honiara, Government Trade Scheme.

FAR EASTERN AGENTS: Dodwell & Co. Ltd., Manila, Hong Kong & Japan.

route. (Note: Crosses date-line en-
route).

SECTIONAL SERVICES IN PACIFIC

2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways
(Skymasters)

NORTHWARDS

Mon., Tues., Sat., Sun.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 8.00 pm	Brisbane, 10.45 pm
Brisbane, 11.45 pm	Moresby, 6.35 am
	(Tues., Wed., Sun., Mon.)
Moresby, 8.05 am	Lae, 9.20 am

Thurs.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 8 pm	Brisbane, 10.45 pm
Brisbane, 11.45 pm	Townsville, 3.30 am
	(Friday)
Townsville, 4.15 am	Cairns, 5.25 am
Cairns, 6.25 am	Port Moresby, 9.15 am
Moresby, 10.45 am	Lae, midday

SOUTHWARDS

Tues., Wed., Sun., Mon.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 11.20 am	Moresby, 12.35 pm
Moresby, 1.45 am	Brisbane, 8.20 pm
Brisbane, 9.45 pm	Sydney, 12.30 am

Sat.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 7.00 am	Moresby, 8.15 am
Moresby, 9.45 am	Cairns, 12.35 pm
Cairns, 3.05 pm	Townsville, 4.15 pm
Townsville, 5.00 pm	Brisbane, 8.45 pm
Brisbane, 9.45 pm	Sydney, 12.30 am

P-NG Internal Services

Operated by Qantas

HOLLANDIA (Dutch New Guinea)
(DC3)

Departs Wed. (Dec. 14, 28).

Arrives Lae 10.30 am, calls at Madang

and Wewak, and arrives at Hollandia
3.0 pm. Every alternate Thursday
(Dec. 1, 15, 29, etc.), dep. Hollandia at
9.30 am, and, with calls at Wewak and
Madang, arrives Lae at 3.40 pm.

LAKE-MANUS (DC3)

Every Wednesday.

Dep. Lae, 8.00 am; Finschhafen, Rabaul,
Kavieng, arr. Manus 3.00 pm.
Returns Saturdays (dsp. 8 am), via
Kavieng, Rabaul and Finschhafen arr.
Lae, 2.55 pm.

MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

Via Yule Is., Kerema, Kikori, L. Kutubu.
Alt. Fri. returning same day (Dec. 9, 23,
etc.).

PORT MORESBY-RABAU (Catalina)

Alt. Tues. (Dec. 13, 27, etc.) Port Moresby-
Samarai-Esa'ala-Losua-Moewe Harb-
Talasea-Jacquinet Bay-Rabaul. Return-
ing via same ports (except Losua and
Esa'ala optional) alt. Thu. (Dec. 15, 29,
etc.).

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Catalina)

Alt. Wed. — Rabaul - Buka - Kieta - Buin
(Dec. 14, 28, etc.). Returning same day.

LAKE-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. 3.40 pm.
Fri. only Dep. Rabaul 8.00 am direct
Madang, arr. 10.50 am, Wewak,
Madang, Lae arr. 4.35 pm.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)

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

LOWER HIGHLANDS (Beaver)

Fridays.—Lae (7.30 am) to Goroka, call-
ing at any of: Nadzab, Kalapit, Gusap,
Kainantu, Goroka, Arona. Arrival back
at Lae depends on stops made.

LAKE-BULOLO-WAU (DC3)

Dep. Lae.—Mon. 7.30 am, Tues. 2 pm,
Wed. 11.30 am, Fri. 2.00 pm.
Dep. Wau.—Mon. 9 am, Tues. 3.30 pm,
Wed. 1 pm, Fri. 3.30 pm. Bulolo is
omitted on these flights which take 35
minutes, Wau-Lae.

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.

NEW GUINEA-NEW BRITAIN (DC3)

Fridays—Depart Lae 12.55 pm, Finschhafen
1.45 pm, arrive Rabaul 3.55 pm.
Saturdays—Depart Rabaul 10 am, Madang
1.25 pm, arrive Lae 2.30 pm.
Sundays—Depart Lae 12 noon, Finschhafen
1 pm, Rabaul 3.10 pm.
Tuesdays—Depart Rabaul 5.45 am, Finsch-
hafen 8.10 am, arrive Lae 8.45 am.

SERVICES BY MANDATED AIRLINES Scheduled Flights with DC3 Aircraft

Mon.: Depart Lae at 7.30 am for Goroka,
Madang, Wewak, Madang, Rabaul —
remaining overnight. Depart Lae 8.00
am for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby,
Wau, Goroka, Lae.

Tues.: Depart Rabaul at 6.30 am for
Madang, Wewak, Madang, Goroka, Lae.

Wed.: Depart Lae 7.30 am for Goroka,
Wau, Port Moresby, Wau, Goroka, Lae.

Fri.: Depart Lae at 7.00 am for Madang,
Wewak, Momote, Kavieng, Rabaul —
remaining overnight. Depart Lae 7.30
am for Goroka, Wau, Port Moresby,
Wau, Goroka, Lae.

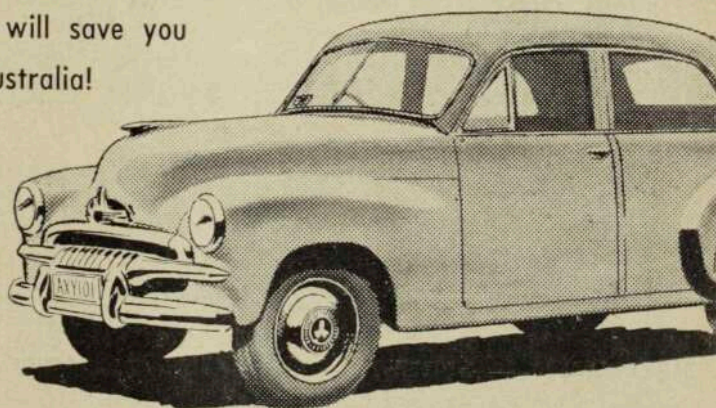
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5. N. Guinea-Solomons

By Qantas with DC3

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Mon. (Dec. 5, 12, 19) Lae dep. 6 am — Finschhafen — Rabaul — Buka — Vellalavella — Yandina — Honiara, BSI arriving 5.25 pm.

Tues. (Dec. 6, 13, 20) Honiara dep. 7 am — Yandina — Vellalavella — Buka — Rabaul — Lae, arriving 3.35 pm.

6. Indo-China-Brisbane-N. Caledonia

By Transport Aériens Internationales (TAI) Fortnightly.

Constellation aircraft depart Saigon Dec. 6, for Darwin - Brisbane - Noumea and return. Depart Noumea, Dec. 9.

7. Sydney-Lord Howe Is.

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8. Sydney-Norfolk Is.

By Qantas, with Skymasters

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9. Sydney-New Hebrides

By Qantas with Skymasters

Flying-boats were replaced by Skymasters in 1955. Service now terminates at Tontouta (N. Caledonia) until Villavieja airfields ready. (See table 10).

10. Sydney-N. Caledonia-N.

By Qantas with Skymaster (Weekly) (Service will operate only as far as Tontouta during December.)

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, Wed., 11.30 pm.	Tontouta, Thur. am.
Tontouta, Thur. 8 am.	Nadi, Thur. pm.
Nadi, Fri., 9.45 am.	Tontouta, 1.30 pm.
Tontouta, Fri., 2.15 pm.	Sydney, Fri., pm.

11. Auckland-Norfolk Is.

TEAL, by Qantas (charter)

Each Sun. return flight Norfolk-Auckland (see 8 above).

12. Auckland-Sydney

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Mon., Thur., Fri.: Dep. Auckland 9.15 am.	arr. Sydney 1.00 pm.
Tues.: Dep. Auckland 6.00 pm.	arr. Sydney 9.45 pm.
Wed., Sun.: Dep. Auckland 11.15 am.	arr. Sydney 3.00 pm.
Tue., Sat.: Dep. Sydney 10.00 am.	arr. Auckland 5.15 pm.
Mon., Thur., Fri.: Dep. Sydney 3.00 am.	arr. Auckland 10.15 pm.
Tues.: Dep. Sydney 11.30 pm.	arr. Auckland Wed. 6.45 am.

13. Christchurch-Sydney

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Mon., Fri.: Dep. Christchurch 5.00 am.	arr. Sydney 8.40 pm.
Mon., Thurs.: Dep. Sydney 8.00 am.	Christchurch 3.10 pm.

14. Christchurch-Melbourne

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Thurs.: Dep. Christchurch 5.00 pm.	Melbourne 9.30 pm.
Fri.: Dep. Melbourne 7.00 am.	arr. Christchurch 3.00 pm.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Tue., Sat.: Dep. Auckland 1.15 am.	Nandi 6.30 pm.
Wed., Sun.: Dep. Nandi 11.00 am.	Auckland 4.25 pm.

16. Fiji-Tahiti

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent aircraft.

Service normally fortnightly, with flights as required.

Departs Suva Friday 9 am, crosses line, arrives Satapuala (W. I.) Thur. 2 pm, departs Fri. 2 am, Aitutaki 7.30 am, departs 9.30 am, arrives Papeete 2 pm. Departs Sun. 7.30 am, arrives Aitutaki departs 1 pm, arrives Satapuala pm, departs Mon 7 am, crosses line, arrives Suva Tues., 9.55 am. Leaves Suva Dec. 9, 23, Papeete 12.25.

17. Fiji-Tonga

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent aircraft.

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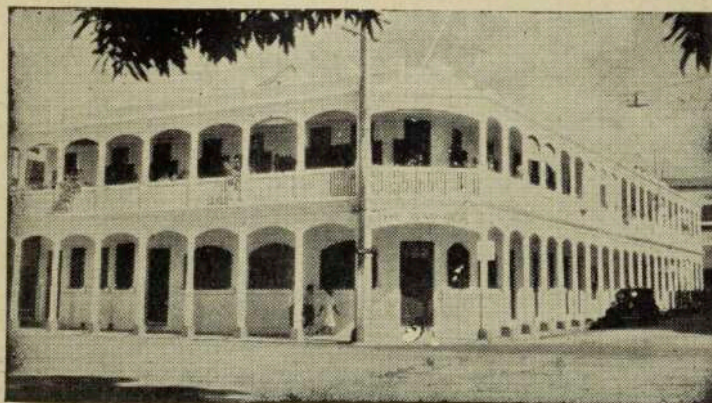
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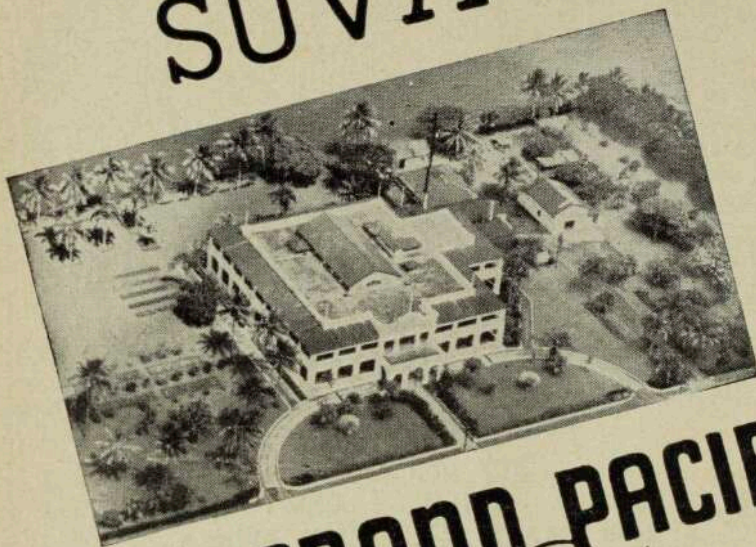


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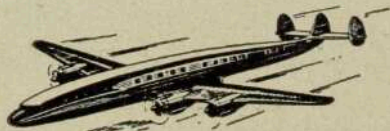
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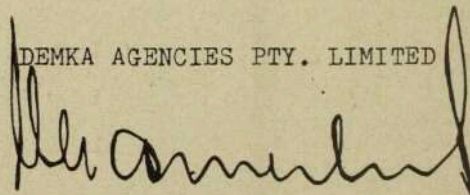
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Editorial . . .

Why Cannot Australia be Honest About N. Guinea?

AUSTRALIA'S attitude in relation to Indonesia's claim to Dutch New Guinea is of considerable importance both to The Netherlands, and the countries of the South Pacific; but Australia's Ministers are pitifully coy on the subject.

Indonesia's politicians have been spinning around Western Europe and the United Nations, insisting that they must get possession of Western New Guinea; and they have been making a talk with Netherlands at The Hague, at Ministerial level, in order to promote more amicable relations.

Australia's Foreign Minister Casey, setting his opposite number in Indonesia, said incautiously that they both hoped that Netherlands and Indonesia would settle their differences by a peaceful talk. This was immediately seized upon as evidence that Australia had altered her attitude towards Dutch New Guinea which hitherto has been completely pro-Netherlands.

Since then (in early December) Australia has declared that her attitude has not changed. Netherlands, while ready to confer with Indonesia, has emphasised that she will enter no further discussions regarding the status of Dutch New Guinea. Indonesia now says she will make another appeal to UNO.

Meanwhile, there has been some favourable comment (voiced especially by George Whittaker, M.C.) in New Guinea on the abrupt cancellation of Administrator Holland's proposed friendly visit to adjoining Territory of Dutch New Guinea. No explanation was given; various observers have assumed that the cancellation orders came from Canberra, where high officials probably decided that the appearance of Brigadier Cleland in Hollandia would give pain to the r-squawking gentlemen of the Indonesian Government.

The reaction upon the Dutch has been unfortunate.

Socialist Britain, after World War II abandoned her Dutch allies and allowed the Javanese rabble to throw the Dutch out of Indonesia, which they had colonised and built, during 300 years, into a prosperous united country. Socialist Australia, under the direction of the forgettable Dr. Evatt, helped the Indonesians against the Dutch in 1947, and encouraged her Communist wharflies to refuse to load Dutch ships in Sydney Harbour. We wonder that the Dutch regard us with suspicion!

Why cannot Australia be frank

and honest? Isolated here in the South Pacific, faced with 1,000 million hungry Asians, we Europeans need trustworthy friends, to stand beside us when the crisis comes. The Dutch were our friends in Indonesia—they fought beside us to the death, against the invading Japanese—and they are our friends in Western New Guinea.

The Indonesians are wholly undependable—first, because they are Asians, and no idealistic babbling can hide the basic hatred of Asians for Europeans; and, second, because they are increasingly under the influence of Muscovite Communism, whose chief purpose is to destroy the British Commonwealth.

Everyone knows that the continued occupation of Western New Guinea by the Dutch is essential to the safety of the South Pacific, and that Indonesia has no shadow of claim to the Territory, anyway. Why cannot Australia say so?

(In Singapore, on December 8, a spokesman for the Indonesian delegation on its way to the Hague, said Australia's attitude on the Dutch NG issue was "helpful," and that his government "appreciated Australia's advocacy of negotiation.")

Teachers in Demand

DR. MOHAMMED ROEM, described as leader of a party of six prominent Indonesians making a 10-days tour of Australia as guests of the Commonwealth Government, has been pleading for Australian teachers for Indonesia's higher schools.

Australia, officially, made no reply. But it would be typical of the Colombo Planners if they decided to send Australians to work in the Javanese schools, while the whole scheme of native education in Papua and New Guinea is held up by lack of trained teachers.

Australia is spending some £30 million on the Colombo Plan, with the idea of converting Asia's fundamental hate into love of us. How much more good could have been achieved by using the money on water conservation and irrigation in Northern Australia!

Shape of Things To Come

THE result of the general election in Indonesia on September 29—the first since the Javanese politicians seized power from the Dutch in 1945-46—will not be known, finally, until about April, 1956. This is because the electoral system,



"Gentlemen—My successor needs no introduction."

based on a complicated adaptation of proportional representation, calls for endless re-counting and adjustments.

However, there has been a first counting of 28 millions of the 30 million votes cast; and an unofficial survey suggests that, out of each 26 members elected (there will be some hundreds altogether), the main parties will be represented approximately thus:

Nationalists	7
Masjumi (extreme Moslems)	7
Nahdatul Ulama (conservative Moslems)	6
Communists	6

A very large proportion of the 30 million voters are illiterate and, of course, they voted as directed by their communal chiefs and political organisers.

An attempt probably will be made to place a Moslem Government in power—although there is bitter enmity between the two Moslem parties. Both, of course, are anti-Communist. The Nationalists are pure opportunists, and they may team up with the Communists (as they are doing now) merely to keep themselves in power.

Whichever way, Indonesia seems destined to continue as a restless, undependable and dangerous (because of its Communist associations) neighbour of the South Pacific countries.

NG Forests and Australian Newsprint

PLANNERS for New Guinea should take a look at (a) Australia's enormous consumption of paper and (b) the enormous soft-wood jungles of Papua and New Guinea; and then perhaps they may see something worth planning about.

Australia, per capita, is one of the biggest consumers of newsprint in the world. Newsprint is being made in Australia; but the supply never will be enough, mostly because Australia is a lightly-timbered country, and the eucalypt, in any event, is not the best timber for pulping.

Australia's newsprint requirements are around 100,000 tons per annum. In 1954-55, she imported pulp and paper worth £35 millions.

In the jungles of New Guinea and the Bismarck Archipelago there are endless forests, and at least a proportion of the trees should be suitable for pulping.

Australian politicians go in everlasting fear of the press; with the result that newsprint so far has escaped import restrictions. But the unfairness of it can be seen when Sydney's daily newspapers frequently publish 80 pages, nearly all advertisement, which few readers even look at. That requires huge amounts of overseas newsprint, while persons wishing to import

HELPING AUSTRALIA:

Reduced Imports for P-N. Guinea

IMPORT restrictions began in Papua and New Guinea on December 1. This is in line with Australian Government policy of bringing external payments into full balance by June, 1956.

This is regarded as essential in view of the deterioration of Australia's overseas reserves in the last 18 months. Import restrictions were intensified in Australia as from October 1—the third time in 12 months that imports have been curtailed.

P-NG imports from non-Australian sources have increased by about 300 per cent. since 1953—in the last financial year they were £9,600,000.

P-NG's imports from Australia are not affected by the new restrictions, which are not as severe as those in Australia. Other imports have been divided into four categories—"A", "B", "C" and "Administrative."

Licences to import category A goods may be granted up to 100 per cent. of 1954-55 imports. Goods in this category include iron and steel, prefabricated metal buildings, mining and some other machinery, tractors and parts, etc.

Licences for only 90 per cent. of the category B goods imported in the base year will be granted. These goods include cars and trucks, clothing and textiles, manufactured tobacco and cigarettes, spirits, paint, paper, footwear, some household goods, matches, watches and clocks, and photographic goods.

Licences for only 75 per cent. of base-year category C goods will be granted. These goods are generally regarded as non-essential goods and foodstuffs not usually obtained from Australia.

It is hoped to keep "Administrative" category goods to their 1954-55 levels but if these imports are essential the base quotas may be exceeded. These goods include cement, chemicals, petrol, oils and lubricants, bags, sacks, cordage and twines agricultural and dairying machinery, electrical equipment and appliances, surgical and dental instruments and appliances, cotton wool and surgical dressings, medicines and drugs, tea and coffee, and articles used for

essential goods cannot get a license. When the inevitable happens, and newsprint is rationed, someone might suggest the establishment of a paper-pulping industry in New Guinea.

educational and religious purposes. The restrictions mean more work for importers. They furnish to the Collector of Customs at their respective ports, particulars of their imports during 1955, making a separate return for each item. Returns must be accompanied by a Statutory Declaration. Quotas will be allocated on a quarterly basis.

Further Deaths on Tiko

A FURTHER 33 deaths have occurred on Tikopia, the Fijian outlier of the New Hebrides. Some months ago, the island suffered a severe epidemic which was diagnosed as influenza. 120 people died up to the end of September.

The BSIP government sent an Assistant Medical Practitioner to help the islanders. An additional dresser has now been sent.

It is believed that the last person to die refused medical treatment.

LATE NEWS ON JOYITA

OFFICIAL VIEW REJECTS THEORY OF VIOLENCE

AUCKLAND, Nov. 10.—After all the newspaper excitement over the *Joyita* mystery, can tell you, on "inside" information, that the New Zealand officials who carefully examined the vessel found no evidence whatsoever to indicate piracy, murder, or anything of that kind.

They believe that the vessel countered one of the normal perils of the sea—quite possibly a combination of very stormy weather and serviceable engine and pumps. The vessel could have received a terrible battering if helpless in a cross sea—so much so that the people, thinking she was sinking, tried to get away, and were lost.

The experts' calculations show the *Joyita* is a "floater"—so cork and insulating materials in the holds, and the amount of wood in the hull, would keep her afloat, though she was full of water. The unfortunate people aboard did not know that, and tried to get away.—*Special Correspondent.*

† Miss Camilla Wedgwood, who was well known in the Southwest Pacific as an anthropologist, and who was a lecturer at the Australian School of Pacific Administration prior to her death, at 54, in May, 1955, left an estate in Britain valued at £8,000. She was a daughter of the first Baron Wedgwood.

Copra Price for 1956

MOF Offer Will Certainly Be Lower Next Year

Negotiations between the British copra-producing countries of the South Pacific and the British Ministry of Food will take place this month, and the agreed price for 1956 should be announced in January.

FREE market price in 1955 showed an overall fall and it is expected that the price fixed for 1956 will be lower than that for 1955. Under the agreement the price cannot rise or fall by more than 10 per cent. in any one year. Although many producers are already resigned to the full 10 per cent. fall in 1956, some large organisations are hopeful that the South Pacific countries will do better than at.

It was expected last year that the price would be the permissible 10 per cent. (and Fiji and BSI announced this) but Australia stood out for better treatment and the MOF finally agreed to a reduction of slightly over 7 per cent. This gave producers a fixed price based on an FOB price of £65 Stg. f.o.b. Islands etc. From this amount, the various Pacific Islands governments deduct charges for freight, insurance, shrinkage, export taxes, stabilisation funds, etc.

A survey of prices of free market copra, quoted month by month in the Pacific Islands Monthly over the last 12 months shows the following:

STRAITS COPRA, CIF LONDON		
Date	£ Stg. per ton.	
December 14, 1954	74.5	
January 14, 1955	74.5	
February 19, 1955	71.5	
April 1, 1955	67	
May 6, 1955	65.10	
June 5, 1955	67	
August 5, 1955	64.5	
September 5, 1955	64.5	
October 4, 1955	66.15	
November 3, 1955	65	
December 2, 1955	65.15	

Taking the sum of £15 Stg. to represent the freight, insurance, shrinkage and sundry charges, incurred between islands port and London, it can be seen that Pacific planters have been getting the best of the bargain for the last 12 months.

However, unless a world-wide depression occurs in the next two years, the Ministry of Food will still push the 9-years agreement on the right side of the ledger. In the early years of the agreement, Pacific planters were receiving from the MOF about half world price for their copra.

Pacific planters with memories strong enough to go back to the depression days of the 30's, are already

thinking of the end of the Agreement with some trepidation.

Failure to organise now could mean the return to the days when planters were at the mercy of the vegetable-oil combines.

Many planters' organisations are of the opinion that any instrumentality set up as a bargaining medium for Pacific producers will, to be effective, have to be backed by the governments concerned.

New Guinea CMB Warns Planters

A MARKED improvement in the quality of Papua-New Guinea copra will have to be made before the end of the MOF agreement in 1957 if the Territory product is to compete on the open world market.

This warning was given planters in Port Moresby in November by the chairman of the Copra Marketing Board, Mr. Ian McDonald.

He said that the Board believed

that urgent steps would have to be taken. He appealed to all who were concerned with the production of copra to take the situation seriously. Smoke-drying should be discontinued in favour of hot-air dried copra and FMS.

In the first 10 months of 1955, 45 per cent. of the copra received by the Board was smoke-dried; this should be reduced to no more than 10 per cent.; and hot-air dried increased from its present 30 per cent. to 75 per cent.

OPERATION SCHOOLROOM

Qantas Will Carry 2,500 Schoolchildren

NEARLY 2,500 schoolchildren will travel from Australia by Qantas aircraft to join their parents in Pacific and Asian countries for the Christmas holidays.

Between 800 and 1,000 will fly from Sydney to New Guinea; others will travel to Hongkong, New Caledonia, Norfolk Island, Fiji and Singapore.

During December, 26 services are operating between Sydney and New Guinea, and three special flights by DC3 will operate between Townsville and Lae for children who attend school in Queensland.

The airlift of schoolchildren began in November and continues right up to Christmas Day; then, from the end of January to mid-February, the flow will be reversed as they return to school.

Well-Deserved Recognition of Territorian

Mr. Ivan Champion (right), in November, received from Brigadier D. M. Cleland the OBE and the John Lewis Medal at an Investiture at Government House in Port Moresby.

The citation accompanying Mr. Champion's OBE said he had rendered distinguished and selfless service throughout his career, and his devotion to duty had been outstanding. The citation continued: "During the Mount Lamington disaster, he worked unsparingly".

Mr. Champion received the John Lewis Medal for his journey across New Guinea, from the Fly to the Sepik River, in the late 1920's. The award (for exploration, geographical research or literary work in geography) was made for the year 1953 — which certainly has an element of delay in it.

The following year, 1954, the medal was awarded to Sir Edmund Hillary for his conquest of Mount Everest.

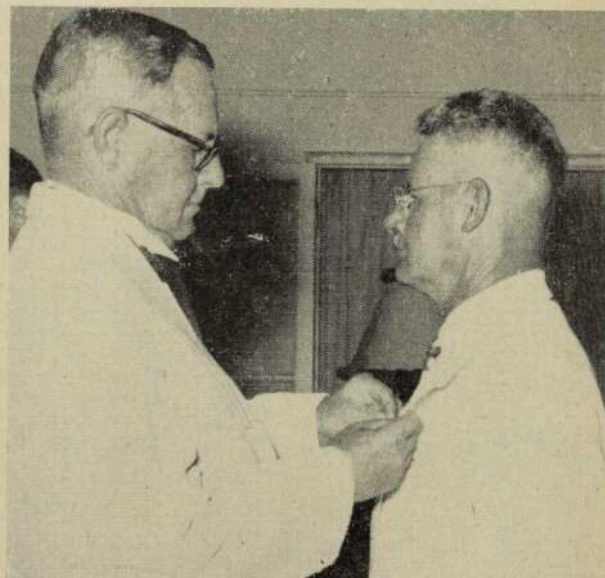


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Important Re-grouping of Financial Interests Planned

CARPENTERS MAY BUY CONTROL OF MORRIS HEDSTROM

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● The present trading organisation in Fiji, Samoa and Tonga will not be changed—at least, not outwardly. Messrs. Morris Hedstrom, Ltd., will carry on as at present, with the same staff; and so will the Carpenter companies. But behind the scenes, there will be close co-operation between the two concerns—especially in relation to finance, and the use of accumulated funds.

● If—as we understand is now planned—the companies' joint resources are used for the development of new industries in Fiji, the Carpenter-Hedstrom alliance may have an important effect on the future of the Colony.

MORRIS HEDSTROM'S disclosed Assets are around £2,500,000 Fijian.

In the case of Carpenters, there is a central or holding company, registered in Sydney, with disclosed assets of about £2,700,000 Australian; but it controls other Carpenter companies, registered in New Guinea, Fiji and elsewhere, also with assets running into large figures.

Between them, the two Companies, as shown in their last published balance-sheets, have liquid resources totalling about £1,600,000.

This appears in the following summary of the nominal capital structure of the two companies, taken from their 1955 balance-sheets:

MORRIS HEDSTROM LIMITED (In Fiji Currency)	
	£
£1 Preference Shares (6 per cent)	219,206
£1 Ordinary Shares	520,407
Total Issued Capital	739,613

Reserves employed in the business:	
General	£451,115
Investments	128,000
Insurance Funds	315,282
	894,397

In P. & L. Appropriation Account 436,834

Apparent total of shareholders' funds 2,070,844

Nominal value of assets listed 2,548,305

Included in assets, as Cash and Deposits at Short Call (£427,500), Shares in Subsidiaries (£128,651) and Government & Municipal Stocks (£239,202), etc., are liquid resources totalling 803,760

W. R. CARPENTER & CO. LTD. (In Australian Currency)

Total issued capital, 3,400,000 £

Ordinary 5/- shares 850,000

Other Shareholders' funds, being mostly reserves employed in business:

Shares Issue Premium	£83,874
Assets Revaluation	38,374
General Reserve	288,481
Contingencies Reserve	170,000
Investments Reserve	644,544
Undistributed Profit	317,921
	1,543,199

Apparent total of shareholders' funds 2,393,194

Nominal value of assets listed 2,720,957

Included in assets are apparent liquid resources (including shares in other companies, £228,641; cash, £377,750) of approximately 700,000

From this it can be seen that the alliance will control assets worth nominally over £5,000,000, but actually a good deal more.

MORRIS HEDSTROM share the bulk of the trade in Fiji, Western Samoa and Tonga with Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd., and probably are the major traders in those three Territories. They have branches in most of the towns, and trade stores practically everywhere. They own local shipping services, plantations, and various healthy subsidiaries. Their annual turnover is huge—at the date of last balance, the value of their merchandise, afloat and in store, was well over £1,000,000. Morris Hedstrom may be viewed in this way as one compact trading unit.

But Carpenters are in a different

category. Since 1949, when they turned a substantial sum to shareholders and rearranged the financial structure generally, so that their Sydney company was planned to be mostly a holding company (holding the shares of the M. Guinea, Fiji and other Carpenter companies) their business has grown very much.

The Carpenter parent Company (in Sydney) now largely owns and controls the following:

IN NEW GUINEA

Pacific Trading Company, wholly-owned subsidiary of the parent Co., and acting as a holding company for—

New Guinea Co. Ltd., merchant wholesalers, retailers, shipowner, plantation owners, with J. B. Sedgers as chairman and managing director
Mandated Airlines Ltd., a subsidiary of the New Guinea Company
J. B. Sedgers, chairman.

Coconut Products Ltd., owners and operators of crushing mills, plantation owners. C. B. Bailey, chairman and managing director

IN FIJI

Pacific Products Ltd., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the parent and acting as a holding company for—

Island Industries Ltd., owning and operating the crushing mills in Suva
W. G. Johnson, chairman and managing director.

W. R. Carpenter and Co. (Fiji) Ltd., general merchants, shipowner, etc.
W. G. Johnson, managing director. (A subsidiary of Pacific Products Ltd., but not wholly owned by that Co.)

ELSEWHERE

Terms and Credits Pty. Ltd., established in Australia with a capital of £250,000, and wholly owned by parent Co.

American Trading and Shipping Co. Pty. Ltd.

Southern Pacific Insurance Ltd. A subsidiary of the parent, with a paid up capital of £100,000 but not wholly owned by parent.

Consolidated Neon, and its subsidiary companies. Is not a Carpenter subsidiary, but represents an important investment.

IN the last financial year, Morris Hedstrom made a profit of £124,625 Fijian, and declared a dividend of 12½ per cent. Because of the recent development, their Ordinary shares were quoted at 21/- Australian.

Carpenters, in last financial year, made a profit of £193,889 Australian and declared a dividend of 15 per cent. Their 5/- shares were quoted early in November at 21/- Australian.

As shown, Morris Hedstrom has two classes of issued shares.

ferences, carrying 6 per cent., are affected by this deal.

Carpenters offer to purchase only Ordinaries; and for these they will pay, for each £1 Ordinary, 30/- Australian in cash, and give 3½ Ordinary 5/- Carpenter shares. Finally, therefore, they pay 30/- as 17/6 (or 47/6 Australian) for each MH share. As Carpenters 5/- shares were selling in mid-November at 21/- Australian each, this means that MH shareholders actually will receive for each Ordinary share about 103/6.

It is part of the plan that 75 per cent. of the 520,407 MH ordinary shares must be sold to Carpenters.

Morris Hedstrom Ordinaries were selling in Sydney just before the shares broke (on November 21) at 10/- Australian. Immediately afterwards, in a Stock Exchange flutter, they rose to over 100/-. Therefore, in any way, the holder of a MH Ordinary share will be getting between 40/- and 50/- Australian more than the share was valued at by the Stock Exchange prior to the Carpenter offer.

His assets position showed, the MH share actually was worth more than 100/-; but either it could not earn more than 12½ per cent. in the active trading region of Fiji, Samoa, Tonga, or the Directors were taking back from distribution too large a part of the earnings. (In 1955, they earned £124,625, and distributed £80,202—adding the balance to a P and L accumulation which now stands at £436,834.)

It is probable that, under the Carpenter regime, the MH share will enter a much larger field of earning-power.

If the plan goes through, there will be no outward change in the trading position in Fiji. Both concerns—MH Ltd. and WRC (Fiji)—will go on as at present, trading as separate companies. The ownership of the majority of the Ordinary shares, and therefore control over MH Ltd., will be held by the Carpenter parent Co. in Sydney, and not by the Fiji subsidiary. There will be an amalgamation of interests, but it will be shaped and controlled from Sydney, through the boards in Fiji, whereon Mr. H. E. Snell and Mr. Johnson will have leading places. The public will see the shape of the new set-up because it will take the shape of co-ordination of the activities of the two concerns, in buying, producing, shipping, marketing, and finance, instead of the two big companies running rival services, and competing with each other.

Actually, the activities of the two organisations can be co-ordinated easily.

Carpenters have crushing mills, seas shipping services, powerful estates in Melanesia, a strong trading connection with the Fijians.

WORK OF TWO STRANGELY SIMILAR CAREERS MAY BE MERGED

IF the interests of W. R. Carpenter & Co. Ltd. and Morris Hedstrom Ltd. are merged in the manner proposed (see opposite), the event will represent the merger, also, of the life-work of two outstanding men of the South Pacific—Sir Maynard Hedstrom, who died in Suva on June 2, 1951, at the age of 79, and Sir Walter Randolph Carpenter, who died in Sydney on February 1, 1954, at the age of 76. There was an extraordinary similarity in the careers of the two men.

Each man, by tireless work, shrewd trading and a remarkable knowledge of finance, created a huge commercial organisation; and each, before he died in harness, saw the assets of the Company he founded run into millions.

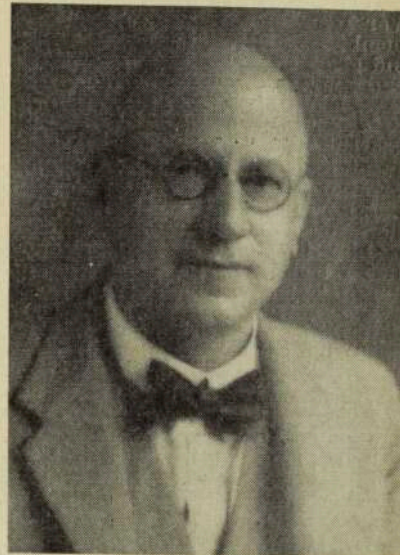
Maynard Hedstrom was born in Levuka, the son of a Swedish sea-captain, and he became a trader before he was 21. He joined forces with the late Mr. P. A. Morris, about 1892, to form the original Morris Hedstrom & Co.; and, by steady expansion over Fiji, Samoa and Tonga, and by purchase of or amalgamation with other similar concerns, it grew steadily into the huge organisation it is to-day. Mr. Morris retired in 1921; but Sir Maynard Hedstrom was active in the direction of the Co. until only two or three years before his death. Mr. H. E. Snell (with whom he was connected by marriage) succeeded him as head of the Co. and his son, Mr. J. Maynard Hedstrom, became second in command. (See page 13 of PIM, June, 1951).

Walter Carpenter also was the son of a sea-captain, and was born in Australia; and he also was an active trader in tropical waters (Thursday Island) before he was out of his teens. In his youth he was associated with Burns Philp & Co., and with various Fiji trading enterprises, including Morris Hedstrom and Co.; but when Australia took over German New Guinea in 1914-18 he saw his big opportunity, and established W. R. Carpenter & Co. in Sydney. It then was a modest concern; but before he died in 1954, he also calculated his assets in terms of millions. His two sons were with him in WRC & Co. from the beginning; and they to-day are the Chairman and Deputy Chairman

Morris Hedstroms control only some local shipping; do not mill copra; have a very important trading connection with the Indians; have important subsidiary businesses in Fiji and Samoa, but no connections in the Western Pacific. Except in re-

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respectively of the parent Company. (See page 39 of PIM of February, 1954).



The late Sir Walter Carpenter.



The late Sir Maynard Hedstrom.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

He Remembers Carl Hoerler

Tolala, who has the required pre-War I memory, reports that he remembers Carl Hoerler back in 1912, and gives the names of some people who may know more of him. (See PIM, November, page 19).

He writes: "I first met Capt. Hoerler on board *Sumatra* in 1912. He and his family were then bound for the Tasmanians to trade for the E. E. Forsyth firm, and he remained there for some time. Later, I heard of him in the Solomons. Before that I believe he was a skipper on one of 'Queen Emma's' schooners.

"I do not think he was of German nationality. His son has an uphill job to gather much information now.

"Those who might help are: Capt. Carl Haug, (16) Darmstadt, Putzerstrasse 6, Apt 438, Germany; Mr. Calton Younger, 3 Dexter Street, W. Bundaberg, Queensland; and P. (Karkar) Schmidt, whose address is c/o George Hanson, Erina Heights, NSW. If they don't know anything, then it looks like a blue duck."

Import Restrictions and UNO Charter

From a former resident of New Guinea, who should know what he is writing about:

"I should be interested to know how they have been able to apply those Import Restrictions in the Trust Territory of New Guinea, in view of the explicit terms of the United Nations Charter, which apply here. Article 79 of the UN charter, subsection D, reads: '... ensures equal treatment in social, economic and commercial matters for all members of the UN and their nationals'."

It is an interesting point. Strange things happen among the harried bureaucrats—but one cannot imagine that so important a point as that was overlooked.

An Indonesian Gent In Singapore

One hears a good deal about the hatred of the Asiatic peoples for Britain, now systematically stirred up by the Communists (writes a Singapore friend).

But for sheer impudence and arrogance, I commend the behaviour of the so-called President of the Republic of Indonesia, Dr. Soekarno, who spent three hours here on July 18, en route to Mecca.

This gentleman was accorded the usual international courtesies. He

was met at the airport, on the outskirts of Singapore, by Governor Sir Robert Black, Chief Minister Marshall, and Chief Secretary Goode, and formally welcomed to this British Colony.

He accepted all this, apparently, as a matter of right, and saw no obligation to behave himself. He went straight to the Indonesian Embassy, and there, addressing 3,000 residents of Singapore, he urged the people to continue their struggle for independence, assured them of Indonesian aid, and urged the creation of a society to fight for all those "who still live under colonialism."

On which we make the comment: It is all part of the pattern, which is so rapidly taking shape in South-east Asia, and which so clearly is being directed by the Communists as part of their campaign for the dismemberment of the British Commonwealth. Kruschew's snarls at Britain's administrative record in India and Burma (headlined in early December) follow quite logically the gross behaviour of Soekarno (who came into prominence in Indonesia ten years ago as a puppet of the Japanese).

The SW Pacific's Slow-Growing Kauri

"There is not much kauri left in the South Pacific now," writes "Old Trader." "Can nothing be done to compel the people who have reaped this rich harvest to re-plant young kauri in the areas they have denuded of the valuable trees?"

Too late now, we fear. The kauri is a very slow grower, and kauri re-forestation would appear to be uneconomic. But only the big kauri

is taken—and the ground is usually covered with tiny trees springing from the liberal seeding.

Kauri was found originally in a long string of islands running north-west from New Zealand, and including the northern end of NZ, 1 Caledonia, New Hebrides and southern islands of the Solomons. Early timber-getters reaped harvests.

Kauri still is coming out of the big Solomons island of Vanikoro. Vanikoro Timber Co., the contractors are ceasing operations there as from the end of 1955; but, concessionaires, Kauri Timber Ltd., probably will work the timber themselves.

The biggest kauri stands were in NZ. There is some compulsory planting there now; but the trees are not of a commercial size and they are nearly a century old.

Mr. H. Chaperlin, accountant of the timber interests on Vanikoro, who has been South on leave, says that two kauri saplings were planted as a navigation guide on the fringing shore of Vanikoro just over 30 years ago; and in that time they have gained a circumference at the base of only 4½ feet.

† A number of prominent people from Fiji will attend the wedding, on December 23, of the son of Rotana, leader of the Banaban community (transferred from Ocean Island to Rabi, Eastern Fiji). The Banabans were provided with their new home soon after World War II, and appear to have settled down happily there.

‡ Seven-years-old Prince Taufaa, son of Prince Tugi of Tonga, is going to school in Auckland, probably King's College—in two or three years. At present he is visiting Auckland with his grandmother, Queen Salote. They will later spend a few weeks in Sydney.

Royal Visitor

Mr. Hector MacQuarrie, Acting-Governor, Eastern Samoa, strolls in grounds of Government House, Pago Pago, with Queen Salote of Tonga when she visited the US Territory en route to NZ in November.

Photo: Pan American Prints.



Happy Returns

Junkers Fly Again New Guinea

JUNKERS aircraft, which put New Guinea on the air-fighting map in pre-war New Guinea, have returned to the territory.

Gibbes' Sepik Airways have already in one machine from Sweden and two more are on order for 1956 very.

owner of the air company, Captain Bobby Gibbes, landed a JU52—war version of the famous pre-war planes—at Goroka in November. With him was Mr. Gustaf Jerinell, who had flown with him from Stockholm by way of Germany, Italy, South Africa, Karachi, Rangoon, Singapore, the Philippines and long in Dutch New Guinea.

Gibbes was refused permission to land on or to cross Indonesian territory.

The JU52, like its predecessors, is a low-wing monoplane with a high load. It is capable of landing and taking off in 350 yards.

These were Junkers aircraft that made possible for Bulolo Gold Dredging to exploit the rich alluvial gold deposits in the Bulolo Valley.

Every part of the dredges which used the alluvial flat was flown by Junkers aircraft in the late 20's and early 30's. Only a Junkers at that time, capable of carrying the largest single component of dredge—the tumbler-shaft. The full story of the achievements of these planes was told in the Quarterly issue of the PIM in July,

PATIENTS TO BE TRANS-

FERRED FROM MAKOGAI

CAL leper hospitals are to be built in Western Samoa and the Cook Islands. Patients from these territories are at present sent to the central leper station at Makogai, Fiji.

When the local hospitals are built, probably at Apia, in Western Samoa, and on Rarotonga, in the Cook Islands, patients from these areas at present at Makogai will be transferred. Those, who because of disability or blindness, wish to remain at Makogai may be permitted to do so.

It has been decided also that patients from these areas who are at Makogai should be released after one year of negativity, instead of two as at present.

Young Officials of P-NG Gain Their Diplomas

AT a formal ceremony in Sydney on December 6, the following 24 2-years' students of the School of Pacific Administration (at St. Georges Heights, Mosman) received their Diplomas. Most of them are Patrol Officers of the Papua-New Guinea Administration, who will return immediately to the Territories. Many of them already have received their postings to the Districts.

In the absence of the Australian Minister for Territories (Mr. Hasluck), the Diplomas were presented by Mr. W. J. Weeden (Director of the Commonwealth office of Education, and a member of the School Council), and the address (some portions of which will be published here next month) was given by the Principal of the School, Mr. C. R. Rowley. Mr. Rowley traced the history of the School, and presented some unusual angles on its work and responsibilities.

In the following list (which is alphabetical), the subjects in which

students gained honours are shown in parenthesis:

R. A. J. Bentinck (Government, Geography).
R. W. Blaikie.
G. R. Burfoot.
K. E. Connolly.
R. N. Desailly (History).
L. J. Doolan.
K. L. Fitzgerald.
J. A. Frew (Law).
D. R. Hosking.
J. J. Jordan.
M. Keary (Government).
G. R. Kennan (Law, Robson Special Prize for Law).
K. J. Lang.
T. W. Leake (History).
C. G. Littler.
B. McBride.
R. T. D. Neville.
J. E. Norton.
R. G. Orwin.
D. Ross (Geography).
C. A. R. Symons (Law and History).
G. P. Taylor (Anthropology, Government, Geography, and Robson Special Prize for Proficiency).

Do You Remember ?

From PIM of
20 Years Ago.

TWENTY years ago the world was suffering a severe attack of the jitters as a result of Fascist Italy's attack on Abyssinia (Ethiopia) and the breakdown of the League of Nations machinery. In the Pacific there were some palpitations over Nazi Germany's campaign for the return of the pre-1914 German colonies.

Here are extracts from the issue for December, 1935:

PIM predicted editorially that more would be heard of Germany's territorial claims in 1936, and that the future of New Guinea and Western Samoa would be subject to survey. It added: "The Pacific in 1936 will be under the shadow of grave international readjustments, but apart from that it should experience some inspiring progress in commerce, industry, transport and communications. The world is giving increasing attention to the rich Pacific territories".

In Fiji, Suva had had 26 in. of rain in November, compared with an average November fall of 9.89 in. (In 1955 Suva had a record wet September, leading to spiteful imputations that at Suva abnormal weather can only be regarded as normal).

Nukualofa reported (December 8) that four craters at Niuafo'ou, the beautiful Tongan island labelled "Tin Can" because of its mail delivery system from passing ships, were in angry eruption, causing the

evacuation of two villages. (The entire Niuafo'ou population was permanently evacuated after the volcano had broken out right in the middle of the Government village, Angaha, in 1945).

"It is recognised now that there is no hope for sugar-growing in Papua," reported a Port Moresby correspondent. "It seems that if Papua grows sugar the Australian quota under Imperial Preference will be disturbed. Therefore Australia is against the scheme, although conditions in Papua are ideal for the industry."

Nothing had been heard of the New Guinea Administration's schooner "Hermes", which had left Madang for Rabaul on November 10. On board were the engineer, J. A. Andrews, N. E. Weldon, an assistant surveyor, F. Barclay, an Amalgamated Wireless official, and 17 native men. (Fragmentary wreckage was found later).

