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# PACIFIC ISLANDS Monthly

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THE mammoth Sydney Royal Easter Show was a greater success than ever this year—largely because of the French Exhibition which was run as an integral part of it. (See story inside). New Caledonia and French Oceania were represented by special pavilions and displays in the Exhibition and our photograph shows the Prime Minister of Australia, Mr. Menzies (right), examining a large display map of New Caledonia with the new Governor of New Caledonia and French High Commissioner for the Pacific, M. Aime Grimald.

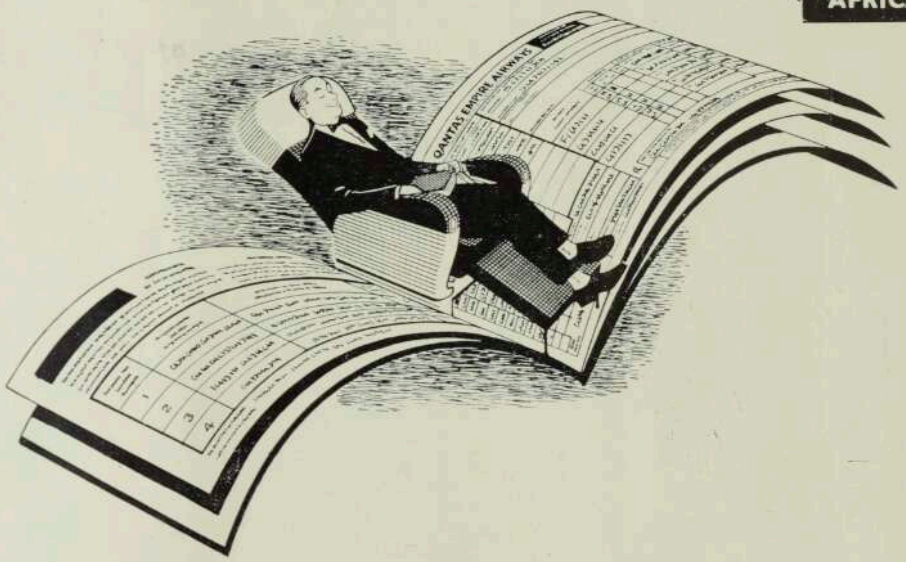
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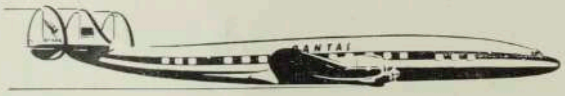

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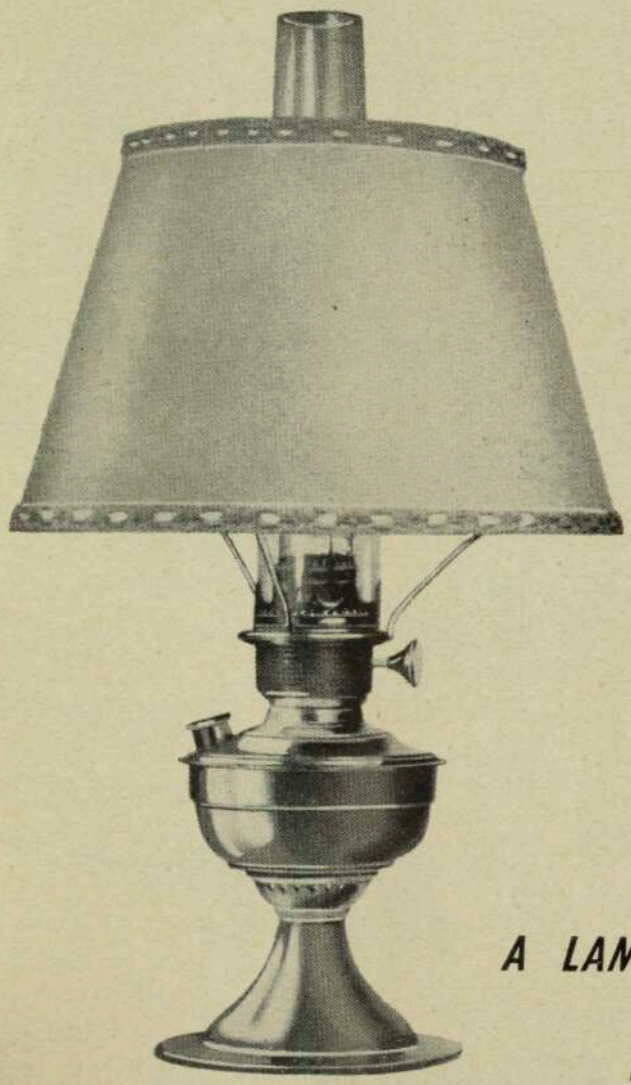




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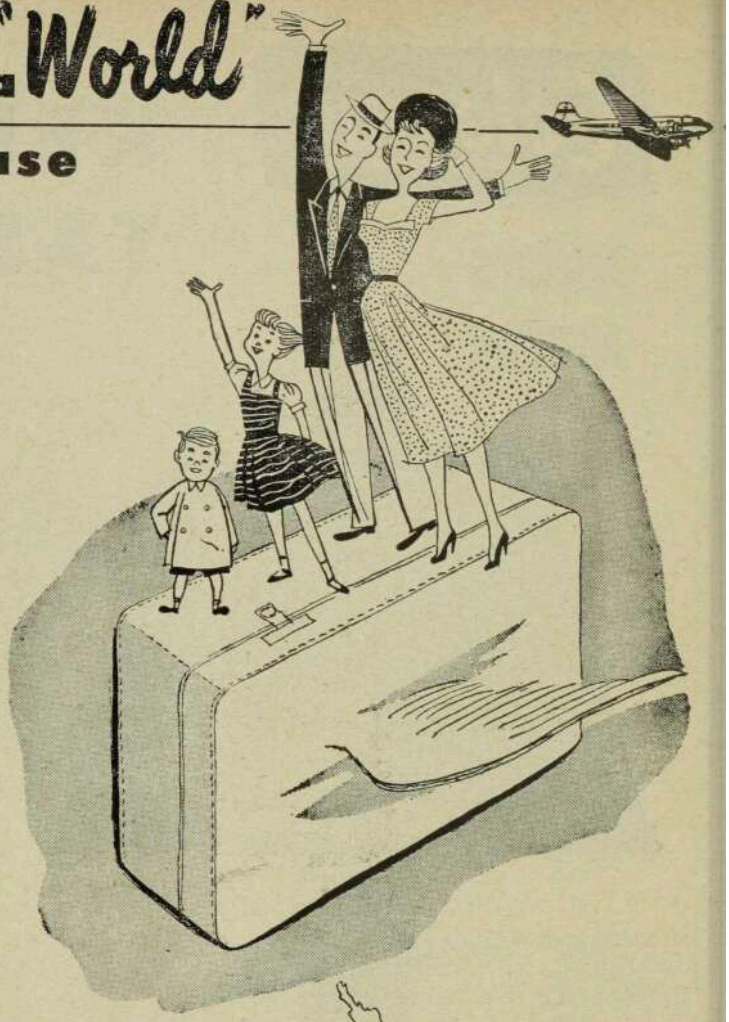
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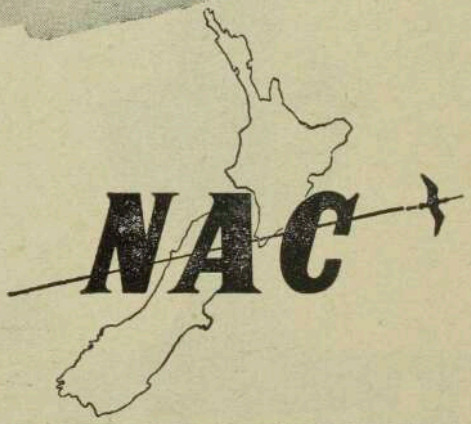

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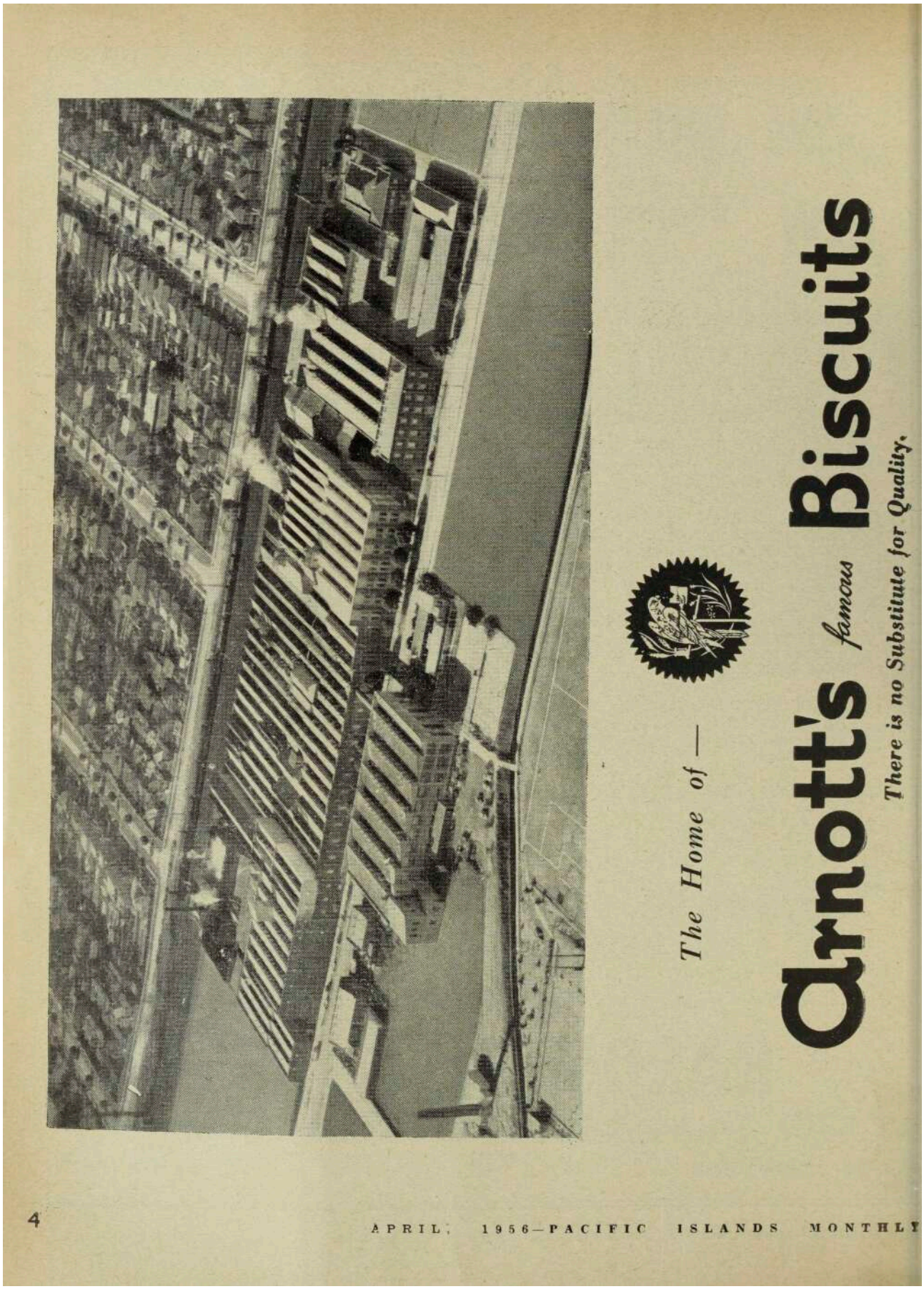
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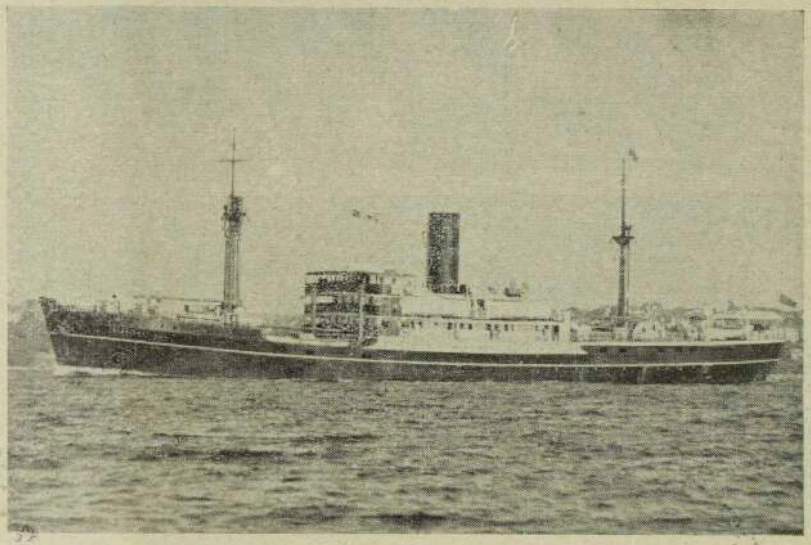




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## ydney-Papua-N. Guinea

Malaita sails from Sydney for Rabaul, ng, Lombrum, Lorengau, Wewak, hafen, Madang, Lae, Sydney. Next y sailing Apr. 24.

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ils from Burns, Philp & Co. Ltd., ge Street, Sydney.

Sinkiang: Departed Sydney Apr. 17 rt Moresby, Samarai, Lae, Madang, g, Rabaul, Lae, Port Moresby, New- Melbourne.

Shansi: Departs Sydney May 1 risbane, Samarai, Port Moresby, r.

Soochow: Departs Port Moresby for Brisbane and Sydney.

ils from G. S. Yuill & Co. Pty., Bridge St., Sydney.

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**g S.W. Pacific ports on south-bound journeys only.)**

ng: Departs Japan Apr. 30, Hong- May 8, Rabaul May 20, Madang May 24, Lae May 26, Samarai May 30, Port Moresby May 31.

Fengning: Departs Japan May 8, Hong-kong May 16, Rabaul May 28, Madang June 1, Lae June 3, Samarai June 7, Moresby June 8, thence to Sydney and return direct to Japan.

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

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Details from Wilh. Wilhelmsen Agency Pty., Ltd., 63 Pitt St., Sydney, or Islands agents (R. Tebb, Lae; Town Transport, Rabaul; A. Strachan, Madang; BSIP Trading Corp., Honiara).

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

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

## N. Zealand-Cook Is.

The regular passenger vessel **Maui** Pomare resumed the Auckland - Cook Islands service in April. Occasional

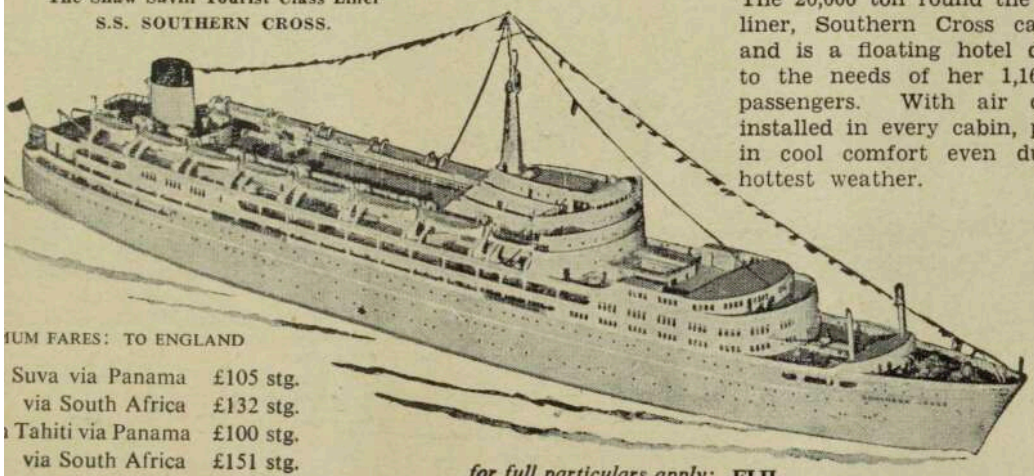
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| AUCKLAND | arr/dep | 6 Apr | 4 June | 16 July | From | 8 Oct. |
| SUVA | arr/dep | 10 Apr. | 7 June | 19 July | Panama | 11 Oct. |
| HONOLULU | arr/dep | 16 Apr. | 12 June | 24 July | —— | 16 Oct. |
| VANCOUVER | arrive | 23 Apr. | 18 June | 30 July | —— | 22 Oct. |
| | depart | 24 Apr. | 19 June | 31 July | 11 Sept. | 23 Oct. |
| SAN FRANCISCO | arr | 27 Apr. | 21 June | 2 Aug. | 7 Sept. | 25 Oct. |
| | depart | 28 Apr. | Then | 3 Aug. | 8 Sept. | 26 Oct. |
| HONOLULU | arr/dep | 3 May | to | 7 Aug. | 16 Sept. | 30 Oct. |
| SUVA | arr/dep | 11 May | Panama | 14 Aug. | 23 Sept. | 6 Nov. |
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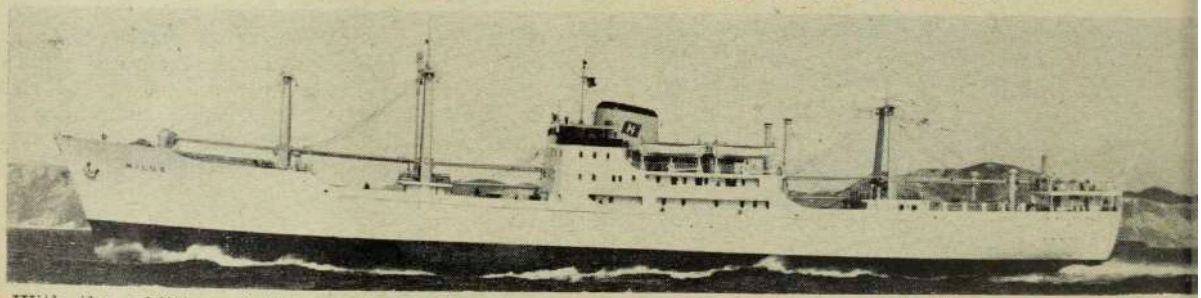
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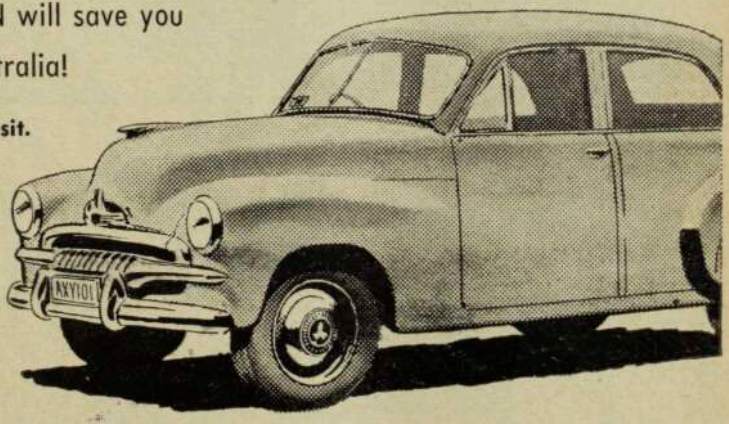
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| | (Tues., Wed., Sun., Mon.) |
| Moresby, 7.35 am | Lae, 9.00 am |

Thurs.

| Depart: | Arrive: |
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| Brisbane, 11.45 pm | Townsville, 3.30 am |
| | (Friday) |
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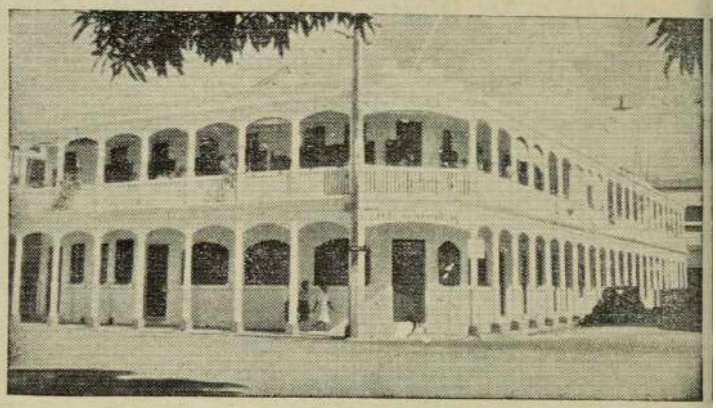
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**EW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Catalina)**

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**MADANG-GOROKA (DC3)**

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|---|---|
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Dep. Noumea, Apr. 19, May 3, etc.

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pm, departs Mon 7 am, crosses da
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1, 22, 29. Papeete Apr. 29, May 13,
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Copra exports of 17,178 tons fetched £1,148,739, another record. Cocoabean exports also exceeded the 1954 shipments and provided £882,510. Banana exports to New Zealand jumped from 276,135 cases in 1954 to 446,525 cases, bringing £463,035 (£300,259 in 1954).

As usual, the United Kingdom was Western Samoa's best customer, taking £1,418,598 in produce, in return for £459,396 of goods supplied. New Zealand took £596,595 and supplied £591,769.

The pronounced unbalance of trade with the United Kingdom also applied to the USA, which bought £367,238 (mostly cocoabeans) and sold only £91,764. In contrast, the other dollar country, Canada, took only £8,171 and supplied £74,449.

The Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa was to debate the 1956 budget late March, with a strong recommendation from the NZ Government to view the present wave of public expenditure in the light of the big drop in world cocoa prices and the impending termination of the MOF copra contract.