In the middle of one of Fiji's recurrent commotions over the Crown Colony's Constitution, the Fijian members of the Legislative Council had produced a resounding formal condemnation of "democracy" as it was apparently understood by some among Fiji's varied racial communities. They said, *inter alia*: "The notion that the people are the best judges of matters of vital importance to the welfare of a State is for the Fijian utterly incomprehensible. Unconsciously he feels it to mean the transfer of power from knowledge to ignorance".

"Freedom" of the Press

Irresponsible Speculation Runs Riot Over "Joyita"

The *Fiji Times* headline of November 20, "All Aboard *Joyita* Murdered—Believed Official Fiji View", was the culmination of ten days of wild press speculation about the fate of the vessel and had the effect of bringing the Fiji Colonial-Secretary to the microphone to broadcast an unprecedented denial.

THE full text of Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart's statement appears on this page. It was broadcast on the evening of November 19. The *Fiji Times* story had been published that day and had been repeated (and carefully attributed to the Suva paper) by Australian newspapers immediately thereafter.

In the Australian Sunday press of November 20, the Colonial Secretary's statement was played down, and sensational stories of alleged looting, particularly of the cargo of foodstuffs and fuel known to be aboard when *Joyita* sailed from Apia, were substituted. Doubts were cast on the Fiji Government view that the cause of the disaster was natural.

(The 70-tons *Joyita* became missing in early October during what is normally a 2-days journey from Apia to the Tokelaus. RNZAF airsearch, with radar-equipped flying-boats, over 100,000 square miles of sea and islands, failed to locate her or her personnel, and was called off in mid-October. On November 10, *Joyita* was found, by G & E Government ship *Tuvalu* drifting, abandoned and partly submerged, about 100 miles

north of Fiji and approximately on the International Dateline. She was towed by the Fiji Government ship *Degei* to Malau, near Labasa, pumped out, and then towed to Suva. The air search for survivors was renewed; but no trace of them and no explanation as to why they abandoned *Joyita* has been revealed).

(All aspects of the *Joyita* mystery are covered in the Smallships section, this issue. See also page 119).

IN its sensational story on November 19, the *Fiji Times* (quoting, it claimed, from an "irreproachable source") said that Japanese seamen murdered the passengers and crew of *Joyita* at night, after she had run through a Japanese fishing fleet. It was assumed, the paper said, that the people on *Joyita* had seen something the Japanese did not want them to see—and that young District Officer Fearless, who was on board, possibly protested.

It was suggested that the Japanese then boarded the vessel, murdered or took prisoner the passengers and crew, and attempted to blow up the ship or opened a sea-cock.

This, said the *Fiji Times*, is "believed to be the official view by Fiji authorities."

This story—which, in another incident—was not only repudiated by Government, but also was vigorously denied by the captain of *Koyomaru*, the mother ship of Japanese fishing vessels which had been in the Fiji area during October.

Full Text of Colonial Secretary's Broadcast

(Broadcast from VRH Suva, in the evening of Saturday, November 19, by Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, CMG.)

This morning a statement was published in the *Fiji Times* and *Herald* to the effect: it is believed that the official view held by Fiji authorities is that the passengers and crew of the "*Joyita*" were murdered, and an attempt was made to sink the vessel in order to cover all evidence of the crime.

Having read the report I have come to the microphone to speak on behalf of the Government of Fiji and to say most emphatically it is not—I repeat, NOT—true that this view of the Government of Fiji, nor is a view held in any responsible official capacity. This point was made in a statement by the Public Relations Officer, which was quoted in the newspaper, and my purpose now is to emphasise it.

The Government and its responsible officers have hitherto refrained from expressing any positive opinion on how the disaster to the "*Joyita*" came about. Until a full and careful examination of the vessel has been made, it will not be possible to form any opinion on what may have happened.

But, as this opinion has, without foundation, been attributed to the Government, it is only right that I should inform all listeners that all the evidence so far obtained from the condition of the ship, the crew, and from such examination of her contents as has so far been possible, supports the suggestion that the cause of the disaster was natural causes—that is to say, that she was overwhelmed as a result of freak weather at a time when perhaps her engines were stopped.

This is, I admit, only speculation, but there is no positive evidence at present to suggest any other likely cause.

I am making this statement not only in order to deny the statement which has been attributed to official sources but also, as far as possible, to give some assurance to the relatives of those who were travelling on the "*Joyita*". We all have the most human sympathy for them and we can only hope that their distress should be unnecessary, increased by the circulation of such suggestions for which there is no foundation.

He called the story "stuff and nonsense." He asked the Suva authorities to "crush this groundless rumour, this iniquitous lie."

How Press Saw Events After November

REPRESENTATIVES of leading Australian newspapers, the *Reuter*, and New Zealand newspapers, flew into Suva to check the *Joyita* story. There, in the face of an entire lack of any established facts about how or why the ship



How Sydney evening newspapers followed up the "Fiji Times" story on November 19.

andoned (and probably in the
e of official disapproval) they
ot the story alive in Southern
spapers with a most extraordi-
ary sequence of assertions and
ials.

Some extracts from Australian
pers published between November
and 21 give an idea of the news-
per treatment:

November 11: Explosion and fire
l occurred on board. A canvas
ning had obviously been rigged
shelter survivors.

November 12: There is no trace of
ita's cargo of oil drums.

November 14: *Joyita* now believed
have been rammed. There is a
e in her hull through which she
k in water. There are signs of
ing and it is possible that she
e attacked by pirates. Radio has
e, and her compasses have been
a from their mounts. But the
go of oil drums is intact (see
e for 12th); awning (see note
11th) now is regarded as part
regular equipment.

November 15: There is no hole in
ita's hull. There was no ex-
sion. A sea-cock found open in
the room now "suggests an at-
pt at scuttling."

November 16: Radio now found
be intact but damaged by salt
er. Ship's compasses now found
have been taken off for safe
ody while *Joyita* on tow to
au. (See note for 14th).

November 19: The Suva paper
claims the Japs murdered 25 people
on board, and the Sydney papers
print the story.

November 20: Cargo of large
quantities of flour, sugar, rice,
biscuits, beef, etc., reported to be
missing from *Joyita* when she was
found, so looting is suggested.

November 21: Cargo of food (or
most of it) is still on the ship.

"Joyita" Inquiry to be held in Apia

AN inquiry into the *Joyita* disaster
will be held in Apia, Western
Samoa, at a date yet to be an-
nounced.

The inquiry has been ordered by
the New Zealand Department of
Island Territories. Apia was the port
from which *Joyita* departed on her
journey to the Tokelaus. The ship
is registered in Honolulu.

PIM EDITOR'S COMMENT:

Fiji Has Front Seat View of Irresponsible Journalism

IN a lifetime of newspaper
experience, I never have seen
wickered or more irresponsible
journalism than that indulged in
by the newspapers after the *Joyita*
was found drifting.

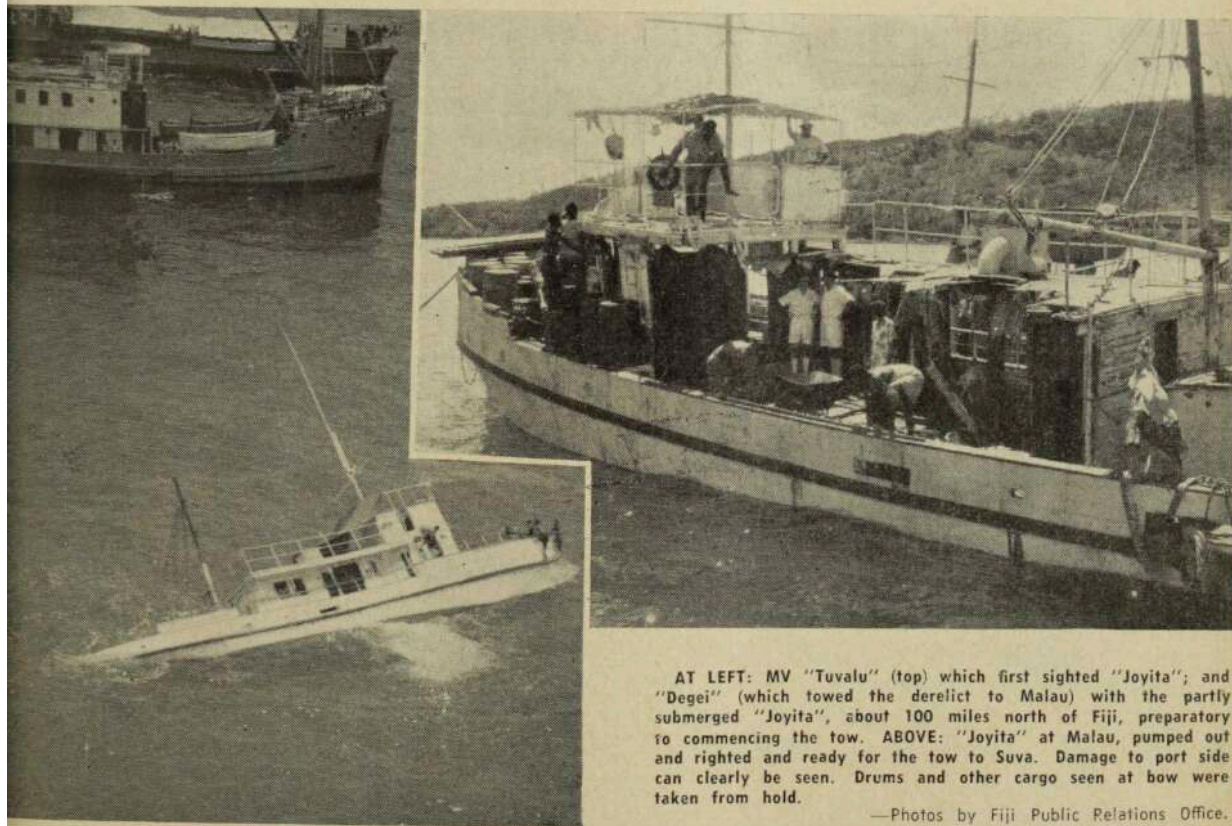
I thought the spectacle of the
howling mob of reporters and
photographers, in pursuit of Princess
Margaret and Captain Townsend,
during October, was about the
newspaper limit; but the perform-
ances of the sensation-mongers,
after the *Joyita* was picked up,
reduced newspaper mendacity to
an even lower level.

Elsewhere, we have quoted the
various allegations about the
Joyita, as made by the newspapers'
various reporters; and then the
withdrawals which had to be made
in respect of each. The allegations,
generally proved foundationless,
were all headlined as if they were
backed by facts.

One of the worst offenders was
the representative sent to Suva by
the Sydney Sunday newspaper,
Sun-Herald. He climbed all over
the vessel, in a personal examina-
tion, and then informed his paper
that most of the known food cargo
was gone—and the paper announced
it, in screaming front-page banner-
lines, as evidence of piracy. But
within a day it was reported that,
as far as could be ascertained, most
of the original cargo was there.
There was no apology.

BUT it remained for Suva's
local newspaper, the *Fiji Times*
to put the coping-stone on the
mass of imaginative nonsense and
sensationalism.

As the overseas reporters vied



AT LEFT: MV "Tuvalu" (top) which first sighted "Joyita"; and
"Degei" (which towed the derelict to Malau) with the partly
submerged "Joyita", about 100 miles north of Fiji, preparatory
to commencing the tow. ABOVE: "Joyita" at Malau, pumped out
and righted and ready for the tow to Suva. Damage to port side
can clearly be seen. Drums and other cargo seen at bow were
taken from hold.

—Photos by Fiji Public Relations Office.

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th each other in the despatch
m Suva of highly coloured
ries, many apparently built on
va beer and a feverish imagina-
n, the *Fiji Times* became more
d more excited. From Monday,
ember 14, it almost foamed at
mouth daily in a chaotic display
old poster type—"No Bodies
and—Damage Suggests Collision
h Large Ship" — "Mystery
pens—What Happened to £1,000
l of Banknotes" were typical—
al at noon on Saturday,
ember 19, it finally exploded
h "All aboard *Joyita* Murdered?
ieved Official Fiji View," in huge
e; and declared that according
"an irreproachable source in
a" (it presumably meant
impeachable"!) Japanese seamen
ordered the passengers and crew
the *Joyita* at night.
his was bad enough; but it was
ie much worse by the statement
t this was "believed to be the
ial view held by the Fiji
nities."
his magnificent "scoop" by
Fiji Times drove the overseas
rters to frenzy, seemingly.
mediately, they radioed the
ish to their newspapers. But
yone seemed to ignore a Public
ations Office statement, made at
same time on Saturday, that
Fiji authorities had no
nowledge of a theory of murder
apanese.
ne two evening newspapers in

Sydney literally shrieked and turned
typographic handsprings. A photo-
graph of their respective front
pages of November 19 is reproduced
on page 18.

THE frenzy of the yellow-press
reporters was equalled by the
cold fury of the Fiji Govern-
ment. The wholly unjustified attack
on the Japanese was bad (the *Fiji
Times* never revealed its



"Joyita" beached at Malau.

—Photo by Fiji Public Relation Office



Mr. Charles (Chuck) Simpson, mate on
"Joyita" when she disappeared. An American
Indian, he arrived in Eastern Samoa in 1954
and later married a Samoan girl.

—Photo by Jack Thornton.

"irreproachable" source); but the
attempt to tie the story to Fiji
officialdom was unpardonable.

A veil may be drawn over what
happened in private; but, in public,
the Government Secretary took the
unprecedented course of going on



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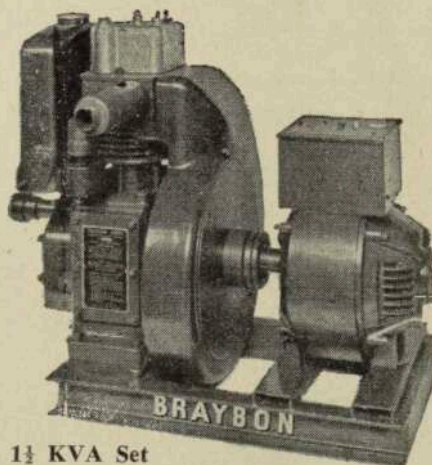
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the radio that evening, and denying the story in very emphatic official language.

But it was too late. The thing already had been headlined over half the world.

The overseas newspapers generally got out of it by blaming the *Fiji Times* for the silly story. But none of them gave to Mr. Stoddart's statement anything like the typographical prominence accorded the "Japanese Murderers."

High officialdom later had the unpleasant task of soothing a certain Japanese Embassy. One can only guess at what happened—and at high officialdom's attempt to describe to a wondering Japanese the "freedom" enjoyed by "our popular press."—R. W. ROBSON.

Sandy Creek Returns

ADVICE has been received from Sandy Creek Gold Sluicing Ltd. that during the months of September and October, 1955, approximately 46 ozs. 10 dwts. of gold were recovered from approximately 4,000 cubic yards of material treated at their New Guinea leases.

† A new radio station for Cable and Wireless Ltd. is being built at Samabula, outside Suva, Fiji, and is expected to be in operation by March, 1956. This is expected to improve radio telephone services between Suva and New Zealand.

¶ Dr. W. L. I. Verrier Senior Medical Officer, Fiji, left Suva on November 2 by air, to attend the World Health Organisation International Yaws Control Conference in Nigeria.

TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

Happy Christmas!

And I don't mean that present-day commercialised "XMAS" which we see so much these days and which means so little insofar as the true Christmas spirit is concerned. Let's put Christ back into Christmas—not "X", the unknown quantity. To all my friends: Peace and Happiness; Goodwill to all mankind.

Intersectional Snarl

To me it has always been a matter for regret that the non-native section of the P-NG population has not been more co-operative, one with the other, and done everything possible to avoid sectional jealousies and animosities. Life in P-NG would be so much easier and more pleasant if every section was more tolerant of the "other fellow."

An example of this—in reverse—claimed public attention recently when the Acting Director of Education—a Mr. G. T. Roscoe—presumably in his official capacity, made some outspoken remarks anent Mission educational methods before the Arbitration Court when it was hearing PSA claims for more dough and what-have-you. Though exactly what relevance there was between PSA claims and Mission operations I'm afraid I was unable to understand.

Anyway, the ADE was reported as having suggested possible irregularities in some mission returns; figures upon which were based government subsidies to the Missions. This

occasioned an animated reply from the Rev. Percy Chatterton, of the London Missionary Society who equivocally went gunning for G. T. Roscoe.

I don't want to comment on right or wrongs of either of these gents., but it does seem unnecessary to wash their linen whether dirty or not—within view of the public; and it certainly does not reflect much credit on either party. Especially now, when many of our dark-skinned chaps are quite competent to understand the printed English language.

Is it so impossible for the European community, at least, to see a united front to the native people of P-NG?

(On November 17, the Administrator of P-NG, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, issued a Press statement in which he said that Roscoe had never claimed that Missions had acted dishonestly in compiling reports relating to educational grants-in-aid. He claimed that Mr. Roscoe had either misreported, or that his meaning was misinterpreted. Mr. Roscoe, he said, stated that some missions did not give sufficient detail in their reports, or that they included in their reports details of schools that fell short of the necessary requirements for the payment of subsidies. Some of the missions also included in their returns details of activities which could not be regarded as educational training within the meaning of the Education Ordinance. Brigadier Cleland also said something to say about Mr. Chatterton's outburst that missions objected to schools being judged by inexperienced young patrol-officers" ("South Pacific" of November 16). The Administrator said that patrol-officers' reports are limited, advising the Department of Education that the schools are functioning and assessing the number of pupils. They do not report on the educational work of the mission concerned.—Editor, PIM.)

Some Statistics on P-NG Education

The argument between the Education man and the Mission prompted me to look up some figures on Government subsidies for mission activities. Unfortunately, the statistics I had on hand were for 1951-52 in Papua, but, nevertheless, they were somewhat illuminating.

For instance, there was a mission, according to the statistics which had a total of 5,000 indigenous adherents, with 16 schools and was receiving a subsidy of £600. While Mr. Chatterton's mission society, at that period, was receiving a Government subsidy of £4,521 for the maintenance of schools, most of which were in villages, and was expending education from its own funds, £97 more than that received from the Government. Another mission society, however, was receiving

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ernment grant of £2,609 and was ending from its own funds for cation no more than £2,144. For year, Government paid out some 000 as educational aid to all sions in Papua for some 40,000- pupils and, if my sums are right, t works out something like 14/- ead.

nyway, can you reduce native cation to a matter of £SD?

ne Real P-NG Money

Government financiers are on look-out for more revenue—and eems they should be with exes. ing all the time—what about ting their own money for the itory. The Postage Stamp ure must be proving a lucrative ertaking and old New Guinea e a very nice profit out of its coinage.

1939, with coins valued at 534 in circulation, the Coinage st Fund was already in credit he extent of £77,397—but was ble to transfer any of it to nue account until the figures eded £100,000. With greater ent-day spending that should ent no difficulty.

hy not give it a go, Mr. Money- s?

peless" Labour System

he remarks of Dr. Young on G labour conditions (Nov. PIM, 2) are a reiteration of expert



and Mrs. Peter Saunders cut the wedding at the reception that followed their ge in Sydney on November 9. Mrs. rs was formerly Anne Blumer, of East- They returned to Kavieng, New Guinea, end of November. (See November PIM).

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ing over all the estates; and
orge Fulton, the general manager,
de a tour of inspection in the
Koonakarra. He was favourably
pressed with the properties—
pecially the Witu group—but
our was the fly-in-the-ointment
in those days, and the Big
m gave the idea away.

Queen Emma," on her Kokopo
ntations, encouraged the idea of
ablishing native communities, and
system worked well until the
stralian Government came along
the League of Nations started
ing out about "slavery"—which
certainly was not.

The establishment of native
ages on Ceylon estates has been
marily successful owing to the
se population and the economic
ssure which compels the natives
work—or else; both conditions be-
absent from P-NG, the Land of
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The labour situation can only de-
corate, in my opinion, what with
e expansion of co-operative
eties and the drift of the in-
enes towards "white collar" jobs.
emains to be seen whether me-
sation will solve the problem.

re Unco-operative

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another striking example of that
ional disunity amongst non-
ives in P-NG, which I so deplore,
iven in the *South Pacific Post*

November 23,
a front-page
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which everyone wants to forget.

As the number of denominational
workers in the Lord's Vineyard has
increased, so also have the nature
and number of blitzes multiplied
throughout the Territory as a whole,
and God in his Heaven must have
heaved many a sigh as He witnessed
the rivalry and hatred among His
workers, who had answered the Call
to spread the Gospel of Peace and
Goodwill amongst Men.

Whether feature stories, emphasising
such sectional friction amongst
non-natives, is wise in a country
passing through the transitional
stage, and where so many natives
are capable of reading (if not wholly
understanding) newspaper stories, is
a matter of opinion.

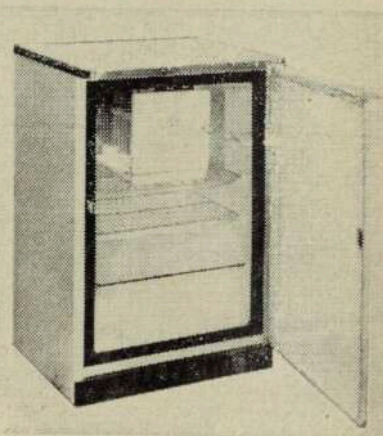
Personally, I think everything
should be done to avoid fanning any
flame of sectarian difference amongst
the indigenes; more especially in
these days when a great proportion
of the native population in the more
settled areas has become organised
and displays a unity in the ranks
which hitherto did not exist amongst
the old warring tribes, and which
therefore proved a great protection
to Europeans.

At this date (December 3) I have
read only of one side of the argu-
ment, but I am glad to see that
the Catholic Mission "had accepted
the challenge" contained in the
article and no doubt will make a
logical reply. One piece which I
cannot fit into the jig-saw puzzle
is the fact that the most anti-
Village Council community—Raluana
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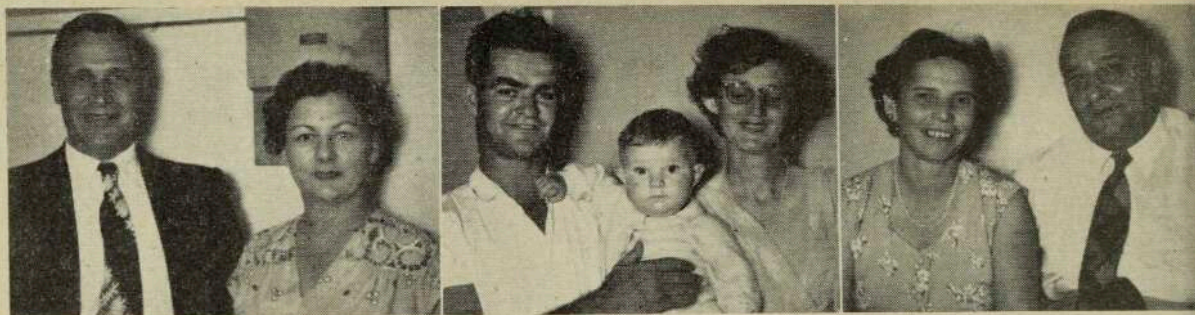
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Travellers to Papua-New Guinea in November



New Guinea-bound per "Sinkiang" in November were (left to right): Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Paul, who were returning to Golden Ridges, following vacation. Mr. and Mrs. B. Cope, and Darryl, of Bulolo Gold Dredging, Ltd., who were returning to Bulolo. Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Gee, who were returning to Port Moresby after furlough in England. Mr. Gee is Chief Engineer, Posts & Telegraphs Dept.

mation that Darius To Mamua and Peni To Walaun (and note, for a wonder, their names were spelt correctly), aged 37 and 18 respectively, and both from the Vunamami Education Centre, near Rabaul, were

guests of the Junior Farmers' Club's Council when they attended a Leadership school at Bathurst.

They received considerable attention in the Journal, with an accompanying photo of their smiling faces, and there was a flattering blurb for the Administration Education Department.

Darius, in a Press conference (!), gave them the good oil about "five per cent. of the population (of P-NG) of six million can read and write." That, unfortunately, does not reflect too much credit on his knowledge of vital statistics and there was also the old, old tribute

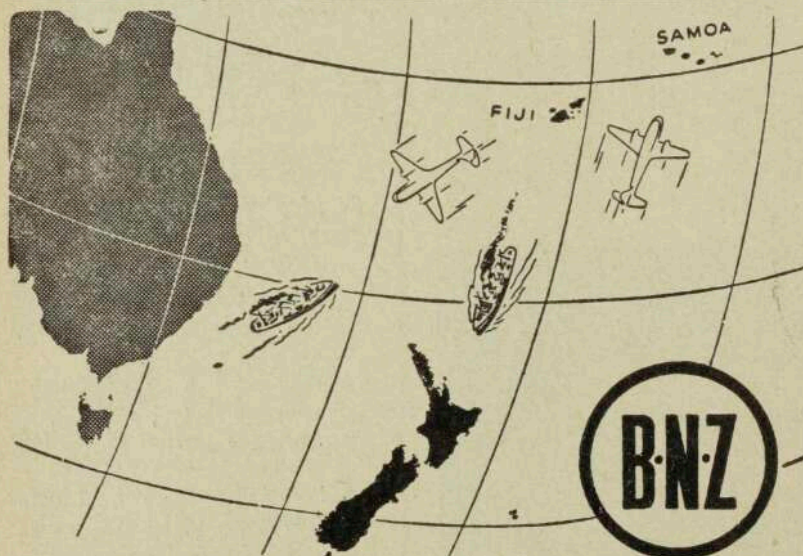
to the "Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels," who is overworked.

But it all shows how Australian "culture" or habits are spread in the P-NG with these various Youth Movements to catch the young and mould them to a pattern nearer to the heart's desire, in other words, regiment them early. Suppose this sort of thing had started sometimes, but to me it started a bit early in the piece. And Youth Movements can be overdone.

Some of them remind me of Hitler Youth movement; it suggests a preparation for nationalisation, the extermination of individual

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the moulding of the future generations along lines approved by a national socialist government against which we declared war in 1939. But all this is by the way. The question is: Will Junior Farmers' clubs, if established in P-NG territory, be a benefit to the youthful, or will they further confuse these primitive minds which are ready flat out in an endeavour to imitate the most rudimentary aspects of Western civilisation? It seems that we are trying to inculcate these primitive people in one decade with the knowledge it has taken us centuries to accumulate. There is an excellent satirical cartoon by Jolliffe in a recent New Guinea periodical in which he depicts a crowd of Australian aborigines, preparing for a corroboree, being addressed by a whiteman; and an aborigine on the outskirts of the assembly says: "He's from Actors' Equity—says either we join up, or more corroborees." I will leave it at that. But don't ask Union organisers, contacting natives, are restricted to native dances. My trip to NG disillusioned me on that, and the discovery did make me very happy.

Racial Equality and Christianity

The Rev. Alan Walker took his message to the Nation to P-NG; and, at the end of last month, in Port Moresby, held forth on racial equality which, he said, was "God's message for Mankind."

It always seems to me that the more you cry down racial discrimination the more race-conscious people become, and tension rises.

There has been more shouting about exterminating the colour-bar than the need for racial equality amongst the white races during the year or so than ever before. What has been the result?

The Afro-Asian conference and a pronounced colour bloc in UNO. And, in itself, has made for more unity in this "United" body.

We often forget that Asian countries are just as discriminating at the colour line as we are—more so. Asian countries are more caste-conscious than we are, and I have yet to meet up with a New Guinea tribe which, despite communal mode of life, is not race-conscious and which, in many instances, does not feel superior to the native race.

It does not necessarily follow that because the white race has modern knowledge, and the know-all or the know-how, that the darker races feel any way ethnically inferior. They are far prouder of their traditions than we are. We are according to our yard-measure modern Speed and Greed; they are on other standards.

Is one who lived as a veritable

outcast amongst Asians during the last war, I can vouch for their intolerant attitude towards Europeans, and for the many degrees of racial distinction shown by one Asian country towards other Asians—which was far more marked than that which is shown by Europeans towards Asiatics.

Our whole outlook upon racial discrimination is cock-eyed and seems to be based upon the days of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Being a fully-initiated member of the Buka tribe, I would plug for a greater tolerance and understanding and less widespread talk of racial discrimination, segregation, prejudice or whatever you like to call it. And toleration, incidentally, does not

mean forcing our own self-righteous opinions down the other fellow's throat.

With all due respect to Alan Walker and his Mission, I truly believe his time, rhetoric and personal magnetism could have been used to better advantage amongst the heathen of Sydney than amongst the Christians in New Guinea ports.

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Members of Sydney's NG Women's Club were able to see in November a very fine colour film taken at the opening of the Memorial Gates in Rabaul last July. (Over)

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his reminds me of the Book of Remembrance being compiled by the Women's Association in Melbourne to contain the names of all soldiers lost in NG during the War. (Oct. PIM, p. 151).

was surprised to learn how un-operative Canberra's officialdom been in compiling this list. Then applied to for help in this matter, both Territories and Prime Minister's Department brushed off Association and referred it to my HQ in Melbourne, which in supplied only an inadequate list of those lost. Seems a bit grim, eh?

a matter such as this—to per-ate the names of the civilians were deemed so expendable by Top Brass—you would think humane consideration would be forthcoming. Or would you!

happy in

Service

on-Official Members of the Northern Territory Legislative Council are about as happy as their sites in P-NG if one can judge remarks of one Member—"Tiger" Man, of the Batchelor (Rumple) electorate.

he people of the Territory are asted with this undemocratic of government," he said. He ribed the Council as a "demo-c swindle" and said it was a nature in name only, foisted on people by the Chifley Govern- and that the present Govern- had made no attempt to alter arrangements. "It is really just islatute of actions of the Fed- Government," he remarked.

e President of the Council, who to listen to this criticism, was other than P-NG's old friend ("Clarrie") Archer, who is g the box-seat while Admin- Wise is away on leave. t is, of course, if there be a seat" in those Territories, and merely "remote control" from erra). "Clarrie," with his years perience with green ink and ape in TNG, should know what ore ought to be in Australian tories; and a lead from him for um representation in Terri- Councils could start some-

e noted Methodist preacher director of that Church's on to the Nation, made a 10 tour of Papua and New Guinea November 22.

erintendent of Police, Mr. T. n, returned to Papua-New ea in November after 4½ hs leave in Australia. He will take up his new position as of Police in Port Moresby. ously he was stationed in

MADAME OLLIER IS "NOT GUILTY"

From Our Noumea Correspondent

IT is reported from Paris that Madame Ollier has been acquitted of the charges that led to her deportation to France last year.

Madame Ollier was a member of the French Consular Service, stationed at Canberra. In evidence before the Australian Royal Commission into espionage, Petrov said that he had met Madame Ollier on several occasions with the purpose of getting security information from her.

She was subsequently sent to France under guard, where she was detained for six months on a charge of plotting against the security of the State. She was released—but charged again, this time with fail-

ing to report to her superiors that Petrov was a spy.

An Army Tribunal in Paris has now acknowledged the weakness of the charge and Madame Ollier has been released.

† At Supreme Court sittings in Wau, New Guinea, in November, Kevin Edward Cronow was found guilty of having gold in his possession "at some time", it being the property of Bulolo Gold Dredging Limited. Mr. Justice Kelly placed Cronow on a \$50 good behaviour bond for 12 months.

† Mr. C. Wager, formerly a well-known resident of Fiji, and now retired and living in Sydney, has been in poor health lately—more particularly in relation to his eyesight. He has been receiving special treatment for cataract trouble, and his friends expect that he soon will be restored to normal health.



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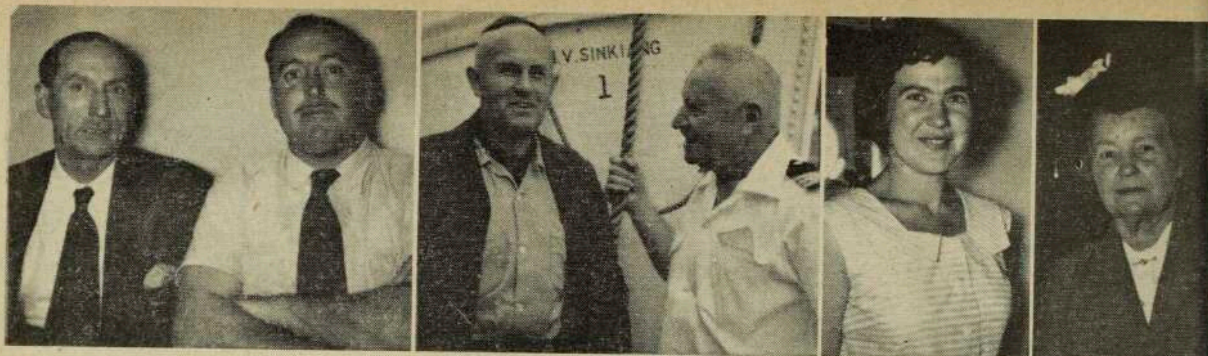
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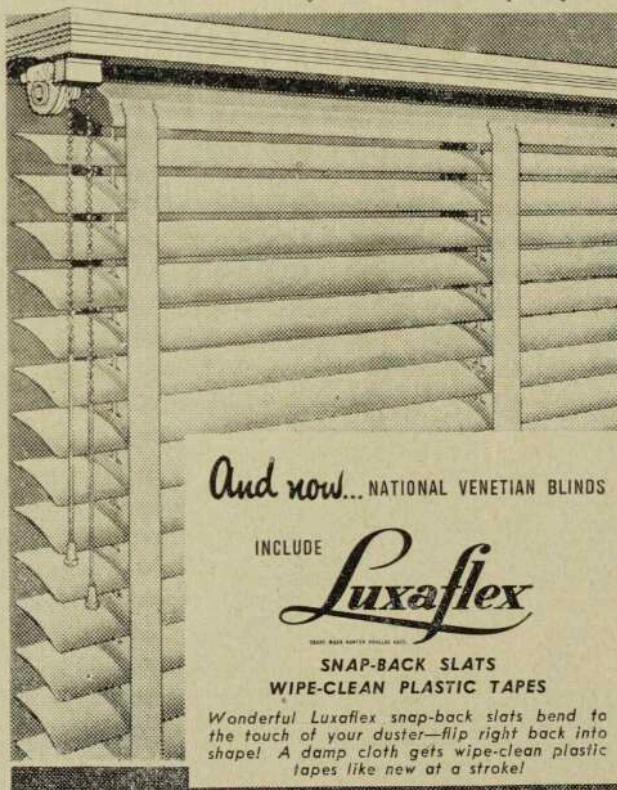
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It is a complete revision of the translation of the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, into the language of the Gilbert Islands. The Bible was translated into Gilbertese many years before and stood in great need of revising, as the language had grown and developed.

Mr. Eastman has devoted these 12 years to this mammoth "haul," while he was still in the Gilberts, and after his retirement to England. Now his revised translation has been printed by the American Bible Society and the first shipment has been sent to the Gilbert Islands.

Samoan Cocoa Prices Steady

SAMOAN cocoa prices appear to have steadied for the present, about £stg.250 per ton, according to an Apia report.

The present seasonal crop is somewhat heavier than anticipated and compensates partly for the crop in the first half of the year.

MV *Thorshall* loaded several hundred tons of beans for the United States in October.

† The Chief Secretary of WPHC, Mr. R. J. Minnitt, CMGE, Honiara on November 15 by air for Sydney en route to the United Kingdom on leave.

ORE DELAY IN OUTH SEAS HOTEL

ut the Beer Is Still On

WORKING drawings, sketch plans and schedules of quantities for the South Seas Hotel, Suva, at Morris Hedstrom Ltd. £15,000. This was disclosed when the firm applied to the Licensing Court for renewal of its provisional licence. One hundred sheets of working drawings were produced in Court as evidence of the firm's activity in the construction of the new hotel. Mr. E. Gough, Assistant General Manager of the firm, said that the Club Hotel had to be pulled down after being seriously damaged in the last hurricane. Work had partially proceeded on the new South Seas Hotel to replace it when an earthquake of September, 1953, caused them to revise their plans. He said specifications of quantities would be ready by December and tenders should be in by the end of January. If a tender was received for the amount estimated, he thought a very comfortable hotel would result. Once the tenders were there would be no delay in coming to a decision.

Mr. Gough said he did not think any possible development between his company and another company would affect the decision. A provisional licence for two years was granted Morris Hedstrom Ltd. as the licensee of the bar, which was now operating without any house accommodation, was granted a provisional licence up to June 30, 1956, at which time a decision regarding the new hotel would have been made.

The bar portion of the hotel has been constructed. It has been attractively tiled and the sanitary arrangements are of a high standard. Joining the bar concrete pillars the height of one storey and steel reinforcement rods remain as they were when work was stopped. File-a-minute, a rapid-growing tropical creeper, has covered most of the piles and, as one resident has observed, at least indicates some measure of progress in transforming the shell of the building into a beauty spot.

Editorial Note

When the earthquake hit Suva in September, 1953, the bar of the new South Seas Hotel had just been completed and liquor was being served from there under the old Club Hotel licence (the Club Hotel was demolished in the hurricane of January, 1952).

All work on the remainder of the new hotel ceased and when the Club Hotel licence came up for renewal at the end of 1954 (15 months later) it was refused, pending assurances from Morris Hedstrom Ltd. that the hotel building would be proceeded with, and pending also certain installations in the bar itself.

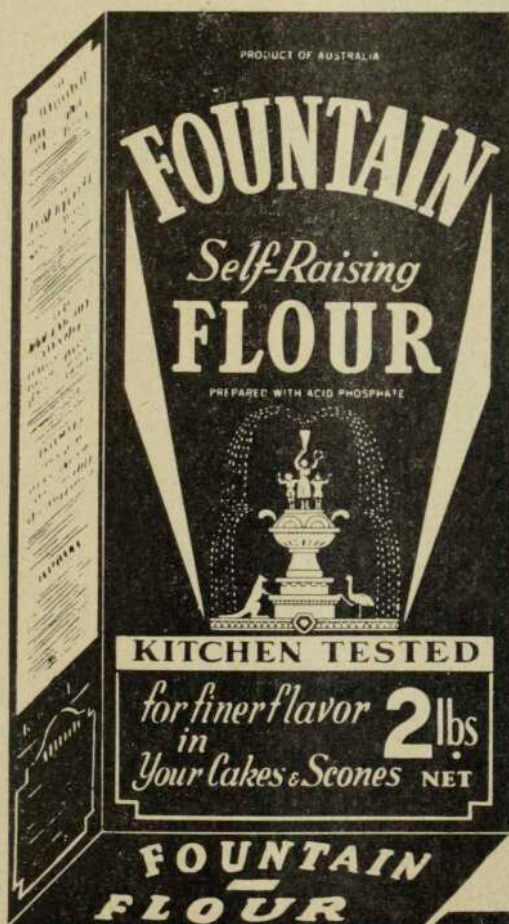
After being closed for some months, the bar started functioning again about April this year.

In December, 1954, the Company stated that construction of the hotel would commence in early 1955, and would be completed in 1956 at a cost of £250,000. It would provide accommodation for about 65 guests.

The failure of the Company to proceed with the erection of the hotel in 1955 has aroused a good deal of local criticism—mostly because Suva does most urgently need additional hotel accommodation, and does not need additional liquor-bars. Shortage of hotel accommodation in Suva is gravely handicapping the tourist traffic, which could bring large additional revenues to Fiji.

The company, however, points to the fact—established throughout most countries outside of Fiji—that under present-day costs of material and labour, the erection and operation of new hotels are generally not economic.

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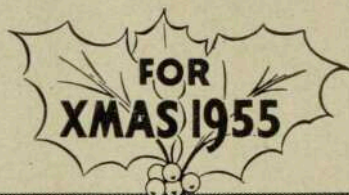
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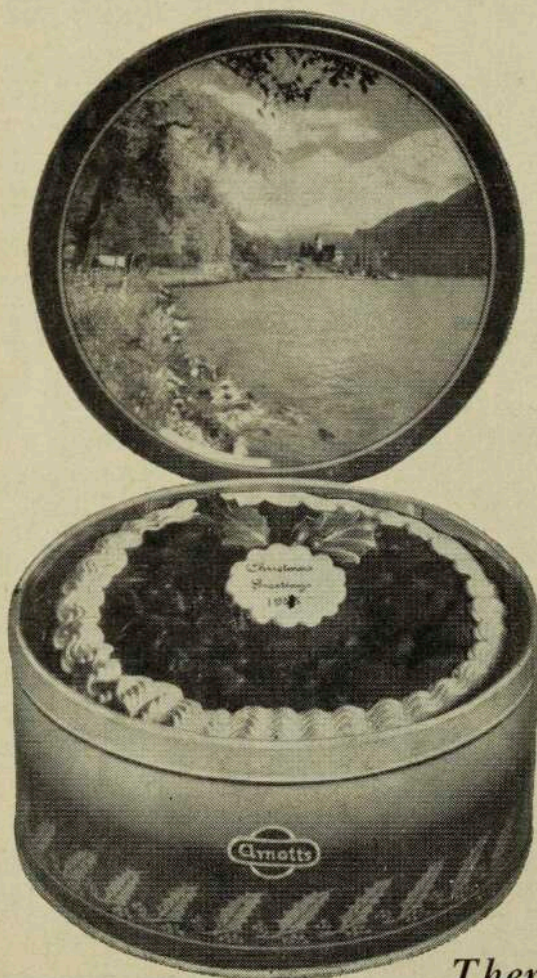
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Current News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

MADANG AIR-STRIP OUT OF ACTION

One hour in early November, five inches of rain fell in Madang. As a result the Meiro burst its banks, the airstrip flooded and sustained damage sufficient to close it for some weeks. One stage of the storm, logs 2 in diameter were seen floating in the runway.

Eight hours after the rain stopped, two feet of water remained on the strip. A DCA official and Principal Engineer of the Commonwealth Department of Works went to Madang on November 7 to inspect the damage. They reported later it would take £4,000 for repairs.

During the storm, the road from Madang to the airstrip was closed, the DCA staff on duty had to stay on during the next shift until they could be relieved.

At times, muddy water from the river extended five miles out to sea.

Forty miles from Madang, a suspension bridge over another river was washed away. The Wewak also felt the

effect of the rain, but not nearly so badly. Lae airstrip was closed for a few hours and several towns were flooded.

FIRE DESTROYS

A late model car was destroyed by fire near Ward's Strip, Port Moresby, in early November.

The owner of the car, Mr. Peter Goodwin, of Steamships Trading Company, left it parked on the side of a dirt track in the area for about an hour while he went shooting.

On his return,

Mr. C. Lane, well-known resident of Goroka, Eastern NG Highlands, was married to Miss Nelson at the LMS Church, Port Moresby, on November 4.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

the car was gutted. Nearby bush was burning fiercely.

PSA PRESIDENT: NO COMMENT

The president of the Public Service Association of P-NG, Mr. R. Brennan, on November 7, issued his first Press statement since the Public Service Arbitrator announced his findings some days earlier.

(In the findings, Mr. Wood rejected most of the claims of the Association.)

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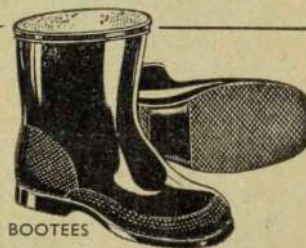
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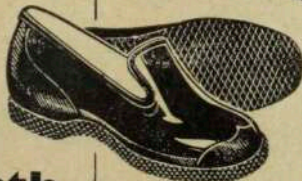
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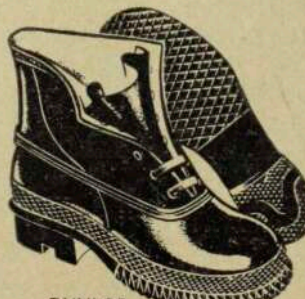
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Mr Brennan, in a guarded statement, said that the decision of the Arbitrator was, in accordance with the provisions of the Arbitration Public Service Ordinance, subject to review and disallowance by the Governor-General.

"Until such time as this review has been made," said Mr. Brennan, "the determination cannot be regarded as final. The Executive of the Public Service Association considers it would be inappropriate to comment on the details of the determination".

The Administrator of P-NG made it clear in a November statement that no public servant would have his salary reduced as a result of the Arbitrator's findings.

MENINGITIS AT SOGERI

Four natives died from Meningitis in the Sogeri district during October-November.

A Health Department official says that meningitis usually appears amongst the natives at this time each year and that there was little that could be done about it.

Another native died suddenly in Port Moresby early November. The native, a police constable stationed at Headquarters, could not be awakened by other constables to report for duty. A post-mortem showed that the native died from pneumonia.

STEEP RISE IN RECRUITMENT COST OF HIGHLAND LABOUR

A 300 p.c. rise in the Administra-

tion charge for the recruitment of each Highland labourer has been announced. It will come into effect on December 1.

From that date, the fee will rise from 10/- to £2 per labourer. The Acting Director of Native Affairs, Mr. J. K. McCarthy, explained that the increase was necessary to help recoup the Administration for higher costs incurred in recruitment and accommodation of Highland labourers before completion of medical and attestation formalities.

The President of the Planters' Association of Papua, Mr. Fairfax,

later described the increase as "quite fair".

RADIO-ACTIVE HELP FOR AGRICULTURE

Details of a revolutionary method of eradicating a pest well-established in Papua and New Guinea have been received by the Department of Agriculture from the United States.

The pest is the screw-worm which has been eradicated from West Indian island of Curacao. The use of radio-active cobalt. Entomologists discovered

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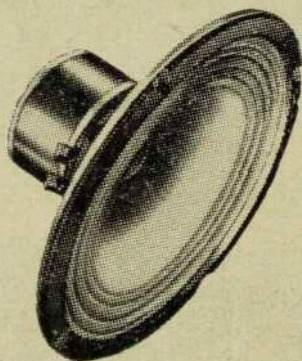
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Miss Myola Elliott-Smith celebrated her 21st birthday at a party in her honour at Port Moresby on November 5. With her in our photograph is her father, District Commissioner Elliott-Smith.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

The female screw-worm fly mated only once. They then bred thousands of male flies and rendered them sterile exposing them to gamma-rays from radio-active salt.

An official of the P-NG Department of Agriculture in Port Moresby pointed out that the Curacao experiment had been successful partly because Curacao was an island. The flies could not therefore move to other areas.

He added, however, that experiments were now under way in Florida, in the United States, and they were successful they would be worthy of investigation for application to the Territory.

BRINGING ADMINISTRATION TO THE IUMUS

A P-NG Native Affairs patrol recently re-entered the Iumu area in the Tari sub-district in the Northern Highlands.

This is the area where a patrol was attacked in August and where, in 1953, a native constable was killed when the Iumus attacked an earlier patrol.

Following the August attack, the Northern Highlands District Commissioner, Mr. R. R. Cole, decided that a strong patrol should return to the Iumu country as soon as possible as a display of strength was essential to bring about peace with these aggressive and arrogant people.

During the August patrol this year, Assistant District Officer W. Crellin repeatedly tried to convince the Iumus that the patrol

wished to establish friendly relations with them. These efforts failed, and consistent attacks were made on the patrol, over a period of two or three days.

Shots fired over the heads of the attackers failed to deter them and it was clear that they did not understand the fire-power of a .303 rifle. It was learned later that the Iumus regarded a rifle as a noisy but harmless weapon.

The attacks continued, but Mr. Crellin decided to withdraw and return later with a larger patrol.

The Acting Director of Native Affairs, Mr. J. K. McCarthy, said that the recent patrol went in with a police unit of 32, and fully achieved its objective.

After three weeks in the area, all the headmen reported to the Base Camp set up by the patrol, and were shown just how effective

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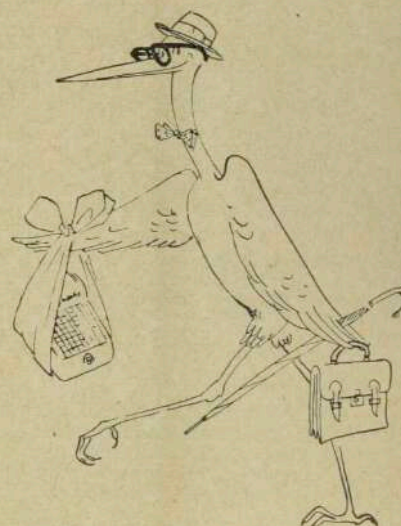
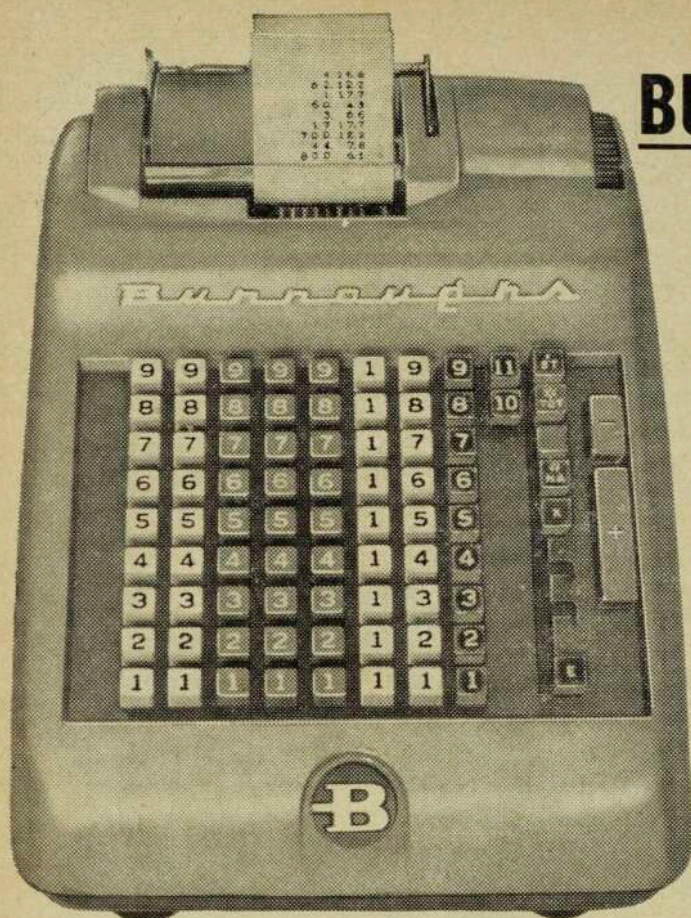
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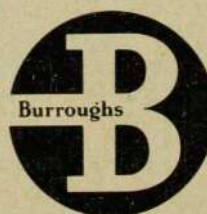
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The natives then had a change of heart and went so far as to apologise for killing the native constable two years previously. They also wanted to pay compensation, and although this was refused, the patrol decided to accept an offer to send men to work on the Tari strip.

The patrol also started peace

negotiations between the Iumus and their long-standing enemy neighbours.

Mr. McCarthy said close contact will be maintained with the Iumus. Another patrol would visit them before the end of the year.

The Iumu country is only about 10 miles from the Tari patrol post.

TV FOR MORESBY?

The President of the Territory Branch of the Wireless Institute of Australia, Mr. Frank Nolan, announced early

November, that the Branch was planning to establish an experimental television transmitter in Port Moresby.

Mr. Nolan's announcement follows an earlier announcement by the Post-Master

On October 20, Miss Geogina Turner married Mr. J. Geoffrey in Rabaul, New Guinea. A reception was held at the New Guinea Club. Our photograph shows, the Rev. Mr. Lutton, of the Methodist Church, the groom and bride, and (standing) Miss Jean Campbell and Mr. Bill Dupe.

Photo: C. H. Meen.

General that television licences would be issued to amateur wireless operators for experimental purposes.

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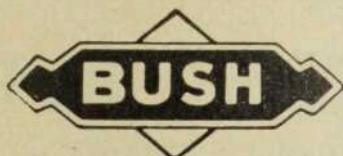
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Mr. Nolan could not say what programmes would be screened until details of the licences had been made known. He added, however, that technical films and films made by amateurs would be shown. The P-NG Branch of the W.I.A. had no intention of buying a television camera.

NATIVE MINERS

STRIKE IT RICH

Natives in the Kainantu District of the New Guinea Eastern Highlands are coming into the high income bracket.

They are reported to be earning about £1,000 a month from gold mining. An Officer of the P-NG Department of mines has now been stationed at Kainantu to handle the gold.

Meanwhile, a mining company, has established the occurrence of Titanium in possible payable quantities in the Barola area of the Eastern Highlands.

Another example of the progress and development of the area is shown in the cash turnover at the District Office at Goroka. Recently it amounted to £60,000 in one month. Three years' ago, the average monthly turnover was less than £7,000.

An administration native labour Inspector, Mr. G. F. Brown, has suggested that native labour employment bureaus be established throughout Papua and New Guinea.

He said this would overcome the problem of unskilled natives moving from one place to another and then finding there was no work for them.

Mr Brown made this suggestion when addressing a meeting of the Lae Town Advisory Council to acquaint the members with the activity taking place in a special

area set aside in Lae for native housing.

Mr. Brown said the idea of scheme was good but the Administration was not going the right about it. Land had been set aside but no provision had been made for lights or sewerage.

He believed also that the Administration should help finance

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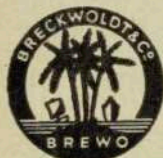
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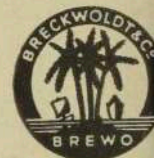
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Mr. H. Hoffmann and Miss M. McNamara, married at the Roman Catholic Church, Moresby, on November 12. Our photograph shows them cutting their wedding cake. Val Cadzow was bridesmaid and Mr. Roberts bestman. Rosie Vidgen was flower-girl.

Photo: Papuan Prints.

atives who were building their homes on the land.

HANUABADA OPERATION COMPLETE

The re-building of Hanuabada village in Port Moresby is now most complete.

Hanuabada was destroyed by fire during the war, and the Australian Government undertook to put up new houses for the inhabitants.

The re-building programme started 6 years ago; 300 native houses have been erected. Only a few more remain to be built.

Hanuabada was a traditional marine village—the houses built on stilts over the sea on high piles. The new Hanuabada—of timber and galvanised iron—is built on the land and already looks like a slum, or like native quarters in a South African city.)

TRADE COMMISSIONER IN NEW GUINEA Australia's senior Trade Commissioner to the United Kingdom, Mr. G. R. Patterson, told planters in Rabaul recently that they must organise themselves properly and fully explore markets and marketing techniques.

Mr. Patterson was speaking at a dinner given in his honour by

the Administration and the Planters' Association of New Guinea.

He commented also on the progress of primary industry in all districts he had visited, and stressed the importance of producers in the Territory maintaining high quality of produce. He said that if this was done, he felt sure that valuable markets existed in the United Kingdom and in Europe.

ANOTHER PLUNGE ON SOGERI ROAD

THE need for safety fences on the Sogeri Road, leading from Port Moresby up into the Papuan rubber area, was emphasised in mid-November following another accident on the road.

A Landrover, driven by Mr. Ernest Heckenburg, plunged off the road and ended up against a boulder 20 ft below.

Heckenburg was thrown clear of the vehicle and fell another 300 ft to the bottom of the valley.

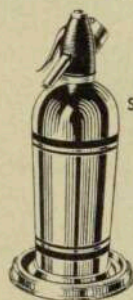
He was found unconscious 4 hours later and taken to hospital; his injuries were not serious.

The accident occurred in the early hours of the morning while Heckenburg was following another vehicle up the mountain road.

FORCED LANDING NEAR WAU

A ploughed field near Wau township became a landing ground in mid-November for a light aircraft

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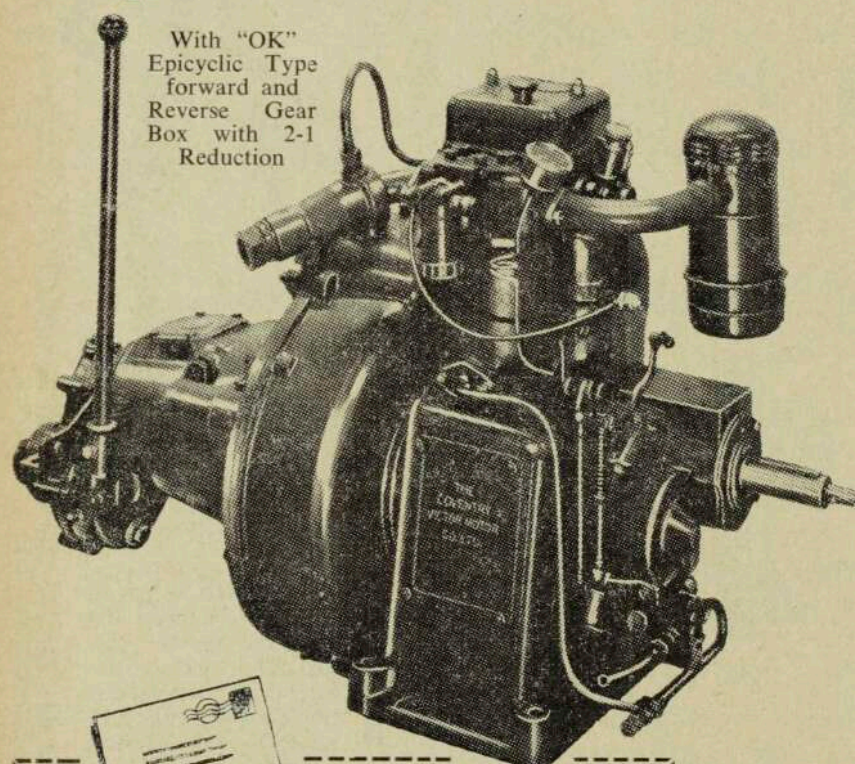
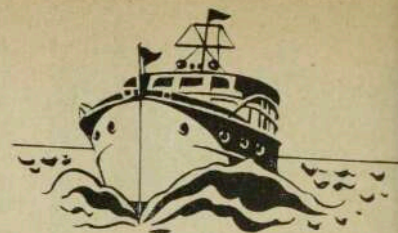
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ceded to put down there when the engine cut out.

The aircraft, a Fox Moth flown by well known Territorian Mr. Norman Wilde, was slightly damaged.

LONG TOW ENDS IN MORESBY

The arrival of an ocean-going tug and two barges in Port Moresby in November ended the longest tow ever undertaken by the United Towing Company of Hull, in England.

The tug, *Tradesman*, towed the barges 11,300 miles from the UK to Papua in 80 days.

The Master of the tug, Captain Hopper, said that the company had undertaken several tows that lasted longer but the journey to Papua was the greatest distance. He said the unique feature of the trip was that nothing unusual hap-

pened. There was good weather most of the way, the tow ropes did not break, and no one went overboard.

The two barges were bought out from England for APC.

TB CHECKS IN PAPUA

The Health Department's tuberculosis tests in the Milne Bay Districts should end before Christmas.

By then, it is estimated that 60-thousand natives in the D'entrecasteaux, Trobriand and Misima Islands will have been X-rayed. Health Officers have been in the area about three months.

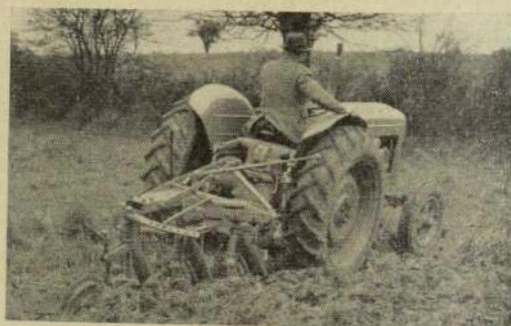
The biggest part of their job has been moving the X-ray machine from place to place. Most of its travels have been on canoes and small boats, and landing the machine at the various islands without benefit



Miss Lois Gibson was married to Mr. Allen Pratt, in the Roman Catholic Church, Rabaul, October 15. Photograph, taken at the reception, shows (left to right): Mrs. Max Lees, Mr. Long, bride and groom, Mrs. Long, and Mr. Max Lees.

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of wharves has proved a major problem.

Dr. May, of the Department of Health, said recently that there were plans to build new wards at a native hospital near Samarai for TB patients.

GIFT PIGS FOR KANDRIAN

Natives at Kandrian, New Britain, may soon be the proud owners of some of the progeny of New South Wales champion Red Berkshire Pigs.

They will be the gift of a former Territory plantation owner, Mr. R. Arrowsmith, to natives who helped him establish his first plantation and worked with him for the whole of the time he was in New Britain.

In a letter to the Department of Native Affairs, Mr. Arrowsmith said he had never forgotten the debt he owed the Kandrian people of New Britain. To help repay them for what they had done for him, he wished to send to Kandrian some of the progeny of the pigs with which he won first prize at the last Royal Easter Show in Sydney.

Mr. Arrowsmith formerly owned Tobera plantation in the Kokopo sub-district. He now has a property at Castle Hill, near Sydney.

PAPUA AT OLYMPICS

Papua may be represented at next year's Olympic Games in Melbourne.

A committee recently formed in Papua has applied to the Inter-

national Olympic Committee in Switzerland for recognition as the Papuan National Olympic Committee. This would be entirely separate from the Australian National Committee.

An official of the Papuan Committee said in November that in the event of its being recognised, the Papuan National Com-

mittee would then have authority to accept nominations for any of events in the Olympic Games.

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UNIQUE: AHEAD OF SCHEDULE

The new wharf at Rabaul is now finished—nearly three months ahead of schedule.

It was built by Dayal Singh Constructions (New Guinea) Limited, at a cost of £228,000, including cargo sheds.

Foundations for the sheds are complete but a shortage of iron is holding up the project.

The newly-completed wharf is 100 ft long and 40 ft wide, and has three concrete approaches.

SEPIK ART FOR SWITZERLAND

A collection of the arts and crafts of natives of the Sepik District of New Guinea will soon be placed among a famous collection housed in the Museum of Anthropology at Basle, in Switzerland.

There are more than 140,000 specimens of the arts and crafts of Pacific Islanders and Indonesians in the Swiss museum.

The Director of the Museum and Professor of Anthropology at Basle University, Dr. Alfred Beuhler, left Port Moresby late November for Newak to start gathering the Sepik specimens.

Dr. Beuhler, one of the world's foremost Anthropologists, visited the territory 25 years ago but did not work in the Sepik district. He plans to spend about six months collecting and studying native handicrafts.

CHIEF SCOUT'S VISIT

The Empire Chief Scout, Lord Rowellan, will arrive in P-NG on Tuesday, January 17, next year. He will leave for Honiara, in the British Solomons, on Monday, January 23.

Lord Rowellan will stay at Port Moresby, Madang and Rabaul during his 7-day Territory visit.

A comprehensive itinerary has been drawn up for the Chief Scout's visit, but, as yet, all details have not been finalised.

MERCY DASH BY CRASH BOAT

A DCA crash boat berthed in Port Moresby one day late in November trying a new-born native child and the body of its mother. The boy was rushed to Hospital and is doing well.

The arrival of the crash-boat followed a desperate effort to get the live woman from Abau, on the Puan east coast, to hospital in Port Moresby.

At the request of the Department of Health, the fastest DCA crash-boat available left Port Moresby to go down the coast and pick up the woman from the motor-vessel *ma*. A European medical officer and an assistant went with the launch.

Before it reached the *Doma*, the baby was born.

Two native nurses and the master of the *Doma* assisted at the birth.

OTC opened its radio-network to enable the acting Director of Health, Dr. May, to give instruction to the *Doma* on the aftercare of the baby.

GETTING WATER FOR MORESBY

At the November meeting of the Port Moresby Town Advisory Council, it was decided to appoint a deputation to seek an interview with the Administrator.

The deputation plans to ask for the formation of a joint committee of Council and Administration officials to discuss the provision of

power, light, water and sewerage, and also to discuss the establishment of a Commission to take over these services.

This move followed the receipt of a letter from the P-NG Assistant Administrator, through the District Commissioner, in which the former said the Council already knew the Administration's plans to augment existing supplies, and that it was not going to panic the Administration into constructing temporary, undesignated engineering works.

Mr. Wilson said an appointee had already been selected for the position of Director, Administration Works Branch, and one of his first duties would be to investigate water

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and electricity supplies in the Territory.

Mr. Wilson's letter went on to say that the present daily supply of 50 gallons per head for everyone in Port Moresby was not unreasonable

for a town that had developed so rapidly, if the difficulty of equitable distribution could be solved.

The Chairman of the Council, Mr. E. A. James, described this as "silly." He said Darwin was supplied

at the rate of 200 gallons a day per person, and the source of supply was 40 miles away, 23 miles more than Port Moresby's source of supply.

Mr. James said the Administration should be censured for its inactivity over the last eight years as regards a water supply for Port Moresby, and that

the number of people who had left the Territory because of the lack of essential services would be surprising.

RADIO TELEPHONE IS POPULAR

Nearly 2,000 radio-telephone calls were received in Port Moresby and a little more than one thousand in Rabaul during the 12 months from the end of March, 1954, to March 31, 1955.

In the same period, there were 1,033 overseas calls made from Port Moresby and 439 from Rabaul.

The Annual report of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission shows that Port Moresby



At the Kokopo Club, New Britain, on November 5, Miss Pamela Levi was married to Mr. Barry O'Connor by the Rev. Mr. Hatters, of the Church of England, Rabaul. Our bridal group shows (left to right): Bridegroom and bride, Mr. Denis Jones (best-man), Mrs. W. Meehan (matron of honour), and flower-girls Dawn Reid and Brownyn Jones.

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EASTER IS. TO TAHITI

Rowing to Freedom

LONG, precarious voyages in rowing boats are becoming a habit of Easter Islanders.

At the end of November, five Easter Islanders arrived in Atiu, Cook Group, after a 54-days voyage from Easter Island in an open boat. They said that they had been without food for 24 days during the 2,500 miles journey.

The men, whose names are given as Gabriel Tuki Veri Very, Ambrosia Riroroko Tuki, Valentine Riroroko Tuki, Israel Riroroko Tuki, and Orlando Paoa Paoa, said that they were aiming at Tahiti, where they had relatives.

In December, 1954, three Easter Islanders arrived in Tahiti after making most of the voyage in a 22-ft rowing boat; they had been 29 days on the way from Easter to the Tuamotus from which point they voyaged to Papeete on a Government ship.

They said on arrival that they were seeking liberation from the yoke of Chilean rule of their island.

New Schoolhouse for Western Highlands



A new European school (see opposite page) was recently opened at Mt. Hagen, NG Western Highlands. The school is modern in design and attractively painted in pastel colours inside. The group of residents (shown above) attended the opening of the school. They are (left to

right): Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Blood, Mrs. Mrs. K. Walters, and District Commissioner Mr. W. R. Dishon. The two children, Blood and Patricia Dishon, are attending school.

—Photos by L. A. Bas

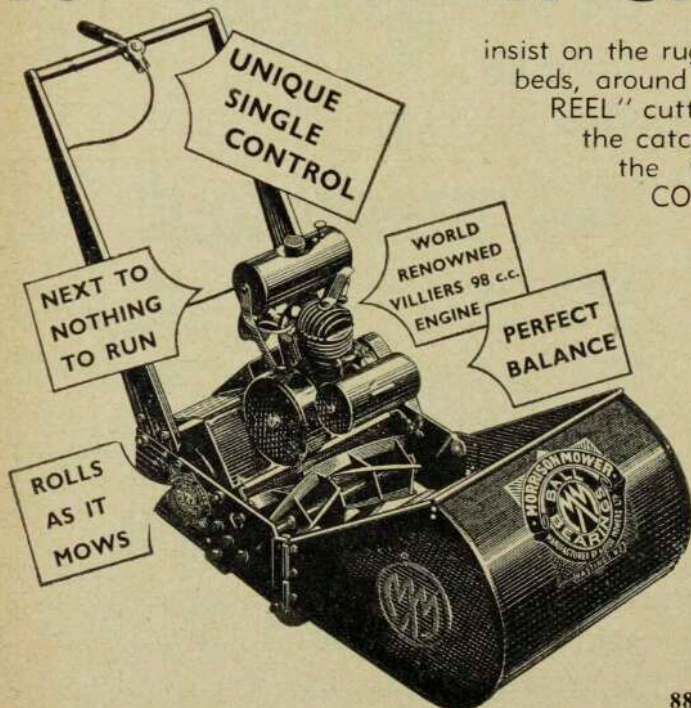
They were whisked off to hospital for a medical check-up and were somewhat embarrassed to find themselves occupying the same ward as the newly-arrived Chilean consul in Tahiti.

However, the French Oceania government presumably gave them

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¶ Mr. J. L. Bergelin, Administrative Officer, BSIP, travelled in October *Tulagi* to Sydney, on 10

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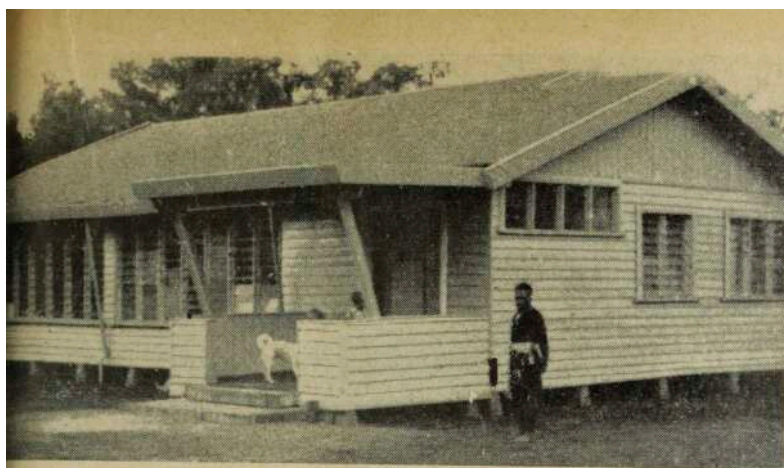
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Goroka school—see opposite page.

Lights on in Goroka

GOROKA, in the New Guinea Eastern Highlands, should have its hydro-electricity system in operation early in the new year.

The last piece of equipment for the plant, a generator, is now on its way to NG from the UK, by sea. Another important piece of machinery, a turbine, is now at Lae awaiting the arrival of the generator. Both pieces of equipment will then be flown into Goroka. When this happens, lights-on should be possible within a month.

¶ Mr. R. D. Fairley, Administrative Officer, BSIP, returned to Honiara from leave on October 24.

Annual Exodus from Cooks

WHEN the *Matua* sailed for Auckland from Rarotonga on November 15, she carried 10,000 lbs of Mangaian pineapples and passengers from the Cook Group. A number of the passengers were administration officials travelling with their wives and families on furlough. Other seconded officers are returning home after completing their three-year engagements with the Cooks.

Passengers from Mangaia were G. L. Snow, branch manager for B. Donald Ltd., and Mr. Ronald Neill.

The *Matua* brought replacements and repatriated officials.

Mr. Scarborough is now the Superintendent of the Radio station, Mr. E. Cahill replaces Mr. B. Norton as senior operator. Dr. M. J. King, Wellington's Director of the New Zealand Miniature Radiography Unit, arrived with Mr. Mahony, X-ray technician.

Two former members of the Civil Service Department, Mr. White and Mr. Roberts, returned to New Zealand to take up new appointments. Mr. White will go to a school in the Nelson Board and Mr. Roberts to an Auckland Maori school.

Mr. A. S. Kerkham left Suva on November 8 for Australia, where he will join the Sydney office of Morris & Co., Ltd., with whom he has been associated in Fiji for 19 years. He has taken a leading interest in football, hockey and yachting. At a Rugby Union farewell he was presented with a Representative's jersey—the first occasion such a presentation has been made—and representatives of the Union, the Rugby unions and the referees' association spoke in praise of the outstanding service Mr. Kerkham has given to Rugby in Fiji.

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TRADE SLUMP IN NEW HEBRIDES

A VILA correspondent reports that with copra currently at £A43/3/- per ton, a general business slump has set in in the New Hebrides.

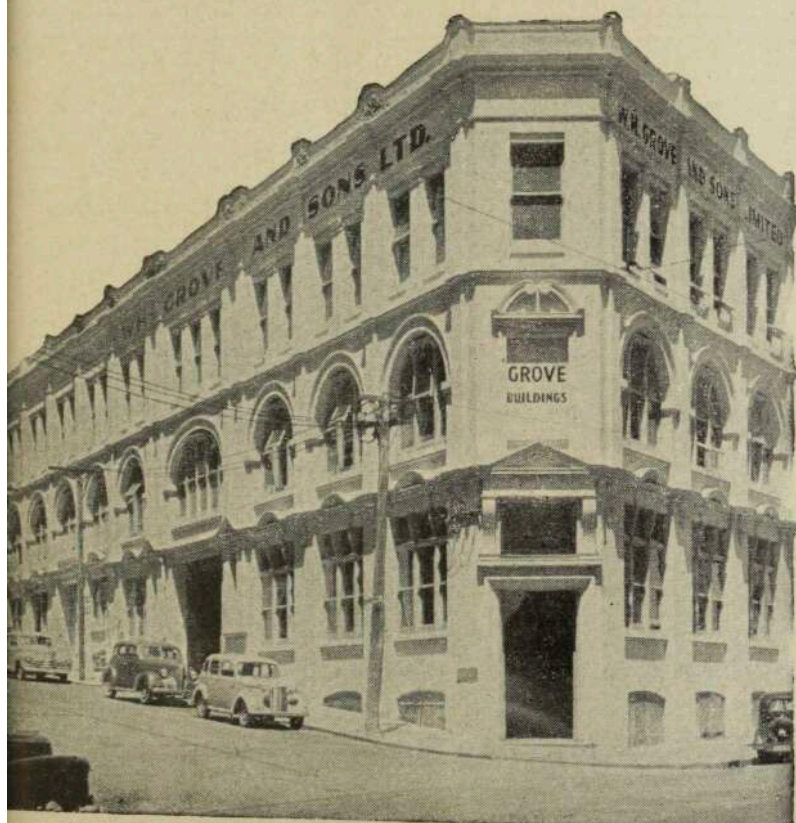
The slump is most evident in the bars, where customers are few; restaurants are not spending much money in town. There is also a very slow turnover in all kinds of consumer goods.

Seeking trade, Chinese storekeepers have been selling rice at £2/4/- per 56-lb bag, which is 4/- below landed cost. American cigarettes are down to 7/6 per carton of 200.

Basketball Champions of Papua

On October 29, in Port Moresby, a dance was held by the Basketball Association. During the evening a trophy was presented to the team which won the premiership. Members of the team, shown (left to right), are: Mrs. Barbara Mord, Miss Maureen Shorthouse, Miss Betty Gordon, Mrs. Vi Chippendale, Mr. Otto Zander (captain), Mrs. Joyce Martin, Mrs. Gladys Mord, and Mrs. Fran Carven. Absent from the team but in the winning team, Mrs. Viv Seogh.

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Letter to the Editor

The Escape From Tarawa in 1942

I WOULD like to give you the plain facts on the final escape from Tarawa in 1942, which, to my knowledge, have not before been published. (See PIM for July, 1955). In doing this I feel I will be clearing up any doubts cast on the loyalty of my officers and crew serving under me at the time.

The escape from Tarawa in the first place was to have been undertaken by myself, officers and whoever among the crew wished to leave, which would have been a comparatively simple undertaking. Subsequent events, including the arrival of a drifting life-boat with nine survivors, the wish on the part of a good many more people to leave, and the presence of heavy air reconnaissance, turned this hitherto small operation into one of heavy responsibility.

Prior to this I had received orders to proceed with the utmost celerity to the Southern Gilberts. But, because of the reconnaissance, and the difficulties attached to travelling at night and staying concealed by day with three boats (1 launch and 2 life-boats) and a

large party, I decided to wait until, in my opinion, reconnaissance had lessened and conditions regarding tides had become more favourable. The wisdom of this decision was borne out by the fact that my officers (with one exception) and men stood by me,

and the escape was accomplished leaving no one who wished to could leave, and leaving responsibility to Government regards Europeans.

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I am, etc.,

E. W. HARNESS

ova,
ov. 17, 1955.

(EDITORIAL NOTE: The article in July, 1955 PIM, to which Captain Harness refers, was not intended to reflect on the loyalty of his officers and crew. Nor do we think that it does. One matter should, however, be made plain, as Captain Harness may infer that it was Captain Stead who provided with the July story. This is not true. Captain Stead has never communicated with the PIM about the Tarawa escape, or about anything else. Staff members of PIM know him only by repute. As was made clear in an introduction to our July story, it was written here in Sydney from copies of an official report that we had held for over 13 years. The report contained statements from almost every person involved in the escape, and official comments on the statements. Stead was commended as having shown initiative; and it was considered that "the success of his venture contributed materially to the decision of the main party at Tarawa to put to sea.")

Better-Balanced Trade with N. Caledonia

At the present time New Caledonia buys far more from Australia than Australia buys from NC—a sore point for a long period—but this situation may become more favourable for New Caledonia.

A Noumea correspondent says that Australia has announced that she will triple her order for nickel, from the present 500 tons per annum to 1,500 tons. This, together with an expanding iron-ore trade Australia might permit the French Colony to further expand Australian business.

One sign of the new situation may be seen in another Noumea announcement. A special allocation of import licenses to obtain extra Christmas goods from Australia has been approved by the Government in November. Items included are fish and shrimps, as well as other "luxury" goods.

Pan American Has Birthday

PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS celebrated the 20th anniversary of the inauguration of its North Pacific service on November 22—it was the first regular air connection between the United States and the Far East.

The company pioneered the South Pacific route in December, 1937, when the first survey flight was made with a Sikorsky S-42-B flying boat named *Samoa Clipper*. On the second flight, carrying mails, in January, 1938, *Samoa Clipper*, commanded by the company's senior pilot, Captain Edwin C. Musick, exploded in the air about 40 minutes after take-off

from Pago Pago for Auckland, Captain Musick and his six crew men being lost. This disaster, and other events, halted the continuance of the South Pacific Service until 1941.

Captain Musick's association with trans-South Pacific commercial aviation was commemorated in Auckland by giving his name to an important radio station near Auckland which maintains contact with all aircraft and shipping.

† The "Oiseau des Iles" arrived at Rarotonga from the French Phosphate Islands on November 23. She repatriated the last of the Cook Islands labourers—37 men from Mauke Island.

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French Air Plans For The Hebrides

THE New Hebrides, which since June, 1955, has had no air service at all, may in the foreseeable future have several air connections with the outside world.

Noumea's new and thriving air company, TRANSPAC, commenced a fortnightly air service to Vila and Santo in the New Hebrides in November. The company is seeking government mail subsidies, but meanwhile is carrying mail at eight rates.

This development, undoubtedly warmly welcomed by New Hebrides residents, was announced by TRANSPAC's Chairman of Directors, Mr. H. G. Martinet, who was in Sydney in November seeking aircraft to assist the company's present single, hard-working De Havilland Rapide.

Mr. Martinet said that the company's operating schedules are still in the adjustment stage. At present the New Hebrides flight

leaves Noumea on Wednesdays and returns on Thursdays. TRANSPAC has doubled its capital to four million francs, and will purchase immediately one or two Rapides or Herons, if these can be located at the right price.

The Rapide carries six passengers on the Noumea-Vila via Lifu sector, and eight from Vila on to Santo. Normal flying times for this aircraft are Noumea-Lifu, 1 hr. 10 mins; Lifu-Vila, 2 hrs; Vila-Santo, 1 hr. 40 mins. Due to the comparatively small pay-load, fares are somewhat higher than the former Qantas fares.

Mr. Martinet said that TRANSPAC has no complaints about the existing Bauer Field airstrip at Vila and Bomber-III strip at Luganville, Santo, as far as Rapide operations were concerned.

It has been suggested, also, that the new company, Transports Ariens Internationales, which is to take over the Saigon-Noumea sector of the Air France route at the end of the year, would, if international approval can be secured, base a DC4 aircraft at New Caledonia to maintain connections with the New Hebrides as well as with Sydney and Auckland.

It is presumed, of course, that

TAI would be under the same disadvantages in regard to the Hebrides as are Qantas at present—that is, that airports at Vila and

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Santo will have to be brought up to standard required for Skymaster aircraft.

For some time negotiations have been taking place for a French airlink between Noumea and Auckland as an extension of the French route from Paris to Noumea. It has been hinted also, that the French are interested in establishing an air service between Noumea and Tahiti.

Landing rights at Fiji, Cook Islands or Samoa would be necessary for this service, but should not present any great difficulty as TEAL (owned by NZ) is already flying in to Papeete.

Unless the French are prepared to revert to flying-boats, however, it is unlikely that such a service would be possible for some time. There is no aerodrome near Papeete although some months ago, the local Council "approved" the construction of one on a small island a few miles out of the town and adjacent the mainland. Money for the construction of such an airport would have to come from Metropolitan France, so local approval of the project apparently is just a formality.

In the meantime, reconstruction of the airfields for Vila and Santo remains at a standstill. A resident has suggested that the delay is due to protracted negotiations between the British and French portions of the Condominium.

It is said that the Americans

built the two airstrips in question on French land and years ago recompensed the French Government in NH for the land involved. Some months ago, the French Government paid the individuals who originally owned the land and now owns the land itself. It is suggested that the French Government now wants the British

Government to pay half the value of the land—although obviously the French got it without paying anything.

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surprising if this resulted in renewed interest being taken in the Pacific colonies. Because of this, Australia, traditional supplier of air and sea transport to the French Pacific groups, could be outmanoeuvred.

A great deal of French capital is being poured into New Caledonia and New Caledonia is fantastically rich in minerals of every sort. Big Business in New Caledonia has always regarded the Hebrides as a part of NC and there are no signs that this interest is waning.

At present there is a trade slump in the Hebrides, due to the low price of copra. There have been depressions there before—and it has usually been the British settlers who suffer. Britain has never done anything to assist her nationals there. France, in the past, has aided her settlers with labour, copra subsidies and by other means.

Australian Airmail to

New Hebrides Resumes

THE airmail service to the New Hebrides from Australia, which was suspended earlier in the year when Qantas withdrew its flying-boats, will now resume. This was announced in Canberra on November 30.

It is understood that the mail will be carried from Sydney to Noumea by Qantas and from there will go to the Hebrides by TRANS-AC which has announced a fortnightly service between Noumea and the Hebrides.

Fiji Credit Unions Still Expanding

THE Fiji Central Committee of the Credit Union movement reports that by the end of September, 1955, there were 118 groups with a total registered membership of 14,521.

The Credit Unions are a form of savings and loan co-operative. Total savings now amount to £60,085, and 9,495 loans, mainly of short-term nature, have been made to members. Between July 1 and September 30 this year, 2,515 loans totalling £23,141 had been made.

There is now interest in these Credit Unions in the Cook Islands, where it is understood that the recently appointed Co-operatives officer is encouraging their establishment.

US Department of Agriculture revised its estimate of world coffee production, 1955-56 season, to more than 45 million bags (132,276 lbs each) in November. This was 11 per cent. higher than an earlier estimate.

Rats and Ghosts Live at Suwarrow

ANCHORAGE islet's abandoned settlement in 'haunted' Suwarrow atoll, Cook Islands, is alive with rats, according to Mr. Bob Grant, an American, who is probably the most recent caller at the atoll (excepting possible Japanese fishermen).

Mr. Grant called in his yacht *Korrigan* in March.

The atoll had been uninhabited since Mr. Tom Neale of Rarotonga left in July, 1954, after about nine months' residence. During that time

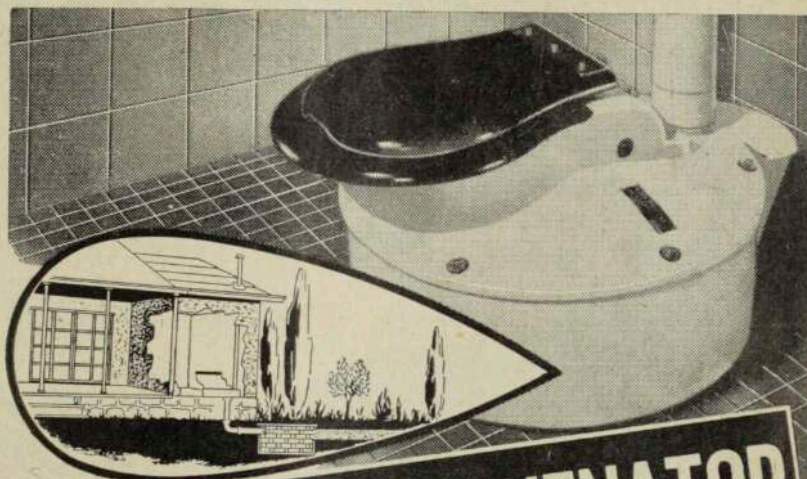
he reduced the rat population somewhat with the aid of cats which he took with him.

A team of Manihiki mother-of-pearl shell divers spent from May to September, 1954, at the atoll testing the lagoon. Shell diving may be resumed there next year.

The atoll has no present value as a copra producer, as the palms are heavily infested with termites which kill them soon after they reach the bearing stage.

The atoll has a lurid past, largely fictionalised, and is said by many Cook Islanders to be haunted.

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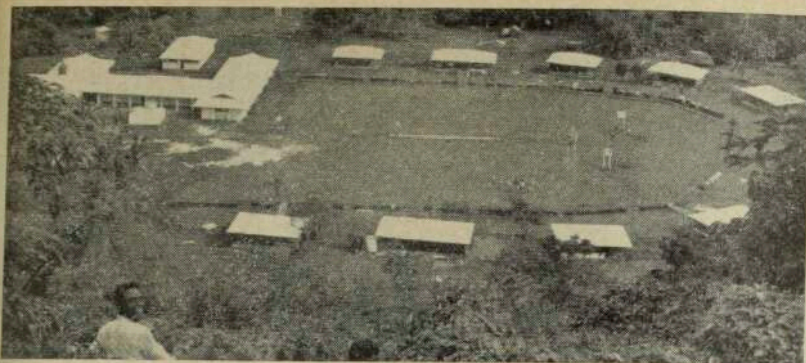
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The project represents another portion of the building programme of this church throughout the world. Supervision and materials, as well as money, from America have been used and most of the labour has been contributed by adherents to the church in Samoa.

At present a crew of 12 men are building chapel, recreation hall and mission home in Apotonga, which is also part of the Samoan mission. (See elsewhere).

Land has been purchased in Suva, Fiji, where new chapel, recreation hall and mission home will be built in 1956. Plans are also being made for the construction of a new high school and junior college in Tutuila, American Samoa.

Mr. A. M. Wilkie, Development Secretary, Western Pacific High Commission, arrived in Honiara, BSIP, on September 20, accompanied by Mrs. Wilkie. Mr. Wilkie was formerly Assistant Financial Secretary, Kenya.

NEW BUILDINGS FOR VILA

BURNS Philp & Co. have completed construction of their new office building in Vila, New Hebrides; in addition the old store building is being extended 70 ft. westward.

Also under construction for the Big Firm, is a motor garage, with a greasing hoist—the first in the New Hebrides—and a kerosene store to the east of the new office.

Elsewhere in town a new store and hair-dressing saloon has been completed for Mr. George Bright. This is the first European-operated hair-dressing saloon.

Captain and Mrs. Orme Denny of Lae, New Guinea, have been in Sydney recently on "family business." In October, Miss Audrey Denny became Mrs. V. Brookes of Melbourne. And on December 1, Miss Pamela Denny was given a coming-of-age party by her parents.

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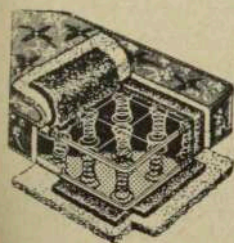
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EXPERTS SURVEY THE COOKS

AS a result of a criticism of many phases of Cook Islands affairs last year, a Parliamentary delegation, headed by the then Minister of Island Territories, made a short visit to the two main islands for an on-the-spot investigation.

As a result of his visit—he said criticisms were not based on any firm information—an economic survey by two leading New Zealand economists, Professor H. Belshaw and Mr. V. D. Stace, was made.

Copies of the 204-page report they compiled were tabled in the House in Wellington, and simultaneously at the annual Legislative Council meeting in the Cook Islands in October.

The full report is not yet to hand in Sydney but a Rarotonga correspondent gave in November PIM a resume of its findings on the Cooks' copra industry. This preview seems to suggest that the criticisms from the Cooks last year may not have been far from the mark, at least in the eyes of the economists.

The full report should be of wide interest to New Zealand taxpayers who have to pay the bill each year. Some permanent residents of the Cooks believe that these Islands, given encouragement and assistance towards development, could be self-

supporting. The economic survey, now completed, may point the way more clearly.

† A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Windsor, of Auckland, early in November. Mr. Windsor is the well known Radio Officer-Purser of NZGS *Maui Pomare*, and Mrs.

Windsor is known in the Cook Islands in connection with the G.I. Guide movement.

‡ Mr. F. H. Sims, Senior Assistant Auditor, British Solomon Islands Protectorate, and Mrs. Sims arrived in Honiara, BSIP, in late September.

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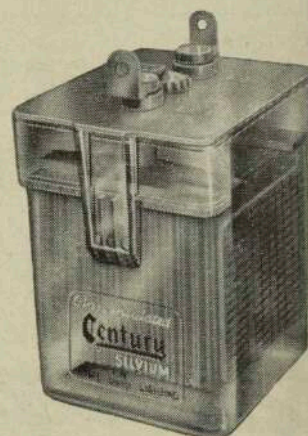
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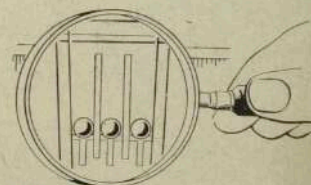
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BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS IN FIJI SHOW PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS

EVIDENCE heard before the Commission inquiring into allegations of bribery concerning the Fiji Police has suggested that among the Indians in Fiji, as among most Asiatic peoples, bribery is regarded as a natural concomitant of business, especially when business is to be done with officials in subordinate posts.

For example, an Indian witness told the Commission that when he took a lorry to the Police Station to secure a certificate after examination of the vehicle, he also took £10 to expedite matters.

He admitted that the policeman concerned had not asked for money, but said that the £10 had been handed over.

Explaining this alleged transaction, the witness said: "The sergeant makes a lot of fuss and trouble and points to all sorts of things that have to be done. To-day he says this thing wants fixing. When it is fixed next day, he says that another thing needs replacing, and on the third day he finds something else. He is a good man, so I give him £10. I could see he was playing up with me. These things have to be done in the dark. Then he makes more fuss and bother, so I give him more."

After mentioning with commiseration that the policeman had a large family to support, the witness added that his lorry was a good vehicle and did not require so many improvements.

"Good?" commented Mr. D. M. McFarlane, one of the Commissioners. "You bought it from the New Zealand Army nine years ago, and I would like to see a good truck after the Army has one with it!"

At times during the inquiry it has become clear that while some of the allegations against the Police Traffic Department may or may not be true, others appear to be made by transport proprietors who have failed to get service licences or to have their vehicles passed. Some of these people seem to regard the giving of evidence before the Commission as a help in that direction.

WHEN Commissioners asked Acting Assistant Police Commissioner H. Halstead what was the attitude of the ex-Commissioner of Police (Mr. E. K. Laws) in regard to bribery allegations, Mr. Halstead replied: "He just did not want to discuss it."

The Acting Crown Solicitor (Mr. Lewis) asked if the ex-Commissioner had taken the line of least resistance. Mr. Halstead replied: "Yes, he did not want any trouble." He himself had reopened the investigation when the ex-

Commissioner was on leave.

He told the Commission that he believed that when the allegations of bribery were coming in, Inspector R. B. Winthrop, who had been in charge of the Traffic Office, should have been transferred, not only in the interests of the Police Depart-

ment, but also in the interests of Mr. Winthrop himself.