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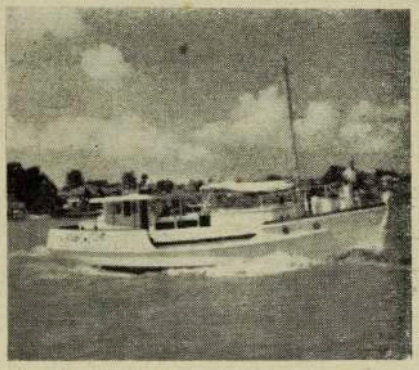



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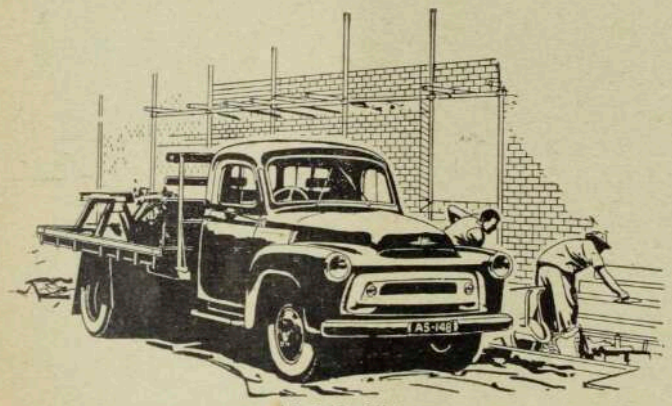
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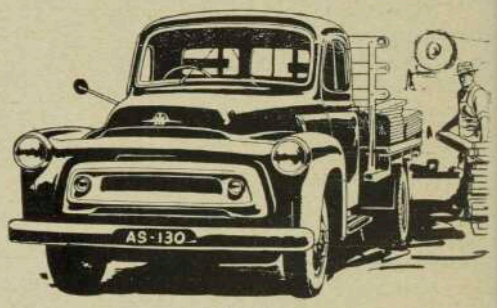

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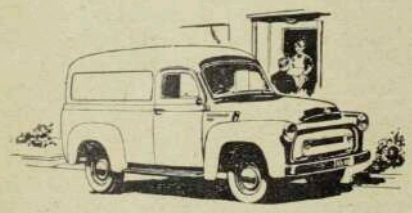

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# *Editorial...*

## WHAT THE REDS' DENUNCIATION OF STALIN MAY MEAN

HE Cold War—upon the outcome of which the future of humanity depends—has changed in char- er in the last few months. In e respects, the menace to the dom of the individual has be- e greater, and world dominance Muscovite Communism seems rer. But, behind this bigger ace, we now can discern some- g that may defeat the Red con- ators before they finally succeed their plans for hamstringing tern Civilisation.

he form of Cold War which we w best is the ruthless, brutal, rly unscrupulous drive towards world domination, as conceived directed by Stalin. Carried on hat fashion, there was only one to the Cold War—namely, the caust of World War III, in h atomic power probably would roy most of humanity. It was or tame submission to the Reds.

e Western world assumed, when in died, that the policies and s of the half-mad dictator would inue—that Moscow eventually ld try to conquer the West by tary strength. But a vast and pected change has occurred, the significance of which is not clear.

e objective has not altered—the et leaders believe still that they achieve their ultimate plan by sing the full Communist system the whole world. But they ar to have convinced themselves they can do this, not by brute , but by slow infiltration, and ruction from within of the whole cture of Western Civilisation. there has been much in recent ry, and developments in world rs, in the last few years, to sug- that they are right.

the nations of the world had en left alone after World War —as they were left alone after ld War I—to reorganise their nal economies to take care of terrific maladjustments caused ocial and economic affairs by levastation of international war, might have been well. There t have been a general peace; United Nations Organisation t have worked.

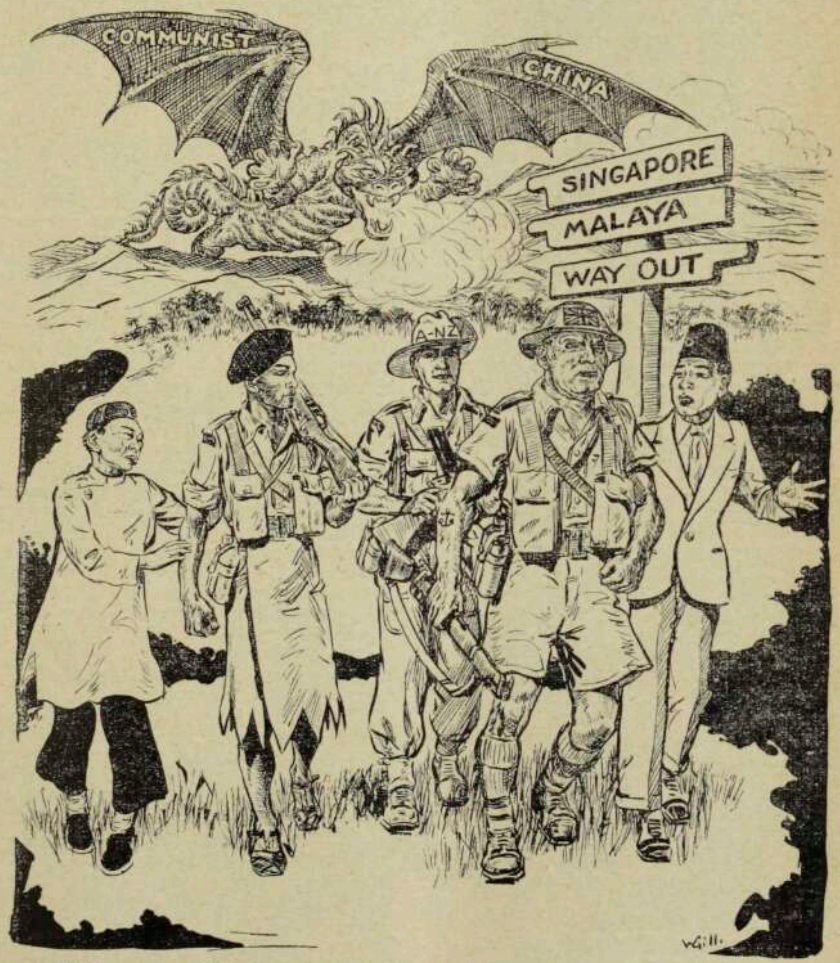
t, as everyone knows, Joseph n and his gang had a different They knew that revolution s out of poverty and injustice; they were clever enough to se that if they struck at the red and partly demoralised tern world with every weapon had, short of war, and pre- d Western rehabilitation, they so weaken the Western Powers either the West would suffer economic collapse, or the West would be so distraught that it would offer only feeble resistance to the Reds, when they struck with their armed forces.

The rest is history. Only the possession by USA of the atom bomb, and the clear determination of USA to fight if the Muscovite Reds went too far, kept Stalin's Communist forces behind the Iron Curtain. The Reds went as far as they dared in the Berlin Blockade, in Korea, in the subversion of Persia, in over-running Southeast Asia—but they did not go completely to war. Nonetheless, they have had staggering, incalculable successes.

China now is completely Communist. A great section of Southern Asia is teetering on the edge of Communism. Ceaseless Red infiltration of British and French colonies in Asia, Africa and elsewhere has paid enormous dividends to the Reds —France is so seriously embarrassed that she has abandoned Southeast Asia and is so embarrassed in holding and policing her Colonies that she has withdrawn most of her divisions from the Western guard on the Iron Curtain. Britain has endless, expensive trouble in maintaining order in the Far East, the Middle East and some parts of Africa, and is correspondingly weakened as a partner in NATO.

THE Middle East, under the leadership and inspiration of a cheeky and arrogant Egypt, is on the verge of a war which will represent Russia's counter to the pro-British Baghdad Pact, and which—if it comes—will represent a major disaster to Anglo-American strategists, who must at all costs protect their Middle East oilfields and the great pipelines which carry the oil out through the Arab countries to the Mediterranean and the Persian Gulf.

Britain has not suffered as seriously in a military sense as has France; but Britain's economic strength has been declining for the last two years, and now poses a




*Malayan and Chinaman, in chorus: "What Dragon? We can't see any dragon."*

most serious problem for the Old Country.

Practically the whole of these troubles may be traced back directly to growing, world-wide subversive activity directed through Communist and Fellow-Traveller channels by the Moscow Reds. The anti-British agitation in Zanzibar, the wharfies' strikes in Australia, the stealthy murder of rubber plantation workers in Malaya, the snarling refusal of British industrial masses to co-operate in holding the export markets, the dismissal of Glubb Pasha in Jordan and the indescribable confusion in Cyprus—all have a common origin, and all are part of the one pattern.

Had these activities, and that pattern, continued in 1956 as they were in 1954 and 1955, the end of the Cold War, and the beginning of the unimaginably horrible World War III, could have been seen within a matter of months.

BUT suddenly, almost overnight, the outlook has changed, in an extraordinary way.

Stalin died three years ago. Georgi Malenkov (now being kissed by factory-girls in his goodwill visit to Britain) held the throne for a year, while Moscow's policies became distorted and confused. Malenkov was pushed aside, and the very strange Mr. Krushchev and the very bibulous Mr. Bulganin took charge. The backslapping Summit Conference at Geneva came and went, with no more effect than a damp fire-cracker. There was much intense Red probing of the Western world.

And then, in late February, it was disclosed to the stupefied West that the whole Communist world repudiates and loathes Mr. Stalin, who was variously described by Krushchev and Company as a murderer, an assassin, a power-drunk dictator, a liar, and a crazy paranoic. The name of the man whom Russia, for 20 years, exalted as a hero, patriot and demi-god is being wiped out of the Russian vocabulary, just as thoroughly as his portraits and statues are being removed from public places.

"Stalin created in the minds of all peoples a totally wrong impression of Russia and the Russians," cry Stalin's successors. "We desire to live in peace and amity with the rest of the world. Forget Stalin and all his works. Trust us. Let us open all our gates to each other. Let us disarm."

The Westerners, surrounded by social and economic and political troubles of Moscow's making, still are staring at Moscow as in a daze, wondering what to make of it all. Never in all history was there such a *volte face*, with such potentialities. It could mean so much—or so little.

THE more experienced—and cynical—of world observers cannot see much in all this to be happy about. They think that it means only that the Muscovites are so sure now that the rest of the world is headed for economic disintegration that they can afford to sit back and wait for the collapse, thus ensuring by peaceful means what, a few years ago, they believed would have to be achieved by the sword. Probably, they are right.

But two factors give us ground for hope.

This change in Russian policy is far wider and goes far deeper than most of us yet realise. This repudiation of Stalin cannot just take place overnight, on the word of a cunning underground-engineer like Nikita Krushchev. If it is to be effective, it must be accepted by a vast Soviet empire of over 200 million people, and by thousands of Communist organisations which now honeycomb the world—all of whom have been ruthlessly drilled, for at least 20 years, to place Stalin along with Lenin and Marx among the demi-gods of humanity.

In other words, it may be expected that the Krushchev Declaration of February 25, wherein he damned the memory of the man whom, only two years before, he had publicly deif will cause in Russia a division opinion so wide that it may s completely the Communist fac which has threatened the peace the world since 1945. If it does cripple the Muscovite dictators it at least should seriously barrass the Reds, and remove m of the menace from their 30-ye old conspiracy. We can but v and hope.

The other factor lies in China always has been a cardinal be of British diplomacy that China never accep Communism, after Muscovite pattern; and Britain shaped her policies accordingly looks as if Whitehall will be justi For two years, the rift betw Moscow and Peking has been gr ing wider. Recent events empha that rift. Here, again—as betw Moscow and Peking—early deve ments may be interesting.

It is far too soon yet to cheer. —at long last—we may at l begin to hope. If the Musco structure is crumbling, the crumb of the Western structure sh cease, and begin to recover.

# Those Adjectival Natives

MINISTER Hasluck's latest memorandum to official Papua-New Guinea that the word "native" is to be used as little as possible, except as an adjective, makes about as much sense as some of the utterances about racial equality which have come from the visiting UN Mission at present in NG.

The vast majority of natives of the Territory have not considered whether "native" is a derogatory term or not, and will not do so unless someone in authority insists that they do.

Nor have the majority the time, the opportunity or the educational qualifications to consider the matter of "equality." But send enough visiting experts into the Territory to tell them often enough that we regard them as inferior and that they should do something about it, and the necessary resentment will, doubtless, be forthcoming.

What are we trying to do with the New Guinea natives, anyhow? Turn them into imitation Europeans? Or help them to develop along lines that will preserve their own natural dignity and commonsense? The latter will not be achieved merely by calling them all "Papuans" or attaching to them the ridiculous English title, "Mr."

It is undeniable that until the Pacific war the colour bar was pretty rigidly drawn in New Guinea. But that war ended over a decade ago. To-day there is not one realistic, forward-looking Territorian who will ostracise a native simply because he is a native. Where it has been sh that a native has character, itiative, mental capacity and m stamina he is honoured for him —not because of racial "equali There are, however, few natives can measure up to this standard this is usually attributed (by theorists) to the fact that they lacking in education. With the sent system of scholarships for Guinea natives, the next 20 y should give us some sort of a about that.

Mr. Hasluck has, of course, ple of precedent for his edict about word native. It is *tabu* in eastern Pacific, too. At one t the honoured graduates of the S Medical School were known Native Medical Practitioners. So where along the line in the last years they have all become *Assisi* Medical Practitioners.

In May, the P-NG Legisla Council will solemnly debate w the natives can be called when t are not called natives. "Papu is not favoured by residents of Guinea. "Melanesian" perhaps be considered as an alternative.

However, it is one thing to de what a native is to be called; q another to pass a law setting *how* he is to be called. It not take much imagination visualise a European slave-drive say, 1966, saying (in deroga tones): "Oh, he's a *Papuan!*"

No one who has had the exp ence of hearing a well-bred Engl man say: "Oh, he's an *Australia* can have any doubts about *tha*




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*RPRISE, SURPRISE!*

## UKE WILL VISIT PAPUA-N. GUINEA

HE Duke of Edinburgh will visit Papua and New Guinea in vember, in the course of a tish Commonwealth tour which l take in the Olympic Games at lbourne.

This was announced on April 6 m London.

Extensive arrangements are eady being made for him to see much as the territory as possible the short time at his disposal.

t is definite that he will visit h Rabaul and Port Moresby but Department of Territories, nberra, was unable on April 10 give any further details of his gramme. He will arrive in the ritory in the Royal Yacht *tannia* and it is expected that will use a plane when he makes its away from the two main ts.

e News . . .

## YITA COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

E "Joyita" disaster was caused because a pipe in the cooling system broke, flooding the vessel.

is was the finding of the Commission of ry which sat in Apia in February. Its t was tabled in the New Zealand House Representatives on April 13. The Com- on dismissed the "fanciful stories that circulating at the time of the disaster". was no evidence of mass murder, ised looting, attack by foreign vessels, rspouts or submarine explosion.

e Commission made a number or criticisms luding criticism of the lack of life-saving ment and of Captain T. H. Miller for g to ensure that "Joyita" was capable aking a voyage to the Tokelaus. The ission was unable to say why the vessel abandoned—conditions on the ship must been bad, but the vessel was afloat and d some degree of security.

e Commission recommended legislation to gthen local shipping regulations.

## A PLANE'S EMERGENCY LANDING IN SAMOA

e to a 140 degrees deviation in the ol compass of the automatic pilot, Pan ican Airways Clipper "Glory of the " got off course on a flight between Nadi and Canton Island on April 12, and made an emergency landing at Faleolo, rn Samoa. It is believed in Sydney by officials that the pilot chose this air- in preference to Tafuna in Eastern Samoa arly used by PAA DC4s) because of the approach, Tafuna being hugged closer ountains.

airport at Faleolo is used seldom these and by nothing larger than a DC3. NZ on officials would not allow the Strato- r to take off again with passengers. A PAA DC4 went from Nadi to ferry the passengers to Canton, where "Glory of the Skies", which took off successfully empty from Faleolo, met them.

The passengers suffered about 24 hours delay but were not in danger. By the time that the landing at Faleolo was made, the aircraft was three hours overdue at Canton.

## Cocoa Prices Slump

THE price of cocoa was still dropping in early April and on April 9, Accra was quoted in Sydney at £Stg.187.

Producers are watching the market anxiously and at present there is no indication whether this is just another such brief recession as that which occurred in 1949-50, or whether it is a real pointer of things to come.

Cocoa prices fell lower than this in 1949—but shortly after were rising in spectacular fashion, reaching a peak of £673 Australian during 1954.

The reason for the present fall is hard to find. Consumption still outstrips supply—but cocoa and its products are items that can be taken or left at will by the consumer, and presumably buyer resistance has most to do with the present slump.

¶ A daughter (Sanda Lynette) was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carter, at the European Hospital, Port Moresby, Papua, on March 13.

*INDONESIAN PROGRAMME*

## DNG Grab Gets Priority

INCLUSION of West New Guinea in Indonesia is to take priority in the policy of the new Government of Indonesia. This was announced by the Premier, Dr. Ali Sastroamidjojo, in Djakarta, on April 9.

Towards this end, the Indonesian Government will shortly establish a Province of West Irian (the Indonesian term for DNG).

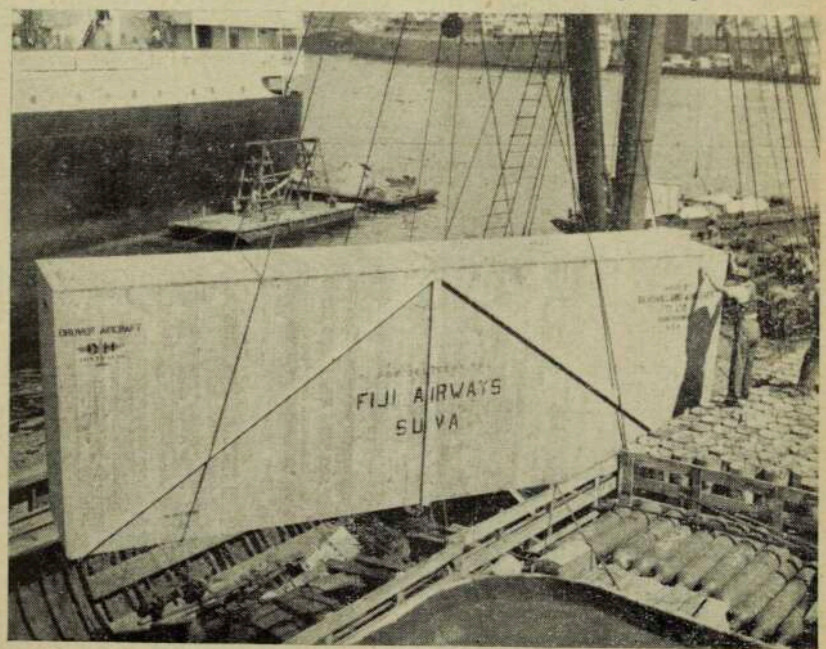
Other items in the new programme are compulsory military service and protection of national business against foreign competition.

The Premier said also that his Government planned to remove influences inherited from the period of colonial domination. He went on:

"We may at times be obliged to take steps not approved by the outside world, especially by some circles of the Western world. However, it is utterly unfounded to condemn such steps as anti-Western."

† Mr. Walkington, a NZ Ministry of Works Engineer, accompanied by a fitter, arrived by TEAL flyingboat early in March to instal two 150-kilowatt generators in Rarotonga's newly constructed Power House. The additional power is required for the new cool store.

## One New Drover Coming Up




A brand-new Drover plane ex-De Havilland's Sydney factory was loaded on the "Waikawa", Sydney, in late March for Fiji Airways. This crate holds the wings of the plane. This is the first new Drover plane to go overseas—the Drovers that FA bought previously had been in use in New Guinea. A second new Drover will go to Fiji for the company about May.

# THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

## BSIP History—Ancient and Future

Captain Brett Hilder—currently on Burns Philp's *Tulagi*—writes from Tenaru, BSIP. . . "just as a good excuse to send you, on the envelope, my three stamps of the new Solomons issue which came out on March 1."

The stamps which, as he says, have just emerged, were designed by the Captain a year or so ago and are the 8d, 6d, and 5/- denominations of the new series.

The 8d stamp shows the old war-time control tower at Henderson Field, just outside Honiara, with a modern airliner flying over it. This, no doubt, will give a lot of people the impression that the famous war-time airstrip is still in use—which, of course, is not so. The Field is down for reconstruction—one of these days.

The sea-green 6d stamp shows a trading schooner; and the sepia 5/- stamp which the Captain says he likes best, shows Mendana and his ship.

That should send people scurrying for their history books—few people remember Mendana's connection with the fabled islands of Solomon.

## In Fiji She Missed Butchers' Shops

The old pre-war islands idea that shooting-a-line to newspaper reporters was just not done, has gone overboard with a lot of other traditions. Scarcely a day passes when some returning wanderer does not entertain newspaper readers with lurid tales of privations in the cannibal islands, or alternately, lush love-feasts among the Polynesians.

However, people who know Fiji and its sugar-industry must have blushed for a certain Mrs. McConochie when she recently went on record in the Brisbane *Courier Mail* as the woman who had to travel 50 miles in Fiji to get her hair trimmed.

The story went on (according to the newspaper, anyhow):

**With no household amenities, only tinned foods, and no social activities except a few parties and a picture theatre, Mrs. McConochie is not very happy with her life at Penang Mill.**

**After nine months away from Brisbane, Mrs. McConochie said: "It was wonderful to come back to Brisbane and see those butchers' and fruit shops filled with so much meat and fruit."**

A reader sent this clipping to us from Brisbane with the comment: "Good God—and I always thought Fiji a much better place to live in than New Guinea." Then he adds, perhaps with a certain amount of male virtue-triumphant, "I dismiss this as the kind of utter tripe some returning women give out to the press."

We could point out to our Brisbane reader that returning men frequently give out with the utter tripe too; and to poor Mrs. McConochie that there are a couple of million women in Australia, too, whose only social activities are "parties and a picture theatre."

## Homosexuality—Skeletons in Many Cupboards

Although opinion on the Poole murder case is divided, most residents of long standing in the SW Pacific are unanimous about one thing—homosexuality always has existed there, if not in one district, then in another.

As one Administration officer has put it in a letter to us: "Canon Warren, who had not heard of one case of homosexuality in Papua, is talking through his hat." (PIM, March, page 28). He goes on: "I have dealt with dozens of cases—and the least said about the Europeans, the better."

He then mentions a few of the Europeans—one of which would surprise a number of people.

Few people with any length of residence in this part of the Pacific have to think long before recollecting natives who practised the vice, or recalling one European known or suspected.

These observations should not give the impression that the vice is rampant amongst Europeans. It isn't. But for anyone afflicted in that manner the opportunities are greater and, because of isolation, so is the compulsion. However, in a native community "keeping it dark" is virtually impossible and discovery is inevitable. . . whereupon the European involved was, in the past, usually persuaded to fade silently from the scene and no scandal resulted.

Like our reader, we think that the less said by Missions and everyone else about homosexuality in the SW Pacific the better. The mere mention of the word must produce the sound of rattling skeletons from many cupboards.

## The Atom and the Ancient Pacific

Professor and Mrs. E. W. Gifford, of San Francisco, who have done some notable archaeological work in the South Pacific, now have gone to Yap, in the Caroline Islands, in Micronesia—a field considered w worthy of archaeological resear

They were in New Caledonia 1952, and their report on what th found in excavations there is n in the hands of the University California's press, awaiting pu lication.

Professor Gifford informs us th "an interesting feature of the N Caledonian research is the ser of radiocarbon dates—the t earliest of which are in the 2 and 5th centuries BC"—that 2,800 and 2,500 years ago. T Professor made some investigatio in Fiji, also, and certain radi carbon dates which he fixed respect of Viti Levu will be pu lished in the *Journal of t Polynesian Society* (New Zealan

Mankind's increasing knowled of the atom enables archaeology fix approximately the century, a even the decade, when prehisto man handled materials in eart works and building.

## The Buka Boss Boy Had Had It!

The other day, I met a Bu boy who was on his way home Buka, after long residence Rabaul. I expressed surprise his preference now for a quiet a primitive village life. Th approximately, was his reply:

"You savi, Masta. Before w Govmint 'e strong. All plant tion boy can work good, 'ear talk, an' stop good.

"Now, behind 'long war, Govm 'e no more strong—spoil 'im fin all plantation boys 'long silly ta talk. So boy no more work go no more 'ear 'im talk, no m stop good.