At another stage of the inquiry, Superintendent B. F. Hooper told the Commission that Mr. Winthrop had been transferred at his own request following an interview with a visiting Inspector-General from the Colonial Office.

IN the early part of the inquiry, a bright note was given to proceedings by an Indian bus proprietor who, after stating that (a) he had not heard of bribes being paid, (b) he had no complaints to make against the Transport Board, and (c) he had never given a bribe to anybody, added after reflection that he had once bribed a constable.

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he had been "booked" for not having a rear light on a vehicle. A constable had said that the offence would be worth £3 in court, but that he would accept £1. Further inquiries disclosed that the constable had retired many years ago and was probably dead. The Commission left it at that.

Bribery allegations have ranged from £100 to a few shillings and have included such items as dinners with "plenty of liquor," radios, free milk for a policeman, rice, a poster and three rums.

For the most part such allegations have not been supported by solid evidence, and, apart from evidence of departmental disputes and difficulties, much of the inquiry has consisted in effect of one man's word against another's.

Many witnesses have admitted that "Suva gossip" was the source of their information, and refusals to give answers to questions and conflicting evidence have at times frustrated the hearing.

WHEN the first part of the Commission's hearing ended at Suva on November 24 (after which the inquiry moved to Ba), the general feeling seemed to be that nothing of a really conclusive nature had been produced.

The evasiveness and self-contradiction displayed at times by some of the witnesses plainly bore

out a remark by Superintendent J. Colclough during the hearing. He said that some of the people whose stories had been related or quoted "could not tell the truth, even if they wanted to."

The Commission will resume its Suva hearing after Christmas.

Surprise Visitors to Isolated Penrhyn

PENRHYN Island, Northern Cooks, had a surprise visit by the Royal Air Force on September 27.

Two RAF Shackleton long-range reconnaissance bombers which have been visiting the South Pacific, flew to the atoll from Canton Island.

The first aircraft arrived over Penrhyn at 7 am and carried out aerial photography until 10 am. The second aircraft arrived overhead at 8.35 am and landed on the disused airstrip at 9 am, taking off again for Canton at 1.40 pm.

This was the first aircraft to land on the war-time built strip since the Americans departed in 1946.

The same aircraft, with their powerful radar, co-operated in the Joyita search some days later.

Following an inspection cruise of the Papuan Gulf area recently, the Senior Medical Officer said that about 150 leper patients were receiving treatment in the area at present. This number, he said, warranted establishment of another leprosy hospital in the area.

After many years service the Rev. W. G. Murphy will retire on January 31, 1956, from his duties as head of the London Missionary Society in the Cook Group. He will live in the UK. The Rev. Mr. Thoroughgood, formerly resident at Aitutaki, will replace him.

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Many of the veteran vehicles which bucket round Viti Levu provide dust-baths and mud-baths according to the weather, but the new arrivals are semi-air-conditioned and have electric fans for use when the coaches are stationary. White linen headrests are fitted to the seats, and—wonder piled on wonder—an electric button on each seat can be pressed to summon a hostess.

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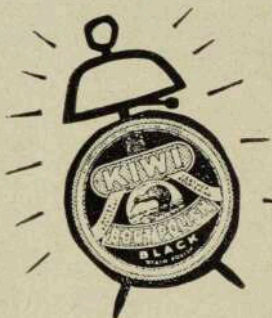
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The Governor said that although Fiji's trade balance for the year was likely to be adverse, there was wide interest in new crops and industrial development was proceeding satisfactorily, if slowly.

To the end of October, 312,000 cases of bananas had been shipped, and the total for the year might reach the 1953 record of 382,200 cases. Increasing interest was being taken in cocoa, and the quality of chocolate made from small samples grown in Fiji had been extremely encouraging. Pepper, a recently introduced crop, was growing and yielding well.

THE Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. R. Major) told the Council that a surplus of £65,024 was estimated for 1955, but, because of expenditure below estimates, the surplus might be nearer £300,000.

The estimate of revenue was £410,015, and expenditure £5,444,991. The new revenue estimate was £2,000 over the original estimate, based mainly by a rise of £206,000 in customs receipts and an extra £1,000 defence reimbursement by New Zealand.

Mr. Major referred to the "stounding, and possibly alarming" volume of imports this year. As a result, he said, would probably be an adverse trade balance of £100,000. Unless export income were increased, Fiji's ability to pay the imports from which the considerable import duty total was derived, might be impaired, and this would be reflected in the services provided.

Revenue in 1956 is estimated at £55,874 and expenditure at £100,574, giving a surplus of £300. This surplus might be reduced by up to £40,000 as a result of measures to be introduced in the Budget session.

With regard to Fiji's Development Fund, Mr. Major said that although the United Kingdom grant of £2,000,000 had been hoped for, the allocation was £1,700,000. While disappointing, this did not close the door to future application for a supplementary grant.

As a result of the adoption of the

education plan, the Development Plan had been expanded from £8,074,000 to £8,711,000. It was proposed to raise £6,000,000 by loan, £777,000 by grant, and £840,000 (including the extra £100,000) from revenue, leaving a shortfall of £1,094,000.

Mr. Major said it was proposed to face the shortfall because there might be a carry-over from the first plan, they might not be able to complete a very ambitious programme in the time set down, and there was also the hope of a supplementary grant. If the worst came to the worst, they could "cut the cost to suit the cloth."

THE heavy reliance on import duties was a matter of some

concern, said Mr. Major. A careful watch would be kept so that steps could be taken, if necessary, to prevent any unbalance in revenue and expenditure by curtailing expenditure on unessentials.

Reserves were very slender, and the Colony had no surplus of fat to tide it over a lean year.

Mr. Major said that the wharf schemes at both Suva and Lautoka would be proceeded with.

The 1955 wage award for Government labour on the lower scales will cost the Government £200,000.

The Budget allocates £150,000 for additional houses for civil servants. The Acting Financial Secretary said that a survey had shown that 69 more houses were required at Suva and 199 in country districts.

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Some brief impressions of various countries, gained by the Editor and Publisher of the PIM, in a tour through Southeast Asia, Western Europe and South Africa.

They are published here because world conditions indirectly, and Southeast Asia conditions directly, will sooner or later affect our South Pacific countries.

Indonesia: A Red Bridge to South Pacific

AS the Dutch and part-Dutch folk move out, under the bitter, unscrupulous and merciless political pressure of the Indonesians, the Chinese are moving in. Chinese, rather than Indonesians, are taking the place of the Dutch, as traders, shipowners, financiers.

Swarms of Communist agents are mingling in with the Chinese. There will be a large Communist Party in the newly-elected Indonesian Parliament.

The Indonesians are babbling, impetuous people, whose idea of government is to establish a police state.

Indonesia, under conditions now developing, is likely to be a dangerous neighbour for Australia, and the South Pacific generally.

Singapore—Malaya—Borneo

THESE are the last countries of the great Empire-in-Asia over which the Union Jack flew only 25 years ago; and in all the world to-day there is no sight more likely to create misgiving and depression in the heart of a good Britisher.

Right here, amid the rioting of Chinese student hoodlums and the posturings of semi-literate Malayan politicians, I saw in operation the processes which represent the deplorable retreat of our once-great Colonial Power.

A volume could be written about the causes of it all. Sufficient to say here that as the British and French (Indo-China) retire from Southeast Asia, the Chinese are swarming in and already are actually, if not nominally, in control of commerce and finance. Behind

the scenes, they control also much of the administration.

Within a very few years, the Reds will be dominant also in Burma and Siam; and the way will be open for the Chinese to roll on through Southeast Asia and Indonesia into the South Pacific.

It was against this background that I saw something of the movements around and following the Bandoeng (Asia-Africa) Conference and the Colombo Plan; and in neither could I see the slightest sign of anything likely to reduce the threat of Asia against the South Pacific.

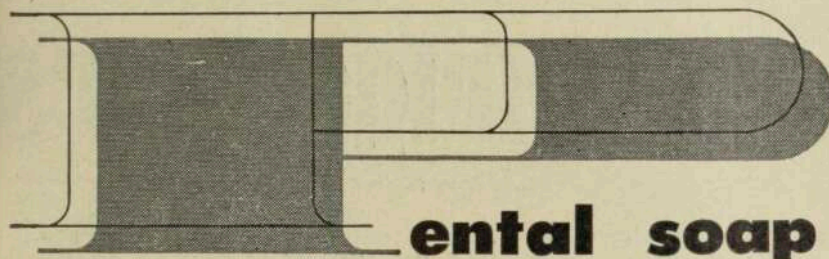
The Colombo Plan may be likened, in its effectiveness, to the fiddle which Nero operated while Rome burned.

En route from Asia to London, I passed through or had a quick look at India, Ceylon, Egypt, Soudan, Suez Canal, and Cyprus, where the British are either out, or going out, or fighting to keep a foothold.

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magnificent record of developmental achievement; we would be justified in retaining control, at least until this ideological crisis passes; but, in every case, we have seen the British official representatives bowing respectfully to screeching native patriots and assuring them, in the name of human brotherhood and UNO and what-not, that Britain will be out immediately, or soon thereafter.

Britain: Her Economy on A Knife's Edge

SO the depressing politico-economic set-up in the United Kingdom came to me as no surprise.

Because she has lost a great proportion of her overseas Empire, plus much of the trade that follows the flag, plus the income from Two Thousand Million Pounds formerly invested overseas and latterly spent on war, the economy of our Mother Country is balanced on a knife's edge.

After 1850 AD, by reason of their enormous overseas possessions and profits, the British established high standards of living. Since World War II, they have been trying to replace their lost income and hold those living standards, by building up an enormous volume of exports.

That effort calls for very hard work and considerable austerity of living; but I found a Britain that,

after some initial success, appears to be deliberately abandoning both.

These uninstructed one-man-one-vote industrial masses, completely ignorant of economic laws and of what is entailed in the loss of £2½ billions of overseas investments, are howling ever more loudly for more wages and shorter hours; the politicians, naturally, are trying to

placate them; and the country's finances are sliding inevitably into the red.

One sees all sorts of national economic absurdities—such as huge imports of coal from overseas, because the British miners will not hew enough British coal; and people flocking into England from other countries to undergo expensive

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urgical operations at the State's expense (for all medical service in Britain is free). But the British masses know nothing and care less about the economic laws which govern these things.

And they are equally ignorant and quite indifferent about what is happening in South East Asia and other British countries overseas.

The British Government is faced with a hopeless task in trying to balance the national economy—a task made more hopeless and difficult by the complete failure of the popular British newspapers to enlighten and instruct the masses.

Awaiting Another Miracle!

ONE'S over-riding impression of Britain is that of a stupid, brave, good-natured Colossus tumbling along in the dark, blind to the precipices on either hand, deaf to the warnings of the comparatively few who can see, quite complacent about its ability to remain on the path, resolutely refusing to panic.

There are 50 million people in Britain. This fertile island might, if intensively farmed, support half or two-thirds of them in comfort. But, even under the happiest conditions of primary production, a large number of millions must live by making things to send abroad in exchange for food and other essentials.

Unless the 1952-54 volume of overseas trade is maintained, living standards will come down; and then the Colossus will become bad-tempered, and either revolt, or surrender to Communism. American monetary gifts saved Britain between 1945 and 1950; but that will not happen again.

Luck, combined with the average Briton's inability to know when he is beaten, several times has saved the British nation. Maybe, some sort of economic miracle will do it again. But, seen against a background of official statistics, the prospect is dismal and depressing.

France: Professional Politicians and Debased Currency

IF one would know the ultimate effect of some of the political and economic evils which beset our Mother Country, one should study conditions to-day in France. On the one side are the patriots and the intellectuals, engaged in a losing fight to maintain the culture and the glory which once gave France the leadership of the world. On the other side are the fanatical theorists, the greedy and unscrupulous traders, the religious bigots, the professional politicians, the treacherous Reds, split into a dozen irreconcilable political parties—and the whole festering mass dragging

France down into a sociological gutter.

Progressively, as the Mediterranean race displaces the Nordic elements which once maintained France as a great and challenging Power, France is sliding down the national scale.

Last elections, some 5,000,000 persons voted Communist and elected 99 Communists. The Red vote in the forthcoming elections will be significant.

The population has remained almost stationary, at around 40 millions, for 30 years.

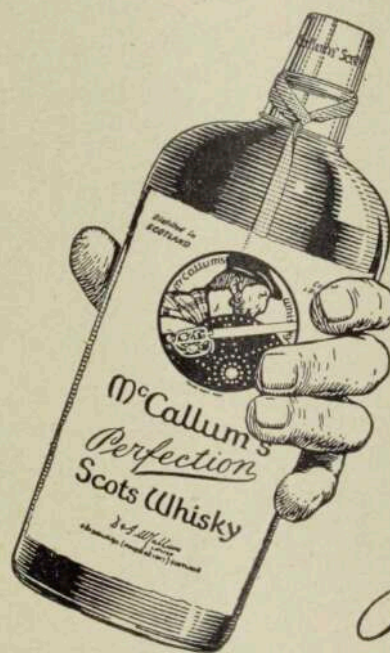
They tell me that, internally, the economic condition of France is quite good, despite the crippling cost of her military operations in

Asia and North Africa. But how can one have any respect for the economies of countries like France and Italy, where payment of a mere restaurant bill calls for such a mass of filthy and debased paper currency!

Italy: Overcrowded, Hungry, Drifting Leftwards

ONLY by constant struggle and political intrigue are the Communists kept out of power in Italy—about half the people vote Red.

It is not difficult to see why this is so. Here are 48 million people trying to sustain life in a country where there is room only for about



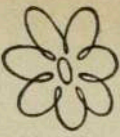
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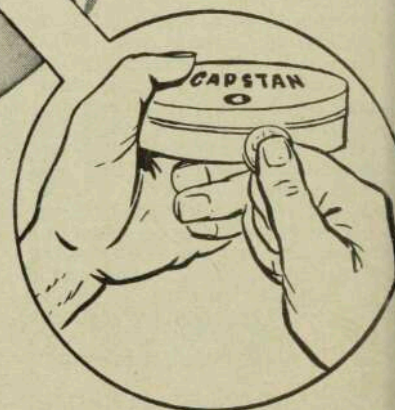
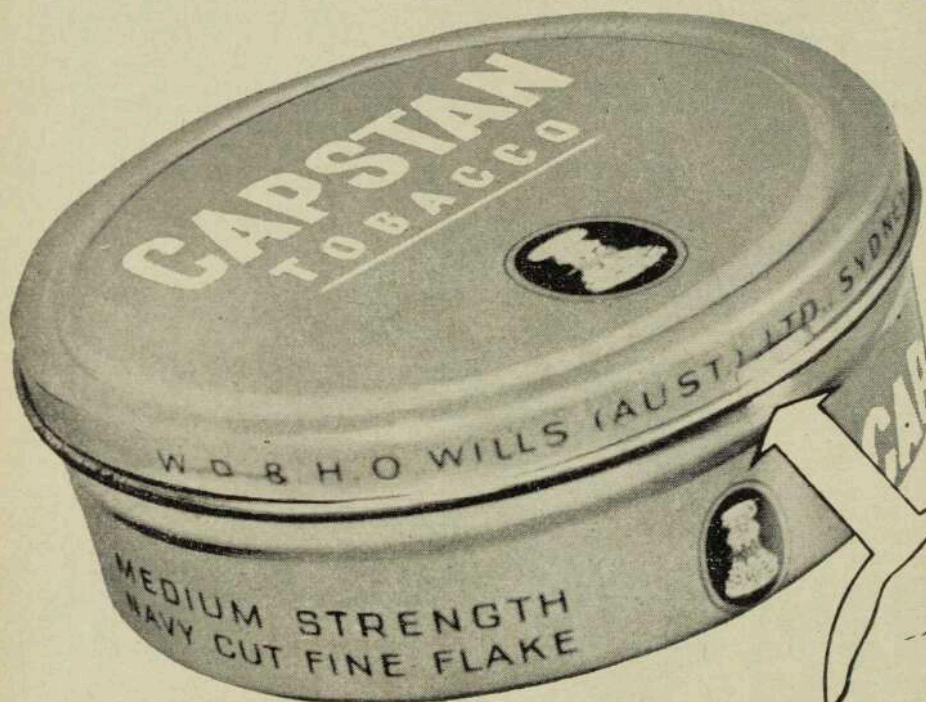
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30 million. There are endless and very horrible slums in all the big cities I saw, swarming with children. The Roman Catholic Church, still the strongest influence in Italy, sets its face resolutely against birth-control.

"There is no hope for Italy under the present conditions," said an intelligent industrialist whom I met in Rome. "Our people just naturally turn to Communism. 'It might be better,' they say. 'It could not be worse.' Italy will go Communist soon. The Church is losing its influence."

Germany: Red Russia's Nightmare

THE way in which the Germans are working, and restoring their country to prosperity and political power, is the most impressive thing I saw in Europe.

Where the present temper of the English and the French industrial masses is expressed in a dispirited slouch, the German worker sets his heels down firmly and confidently. His chin is up, and he seems to know where he is going. This year he has begun to shout for higher wages, but he still works at least 48 hours per week; and the products of his busy factories are playing Old Harry with British trade in most of the countries I visited. Of all the Western nations, the

Moscow dictators fear Germany most. They hold France militarily in contempt, and they are satisfied with the way in which they are undermining and weakening the British Commonwealth, and thus isolating America. That is why they never will agree to any Geneva settlement which involves the reunification of Germany.

A strong Germany, plus United States, plus a British Commonwealth with some kick still in it, could spell ruin to Moscow's plan for world domination. Whenever Teuton and Slav have met, on anything like equal terms, the Slav has been well whipped—and well do the Soviets know it! At all costs, they will keep Germany disunited, until they can get her securely tied into the Red family.

In London in July, when flaring newspaper headings everywhere were insisting that "the Summit Conference in Geneva Decides to

End Cold War," I wrote to the PIM and said that the Cold War would go on, because Russia never would agree to the restoration of Germany.

How right I was! But I was not crystal-gazing—I had just had a look at Germany, and talked to many Germans. The Communists, crawling and creeping out of sight, slowly destroying the politico-social roots of Western Europe, are making little progress among the Germans.

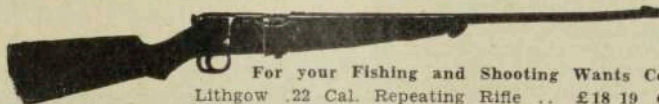
South Africa: A Horrible

Racial Mess

UNTIL I saw it myself, I never would have believed that ordinary sane European people could have created the racial mess that now is slowly mounting towards explosion point in the Union of South Africa.

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peans, 1 million Cape Coloured (mostly a mixture of European and African), half a million Asiatics (mostly Indians); and the balance of between 8 and 9 millions are African negroes.

The Europeans are nearly equally divided between British and Dutch—the latter (usually called Afrikaans) the descendants of Dutch settlers who went to the Cape, Transvaal, etc., long ago.

The Dutch elements now are in control of the Government, and seem to have been smitten with madness. They are driving ahead with plans to (a) amend the Constitution and reform the Parliamentary system so that they can remain indefinitely in power; (b) break the last few remaining connections with Britain, keep the British elements under control, and establish a republic; (c) give the Cape Coloureds a minimum of electoral voice, and keep the Asians and the Negroes altogether out of politics and administrative authority; (d) compel the Coloureds, the Negroes and the Asians to live in their own designated areas, as separate and distinct communities, under conditions that will leave the government of South Africa permanently in European hands.

Each community is in a state of anger and resentment; and each, under these conditions, represents a growing danger to peace and orderliness. But the bitterest feeling is between the two communities

which should be completely united—namely, the British and the Afrikaans.

Step by step, the Afrikaans, in their determination to hold supremacy in South Africa, are

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undermining what the British regard as the Dominion's vital freedoms, and soon or later there will be a clash between British and Dutch, which may destroy the Union.

That is the immediate danger. The inevitable and far greater danger can be seen (a) in the way in which the Negroes are changing from their old-time ways of life to European standards; and (b) as they thus become detribalised, their determination to have a larger voice in the administration of their country.

The negroes, in the last 25 years, have moved in millions from their former settlements, where they were entirely governed by their chiefs, to the big towns, to work in the mines and factories. As a result, one may see to-day, in and around the big towns, slums more hideous than anything in Naples or Jakarta or Singapore—and I thought they were the worst on record. The class of people now being bred in these racial cesspools surely will destroy South Africa, as we know it now.

The Afrikaans' Government, with a Jim Crow policy of segregation, is trying to root out this most dangerous social cancer; but its plans are of doubtful value, and probably too late, anyhow.

Complete unity among the Europeans, great wisdom informed by a spirit of tolerance and understanding of racial problems, might avert the danger in South Africa. But the first of these is missing. While the two European races fight each other for political advantage, South Africa is rushing along to a certain racial explosion, and probably to destruction.

MUCH DIVING ACTIVITY BEFORE MANIHIKI CLOSES

TO allow the MOP shell beds to recuperate the Manihiki lagoon in the Northern Cooks is to be closed for the calendar year 1956, and possibly for longer (as reported previously in PIM).

Meanwhile, however, diving is proceeding apace with the close-down looming. In October, a small area of the lagoon which had not been fished for some time was declared open for two weeks. In one day, the island's champion skin diver, Tekake Williams, and his companion, Rivao Tekio, fished £50 worth of shell. A machine-diving unit, limited to waters below the 5-fathom level, fished 15 sacks of shell in three days' work. The divers work only a few hours in the middle of the day when the light is at its best.

A party of 44 students and teachers of Tereora College, Rarotonga, climbed Te Manga, the island's highest peak (2,140 ft) on October 20.

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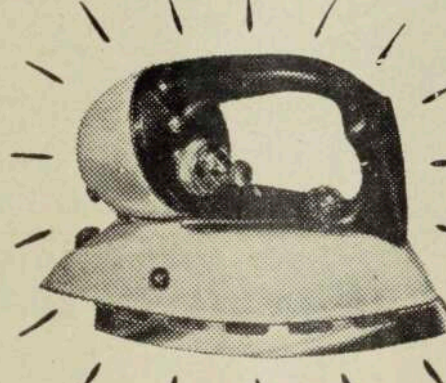
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The reason obviously lies in the swift increase of population. The Indian community in Fiji is increasing by more than 5,000 a year, and the Fijian population by more than 1,000.

There are substantially more Indians than Fijians in the Suva area, and the result is that new blocks of flats in the city are frequently swamped by Indian families as soon as they are built.

When a European inspected a brand-new block of flats in November, the footpath, stairs and passages were thronged with Indian children, while still more popped their heads out of doors to stare at the stranger.

The logical conclusion is that in the city of Suva, housebuilding is far behind the increase in the Indian population alone.

This has produced another problem which is helping to speed-up the "drift to Suva."

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† A new Catholic Church is expected to be completed at Tukao village, Manihiki atoll, by Christmas. The mission is under the care of the Rev. Father Marinus, SS.CC.

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Fijian Deputy Mayor of Lautoka

FIRST Fijian to hold office as a Town Councillor and Deputy Mayor, the Rev. Kolinia Saukuru, was unanimously elected Deputy Mayor of Lautoka on November 2. (See PIM for November).

The Rev. Kolinia Saukuru has had a notable career. After training at the Methodist Mission Technical School, Davuilevu, he was appointed, in 1928, Technical Inspector at the Richmond Mission School in Kadavu.

Between 1933 and 1948, he did brilliant mission work among the Aborigines in Arnhem Land, Northern Australia, and during the Second World War was appointed navigating pilot in the north-eastern waters of Australia and unofficial chaplain to the Royal Australian Air Force. The latter appointment was confirmed in August, 1945, one day before Japan surrendered.

After a period of study and extremely popular Church work in the United States, he returned to Fiji and in 1950 was appointed as the first Fijian minister at Lautoka. He was mainly responsible for the

building of the Coronation Methodist Church at Lautoka, completed in Coronation year, 1953.

In the same year the Governor nominated the Rev. Kolonio Saukuru a member of the Lautoka Town Council—the first Fijian appointment of the kind under the Local Government (Towns) Ordinance, 1947.

A younger, but increasingly prominent member of the Fijian

Methodist Church, Anare Raiwall was appointed a Suva City Councillor in October.

† The village of Lau'i'i, Tutuila, Eastern Samoa, was recently connected into the electric power system. Fagasa village, soon to be connected, will be the first village on the north coast of the island to be so supplied.

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Wedding of Madang Interest



A member of a well-known New Guinea family, Mr. James O'Brien, was married in Brisbane recently to Miss Valma Mary Falconer, formerly a Sister at Madang hospital. Our photograph was taken after their wedding at the Holy Spirit Church. They will live at Millilat Plantation, near Madang.

—Photo by R. G. Kruse.

† Colonel Fray, Army Commander in New Caledonia, well known in Australia, has completed his term of service there and handed over the command to Colonel Lansade, lately stationed in Tunis.

† Elections for the Nauru Local Government Council will be held on December 10—the same day as the Federal Elections. The first Council—which takes the place of the former Council of Chiefs—was elected in 1951. Every adult Nauruan, male or female, may vote and is eligible to nominate for election.

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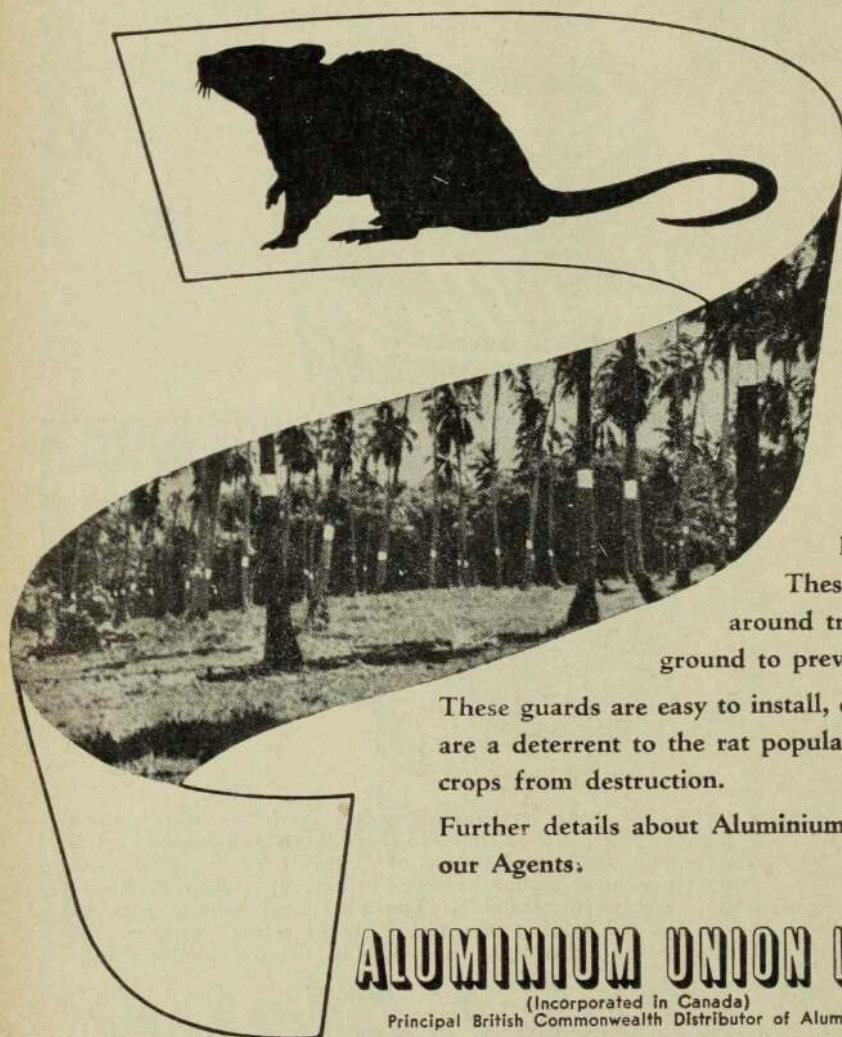
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MAGAZINE SECTION

Tropicalities

BOP IN W. INDIES

THE United Kingdom Information Service recently reported that a Bird of Paradise sanctuary is to be developed on Little Tobago island, West Indies.

It appears that in 1909, Sir William Ingram, a bird-lover, fearing that the then prosperous trade in Bird-of-Paradise feathers would spell doom to the species in its natural habitat of New Guinea and neighbouring islands, had 47 birds transferred to Little Tobago.

To-day, only 11 birds survive there, and the Government is taking action for their preservation. Sir William's heirs gave the 450-acre Little Tobago to the Government as permanent sanctuary in 1929.

KINDA HOMESPUN!

AN American reader, calling at a PIM office recently, said that what he most likes about the publication is that it's "kinda homespun."

The same could be applied, perhaps more so, to the Cook Islands official daily news-sheet, a miscellaneous collection of news items, announcements, and advertisements. The following morsel in the issue of October 4 must have raised some speculation from Mangaia to Puka-puka:

"LOST: One Wedding and One Engagement Ring in Public Convenience last Friday. Would finder please ring Further Education Office Reward."

MACHINE AGE IN THE (ISLANDS) KITCHEN

SAD little note recently received from a Port Moresby housewife:

"We have now installed a washing-machine to solve the laundry problem since recent building operations have eliminated what little we did have. Gae-Gae (the general factotum) and I have fun and games each wash-day in the kitchen. It takes him twice as long to do the washing now—what with the knobs and switches and things."

THIRTY MEN AND ONE WOMAN

NO names, no pack drill—but it's on again. The city fathers of the German city of Bremen report that they are inundated by requests from men in remote parts of Australia, New Zealand or distant

Pacific Islands "like New Hebrides or Fiji," to find them German wives.

One PI resident has offered to pay the fare of any Fraulein who is prepared to "give it a go," and to pay her return fare to Germany if, after three months, she cannot take the loneliness.

Sounds fair enough. By way of encouragement he says that there are 80 men (colour unspecified) to every white woman in his neck of the woods.

CASE OF THE VANISHING LADIES

AN Australian newspaper declared recently, with the usual amount

of journalistic exuberance, that a hula-dancer was going to Wewak, New Guinea, to become a missionary. The hula-dancing missionary is an American, Mrs. Frances Dills, who has been doing radio work in Sydney but has already done some Roman Catholic missionary work in Hawaii.

Says the newspaper: Except for a few Roman Catholic nuns, Mrs. Dills will be the only white woman in Wewak.

When I first saw Wewak in early 1936, I was by no means the first or only European female, and things have improved considerably since then. So come out, wherever you are, you women of Wewak, and show yourselves.—J.T.

GENTLEMEN, PLEASE!

SUCH is the present shipping situation in the Cook Is. that mail written there in July reached Sydney only in November. One communica-

tion reported the visit of the Minister of Island Territories in July.

During what was described as a complacent and overawed meeting with the Island Council, there was more than one moment of embarrassment for the official translator. On one occasion, when everyone seemed to be saying the right things, one sturdy Councillor arose and said in Maori, "Tell the Minister that when the Americans went to Aitutaki they built a good reef passage in three and a half months. We in Mangaia have been asking New Zealand to do a similar job for the past 55 years. What is his reply?"

The question was translated. There was a somewhat tense silence in the Chamber, before the next item of business proceeded. The Councillor still awaits a satisfactory reply.

BATTLE OF THE REDCAPS

RIVAL clans of porters met in combat on the gangway of the Messageries Maritimes liner

Moresby Wedding . . .



Port Moresby Papuans have come a long way from tribal marriage customs. Church weddings and all the nuptial fixings are now regarded as desirable. In our photograph are shown L. Oala Guba and his bride of Hanuabada. They are cutting their wedding cake after their marriage in the LMS Church.

—Photo by Papuan Prints.

Eridan in Papeete early in November.

A Papeete correspondent, arriving at the wharf shortly after the vessel berthed, said that he was amazed to see what appeared to be some kind of a juggling act in progress on the vessel's gangway, with hat-boxes, hand-bags, and sundry other items of passenger luggage flying high.

Police Chief Waksmouth and a flying squad were quickly on the scene and put an end to the act, after a good many shirts had been torn and some bruises sustained.

When the *Southern Cross* came in some days later a large police squad stood by to prevent any recurrence of the affair.

MISSING: TWO-AND-A-HALF HOCKEY TEAMS

A PLOT for an O. Henry story seems to lie behind the cryptic if intriguing advertisement in a recent Papua and New Guinea Government *Gazette* calling for tenders for "Thirty (30) only Hockey Sticks in new and unused condition . . . offered on a basis of as is where is."

Would-be purchasers are sternly reminded that, if successful, they will be expected to remove the 30 hockey sticks from their present location within thirty (30) days.

What dark plot lurks behind the advertisement? The possibilities are endless. . . perhaps some Planner's dream of weaning some far-flung Brown Brothers from the age-old game of head-hunting. Perhaps a subversive plot to arm infuriated Public Servants against any future visiting team of cost-of-living adjudicators. (Tenderers must mark their sealed bids, "Hockey Sticks," and have them in the hands of Mr. T. Grahamslaw before December 8).

QUEEN SALOTE AND THE CHAUFFEUR

A SYDNEY Sunday newspaper, *The Sun-Herald*—which apparently has joined most other metropolitan Anglo-American newspapers in a policy of leaving truth at the bottom of a well—allowed a former Buckingham Palace chauffeur, named Gill, to say this, on November 20:

During the Coronation in 1953, Mr. Gill was seconded to the Sultan of Zanzibar as chauffeur.

"He was a real toff," said Mr. Gill. "He and Queen Salote, of Tonga, were the gallery favourites during the Coronation.

"A mate of mine drove Queen Salote around while she was in London.

"When she was leaving the country, she picked him up bodily and gave him a smacking kiss and said: 'Thanks, chum.'"

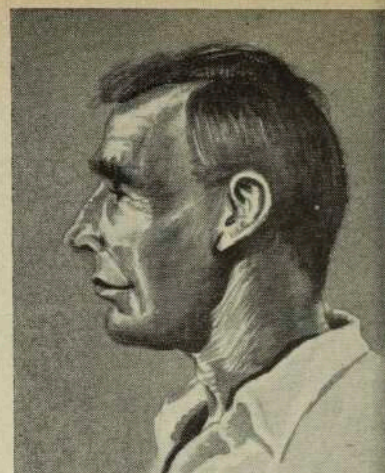
It is re-published here to show the

kind of absurd rubbish that is printed nowadays in journals which cater for the mob.

Also, we who know and esteem the charming and dignified Queen of Tonga will be intrigued by the fanciful picture of Her Majesty seizing and kissing her chauffeur, and thanking him in broad Cockney.

RICHARD JOSHUA MERRITT FERRIS (at right), is the Manager of Arigua Plantation on Bougainville. He was born at Nar-randera, NSW, in 1913, but spent the 1914-18 war years in England with his mother's people. He rejoined his father on a farm at Barallan, NSW, and stayed in the country until he enlisted in the 1939 War. He joined the 2/3rd Casualty Clearing Station and saw service in the Middle East at El Alamein, Greece and Crete. Returning to the Pacific area, he then saw New Guinea for the first time, working up the mainland coast to Lae and Finschafen, and then on to Borneo, still in stiff competition with the Jap forces.

After the War, he returned to New Guinea as a Medical Assistant, stationed at Buka Passage and do-



ing patrols on Bougainville. A year later he joined Choiseul Plantation Limited, a subsidiary of Burns, Philp & Co. He was stationed at Soraken, before being sent to Arigua, where he has been manager since 1949. He married an English girl in 1953, and they have a daughter, Suzanne.—BRET HILDER.

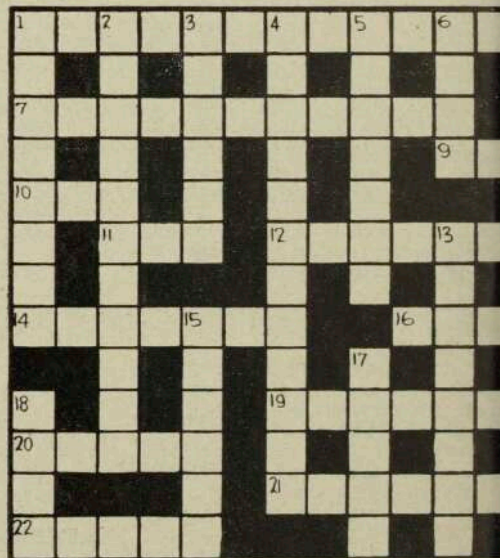
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ACROSS

- 1.—Who composed the music for the opera "Carmen"?
- 7.—What ground is the headquarters of the Lancashire Cricket Club?
- 9.—What long-haired ox is used as a beast of burden in Tibet?
- 10.—The wood of what evergreen tree was used in former days in England for bow-making?
- 11.—What is the term for a group of atoms containing a positive or negative electric charge?
- 12.—Who was the greatest military commander of Rome after Julius Caesar?
- 14.—What term is applied to the syncopated dance music of Afro-American negro origin introduced into Europe shortly before the first World War?
- 16.—What game played on horseback originated in Persia thousands of years ago?
- 19.—What common food substance is obtained from a tropical plant called the manioc or cassava plant?
- 20.—What is a young ox called?
- 21.—What is the broad knife called that is used for spreading plaster?
- 22.—What is the largest city in Japan after Tokyo?

- 4.—What name was applied to the woman who in the early part of the century agitated for the right to vote?
- 5.—What are the lines drawn on charts linking together points of equal barometric pressure?



DOWN

- 1.—Who discovered the process of vulcanising rubber?
- 2.—Who was the renowned and daring leader of the Chindit forces engaged behind the Japanese lines in Burma during World War II?
- 3.—What is the surname of the Australian poet who wrote "Bush Ballads and Galloping Rhymes"?

- 6.—What is the surname of the woman who founded the Christian Science movement?
- 8.—In which American State is Tulsa?
- 13.—What is the term for the spoken introduction to a play designed to give the audience information necessary for following the plot?
- 15.—What was the ancient name for Suez?
- 17.—What is the term applied to a foot turned out?
- 18.—What is the capital of Norway?

CHARLEY MAKES LIEBFRAUMILCH*

By BILL GILL

IT was the North-West season and the sun blazed down with unrelenting fury on the clearing. In the centre of the clearing stood the copra drier.

Sitting with his back to the wall of the building, and in the full glare of the sun, the fireman slept and frizzled.

The air was acrid with the rancid stench of rotten copra; the ground was strewn thickly with coconut shells and piles of the soft, spongy "meringues" from germinated nuts. Nearby stood a kerosene tin, three-parts full of coconut "milk" saved by the fireman to flavour his evening rice ration. Round the corner of the building strode Charley, his face scarlet with heat and exasperation. His shirt and slacks were dark with sweat and his peevish eye alighted on the sleeping figure.

He halted in full stride. The scarlet in his face turned to magenta as he stood momentarily rooted to the spot. Then, with a bitter oath, he sprang forward, seized the kerosene tin and dashed its sticky, oleaginous contents full in the face of the sleeper. As if fired from a gun, the boy sprang straight in the air, eyes and mouth agape. He hit the ground running and vanished round the far end of the building before Charley could drop the empty tin.

With most of his wrath still unspent and with no-one on whom to vent it, Charley contented himself with kicking the tin into a shapeless mass, then stamped savagely towards his bungalow.

On his verandah, Charley flung his hat to the far corner and slumped on a decrepit cane lounge which groaned in protest. Calling coarsely for some tea, he reached listlessly for a dog-eared, paper-backed novel. Frowning, he riffled through the pages then, with an impatient growl, he hurled the book into the corner after his hat.

Presently his cookboy padded on to the verandah bearing a tray load of tea paraphernalia and some soggy cones. This he placed on a small table and stepped backwards awaiting further orders. The relationship of master and servant which had existed between them for so many years, did not preclude a real, undemonstrative, friendship.

"If ever I get my hands on that damned Simoni I'll wring his crawny neck," said Charley with a kind of suppressed ferocity. "Found him sound asleep on the job in the middle of the afternoon."

The cookboy sucked his teeth sympathetically.

"It's the same all over the place," Charley continued, "the whole labour force, bar a few who spotted me first, were lying about loafing in the shade. It's the heat I guess."

"It's six weeks since I've had a decent drink, and now my radio's on the blink; I've read every book in the place a dozen times. If something doesn't happen soon I can see myself cantering up the range to discover a few 'lost tribes' or taking a cruise to Denmark and changing my sex."

The boy waited impassively, uncomprehending.

"All right, all right," cried Charley, impatiently, "on your way."

The boy vanished but reappeared almost immediately. "Taubada 'e come," he said, "Taubada Bobo."

And even as he spoke, a richly unctuous voice hailed Charley from without. "Hi, Charley, my dear fellah, how are ye?" A great, oval figure crossed the verandah with a heavy sliding motion, hand outstretched.

"Hallo Balbo," said Charley, "what brings you here?" Then noting the state of his visitor, he added, "would you like a shower before you have some tea?"

"A shower?" cried Balbo, "no thanks, old boy, I'm wet enough without that; had a good sweat walking along those infernal beaches—but I'll tell you what I would like," he continued, "and that's a brimming glass of cool beer, tea only makes me sweat more."

"A beer, eh?" said Charley, sardonically. "Wouldn't we all? I haven't had a drink of any kind for six weeks—though it seems more like six months."

"Don't tell me you're dry, too?" cried Balbo, in tones of acute anxiety. "What's gone wrong with everyone? It's the same all down the coast. Tongues hanging out everywhere like red ties at a commo's convention. Hasn't the coaster been along yet?"

"It has not," said Charley grimly, "and well you know it. Musta' broken down again and right in the middle of the hottest, driest nor-west season we've had for years. Have a sipora if you don't want tea."

A heavy gloom settled down on the verandah as the two dejected men watched unmoved the glory of the sunset.

Then, suddenly a thin hail, "faint and afar off," galvanised them to life. "Sail-ho, Taubada," cried the cookboy appearing with unwonted alacrity.

"Sail-ho!" echoed Charley and Balbo in unison, swinging to their feet and grinning like a pair of Cheshire cats.

"She'll be here in half an hour," continued Charley jovially thumping



"Ribald jests passed . . ."

* We are aware that Liebfraumilch is a German hock; but Charley's concoction is the rauiest tippie yet heard of in these parts.

Balbo on his great, fat shoulders causing them to flinch like a camel's hump.

"We'll take a cruise down to the beach and meet her," Charley linked his hairy, brown arm in the bolster-like affair that served as the corresponding limb on Balbo.

It was dark when they reached the beach. Here they paused and turned expectantly seawards. The sight that met their gaze struck them speechless with dismay. Balbo was the first to recover.

"Why, blow me down," he said, glaring wrathfully at the approaching navigation lights, "that isn't the coaster, it's only some miserable launch."

"Looks like Skinner's launch, and he doesn't worry much about the grog."

They sat down on a coral outcrop and glowered resentfully as the small launch surged through the break in the reef, rounded up smartly and sent the anchor splashing over.

Then Skinner's cheerful voice hailed them: "Got a bag of mail for you, Charley, I'll duck ashore with it," and he sprang nimbly into the tiny dinghy and was pulled to the beach. As soon as the dinghy touched the hard, the two were on him. "Never mind the mail," roared Charley. "Where's the coaster? Where's my beer?"

"She's had engine trouble," explained Skinner cheerfully. "Won't be round for a week yet. What's the hurry anyway?"

"Don't you realise that there's a drought on? That Europeans along the coast are dying like flies for lack of a swig of honest liquor?"

"I didn't think it was that bad," grinned Skinner, who knew more about the coastal Europeans than anyone. "But seeing it's so serious, I'll lend you a case of rum. I'm taking a couple along for some fossickers up behind my place. You can replace it when the coaster comes next week."

AN hour later, Skinner was over the horizon to northward and Charley and his guest were seated on the verandah, with a table between them; on the table stood a rum bottle and a milk jug. Both vessels were empty. "More rum," shouted Charley, "and more milk."

"Rum and milk," rhapsodised Balbo, "Ambrosia! Incomparable! It's the milk that does it, old boy, the rum merely flavours it, makes it more palatable. Without milk, rum is not worth drinking."

"I wouldn't go so far as that," answered Charley, cautiously. "Many a time I've been thankful for a rum and water. Aye, and even a rum neat, if driven to it. OP at that."

The boy reappeared with a fresh bottle of rum and the milkjug, this time only half full. He wore a

worried frown. "No plenty milk, Taubada," he said apprehensively.

"That's all right," hiccupped Balbo, "don't worry, you got plenty more goats, haven't you?"

But the boy was worried, having already stripped every goat on the plantation. He cast an appealing glance at Charley, who must have sensed his difficulty for, staring hard at the boy, he said, "Have you tried the married quarters in the labour compound? Or over in the village?"

The boy studied his master's face attentively then, "Orright, Taubada," he said and vanished.

Soon the milk jug was empty again and Balbo bawling for more. This time the boy entered promptly and, with something of a flourish, placed a full quart of milk on the table.

Now it was Charley's turn to study the impassive face of his servant. He said, "I think I'll switch to water. I've had enough milk for one night."

"Right," wheezed Balbo, "suit yourself, my dear fellow," and he splashed a nip of rum into his glass, filled it to the brim with milk and downed it in one prodigious swallow, watched with a kind of fascinated horror by Charley, the cook and (judging by the hissing intake of breath from the darkened back verandah) an unknown number of unseen admirers.

Charley knew that his cook had not failed him: He could imagine the ribald jests which passed between his cook and the various nursing mothers as they yielded up their surplus lactic juices (for an exorbitant fee in trade tobacco).

He shuddered.

By the time the quart of milk, with an appropriate ration of rum, had been consumed, the drinkers were all in. Charley was becoming

argumentative, and Balbo sleepy.

"I think I'll totter off to bed," muttered the latter, and suiting his actions to his words he rose, swayed and wove his way towards the visitor's bedroom, overshot his target and fetched up in the bathroom where he collapsed into the bath.

"Rum!" he shouted, "fetch me another rum an' milk."

"There's no more milk, I tell you," said Charley, his patience at an end.

"Of course, there's milk," Balbo insisted, "the place is stiff with goat fetch me in a goat and I'll soon get all the milk you want."

"Right!" said Charley, grimly, and staggered downstairs to reappear a few minutes later with a wildly protesting nanny in his arms. "Here he cried, standing over the prostrate figure in the bath, 'you want a goat—cop this,' and he dropped the unhappy ruminant into the bath with Balbo.

There ensued a wild shemuzzle screams and bleats, of flailing legs and tossing horns, then the goat succeeded in securing a toe-hold with her sharp, stabbing hooves and soared out of the bath and over the verandah rail to disappear into the darkness.

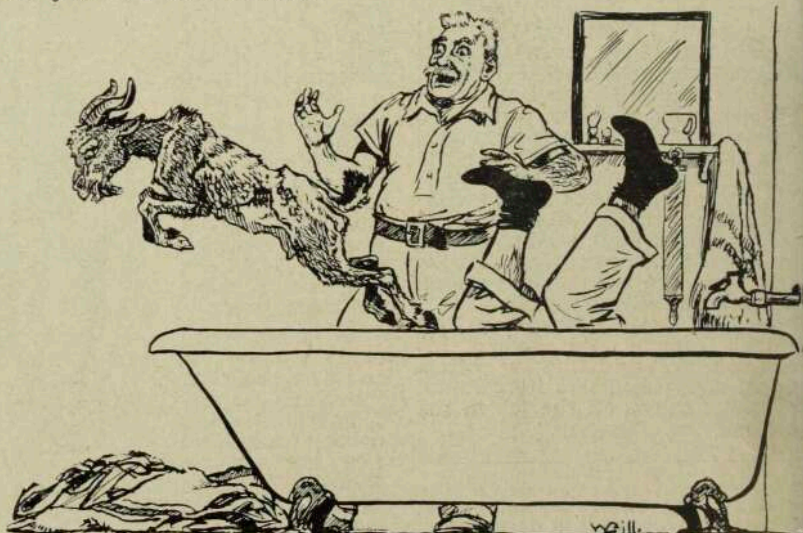
After Balbo's wounds had been bathed and bandaged by the now contrite Charley, the latter said in a husky voice:

"Now just take it easy, Balbo, my boy, and I'll see if I can rustle a drop of rum and milk for you."

"Not for me," interposed Balbo quickly through a slot in the barn-ages which concealed his eye feature. "Never again! I intend to devote the remainder of my life, if I survive, to the destruction of goats. I'll shoot everyone of the breed that come across. As for the rum—I already said rum is only drinkable because of the milk in it—so forget it."

And he turned his face to the wall.

"The goat soared out of the bath."



Trochus Made Him Rich Overnight—

H. R. WAHLEN'S COLOURFUL MEMORIES OF GERMAN N. GUINEA

By R. W. Robson

THE big room, crowded with price-
less native artifacts of the New
Guinea of 60 years ago, shook to
the stentorian laughter of Heinrich
Rudolph Wahlen. He had just re-
counted one of his amusing memories
of his life in New Guinea in the
days before World War I.

"Well, Prosit," he said—and we
drank again some of the fabulous
wine of Southern Germany. (That
man certainly knows his wine.)

From a Western European wander-
er had gone to Hamburg, especially
to call upon the famous Herr
Wahlen, pioneer of German New
Guinea. In a visit extending over
three hours, I filled a notebook
with useful data—and my untrained
stomach with Wahlen hospitality.

I knew he was 82; but any-
how I thought I had of meeting an en-
feebled veteran was dispelled when
he met me at the door of Beberallee
6A, wrung my hand, and literally
bellowed with joy at the prospect of
tossing with someone recently
from his beloved South Seas.

Every morning, very early, he
dives into a nearby swimming-pool.
The attached photograph of HRW,
in mid-air, was taken by his very
pretty daughter-in-law. There
seemed not a cloud on his mind, as
his memory skipped back over six
decades.



Heinrich Rudolph Wahlen, 82, takes his early morning
swim at a pool near his home in Hamburg, August, 1955.

HERR Wahlen was not 22 years
old when he arrived in the new
Germany colony of New Guinea,
in 1895, to become a clerk in the
service of Hansheim and Company.
As the years passed, and young
Wahlen's status was raised, he be-
came impressed with the enormous
possibilities of New Guinea. He
wanted to plant, but Hansheims
were content to trade only.

Presently, when Hansheims began
to sell out, Wahlen was able to
purchase some land in what now
are called the Northwest Islands—
the Hermit, Anchorite, Ninigo, Maty
archipelagoes. He negotiated the
purchase with the natives for the
Government; and the Government
gave him title on condition that he
planted up the islands with coco-
nuts.

Acting for Hansheims, young
Wahlen had got large quantities of
the then profitable beche-de-mer
out of the NW Islands, for the
Chinese market; and when he be-
came a planter on his own account,
he gathered beche-de-mer from his
own and other islands, as far afield
as the Philippines.

Then, almost overnight, in the
dawn of this century, it was dis-
covered that trochus shell was valu-
able, for the making of buttons and
similar things. Wahlen's NW Islands
had vast reefs covered
with trochus, hitherto
passed over as worth-
less. Within a few years,
Herr Wahlen had made
a large fortune out of
trochus and beche-de-
mer. There have been
endless stories about the
magnificent home he
built on Maron Island,
in the Ninigo Group,
and the establishment
he maintained there.

He continued his coco-
nut planting, on a large
scale. His main problem
was labour. Most of the
NW Islands natives (a
Micronesian type) were
unfriendly at first, and
he had to tame them—
but when he got their
goodwill they proved to
be pleasant and tract-
able. But they did not
like work. He had to
bring mainland New
Guinea boys to his atoll
plantations—but they



Herr Wahlen, with the Editor of the Pacific
Islands Monthly, in the garden of his home
in Hamburg, September, 1955.

stole the islanders' food and women,
and were often a nuisance.

HERR WAHLEN was shocked
when he studied the NW Islands
birthrate. The women consist-
ently went into the bush and ate
of a particular fruit there, and thus
avoided childbirth. So he broadcast
a promise:

"In future, every woman who can
show me a new baby will receive five
shillings." In those days, in that
locality, 5/- was much to be desired.

Herr Wahlen was away for six
months. As his schooner came
slowly back to anchorage at his
headquarters, it was noticed that
canoes were coming in from the
islets, from all directions. His head-
boy came to him with deep concern
written all over him:

"Masta, you speak. Now all belly
belong Marie full up!"

That evening, the master in-
spected a parade wherein were be-
tween 40 and 50 pregnant women.

"It was true," said the master to
me, 50 years after the event, with
a roar of laughter. "It worked. I
got a lot of children at 5/- each.
But in the condition of that labour
market, each youngster was worth
thousands of marks to me."

Unfortunately, World War I closed
down before the long-sighted master
got the full benefit of those happily-
recruited labourers. He calculated,
nonetheless, that when Mars cut
him off from his great South Seas
empire in 1914, he was the owner
of no less than 3,700,000 palm trees
—the world's largest coconut pro-

perty owned by one man, he thought.

MEN whose names still are well known in old New Guinea were in Herr Wahlen's service—"Karkar" Smith, for example, who planted up Karkar Island and who is now living in retirement in Gosford, NSW; and Soltwedel, who died in poverty of cancer of the bowel a few years ago, after the Australian Government had refused his repeated plea to be allowed to return to New Guinea (the only home he had known in 35 years), to exploit a deposit of uranium he had found there.

Between 1900 and 1914, Herr Wahlen was on top of the world—rich and influential, and pleasurably watching the development of his many broadbased plans. He formed his interests into a company, which he directed, and he had close associations with the Forsayth ("Queen Emma") concern. He bought some of the Forsayth properties, and his brother was in charge of the Wahlen operations in the Hermits area. He shaped his scheme to develop the Waria country, in the southeast of the New Guinea mainland, in 1909, and he worked on it for years.

He submitted to the German Government his argument that if there was to be real development, they must have a much larger labour force than was available in the native population. An inquiry was started, to see whether Malays could be brought in to work plantations, goldmines, etc.

In 1912, Wahlen and his associates sent in an expedition to examine the Waria country. Wahlen personally saw Dr. Solf (a member of the Government in Germany) in 1912 and got his assurance that something would be done to assist the enterprise. There was a change of government early in 1914, and Wahlen then got a message, asking him to go to Berlin. There, in July, 1914, an agreement was signed, under which the Waria Syndicate was given important concessions on condition that it proceeded with large-scale developmental operations in NG.

Four weeks later, World War I broke out; and, between then and November, 1918, Germany lost her colonial empire, and Wahlen his great possessions in New Guinea.

But he was still a rich man. In 1913, he had married a Swedish lady of high rank; and, within that year, his first son was born in Kokopo, at the former plantation home of Mrs. Emma Kolbe ("Queen Emma"). His wife and son were with him in Germany when war came, and Australian forces occupied New Guinea.

Herr Wahlen then was a very fit man of 40, and he soon was drafted into the German armies which temporarily over-ran Western

Europe. His outstanding memory of that period is how he, as a commanding officer, accepted the surrender of a small British force near Calais. The British, cut off, fought stubbornly there for a long time after their situation was hopeless; and Captain Wahlen, to show his admiration of bravery, handed his sword back to the British officer when he finally capitulated. Thus was formed a friendship which lasted far into the years of peace.

ONCE the war was over, Herr Wahlen began his 35-years-old battle to induce the new authority in New Guinea to recognise the legality of the 1914 German grant to the Waria Syndicate—the rights over that large area which lies between a line drawn southwards of the Salamaua-Wau-Edie Creek districts, and the Papua-New Guinea border.

The view of most people was that all German property and rights in New Guinea were appropriated by the League of Nations as war damage compensation, and that the Waria Syndicate interests thus disappeared; but Herr Wahlen challenged this position in 1920—and today, 35 years later, despite unfavourable rulings, he is still arguing. He proposes, as a last resort, to appeal to UNO.

In 1929, Herr Wahlen arrived in Australia and interviewed Prime Minister Bruce. He presented himself as the representative of an English company, registered at Somerset House, with interests in New Guinea (which was quite true), but actually he was anxious to see whether Australia would permit the Waria Syndicate to go in and assist in the development of the country.

"I am advised that the New Guinea Administration is not favourable to your re-entering the country," said Mr. Bruce. "You were a man of much influence there in the German time, and they fear that you may have a revolutionary influence upon the natives."

"What nonsense!" (Herr Wahlen says he replied to the Prime Minister.) "I want to help the Administration in the development of the country. It is to my interest to do so. My history in NG should show that I am the last man likely to encourage a revolutionary spirit among the natives."

The Prime Minister seemed unwilling to proceed any further in the matter, and Herr Wahlen pressed his claim. "I ought to be very proud" (he says he said to Mr. Bruce) "that a nation of seven million people should fear the influence of one lone German."

Mr. Bruce finally said that, if the proposition was to be formally considered, the Territories Minister would have to be present—and he would not be available for three

months. That seems to have been the end of that.

UNLIKE so many colonial Germans, Herr Wahlen was not ruined by World War I, and in 20 years he lived a happy and useful life in Germany, with his family, and saw the rise of the Nazi power in the "Thirties. Then came the tragedy of World War II.

Despite his age (now 67) Herr Wahlen, as well as his two sons, were taken into the German forces, and his elder son—who was born in New Guinea in 1913—became an air pilot, and was killed in action. Herr Wahlen's wife also died during the war.

The war machine declared Herr Wahlen "absolutely fit," and he was sent into the Hanover area to train men to ride horses. He recalls, with glee, that at 67 his duty was to lead teams of mounted learners over a series of high jumps. Later on, in a position of command, he was with the German armies which marched around the Maginot Line and occupied Paris. Herr Wahlen was not exactly respectful in his references to the military achievements of the French, as he saw them in 1940.

Although 82, Herr Wahlen looks 20 years younger than his age, and should not be surprised if the South Pacific sees him again. He says he will take his Waria Syndicate appeal to the Australian High Commission, and, finally, to UNO; but I think that he hopes that this new friendship between Germany and the Western nations will give him a chance to place a Waria Syndicate (German-Swedish-American) plan before the Australian Government under which the Syndicate would be permitted to go in and develop the Waria area of New Guinea upon which Herr Wahlen fixed his eye nearly 50 years ago.

TRUE STORY OF "QUEEN EMMA"

AS Herr Wahlen was closely associated with the Forsayth interests in New Guinea before 1914, I took this opportunity to ascertain from him the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kolbe (or, as she was generally known, "Queen Emma").

They died within a few hours of each other at Monte Carlo in a rather strange way just before World War I broke out; and, 40 years, this incident has been made the subject of sensational stories (almost 100 per cent lies) by cheap and shoddy writers.

Wahlen's company then was "Queen Emma's" agent; one of Wahlen's men went across from Hamburg to Monte Carlo and took charge of the corpses of "Emma"

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This Month's New Reading:-

NH Condominium—Two Heads, Three Legs

COLIN SIMPSON'S Christmas offering of a new book is becoming a habit.

Islands of Men, just published, is the fourth in line and readers who enjoyed the other three (*Adam in Ochre*, *Adam with Arrows* and *Adam in Plumes*) will not be disappointed although this is a mixed dish, dealing with half a dozen different aspects of Islands men and four different territories.

The book is the result of personal observation, plus a considerable amount of "other opinion"; it is true that none of it is very new to the student of things Pacific—but the Pacific reader should not forget that Simpson's public is largely in mainland Australia, and the fact that he has been able to produce books that are enjoyed and accepted in the Islands as well as out, is a feat of magnitude.

It is probably not surprising that after four books, he should be writing more surely than ever about the Islands. And possibly it is just reviewer's imagination that, with the coming of success, he has discarded many of the gimmicks designed merely to catch the attention of the general reader—an impression gained from the earlier books—and that the newest offering profits thereby.

Islands of Men is in six parts. It deals with two localities in Papua-New Guinea—Maprik and the Sepik River (one of the most interesting sections of NG and one of the least known) and the new Southern Highlands district, including the over-publicised "Lost Valley" of Lavani; with some of the Torres Strait islands; with the New Hebrides; and with the Beqa fire-walkers of Fiji.

In the Hebrides we meet again our old friends Tom Harrison and A. J. Marshall, who worked in, and wrote about, the Hebrides in the early 30's. (Harrison is now curator of the Kutching Museum at Sarawak; and Marshall is Reader in Zoology and Comparative Anatomy at Barts, in London).

At the time, both Harrison and his book, convulsed the Hebrides—the label of eccentric was understatement in the grand manner in his case—but from this distance and through Simpson eyes he seems to have mellowed. Twenty years ago, the sex-life of savages had not taken its present place in popular reading, and investigators into same, even if just in the interest of pure science, were looked at askance

even by hardened sinners whose own sex life had followed the well-known Islands pattern.

Like every other observer of the Condominium, Simpson is concerned with the future of the unwieldy Hebrides—he calls it a two-headed little monster. . . "conceived out of wedlock, or deadlock, in a diplomatic bed Britain would have gladly climbed out of and left to France, had not Australia from under the bed kept screaming, 'push France out!'" (Later, he says the monster has three legs—France, British and Condominium governments).

And like every other observer, he feels that the Condominium should not be permitted to continue. His solution—and what he has to say about French colonialism—is unlikely to please the French who, if PIM experience is a criterion, already stay up at nights brooding over every minor newspaper criticism, deserved and otherwise.

Simpson's solution to the Hebrides puzzle (and only the bemused and those who do well out of the muddle will deny that it is that) is for Australia to take over Britain's part of the Condominium, following this at a later stage by buying out French interests entirely.

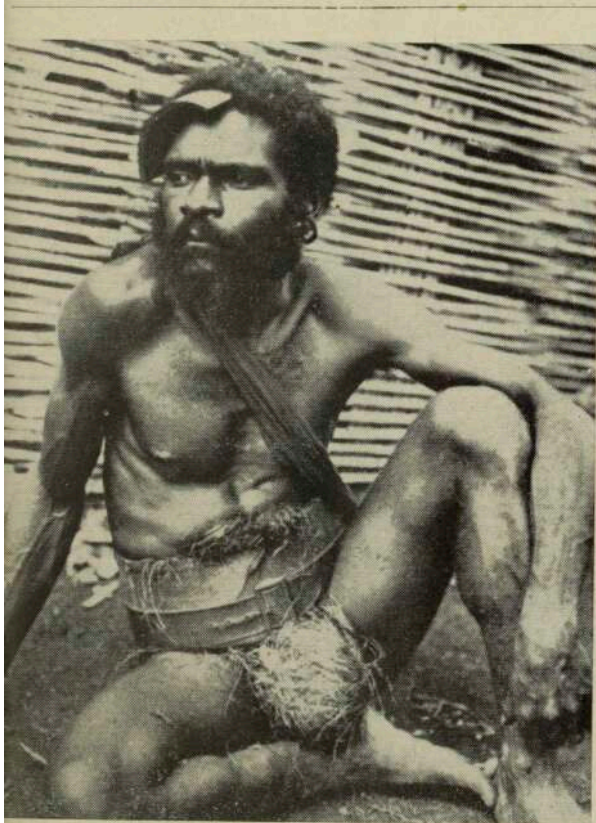
The French, according to Simpson, are a waning power in the Pacific while Australia is a growing one. He believes the French record in education, health services and native welfare is non-existent and that the virtue that the French make out of not drawing the colour-bar, and their emphasis on individual freedom (which usually means individual licence), is in no way a substitute for the kind of paternalism practised in P-NG towards the native people by that Territory's administration.

The Hebrides, says Simpson, are the negation of democracy, a blot on the Free World and meat and drink to the Communist table.

The first part of the plan—that Australia take over the British part of the Condominium—would be simple enough, if Australia were willing. But although she did do considerable howling from under the bed, away back at the turn of the century, her post-World War II politicians show a strange reluctance to take up the responsibility. They consider that it would "cost too much," or that they have already enough on their plate (in Papua-New Guinea).

Australia, of course, already has a stake in the Hebrides in the large areas of land she owns there (a gift from the late Sir James Burns) as well as (in the past, anyway) supplying the means of communication with the outside world, and in providing the bulk of NH imports.

However, the second part of the Simpson requirements—that Australia should then set about buying out the French is quite another pro-



A man of Malekula, New Hebrides. From the distinctive covering of fibre, his people are known as the Big Nambus. A photograph from Simpson's "Islands of Men".

position, and one that is unlikely to bear much fruit in the foreseeable future. France never has given up one inch of land, anywhere, at any time, unless forced to and it is unlikely that anyone has the gifts of persuasion necessary to make her start with the Hebrides.

We have it on high authority that France regards the Hebrides as an adjunct to New Caledonia—"the garden of New Caledonia" was how it was described, meaning that while NC produces the minerals, NH should produce the copra, coffee, etc.

A great deal of French investment money is at present being poured into New Caledonia and French interest is not waning in the Hebrides where they can claim, with perfect truth, that any progress that is being made is being made by the French, on behalf of French settlers. The French never have regarded native welfare as a lode-star—by conferring French citizenship upon the indigenes they feel that they have done sufficient—and they are scarcely likely to give up their stake in the Hebrides simply because Australia feels that she can do a better job in that Department.

It seems that Australia's best chance of acquiring the NH is some political disaster in metropolitan France which would cut off the French Pacific colonies from the motherland as they were cut off temporarily during World War II.

In the meantime, we can only agree with Simpson—Australia is all squeal and no responsibility so far as the Hebrides are concerned, as witness the fact that the proposed tuna fishery at Santo is likely now to come to nothing—due, it is believed, to pressure put upon Whitehall by Canberra—Australians "do not like Japs" so near to their side door. (See PIM, Nov., 1955, p. 29).

COLIN SIMPSON watched the Beqa natives walk in a pit of hot stones at the special demonstration at the first South Pacific Conference, near Suva, in 1950. Since then he seems to have read every known reference to fire-walking, and anyone who wants a short treatise on it cannot do better than read this section of *Islands of Men*.

The burning question (no pun intended) is: Are fire-walkers genuine, and after a lot of opinion, pro and con, Simpson seems to think that they are. His belief is that they can walk on hot stones (or ashes) because of what has been called, variously, *mana*, confidence, hypnotic influence, religious ecstasy—that is, that it is beforehand mental preparation that enables certain people to perform certain acts which are on the verge of being supernormal.

There are, of course, other theories—one being that the rocks are of a variety that give off their heat rapidly.

The book is beautifully produced, with colour and black-and-white photographs and with line-drawings by the author's wife.

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

THE LADIES MAKE JULY DIFFERENT

POSSIBLY Mr. Kevin Fitzgerald is not a woman-hater, but he has made an association of amoral females the collective villainess of *It's Different In July*.

The women, when they gang up, send husbands and brothers scuttling from the family home, completely baffle the police, and prepare to take over the country.

Of course, men baffle *them* in the end.

This is the sort of thriller when every apparent goodie is apt to suddenly reveal himself (or herself) as a baddie. The reader, therefore, progresses along a literary road studded with shocks and climaxes in which disappearing men and cars (and even rooms) abound, and in which the ladies have a strange secret weapon done up as a . . . well, you guess what.

Because of the wastage in manpower, through disappearances, it is hard to fix on a hero. Just as one character settles down into the role—zit, he's gone. However, most competent thriller-readers will stay the course and find out in the end what really did make it different in July.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

GOOD THINGS IN SMALL PARCELS

THIS is one of those books that come into the Can't-put-it-down-till-it's-finished class. Which is remarkable, because *Moment Before the Rain* is a collection of short stories, the most difficult of all literary mediums, both for the writer and the seller of books.

Elizabeth Enright, who wrote the stories, may be a nodding-acquaintance of Pacific readers of American magazines but her writing is not very well known in the Southern Hemisphere. The stories in the present volume vary widely in scope and plot but the characters are usually very old people or very young ones. Her insight into human nature is extraordinary; her style is modern and beckons the reader on to "read just one more," but is entirely without the pseudo-cleverness that ruins about 75 per cent. of present-day literary output.

Some of her stories have an O. Henry piquancy about them, a surprise twist or ending; but all in their way are gems, leaving the reader feeling that he not only has read a

story but that he has shared an experience.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

WHEN WIVES WERE ASSIGNED IN SYDNEY

ALTHOUGH Colin Roderick is well known in Australia, it has previously been as a sort of literary entrepreneur. This is his first novel. A pity—because *The Lady and the Lawyer* (the title of the most unimaginative part of the book) is better than average Australian historical.

It was Roderick who discovered after extraordinary research, the identity of the convict writer, James Tucker, and was instrumental in having his *Ralph Rashleigh* published a few years ago—an Australian literary sensation at the time.

Roderick's own novel is set about the same time as *Ralph Rashleigh*, and no doubt the research undertaken in respect of Tucker and his times, has been used to advantage in writing this present story.

The place in Sydney and its environs, and the time is the late 1820 when New South Wales was still primarily a convict settlement and the friction between Governor Darling and the W. C. Wentworth faction was at its height.

It is a love story of Jane, the assigned convict wife of James New, and John Sterling, a man of good family, of high office and friend of Wentworth.

Sterling meets Jane when she appears before him in the police court on a charge of shoplifting. She becomes his mistress, and between passionate love passages she pulls strings in order that she escape the clutches of the corrupt law. Without avail—this was the day when a crime involving over £5 was a hanging offence; the day of assigned "wives"; and when ticket-of-leave men and women walked the knife-edge of freedom harried by sadistic officials.

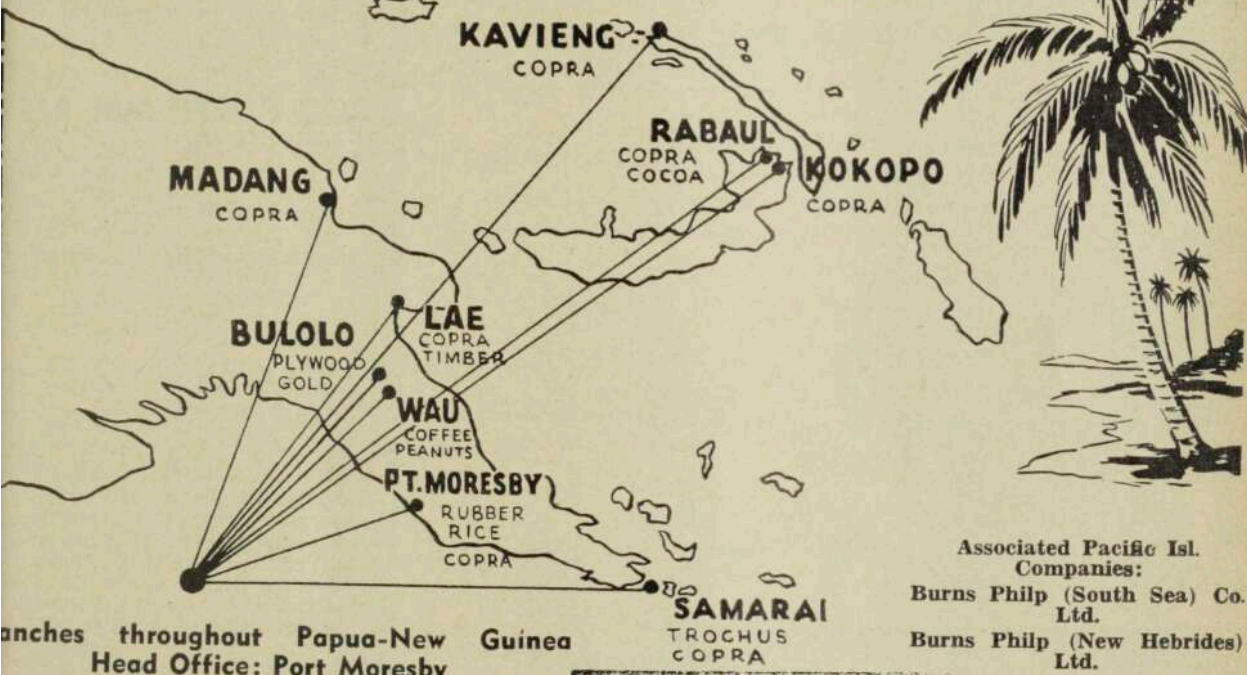
Jane is sent to the Female Factory at Parramatta, a horror chamber presided over by an early-Australian variant of the Beast of Belsen where filth, disease and depravity reduce the inmates to a state lower than that of a native dog. Over this institution of correction a council of righteous and respectable citizens—including the Reverend Samuel Marsden, who at some other stage of his career, went forth as converted Maoris—cast a supervisory eye.

The story is played out, to its inevitable conclusion, against a background of the political intrigue of the time. Roderick makes no attempt to present his facts in his characters in plain black and white. We are left without doubt

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of the weaknesses in Sterling's character; but quite unsure that it is the pure lily of rectitude that would seem the intention to make her. A system that permitted portees of 20 who were already at the end of a seven years struggle was scarcely likely to produce lilies of rectitude, anyhow.

Nor does Roderick—like many other Australian historical authors—drag into his narrative large quantities of history by the hair of the horse. The history of old Sydney is thus secure in its own setting, and completely fascinating to those with taste for such things.

Nonetheless, he leaves a number of mysteries unresolved—why, for example, does Jane speak pure English when all her family and associates speak an extraordinary dialect? And why should New—evidently meant to be an unsympathetic character—spend so much time in the interests of his unfaithful wife?

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

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PAST

SOME novels, while they are entertaining enough, appear to have no real reason for being. *Mountain Shadows*, by Marjorie Eggleston, comes into this category. If it had not been written the world would not be desolate; it is somewhat of a stray, amusing story; probably largely a biographical.

The writer is of Lithuanian parentage and spent her young years in an anthracite coal-mining town in Canada. She has written for radio, for magazines and edited a children's monthly.

The heroine of the story is a young girl, Maggy Mileris, daughter of Lithuanian immigrants who settled in Coaltown, Alberta. The time is the early 1920's, and the narrative is concerned mostly with the problems of Maggy's adolescence worked out against a background of clashing national prejudices—there are 35 different nationalities amongst the inhabitants of the town.

Probably the author aimed at presenting a penetrating study of migrant assimilation, but the result is merely superficial. The glimpse of North America in the 20's—a rapidly taking its place in our history—is quite as entertaining as its picture of race conflicts.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 15/6.)

**AFTER TURKS, NAZIS—
THEN OLLIE**

WHEN Ollie Ladock, middle-aged rogue, came to the island of Malta it was with the intention of

ion of passing himself off as the illegitimate nephew of Baroness Isobel Ferrat, an elderly recluse, and of relieving her of some of her fortune.

However, events did not work out as Ollie planned—or in the way that Isobel expected.

Although she had deliberately cut herself off from the world since a tragedy of her youth, Isobel had Ferrat pride and great intelligence and saw through Ollie at once. These ill-assorted souls had, however, an extraordinary influence, each upon the other, and it is in the interplay of this strange finity that the story is rounded out and shaped.

Isobel is saturated in Ferrat lore and is greatly influenced thereby. Ollie becomes infected by Isobel and a peculiar Ollie fashion can spout alta history.

Ollie and Isobel came to the inevitable parting of the ways. But who can say if Ollie harmed Isobel, or whether Isobel harmed Ollie. Or, to the contrary, each gained from the association?

Walled City (by Mary Dunstan) is an interesting study of a little-written-about area, in which the present and the past are skilfully blended and character is cleverly drawn.

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Back in Pacific By End 1956

A SPOKESMAN for the Matson Navigation Company said in Sydney in November that the Company's first luxury liner for the trans-Pacific trade would be in operation in time to bring visitors to the Olympic Games in Melbourne at the end of 1956.

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(The first *Monterey* and *Mariposa*, were well known ships on the trans-Pacific service before the war. After war service work of reconstruction for the passenger trade was begun but later halted when a dispute arose between the company and the US Government. The ships were later sold.

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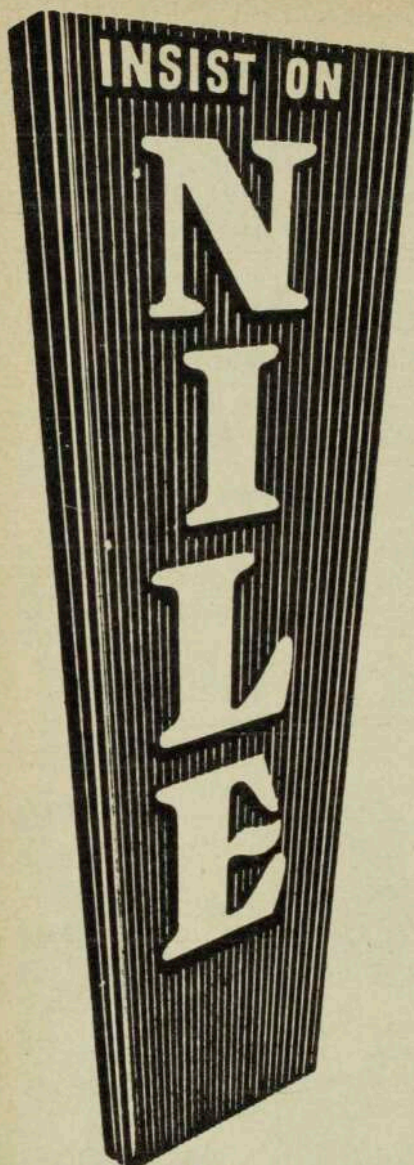


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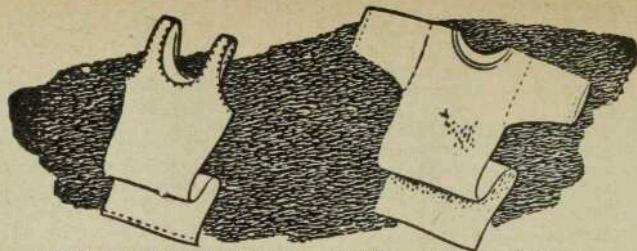


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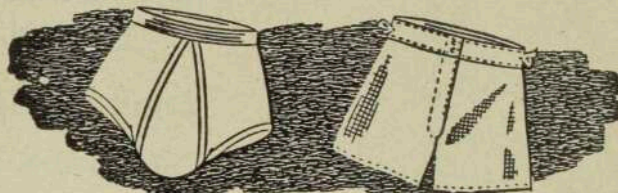


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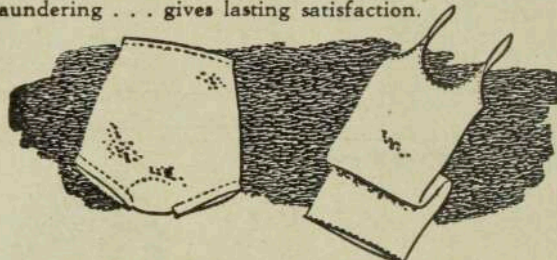
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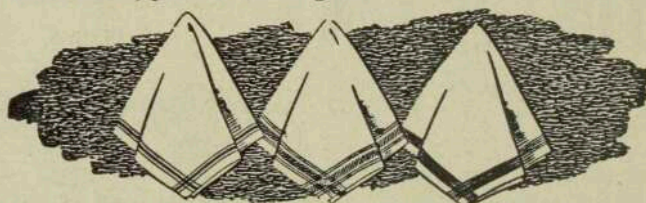
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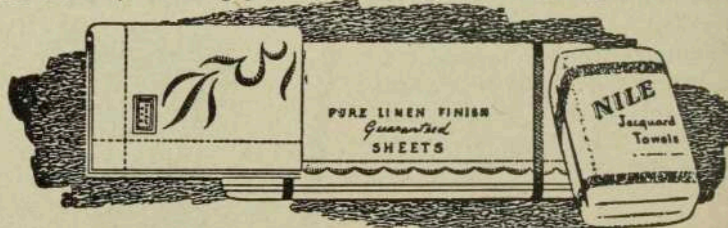
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Trochus Made Him Famous

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and her husband; and Herr Wahlen personally supervised the burial of the ashes near "Queen Emma's" former home in New Guinea in 1913. After World War I, the urn was mysteriously removed from the concrete construction in which it had been placed in 1913.

I will give the whole of the facts of the death and burial of "Queen Emma" in an early issue of PIM.

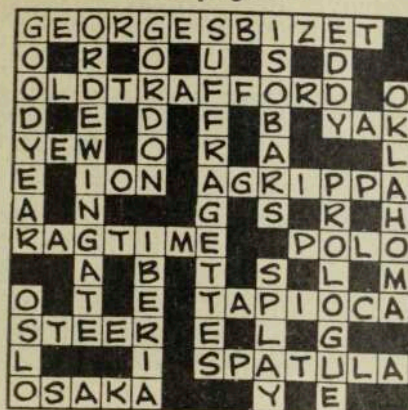
Medical Survey of Aitutaki

A FOUR-MAN New Zealand medical team will leave New Zealand for Aitutaki, Cook Islands, in January to carry out two months research work.

The project will include an investigation into high infant mortality, a general investigation of human parasites, certain work on malaria, and study of blood-groupings of the people.

The team will be headed by Dr. McCarthy, Island Territories Research Officer at Otago University medical school. He will be accompanied by Mr. R. Marples, a science graduate, and Mr. D. T. Gray and Mr. N. H. Leslie.

Solution to Crossquiz from page 82



Big Savings Likely in Fiji's PWD

WITH simplification and re-organisation of purchasing procedure a saving of some £30,000 annually in the Fiji Public Works Department alone is expected as a result of the recommendations of the organising consultants from England now at work in the Colony.

When stating this to the Legis-

lative Council, the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) said that further economies in other departments were expected by the time the consultants finished their examination towards the end of the year. From the information already obtained there was every indication that very substantial savings could accrue from the application of improved working methods.

It was evident, said the Governor, that the need for improving the calibre in most branches of the service was the main single problem which had to be solved to obtain efficiency throughout the administrative machine.

¶ Corporals Kimbule and Awaihaka, of the Solomon Islands Police, left Honiara on October 11 for the United Kingdom to attend a Police Training Course at Hendon.

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Sir Gordon Taylor Visits South America

SIR Gordon Taylor, in an interval between his South Pacific flying-boat cruises from Sydney, journeyed by regular air line to South America in October-November.

The visit, naturally, raised speculation as Sir Gordon's interest in a possible air connection between Australia and South America is well known. Since he made a survey flight to Valparaiso in the Catalina *Frigate Bird II*, in April, 1951, it is believed that nothing has been done in the way of improving the primitive airstrip on the heights of Easter Island, though it was reported at that time that the Chilean Government planned to develop the strip for strategic reasons.

The only aircraft ever to land there, an amphibious Catalina of the Chilean Air Force, was wrecked on the take-off run in the latter part of 1950, or early 1951.

Sir Gordon's aircraft, which made sea landings, narrowly escaped disaster twice in sudden changes of weather, while lying at its open-sea anchorage. In his book on this flight, Sir Gordon said that Easter was out of the question for commercial flying-boat operations.

It appears probable that when

Australia-South America flights do eventually come, there will be aircraft capable of overflying Easter Island; or, more probably, the much shorter polar route will be used.

† To pay off the cost of a concrete floor in a public building, the people of Manihiki atoll, Northern Cook in a MOP shell diving one-day effort raised £100 in October.

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ONE of Suva's notorious tales—the rumour-based fabrications which often gain a degree of credence through persistent repetition by persons who have no regard for accuracy—was dealt with by the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) when addressing the Legislative Council at the opening of the Budget session in November.

This particular slander was that soldiers returned from Malaya were, to some extent at least, responsible for the latest of the periodical outbreaks of night-prowling and criminal trespass in the capital.

The Governor said that of 27 convictions during the first nine months of 1955 for prowling offences and criminal trespass, not one concerned a returned soldier from Malaya.

A handful of reprobates had sullied the fair name of the Fijians in a way which had chagrined them, Sir Ronald continued. It was difficult to believe that a people who had manned the Battalion which had earned a magnificent reputation in Malaya could at the same time produce the miscreants who had penetrated the cases of criminal prowling and night prowling.

REFERRING to the drift to the towns, the Governor said that certain types of young Fijian came an easy prey to bad company. They took to strong drink and developed evil ways of life.

Own housing conditions were bad, mitigated against normal good behaviour, and housing was also bad in the villages, where innumerable married couples shared houses. With these conditions in the villages, it was not altogether surprising that young men were attracted to town, hoping that they would find better conditions.

In his comment by the Governor refers to some extent the easy way taken by those people who maintain that the Fijians, in their interests, should invariably be content with submergence in the villages. Almost everything militates against the idea of such submergence in the case of young people, and particularly in the case of the many hundreds of young men whose ideas have been "hardened" in one way or another during long service overseas. (Government and Army spokesmen have at times implied that the assignment of young Fijians to Malaya would be of inestimable educational and character-building advantage to young Fijians).

On top of this there is the undeniable fact that a sizeable proportion of the Fijians who have moved from villages to towns have done so to secure better schooling for their children. And a pertinent argument in support of this domestic policy is that most Fijian parents believe that without good schooling their children will be left hopelessly behind by children of other races in the campaign for economic improvement.

IN the course of the statement quoted, the Governor mentioned the liquor problem, which is growing in Fiji as in many other Island territories. Sooner or later the whole question will have to be faced. In the meantime, for Europeans to say that non-Europeans must be "educated" in the proper use of alcohol is pure hypocrisy. There is not a European country to-day which can claim to have "educated" itself successfully in the proper use of alcohol. Even traditionally wine-drinking France has fallen by the wayside in the last decade or so.

There is possibly no more actual drunkenness in Suva than there is in cities of similar size in Australia or New Zealand, but the results are more deplorable in a city where wage-levels are comparatively low and the cost of all alcoholic liquor, including beer, is comparatively high.

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Mr. Pat Costello, one of Suva's most prominent and respected citizens, told a PIM representative in Sydney in November that in his opinion, the liquor situation in Fiji is steadily deteriorating.

Mr. Costello, with long experience as an observer of the liquor trade on both sides of the fence, suggested a coupon system in the case of persons who hold liquor permits. Each coupon would bear the number of the permit to head-off any "trading" in coupons attached to permits.

Whatever difficulties this system might involve—and some are obvious—it would at least enable the permit-holder, in cold sobriety, to estimate in advance how many coupons he was likely to consume in a fixed period, and how much his family budget would be depleted. The recorded number of coupons issued to a permit-holder would also provide a general check on consumption in the permit groups.

Mr. Costello conceded that with the steady increase in the number of permit-holders, especially among young Indians, the system would mean a great deal of paper-work for somebody—presumably the police.

Whether the coupon system would apply to Europeans (who do not come under the permit system) is another point. It would doubtless be supported by all those who contend that Europeans, being primarily

Lodge Visit by Chartered Plane



A short while ago members of the Royal Antediluvian Order of Buffaloes, Grand Australasian Banner Lodge, New Guinea 20, and Lodge Bulolo 245, flew by chartered Qantas plane to pay a regalia visit to Lodge Thursday Island. Our photograph shows the party embarking in New Guinea.

responsible for the liquor problem in non-European countries, should be put in the same box as other people as an alternative to the idea of total prohibition, which, whether feasible or not, crops up at times in some responsible quarters under the pressure of distressing events.

Mr. A. G. Mitchell, an Administrative Officer, arrived in Honiara, BSIP, from Sudan, on September 20.

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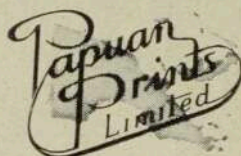
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† Several large tuna have been caught recently at Puka Puka. The local record was set by Willie Teaapa on November 11, when he caught a tuna 5 ft long and 200 lbs weight.

† Mr. Glassie Strickland, Jnr., son of the former manager of Messrs. Jagger & Harvey's Rarotonga Branch,

was officially appointed to succeed his father, who retired some time ago, as from November 1.

† Monsieur P. Ferlande, recently Director of the Bank of Indo China in French Oceania, departed per liner *Tahitien* for France recently, his place now being taken by Monsieur R. Aubrun.



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Food Shortage in Northern Cooks

BECAUSE of a mishap in October to the main vessel in the Cooks inter-island trade, the *Charlotte* (it forced her to go to Auckland for repairs) and also because of interrupted shipping connections from New Zealand to Tonga, the Northern Cooks islands were suffering an acute shortage of imported foodstuffs and supplies in October-November. The smaller vessel, *Inspire*, was making trips to the north to relieve the situation—lengthy voyages which are not profitable for a vessel of her capacity—and a visiting American motor-yacht, *Nordlys*, was also called in to carry some urgent supplies to Penrhyn. There were less severe shortages in the Southern Group islands also, with no immediate sign of any re-

Christmas Gifts Go To Fijian Soldiers

ALREADY GARVEY'S gift parcels fund for the Fijian soldiers in Malaya has been closed because the committee has more than ample money in hand to meet requirements until the troops return home next year.

In the year to October 31, expenditure was £3,736, leaving a balance of £7,801. A substantial part of the fund's revenue came from the successful Queen Competition organised in 1954.

Since January 1, 10,804 lb of kava (kava) had gone to Malaya this year, stated the committee in November. Another 1,000 lb was to go in December, and 39 sacks (90 lb) would be sent by the first available ship. In addition, 1,000 a month, up to the time the troops are ready to leave Malaya, will be sent by plane if a ship is not available.

This year the Fijian soldiers will receive Christmas cakes as usual, and every man will receive a Christmas card with his name on it. The card will enable him to receive 10/- worth of goods from the fund.

The fund has also provided silver for the officers' and sergeants' messes and small comforts have been supplied to men in hospital in Malaya and in Fiji.

Of the amount in hand on October 31, £6,000 is banked on fixed deposit.

Monsieur Jacques Puravet, recently sub-director of the Papeete office of Compagnie Francaise des Phosphate de l'Océanie, has now been appointed director, according to an announcement from the company's head office.

ANOTHER SEISMIC LOCATOR FOR QLD. HURRICANES

THE seismic system of hurricane location is to be extended in Queensland. This was announced on November 8.

The seismic system of hurricane location, and its virtues as a comparatively inexpensive, very long-range measure applicable to the Pacific Islands hurricane area, were set out in a recent PIM report of a lecture by Mr. J. C. Grover, Senior Geologist, British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

It was there stated that one such station is in operation at the University of Brisbane. The November

announcement means that another station is to be established, this time at the Townsville meteorological office by the University, whose Dr. Owen Jones has shown a keen interest in the system for many years.

Whereas a few years ago it was necessary to have three such stations at widely spaced points, linked together by cable or radio communication systems, it is now possible for a single station to pinpoint a hurricane at up to 1,000 miles away, the distances being dependent on various factors, including the intensity of the storm.

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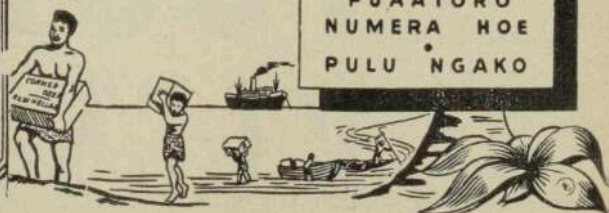
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DECEMBER, 1955—PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY

NEWS OF THE SMALL-SHIPS

IT HAPPENED IN DECEMBER: Sixty-one years ago this month, the result of a hurricane, an extraordinary chapter in the shipping history of the Cook Islands came to an end with the total destruction of the 97-tons *Takitumu* in the now unused Ngatangia harbour, Apotonga.

Takitumu had been built in a great community effort by the people

of Ngatangia three years earlier, under the supervision of an Australian trader named Rapu. Rigging and keel had come from a wreck on Apotonga, anchor and cable from a schooner owned by Captain Gooden, which was wrecked outside Ngatangia as she arrived from New Zealand with a cargo of timber for the enterprise.

Launched, rigged, but still only partly decked and not complete, the schooner was despatched for Auckland with cargoes of island produce, which were there exchanged for kauri, copper sheathing, and other items.