"This way makim planty wo more 'long all boss boys. Mou belong me fella pain finish 'l planty talk-talk. Now all b cheeky back 'long me fella b boys.

"'Long talk belong white m Masta, me finish."

In other words, he had "had —and this about describes my o feelings, too—*From a planter in N Guinea.*

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† A group of five new scho teachers arrived in Rarotonga cently by air. They include M Peterson, formerly headmaster of NZ Maori school, who became hea master of Tereora College; M Hardy, B.Agr.Sc, formerly fro Nelson College, NZ; Mrs. Har MA; Mr. Robert Wilson, BA, w has been appointed to the lo Teachers' Training College; M R. D. McEwan, who has spec qualifications in Arts and Crafts a who has been appointed Ch Organising Teacher; Mrs. Kear who becomes an Infant Mistress a Rarotongan school.




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E WATERS

## rmy Scenes at Apinaipi Annual Meeting

HEN and where do we drill and how much will it cost? This was the dominant cry of shareers at the well-attended and ny 18th Annual General Meetof the Papuan Apinaipi Petro- Company Ltd., held at 5 n St., Sydney, April 9.

ter 2½ hours of mounting heat recrimination from many ters, the matter was still unved when the Press was asked eave—some matters of an inting and confidential nature about to be presented to shareers.

this intriguing note the Press rted, leaving the majority of eholders agreed, on a show of ls, to see this issue through the

ernal dissension in the direct- became apparent in March, when Mr. R. Richardson, of tne Board—who is credited with preventing the liquidation of this company at an earlier period—issued a circular to shareholders criticising the Board for procrastination.

As a result of this action the Board recently passed the following motions:

(1) that the appointment of Mr. Richardson with the Company as Research Manager be terminated, and

(2) that the Board has no confidence in Mr. Richardson as a fellow Director, and it is the expressed wish of the Board that he resign.

But Mr. Rupert Richardson chose not to resign, and, at this meeting, following a resume of the recent findings and present attitude of the technical consultants to the Company's oil claims, the chairman, Mr. B. W. Graham, asked Mr. Richardson to present his views to shareholders.

For close upon one hour Mr. Richardson proceeded to do this. In his long, historical survey numerous personalities received honourable or dishonourable mention and there were implications of possible political and international activities behind the scenes.

Mr. Richardson's contention appears to be that the wealth of material now available as a result of the use of every known method of technical survey over 30 years could not be improved upon and that nothing should now stand in the way of action on the spot—but which spot, and when and how, Mr. Richardson did not state.

The Board, too, says that drilling should proceed as soon as possible—but, by the nature of the Permit issued to the Company, they contend that they must take the advice of its consultants and comply with additional specified surface surveys to secure the Commonwealth Government's OK to drill.

The presence of Mr. Richardson on the Board was, the chairman claimed, an embarrassment to this end, which made it clear, as a shareholder pointed out, that the re-election of Mr. Richardson to the Board would not resolve the present stalemate.

Therefore, said another shareholder, the whole Board should resign and another be elected in its place. But his motion was drowned in a storm of interjections.

One fact emerged from this unresolved turmoil: While Mr. Richardson has got across the necks of the Board and others by his methods, he has a considerable body of shareholders behind him.

He wants "oil for Australia" without more ado, and that is what the shareholders want, too.

**Result of the election of directors was announced some days after the meeting. Mr. G. H. R. Jones replaces Mr. R. Richardson. Other members are Messrs B. W. Graham, G. F. Gregerson, L. F. Nix, A. E. Prince, and F. A. Mackell.**

## Gifts From The Lady Garvey Fund





**These photographs were received recently from Malaya by Mrs. S. D. Canard, secretary of the Lady Garvey Gift Parcels Fund, which sends gift parcels to the Fijian soldiers in Malaya. The top photograph shows the Commanding Officer of the Fiji Infantry Regiment, Lieutenant-Colonel Penaia K. Ganilau, seated at his desk at HQ, Batu Pahat, Johore, Malaya, and behind him is a magnificent piece of "Masi", or tapa cloth. It was specially made for the Queen's visit to Fiji in 1953, and was used to decorate the walls of the marquee at the special dinner which was given by Sir Ronald and Lady Garvey. Lady Garvey made a gift of this tapa to the Malaya troops. The lower photograph shows the table set for dinner in the Officers' Mess, at Batu Pahat. This silver and glassware was paid for by the Lady Garvey Gift Parcels Fund, and it was specially crested with the Fiji Defence Forces insignia and is now in use in Malaya. Ratu Penaia has thanked warmly the donors of the gifts.**

## SANTO WHARF IN 18 MONTHS

THE new wharf for Santo, New Hebrides, is one step closer.

In March, Mr. Don Gubbay was engaged on the preliminary clearing of the site and removal of the old piles of a war-time structure.

It is hoped that the new wharf will be completed in 18 months.

## NI WHALING CO. OFFERS PREF. SHARES

RESIDENTS of Norfolk Island have been offered a chance to have an interest in the local whaling company.

The Norfolk Island Whaling Company announced that while it would not issue ordinary shares, it was prepared to let NI residents buy 10 per cent. preference shares.

Applications were being received up to March 31.




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*PACIFIC H-BOMB*

# CHRISTMAS ATOLL LIKELY TO BECOME DEATH-OR-GLORY ISLAND

First prize in the H-Bomb lottery goes to Christmas Island in the Pacific, off which British scientists will, it is reported, explode a bomb next year.

REPORTS that British scientists were in the market for an "uninhabited" Pacific island were released at the end of 1955 and the choice of Christmas (reported March), which can scarcely be called uninhabited in the sense that the Monte Bello islands off Western Australia are uninhabited, is going to cause not a little consternation.

At the present time, South Pacific Air Lines, an American company, is building a refuelling and radio-weather base there for its Honolulu-Papeete service which is scheduled to begin operations in a few months. A radio operator from New Zealand was engaged a few weeks ago to go to the island to set up a radio station.

The airline has no direct representation in Sydney, but friends of the organisers have expressed "complete surprise" at the new development.

There have been no "official" announcements from London—the matter is still in the "Reported" stage.

It has been stated that the bomb will be exploded east of Christmas and three or four miles above the sea—the first time this has been attempted.

It is also stated that there will be no danger of radio-active contamination at Christmas. This is likely to be so, as the island will be needed to house scientists and other personnel and provide a runway for the RAF bomber which will carry the bomb to its detonation point.

However, if what goes on around the Bikini area when the Americans are about to explode a bomb is any criterion, it seems scarcely feasible that a commercial airline will be permitted to carry on normal business within hundreds of miles of the area.

As Christmas Island is part of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony Britain can do as she wishes with the atoll, but no one will deny that if the reports are true it will be frustrating to the airline which has been permitted to proceed up to this point.

Captain Bryan Monkton, of South Pacific Air Lines, who paid a visit to Sydney in February apparently had no inkling of this development at that time (PIM, February, page 22).

No matter how justified are H-bomb experiments on the grounds of security and strategy, few residents of the Pacific will escape misgivings at the shattering of the peace of what was once regarded as the remotest end of the earth. In fact, an island's very remoteness seems to mark it down these days for destruction in the cause of nuclear-weapon experiment.

If any reader has any delusions as to the kind of world towards which we are heading we can recommend to him an article in the current Australian edition of *Readers' Digest*. Called, somewhat oddly, "Guided Missiles—Key to Peace," it describes in the most terrifying detail the missiles that are at the moment being developed by the United States as a counter to equally terrifying missiles that are believed to have been developed by the Russians. In the course of the article it is said: "In the Pacific war, US battleships standing 25 miles off enemy islands pounded the defenders with thousands of shells; yet the landings were still bloody affairs. In the future, a ship 1,000 miles away could hit islands like Kwajalein with a single missile so powerful that it would extinguish all life on the island."

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CHRISTMAS, normally a dry atoll of glaring coral sand has had a chequered career since Captain Cook first sighted it on Christmas Day, 1777. Whalers, guano miners arrived first, followed, off and on, as copra rose and fell in price on the world markets, by planters. Its sovereignty has, too, been frequently in doubt, first America and then Britain winning temporary ownership. But Christmas was so economically unimportant that there was never much interest generated until the late 30's when out-of-the-way islands assumed a new importance for projected air-service operations.

After a certain amount of argument, Britain (having already conceded Howland, Baker and Jarvis to the US) clinched the matter of Christmas in 1937 by sending a warship there and placing a radio officer on the island. Subsequently, administration came under the Gilbert and Ellice Islands Colony. There was an American invasion following this, however—during the Pacific war when an airstrip of about 2,400 yards was built. This base was garrisoned by the US forces until 1948.

Back in 1902, Lever Bros. were granted a 99-years lease of Christmas. They planted coconuts and introduced pearl-shell to the lagoon. Neither enterprise was very successful although the co nuts were worked when the price copra warranted it.

The famous Father Rougier t over the lease from Lever Bros 1913 and all through the first W War made a handsome profit of the copra. When copra slum his heirs abandoned the island. " plantations have been worked si the war by the Gilbert and EI Islands government—who bought the tag-end of the 99-years lease

Christmas' nearest neighbour the cable station island of Fann about 150 miles to the north-w Further north lie Washington Palmyra with the Hawaiian Isla about 1,000 m. north. Closer at h to the southwards lie the North Cooks and the islands of the Soc group. The Gilberts are about 1,60 to the westward; eastwards lie vast area of empty ocean.

Nevil Shute fans will probably collect that in his rather ex ordinary peep into the future in novel, *In the Wet*, he had our p sent Queen Elizabeth, as an eld woman, ask that a small cottage built for her on Christmas, wh was a plane refuelling place on frequent air journeys betw Canada and Australia.

If there is going to be much bomb activity in the area it is p sible that not even the ingenious Shute will be able to find eno of Christmas Island left by 1980 build a house for the Queen or anyone else.

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# A.N.Z. Bank Buys Suva Building S

IN purchasing recently from Garrick Estate the site occup by Joong Hing Loong, the A tralia and New Zealand Bank has acquired a property in the b ness heart of Suva.

Price was £F33,000.

The Thomson Street frontage the property runs from the Gar Hotel to the premises of W. Carpenter & Co. on a 60-ft fronta at the rear, in Renwick Road, wi of the property is 200 ft.

Vacant possession would be ta as soon as possible, said the Manager of ANZ, Mr. G. Robe and new premises will be erec shortly after.

The price—£F500 a foot—is to be the highest price yet p for a city block.

Thomson Street contains such e established premises as W. Horn Co., W. R. Carpenter Ltd., and r to that again Morris Hedstrom Renwick Road contains most of oldest established Indian whole and retail firms as well as m smaller stores well patronised local people of all races and p ticularly tourists and passengers ships passing through Suva.




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# EW HEBRIDES AGAIN WITHOUT AIR SERVICES

Residents of the New Hebrides still await an international ir-service. Operations of the Transpac service have now been uspended, and airmails from Australia to NH have been cancelled.

ILA and Santo, NH, have been without air-services to the out- side world since Qantas flying- ts were withdrawn in mid-1955. that time Qantas changed over land planes and has since been ting until the airfields near a and Santo were brought up to standard required by the partment of Civil Aviation. atest reports indicate that hing has been done on the air- ps.

n the meantime, a local air- rice, Transpac, has been eloped in New Caledonia and company announced a couple of months ago that it would run a fortnightly service to the Hebrides with its De Havilland Rapide aircraft. On the assumption that this service would continue, the Australia-New Hebrides air-mail was resumed.

No announcement has been made by Transpac, but private advice from New Caledonia is to the effect that Transpac has ceased running this service.

Local opinion is that "the big companies" have brought pressure to bear on the small company.

Big Companies presumably mean Transports Aeriens Intercontinentaux, successors to Air France on the Paris-Noumea service, and Qantas. But how either of these companies are to land their large planes on the disputed New Hebrides airfields without Civil Aviation permission Local Opinion, of course, omits to say. There seems no reason why Transpac should not run an interim service anyhow.

Recently, the French Inspector General of Airfields was in the Hebrides looking over the disputed air-strips. Perhaps this indicates that something will be moving shortly, but so far the most interested parties—the residents of the Hebrides—do not know what.

It is known that TAI is anxious to start a service and had tentatively proposed a DC3 service from an air-strip at Magenta (near Noumea) to Santo and Vila to commence "early 1956."

Now it appears that Magenta is out—the French Inspector General has condemned it for the proposed service. Magenta, at a Noumea seaside resort, was built by the Americans as a fighter strip during the war. It is used by Transpac and by the local aero club.

Large planes must use Tontouta, about 50 miles from Noumea. This will soon be in a condition to take the DC7 planes with which TAI hopes in 1957 to replace its present DC6B aircraft.

† Passengers per *Tahitien*, in February, for Santo, in the New Hebrides, were Mr. Brian Kidney and his bride, nee Miss Harding, of Brooklyn, Condobolin. Mr. Kidney has a three-year appointment at Santo.

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# THE VISITATION

HE four-member-six-secretary team that makes up the 1956 Trusteeship Territories ting mission appears to be ating something less than a le on the New Guinea pond.

far, no pearls of wisdom have been reported dropping from the Mission's lips (as was the case the first mission in 1951); no high jinks such as character- the second mission whose visita- occurred in 1953.

e only untoward incident rred at Telefomin, in the Sepik rict bad-lands, where on the day re the party arrived, on April 4, trol had a brush with the local iors and one of the warriors shot dead. This incident, it was d, was fully reported to the ion, but reaction of Mission was given.

e party—Sir John McPherson, Mr. Daniel Massonet, Belgium, J. Rolz Bennett, Guattemala; M. E. Chacko, India; and six taries—arrived in Rabaul by aircraft on March 15 and will Port Moresby for Sydney on 18. Their schedule is a tight and their means of transporta- reads thus: Aircraft, Road, , Road, Catalina, DC3, Beaver, , DC3, Norseman, River vessel, eman, Norseman, DC3, Road tc.

is programme should be ex- ely educational—and certainly s no doubt in the mind of any- who has endured the Road- -Catalina-River Vessel-Norse- -Beaver sort of business, that four members and their six taries will be glad to reach ey, where civilisation extends ar as to provide hotels, and s-with-bath.

## *This Month These Men Made Sydney News . .*



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**At left, M. Pierre Fabre, who was news because of his part in the £1 million French Exhibition at the Sydney Easter Show; and lower, the New Caledonian farmers who were given a free trip to the show as guests of the New Caledonian Government. M. Fabre arranged the French Colonies exhibits.**

**Of the 1,220,000 people who went to the Show, 750,000 visited the French Exhibition—the most talked-about Easter event in NSW.**

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# West Of The Border

THERE are apparently no ogres on the other side of the border. Brigadier Cleland, Administrator of Papua-New Guinea, who went off to visit Dr. Van Baal, Governor of Dutch New Guinea on February 29, with the reluctant blessing of Canberra ("It's on a personal basis," he said—see March PIM), returned March 13, "impressed."

Brigadier and Mrs. Cleland spent two weeks in D-NG, travelled 2,700 miles and visited Sorong, Hollandia, Manokwari, Steenkool, Biak, Wissel Lakes and other centres.

A nautical school in which D-NG natives are trained in the handling of small-craft so interested the Administrator that he is going to try to get a similar establishment set up in Papua and New Guinea.

He was also struck by the advances being made in housing construction in Dutch New Guinea, particularly in the building of homes with foam-cement and hollow-cement bricks, locally made. This construction is part of the development by the Netherlands-New Guinea Petroleum Company whose Administrative Headquarters, main workshops and other buildings are in Sorong.

The Administrator found that the native people and the environment of the Wissel Lakes district not unlike those of Telefomin, in the Sepik head-waters area of New Guinea.

He said also that his visit to the producing oilfields at Mogoi and Wasian gave him a spe background which will help meeting any problems that m arise should oil be discovered developed in Papua on a co mercial scale.

Brigadier Cleland came a impressed by the vigour foresight of the Dutch in t post-war planning and rebuild The Dutch half of the Island New Guinea seemed not to h the same potential as the East half, but its problems, he said, being tackled with great wisdo

Brigadier Cleland said that tour resulted in greater co-op tion and understanding and looks forward to a mutual excha of visits by departmental technical officers of both Adm strations.

*For more about Dutch-Austra relations, see article, page 105 issue.*

# Keen Interest In CI Elections

VOTING for the European member of the Cook Islands Legislative Council in mid-March resulted in Mr. H. R. McKegg retaining his seat by a narrow margin.

His opponent was Mr. R. J. A. Ingram, a Rarotongan businessman.

Final voting was: McKegg, 65; Ingram, 62; informal 2. Both candidates had a similar policy; both are in favour of the Belshaw-Stace economic report on the Cooks (outlined in March PIM).

The elections for Maori members of the Rarotonga Island Council also took place in mid-March at polling places located in Rarotonga's various districts, and far greater interest was taken in these elections than had been the case for several years.

For the first time, Maori candidates provided free trucks to transport the voters to the polling places. Record numbers of votes were cast in all electorates. Three members of the Cook Islands Progressive Association were voted into office, and a fourth tied with Mr. D. C. Brown, businessman and shipowner.

A Right of Appeal can be lodged by the unsuccessful candidate within 21 days of the Returning Officer's decision. This would result in a recast of votes being made.

If Mr. Brown's opponent wins he will be the fourth supporter of the CIPA to become a member of the present Island Council. There are six Maori members.

The powers granted to Island Councils last October made them fully responsible for the maintenance and improvement of roads, water supplies, harbour facilities and reef passages.

# Do You Remember ?

*From PIM of 20 Years Ago.*

IN April, 1936, Mussolini was making war on Abyssinia and the Western World, through the futile League of Nations, was doing a lot of chatter about applying "sanctions" to Italy. At the moment of this writing (April 9, 1956), Israel and Egypt are taking pot-shots at each other across the so-called Gaza Strip, and the Secretary-General of the United Nations is hot-foot on the way to ask all the boys to get back to their own particular patch of desert.

We can only hope that this is not just a case of history repeating itself. . . "twenty years on."

Other extracts from our issue of April, 1936, were:

**The projected trans-Tasman air-service would, it was stated, be from Brisbane (Qld.) to New Plymouth (NZ), via Lord Howe Island—the direct hop, Sydney-Auckland of 1,160 miles was considered to be too long. (When the service did begin, in 1940, the direct hop was in fact used and many travellers who were in flights that met adverse winds thought the 10 hours or so of bumps and thumps much too long. Now, of course, the flight is accomplished in about five hours).**

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**The Union Steamship Co. announced that both "Maunganui" and "Makura" would tie up at the end of that year and the steamship service from Sydney to San Francisco, via NZ, Rarotonga, and Tahiti, would cease.**

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**As direct consequence of the Labour Party gaining office in New Zealand, the Mau leader, Mr. O. F. Nelson, was able to announce that he would return to Western Samoa within a short time. Mr. Nelson had been banished to New Zealand following lengthy court proceedings against him for sedition in 1934.**

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**Usually inoffensive Norfolk Island got itself into the news by some mischance through an announcement that she would ally herself to other countries in applying sanctions to Italy in an attempt to end the Abyss war.**

**The Melbourne "Herald" pointed out Italy would now find itself in the unl position of being unable to import ammunition, rubber or minerals from NI. this late date it is difficult to see why No Island, a Territory of the Commonw should have felt it necessary to make declaration).**

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**A rather extraordinary law had come operation in New Guinea whereby it legally impossible for natives to marr other than the native fashion—in other w they could not enter into marriage in European, or Christian manner. Although now seems to have been an unnecessary ference in the private affairs of the indiv it was considered at the time that there adequate grounds for the legislation. It stated that although previously natives ha the choice of native style or Chr marriages, few of the natives who chos latter understood the obligations in therein, and often reverted to native living which included plurality of wives allow the anomalous position to co merely brought Christian marriage and good status of women into disrepute— it was said.**

**As might be imagined, the Missions far from pleased with the new law.**

**American university student Dwight 23, had arrived in Sydney in his 32-ft. Hour" on a round-the-world cruise, T miles of which — the Pacific section — already behind him.**

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**Never let is be said that PIM ha always had the interests and safety of ships-owners at heart. Having plugged tinuously in recent months for the "( Girl" automatic radio distress signal mitter, we now give you a flashback to 1936: "The Amalgamated Wireless organi has surmounted this difficulty (of ca radio equipment and operator on a small —the automatic distress signal trans which sends out by means of a gramo like disc, the SOS together with the name; the ship's position is given b additional attachment which can be set a minute.**




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# Verdict: Insane

OLE has been found insane and will not hang. An appeal was heard in Suva late March the verdict given on April 16. e hearing was made before the Court of Appeal; Mr. J. N. y appeared for Poole; Mr. B. Doyle, QC, Fiji Attorney-ral, and Mr. Justin Lewis for Crown.

mbers of the Court of Appeal the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. . Hammett, Mr. Justice nson and Mr. Justice Bagnall. his judgment, Chief Judge nett said the Court considered insane because, amongst other ns, of the frenzied way he the child and of his strange iour in the Lower Court. The also held that Psychiatrist J. orge's evidence was inadmiss-ecause it was prejudicial to the ce.

Honiara, BSIP, on February Judicial Commissioner found guilty of having murdered a r old Malaita boy in ber, 1955. An appeal was sub-tly lodged on the grounds ome Crown evidence submitted niara was inadmissible).

Suva, in March, Mr. Falvey d that much of the evidence by Dr. J. McGeorge, Sydney atrist, was inadmissible; and o report of his examination used had been made available cused's counsel (Mr. Dudley of Rabaul), who saw accused e first time on the night the trial; and that a con-obtained by Inspector d after questioning accused wo days was improperly ed.

also submitted that the d Judicial Commissioner had y directed himself when, the report of the examina-the prisoner had been made, d that he did not believe d when he said he did not what he was doing.

pplication for the calling of medical evidence was refused Court. The Acting Chief stated that the Court of in Fiji had the same as the Court of Appeal in d and could hear fresh e only in exceptional cir-nces, such as hearing e not available at the time trial.

d been submitted that such e was available, that the who gave evidence could been cross-examined, or an ment sought in order to expert evidence. The defence ade a mistake in not cross-ing Dr. McGeorge and ot seek to make good that now.

MR. B. DOYLE, in his case for the Crown, said that there was a vast difference between a doctor's approach to insanity, and the Court's approach. In the Poole case, it was known from the very start that insanity was to be raised by the defence, and evidence could have been called.

Mr. Doyle quoted cases to show that while it was practice to make medical reports available to the defence it was not obligatory. However, he conceded that in the present case it should have been done. He contended that if all of Doctor McGeorge's evidence were taken away there would be nothing left in favour of accused. There was no evidence that he was legally insane.

There was evidence that he "looked peculiar," that one man stood on guard with a rifle, and that one woman had locked up her children, but the Court had to deal with probabilities. The only way to tell what was in Poole's mind was by his acts.

Mr. Justice Bagnall said that apart from the statement by Poole to Mr. Hoey, Poole's letter to his parents, and his answers to Dr. McGeorge's question he could see no evidence of Poole's offence.