Then, in July, 1894, *Takitumu* was despatched for Penrhyn atoll, 700 miles to the north, on what was to prove her last long voyage. The schooner had no motor, and already her sails which, Island style, had never been properly aired or cared for, were in very poor condition. All went well until within 80 miles

of Penrhyn, when a squall blew the sails to tatters. There were no spares, so Captain Tuaua took the only possible course, a down-wind run for Samoa under the remaining tatters. Navigation in *Takitumu* was less than precise so it was not surprising when, instead of the mountains of Samoa appearing, a low atoll eventually showed up a couple of weeks later. As the schooner drifted closer, canoes came off and Captain Tuaua was able to pin-point his position—Nukunono, the middle of the three Tokelau atolls. Deep water prevented anchoring, and absence of sails prevented manoeuvring, so *Takitumu's* skipper did some brisk trading with the canoes as the island slid slowly by. Much of the Penrhyn cargo had by then been eaten, but some was delivered to the canoes of a Portuguese trader in exchange for a bale of copra sacks and some twine. As Nukunono disappeared astern all hands were put to making sails from the heavy sacking, while the strange drift voyage continued.

Takitumu truly sailed under a lucky star, for when it was clear that one bale of sacks would not provide sufficient sail area to make the long windward slug back to the Cooks, the wind and drift proved

such that Fakaofu, the south-eastern most Tokelau atoll, was next approached.

Here again, in deep water, there was no possibility of anchoring, or of otherwise halting the ship, short of casting her onto the reef, which by this time all hands would have liked to do. So again trading was opened, a few more sacks were obtained, and many pandanus mats, the schooner already being well away from the atoll as the transaction was completed by the canoes from shore.

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five months out from Ngatangia. By then all the Penrhyn cargo had been eaten or traded away. After a brief rest and refit in Penrhyn lagoon the course was laid for Rarotonga.

With that island in sight only five days later after a quick run, the last of the food was shared out and eaten. Then the wind dropped.

There followed almost six weeks of calms and contrary winds, with *Takitumu* sometimes in sight of Rarotonga, sometimes set far away to the north again. Fortunately, a passing sailing ship, bound for Australia, supplied the schooner with desperately needed food during this exasperating period. Finally, exactly seven months after her departure, *Takitumu* arrived home from her last and least-profitable voyage. Two weeks later she was pounded to pieces by a hurricane within a stone's throw of where she was built.

THE JOYITA MYSTERY:—To late November the wordy despatches from Suva in regard to this vessel were remarkable mainly for their lack of firm facts. Possibly because the Western Samoa Government may be faced with damage claims from relatives of the missing, there appeared to be a close-down on all factual information from Apia as to the exact number of persons, life-saving equipment, nature of cargo

aboard, and state of engines and radio, pending an inquiry which was to take place there soon.

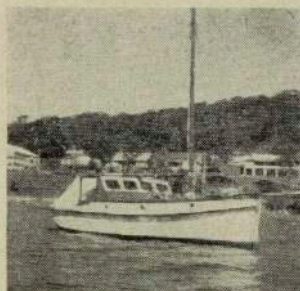
Some reports spoke of charred woodwork and evidence of an explosion; others denied this.

Explanation of the mystery of the missing personnel seemed to centre on three big questions: were they separated from the ship at the time the visible damage occurred, at an earlier time, or at a later time?

The extent of damage suffered suggests that it was unlikely that every person was thrown overboard. The time and place of discovery by *Tuvalu* shows a drift of about 37

miles per day, and agrees with published data on speed and direction of drift in these waters. Current charts would suggest that the drift began nearer Samoa than Fakaofu.

Clearly *Joyita* passed within sight of Wallis, visible about 20 miles at 20 ft height of eye, on about October 10-11, and within sight of Futuna, visible over 50 miles, about October 14-15. If there was some early sudden disaster, while some or all aboard survived, they may have abandoned *Joyita* to attempt a raft landing on one or other of these islands. The landing may have been unsuccessful for all hands.



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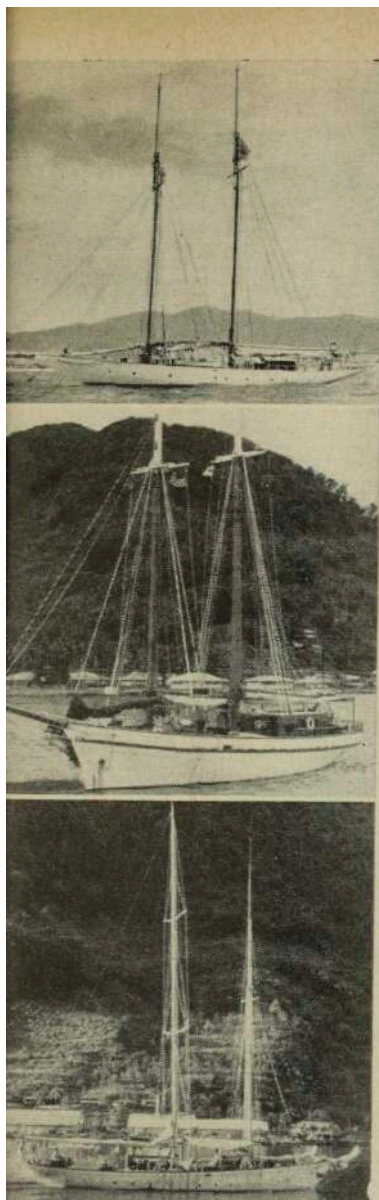
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Centre: The Panamanian registered schooner "Fiesta" at Pago Pago.

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Lower: The schooner-rigged American yacht "Edlys" in Pago Pago.

Photo: Pan American Prints.

the raft might have been set leeward, and never reached the shore.

Such a raft, drifting probably a little faster than *Joyita*, might reach southern New Hebrides by late November or early December. Melauans and Gilbertese might survive such a drift.

The charred wreckage reported on Wallis and Futuna proved to be from *Joyita* it would show that damage was suffered east of

those islands, and would suggest a sudden disaster. Some, viewing the published photos, consider that all the visible damage could have been caused by the sea and by cargo, drums of oil, etc., smashing about, floating but trapped in the slowly sinking and gradually listing vessel's deck structures after the vessel had been abandoned.

Abandonment might well have been initiated merely through both motors being broken down and the radio unrepairable.

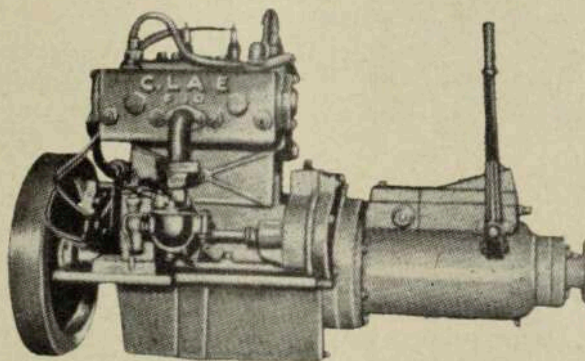
Undoubtedly, searching RNZAF aircraft must have been visible or audible. When eventually it seemed clear that the search had been abandoned, and with perhaps Wallis

or Futuna in sight and good prospects of a landing, the master may have made that decision. Apparently absence of sextant and chronometer might strengthen such a theory, as the master would certainly take these.

There seemed to be no evidence of any attempt to rig sails, made, say, from scraps of canvas, copra sacks, or bedding, which must have been available in *Joyita*. This fact might strengthen a sudden-disaster theory, unlikely as it would seem that all could have been tossed or washed overboard at the same moment.

A cargo of empty drums from Apia to the Tokelaus seemed strange

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ago. The explanation, we believe, that a re-settlement scheme is in progress there and the drums were fresh water storage in a new lagoon pending establishment of permanent tanks.

Reports suggested that *Joyita's* transmitter was not unserviceable but had merely been put out of adjustment. There was a radio technician aboard, but he may well have been sea-sick up to the time of any sudden disaster. It must also be remembered that a transmitter is useless without a power supply. *Joyita's* 100-watt set would have a very heavy power drain.

The set did not operate on the continuously monitored 500 kc/s distress channel. It possibly could operate on the 2182 kc/s voice distress channel, on which Apia keeps watch, but on which Pago Pago keeps a speaker watch. Fruitless as would very quickly run down accumulators. If the charging machinery was out of action the set would then be useless.

There is another, perhaps very likely, suggestion for a possible appearance of all aboard. The vessel was fully refrigerated in all the holds. If the system employed ammonia, a fracture or explosion might have released a flood of that choking chemical into the bilges. The hands may have been forced temporarily into a raft or boat (if any).

It is conceivable that a squall could have separated raft from ship at such a time. Unlikely—but possible! A similar event almost occurred during the *Kon-Tiki* voyage.

From the photos (see elsewhere) it seems clear that a collision was not the initial disaster. The hull is quite unmarked. It would still have been possible for the damage to have been done by another vessel—Japanese fisherman possibly—colliding with, or going alongside after the ship had adopted her heavy list. Any collision then would have involved the superstructure, and not the hull, on the port side and would explain the visible damage.

Presumably the master, crew, and owners of *Tuvalu* forfeited any salvage claim when they handed over to the Fiji Government's *Degei*.

FOR YOUR SAFETY:—While PIM is of the firm belief that the inexpensive *Gibson Girl* 500 kc/s emergency transmitter, described last month, is the present primary answer to many Island shipping incidents, Islands seamen should also be aware of the principles upon which air-search radar equipment operates and how their chances of location may be greatly improved.

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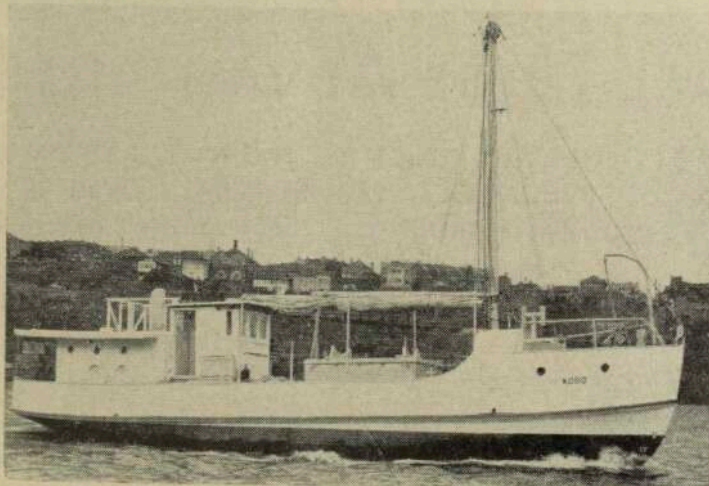


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NNG SURVEY:—Due to arrive in Netherlands New Guinea waters from Holland before Christmas is the survey vessel HMNS *Snellius* with a complement of 100 men. The vessel will joint HMNS *Luymes* in a big charting project, which at present is being concentrated on the

south coast from the Papuan border to Princess Marianne Straat near Marauke.

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er: Captain W. J. Buckley, mentioned in month's notes.
er: The yacht "La Paloma", salvaged, and for sale in Papeete.

a to Auckland for survey in November following a touch on the Kaki reef. Formerly the *Kina-angan*, and built at Fremantle, was the first visit to Auckland in 1950. Normally, the vessel returns to Papeete during the hurricane season.

Rarotonga correspondent reports Mr. D. C. Brown (whose last ship, the 300-tonner *Rannah*, was wrecked at Avarua, Rarotonga, on November 16, 1954, and was recently salvaged from the reef by the insurance company), may soon take delivery of a twin-screw vessel with a cargo capacity of 80 tons. A company of which Mr. D. C. Brown is senior partner, was recently registered in Auckland as Island Merchants Ltd., Rarotonga.

ISABEL ROSE:—To join the eastern Samoa fleet, as reported in our PIM, the former US Army Transport Craft *Isabel Rose* was to arrive at Sausulito, California, on November 23, for Pago Pago via Hono-

With Captain Robert C. Payes, normally skipper of *Manu'a Tele*, is Chief Engineer James W. Sword, of the same vessel, and six Samoan crew men, and William Steffany, with his brother, Joe, purchased the vessel for the Pago Pago-Apia trade.

FOR SALE:—*Manu'a Tele*, the 258-ton ex-US Navy Yard Mine Sweeper, which, in addition to providing communications with the Manu'a Group, has provided the main sea link between Apia and the Tokelaus in recent years, under charter, will soon be offered for sale by the Eastern Samoa Government as agent for the Manu'a people who own the vessel.

Manu'a Tele is almost identical with

the French naval patrol craft *Tiare*, based at Noumea and well known in Polynesia, except that the former has been stripped of all armament and modified for cargo handling. Powered by two 400-hp GM diesels, the American vessel measures 124.3 ft x 24.8 ft x 11.1 ft. Her present duties will be taken over by *Isabel Rose*, mentioned above, as well as *MV Samoa*, a smaller vessel owned by the Steffanys.

NUKUALOFA IMPROVEMENTS:—New Zealand Ministry of Works engineers were recently in Tonga, discussing final details of reconstruction and extensions to the Nukualofa wharf. Plans will soon be prepared and it is expected that

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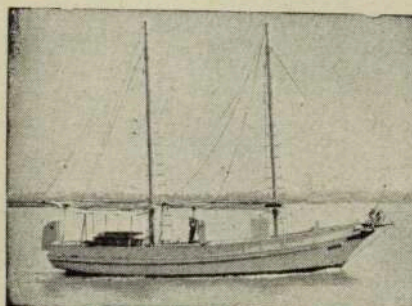
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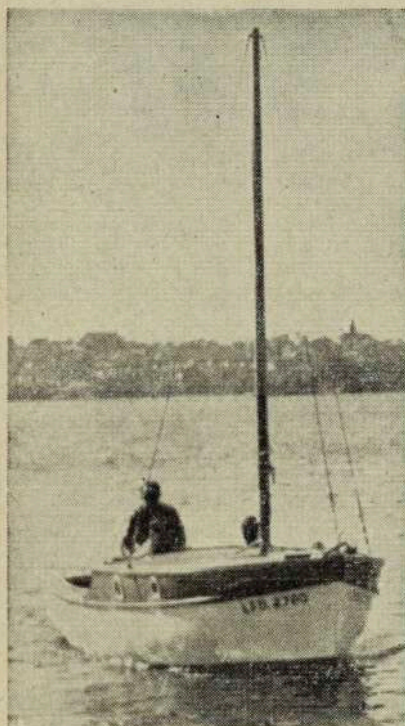
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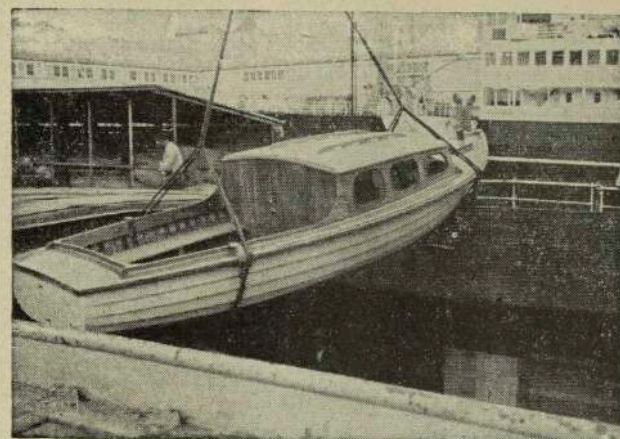
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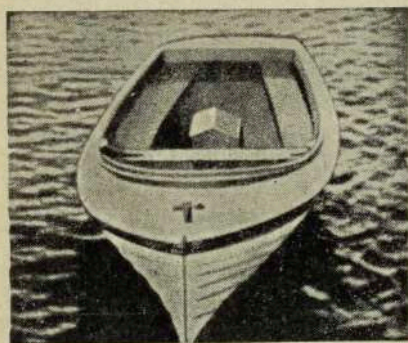


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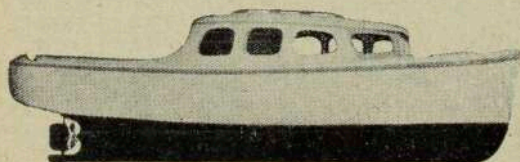
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ANOTHER OCEAN LETTER:—Instable Makira, of Rakahanga and, Northern Cooks, picked up a little at the south-east corner of the atoll on October 23, containing the following message: "My name Edwin M. Watson. I am 14 years old. I live at 110 Broad Ave., Naples, A. I am aboard the SS *Pioneer*, en route to Tahiti. We are about 100 miles WSW of Panama Canal. Will you please write and let me know where you found this." Only the missing was date of launching. The drift was about 2,600 miles, apparently through the Marquesas, a course a good deal north of that indicated by Admiralty life-line charts.

VETERAN VISITOR:—A November visitor to PIM Sydney office was Captain W. J. Buckley, whose official memories of the Solomons go back to 1904. Now retired and living near Sydney, Captain Buckley came to Sydney in 1904 in Captain Swenson's new 45-ton schooner *dsay*. He remained with the vessel when Levers bought out Captain Swenson's Gavutu property and after, then returned briefly to the islands.

But the Islands were still calling and he shipped out for Samoa in the then *Southern Cross* to work for the Germans for a time. Then back to the Solomons via Sydney to join a small schooner *Alcyone*, which had been shipped up from Sydney and the *Moresby*. Next shift was to BP's larger *Sideia*, recruiting, and then to the firm's *Rogeia* for a while.

After that Captain Buckley joined partnership with Sam Atkinson, taking command of the 19-ton schooner on recruiting work. Then came the First World War, and Captain Buckley, back in BP's *Rogeia*, found himself under naval control, patrolling a 400-mile stretch of Solomon waters on the look-out for Von Kner, who was then loose in the Pacific with *Seeadler*. After that he came master of the *Mascot* until his loss in the Santa Cruz Is. as reported in recent issues of PIM.

After a spell ashore in those islands, trading, Captain Buckley came back to Sydney in the decision of 1935, and was with the navy pilot service for a time. When he planned to ship out to the islands again, the old seaper's eyes sparkled and he indicated that he could be interested in any delivery job that was offering.

SCIENTISTS TAKE NOTE:—In this issue is a photo of the 110-ft American schooner *Gloria*, currently lying at Koror, Palau, and available for charter to scientific institutions or research workers. Owned by Alfred J. Heimer-III, of Philadelphia, and chartered on a long-term basis to the Natural Science Foundation of that

city, the vessel can be sub-chartered on a bare-boat basis with her present crew.

Bargain charter rates are offered to scientific groups to help off-set expenses. Groups interested in research in the Netherland New Guinea-Indonesia area would be welcomed, to work in with Foundation plans in those waters. Contact may be made with Captain Ernest Chamberlain, at Koror, or with the Natural Science Foundation, 1510 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 2, Penn., USA.

TOIL AND TROUBLE:—The P-NG Administration's new medical patrol vessel *Heduru* has had her share of adventure since entering

service. The vessel arrived in time to take part in the search for survivors of *Elsie-B* in Papuan Gulf waters late August, suffering some heavy-weather damage in the process. Early in November, with the Chief Medical Officer aboard, patrolling all stations from Daru to Kairuku, the vessel suffered an engine break-down and had to be sailed 40 miles to Daru. En route she struck several tidal bores in the Gulf and finally went aground but was got off undamaged.

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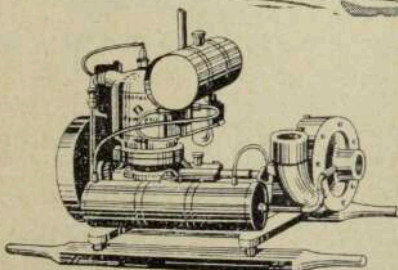
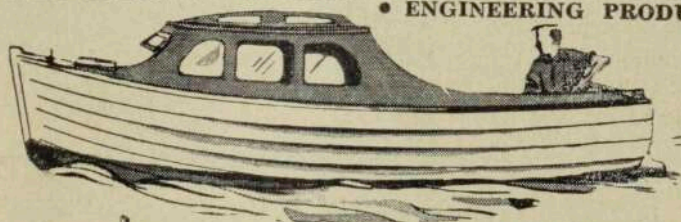
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financial formalities had been attended to; and in the other case an Australian crew took the vessel to Noumea, where an Italian crew took over for the voyage to the Mediterranean.

FOR FIJI FLEET?:—The Japanese fishing vessel *Mie Maru* was still sitting on a reef 2 miles from

Ongea Driki in mid-November. It was reported from Suva that a Japanese firm had quoted the Japanese owners a "substantial sum" to conduct a survey of salvage possibilities. Our guess is that *Mie Maru*, under a new name, will be trading round the Fijis within another two months. Damage is believed to be only minor, but two Japanese f

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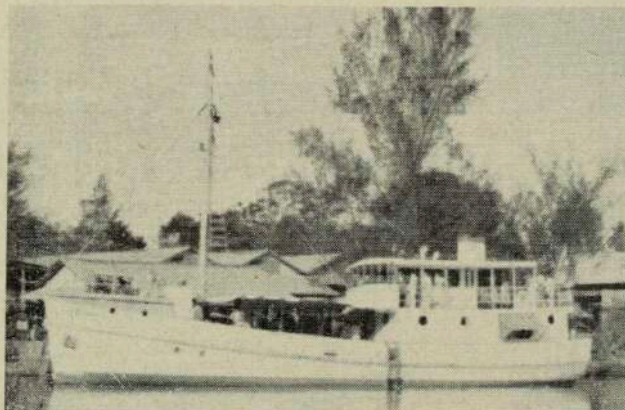
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vessels could not pull her clear. hands were taken off on October including certain equipment.

WHAT'S IN A NAME:—It has been previously pointed out in this month that many Japanese vessels registered under the same name, though with a different number appended, and that the name means nothing without the number.

In November, when completely founded accusations of murder of *Joyita* personnel by Japanese were being freely headlined in the Australian press, one Melbourne paper pinned the crime to the *Baikoku Maru*. When the charge was referred to Japan, the reply came back—"Which one? There are at least thirty!"

The charge in this case seemed to have been based on the fact that the vessel variously identified as *Baikoku Maru No. 10*, and *Baikoku Maru No. 10*, had put into Pago Pago for treatment to a seaman of a dislocated right wrist and of three fingers, said to have been sustained in handling fishing equipment.

This vessel was not one of the Pago-based fleet, but belonged to a fleet working the Samoa-Fiji-Tonga area from Japan. It may be recalled that at least a year ago the Japanese Fisheries Department announced that Jap tuna vessels would fish in the Cooks-Tahiti area next year.

REFIT COMPLETED:—*La Reine*, Agence Reuter's 209-tonner, refit completed in Suva, returned that port November 5 on route to Noumea.

HARLING THE NATIVES:—Reports from New Hebrides waters state that the English Brixham trawler *Inspire*, currently running in that area, has been causing some distraction and excitement among the beaches.

It seems to centre round the less voluminous dress adopted by three attractive lady members of five-strong crew. Some observers, trying the ketch through powerful seas when quite far at sea, so 'tis said, have rushed orders to Sydney to order houses for still better seas!

RECOMMISSIONED:—*Albert Neaud*, Compagnie Francaise Hebrides' 240-ton New Hebrides trawler, out of commission through age in July, 1954, is on the run again. A new propeller was flown by the last Qantas flight. It is hoped, however, that the company seeking a replacement to this cargo-and-passenger vessel.

UNCANCELLED DISTRESS CALL:—Interception of an R/T distress call by an Australian coastguard on October 31 led at first to the belief that Captain Emile Diez's *Maria del Mar*, somewhat overdue from Noumea, was in trouble in heavy weather.

Some time later, when the Savoie flag-ship had checked in by radio with all in order, it was discovered that the cause of the excitement had been a small craft in New Guinea waters. The name of the vessel was not released to the press but the master had sent out a MAYDAY call when his ship went on a reef.

Later, when the vessel was freed, the call should have been cancelled, but was not. The vessel, again under its own power, was located by air search.

FOR CUSTOMS CONTROL:—To help combat cargo pillaging and illegal removal of cargo from the waterfront, two control posts are being built at the Suva wharf exits.

SPECIAL DELIVERY:—Captain Max Stanton, well known in the

Islands for his delivery of many new—and old—vessels to Island owners, was to have taken the hospital ship and former BSIP trader *Ruena* to the Andaman Islands in the Indian Ocean in December, but because of delays he was off on a more pressing task.

This was the delivery of the 33-year-old, 3,388-ton *Clarisse* from Melbourne to Trieste. *Clarisse*, well known on the Australian coast formerly as the BHP vessel *Iron Knob* (ex *Euwarra*), was recently sold to Italian buyers and registered in Panama.

She was to clear in early December with a cargo of wheat for Malta via Suez. Aboard as Third Mate and Radio Officer was Mr. W. Schutz, of Tarawa, released for

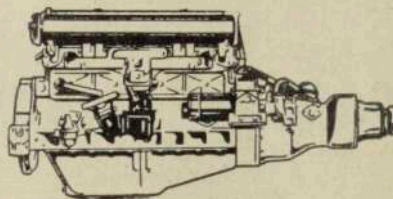
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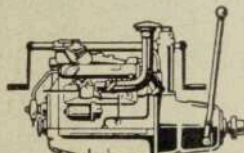
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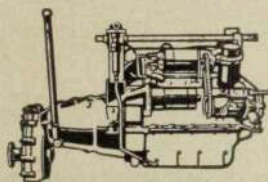
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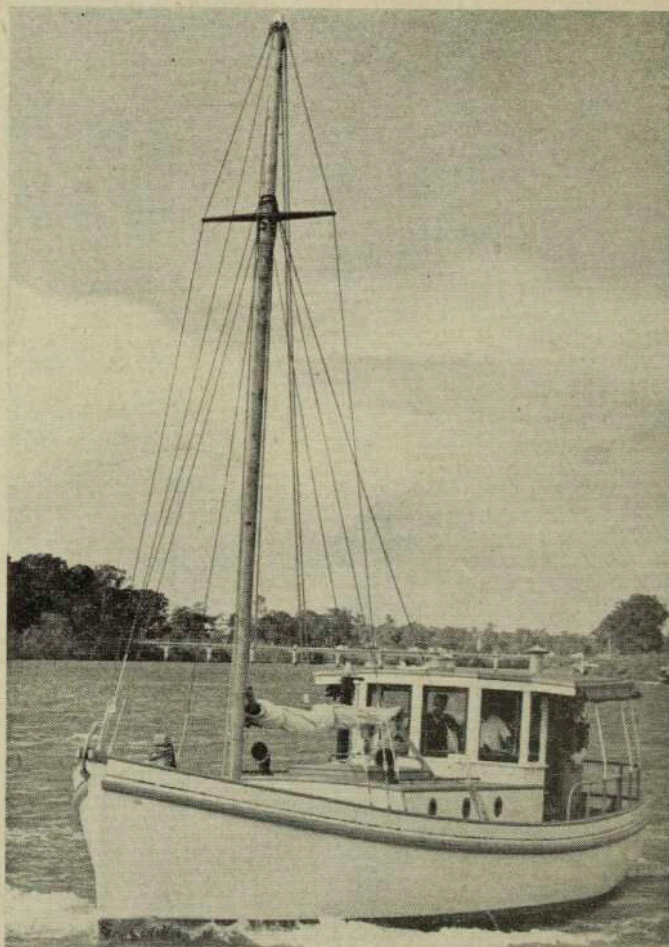
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task by the Australian Shipping Board. It seemed possible that Captain Stanton and Mr. Schultz might deliver another vessel from Europe to Australia on completion of the present job.

READY TO ROLL:—S. Berg & Co's *Kurimarau*, former BSIP Government vessel, after a long period of idleness, arrived in Sydney from Milina, northern NSW, on November 23, spick and span in white, with blue-topped buff funnel, buff cow works, and blue and green trimmings.

Kurimarau's cargo handling facilities have now been greatly improved. Previously the after hatch, situated beneath a permanent upper deck, could not be worked except by unloading of cargo across the main deck. Now this upper deck has been broken, a large section in the way of the hatch lifting clear. The former after-mast has been replaced by a shorter steel mast situated further forward. With two cranes and two new electric cranes the after-hold is now well served.

Amongst other new equipment is a Vaughan 4-channel radio-telephone transmitter covering the 2-6 Mc band, with added broadcast channel in the receiver. After slipping and undergoing hull repairs *Kurimarau* will enter the

New Guinea coastal service. With her considerable covered deck space this Hongkong-built 288-ton vessel is particularly well suited to the carriage of deck passengers. She has a hold capacity of 16,000 ft. It is understood that the vessel is available for charter. A New Guinea crew was being brought south in December to man her.

HANDED OVER:—Renamed *Industral*, the former Fairymead Sugar Co. Army GPV-type vessel *Ruena*, now a smart hospital ship, was handed over to the Indian Government in Sydney on November 29. By the time this appears the vessel should be well on her way up the Queensland coast bound Torres Strait, Singapore, and her new home port of Port Blair in the Andaman Islands. Cost of purchase and refit was about £60,000. The ship now has accommodation for 20 patients, a medical officer and staff, and the crew. There is an operating theatre.

ATTRACTIVE STRANGER:—An unusual caller at Suva and Sydney in November-December was the 495-GT *Rican Star* flying the Costa Rican flag. A steel vessel measuring 180-ft x 24 ft x 13 ft moulded depth, she was built at Newport, News, USA, in 1922 as the yacht *Eleanor*.

Captain Julius Jensen, now in

command, had little information on her early history, but knew that she was acquired by the US Hydrographic Survey Department, and later by the US Navy, in which service she served as a patrol craft on the East Coast during the war.

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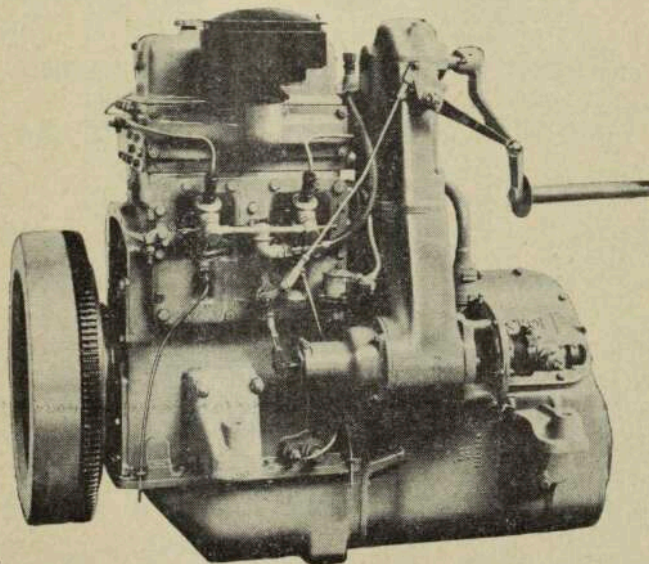
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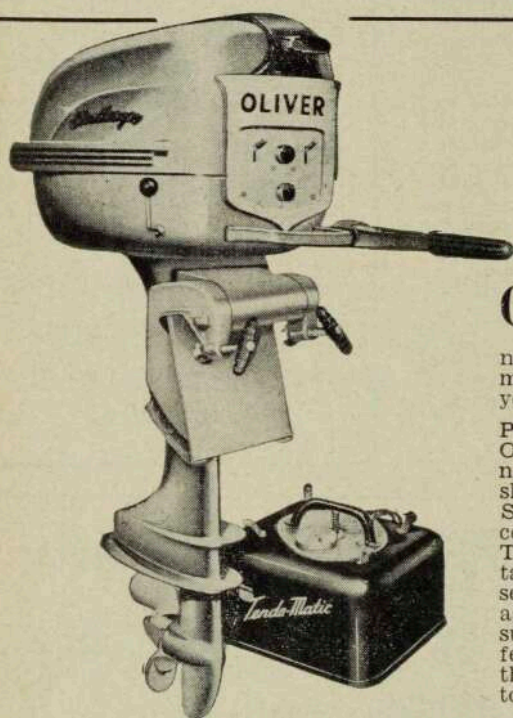
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Queen by her present Canadian owners in 1948 and renamed *Rio Star*. Registered in Porto Limerick she is now normally on the Central America-Canada West Coast banana trade, being fully refrigerated for that purpose. She is powered by a pair of 8-cylinder Wilton diesels which give her a service speed of 10-11 knots and a top speed of about 14 knots.

Equipment includes a recording type of echo sounder and a channel radio-telephone transmitter. Her yacht lines, long overhang, counter, white hull with blue-topgum buff funnel and blue star, catch the eye. There are 14 all told aboard when they are not deserting, several did in Honolulu and Sydney on the run south, and some more did in Sydney, where crew was sought. The island deserters were to be picked up on the run had to Vancouver, or possibly Long Beach, Cal.

Normally, it would not pay to run a vessel of this size down to Sydney but in this case it did—cargo was dynamite, on which her freights are received. The owner, Canvica Trading Co., had an interest in another small wooden vessel which brought a similar cargo south recently. This was *Mina-C*, whose cost was paid the freight of a single voyage.

News of Cruising Yachts

• **TAHITI YACHT CLUB:** Mr. Martial I has been re-elected Commodore of the new Tahiti Yacht Club, a position which he held prior to the Club's decline many years ago. Mr. Iorss is also President of the Assemblée Territoriale de French Oceania.

• **RAROTONGA SAILING CLUB** opened its official 1955-56 season on October 24, with a large programme of events on Ngatangiia lagoon.

• **AUCKLAND-SUVA YACHT RACE**, scheduled for May, 1956, promises to be an event of considerable interest, with an increasing number of yachtsmen signifying their intention to enter. Some of the number of overboard yachts currently in New Zealand waters are likely to be represented.

• **SOLACE**, Commander Victor Clark's Endeavour ketch, was preparing to clear Rarotonga for Auckland via Palmerston Island late in October. During his year on Palmerston while the yacht was being rebuilt following stranding, Commander Clark put some of the local people through a course in navigation. Three of them were taken to Rarotonga in the yacht, to their hand at sea. **SOLACE** was to deliver them home again.

• **TZU HANG**, of London, cleared for San Francisco October 13 for Honolulu, Fanning Island and points south, in continuation of her world cruise. This yacht, manned by Mr. and Mrs. Miles Smeeton and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. Sikes, of Vancouver, came out to New Zealand via Panama and the Galapagos Islands years ago, and the Smeetons have since been farming there. The yacht, built in Hong Kong pre-war, is of oak construction, 45 ft. overall.

• **LA POLOMA**, stranded on Maiao Island, sold, salvaged, and rebuilt, was reported to be on sale in Papeete in November. This yacht was purchased in Auckland, NZ, and cleared for last June under American ownership.

• **RICHARD & JOHN**, 60 ft., 21 ton ketch, rigged fishing vessel, bound from Penzance, England, to Gisborne, NZ, arrived at Papeete.

ember 5, sailed November 8, and arrived Gisborne on November 22 to be met with a rousing welcome from over 1,000 people. It earlier (November 12) called at Rarotonga to take on oil supplies.

LITTLE BEAR, Buz and June Champion's 11 ft. ketch from San Francisco, entered Auckland November 7. The champions indicated that they like New Zealand, and New Zealand likes them, they may settle there.

TAHITI, of Los Angeles, manned by Messrs. Smith and Schroder, arrived at Auckland, November 3. Philip Schroder planned to return home immediately, but Mr. Smith has other hopes. He will seek permission from the New Zealand authorities to settle for a time at Anchorage Islet, Suvarrow atoll, in the Cooks.

TAIHOA, 30 ft. Tahiti-type ketch, recently chased in Lyttelton, NZ, will be one of the yachts from Auckland at the end of the present hurricane season. The yacht is jointly owned now by Mr. Bob Fenton, 27, formerly of Hobart, and Mr. Gunars Dambe, 30, a Latvian who went to New Zealand several years ago. They will head for the American Pacific Coast.

FIESTA, previously unreported from any port, slipped into Pago Pago, on October 10 from Honolulu. Flying the Panamanian flag—probably the first yacht to cruise the Pacific under that flag for very many years—big 72 ft. x 17½ ft. x 8 ft. schooner was sent thence for Papeete later in October. It is owner-skipper Martin J. Vitousek with a crew of five.

The yacht had spent a month at Fanning Island and all hands were most appreciative of the hospitality shown them there. Presumably contrary winds forced the yacht to the westward, as a windward beat from Pago Pago to Papeete is not usually done by choice.

MOANA of France, continuing her westward circumnavigation, arrived at Noumea on November 1. A stay of a couple of weeks planned by owner-skipper Pierre Pasquier and his men, before heading for Port Moresby, Indonesia. The aim is to reach St. Paul, France, via Suez, by next August.

MERIDIAN, 44 ft. cutter of Port Royal, Jamaica, manned by Dick and Abbie Stafford, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stark in yacht **VIXEN** (parts unknown), were in Cristobal in September preparing to clear for the Galapagos, and will probably points west. **MERIDIAN** planned to clear the San Blas Islands for the Galapagos on October 1.

STORTEBECKER-III's former owner, Dr. Franklin-Evans, lately practising as a doctor in New Zealand, plans to buy another yacht in England soon and may again be seen in the Pacific. He cruised from New Zealand to Canada in 1953, selling the former German yacht there late 1954.

HALF SAFE, Australian amphibious jeep, in Sydney late in November. From there Carlins planned to ship themselves and the jeep back to Calcutta to rejoin their circumnavigation route. They will cross Burma, Thailand, Indo China, and by water to the Philippines, Formosa, Okinawa, and Japan. They call for clearing there next May for the Philippines and Alaska. Ultimate target: New York by December, 1956.

NORDLYS, of San Francisco, called at Pago Pago in mid-October, went from there to Apia, Suva, and then doubled back to the east, called at Rarotonga again on November 10 and visited Mauke on November 22. Mr. Walter S. Johnson with his 7-man crew returned to clear again for Papeete a few days to get away from the hurricane zone.

TROPIC SEAS, 36 ft. ketch in which John Bell and family sailed from the US Pacific to Australia a couple of years ago, and a year ago, sank at moorings in Sydney on November 28. The hull had been stripped for refit and no great damage resulted. Mr. Bell now employed in Sydney, expects to publish another book titled "Sailors in Diapers" based on his US this month.

MORE DRIFTERS: Four men and a woman

left Lima, in Peru, early in December, on a balsa raft hoping to drift to the South Pacific Islands.

It is the third expedition of its kind to leave Peru. Each party used the Humboldt Current to travel slowly to the islands of Polynesia.

Thor Heyerdahl led the first on the balsa raft **KON TIKI**. The second carried William Willis, with his cat and parrot, to the islands aboard his raft **SIETE HERMANITAS**.

The **KON TIKI** reached French Oceania, and Willis got as far west as Pago Pago.

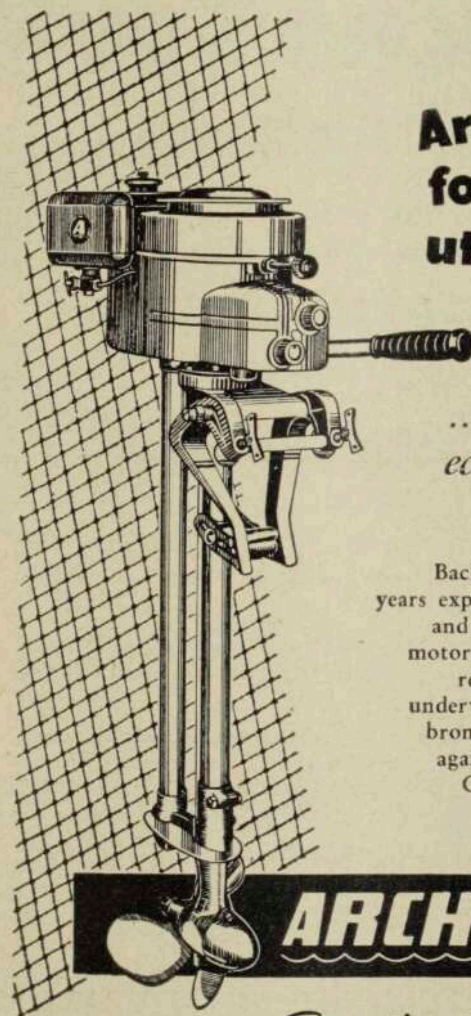
The adventurers now at sea are Eduardo Ingris, 45, head of the expedition, a naturalised Peruvian; Mirko Guerecky, 29, a Czech radio operator; Andy Rost, 27, a Dutch seaman; Joaquin Guerrero, an Argentine sportsman and Natalia Mazuellos, 29.

Mr. Ingris named his balsa raft **LA CANTUTA** after a sacred Inca flower.

He hopes to reach Polynesia in about 80 days. He will then make for Australia to set up business.

¶ The remains of the Rev. Albert MacLaren, who died in Papua in 1891, were taken back to the Territory in November and reinterred near Dogura. He was the first Anglican missionary in Papua and died from Malaria a few months after his arrival. He was originally buried at Cooktown, Queensland.

¶ Mr. C. G. Roberts, an Administrative Officer on transfer from the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony, and Mr. G. F. C. Dennis, of the Lands Department, BSIP, returned to Honiara from leave, on October 10. Mr. Roberts has been posted as District Commissioner, Central Solomons.



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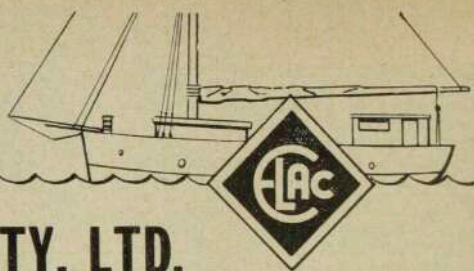
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Dedication of New Mormon Chapel

DEDICATION service for the new Mormon chapel at Rarotonga, was held on November 25.

The chapel was completed in early November. It is neat and modern and is designed to withstand earthquake tremors. Acoustic lining tiles prevent voices from reverberating. Louvre type windows have been installed.

A five-roomed mission home, complete with garage and hot and cold water, was built under Charles M. Ma in 60 days. All joinery for the chapel and mission home was made on the spot.

Elder Dana constructed 13 chapels and buildings for the Mormon Mission on three of the main islands. He plans to leave the Cook Group before the commencement of the hurricane season.

Letter to the Editor

and Parliamentary Reform in Tonga

READ with interest your article in September PIM—"A European and a Tongan Speak Their Minds." Further to this article, I would like to tell you something of the Tongan Democratic Party and its views regarding racial discrimination.

There is no need for racial discrimination in Tonga, or anywhere else. All the people of my country could work together for the good of the Kingdom. The great potentialities of a nation are all the people living under its flag. Discrimination on racial grounds is a sign of poor leadership, decay and a feeling of inferiority.

Members of the Democratic Party in Tonga do not want to abolish the noble nobility. What we do want is for the nobles to subdivide their land and hereditary estates so that a more equitable distribution of land can be made amongst the present landless ones. If any trouble starts in Tonga, it will come from these people who have no land. Thousands of people living on nobles' land at present cannot register their title because it has not yet been subdivided.

We want, too, a democratic form of government for Tonga, taking the best from the British and American forms of legislature.

At present, the Tonga Parliament is out of date as a Model-T Ford. It consists of 7 Government Ministers (6 Tongan nobles and one European); 7 representatives of the nobles; and 7 representatives of the people. The 13 nobles naturally can

outvote the people's representatives every time. The speaker is also a noble.

Tonga should have, like Britain and the British Dominions, two Houses in its Parliament—a House of Nobles, and a House of Commons or representatives of the people, with a premier who is also elected by the people every three or four years.

I am, etc.,

LELOMA MATAELE.

P.O. Box 3,
Nukualofa, Tonga.

Mr. R. Yates, Assistant Superintendent, Police and Prisons, BSIP, left Honiara on October 11 for leave in England.

NEW CALEDONIA WANTS MORE COLONISTS

THE Governor of New Caledonia, M. Rene Hoffherr, has proposed that an immigration bureau be set up by the Colony.

The bureau's function will be to encourage and select European migrants for New Caledonia on the pattern of bureaus run by Australia and New Zealand.

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Ever-Rising Costs Worry P-NG Producers

DISREGARDING the boom caused in Papua and New Guinea by lavish grants from Australian Commonwealth, one contributor, "Daika Tau" (an planter and trader) makes pessimistic survey of primary production conditions in the P-NG Territory.

Can anyone really honestly any long-term profitable future Papua-New Guinea?

Of late years, the country has become the parade-ground of parties of perigrinating politicians; but things which mostly come of such visits are new flocks of absurdity in the daily press—such as the lot about floggings, blackbirding and rations to natives.

Judging by the numbers of flagrant young native hooligans about town areas, there is something in the saying that to spare the rod is to spoil the child. It is far and away better to give a youth a cut with cane—which is all that "flogging"—than to gaoil him in close contact with adult criminals where he can learn the higher arts of crime.

The charge of "blackbirding" is ridiculous that the serious side is apt to be overlooked.

Employers are competing with each other for labour and are offering conditions which often mean that very little drop in the profit margin would prove uneconomical.

All the recruiter does is to give the native the opportunity to take advantage of these conditions. The native is not bound to go to any place: he can stay in his village or do as he pleases. He need not stay at his place of employment.

But the employer is bound by strict laws to provide him with rations, and other articles, even to the extent of being fined for not supplying them when not available in the area. Inspectors come round regularly and inspect each native and investigate each individual complaint, no matter how trivial.

If any "exploitation" is going on it is exploitation of the employer and very definitely, not of the native.

The ration scale is laid down by law and I have yet to see a native suffering from starvation while working for a European. They usually fatten up, after the period spent in the village.

The difference between village natives and those just paid off from work is very noticeable. No one would starve a native and expect him to work. The news would soon get around and that employer would get no more labour.

THE public service has grown so large so rapidly that it looks like snowballing to the eventual financial bankruptcy of the country. Surely a halt must be called soon to allow a period of consolidation and reorganisation.

Cost of living has risen so much that no one quarrelled with the public service's well organised application for higher pay. But one cannot follow the arguments for shorter hours.

All that can be done here with more leisure is to absorb more of that fluid which the medical evidence said is necessary to life in the tropics; or to sit and gloom about what a rotten place it is.

It takes ages to get an answer from a Government Department nowadays; and it would be worse if shorter hours were worked. When trade unionism was started in Australia years ago "a fair day's work for a fair day's pay" was a slogan; but it appears to have been discarded now. Government employees giving for private enterprise rule a lot of the shorter-hours argument.

THE bulldozing-through of the new import duties shows what the Administration can do when

its mind is made up. It is so different from the many promises about other matters which have passed the sound-barrier, into the Great Silence of official inertia.

There was certainly a great silence on the part of the official members of the Council when the Import Bill was going through—they resembled a mob of stunned robots. Many of them are clever and able men—who know what is required of a Departmental head. The disrespectful Diggers had a saying that "when a man knew more and more, about less and less, until he eventually knew everything about nothing, he was promoted." There may be something in that.

The higher import duties must hit the employers hardest. Natives' wages have never been the greatest cost of production—it always has been the rationing, etc. To break down the cost of labour into its various individual items—recruiting, rationing, wages, etc.—and to compare them with pre-war, is an interesting study. It is also an interesting comparison with European labour.

Any increase in production costs will tend to price Papua-New Guinea out of world markets.

THE desiccated coconut industry, killed so effectively and permanently, shows this. Ceylon can land its product in Australia cheaper than it can be produced at the factory here. It is doubtful if any factory will ever open here again. The native co-operatives may; but no one apart from them would ever think of investing money in it.

The rubber industry is rather delicately poised and, although of immense importance in time of war, has no guarantee of stability. The copra industry has two years to go to reach the same stage; and it is because the ten-years MOF agreement gives stability to the industry that it is so buoyant at the present moment.

There is nothing definite from then on. Who wants to buy a plantation on such an outlook?

Cocoa is on the crest of a boom. But what will happen when the African product gets moving again is problematical. African labour is cheaper and much more efficient and reliable.

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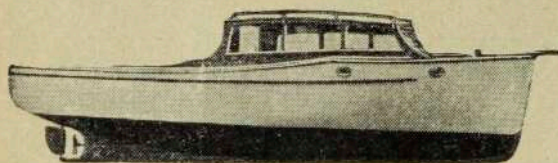
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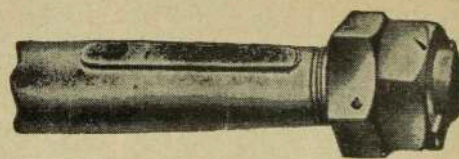
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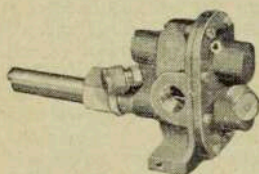
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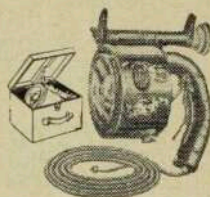
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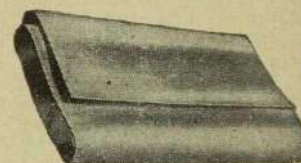
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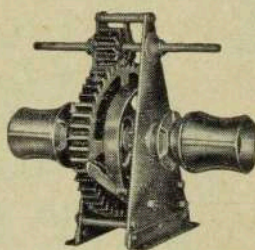
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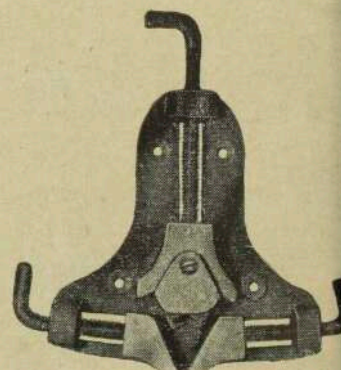
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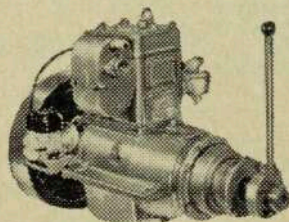
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DECEMBER 1 marked the beginning of a new native industry on the Papuan coast.

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Manu Manu was chosen as the area to start the smoked fish industry, as local natives own few coconut groves and depend on fish for money for village funds.

If successful, it could eventually bring about a long-awaited reduction in the price of fresh fish

FIJI'S COCOA INDUSTRY MAKES PROMISING START

AFTER many years of suggestions and speculation, a practical start has been made with the planting of cocoa in Fiji.

Approximately 3,000 acres has been planted—three quarters of it by Fijian growers.

Inquiries for material represent 2,600 acres and it is expected that the present acreage will be doubled within the next 12 months.

The fruiting of young cocoa at the Department of Agriculture stations is said to be encouraging.

The Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) said at the Legislative Council session in November that he looked forward to the day when the cocoa crop will make a major contribution to the Colony's economy.

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A NOTHER night smash-and-grab raid at Suva, when a plate glass window at Parekh Brothers' shop, at the corner of Pier Street and Renwick Road, was broken and 15 watches were stolen, has increased the demand for more police protection at night.

A similar robbery occurred at a shop opposite the Post Office several months ago and none of the stolen property has been recovered.

Property owners and shopkeepers are asking why more policemen are not seen on the streets at night. They maintain that doing the rounds in a patrol car is not enough, and that a criminal has only to wait for the car to pass to know that he has ample time to carry out a speedy job with a brick wrapped in cloth, grab the loot, and disappear.

† A 300-lb war-time Japanese mine floated into Rabaul (NG) harbour one Sunday in November and was found by natives. Experts who exploded it said it was an underwater magnetic type that had apparently broken from its sea-bed moorings.

Coffee Over-production in French Empire

BECAUSE coffee produced in the French Territories is generally of poor quality, according to world standards, and because the total French crop is expected to rise by 35,000 tons in the 1955-56

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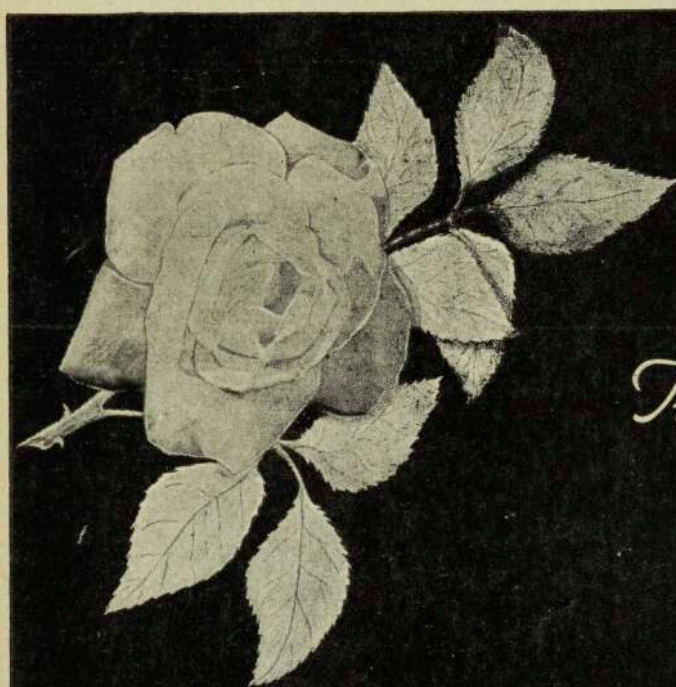
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The Navy and the Air Force on the "Joyita" Job

An eyewitness account from Jack Thornton

HAVE just returned to Suva from Malau—which, incidentally, is the first port on which the sun sets in the British Commonwealth; the locals are very annoyed that this has not previously been published or broadcast in reports about the *Joyita* salvage.

Malau is the port for Labasa, which is about 6 miles up-river and the main township on Vanua Levu. The port is about 150 miles from Suva, and the Royal New Zealand Air Force flew me there in a flying-boat joining the salvage party from the Navy frigate *Hauea* to the *Joyita*. My official mission was to identify the bodies, if any were found, as I had previously served aboard the *Joyita*. I stayed two days at Malau and I was the only scribe to remain on the scene throughout the salvage operations; then I returned by flying-boat with the naval divers, after they had finished making the *Joyita* reasonably shipshape for the tow to Suva.

We were delayed at Malau by a but I did not mind, for it gave me a chance to board the *Joyita*. When Australian reporters had returned to Suva by land plane after trying so far to discover that the wreck was not allowed aboard. Officialdom eventually relaxed this, but not until the overseas newspaper men had departed. I boarded quite legally, with a photographer and some local government officials.

The ship smelled more than a bit, any ship would after being semi-submerged for days, possibly weeks. The main decking seemed sound underneath, and I noticed that the salvage party had considered it necessary to patch up only a few small sections. A hose led down the stern just abaft the remains of the wheelhouse, and I was told that the pump down below was pumping out seawater—the hull was still water-tight.

We did not stay aboard long, for the flying-boat from Suva was waiting above. As soon as it had moored nearby, our launch took us across the river to the glistening hull. Within ten minutes we were off, and immediately we were borne and the pilot's buzzer had ceased (signifying that we could re-leave our Mae Wests) two of the crew rushed through our compartment aft, opened large bays on each side of the tail fuselage and started looking through binoculars. I learnt that we were to search for

Joyita survivors and wreckage for about 4 hours before returning to the flying-boat base at Laucala Bay, near Suva.

On upturned banana boxes the crew, wearing helmets enclosing earphones and mouthpieces plugged in to the intercom, sat peering through the ports. For the first time

I realised what a tiring job an air search operation must be for the crews, and the great responsibility each member has. There can be no relaxing when lives are at stake, or when the sighting of a piece of floating wreckage might give a clue to the ship's fate.

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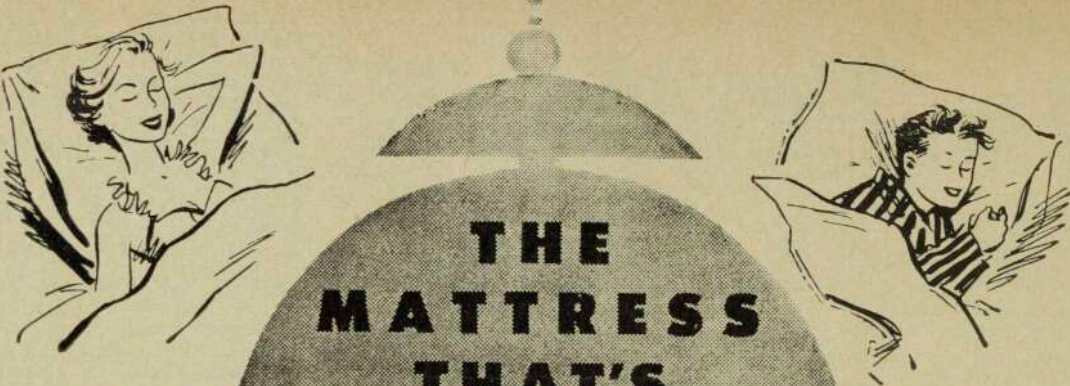
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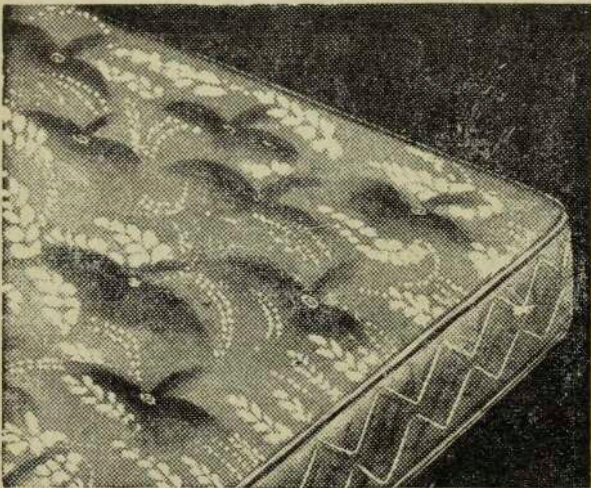
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seemingly languorously weaving among the coral, some of it cobalt, some brown, some red, and all washed by every shade of blue or green ocean.

I would have been content to continue watching the glorious panorama till darkness fell, but after about an hour one of our port engines went out of action and the flight engineer advised the lot to discontinue the search.

AUSTRALIA'S MOST EASTERN TERRITORY

Cocos Comes Into the Fold

AUSTRALIAN administration of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands came into effect on November 23.

Acts ratifying the change over from UK to Australian administration had previously been passed by the two governments.

Mr. H. J. Hull, an officer of the Royal Australian Navy, has been appointed Official Representative of Australia to take charge of local administration. He left Australia, as an officer of the Department of Territories, early in December.

Cocos has been the home of the Ross family for over 100 years, and Singapore has had its insight. However, Qantas Empire Airways established a base on the Island (one of the half dozen that makes up the atoll) a couple of years ago when they inaugurated their Sydney-Johannesburg air service, and since then the islands have been in process of transfer to Australian administration. The Qantas community is far the largest in the group. Australia has, however, had no associations with Cocos that go further back than the air service. It was here that HMAS Sydney sank the German cruiser Emden in World War I.

As a consequence of the transfer of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands to Australia, the operation and development of Overseas Telecommunications Services on Cocos comes the responsibility of the Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia). OTC (A) will operate the Cable Station at Cocos and Cable and Wireless Ltd.

To obtain first hand information on local requirements, Mr. T. A. Sley, Assistant General Manager of Overseas Telecommunications Commission (Australia), arrived at Cocos by air in early December. The Cocos Cable Station is situated on Direction Island, seven miles from the air strip at West Island, and is a 24 hour regenerator station. That is, its important function is to "boost" the strength

of the signals passing through the two cables from Perth—one, via Rodriguez, Mauritius and the Cape to the United Kingdom; and the other, via Djakarta to Singapore.

This Cable Station on its remote Indian Ocean atoll, has played a dramatic part in both world wars. In World War I "Emden" put a landing party ashore to destroy the cables. But they cut the wrong ones and the cable station was able to transmit the vital message to Sydney which was able to sink the German cruiser.

In World War II the Japanese shelled the cable station at close range, and were led to believe that the equipment was completely destroyed. But the staff quickly restored communications, which played a vital part throughout the rest of the war.

The cable station, which occupies 40 acres of land, also possesses a small radio station as a supplement to the Cable service in cases of emergency, and for communication with cable ships and the handling of port and distress messages, in addition to limited public correspondence with ships.

† The body of Petty Officer Lelei T. Tuitasi, who died in Hawaii recently, was shipped back to Eastern Samoa, and interred with full military honours at the family cemetery at Malaelio, Tutuila.

† The P-NG Administrator denied on November 28 that there was any truth in a Sydney newspaper report that the newly-developed anti-TB drug, Verazide, would be tested first on New Guinea natives before being distributed to TB sufferers in Australia. He said that the Administration had never been approached on the matter and knew nothing whatever about it.

† A mannequin parade was staged in Madang, New Guinea, in November, when local models displayed fashions from establishments in Port Moresby, Lae and Madang. Money raised goes to the building fund for a Country Women's Association restroom in Madang.

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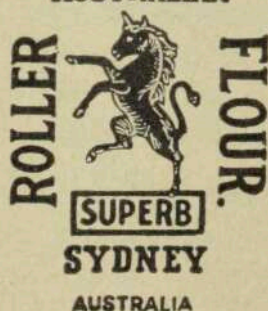
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US Doing Valuable Fish Survey Work

OVER the past two years the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, as a part of its Pacific Ocean Fishery Investigations project, has been carrying out experimental fishing and fish-tagging the Northern Line Islands area. Latest visit to the area made in October by the research vessel *John R. Manning*, which in addition to fishing the waters around Fanning, Washington, Christmas and Palmyra, carried out maintenance work on a permanent automatic sea temperature recorder which was established on Christmas Island some time ago.

It is known that the migratory habits of tuna and other fish, coupled with seasonal variations in sea temperature at various depths and the seasonal perambulation of certain well defined ocean currents like the counter-equatorial current which flows in a rather narrow stream eastward through the particular area. The fish tend to follow these food-bearing streams and especially the regions where opposing currents meet.

On the present voyage, as well as others, regular sea water temperatures at various depths were recorded, and the results correlated with sightings of shoals of fish and flocks of birds which follow the shoals. Most of the fish caught are tagged and released again with the hope that at a later date they will again be caught and indicate their movements.

More than 900 yellowfin have now been tagged in the Christmas Island area. The latest Fish and Wildlife Report says that "it is anticipated that recapture, either by Hawaiian based vessels in the Central Pacific, by Japanese fishermen in the equatorial western Pacific, or by the California tuna fleet in the eastern Pacific, may reveal important information on the migration and growth of this commercially valuable species."

Experiments with various fish catching equipments have also been under way in an effort to develop mechanical means of handling the type of long-line equipment which the Japanese have so much success. The Japanese method of call for considerable manpower which would be quite uneconomical at American wage rates. Fish and Wildlife has made some hopeful headway on this problem. Ultimately, the work should be of considerable value in the establishment of fisheries in the South Pacific Territories.

† It is estimated that deposits of phosphate on Nauru will be exhausted in 70 years; those on Christmas Island in about 35 years; and on Christmas Island (Indian Ocean) in between 40 and 50 years.

Canton Island

How Barren Atoll Became Big Airways Station

ALTHOUGH Canton Island, in the Central Pacific, is an Anglo-American Condominium, it would appear from a brochure just issued by the Pacific Science Board of Washington, DC, that most of the work of improvement and development there is being done by the Americans.

The brochure, called an Atoll Research Bulletin, is entitled *Canton Island, South Pacific*, by Otto Degener and Edwin Gillaspay. The pair were given the task (by the American Civil Aeronautics Administration, of Honolulu) of introducing to Canton Island a variety of plants which would take hold of the shifting sands of that almost barren tropical atoll, so as to prevent wind erosion, encourage afforestation and remove the almost unendurable glare. Large numbers of trans-Pacific travellers have seen Canton Island and is now the well-equipped fuel-place on the equator, between Hawaii and Hawaii, for the air-liners of three large aviation companies—all will agree that it is a singularly uninviting sandbank, which could be much improved by vegetation. Otto Degener, of Honolulu, is well known to Pacific islands people as an economic zoologist.

The brochure shows that there has been careful research over several years by botanists on Canton and indicates that there are many plants which might be naturalised and established on the dry atoll—if the swarming nit-crabs will permit. There are millions of the crabs there and they eat anything, animal or vegetable, which comes along, either by drift or as flotsam.

It will be remembered that in the Thirties, when the possibility of trans-Pacific air services was first mooted, there was a lively contest between Britain and United States over the ownership of Canton and other atolls (two of the Phoenix Group) midway between Honolulu and Fiji, and apparently suitable as air-stations. Canton got the preference, because it has an extensive lagoon, and it seemed then that flyingboats might be more important than land-planes.

Until then the scattered equatorial islets of the Central Pacific had been regarded as of no economic value. There was a period when seal-hunters occupied them; and another period when one or two companies planted them up with coconuts. But after World War I

no one wanted them—until the possibilities of the Air Age were seen by men of vision.

At different times, from 1800 onwards, the flags of both United States and Britain had been raised on the various atolls by whalers, guano gatherers, copra merchants, etc., and bored clerks somewhere in the respective capitals had made records in the archives. No one bothered to point out that these claims were in conflict. The maps, for 50 years, had shown the Phoenix Islands (of which Canton was nominally a part) as British.

BUT when the argument started, in the mid Thirties, both USA and UK disclosed a good claim

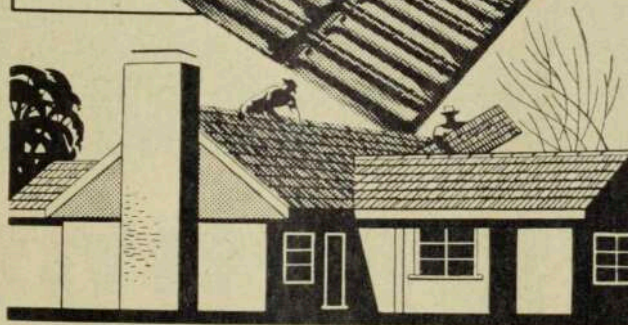
to Canton atoll; and both rushed landing-parties to the island to erect flags and construct concrete "Stay Out" signs.

While the Chancelleries exchanged snarling notes, and the landing-parties officially made faces at each other, the two groups unofficially settled down together in amity, fished and exchanged cold beer and reading material, and made the most of a lazy sojourn on the barren sand-bank.

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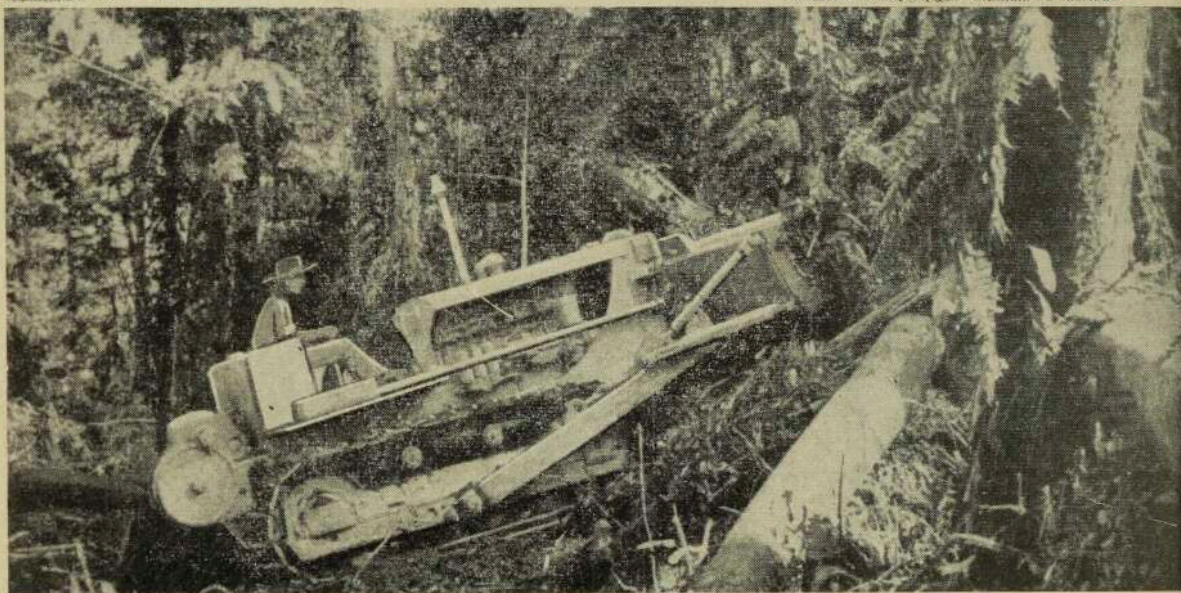
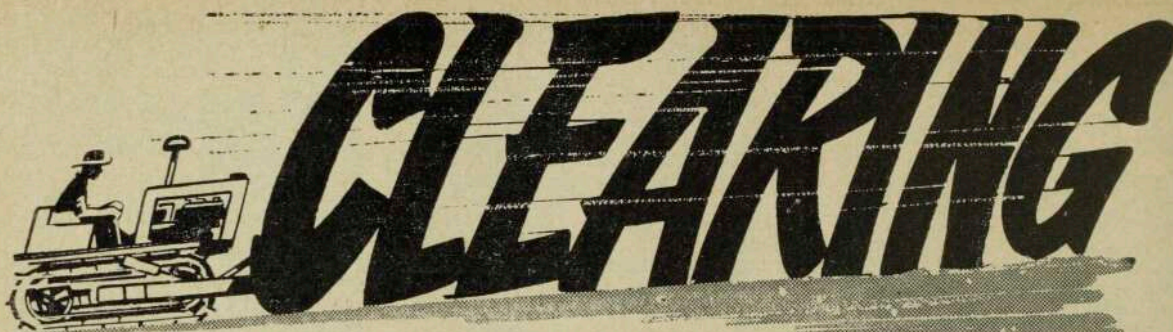
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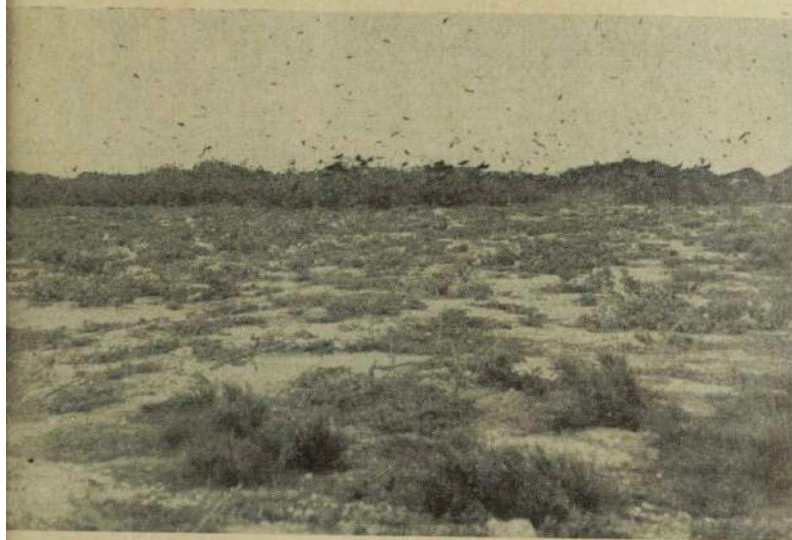
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a complete history of the atoll from the time it was first seen, up to 1950, shows that most of the work of establishing the airfield on Canton, and making it fit for habitation, has been done by the Americans.

Incidentally, until this century, Canton was usually called Mary Island. Then it was named Canton,

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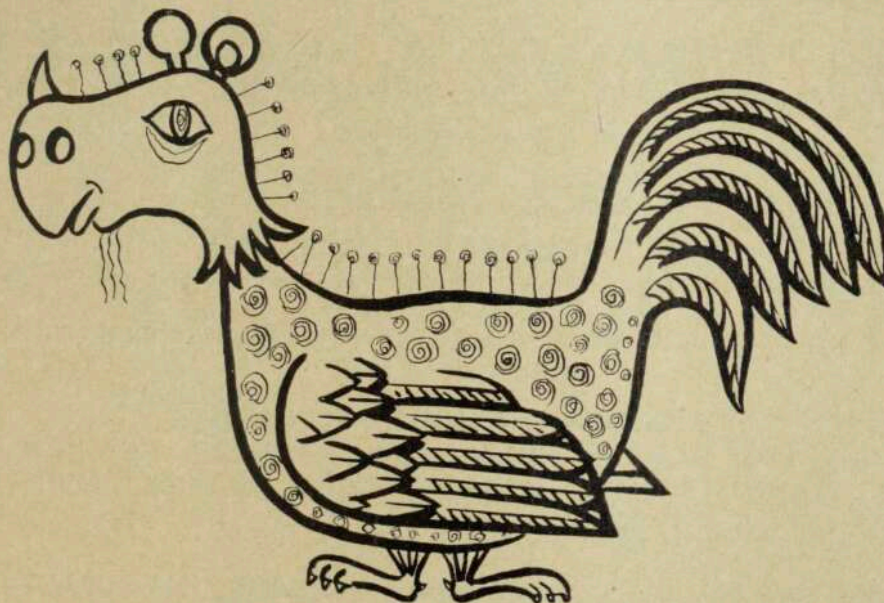
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SINCE 1952, the 1st Battalion, Fiji Infantry Regiment, has become one of the most decorated British units fighting in Malaya.

There is nothing astonishing in this fact to people who know the details, published and otherwise, of the Fijians' record in the Solomons campaign of the Pacific War, but a question which some people are asking to-day is why so little scope is provided in Fiji for the brilliant qualities shown by Fijian servicemen in active operations in wartime.

On many occasions in the last three years the citations attached to high military decorations have gone outside the usual terse, formal wording to underline examples of courage, self-sacrifice, quick-thinking resource, fine discipline, and outstanding, aggressive leadership among Fijian officers, NCO's and men in the nerve-racking jungle war.

The latest awards included the Military Cross to Lieutenant Lival Labaleta and the Military Medal to Corporal Alipate Cakau. (On November 5, not long after the announcement of his decoration,

Corporal Cakau led a section of A Company which killed two "wanted" committee members of the Communist terrorist organisation in the Yong Peng district of Johore).

ANOTHER aspect of the Fijians' mission in Malaya was stressed by the *Auckland Star*, New Zealand, on November 17.

The occasion was the arrival at Auckland of Private Alivereti Rabuka, of Nadi, who was being invalided home after being desperately wounded in a jungle foray. Rabuka had lost his left arm, had two bullet wounds in his chest, was suf-

fering from serious internal injuries, and was paralysed from waist down.

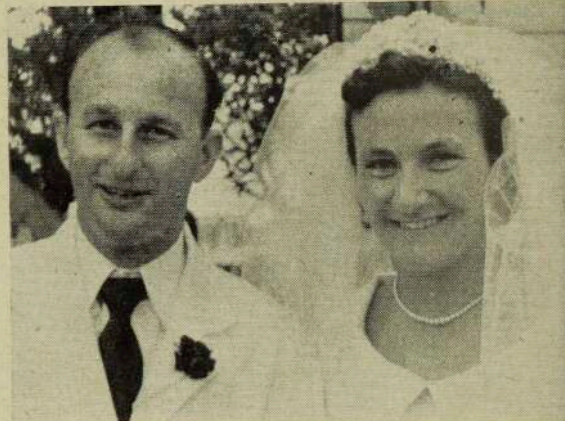
After quoting tributes to young Fijian's courage and determination in "refusing to die," newspaper said: "At Auckland, those who know him, the way 'courage' will always bring memories of the smiling Rabuka."

The problem of giving scope to civilian life for at least some of the qualities invariably shown by Fijians in emergencies is likely to be complex, but there are some people who believe that something



Murray-Carr Wedding

Mr. Peter Murray and Miss M. Carr were married at the LMS Church, Port Moresby, on November 12. Our photograph is by Papuan Prints.



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these lines will have to be found somehow.

Ever a people was in need of courageous and resourceful future leaders it is the Fijians to-day. Potential leaders possessing these qualities are clearly there, but in present conditions they have little chance to exercise influence and no chance to express their views on matters of the gravest concern to their race.

In short, the situation seems made order for the purveyors of crackpot Communist ideas of various kinds, and among a less docile people theories of fanatical nationalism would have taken root long ago. An overhaul that does not involve a revolutionary break with tradition will, it seems, have to be solved before long. The fatuous idea, voiced some time ago, that Fijians back from Malaya should regard taxi-driving and hotel-waiting as "progress" hardly seems to fit the record in Malaya.

Let another story of remarkable devotion to duty was told when Lance-Corporal Somaki Seru received the insignia of the British Empire Medal from the Governor (Sir Ronald Garvey) in the Legislative Council Chamber, at Suva, in November.

Lance-corporal Somaki, the citizen stated, although a medical orderly, had gone out on patrols and had killed five terrorists. While on patrol was encamped at night, three fell and pinned several men, including Somaki among them. Although he had a fractured leg, with the bone protruding through the skin, he crawled from man to man dressing their injuries and giving morphine. Three men died, and only after he was satisfied that all the survivors had been eased, did Somaki accept morphine for himself.

After presenting the medal, the Governor spoke quietly to the soldier. Only one word could be heard by others—"bravery."

Lance-corporal Somaki Seru, 24, in every point a splendid specimen of a warrior race, went to his place, the spectators in the crowded Chamber broke into prolonged applause. There were few who were not visibly moved by this illustration of self-sacrificing hero-

John Cumston, Australian Consul in New Caledonia, was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Sydney Pacific Islands Society. "Conditions in New Caledonia" was the subject of his address, which was illustrated with colored slides. The December meeting on December 9 will take the form of the annual cocktail party.

New Magazine for Dutch N. Guinea

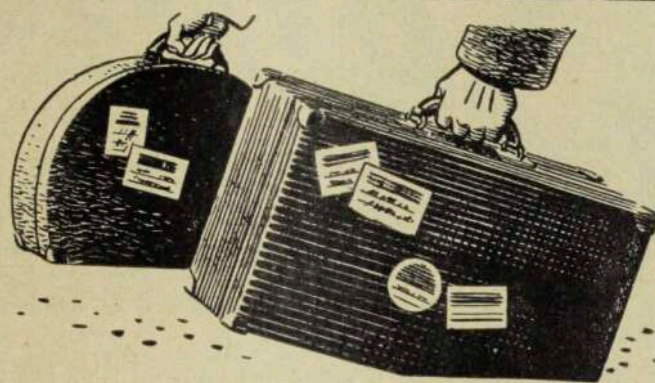
PIM recently received copies of an attractive "family" magazine, the *Triton*, printed in Holland especially for residents of Dutch New Guinea.

The magazine is printed in Dutch and Malay and although it is educational in character, it contains

something of interest to all members of a family.

Our Dutch is not of the order that permits us to understand who distributes the magazine, or why. But we suspect that it is Government-sponsored.

It is a finished production, with lavish picture coverage and with the format and style of a metropolitan magazine—much superior to anything that comes out of the other South Pacific islands.



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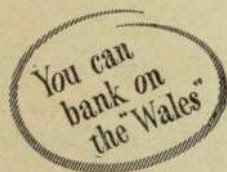
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FIJIAN DEVELOPMENT FUND'S WORK EXPANDING

PROVINCIAL balances in the Fijian Development Fund on September 30 totalled £548,310, according to a statement by the Fijian Development Fund Board on November 30.

Copra levies in August-September totalled £44,721 (of which Cakau-ve contributed £11,590 and Lau £4,484) and withdrawals from the fund in the two months amounted to £28,013.

The board's balance-sheet for the year ended on July 31, 1955, showed a surplus of £2,126.

The annual report states that to maintain efficiency administration costs have not been reduced. Administration cost £7,649 in the year, salaries accounting for £5,943. The staff comprised a secretary, accountant, travelling inspector, four Fijian clerks, two machine operators, a photographer-typist and an office

The report adds: "A large percentage of the depositors are content to allow their cess to accumulate until they possess a sum which can be expended on something worthwhile. Nevertheless applications for withdrawal are received daily, and much time is occupied by the staff interviewing depositors who come to the board's offices from remote parts of the Group. There is ample evidence that depositors realise and appreciate the purpose for which the fund was created and seek advice regarding applications for withdrawal and information concerning amounts held on their behalf."

FIJIAN produce between one-half and two-thirds of Fiji's output of copra. When the Fijian Development Fund trust was established in 1951, the then Secretary for Fijian Affairs (Ratu Lala Sukuna) said that the object was "to obtain for the Fijian community some lasting benefit out of the high prices being paid for commodities and to ensure that the members of the fund provide themselves with better houses, healthier brighter surroundings, and good sufficient water supplies before anything else."

The 1955 report states that the fund has had prepared, under the direction of Ratu Dr. J. A. R. Dovi, a plan for a type of house suitable for Fijian villages. The "Dovi" houses can be built in several styles: (1) iron roof, thatched walls, earth floor; (2) iron roof, thatched walls and wooden floor; (3) iron roof, wooden walls and wooden floor; (4) as at (3) but combined with kitchen.

These plans, states the report, are popular with depositors and many applications for the purchase of materials have been approved.

PS Institute on Job in P-NG

THE Public Service Institute of Papua has issued its prospectus for 1956.

The Public Service Institute was established in the Territory last year and its building in Port Moresby was opened recently. Through courses arranged by the Institute, officers of the P-NG Public Service may add to their personal qualifications, thus improving their status within the service, as well as providing them with cultural and professional interests.

The Institute will arrange tuition in specified University and Matriculation subjects; loan text and reference books and give students the expert guidance necessary for successful studies.

Few countries with the small European population of Papua-New Guinea can offer anything like these facilities to its Public Service.

Mr. R. Davies, Senior Assistant Secretary, WPHC, returned to Honiara, BSIP, after leave at end of September.

Nickel Needs Show Trends in Ex-Enemy Countries

From Our Noumea Correspondent

SOME interesting nickel figures have recently been released at Noumea. The French metropolitan needs, in pure nickel, for 1954 were 7,000 tons; a year or two ago it was only 5,000 tons.

Germany's nickel needs have nearly doubled—from 7,200 tons of pure nickel in 1953, to 13,000 tons in 1954.

Japan produced during 1954, 2,380 tons of pure nickel, and 2,500 tons ferro-nickel. The Japanese plan to place on their home market (and also the export market) during 1955 3,000 tons pure nickel, 2,600 tons ferro-nickel and 1,000 tons shot nickel (pellets of low grade nickel). These figures explain the large exportations of nickel ore going to Japan from New Caledonia.

It is interesting to note that since 1935, the price of nickel has risen only 85 per cent., whereas most other metals have become proportionally dearer—copper 300 per cent., lead 250 per cent., mercury 250 per cent., zinc 180 per cent. and tin 120 per cent.

Only gold and aluminium have remained comparatively stable.

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N. ZEALAND PROFESSOR SEES PROBLEMS AND DANGERS FOR W. SAMOA

PROFESSOR K. B. Cumberland, who has been leading an Auckland University geographical and economic survey of Western Samoa, gave some opinions on the outlook for that Trust Territory on his return to Auckland in November.

Dr. Cumberland said that he had few misgivings regarding Western Samoa's ability to accept early self-government from a social and political point of view, but there are dangers from an economic viewpoint.

Heading these dangers, in Dr. Cumberland's view, is the possibility of Japanese economic penetration. He noted that Japanese fishing fleets are already operating in Samoan waters and elsewhere in the South Pacific. He implied that, with self-government, the Samoans might fall to the temptation of attractive trade deals with Japan, which might give the Japanese a footing in the country.

Samoa's biggest problem, as Dr. Cumberland sees it, is the rapidly increasing population—which should double in 18 years. There is urgent need for increased food production to cope with it.

Health and education have been well looked after by New Zealand, but the country's economy has been badly neglected, with far too small an allocation of funds towards agriculture. The country should have a good man in a much needed post of Director of Agriculture.

The country is capable of great

expansion in food production, in cropping and cattle grazing, Cumberland says. To maintain present standards the country will have to steadily increase her exports—copra, cocoa, coffee, etc., introduce new crops, but not at expense of her food growth potential.

Professor Cumberland said Western Samoa, like New Zealand, has a problem of drift to the centres, particularly to Apia—no search of the bright lights, but give children the advantage of better educational facilities offered there.

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NGG PRODUCES ANOTHER LARGE DIVIDEND

LAST year, after many years in the wilderness, New Guinea Goldfields Ltd. made a profit of £2,712, and paid a dividend of 3d. per share (about 6 per cent.) The dividend called for £55,904, and the difference between profit and payment, some £23,000, came out of reserves, of which the Co. has plenty. The 4/3 shares of the Co., a year ago, could be bought for less than 1s., which made the return on an investment, getting 3d. per share dividend, approximately 12½ per cent. The PIM then suggested that the shares might be worth buying, in view of prospects.

But the shareholders, at the annual meeting on January 28, 1955, did not think much of the dividend, and displayed considerable grumpiness. They refused an increase in directors' fees, and suggested selling the enterprise.

Now the annual accounts have been closed after 9 months (so as to make the accounting period end usually on June 30 instead of September 30); and despite the shorter period, the Co. shows the best profit it has had in years—namely, £48,390. The following figures are shown, to indicate trends:

	1953	1955*
	£	£
Gold	249,918	217,895
Timber, etc.	99,220	117,579
Sundries	2,784	3,845
At	37,373	48,390
Appr'n. Acc.	78,676	166,567
Reserves	250,000	250,000

*Nine months to June 30, 1955.

The Directors recommend another dividend; and as this is on a 9-months period, anyone who bought shares at 2/- will be getting a return of about 15 per cent. per annum. Prospects seem reasonably good—says provided that the Territories Administration will graciously permit NGG Ltd. to get leases so as to go on milling timber. It will be interesting to hear what the shareholders have to say at the annual meeting on December 15—and whether the sharemarket thinks better of the NGG shares.

Mr. Raymond Hill will shortly be in Sydney for the British Solomon Islands, where he will become an administrative officer. Mr. Hill recently returned from the United Kingdom, where for the last four years he has been studying for his degree at Cambridge. He is Cambridge's oldest graduate for 50 years—his age is 50. Mr. Hill was formerly an army officer.

Australian Publicity for Wau Show

ONE of the largest agricultural newspapers in Australia—*The Land*, of Sydney—had a special representative at the Agricultural Show at Wau, New Guinea, and farmers in Australia have subsequently been able to learn something about their counterparts in that part of the Territory.

Wau's show was opened by the Administrator of P-NG, Brigadier D. M. Cleland, on October 30. Five special planes brought visitors from Port Moresby and Lae and there was a large range of exhibits ranging

from coffee and vegetables to orchids.

In the same issue of *The Land*, the enterprise of the two farming Hurrell brothers was described. Mr. Frank Hurrell supplies Wau with its daily bottled milk from his Jersey herd of 100. Vegetables grown by Mr. Lloyd Hurrell are delivered with his brother's milk at a flat 10d. per lb. Mr. Frank Hurrell was formerly an officer of the NSW Department of Agriculture on the Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area. Mr. Lloyd Hurrell was Assistant District Officer at Wau until a couple of years ago, when he left the service to take up farming and coffee planting.

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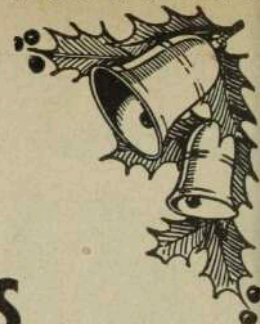
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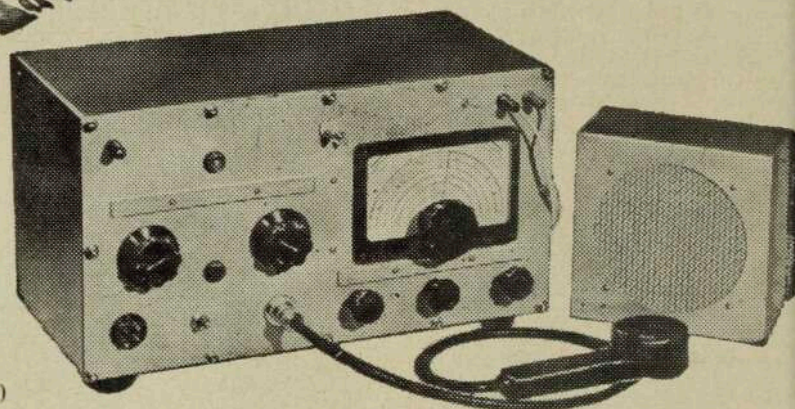


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a correction to an earlier PIM item.

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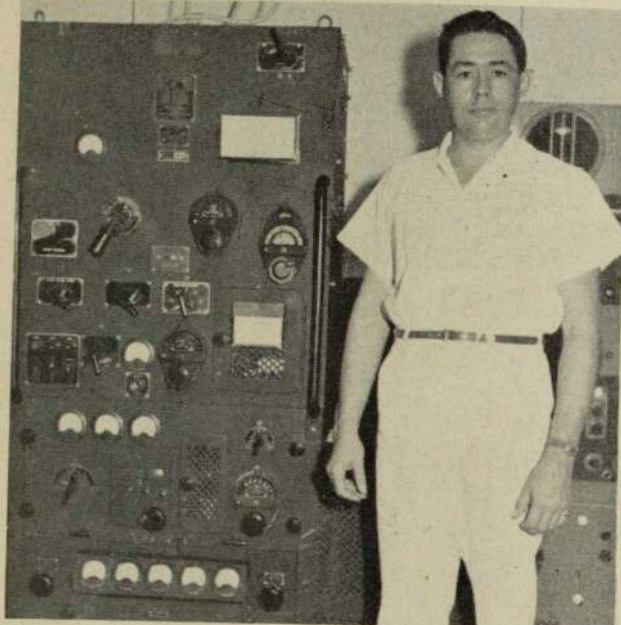
nd the Cooks RI, has completed his

returns to New Zealand with his

family in November.

VK6WG, Mr. W. C. Gee, returned to Port Moresby late in November after vacation in England with Mrs. Gee.

Please address future communications for this column to J. P. Shortall, ZL-1-AIK, PO Box 5179 Wellesley Street, Auckland, NZ.



† Scouts from Gilbert and Ellice Islands, Fiji and Tonga will attend the Pan-Pacific Jamboree which begins in Melbourne, Vic., on December 28.

† It is reported from Santo, New Hebrides, that Mr. Maurice Vedel, 35, described as a "commercial employee" was recently murdered in a shooting affray. No details are given.

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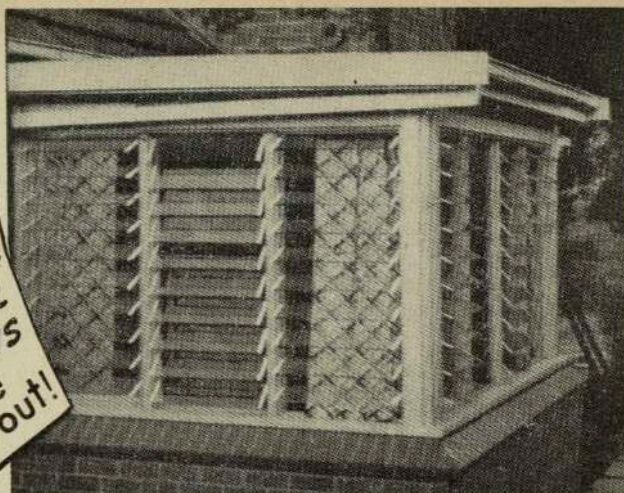
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P-NG OIL SEARCH

UK Firm Will Build Bridges in Papua

ONE of the largest building civil construction firms in the United Kingdom, Gee Wimpey and Co. Ltd., has been given the job of constructing roads, bridges and other engineering projects in the Gulf country of Papua.

The contract has been let by the Australasian Petroleum Company.

Mr. W. S. Black, who recently Agent on the Singapore Power Station, has been appointed Project Manager for the contract. Mr. Candlish, who has been one of the Site Agents, has already arrived in Papua.

All technical and other staff is being recruited from London. The Company has just completed the building of a modern factory for the British Malayan Petroleum Co. Ltd. and the construction of a 27 in. pipe line for the State Shire Potteries Board.