Mr. Doyle said the defence did not deny the murder. It relied on insanity.

The Acting Chief Justice: "You submit that it is sufficient to be able to uphold a conviction on the uncorroborated evidence of accused. The absence of corroboration is worrying me."

Mr. Justice Bagnall pointed out that Dr. McGeorge said that he had known of cases where people had confessed to murders that they had never committed.

Mr. Doyle subsequently quoted precedents to show that if a confession was given directly it was not necessary to have corroboration. However, there was corroboration. There was the fact that the body was found in accused's house, that the murder was committed within four minutes of his entering his house; and there was corroboration in his statment to Father Hoey.

In his address in reply, Mr. Falvey submitted that the learned Judicial Commissioner had accepted the statements made by accused to the police and to the doctor before he had heard Dr. McGeorge's evidence that accused was mentally deranged. Their Lordships were not suffering under the same disability as the Commissioner because they had the record before them, and, in considering the statements knew what the Doctor had said.

He contended that if a man in the street, the type of man who makes up juries, was told about the facts surrounding the murder he would at once say Poole was mad.

He submitted that at the time of the act the accused was insane.

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† Residents of Rabaul, NG, are in favour of Japanese being permitted to salvage sunken ships in Rabaul Harbour. This was announced at April TAC meeting.

## Farewell Party for Indian Businessman



A farewell cocktail party was given by Mr. Hemraj Daya, Indian businessman of Suva, Fiji, for Mr. Sethi Narain, on April 21. Mr. Narain, managing director of Narain Construction Co., Ltd., was leaving on a world tour. Our photograph shows (left to right): Messrs. G. Larsen, M. Sami, M. Buksh, S. Reay (Commissioner of Labour), E. J. Hammett (Acting Chief Justice of Fiji), W. E. Goodsir (Deputy Mayor of Suva), H. Daya, S. Deo, S. Narain, A. Moyle (Editor of Fiji Times) and J. V. Lister.




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## *G Marketing Board to Stay*

E Papua and New Guinea Copra Marketing Board is to stay after the expiry of the Ministry of Food Agreement at nd of 1957.
is and other matters were dis- d by members of the Planters' iations of Papua and of New ea, which met in Rabaul in March. The Secretary of the rtment of Territories, Mr. C. R. ert, attended the meeting.
ier measures discussed at the ng have been placed before the ter for consideration.

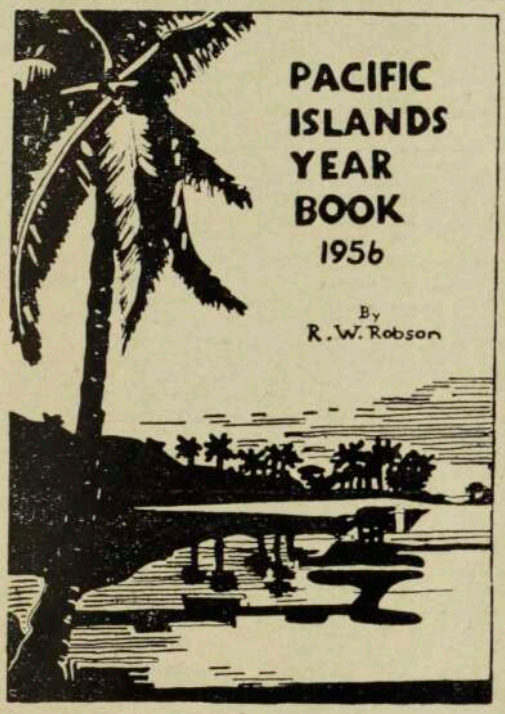
## nely Summary Director Crushing Mills

economic effect in a Terri- ry of the establishment of pra crushers, and the milling narketing of oil and meal, is ively set out in a pamphlet n and published recently by W. G. Johnson, Chairman of Carpenter & Co. (Fiji) Ltd. penters in recent years have ished large copra crushers in (Fiji) and Rabaul (New a). Mr. Johnson supervised ilding of the Suva mill seven ago, and has since directed ccessful operations; and none er qualified than he to discuss elative claims of disposing of (a) by direct shipment to a markets, and (b) by sale to ocal crushers, for conversion il and meal.
ind this useful compilation is dow which increasingly is g the attention of all South copra producers—the end of ritish Ministry of Food's 9- contract, on December 31, 1957. esent all British growers are g the benefit of that contract, o receiving rates better than orld open market price. What ng to happen to them after OF contract expires?
Mr. Johnson points out, the Pacific islands produce only 185,000 tons per annum of the total production of 2,800,000 while Fiji's contribution to the Pacific total is under 40,000 The South Pacific planters hieve nothing by acting as a body, no matter how united ay be.
Johnson therefore argues y in favour of (a) as much pra as possible going to the rs and (b) an effort being o produce high instead of low copra in Fiji.
uotes statistics to show that copra which goes directly to the crushers in Suva earns an average of £1/5/4 per ton more than the copra shipped abroad; and that, in the seven years since the crushers were established, the Fiji growers have thus benefited by at least £150,000. He points out, however, that *all* Fiji growers got the benefit —the extra price from the crushers was not reserved by the Copra Board for the growers who supplied Suva, but was distributed pro rata among all growers.

It is shown that, of Fiji's total production of nearly 40,000 tons per annum, 35,000 tons go to Suva to the crushers, while the balance is shipped overseas from Levuka and Savu Savu. Mr. Johnson argues in favour of all Fiji copra going into Suva, now—and he seems to have logic as well as sentiment on his side.

Under present conditions, there is very little difference in price between the poor smoke-dried quality, and the high quality copra which comes out of hot-air driers. Naturally, therefore, the grower takes the easy way and exercises little care in production. But if real inducements were given, a large proportion of growers would strive for high quality—especially as it is likely that a small, reasonably-priced copra drier will come on the market soon.

Mr. Johnson points out that the


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## How a Pioneer Family is Integrated With Colony of F



One of the best-known of the many pioneer families of Fiji is that of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Waddingham, who established themselves as cane-farmers at Nadi, in western Viti Levu, many years ago. Mr. Waddingham died in 1939 and Mrs. Waddingham in 1955. Recently, the 10 Waddingham sons and daughters met at a family party, and this unique photograph was taken. It shows:

Back row, left to right: John, who is a member of the Panair staff at Nadi; Paddy, who is a member of the staff of the Treasury, in Suva; Albert, who is manager of the Burns Philp branch at Lautoka; Richard, who is with the District Administration at Nadi; Frank, who is a cane-farmer on the old estate at Nadi; and Bill, who is steward and clerk at the Lautoka Hospital.

Front row, left to right: Nora, who is Mrs. Hunt—her husband is CSR Field Officer at Ra; Florence, who is married to Mr. Guy Parr, coconut planter, of Savu Savu; Myrtle, who is the widow of the late Mr. W. Macl who was a CSR Field Officer; and Doreen, is the wife of Mr. Rice, of the Shell Co. at Lautoka.

whole of the mill's processes now are adjusted to the low quality copra. So little good quality comes in that a special crushing is not worth while. But if a lot of good quality came in regularly, the mill would be reorganised to take it, and a higher price would be paid. "Good quality copra gives good quality oil."

The pamphlet is a timely, strong and impressive argument that the growers, the Government and the millers of Fiji should consider the whole field of copra production, so as to meet a difficult position that probably lies right ahead.

Mr. Johnson, making his plea for general public support of the local crushers, reminds his readers that all the copra diverted from direct oversea shipment to the crushers not only gives the grower at least 25/- per ton more, but also pays the Colony substantial sums in local wages, taxation, and local commerce generally. And he adds that Island Industries Ltd., which own the Carpenter crushers (the Carpenter mill takes the major part of the Suva copra, and Union Soaps Ltd. the balance) are getting ready for increased business by providing more transport and storage facilities.

¶ The High Commissioner for the Western Pacific (Mr. John Gutch), accompanied by Mrs. Gutch and his ADC, Capt. W. Curtis, RN, left Honiara on April 3 in the MV *Kovala* for a tour of Malaita.

## Local Bank for Norfolk Isla

MR. REG. TURNER, young manager of the Commonwea Bank of Australia, ex Pe arrived at Norfolk Island e March to open and manage the f local trading bank.

Located in the shopping centre Burnt Pine, the bank should pr a boon to residents and busin firms previously dependent on S ney banking facilities.

The savings bank service hand to date by the Postmaster, Mallett, will now be transferred this Norfolk Island branch of Commonwealth Bank.

## Flood Damage in Western Sam

HEAVY floods in Western San in March temporarily bloc the Apia water supply caused considerable damage roads, bridges and hydro-elec plants, particularly on the east c of Upolu.

Provision has now been made Mr. Hendrickson, Director of Wo for a new reservoir that will proof against such flood de blockages.

¶ Mr. M. D. Montenegro, well kn as US Consul in New Caledo for some years, left Noumea rece to take up his appointment the American Mission in West G many. Mr. W. Lewis, vice-Co is acting in his place pending arrival of the new Consul, Mr Zimmerman, formerly with the Consulate in London.

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## ɔconut Experts Seek Clues in P-NG

VO years ago, when coconut plantations in the Gasmata district of New Britain were ıg eaten out by *Promecotheca* (a miner), alarmed planters sug-ed that the services of a Hawaii ert, Dr. J. L. Gressitt, be enlisted. r. Gressitt arrived in New Guinea March, 1956—but fortunately for few plantations directly involved. *Promecotheca* outbreak has just ıt righted itself in the interval—abit with this particular pest. pparently Dr. Gressitt's visit is directed entirely to the *Pro-otheca* pest—according to the ial Moresby handout on the sub-he is making a survey for the ıop Museum under a grant from National Science Foundation will collect all types of insects. ever, he will also do a 2 months ey for the P-NG Department Agriculture on coconut pests rally. He will spend three or months in the Territory and go on to the BSIP.

is an expert on rhinoceros le pest of coconuts, also—a re-of his work in this field was ished some years ago in PIM. hen the *Promecotheca* outbreak rred in 1953-54, some members ıe New Guinea Planters' Assn. ested that a fund be started to Dr. Gressitt to NG, and some tions were promised. Apparently fund was not proceeded with, ver.

## Bug-Hunter from BSIP

entomologist, Mr. E. S. Brown, ın loan to the British Solomon slands Protectorate from the nonwealth Institute of En-logy, London, spent several s in Papua and New Guinea in h. He is investigating that ınial BSIP coconut problem—nutfall—and although the pest causes this is not present in Territory, a related bug is. Mr. n is interested in the NG bug.

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## Control of Pest With Predators

IE very interesting data about the manner in which the scientists of the Department of ulture are combating the in-ɔests of Papua and New Guinea been supplied to one of our sentatives by Mr. G. S. Dun, s the Department's Senior En-ogist, with headquarters at vat, near Rabaul.

Dun says that the situation in ɔn to the *Promecotheca* pest—has been attacking coconuts e western end of New Britain

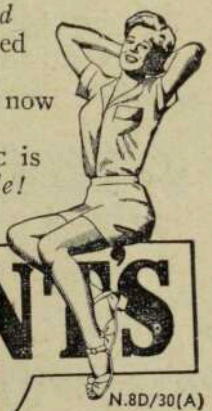




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—is improving now. The Depart ment has engaged the services o Dr. Gressitt for a period, to examin the problem—it is hoped that th the problem.

Mr. Dun says that production a Linga Linga is approaching norma and that the palms at Lindenhave (which were badly affected for time) should presently be in fu bearing again.

MR. DUN made an interestin comment on the search for snail predator, *Ganaxis*, wit which to attack the Giant Snail pe introduced into New Guinea in wa time by the Japanese. When he wa in Africa collecting the Zanziba wasp, Mr. Dun sought specimens o *Ganaxis*, but had no success.

The country had just experience an 8-months' drought, and unde such conditions the snail *Ganax* buries itself 4 inches deep in th earth. The entomologists in Keny thereupon agreed to try and colle *Ganaxis* for Mr. Dun when condi tions improved. But, since the one leading official was called u for anti-Mau Mau service, and the have been two bad years in whic the Chief Entomologist there coul find only three specimens of *Ganax* and one specimen of another pre datory snail. Now, the entomologi is due to go on long leave and wi not be able to collect again unt the wet season of 1957.

In view of these disappointment Mr. Dun has been trying to get th predator snail from American co lecting agencies—but without succes The Americans themselves ha islands infested with the Jap-intro duced Giant Snail, and themselv want all the *Ganaxis* they can pro Cuba."

"However," says Mr. Dun, patientl "I now am trying to get a snail pre dator, of another species, fro Cuba.

"THE Zanzibar *Scoliid*, which b comes parasitic upon the Rhino ceros Beetle, and which I se back from Zanzibar to New Guine in 1954, now has become extreme well established at the Vunapo Mission, at Kokopo," said Mr. Du "I now am hopeful that shortly shall be able to collect some of the and distribute them to other are affected by the Rhino Beetle. Fro my observations, so far, I gath that the *Scoliid* is as abunda here now, after three years, as it in Western Samoa, after about years.

"The Mauritius Scoliid, *Aryct phaga*, did not become establish here, although the Department entomologist, Mr. J. R. Willian kindly sent me some 1,100 femal which arrived in very good shap He sent these in return for so Sugar Cane Borer *Ichneuman* par sites I was able to collect for hi in the Karavat area."

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*ctes*) in New Guinea, Mr. Dun
duced some predators of the
o beetles' larvae which he
ined from Fiji and West Indies,
hey are making very slow pro-
in New Guinea, for some
n.

appears that there is another
id parasite of the *Oryctes*
o Beetle, which has been found
ssam and which attacks the
e in rotting tree trunks. This
be the solution of our problem
" said Mr. Dun.

## G Native Labour Force Now 15,000

the last two years there has
een a 50 per cent. rise in the
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ased by only 17 per cent.

st of the natives come from
Schouten Islands, which have
longest under Dutch Admin-
ion.

*FALLING PRICES*

## *Western Samoa Faces Budget Headache*

FACED with a greatly decreased revenue as a result of the fall in cocoa prices and every sign of a poor cocoa crop, and with all the emphasis on expansion of medical services, education, and public works, the Government of Western Samoa will face problems in 1956 that did not have to be considered in 1955, a prosperous trade year.

Adverse weather conditions in recent months have seriously affected the current cocoa crop, which is not expected to recover before the end of 1956.

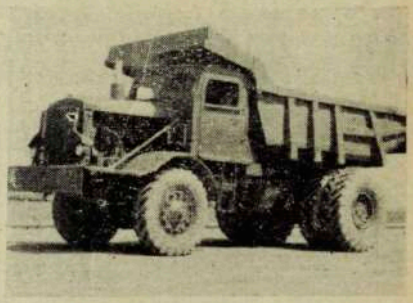
Some local businessmen are already forecasting the beginning of "the seven lean years." A steadily dropping cocoa price and the 10 per cent fall in the MOF price for copra show that economies will have to be made somewhere.

The paying days for the cocoa industry are over, says a correspondent—especially for European planters who have to pay exorbitant wages for indifferent work. Some are already talking of abandoning their cocoa plantations and going in for cattle raising.

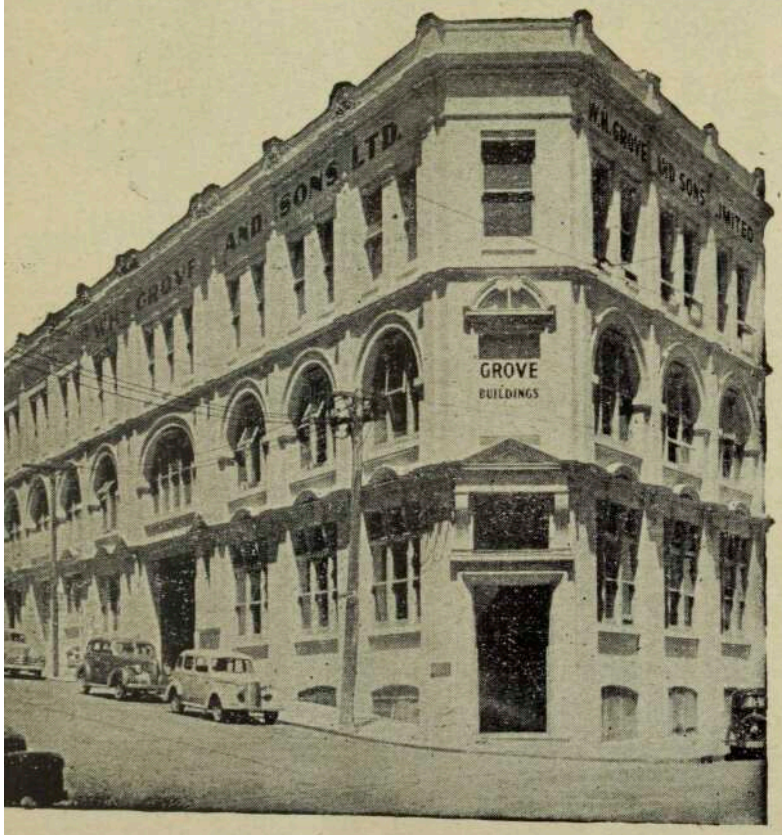
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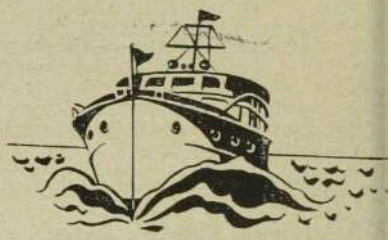




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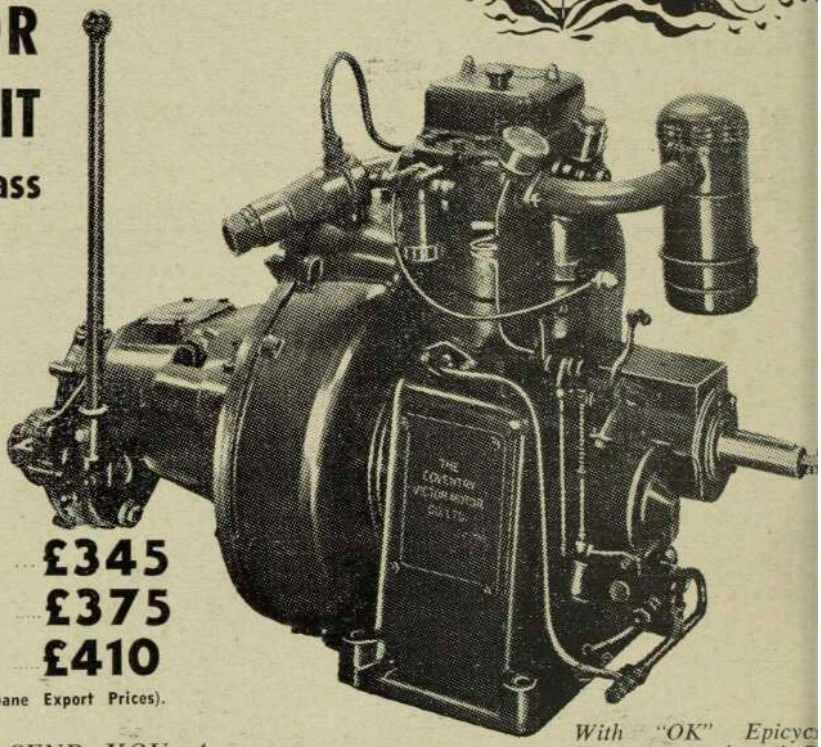
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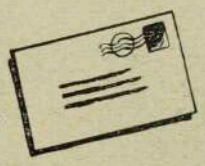


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# ERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

## ive" is Out

nister Hasluck's latest ukase to enchmen in the P-NG Admin- ion again high-lights the con- rsial subject of a name for the enes of New Guinea. Where ple, says the Minister. the word ve" should not be used, unless adjective.

parently some psychologist has vered amongst the newly- sticated indigenes a sensitive- which may develop into resent- at being called a native. One clined to wonder when the alian native will take umbrage ng called an Aborigine, or just Abo.

st Territory natives have had tags applied to them: Start- ith "eingeborener" during the an regime, which changed in arly days of the Australian ation to "Kanaka," "Coon," "Indigene," and "Native;" War II came the famed y Wuzzy Angel," and the ful term, "Boong."

natives themselves, in the nvariably referred to "a Man So and So," or the "the People from Such and Such an area" when speaking in their own dialects or in Pidgin.

Safeguards against offending coloured sensitiveness seem to be overdone these days, and only emphasise the Colour line.

An interesting aspect, of course, is how these various people are named in their own languages and dialects; not the English tag we tie to them. . . Methinks we do protest too much.

## Natives Talk to UNO Mission

The "Look See" section of the UN Trusteeship Committee is doing its regular check-up on Australia's responsibility in the Pacific and the natives so far have requested:

- Representation in Canberra for the Trust Territory;
- That Australia take over the Shortland Islands in the BSI.

Both are high-level questions which must have somewhat flabbergasted the members of the Mission; they, none-the-less, are complimentary to Australia.

It is only since 1900 that Ysabel, Choiseul, Shortland and small islands in the Bougainville Straits have been tacked on to the British Solomon Islands. Many people may not realise that Britain's gain in this area was her erstwhile loss of Western Samoa, which Germany received in exchange for the north-western portion of the Solomons.

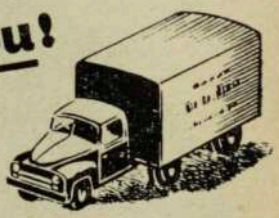
But the Teutonic reign lasted only 14 years, and when New Zealand troops occupied W. Samoa in 1914 it is recorded that this was "the first time in the history of the Empire that a British Dominion overseas had sent an invading force across the ocean and had captured a foreign territory." And now, 56 years later the natives of that part of the BSI want to merge themselves with their old clans.

There has been general traffic between Buin (Bougainville) and the Shortlands for many years. In fact (under the lap) many Buin natives were employed in the Shortlands as casual labour on many occasions.

In these days, however, bits of a colonial empire cannot be swopped around as at one time, and even a Salisbury would find unending difficulties with all the multi-lateral and international organisations in control. Life is certainly more complicated now. (Over)



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## They Did Not Savee The Talk

The present Visiting Mission reminds me of an incident which occurred during a previous visit of UN dignitaries to NG, when some semi-progressed natives of a certain island asked the Mission for the right to consume alcoholic liquor; £5 a bag for copra on the beach; and the preservation of certain fishing rights.

Said the UN leader (a former official in British West Africa): "My friends, I did not come here to talk of these trivial matters—they are for your local officials to adjust and I advise you to go to them. What I came to see is how you are developing your lands that the Good God gave you; how you live; how your health is and how you keep your villages. What do I find? Your lands are not being developed; you do not assist others to develop their holdings; your villages are decrepit, they are unsanitary, they are full of idle people. You depend on trade stores for meat in tins, flour in bags and tobacco in crates. Why do you not grow your own meat, fish in the sea, grow plenty of food crops in your fertile lands and keep your villages in proper order?