Construction of roads in the difficult Gulf country—it is largely swamp land—should speed up the search for oil in the region. Whether the contract has any significance in relation to the discovery, or whether it is another step in systematic search in Papua, is anyone's guess. The company's public relations department has made the comment that it will probably be good for "someone."

One of the world's leading figures in the oil industry, Lord Strathcona, said in Sydney, in November, that his company had spent £20,000,000 in the search for oil in Papua, but that nothing had been developed in recent months to suggest his company any more confident than it was 20 years ago that it would find oil there.

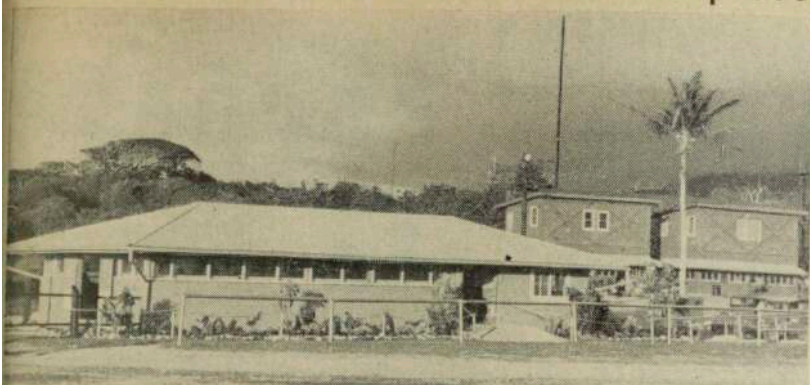
He described the proposed large scale road and engineering work as "just another technique and no indication of any impending discovery."

ARAMIA HOLE ABANDONED

Meanwhile the company has made the announcement that the Aramia hole has been abandoned after "providing geological evidence of some importance." Only gas and oil indications encountered in the course of drilling and testing.

† Mr. C. G. Cox, new Commissioner of Works, arrived in Honiara, on October 10. Mr. Cox, who was accompanied by Mrs. Cox, formerly an Executive Engineer in Nyasaland.

Tafuna Airfield Facilities Completed



These fine new administrative buildings have been completed at Tafuna Airport, American Samoa. They include passengers waiting room, offices, baggage room, Customs room, radio communications office, and an aircraft nose hangar. A non-directional radio beacon has been established and an emergency electric power plant, though the buildings have been connected to the town supply.—Pan American Prints Photo.

Something For
Nothing

P-NG Air Surcharge Removed from Mail

RIGHT out-of-the-blue and with no fanfare at all, a reduction in a charge for an Administrative service was announced in Port Moresby in late November. However, it will not save the average person a great deal of

money, although business concerns will benefit.

The reduction is in postage within the Territory. From December 1, the Department of Posts and Telegraphs abolished the air-mail surcharge of 3d per half-ounce on letter-class articles posted in the Territory for delivery within P-NG.

There is no change in the air-mail rates on articles posted for delivery in Australia and overseas.

Briefly, letter-rate mail will in future go by sea or air for 3½d.

Rabaul Has More Dog Troubles

RABAU'S dog problem is developing into a battle of wits.

It is not the ordinary run-of-the-mill dog that is causing the problem—it's the "cunning ones."

Rabaul's Supt. of Police, Supt. A. Rackerman, told the Town Advisory Council on December 2 that some of the dogs were now taking refuge on private premises when they sighted the dog-patrol coming along.

Supt. Rackerman said all possible police action was being taken but it was becoming difficult to trap the "cunning" offenders.

The Council resolved to ask residents to exercise more control over their domestic animals.

(Rabaul's dog-patrol is quite unique. It consists of a bevy of native policemen plus some assistants who trundle a sort of wire cage on wheels. The posse is equipped with large contrivances like butterfly nets to make the job of dog-catching easier. Rabaul has a bigger stray-dog problem than most places. Native labourers usually acquire a dog but when it comes time for them to return home, they find that the air companies refuse to carry the dogs, who are consequently unleashed on the town).

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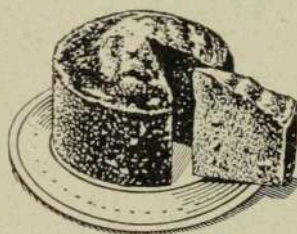
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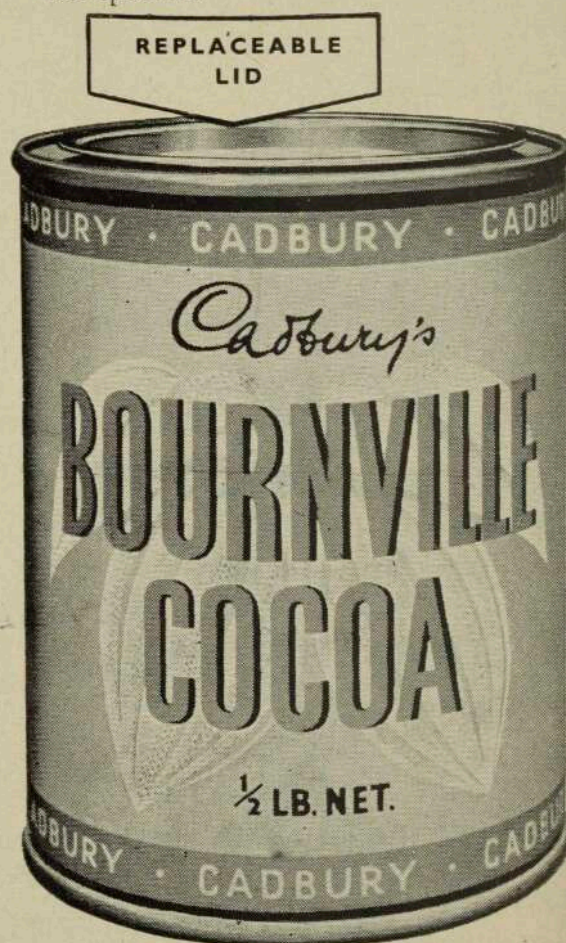
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PAN-AM PLANE OPERATIONS TO E. SAMOA

PAN-American plane from Honolulu brought in 12 passengers to Eastern Samoa and took off 44 on November 11 and 12. Newcomers included new Director of Education Mr. Donald Rothschild and his wife, X-ray Technician William [unclear] with wife and child. Chief Customs Officer John [unclear] and Immigration Division [unclear] and William Meredith flew up to Honolulu for five weeks study with Customs and Immigration authorities in Hawaii. Local middle-weight champion [unclear] M. Peapeaalalo made his second trip to Hawaii to continue his boxing career. His first visit was temporary as he entered on a visa. He is now on a quota list and will be free to box professionally.

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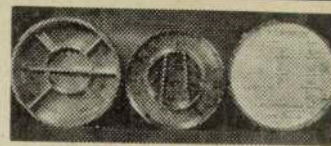
RESOLUTION protesting against what was described as "the Administration's official attitude towards taxing primary producers," carried at the November meeting of the Sepik District Advisory Council, held in Wewak, NG. Mr. J. A. Corrigan, who moved the resolution, referred to a recent statement by the P-NG Treasurer, H. Reeve, in the Legislative Council that primary producers should contribute more to the Territory in money and not percentages. They were the ones making big profits. Corrigan said that as there had been no contradiction by the Administration, it must be assumed that this was the official view of the Administration. He told the Council that in view of Mr. Reeve's remarks, he could not allow anyone in their right senses to try to settle on the land in the Territory. He said, "I very much regret that I have already invested in the plantation." Corrigan continued: "What Mr. Reeve was saying was that if one who has the enterprise or capital, and the desire to settle on the land and invest his energies in savings in the country, made it through striking favourable terms, then he deserved to have it from him." The resolution was passed unanimously.

J. D. Logie, BSIP Auditor, Mrs. Logie, and Mr. J. B. [unclear], Government Surveyor, left [unclear] on leave in October.

MORE POLIOMYELITIS CASES IN SUVA OUTBREAK

By late November, 16 poliomyelitis cases had been reported at Suva. The victims included two European adults (one of whom died). The children included three Fijians, three part-Europeans, two Europeans and two Indians.

† A Samoan, Moke Fuimono Ta'ala, aged 29, of Sapoe, Falealili, was arrested in October in connection with the shooting of a Samoan police constable, Failelei Lavasi'i, on September 27.



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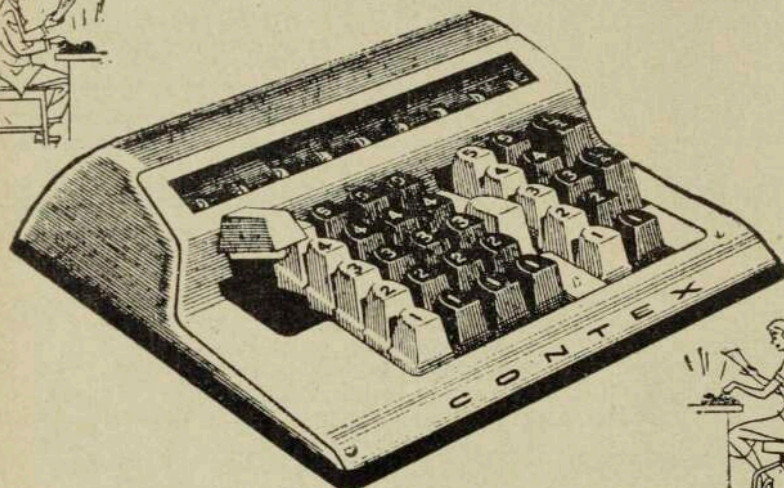
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DEATHS OF ISLAND PEOPLE

MR. MAUTAIRI FE

The first Pomare Medallist receive the coveted education award there. Mr. Mautairi teacher of the Mangaia Central School, died there recently.

Mautairi, who was a Mangaian literary bent, and could speak good English, was about 43.

He was married and had seven children. He belonged to a well known family at Tavaenga Village, members of which served in World War I.

MR. AEREPO POKINO

The death of Aerepo Pokino, chief of Tamarua Village at Mangaia, removed, on September 21, a notable old-timer whose knowledge of ancient custom and genealogy made him a local oracle.

Aerepo was a member of a well known chiefly family. He was between 70 and 80.

Aerepo Pokino distinguished himself during the currency of the now-defunct CI Natives Association (a co-operative trading group) by encouragement and aid to the then-derided project of a native trading enterprise. He managed for a time the Tamarua branch, then directed by the late Richard Steele Aubin, who fell at Cassino during the struggle in Italy.

Most of the influential people of Mangaia are connected, either by blood or marriage, with the Aerepo family. The clan owns large areas of land. Samuela Aerepo, son of the late chief has inherited rank and title.

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ount Chieftainess of Atiu Island, died there on October 20. She had held the position of Ngamaru since her election in 1929, and had been ill for some time past. Her age at the time of her death is not stated.

The funeral was attended by most of the island's population.

MR. JOSEPH BENNETT

Belatedly, the PIM is advised of the death in Cairns, NQ, some time ago, of Mr. Joseph Bennett, who practised as a solicitor in Port Moresby, Papua, in the early 1920's. When he left, to practise in Cairns, there he remained until his death. He, to his many friends, was a most popular resident of Papua and was never too busy to join in a convivial gathering, in Cairns, of the time "Paps" Northbound or Southbound.—SHC.

MRS. M. J. POLAND

The death occurred in Lae, New Guinea, on November 25, of Mrs. Mary Jane Poland, wife of a well-known Territorian, Mr. Leo Poland. She was 58.

The Polands were pre-war residents of Wau, where they were married in the early 30's. During the Pacific war, Mrs. Poland was evacuated to Sydney with other Territory women and there she conducted a hostel for Chinese residents.

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of the Territory who also had been evacuated.

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MADAME P. MILLER

The death occurred in Papeete on November 19 of Madame Pierre Miller at the age of 56.

Madame Miller was affectionately known as Fateata, and she was the wife of the man who during World War I arrived in his schooner called *Lutece*, at Mopelia, at the time Von Luckner had gone into the lagoon there to capture the *Seeadler*. Subsequently, *Seeadler* had been blown onto the reef and was destroyed. Some of the crew commandeered

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utece—and her owner—and sailed away, finally to be wrecked at Easter Island. Von Luckner escaped to Fiji in another boat and was captured there.

MADAME VIRGINIE PAMBRUN

The death occurred in Papeete on November 13 of Madame Virginie Pambrun, nee Leuguerre. She was 75.

She was the wife of the late Eugene Pambrun, a member of one of Tahiti's best-known families.

She is survived by her four sons, George, druggist and Assistant Mayor; Henri, Registrar; Aime, of the Government Printing Office; and Ernest, sculptor and artist, and also by numerous grandchildren.

PASTOR R. H. PUTTY

Pastor R. H. Putty, a pioneer of Seventh Day Adventist missionary work in the British Solomon Islands, died in Sydney on December 8, at

Pastor Putty worked for 30 years as a medical missionary in the BSIP, New Guinea. He retired in 1948.

The number of Japanese properties confiscated in New Caledonia at the outbreak of the Pacific war was 58, with a total area of 3,724 hectares and valued at £A12,000. The Government intends to hold headquarters of this area for transient settlers or for enlarging existing native lands.

Mr. Silas Sitai, BEM, and the Rev. L. Alafourai, of the Melanesian Mission, BSIP, have been appointed representatives of the Protectorate at the 3rd South Pacific Conference to be held in Suva, next year.

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PEOPLE in the Konedobu area of Port Moresby were given a peep into the future on November 29. They saw the Assistant Director-General of Civil Aviation, Mr. G. S. Wiggins, arrived at work by helicopter.

Mr. Wiggins, who is on a tour of the Territory, is a former Air Force Group-Captain, but the local World Wide Air Services gave him his first flight in a helicopter.

They decided that rather than land him at the company's heliport at Badilli, from where he would have to go by car to Konedobu, it would be easier to land him at the DCA Building right at Konedobu.

WWAS's acting chief pilot, Frank Minjoy, set the helicopter down near the Administration officers; and while public servants stopped work and watched wide-eyed, Mr. Wiggins got out, went into his office, and the helicopter took off again.

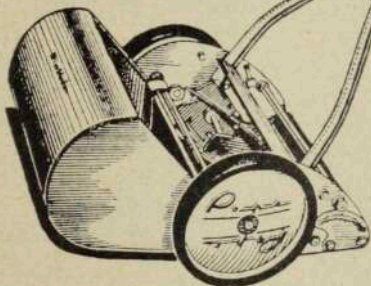
Mr. Wiggins was back helicopter-flying again the next day. He likes it.—Moresby Correspondent.

† The Nave Appeal for the Suva Anglican Cathedral had reached £3,502 by October 15.

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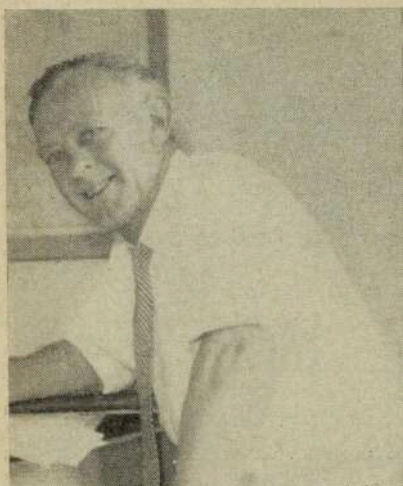
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Photo: F. E. Dunn.

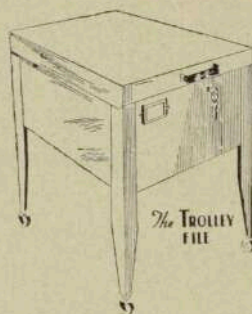
† In a recent address, the Governor of New Caledonia said that 140 Loyalty Islanders were willing to go to the Colony to work; and that 400 Tahitians were also anxious to work there.

† The Rev. R. P. Garrity and Mrs. Garrity, of the Melanesian Mission, left Honiara, on October 1, in the MV *Tulagi* for leave before transferring to Mission work in the United Kingdom. Mr. Garrity has worked with the Mission in the Solomons for more than 20 years.

† Dr. F. Hawking, DM, D.M.R.C.P., of the National Institute of Medical Research and a member of the Colonial Medical Research Committee, will visit Fiji from December 31 to January 19 to discuss filarial control with members of the Medical Department.

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The unsavoury details may come as a shock to the many uninformed people who believe that the splendid age should be left in isolation to continue to live an idyllic life.

When District Commissioner Ian Ramsay visited the Okapa and Tari River area recently, he reported that all deaths in the area were attributed to sorcery and are based on an innocent and unsuspecting native, who is then usually murdered. Women and children are blamed frequently. Each killing is paid back in an endless vendetta.

Incest is said to be rife, and there have been several cases of sons killing fathers in order to marry their mothers.

The same area eats its own dead. The real cause of most of the trouble is believed to be often malaria. The tribe is in danger of extermination unless the practices are stopped.

Marriage of females under 12 is prevalent owing to the general shortage of women.

The Administration will seek medical and anthropological assistance to deal with the problem.

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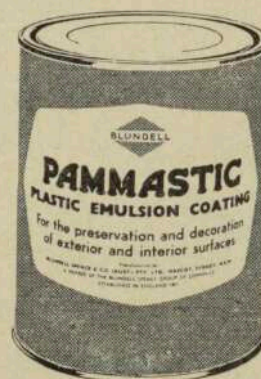
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The Carpenter-Hedstrom Alliance

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ing in Suva, and in buying and marketing copra, the two concerns are not very much in competition.

GLANCE back at the figures quoted shows that the two companies, together, have liquid funds approaching two millions, available immediately for the encouragement and establishment of new industries in Fiji and adjoining territories—always provided, of course, that the Administrations concerned assist in the developments contemplated.

The Governments of both Fiji and Samoa, taking the long view, will be impressed with the now rapid growth of the local populations.

At the present rate, Fiji will have a million people (Indians and Europeans), and Samoa perhaps 170,000, within 20 years. Something of a positive character must be done to provide these growing communities with means not only of subsistence, but of a higher standard of life.

The large resources of the Carpenter-Morris Hedstrom alliance may be the means of assisting the Administrations to deal with the problem. Despite all the rubbish spread by Socialist planners since the war, there is no better way of quickly and efficiently developing the resources of a country than by the encouragement of private enterprise. Part from the project for the building of a large modern hotel in Suva—now under way—Morris Hedstrom Ltd. have been facing a building programme for the renewal of many buildings owned by themselves and subsidiaries—their chairman (Mr. H. E. Snell) at the annual meeting last May, said that

this might involve expenditure of upwards of a million pounds.

It may be expected that under the new regime, these building programmes will soon be revised, and given more definite shape.

As the tourist industry, of much importance to Fiji, is partially strangled by the lack of hotel accommodation in Suva, the new Carpenter-Hedstrom alliance may take another—and less pessimistic—look at the South Seas Hotel plans. The MH directorate has been trying to keep the expenditure within £250,000 by limiting the bedrooms to 36, plus modern public rooms and lavish equipment. It is likely that attempts now will be made to induce the alliance at least to increase the number of bedrooms.

IT was emphasised in a circular issued by Morris Hedstrom directors to their staffs that the proposed deal in shares would not affect staffs, in numbers or salaries.

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There almost certainly will be a rearrangement of the Companies' directorates in Suva, when the share-purchase becomes effective. It is, however, understood that Mr. H. E. Snell, head of the MH organisation since Sir Maynard Hedstrom died, will remain on the principal

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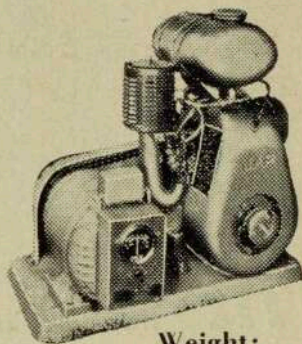
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Messrs. H. E. Snell and W. Johnson will be the principal in the new set-up in Fiji.

THE people of Fiji may criticise this amalgamation because apparently will reduce trade competition—and such competition is a good and healthy sign. Combines are suspect, anyway.

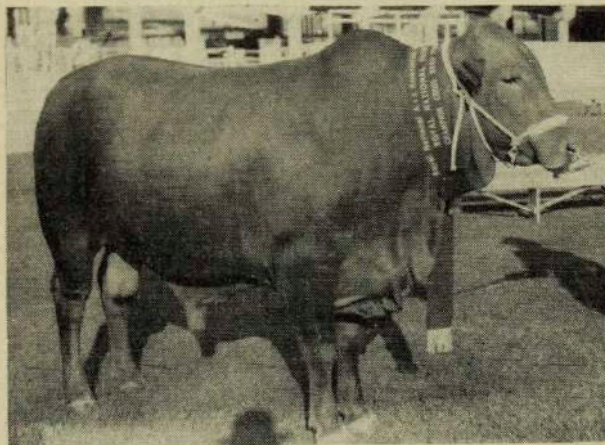
In this case, plenty of competition will remain. Burns Philp (South Sea) Co. Ltd. and W. R. Carpenter & Co. (Fiji) Ltd., compete actively with each other in all fields. Also, the Indian Chinese trading concerns are growing constantly in size and strength and will give the big European stores all the retailing competition the Colony needs.

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ed in February, 1954, and it was
nder serious consideration in Syd-
y and Suva in the ensuing 18
onths.

Yet none outside a very small
oup had suspected it—not even
en Carpenters, in September, 1955,
ok the public steps necessary to
rease their nominal capital from
000,000 to £2,500,000 Australian.
y alert South Pacific financier
ght have smelled something in-
esting there, and got into the
ck Exchange for "a win." After
only five years had passed since
rpenters took formal steps to sub-
stantially reduce their capital.

The announcement of the
rpernter offer to MH came on
vember 21 as a complete surprise.
Friday, MH shares were quoted
the Sydney Exchange at 57/-;
news was released during the
k-end; and on Monday morning
shares had rocketed to around

Morris Hedstrom shares are held
between 900 and 1,000 people,
stly in Australia and New Zea-
d. The move has doubled the
e of their holdings of MH Ord-
ries. On November 17, 500 MH
inaries were worth about £1,400
tralian; on November 21, their
e was at least £2,500.

here is no indication of how
penters will finance the purchase
he 400,000 or so MH Ordinaries
h they propose to buy. Under
plan, they will issue another
0,000 5/- shares at par to the
ors, and also pay out about
0,000 Australian in cash. As their
balance-sheet shows, they can
the whole amount out of their
ent liquid resources. But they
elect to raise a further sum
ash by offering a further lot of
5/- Ordinaries to the public.
is obviously a matter for the
enter Directors—who do not
much.

TH PACIFIC AIRLINES

Other Step Forward?

Presidential approval was
given on November 25 for South
Pacific Airlines to operate, for
years, a service between Hono-
and Papeete, Tahiti, by way of
stmas Island.

is appears to be just confirma-
of an earlier approval given
company's proposed operations
the US Civil Aeronautics Board.
ere are no indications when
service—which has been in the
ning stage for several years
—will actually begin.

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age, who between them have
ears' service with the Anglican
on in Fiji, will soon leave the
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MENYAMYA FRIENDS

22 Years Have Seen Change

NATIVES of the Menyamya district of New Guinea, on November 1933, gave Mr. J. K. McCarthy a vastly different reception to the one he received at their hands when he last visited the district in 1911.

Twenty-two years ago, Mr. McCarthy (now Acting Director of Native Affairs) was welcomed by a volley of arrows—two of which hit him and subsequently put him to bed. Of action—when he led the patrol into Menyamye.

Last week, during an official inspection tour of the Morobe and Sepik districts, he was greeted by Menyamya as a long-lost friend.

Mr. McCarthy said a few of the natives recognised him as the white man they had seen, but denied that they were the ones who had attacked the patrol he led. They were all many miles away at the time—or so they said, he added.

Mr. McCarthy said the only difference he noted in the natives was that now they carried steel knives and axes, bought at trade stores, whereas formerly their weapons were made of stone.

Nothing else had changed, Moresby Correspondent.

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New Hotel at Boroko, Port Moresby

NEW, licensed hotel, with a substantial number of modern bedrooms, is to be opened next month at Boroko, four miles east of Port Moresby, between the town and the airport. It is owned by a local company which was organised by Mr. S. Fox; and it is expected to assist materially in meeting the shortage of accommodation for travellers.

Port Moresby now has two hotels (Hotel Papua and Moresby Hotel) and—as in so many other important centres since the war—it is seldom that there is enough accommodation to take care of the ever-increasing number of travellers.

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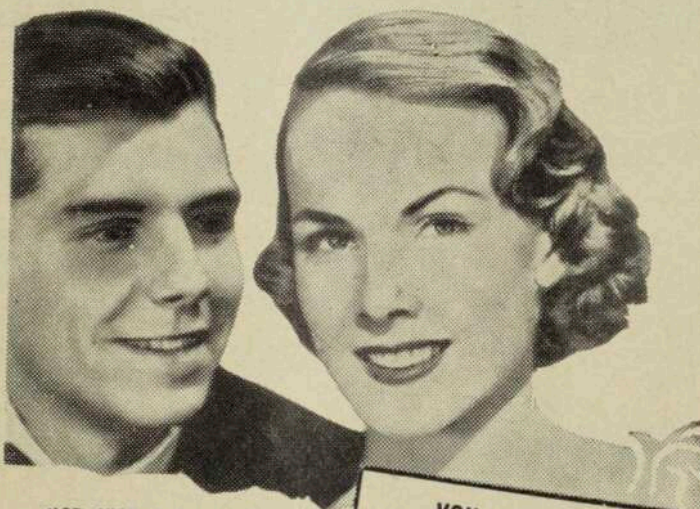
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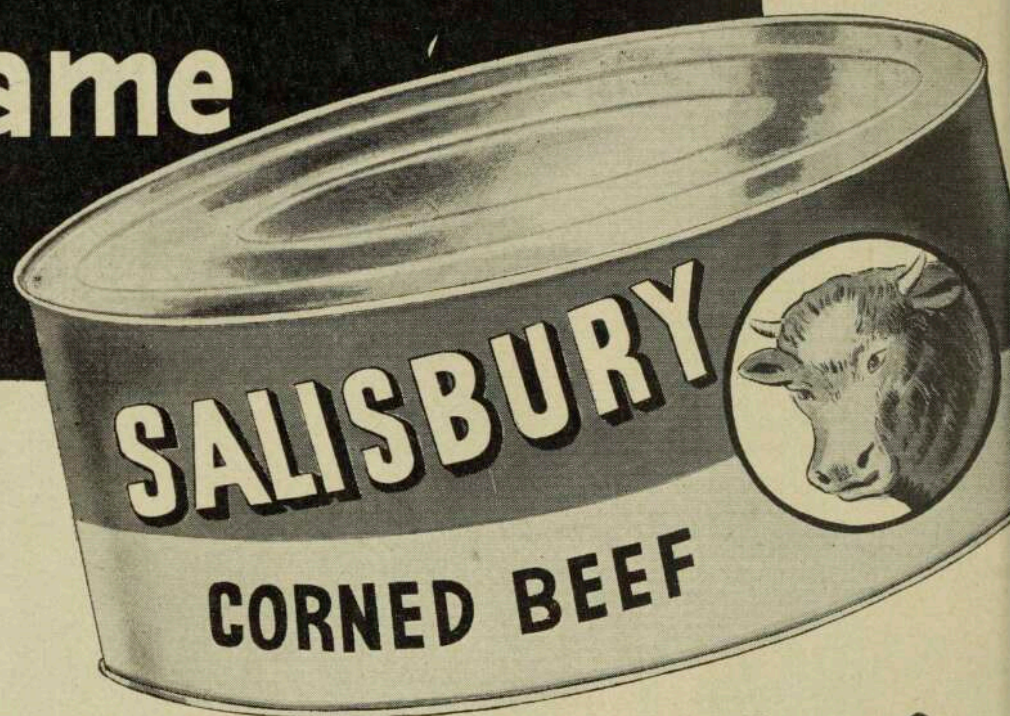
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NEW CALEDONIA will have a stand of its own at the French Exposition which will be held in connection with the Royal Sydney Show, at Easter, 1956.

The NC Assembly allotted £5,600 for the construction of a stand and an engineer of the local Department of Works has visited Sydney to consult with members of the committee.

Tahiti and other French colonies will participate but it is thought that New Caledonia alone will have an individual stand.

The French purpose is to show that France is still in the forefront of scientific discovery and technical achievement—and not a decadent colonial power as some people are inclined to think.

Coffee Expert to Visit N. Guinea

THREE weeks visit to Papua-New Guinea by world-famous coffee expert Mr. Y. Baron Goto, is being sponsored by Mr.

A. Colyer, of Colyer Watson (G) Ltd., by the Bank of New South Wales and by Mr. Robert G. Goto.

Mr. Goto is Director of Agricultural Extension, University of Hawaii, and has for many years been in charge of the Kona Coffee Experimental Station in Hawaii, which is considered one of the leading research stations in the world.

During his visit to NG, which will commence at the end of January, he will be accompanied by Mr. Jim Goto, of Goroka.

Donations to NG Women's Club

DONATIONS received from friends of the New Guinea Women's Club, Sydney, for their children's Christmas party were as follows to mid-December:

Bellhouse	£1 1 0
Perriman	5 5 0
Innes	2 0 0
Dockrill	1 0 0
Bennie	1 1 0
Duncan	2 0 0
Hopkins	10 0
J. (Tony) Edgell	3 3 0
Philp & Co.	3 3 0
Northam	1 1 0
Wauchope	1 1 0
Parer	1 1 0
J. Duncan	2 2 0
H. Downing	1 10 0
D. M. Cleland	1 1 0
T. Carpenter & Co.	3 3 0
rt Gillespie	5 5 0
Guinea Company	5 5 0
TOTAL	£40 12 0

Cruising Yacht on Papeete Reef

THE converted life-boat *Happy Return* (see photo page 53, November PIM) went up on the reef two miles off Papeete Pass at 8 pm on December 3. She had been on her way to Auckland, NZ. No other details are available.

Skipper Tom Ackland's ultimate destination was Hokitika, NZ, which he hoped to reach this month. Ship was reported Cristobal August 7, Balboa, August 24 and Papeete, October 8. Reports from Papeete in November indicated that she was experiencing some crew trouble.

Will Write About Pacific History

DR. JOHN CUMPSTON, popular Australian Consul in Noumea, New Caledonia, has been on several weeks leave in Australia.

Most of his time while on holiday has been occupied with research into the movements of early shipping that visited Australia. He is engaged in writing a book of Pacific history.

During his absence from Noumea, the Consular fort has been held capably by his secretary, Miss Olive Douglas.

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J. R. Rigby Retires from New Guinea

ANOTHER old-time New Guinea District Services official has disembarked from the Papua-New Guinea ship of state, which seems a bit strange in these days of pronounced shortages of experienced personnel.

This time it is J. R. ("Reg" Rigby who, in late years, has been Rabaul Magistrate and, previously during the post-war II period, lived at Lae and Wewak. His 30 years service was an uninterrupted record of straight-shooting, without fear or favour in the carrying out of duty.

He was an original Anzac and held a commission when Australia won her nationhood at Gallipoli.

Mrs. Rigby, who has always been a great worker for deserving causes in the Territory, saw service in England during War I. They will be missed by the host of friends they leave behind in every district of NG. They are retiring to their roses and prune fruit trees on rural property in Victoria.
GORDON THOMAS.

PAPUA: INTO LINE AGAIN

Papuan Clubs to Be Licenced

WITH apologies to Mr. E. J. James, MLC for Papuan Malanda, who hates the phrase "come into line with New Guinea."

This time it is in the matter of clubs. Previously, only in New Guinea had clubs to be licenced, from some date yet to be specified all clubs in Papua will also have to be licenced and pay licence fees. This will mean more paper-work for someone, because acceptable accounting and auditing systems will be demanded and returns will have to be made to the Licencing Commissioner at regular intervals.

In future, too, all licence fees for hotels, clubs, stores, etc., will be calculated on the amount of purchases of liquor—not on a fixed scale as previously.

Two more polio cases—a European man at Suva and an Indian man at Nadi—were reported at the end of November, bringing the total number of cases notified to 16.

Shipping Co.'s Interest in BSIP

REPRESENTATIVES of the Hong-kong-West Pacific Shipping Line, Messrs. F. Hollerstrom and I. Johnson and Captain P. Milja, visited Honiara, BSIP, in November in connection with the future movements of the Line's vessels.

The company's vessel *Citos* and *Pros* are now making regular calls at Honiara, permitting Solomons cargo from the UK to be transhipped direct to the BSIP.

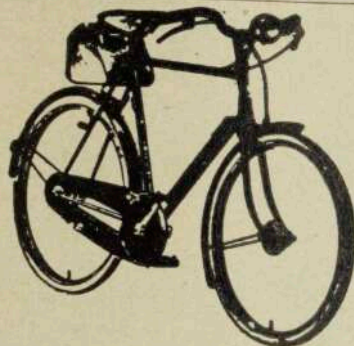
Well-Known Territorians

Marry in Port Moresby

TWO well known old Papuan families were united on December 3, in Port Moresby, when Mrs. May Ross, widow of Mr. Douglas Ross, was married to the Hon. E. A. James, MLC, of Port Moresby. The late Mr. Ross was a long plantation manager, and died some years ago; their daughter now Mrs. Ivan Champion. There were at least three Ross brothers pro-

minent in Territories affairs—Mr. Alastair Ross, Government Storekeeper for many years, was one of them. Mr. James is one of the leaders of the non-official community of Papua and New Guinea. His first wife died in 1954.

Mr. George Christie has returned from one of his many jaunts to Scotland, and is again a resident of Brisbane. He looks fit and well after a wonderful summer in the "Auld Country." For many years he lived in Papua, engaged in mining.



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ANOTHER JAP SHIP WRECKED

(From Our Own Correspondent)

WRECKS of Japanese fishing
vessels are beginning to decorate
a lot of Pacific reefs.

The *Yuyo Maru* piled up on
Enderbury Island reef on October 2
and later broke in two.

Nasamitu Nogriti, master of the
vessel, was proceeding on a north-
easterly course and had figured he
was past Enderbury Island and
made a change to the northwest
which resulted in his wrecking the
ship on the island. Radio calls for
help brought two sister ships the
following morning, but their at-
tempts to free the ship only helped
break her up.

The crew were removed with no
casualties or injuries and were
brought to Pago Pago on October
27. The ship was 53 feet in length
with a 13-ft beam and 4-foot draft.
She first came to Pago Pago July
17, 1955, with a crew of 20 men.

A Japanese Fisheries Training
vessel, the *Fuji Maru*, arrived at
Pago Pago on October 24, having
cleared from Shimizu, Japan, on
October 1. The ship's crew of 10
men are being trained for duty
as fishing masters and sea captains
of future fishing vessels. They
wore cadet type caps and were
obviously a high type of Japanese
youth.

The ship was extremely new,
painted white with a 104.10 length,
beam 20.8 and draft 10.4, gross
tonnage 191.44 and net 112.55 tons.
Captain Takeshi Tukagoshi, aged 40,
commanded the ship, which de-
parted October 28.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Isom and Mr.
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Governor Sees Bright Future for N. Cal. Minerals

From Our Noumea Correspondent

THE new session of the New Caledonian Assembly was opened in November.

In his opening address, the Governor of the Colony, M. Rene Giherr, stressed the bright future that was apparent for New Caledonia's minerals.

He said that the nickel smelters were breaking new records and that the Government was buying increasing amounts of nickel ore. Chrome had emerged from its recent doldrums; scrap piles at the mines were being disposed of and new orders were coming in.

The Governor spoke also of the Australian BHP's contract to take 1,000 tons of iron ore per annum. He said that having recently inspected BHP installations at Port Moresby he could appreciate how the Australian market would stimulate production in New Caledonia.

An Administration boarding-school for native girls opened in Rabaul, in late November.

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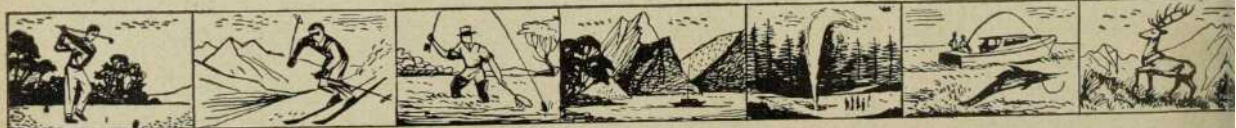
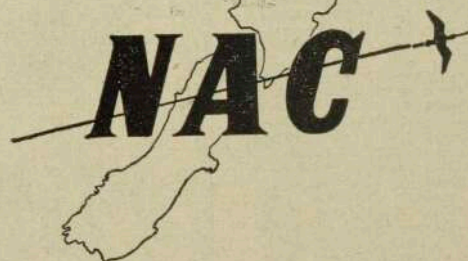
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NZ Interest in New Caledonia Minerals

From Our Noumea Correspondent

NEW CALEDONIA'S mineral riches are attracting international interest.

After Falconbridge (Canada) had stated its intention to mine various metals here after receiving permission from the French Government, New Zealand is also showing interest in her neighbour.

On a recent visit here was a group of New Zealanders led by Mr. Mitchell, of British and American styles. Others in this group were mining contractor and an engineering contractor.

This group's visit was in order to meet Edward Griffiths, the "iron" man of New Caledonia, and to inspect his holdings.

The mineral potentialities of the country they found to be most impressive, especially the iron deposits of the Plain of the Lakes and at Mo where, before the war, a powerful Japanese company mined iron ore.

The group has now returned to New Zealand to explore and study the question of operating in New Caledonia.

It is thought that every facility will be given the group by the New Caledonian Government if a decision to mine is decided on.

Just what metal the New Zealanders would mine is not definitely known. They are interested in iron and also in chrome, especially chrome sands (chromite).

It is thought that the group would like to see whatever ore is mined to whom it would offer the best price. It does not seem likely that iron ore in any quantity could enter into the New Zealand economy at the present time, as Australian BHP is interested in New Caledonian iron, having contracted for some 160 thousand tons per year, the next best customer of the New Zealand miners would be Japan. This country is taking large quantities of New Caledonian nickel ore (3.50 per ton) and is also known to be interested in chrome ore.

The mineral development of any sort can only be to the good of New Caledonia and any large development of the iron deposits is to be welcomed. The quantities existing are almost everlasting and it will be another string to New Caledonia's economic bow.

John Pimcetic, who is deputy director of public relations for the New Zealand Navigation Company, of Auckland, has been making an extensive tour of the South Pacific, calling at Tahiti, Fiji, Australia and New Zealand. The visit is connected with preparations for the re-employment of the Matson ships to the scheduled trans-Pacific services.

Hain-Holt Wedding

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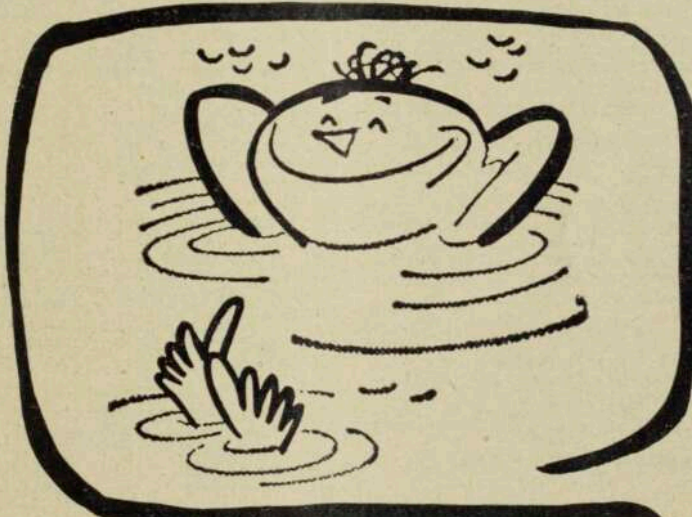
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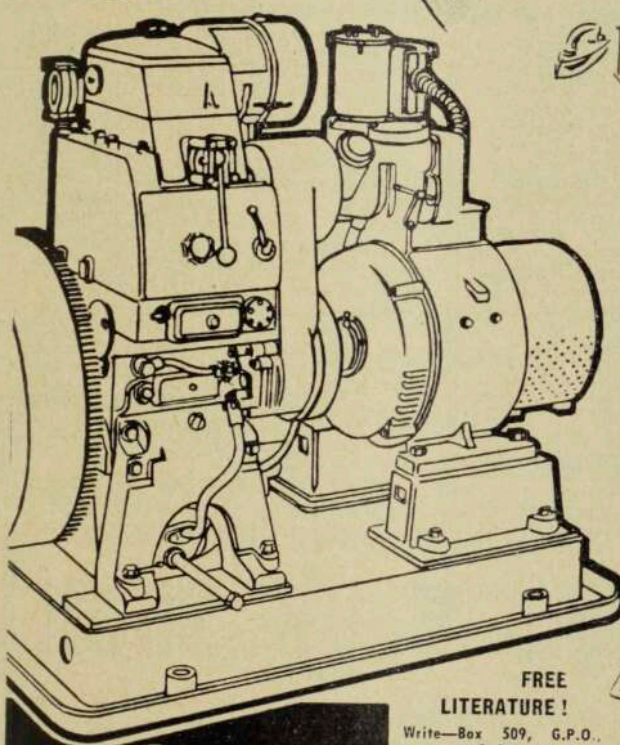
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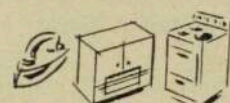
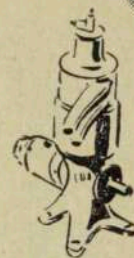
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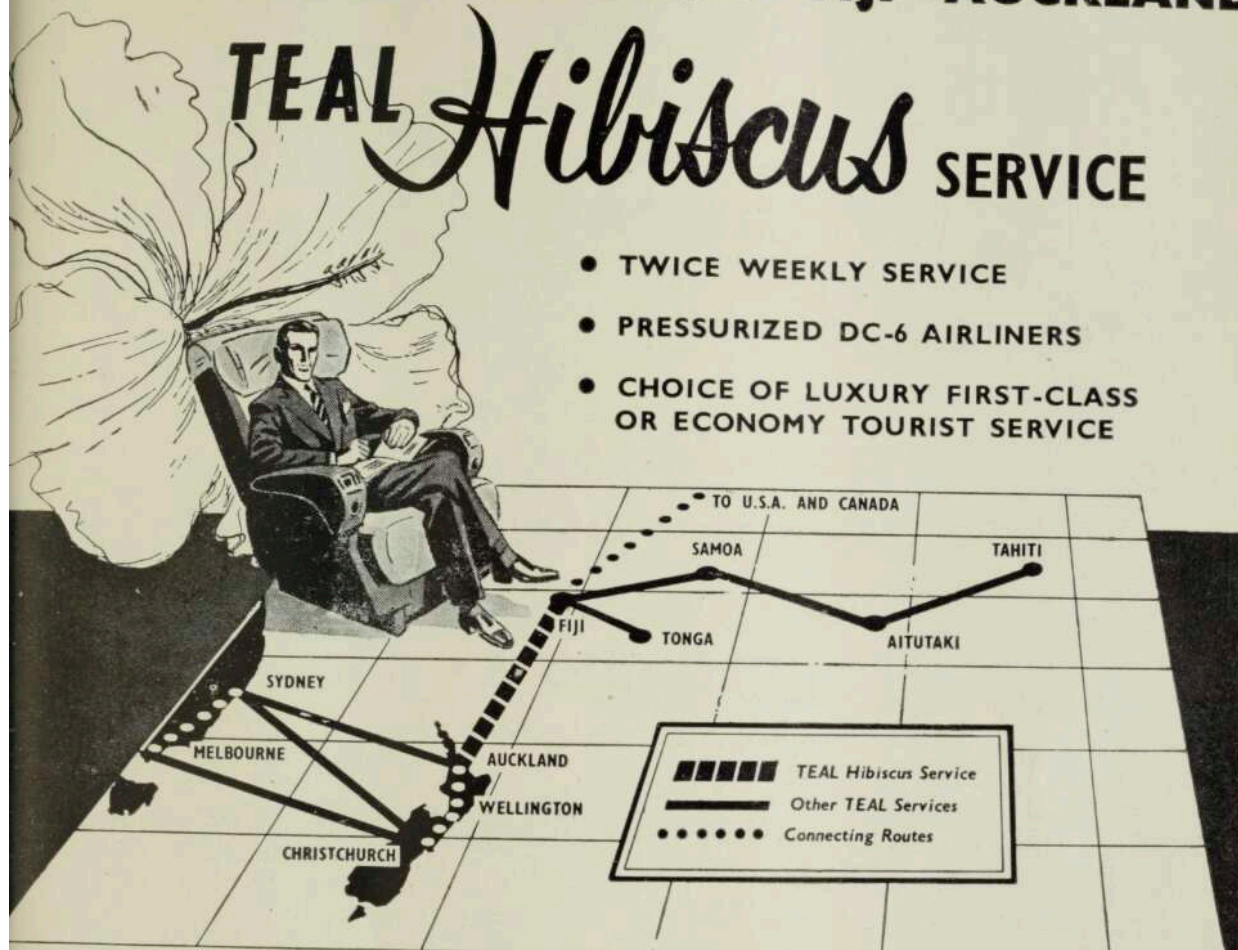
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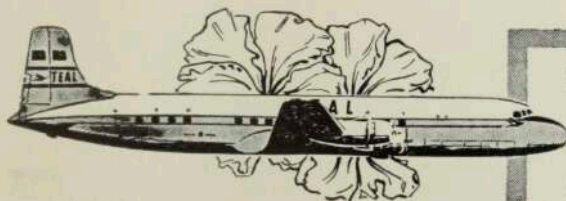


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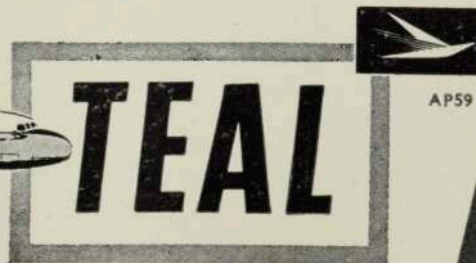
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