"I say to you that unless you alter your ways, develop your lands and show more enthusiasm, then the millions of land-hungry people to the north will descend upon you and take over your lands because you will have forfeited all moral right to them in this overcro and hungry world."

The natives looked at one an dumbfounded: "Master talk 'long what-name 'ere? Me fell savee this kind talk!"

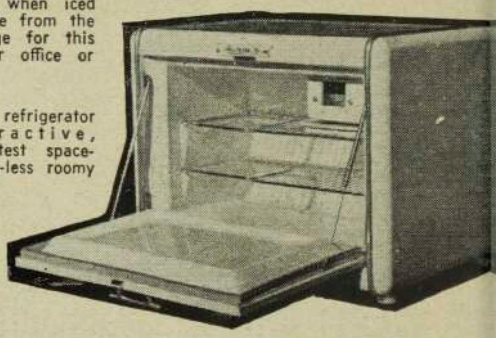

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## Dale Collins

death of Dale Collins, one of lia's most prolific short-story , as well as full-scale author, to mind his first visit to in an American millionaire's *Speejacks*, back in the early s.

craft was anchored off the arf at Easter-time and every- town was on a long and wet . I met Dale wandering aim- about and introduced him to i NG Club where, in those they drank between drinks fe was uninhibited and joy confined.

made a pub-crawl to Ah Ching Hing's and the Rabaul where everything was wide rom dawn to midnight—and rds.

s a bit of a shock to Dale, standing his previous years Inky Way in Melbourne. gave him some useful l for subsequent writings. a Tracks of the *Speejacks*" a best-seller, later to be fol- by "Ordeal," which was suc- y filmed.

nger brother of his, Admiral n Collins, has recently been ed Australia's High Com- er in New Zealand. Dale is have made more money than ner Australian writer of his d was a jovial, kindly soul

## t Mariner

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n Conan Doyle (a son of the creator of Sherlock Holmes) ing an appeal for someone owledge to guide him to the less-known Australian pos- that lie off the beaten track Pacific," and he mentions and Kapingamarangi groups. the first-named is an Aus- Trust group, otherwise as the Feads, and more or ous for various reasons; but ter would presumably come US Trusteeship, and is also as the Greenwich Islands. It ase of the Japs in pre-War the first to be bombed by raft.

Feads are of historical in- They were the site of the e of several Europeans in d were also one of the most copra-bearing groups in the owned by Queen Emma, and h many unfinancial mem- his staff were sent as tem- managers from Ralum in hat their personal accounts the red) could be adjusted iting them with their per- laries, plus copra commission. was, incidentally, a very attitude to adopt in order are the accounts of good who had made the error of ing the amount of their chits!

## Tropic Productions

### And the Budget

At long last it seems that production of tropical produce in P-NG for consump ion in Australia is receiving official approval. Recently (March 21) Minister Hasluck, in reply to a question in the House, pointed out, with emphasis, the advantages accruing to Australia from assisting in the supply from P-NG of tropical commodities.

The saving to Aus ralia in exchange, he said, would be approximately £500,000 on coffee alone.

### What is a "European"?

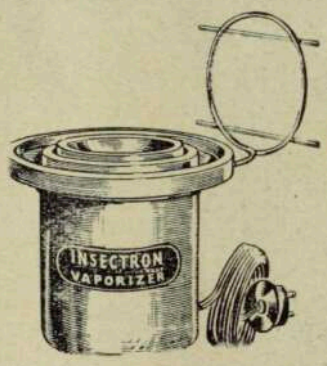
The absence of legal interpretation of the term "European" has been causing some speculation in P-NG judiciary circles since Chief Justice Sir Beaumont Phillips refused to "visually decide" the status of a prosecutrix in a case.

The Germans had a simple method during their time. If a person of mixed blood lived as a European and, if a male, had served the required time in the German army or navy, then he/she was deemed to have European status.

Not so easy to follow that system now, perhaps, with so many natives adopting the European way of life. In many ins ances our standards of living have deteriorated while those of the native have soared to lofty heights.

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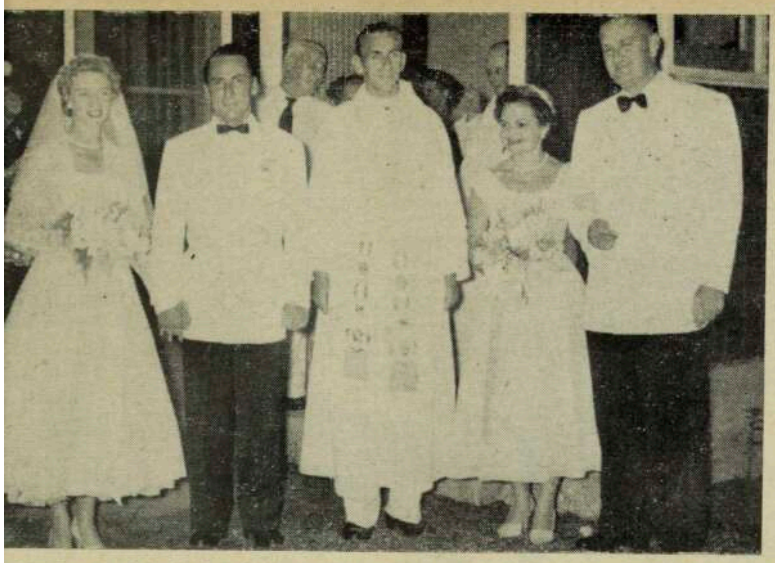



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ide; the groom; the Rev. A. V. Hatters; Miss Margo Edge (bridesmaid); and Mr. Len
estman).

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## cation of Mossie

read some of the recent self-
ory reports on the work which
ng done to eradicate the wily
ito in P-NG, one is almost in-
to think that no such previ-
ork has been undertaken by a
ment department.

first blitz—in the true sense
word—was launched back in
when Dr. Cilento (later Sir
el) was PMO in the TNG,
ganised gangs made systematic
to "kerosene" tanks of house-
s, and the larvae-eating fish
*usia affinis*) were placed in
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ial gangs regularly and con-
ly inspected all public and
property destroying and col-
any rubbish capable of hold-
ter.

Tom Brennan, who succeeded
), meticulously carried on with
mpaign until there was a time
"mossies" were practically un-
in the township. Prosecutions
aunched, irrespective of per-
gainst those who disregarded
ulations and everyone became
ossie conscious.

a campaign in these days of
ive labour costs in any P-NG
would be an uphill job,
lly (especially if, in future,
s to be no "calaboose.") And
much doubt whether the same
rative spirit still exists among
idents. There is far too much
is isn't my job, anyway! Why
I worry?"

## P-NG Investigations

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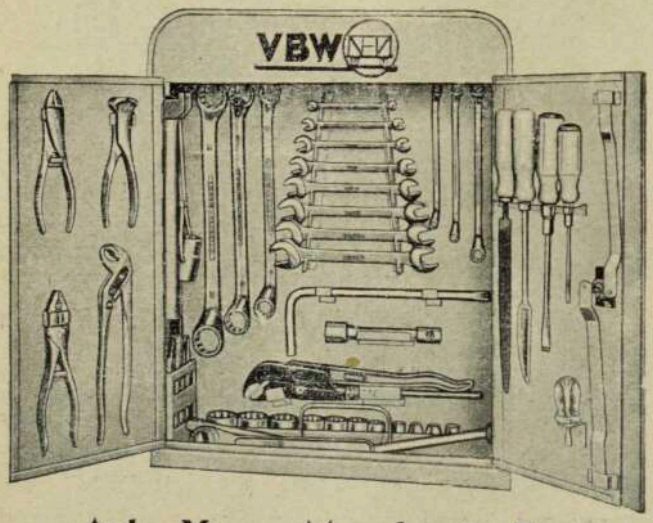
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Works, for a "most thorough investigation of the operations of the Works Dept. in P-NG and the consideration of i s transference to the Dept. of Territories," will be awaited with interest.

In fact we can say with as much interest as the long-promised inquiry i n t o Territorial Finances which was promised following the Auditor-General's report some time ago, but of which nothing more has been published.

If, as suggested by the Minister, the Works Dept. may be transferred to the Territories Dept., it is certain that some red tape may be avoided, and if the modern economist were to consult his slide-rule he would undoubtedly find that every yard of red tape costs the tax-payer (in Australia) another few thousand quid.

As an alternative I would suggest that Dept. of Territories take over and call upon private enterprise for tenders to accomplish at least some of the outstanding works projects in the Territory.

To put it in a nutshell—the Public, or Tax-payers', Works Dept. has a far greater over-head cost than a private enterprise contractor who has to bear his own loss, if any. Surely the immediate post-war trend towards nationalisation of industry proved a farce, with the public the suckers who pay for the loss.

## The Only Exception

The one venture, which is only semi-government, anyhow, which has proved a successful undertaking in P-NG is the Copra Marketing Board and this is due in the main to its capacity to short-circuit red tape and to the practical methods and strong personality of its chairman (Mr. Ian McDonald). A recent conference in Rabaul, attended by Territories Secretary L a m b e r t, agreed to the continuance of the present system of copra marketing, with minor amendments.

Let us hope that Ministe approval is obtained for the ret tion of this somewhat unique org isation.

## Finding the Loop-Holes

A pat on the back is due to . ministration NL Officer C. Ho for having the intestinal fortit to officially reveal a racket practi by new native employees in si stepping their obligations to t employers; a racket which has b known for sometime by emplo

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can do nothing about it until Ordinance is amended.

e deaf ear turned to employers op-ranking officials regarding need for a more equitable e Labour Ordinance is notori- The fear that UN Members adversely cri'icise labour con- ns in NG has created such a eyed attitude by the Adminis- on towards employers that the nance has become practically rkable. It seems to have been t'en that the main legal re- ment of a contract between two es—quite irrespective of colour— uity, and that is an ethical at- e non-existent at present be- employer and employee.

ives must be made to realise have responsibilities as well as eges.

## . Knowledge

### hes On

e installation of the automatic ones in Moresby, and the nent that the same type will erating in Rabaul within 18 ns reminds me that a few years e War II a request was made utomatic telephones in Rabaul prove the service of the some- mediocre "Hello Boys."

official reply was that auto- s were an impossible feature to the high humidity in that

hnical knowledge certainly has ced insofar as radio and aero- s are concerned. At one time l was practically a "blind for radio reception; hence the erman station at Bitapaka. n 1923, when units of the US visited the port an attempt ade to launch a seaplane with- ccess, owing (so it was stated) mospheric conditions unsuit- to carburettors. Time and iques change.

## ea Pigs

### ison

urally, there has been much sm of the "corrective institu- replacing the old "calaboose" o me it seems but another ature and precipitate step in g with the social life of a ive people.

them walk before they are to run. For the more primitive guilty of offences through customs and genuine ignor- of European law, I would sug- system of "Instructive Cor- n" instead of the "Corrective ution."

sophisticated native offender itled to the full penalty of the ulling no punches.

t is the price everyone has to or attaining knowledge. But nkum cannibal, the immolator idows, head-hunter and entious adherent to tribal customs, he is the one deserving of instructive correction for the first offence; after which there should be no discriminatory treatment.

## Bits and Pieces

The gold subsidy will be continued by the Federal government for another three years as from July 1. . . An old NG lad, Ken Nettleship, Jr., Third Officer of the BI Company, saved the lives of 4 men who were overcome by gas recently in Singapore and was commended for courage. . . Miss Susan Williams has announced her engagement to Mr. Jan Snijders, of Rabaul. They will be married in May and live in Rabaul. . . A son arrived on March 6 to Margot Grimes (she was a daughter of the late "Nobby" Clark, of Rabaul). The son is to be named after her father, Robert Leeuwin.

¶ Police Inspector John Woodmansey, chief of the Port Moresby CI Branch, was recently on leave in Toowoomba, Queensland, in which State he served for nine years before entering the Territory Police Force.

† New Caledonia was threatened by a cyclone in early March, but the depression moved off to the West and little damage was done.









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# cific Islands Affairs for Review at SPC's Third South Pacific Conference

Over a 10-day period, late April-early May, 70 native represen-ives of 18 Pacific Islands territories, will assembly for the Third ıth Pacific Conference, at Nasinu, near Suva, Fiji, and will speak on ıalf of over 3,000,000 islanders scattered over 13,000,000 square miles Pacific ocean.

GANISED by the South Pacific Commission every three years, his, the third get-together of e delegates, will be under the manship of Sir Ronald Garvey, G, KCVO, MBE, Governor of and Senior Commissioner for United Kingdom to the South c Commission.

purpose of these conferences enable all participants to dis-common problems relating to ocial, economic and physical being of Pacific islands peoples.

promotion of this worthy , within its defined powers, is ıain aim of the South Pacific ission, the international body in 1947 by the Governments ıstralia, France, the Nether-New Zealand, the United of America and United King-

a full agenda, delegates will s such matters as the de-nent of new industries, co-ive societies and credit unions, vement of pastures and live-soil conservation, and develop-of fisheries.

the social development field, ısis will be upon infant and nal welfare and the fostering digenous arts, customs and es.

n the Conference will emerge mendations by delegates for r action by the Commission, ember governments, and ad-rations of Pacific territories.

ımissioners of the six member rnments, who attend the Con-ference as osbervers, will consider these proposals at a special session of the Commission that will be held immediately the Conference ends.

Delegates put forward 49 suggestions at the Second South Pacific Conference held at Commission headquarters at Noumea, in April, 1953.

Progress to date on those suggestions, and on all matters of common interest, will be tabled for consideration by 1956 delegates.

As well as delegates and their advisers, observers will be present from SPC member governments, from various international bodies including the World Health Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organisation, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, and from Universities, research institutions and missionary organisations.

**Delegates and Advisers attending the conference are as follows:**

**PAPUA**

**Delegates: Miss Hildegarde Naime, Mr. Boe Kapena. Alternate Delegates: Mr. Kai Kai Ivaise, Mr. Timeaus Sambuba.**

**NEW GUINEA (Australian Trust Territory)**

**Delegates: Mr. Simogun Peta, BEM, MLC, Mr. Isimel Towalaka. Alternate Delegates: Mr. Boski Tom, Mrs. Lila Matalau. Advisers for P-NG: Mr. John Keith McCarthy, MBE, MLC, Mr. Marcus Benjamin Orken, Miss Edna May Gilbert.**

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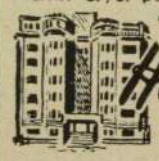
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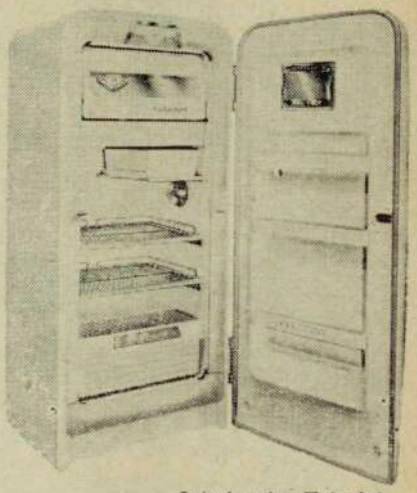


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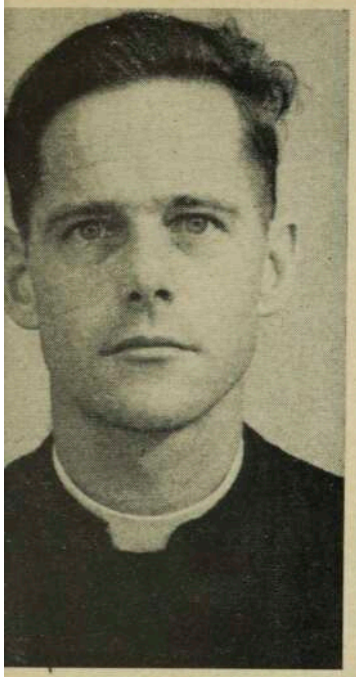
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## New SPC Medical Research Direc

DR. THOMAS LONIE, lat Director of Health in Sa has been appointed Directo Medical Research to the S Pacific Commission, in successio Dr. Guy Loison, a medical offic the French Overseas Mission, has held the SPC post for the four years.

Dr. Lonie has already vi Noumea on three occasions member of the SPC Rese Council.

## New Mission Bishop



Roman Catholic Mission at Apia has ced the appointment of a new Catholic to succeed the late Bishop J. B. Dieter, ied in July, 1955, after holding office ne year. The new Bishop-elect is Rev. George Hamilton Pearce, S.M., of a, Apia (above), who has been a mem- the Mission establishment in Western for six years.

Bishop-elect will assume the responsi- of his office as soon as a copy of pal Bull is received from Rome. He is ars old and was born in Boston, usetts, USA, and received his clerical on at Bedford and Framingham, Mass. ght school in the USA for two years is ordination to the priesthood and was nt to the mission in Samoa.

loamoa, Father Pearce taught at Manila but more recently has been working agricultural development project there. s known to the Samoans as "Patele and will bear the official designation ar Bishop of Attalia, and Vicar-Apostolic oa and the Tokelau Islands. The date consecration as Bishop has not yet xed.

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## ies Says "No" To State Politicians

Y Australian Commonwealth oliticians will get free trips to apua and New Guinea, Prime er Menzies has decided.

s has annoyed Tasmanian er Cosgrove, who had it in for one Government and one ition Member from Tasmania's State legislature to make the trip at the taxpayers' expense.

"It's very important that we should know what's going on in New Guinea," he said, "We want to know the position about defence."

People have been known to pay their own way, of course. Return air-fare: round £120.

¶ The Chief Justice of Fiji, Sir Ragnar Hyne, and Lady Hyne, passed through Sydney early April, bound for England on 6 months furlough.

¶ Mr. David Fox, of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, was married to Miss Margaret Stevenson at Sydney in February.





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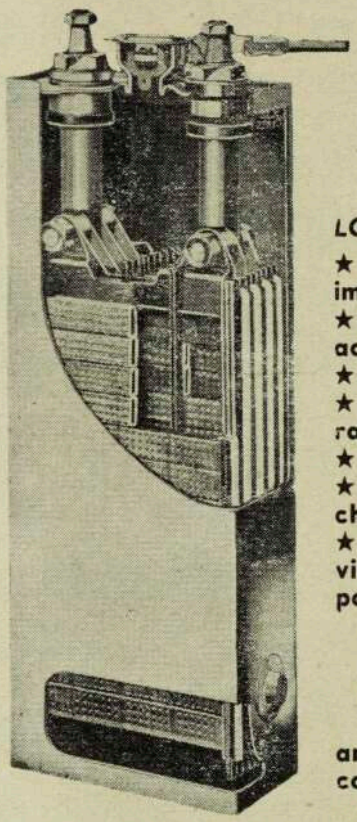
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# FRENCH EXHIBITION STOLE THE SHOW

France's efforts to get a better balance into its present adverse le with Australia (£90 million worth of goods bought, £11 million ) resulted in the £1 million French Exhibition, *piece de resistance* he Sydney Royal Show, March 23-April 3.

Exhibition, held in three odernly designed and con- ructed pavilions displayed a ehensive selection of French andise—from perfumery and gowns, to heavy industrial nery, and jet helicopters— pportunity was taken to dis- he tourist attractions of New nia and French Oceania, displays by these two terri- dominating the French Over- 'erritories' section of the Ex- n.

novel and attractive manner ich the various stands were e d delighted hundreds of nds of people who packed the tion throughout the Show.

French Government pro- e of Australian trade balanc- braces not only the develop- f Metropolitan industries, but hose of its overseas terri- and particular attention is given to the valuable mineral es of New Caledonia, where lia's Broken Hill Pty., Co., cently contracted to take iron

as part of the programme, shipping and air lines are ncouraged to attract greater rom Australia and New Zea-

Pierre Fabre, who is respon- r the promotion of French s territories, flew to Sydney nally direct the construction Overseas Territories' Section Exhibition.

CALEDONIA provided the rgest display of any of the ench overseas territories, n exhibit 78 ft in length. piece of the display was one f the Pavilion, painted in pastel shades, and featuring of the island in a large re- panel. The map was sur- d by a number of black and photographs of scenery and on the island, while coloured aphs of marine life bordered e of the panel. (See cover

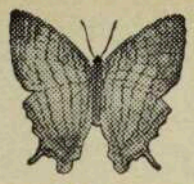
al display windows along the atured the island's various es, and included nickel coffee growing, samples of products of the Ouaco Can- ctory and trochus fishing. section of the wall was d by a modernistic mural de- life in New Caledonia, by a French artist, Robert er, who has lived on the or the last seven years. cove at one end of the wall ed a display of samples of chromium and iron mined island, together with maps illustrating the mineral potential of New Caledonia. There were also scale models of a small dam constructed 30 miles from Noumea to hold back water from an area where the much larger Yate dam is planned to be built by 1960, to supply the nickel smelting works with increased hydro-electric power.

A variety of native weapons and *tabus* were centred around NC's native bird, the Cagou.

Mr. A. Mornaghini, an engineer with the French Government in New Caledonia, was sent over to supervise the construction of the display, and Mademoiselle Monique Rolland, of the New Caledonian Tourist Bureau, was present to answer inquiries.

Heavy emphasis was placed on the tourist attractions in French Oceania's exhibit. A number of windows showed items of tourist interest and of life generally in the Group, as well as promoting its vanilla (of which Australia is an important customer), phosphates and trochus-fishing indus ries.

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Tahiti, flew to Sydney for the Exhibition.

Messageries Maritimes Shipping Line was also well represented, using scale models of several of its ships. Transports Aeriens Inter-Continentaux and Air France were also represented.

some importance to the building trade is currently the subject of protest to Government.

† Three workmen were badly burnt when a gutter carrying molten residue from the nickel smelting furnaces at Noumea exploded in mid-February.

¶ During a routine visit to Shortlands Group in March, John Gutch, High Commissioner the Western Pacific, made a personal call on Mrs. Clara pioneer resident of Faisi, and invested her with the MBE honour which was awarded to in a recent Honours List.

## Suva C of C Wants To Vet New Legislation

THE Suva Chamber of Commerce wants to be given an opportunity of examining all new bills and regulations before they are introduced to Fiji's Legislative Council.

The Chamber points out that many matters affecting trade and commerce become legislation only to be the subject of complaint later.

This, it contends, could be avoided if the Chamber, which is a representative body with many trades and branches of commerce in its membership, saw proposed legislation. Sub-committees appropriate to the subject could be set up to form the basis of reports sent to Government.

At a recent meeting of the Chamber it was alleged that at least three such matters had been subsequently rectified and another of

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issements Ballande, of , an organisation with world-amifications and an ac ive in New Caledonia's nickel es, has amalgama ed with the s that Mr. Maurice Pelletier hed in Sydney 40 years ago. Pelletier will, however, still he destiny of the new com- Chairman of Directors, with Roger as Manager, and the aff as before.

offices will be opened shortly itt Street, Sydney, and it is ention of Ballande (Aus- Pty. Ltd. to extend its ac iv- the export field and also in impor ing from France er countries.

nany years, as president of nch Chamber of Commerce ney, Mr. Pelletier has been associated with the city's community.

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## Wharf Pass Settled

cent decision of the Comp-er of Customs, Fiji, to in-uce a system of permits for Suva wharves caused much lissent, and is now to be

hamber of Commerce, which ted the ball rolling by ask-Customs for more protection pillaging, was not happy e results that their request that every person entering f area should have a per- a passport-type of photo The Chamber's protest an amendment—the permi s, notos, were to be used only

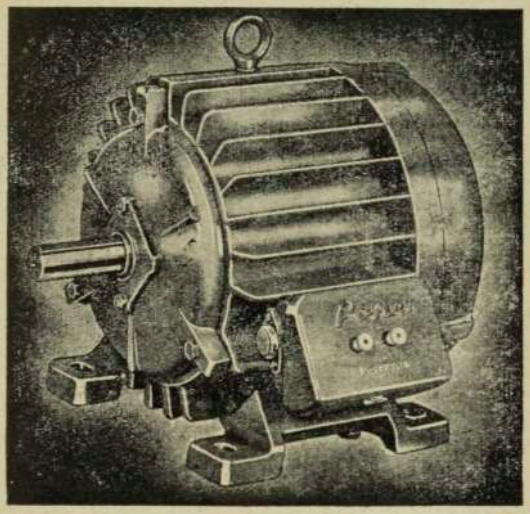
omptroller has now offered a six months trial of free pedestrians day and night entry of vehicles during At night, drivers will have a good reason for their there. Firms and others ehicles frequently at the wharves will be provided with a permanent permit.

Members of the Suva C of C expressed themselves as satisfied with the new proposal, and suggested that the shipping agents should exercise greater control over those who went on board ships.

The point which seems to have been lost sight of at the beginning is that pedestrians are not likely to walk down to the wharf to pillage cargo. Apart from the difficulty of taking it from the ship's hold, or the wharf shed, getting it through the gates past a watchful gatekeeper would be very difficult.

Some might go down to contact crew members and bring ashore opium or jewellery. But as one member of the Chamber remarked, the Chamber was concerned with pillaging. Smuggling was the Customs job.

¶ Mr. William H. Watson, well-kown merchant, of Rarotonga, Cook Islands, accompanied by his wife and daughters, arrived in Sydney late in March by the liner *Orion*, on his way home after nearly twelve months' holiday in Europe. They enjoyed all the pleasures of 1955's wonderful summer—"the best summer Europe has known for 50 years." They wandered leisurely through every country of Western Europe—not omi ting Scotland, the home of this branch of the Watson clan.

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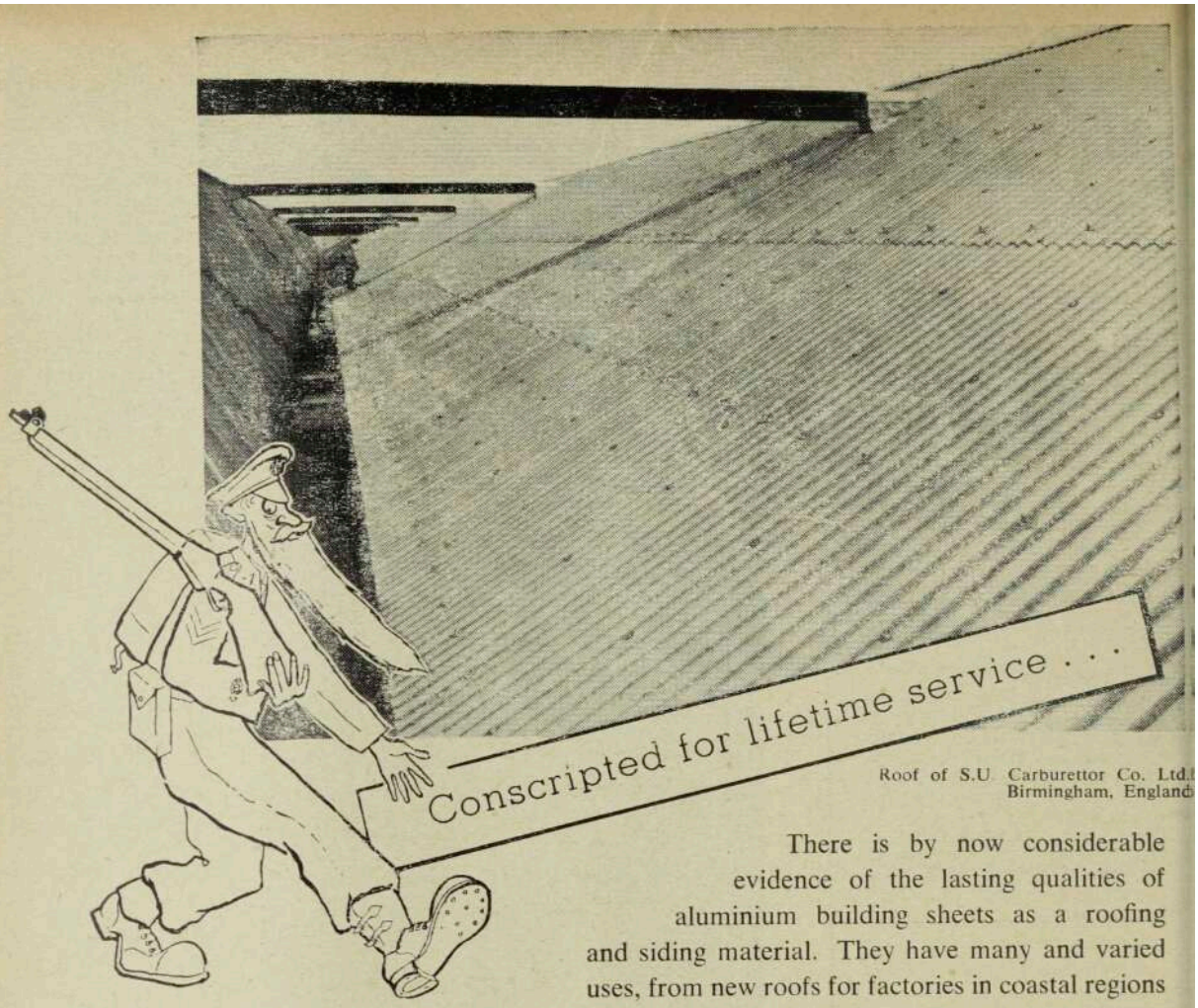
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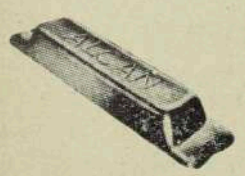


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## ppy Accident Saves Mr. Chalmer's Face

E announcement by the Colonial Sugar Refining Co. Ltd., in ch, that the recent conference een the Company and the Sugar kers' Union had resulted in the ing of higher wages and ances, was followed by an uncement by Mr. N. Chalmers he had called off the strike for June 1, 1956.

. Chalmers, of course, is the pean president of the Kisan h, a union of Indian sugar ers. (See PIM, March, page 23). e inference obviously intended s March announcement was that wage increases and the calling f the strike were connected.

. Chalmers, in his letters to the made it abundantly clear the threat to strike and yse the sugar industry was in ort of his demand for changes in the Fiji constitution. It was purely political. He had hoped to bring the Fijians into the demand for constitutional reform but in that he failed lamentably, and succeeded only in awakening the Fijians to the fear of racial domination and aroused bitter animosity as a result of his attacks upon the morals of Fijian women.

The wage increases provided Mr. Chalmers with a convenient excuse for withdrawing the threat of a strike, which in no way was concerned with wages, and which was unlikely to have eventuated, anyhow.

The wage increases came from the annual conference of the Company and the Union. It was the eleventh of its kind and the ninth at which Mr. Clive Elliott, CSR Chief Manager, has presided. Agreement was reached at the end of a ten hours meeting.

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† Mr. John Thyer, P-NG Patrol Officer stationed at Madang, was married on February 25 to Peggy Cadd, of Agery, at Marryatville, SA, and will return to Madang shortly with his bride.

## Michel-Charles Wedding



**The marriage of M. Lionel Michel, of Vila, New Hebrides, to Mlle. Charles, of Noumea, in February, united two well-known Islands families. The young couple, whose photograph is shown above, will live in Vila.**

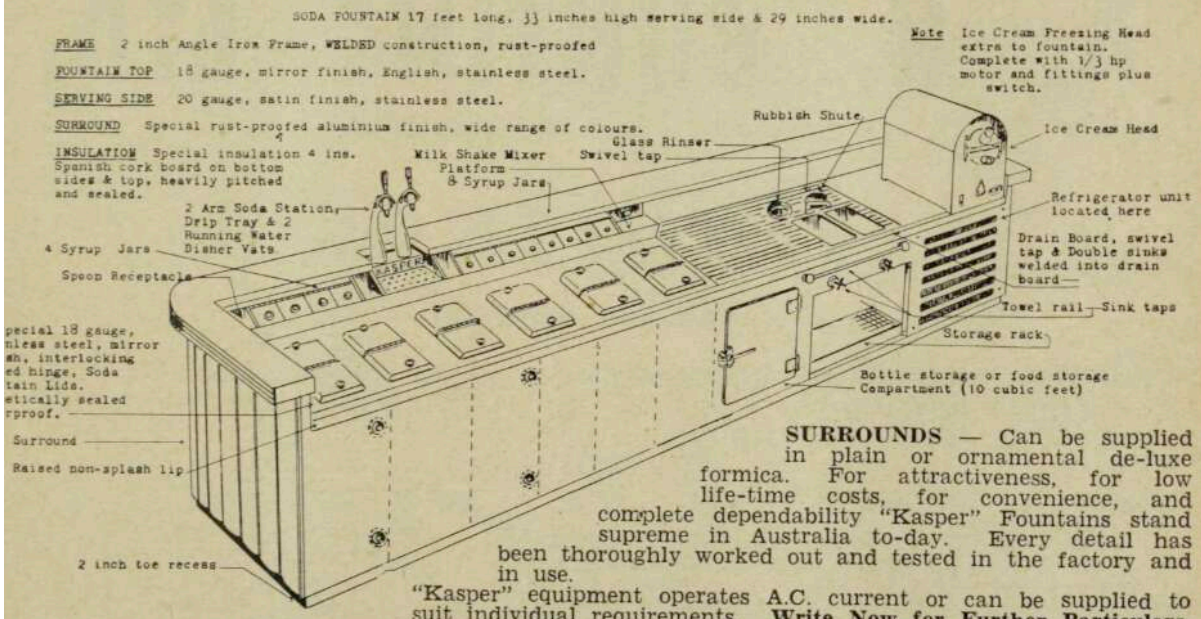
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IN post-war years, mother-of-pearl shell has become a valuable source of income to the Cook Islands and some tests are in progress to transplant shell from Manihiki and Penrhyn to other Northern Group atolls.

At the last Legislative Council meeting a request was received from Aitutaki, in the Southern Group, that some experimental plantings be made there also.

The Director of Agriculture said, however, that the South Pacific Commission's Fishery Officer, Mr. H. van Pel, considered that this lagoon would probably prove too shallow, although it might still be worth a trial.

Mr. Van Pel had also recommended that the minimum size of shell permitted to be fished in the Northern atolls be increased from 4½ inches to 5 inches, and that a square mile of the deeper waters of the Manihiki lagoon be pegged as a shell breeding area.

Appeals against the entire closure of the Manihiki lagoon during 1956, with the alternative proposal that the minimum size be increased instead, were set aside for consideration until Mr. Van Pel's report and recommendations, following a visit last year, are received.

The Manihiki people claim that complete closure of the lagoon will result in hardship.

† The next air shuttle service between Aitutaki and Rarotonga by NZ Civil Aviation Bureau's DC3 under charter to TEAL is scheduled for the first week in June.

¶ Mr. Paul Mow, son of Mr. Thom Mow, Chinese businessman Rabaul, New Guinea, has passed i final for the degree of Bachelor Economics, at Sydney University. is believed to be the first Chine resident of New Guinea to ha graduated in Economics.

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# SAMOAN SELF-GOVERNMENT WILL BE BASED ON SAMOAN TRADITION

LY slight amendments to the proposals of New Zealand for a plan of constitutional develop- for Western Samoa (March ) were made in a recent joint on of the Fono of Faipule oan Parliament) and the Legis- e Assembly of Western Samoa.

e meeting of the two repre- tive bodies took place in Apia een February 20 and March 1.

e only dissenting voice, oppos- all resolutions passed by the representative bodies, was that ropean elected member P. L. M. an. His opposition to every toward self-government con- d in the NZ proposals some- led to stormy scenes.

e first step towards self-gov- ent is to be undertaken this —the addition of two elected ers of the Legislative Assembly e Executive Council, one to be d by the European elected bers of the Assembly and one d by the Samoan elected mem- These, together with the pre- Members of Executive Council European and three Samoan) with the official members of Executive Council, become re- sible for Government Depart- s allotted to them by the High nissioner.

e second step in Constitutional opment will be taken in 1957 the election of the new House epresentatives, probably in Sep- r, 1957. This body is to replace present Legislative Assembly the Fono of Faipule and is to st of 41 Samoan, five European wo official members.

lowing the election of the new ament, Ministerial Government be established with the tive Council functioning as a cil of Ministers. The High nissioner and the two present ua (High Chiefs Tamasese and toa) would cease to be mem- of the new legislature, which l be presided over by a Speaker d by the House and led by a r of Government business.

e third and final step would be not earlier than 1960 and l implement the introduction of Cabinet Government with a ier presiding over the Council inisters and leading the Legis- e. The High Commissioner and autua would no longer attend ngs of the Council of Ministers, would thus become a Cabinet.

detail the proposals as accepted by the ession of Legislative Assembly and Fono

**LEGISLATURE:** A single legislature will the present two bodies in 1957. The ture is to be elected every three years, ower to dissolve the legislature in riate circumstances is to be vested in the Head of State, or, until this Head is established, in the High Commissioner.

● **SUFFRAGE:** Suffrage in Samoan constituencies to be limited to Samoan "matais" (family heads) and only "matais" to be candidates for election. European members elected by universal franchise as at present.

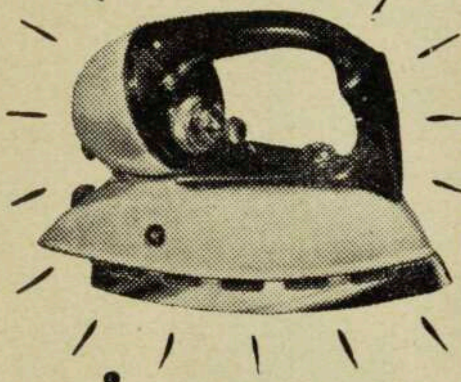
● **CONSTITUENCIES:** The number of Samoan members of the new legislature to be increased from 41 to 45 to allow for population variations.

● **HEAD OF STATE:** It was again agreed that the present Honourable Fautua (High Chiefs Tamasese and Malietoa) be the joint Heads of State, acting together and with equal power. Their term should be for life with provision to permit either or both of them to resign at any time. Future vacancies of Head of State to be decided by the Parliament of Western Samoa when the time comes. (The New Zealand proposals doubted the wisdom of having more than one person as Head of State and also pointed out that it would be advisable to have the Head of State appointed for a fixed term instead of for life).

● **EXECUTIVE GOVERNMENT:** An amendment on the NZ proposal for establishment of Cabinet Government, provided that the Premier may be removed by a majority of Parliament on any matter of confidence (instead of a two-thirds majority originally proposed).

● **CONTROL OF PUBLIC SERVICES:** The transfer to the Samoan Government of the control of the Western Samoan Public Service envisages the appointment of a Public Service Commissioner to be appointed during the first two stages of constitutional development by


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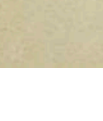
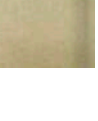







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ew Zealand Government, as at present, the third and final stage by the Samoan ment.

JUDICIARY: It was agreed that the practice, whereby the Chief Judge is ted by the New Zealand Government, continue for an indefinite period and change in the method of appointment Chief Judge should take place at least duration of the first and second steps.

OMMON DOMESTIC STATUS OF INHABI- This is still in the hands of a committee which has been deliberating considerable period without reaching definite conclusions and recommendations on the subject.

● RELATIONSHIP WITH NEW ZEALAND: The form of the final relationship of Western Samoa to New Zealand to be determined at a later stage when constitutional development is more advanced. It will probably be based on an agreement or alliance similar to the arrangement at present existing between the United Kingdom and the Kingdom of Tonga. There will be a representative of New Zealand residing in Western Samoa, the status, powers and functions of this representative depending upon the exact nature of the relationship between the two countries.

## lf-Rule For Western Samoa, But Not Democracy

*From a Special Correspondent*

EN we speak of Samoa wanting "self-government" we obviously imply that the ans are not at the moment ng their own country. actual fact the Samoans have own anthem, their own flag, own banknotes and have had ajority vote in the Legislative bly since 1948. Coupled to especially in view of her pres economic situation. W. Samoa the enviable position of being o leave the solution of her more ng problems to New Zealand. spite of this, NZ has acceded y definite demands by Samoan s for self-government by 1960. ardless of the proximity or not of autonomy, the question inevitably arises as to what right anybody has to tell the Samoans how to run their own country or decide what form their government should take.

Samoa is now a Trust Territory of the United Nations, administered by New Zealand, with the ultimate view of self-government, and the Western World after a long history of bitter experience has developed a philosophy towards the evolution of government of backward people.

The view of the New Zealand Government was put by the Hon. Clifton Webb, one-time Minister of Island Territories, when in his address to the joint session of the Fono of Faipule and Samoan Legislative Assembly in 1952, he stated: "Self-government as I understand it, means, and is intended to mean, democratic self-government, which means the election of members on a basis of universal suffrage, men and women, and I think the way to work towards the promotion of self-government is to begin from what we call the ground level, work up from the village, district and so on gradually towards the central political structure."

The ultimate responsibility for any repercussion from the granting of self-government rests with New

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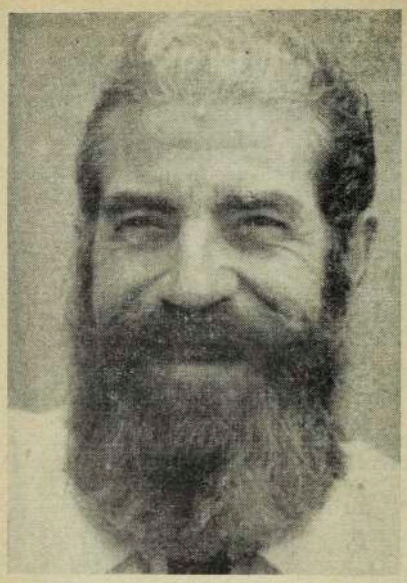
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Zealand and the United Nations. Apart from numerous internal political differences concerning such delicate questions as Head of State, and serious economic problems, the main difficulty facing legislators is the impossibility of reconciling the form of government based on Samoan custom, as is desired by Samoan leaders, with democratic government and universal suffrage.

The present political structure of Samoa is largely based on Samoan customs. Each family group chooses a family head or *matai*. The *matai* of each 41 districts elect from among themselves a district representative who sits in the Fono of Faipule. The Fono of Faipule then elects from within itself 12 Samoan members to sit in the Legislative Assembly. (Five European members are elected by universal suffrage by the 1,260 electors with European status; and 6 official members are appointed by the High Commissioner. These are mostly heads of government departments).

As one male in every five is a *matai*, under this system 80 per cent. of Samoan males and all females are denied a direct voice in government.

In 1954, a Constitutional Convention was instituted by the High Commissioner to draw up plans for the attainment of self-government. The selection of Samoan members was, as usual, based on custom and European electors were asked to elect 7 members to represent them at the Convention.

Perhaps influenced by the views of the 1953 United Nations Mission and the Minister of Island Territories that self-government was a long way off, the public was so disinterested in plans for a nebulous future that only 35 per cent. voted as compared with the about 70 cent. at the previous election European representatives in the sembly.

Since the Convention, Sam leaders and the administration H consistently stated that the conv tion expressed the will of the pe In actual fact a great majority the people have never had the op tunity to express their views.

The New Zealand proposals o form closely to the proposals ta lated by the Constitutional Conv tion and envisage complete self-g ernment by 1960. With memorie the "Mau" in 1930, when the t High Chief Tamasese was shot d by the New Zealand constabular quell an uprising, the New Zeal government has leaned so far ba wards to appease Samoan dema that they have agreed to gov ment based on Samoan custo expressing the vague hope universal suffrage may be in duced "in the future."

In February of this year the F of Faipule and Legislative Assem jointly discussed and approved Zealand's latest proposals. Whe these deliberations are the pre to disorder or to an era of peac progress is questionable in the m of the populace, but with one ception Samoan and European le lators pressed on towards their apparently oblivious of the dan and complications attendant u these plans.


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ree men represent the various ons of the move towards self- nment: The High Commis- , Mr. G. R. Powles, upon whose e the New Zealand view is mably based, presents his view there is nothing serious to about, with apparent con- ce; the Hon. Tamasese, e head of State jointly with Ion. Malietoa, who sums up the ntial Samoans' view that self- nment must be based on an custom; and the Hon. M. Morgan, who with some rt from European electors and support from that unknown ity, the bulk of Samoan people have no vote, says he opposes plans for self-government be- the country is not yet ready . ("I am not against self-gov- ent but there is a great dif- ce between self-government fantastic experiments in self- nment.") Unfortunately, Mr. an has a flamboyant way of most things, and this offends lie-hard traditionalists. Con- ntly any pearls of wisdom that ll from his lips are frequently ed.

political requisites of self- government are that there should be enough educated, gent people to run the govern- and the population should be ted and have power enough sure that their representatives r the general good.

nomic problems further com- e the W. Samoan situation and generally admitted that with pid increase in population the ory is in a very precarious mic position. It is living well d its means and is committed uch extravagant expenditure, ling on good prices for pro- In Education alone, in the years, expenditure has gone rom £70,000 to £250,000 per n, an increase far in excess of increase in production or ial income.

the moment there is no full- an at the head of any de- ent and there is unlikely to e for a number of years. There nly two or three Samoans who rominent in business or agri- e. Through no fault of their the background and vision of Samoan politicians is so narrow preclude the tolerance and n so necessary in the years ing the major political change envisage.

ing discussions on self-gov- nt, one Samoan speaker : "We have reached a mous decision with the ex- n of the minority."

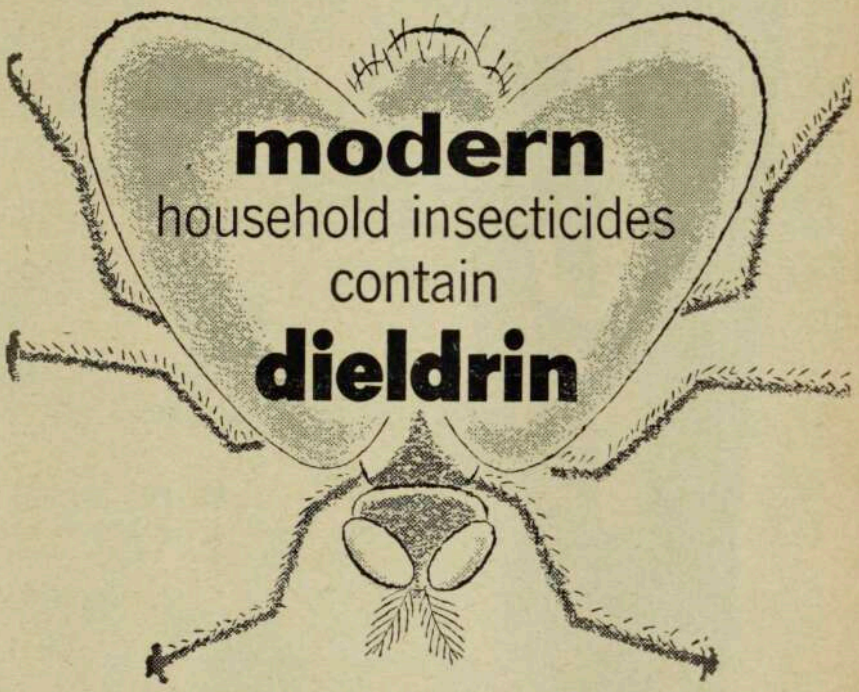
re is more in this extraordinary, man's" statement than meets ye. In Samoan politics the ity is inclined to believe its really is unanimous and n lies the danger. Local eans, and Europeans who now play so dominant a part in Samoan commerce, agriculture and the Civil Service, fear that with self-government they may be overwhelmed.

The action of Samoan leaders in opposing universal suffrage shows that either they feel that their people are not sufficiently educated to be given a direct voice in the government, or that they fear public opinion as expressed through the ballot box.

Either of these reasons is sufficient in itself to show that Samoa is not yet ready for self-government.

Samoa has a long history of political violence and if New Zealand pushes ahead with her plans for a government that will be so dangerously undemocratic, in a country that is so lacking in the essentials of good government, she must be prepared for violent repercussions.

† An early sequel to the murder of a native woman at Rarotonga on December 27, during a brief stay of the north-bound *Waitemata* at that port, was expected following the arrival at Auckland of two New Zealand police officers on that vessel's return there mid-March.


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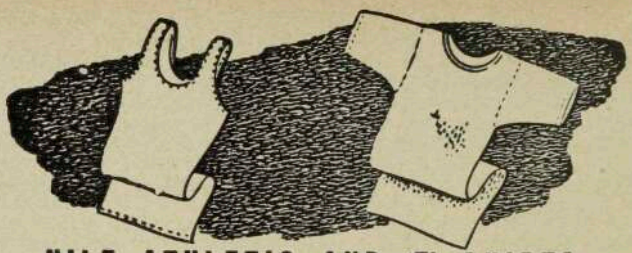




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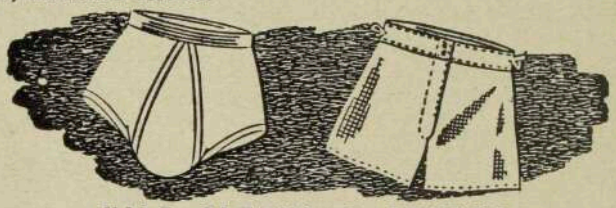
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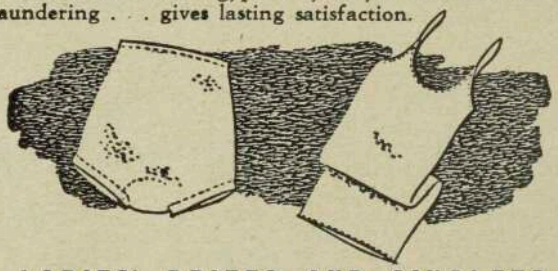
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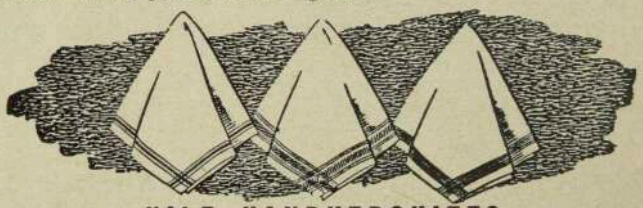
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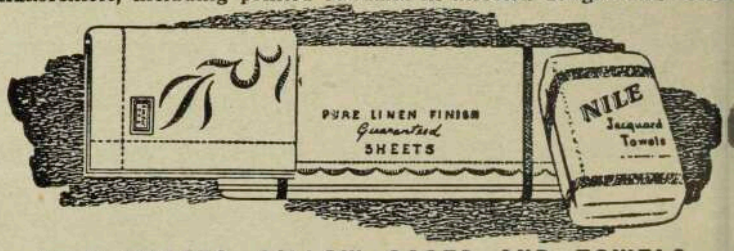
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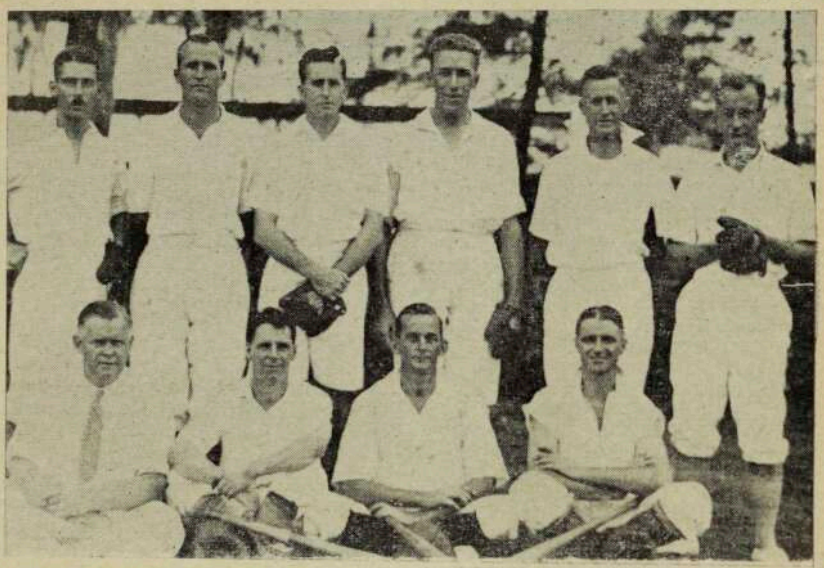
E enthusiasm of Rabaul sports-
nen for baseball (PIM, Feb., p.
1) is based on a tradition that
back at least 30 years. This
has been gently pointed out
s by Mr. E. T. Fulton, of
ırapau Plantation, who also
cts Mr. C. H. Meen, who stated
Mr. Harry Hugo introduced the
to Rabaul.

Fulton sends along two
re programmes, several photo-
ıs and a great deal of informa-
to show that the game was
duced to the Territory by the
Mr. Ray Youlden.

suggests that in gratitude to
act the trustees of the present
n Elizabeth Park should call
ew baseball pavilion the "Ray
den Memorial Pavilion" in
ır of a fine sportsman who
ed unceasingly for the game
1926 until his death in 1941,
player, umpire and official of
ssociation. This seems a good
o us.

In the accompanying photograph —one of those sent by Mr. Fulton— Mr. Youlden is shown in his role of umpire.

Mr. Fulton says that Rabaul first became interested in baseball when the US Navy vessel *Milwaukee* visited the town in 1925 and played



The Government representative team, May, 1930, back row, left to right: E. Fulton, H. Waldby, W. Dowd, J. Williams, W. Marshall (Capt.), L. Gane. Front row: R. Youlden (Umpire), J. Burke, J. Marshall, A. Eglinton.









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demonstration matches. Youlden (who had played for Caulfield, Melb.) and Fulton (who had played for Waverley, Sydney) arrived in the Territory in 1926 and tried to get local cricketers interested, with varying degrees of success—some were keen but a few die-hards were prejudiced against the Yankee innovation and "were not very co-operative."

Ray Youlden did not give up, however, and with several other pioneering spirits soldiered-on and in 1929 finally started the baseball Club and a series of matches.

At first the matches were played on the cricket oval but the same old diehards were not enthusiastic about that either, and in 1930 Youlden organised a separate baseball field.

It is interesting to note that although Rabaul in those days had a much smaller population than it has now, there were then playing in local baseball a far larger number of ex-Australian top-grade players.

In addition to Youlden and Fulton, there were "Doc" Trennery (University, NSW); Bill Marshall (Petersham, NSW); Harold Murphie, now a senior member of Burns Philp Head Office, Sydney, and 'Hammie" Morton (both of Waverley, NSW). In addition, the late Jack Bruce had played in Canada; and one of the greatest sponsors of the game in those days was Mr. Jack Gilmore, also from Canada.

Another interesting point—at that time, over a quarter of a century ago, the Captain of the NSW State baseball side was "Eski" Lambert, better known to present generation Territorians as Mr. C. R. Lambert, Secretary of the Department of Territories.

The theatre programmes wi Mr. Fulton sent along to subs as ate his claim were interesting themselves as well as for the snipp of baseball history they contain

One was a programme for " Sport of Kings," staged by I players in May, 1930; the oc "Tons of Money," played in JU 1932.

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ciation and contain a list of ers, most of whom are quite un- vn to present-day Territorians ough their names bring a pang ostalgia to B4's: Dorothy kley, Alan B. McCay, Dorothy ton, James E. Savage, Lancelot iony, Arthur Smith, Kenneth ingham, Dudley Abbott, the Rev. R. Bishop, Harry Wormald, er Dickie Cardew, E. Berkeley s, Misses Marjorie and Jean nt, E. Slee and A. Eglington.

e war did extraordinary things lew Guinea, not the least of h was that it cut history com- ly in two. The majority of torians of to-day believe history abouts began about 1942—and ents on the other side of the ion, before that fatal January 942, they know little and care . This is understandable gh—but galling to old Terri- ns.

## o the NZ Dolphin is Polynesian niwha

E death in early March of Opo the gay and friendly olphin of Opononi, New Zea- who achieved world notice his water-polo skill and charm- ntics with local bathers, has, pears, a link with Polynesian ology.

ording to 86-year-old Hohepa ri, who claims to be the oldest leader of the Ngapuhi people okianga, North Auckland, the Opo was the *taniwha* Arai-te- sacred fish guardian of the umu canoe that was prom- in the second Polynesian tion from Hawaiki to New nd and that is closely associ- with the history of Rarotonga. by the fearless Tamatea Ariki and guarded by Arai-te-Uru, Opo, the Takitumu voyagers their way with many ad- res to Whangaparaoa, on the coast of North Auckland, then North Cape to Hokianga, ual home of the Ngapuhi e.

Arai-te-Uru (Opo) fell the r of guarding the shores o nga, and this he has done for ast 600 years or so—according peri.

rned by many admirers, Opo uried in state at Opononi and norial will be erected to com- rate his frolics with the human s.

G. Nevill, Resident Commis- of the Cook Islands, and Mr. re, Official Secretary, flew to gton in early March to dis- the Belshaw-Stace Economic t on the Cook Islands with rtmental Heads and returned rotonga by TEAL aircraft later me month.

## N. Cal. Natives Become Airminded

AN old native woman who had lived all of her 70 years on Mare, in the remote Loyalty Group, recently arrived in Noumea by air.

This is typical of the air-mindedness that has developed amongst New Caledonian natives since the local airservice, TRANSPAC, began operations 6 months ago.

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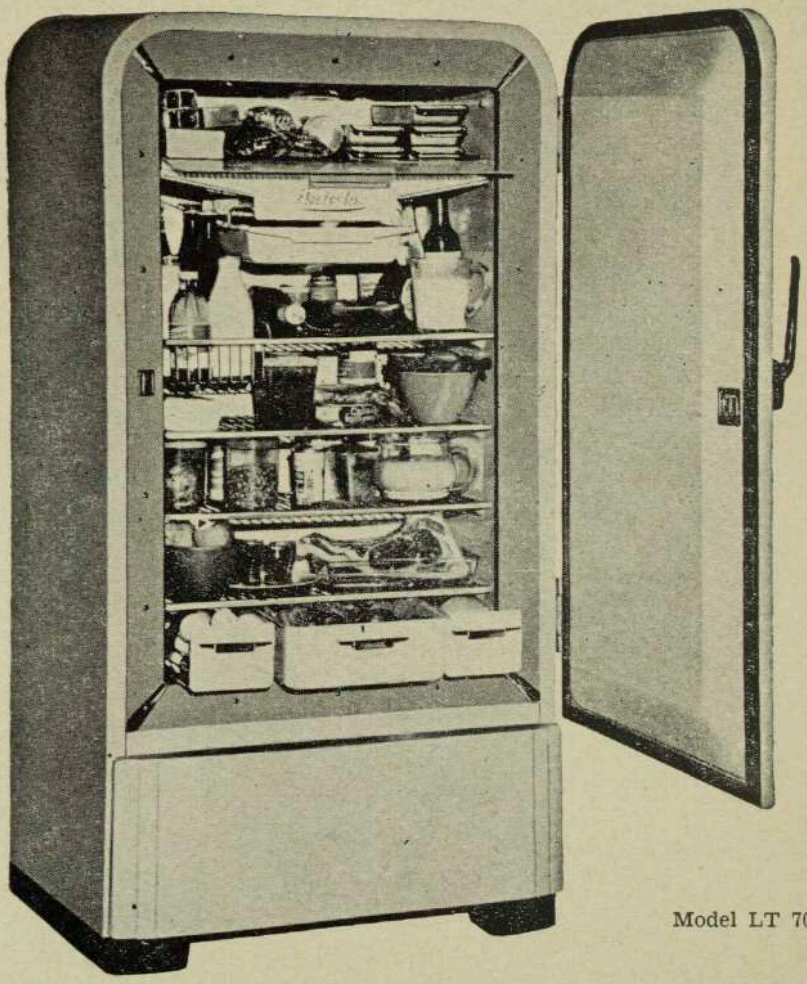
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'FICIAL result of protracted negotiations between British South Pacific copra producing ıtries and the UK Ministry of ı were announced on March 21. price will be based on £58/10/- FOB Islands ports.

ıe negotiations have been going ince the end of 1955 and have d in a victory for the MOF in ır as the producer countries were ıle to budge them from their ention that in 1956 the price ld fall by the full permissible er cent.

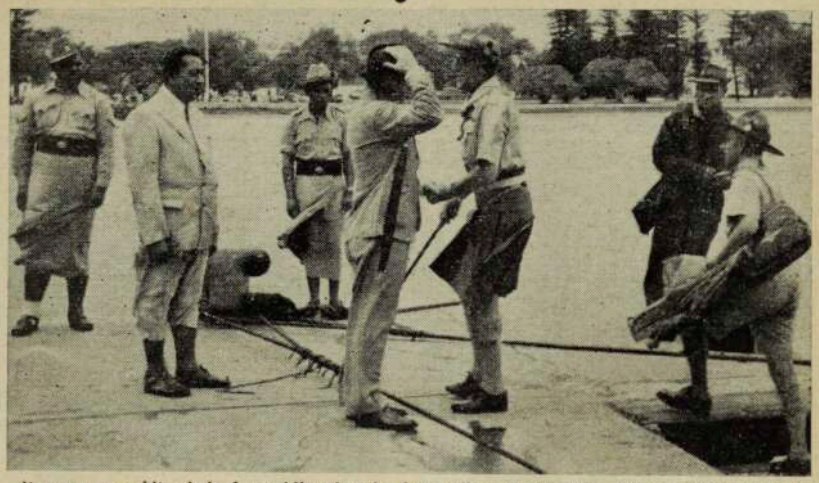
e final price is not unexpected. world price of course has, in ast year, been consistently below MOF fixed price (£65 Stg. in

ıce the beginning of the year copra marketing instrument- s in both New Guinea and Fiji been buying copra at a price ı on a full 10 per cent. fall.

ım the MOF price the various lc islands governments take t taxes, stabilisation fund de- ons and other payments. The price now currently being paid by the Papua-New Guinea Copra Marketing Board is: Hot air dried, £A62.10 delivered to Board depots; FMS, £A61/15/-; Smoke dried, £A59.

As production in P-NG for 1956 is estimated at 90,000 tons, copra should this year realise about £7,000,000.

## Chief Scout Visits Tonga



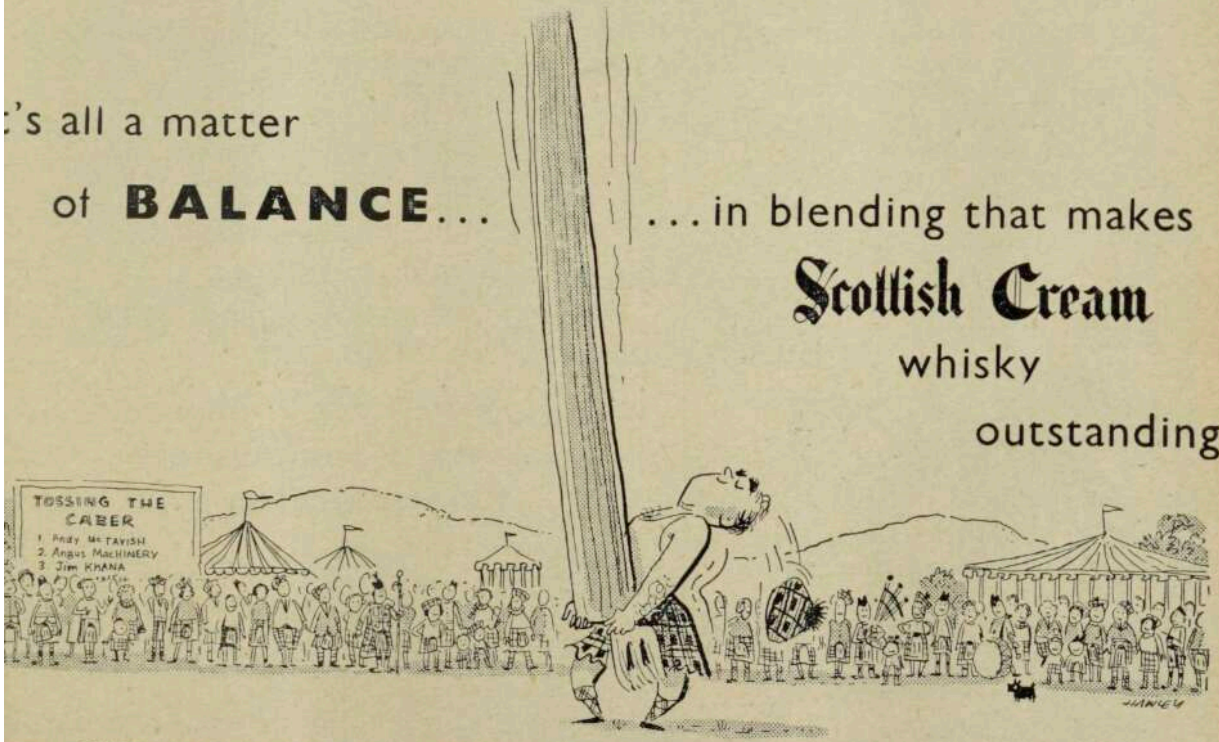
It was a wee bit windy for a kilt when Lord Rowallan, World Chief Scout, visited Nukualofa, Tonga, in February. The photograph shows the Chief Scout being received by British Consul, Mr. C. R. H. Nott. High Chief Tu'iha'ateiho, Deputy Premier of Tonga, stands behind Mr. Nott. —Photo by Hettig.

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# New LMS Leader For Cook Islands

AMONG the passengers who left Rarotonga, Cook Islands, for New Zealand by the Civil Aviation calibration aircraft on March I was the Rev. W. G. Murphy, who has retired from duty as head of the London Missionary Society in the Group.

Mr. Murphy has been in charge of LMS activities in the Cooks for eight years and early earned the respect and affection of the people he served.

A strict, but very human, disciplinarian, he loved the Cook Islanders and hopes at some time to return and settle in Rarotonga and there prosecute local researches that have been his hobby for some years.

Mr. Murphy was a keen tennis player and had many good games of chess with his Roman Catholic competitors.

Always a charming host, he can count many true friends among European residents of the Cook Group.

Mr. Murphy is succeeded by the Rev. and Mrs. B. G. Thorogood, who are already well known in the group. An eloquent speaker, Mr. Thorogood mastered the Maori language after three months at Aitutaki, and at times has held his Cook Islands audiences spellbound.

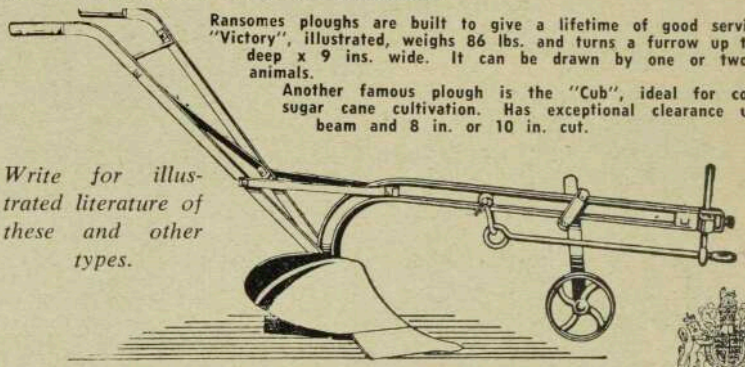
Both he and Mrs. Thorogood are cultured people with a broad ou look and much to give in exchan for the willing support alwa tendered by Cook Islanders to th Christian leaders.


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*ter to the Editor*

## .ANTER PUTS CASE OR ABSENTEEISM

OLLOWING the editorial about so-called "absentee planters" in the February issue of PIM, I ık a few facts from the other e of the fence would be in order.

n respect of replantings and im-vements, New Guinea planta-ıs whose owners are resident for t of their time in Australia, com-e more than favourably with ıtations whose owners live in Territory permanently.

hese absentee owners, in the n, are men who have spent 30 0 years on the job and are there-now able to spend part of their e elsewhere.

ew Guinea planters are not ssarily peasant farmers and run-g a plantation is as much a busi-s as bringing out a magazine, editor of which does not have e tied to a linotype.

rdinary economics apply to ıting as to other business—that *capital*, supported by *sound ınisation* and *sound management* ıd it is irrelevant whether the er resides part-time in Aus-ia, full-time on the plantation or ttle time on the plantation and t of time in Rabaul.

my own case—although I live of the time in Australia—all coconuts cut out of my New ain plantation by the Japs have ı replanted and most are bear-and what little virgin land re-ned in 1947 has now been ıted-up—none of the 720 acres he property are now left un-ted.

addition, the maximum number cocoa trees—70,000—has been ted and planting of this kind hed two years ago.

l buildings, plant, vehicles and ls are first-class and, in my ion, no plantation run by a -put owner is better set up or

is considered normal for public ants and others to establish a e in Australia after retirement s ill draw a pension from the itory in which they invested ur but no capital, and from re, during service, they availed nselves of regular, paid leaves.

ıe planter has invested both ur and capital and in many cases pends years in the country with-any leave.

hen and if the time comes when is no longer required to stick losely to the job, he is still pre-d to leave his capital there and pply his efforts to the continued lopment of New Guinea (and lentally earn his own pension).

Therefore, it is logical to deny the planter the right to live in Australia even part-time on retirement? Or must he, because he is a planter, leave his bones in NG to fertilise the coconuts?

If it is the latter then interested parties should apply to the writer immediately: Under those circumstances my plantation is on the market to the first official or journalist who yearns to make a belated, practical contribution to the development of the Territory by investing his capital to buy out an absentee-planter, by saying farewell to Australia, and by spending the remainder of his days "staying on the job" in NG.

Many of the planters now in Australia are old men; most of them personally re-opened their properties in 1946 when they were in their sixties.

It is, after all, not the exclusive privilege of these older planters to keep on planting up New Guinea. There is plenty of room for new men who are keen on investing their capi al and labour.

I am, etc.,
VICTORIAN PLANTER.

Mt. Eliza, Vic.
March 9, 1956.

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¶ Mr. John Bennett, who was in Fiji from 1940 to 1949, first as Registrar-General and later as a Magistrate, has been appointed Puisne Judge, High Court of Lagos, Nigeria. Mr. Bennett has been a Chief Magistrate in Nigeria since April, 1951.







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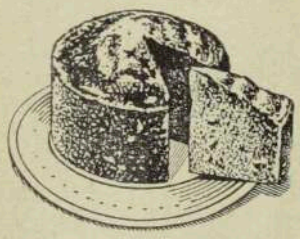
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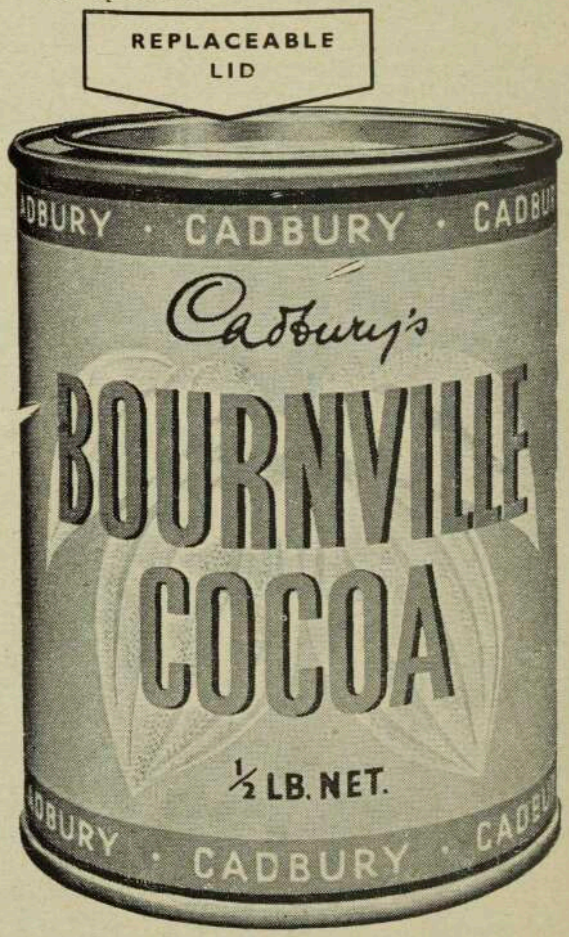
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*AII EXPERT'S "IF"*

# Highlands Coffee Needs Good Land, Wise Development

According to Professor Y. B. Goto, a world authority on coffee ture, one quarter of the plantations that he inspected in the Papua- ew Guinea Highlands in February are on good coffee land, about one- lf on mediocre land, and the remaining quarter on poor land. But re was a promising future for the industry—if wisely developed.

clear, factual review of coffee tential in the P-NG Highlands, ofessor Goto outlined the e, as he saw it, to a large ring of interested people in Bank of NSW Reception Rooms, ey, on March 18.

e Professor is Director of the ultural Extension Service of the ersity of Hawaii, and his recent lands survey was arranged by R. A. Colyer, of Sydney, and ored by Colyer Watson (NG) the Bank of New South Wales, nonwealth Bank, Mr. Robert ing, and the Goroka Farmers' Settlers' Assn.

er the past 2 years Professor has visited more than a dozen ries in the interests of coffee ers and agriculturists and he greatly impressed with the ex- and possibilities of the almost P-NG Highlands as a future country.

Of the 87 plantations he visited in an intensive and well-organised survey, 73 were European owned, 7 native owned, 5 operated by Missionary societies, and 2 by the P-NG Department of Agriculture.

To-day *arabica* coffee planting in this cool, spacious tableland approaches 3,200 acres. Of this total three-quarters is in the Eastern Highlands, 400 acres is in the Wau area, and about 200 acres on native land.

The fertility of the vast, unexploited balance of Highlands land is, the Professor said, "spotty," and much of it, he emphasised, has either been worked for centuries by the natives to exhaustion point, or is regarded by them as fit only for tribal "fighting lands."

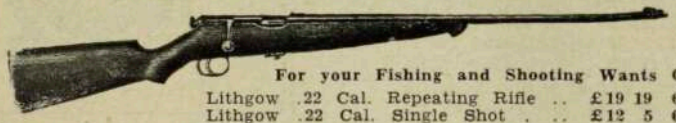
But there is much good land amongst the poor and mediocre, with the necessary 2 to 4 ft of rich topsoil and well-drained subsoil.

In the Highlands, a healthy growth of *pitpit* seems to point to good coffee land. Kunai grass is also a surface indication of fair coffee country, while the presence of a shrub similar to the well known Australian bottle-brush is indicative of poor coffee land.

Much mediocre land — already planted or awaiting development— promises well at to-day's coffee prices if assisted with adequate drainage, fertilisers and cover crops.

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fertilisers until more is known of the existing properties and deficiencies of the Highlands soils.

This, he said, was a matter of research between planters and the P-NG Department of Agriculture. He is of the opinion that phosphate content is low, or in a form not available to the coffee plant.

Professor Goto was happy about the Highlands climate. It was close enough to the ideal of two dry months plus ten months of well-spread rainfall.

The dry period in the Highlands could be offset by moisture conservation through adequate shading and mulching.

In its natural state the coffee plant is a forest shrub and "forest land is No. 1 coffee land." Professor Goto recommended that forest land be made available to interested planters.

Given depth of topsoil and good drainage, the other basic needs of a successful coffee plantation are adequate shade (against both heat and wind), and good seedlings.

Present experience in the Highlands suggests *Albizzia Stipulata* as an ideal shade tree but he believes the root growth of the native *Albizzia* is too extensive and takes nourishment from the coffee plants.

The natives favour the casuarina as a shade tree and wind-break but for the same reason as above, the Professor recommends it only with reserve.

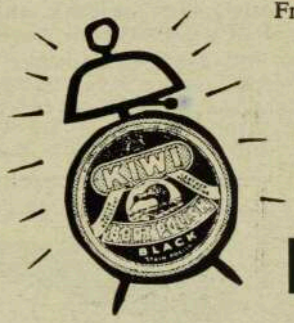
He urged experimentation with shade trees until experience provided the best answers. Plant shade trees 18 feet apart, he says, then, when well developed, thin as observat and local factors suggest.

As regards choice of *Arab* varieties, he urged specialisati and he himself favours *Typica* and *Bourbon*.

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He was interested in some re-
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the village spokesman: • What
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coffee to-day? • When was the
Administration going to supply them
with free fertiliser? • And as their
arms became tired when picking the
coffee berries, was there a machine
that could do this?

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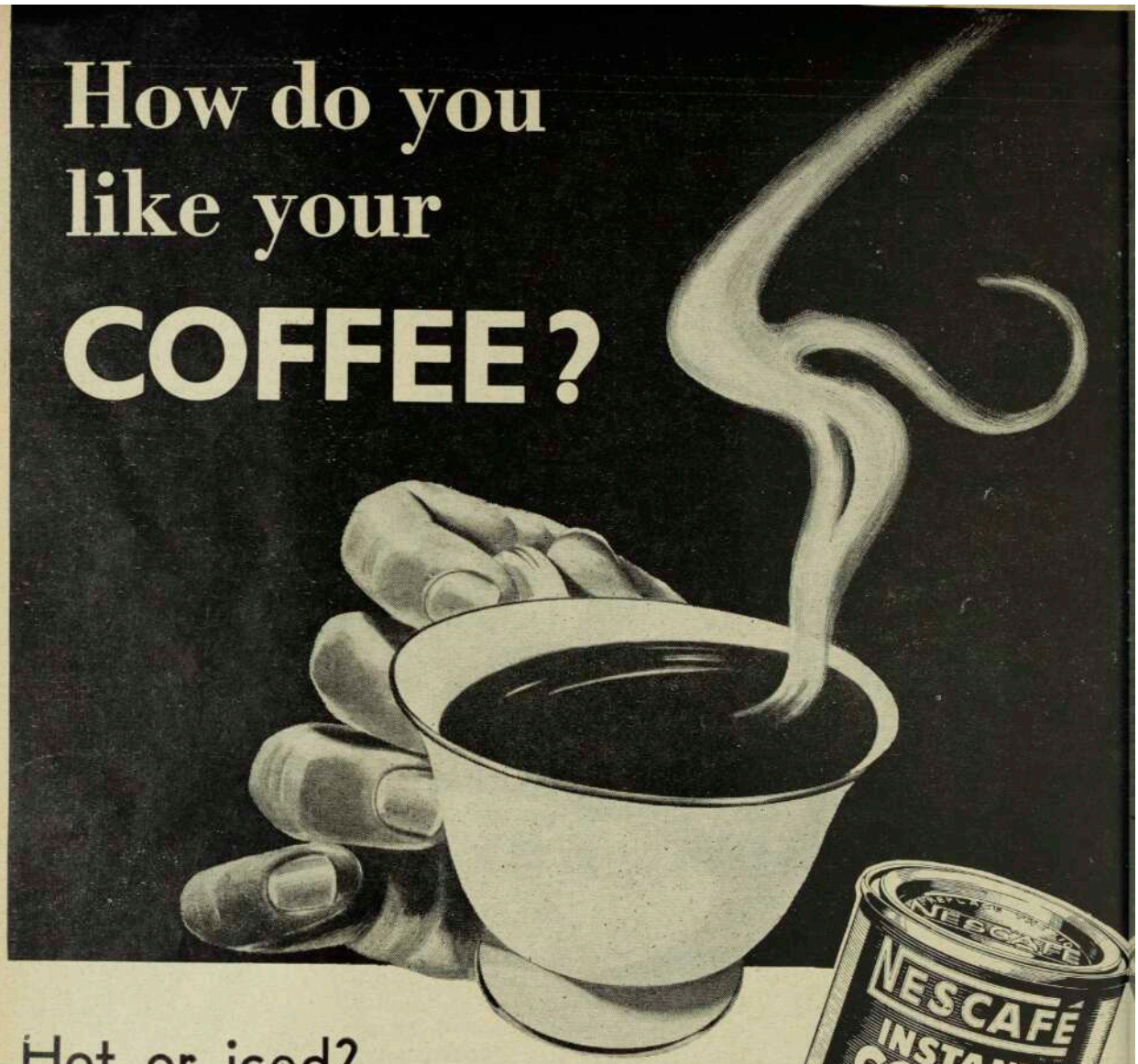
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## ustralia May Fill ji's Rice Gap

is an ill-hurricane that does not blow someone some good—even when it is only a near-miss ricane. Beneficiaries of the re- t floods, torrential rains and pical depressions in Fiji could the Australian rice industry. With this in view, Mr. E. R. dham, of the Rice Growers' Co- erative, millers of 70 per cent. of W Irrigation Area-produced rice, well as a co-operative society of wers, left Sydney for Fiji late rch.

o reliable estimate of the flood nage done to local rice crops is available from Fiji, but specu- in rice stocks was already ent in the Colony by mid-March. e rises from 10d and 1/- per nd to 1/6 per pound followed second flood period earlier in month. Subsequently the onial Secretary presided over a ting of representatives of the firms.

ormally, Fiji is almost self- cient in rice. In 1955, 579 tons e imported—including 124 tons n Australia, 321 tons from ia and 58 tons from Thailand. There is a local prejudice against Australian rice—it is alleged to be softer when cooked than Indian rice and without the same "polish."

On this subject PIM's Suva correspondent has this to say: "Australian rice can be landed in Suva at about the same price as pre-flood Fiji rice. *The difference in quality can easily be borne.*" The italics are ours as these sentiments are indicative of the different kind of market that Australian growers will have to cater for in Fiji.

Most of Australia's export rice goes to the SW Pacific as native rations and, in so far as Papua-New Guinea is concerned, the quality and variety is dictated by the P-NG Health Department, the arbiter of native labour rations. Irrespective of what the natives might think about it, the Health Department says that unpolished or vitamin-enriched rice is good for them, and so that is what they get.

The reverse is the case in Fiji. Fijians are not rice eaters—it is the Indians who are the rice connoisseurs and the rice consumers in that country, and if they prefer it highly polished and white and without vitamins there is no one to say them nay.

### ROLE OF AUSTRALIA IN PACIFIC RICE MARKET

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political troubles the Commonwealth was the only source of rice for most of the Pacific. For a decade no rice was available for home consumption in Australia—all of it went overseas, most of it to feed Pacific Islanders. In this way the rice industry contributed not a little to the war and post-war effort.

But the industry later was rewarded by being granted a monopoly of the rice market in the large Territory of Papua-New Guinea, which before the war had bought its rice on the open market, most of it from Saigon.

For a number of years no one thought anything about this monopoly—there was a world rice famine, anyhow, and there was no rice available, cheaper, anywhere.

And because of the rice famine, world rice prices soared and Australian rice prices soared with them, up to around £100 per ton.

The Australian prices having soared, stayed there and it was not until late 1954 when Islands merchants in Sydney tried to ship Saigon rice to the Territory that Territorians learned that Eastern rice was back on the market at a price considerably below that of Australian rice.

Most P-NG residents discovered, also for the first time, that Eastern rice was a "prohibited import" and that Australia had the rice market monopoly. A lot of these people went on record as being "shocked" at this situation and some uncomplimentary things were said abo the Australian rice industry gene ally.

But P-NG laws are made in Ca berra and the Territory resident h


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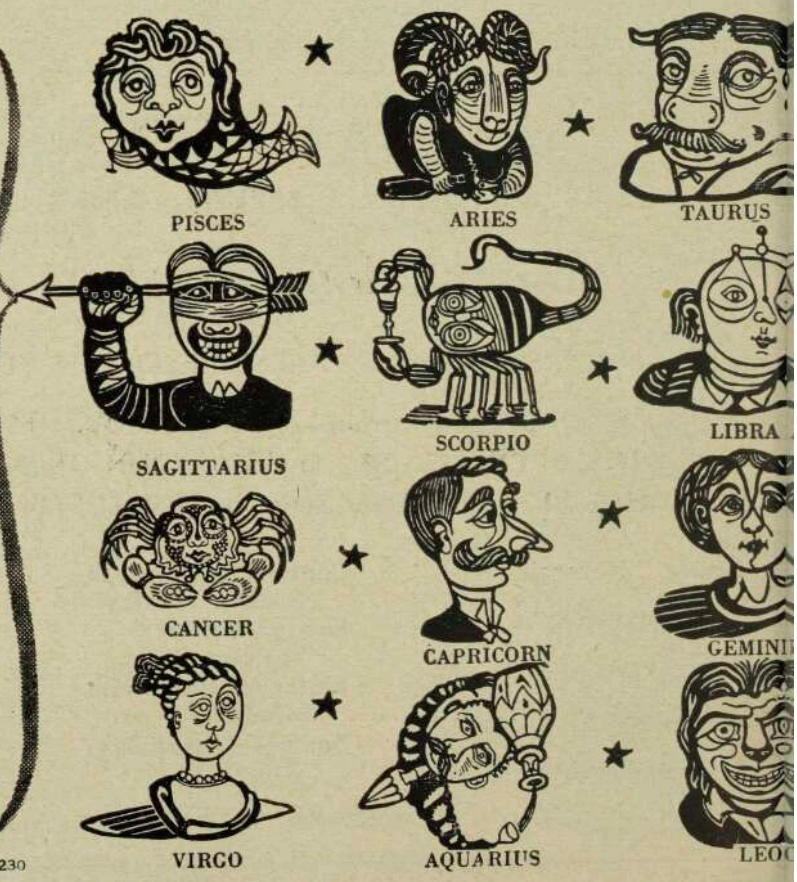
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ump them, so it seemed that the tralian rice industry must be nitted to come out victorious in little preliminary brush.

is position held until April, 1955, n the price of Australian rice £A83 per ton F.O.B. Sydney for ia and New Guinea, and £A90 ton for other Pacific Islands; when Eastern rice was be- n £A50 and £A60 per ton.

the middle of that month two gs happened:

Dr. John Gunther, Director of th in P-NG, said that "the P-NG mer cannot be expected to sub- e the Australian rice industry longer." And

The P-NG Administration an- ced that they would, from 1, lift the embargo on rice than Australian.

e result is now ancient history ween mid-April and June 1, Australian Rice Mill Owners' announced that they would y rice to the Territory at an price of £A65 per ton—a drop in of £18 per ton—and the P-NG nistration announced that the rgo was on again.

is, naturally, was regarded as a ph for P-NG bargaining—as it ubtedly was. But there is one t that is unknown to most mers in the Islands: Before he n his mission to Fiji in March Fordham told PIM that before alian rice interests were able op their price by £18 per ton ear, they had to persuade the Rice Marketing Board to pay sidy. Many who asked with heat last April how the asso- n could suddenly afford to sell ce at so very much less will terested to know this, and ps will revise their opinion of dustry. How much of the £18 on fall was made up by the y, PIM does not know; it was to us, too, to know that the taxpayer was helping out with ration costs in P-NG.

re is undoubtedly much to be or a soundly based Australian industry—recent history has that during the war and it was a very present help ne of trouble. The industry hown also, that it can adapt to circumstance—albeit it had shown the way pretty sharply. it can deliver the goods the ner wants—such as brown or in-enriched rice for P-NG— the customer certain that he ting what he ordered.

Fiji market, in normal years, ikely to be more than a small on of that of P-NG, but rrent visit of Mr. Fordham in- s that Australian rice interests live to the desirability of ing what there is of it, and g what it can to overcome the lice there against the Aus- n product.

## RICE WILL COST LESS THIS YEAR

The Australian rice harvest is in April and the price for the year is fixed as from May 1. For the 12 months beginning on that date, therefore, the FOB price Sydney will be £A62/10- per ton for brown rice; £A68/10/- for white vitamin enriched rice, with a surcharge of 10/- per ton on lots less than 5 tons.

These prices will apply to rice exported to Papua-New Guinea but we understand from Mr. Fordham that Fiji will also participate in these prices which represent a substantial fall from the 1955 rates when brown rice for P-NG was £A65 per ton, FOB Sydney.

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*RITICS ANSWERED*

# Nondugl Sheep Experiment Will not be Permitted to Fail

Sir Edward Hallstrom had this to say to a PIM reporter, in Sydney, n March: "New Guinea is one of those places where people without xperience have been guilty of saying you can't do this or that. These eople would be far wiser if they took the 'T' out of can't and rolled up heir sleeves and got on with the job."

R EDWARD was discussing the Hallstrom Livestock and Fauna Trust which, through the ex- mental station, has introduced nney Marsh sheep to the New nea Highlands.

he original flock of sheep intro- ed to the area has done suf- ntly well for Sir Edward recently ave established a stud there, and pedigree Romney Marsh stud p have been secured from Vic- a.

spite of what critics have said, Edward is quite satisfied with progress of the sheep at Nondugl his view was endorsed recently fficers of the P-NG Department griculture.

r Edward gave PIM the follow- facts:

NDUGL Station, situated in the 100-inch rainfall Wahgi Valley, is operated by the Trust, of h Sir Edward is chairman.

Although the station's efforts to raise sheep in the Highlands over the past eight years has already cost this philanthropist well over £100,000, it appears that the project is now bearing fruit, and will result in ultimate benefits for New Guinea native people.

Numerous problems and difficulties had to be overcome in the establishment of what is claimed to be "one of the most modern sheep stations imaginable."

When it was hacked out of dense undergrowth, the station was found to be situated on old native gardens and many deep trenches criss-crossing the area made the job of clearing and levelling difficult.

Since everything that either enters or leaves the Wahgi Valley must travel by air, pastures have had to be improved without the benefit of superphosphate. Experiments in the selection of suitable grasses are still going on, and the nutrition level of the sheep, which at one time almost defeated the project, is now being steadily improved.

Worm infestation is a major problem in this heavy rainfall country, but this has been overcome by the division of the 800-acre station into 10-acre paddocks for rotational grazing. Steel posts, and barbed and net wire were flown in from Sydney by plane, and an extensive fencing programme has been practically completed.

Construction of a stud house which will provide a considerable amount of shedding for the sheep in wet weather is almost completed.

The original Romney Marsh flock of 1,400 has dwindled to 1,000. This is due to losses during the early period of establishment and the

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recent sale of weaker stock for rations, leaving the best of the flock to be further improved by the new stud sheep. The recent importations came from the stud of Mr. Ivor Manton, Manegeeta (Victoria), and comprise 30 stud ewes and two heavily fleeced stud rams, together with 14 flock ewes.

The project has the wholehearted backing of Mr. Manton and other Romney Marsh breeders, who are determined that the station will not fail. Mr. M. L. Johnston, stud manager of the Manton Romney flock flew to the New Guinea Highlands to confer with the resident station manager, Mr. Frank Pemble Smith, on the establishment of a new stud and on a future breeding programme for the already existing flock ewes.

Sir Edward said that since it has become known that valuable stud sheep have been sent to Nondugl, many inquiries have been received from local Highlands residents running a few sheep, seeking rams to improve their flocks.

Sir Edward believes that there are many places in New Guinea where sheep could be raised satisfactorily. There is much undulating country with, for the tropics, comparatively low rainfall. On the other hand, no part of New Guinea is ever affected by serious drought.

Nondugl station keeps accurate statistics of the flock, including death from injuries and sickness.

Some advantages the station has over Australian sheep-farmers are that in NG there is no fluke and foot-rot, and the fleece is very clean, and contains no burr or dust.

Sir Edward claims that the station is in a much more fortunate position than many in Australia, and its losses are no more than that of the average grazier.

While he believes that the Romney Marsh breed is the most suitable type of sheep for the Highlands, he may later introduce a Scottish breed, which is renowned for its hardy qualities, and which mig be suitable for NG.

Little trouble has been expe enced in introducing cattle to t Highlands, and there is a tremen ous amount of cattle country ava able throughout this area.

Sir Edward believes that Nondu Station will become an importa Government station for the intr duction of various breeds of she and cattle to assist in supplyi meat urgently required for the H Highlands and the coastal areas.


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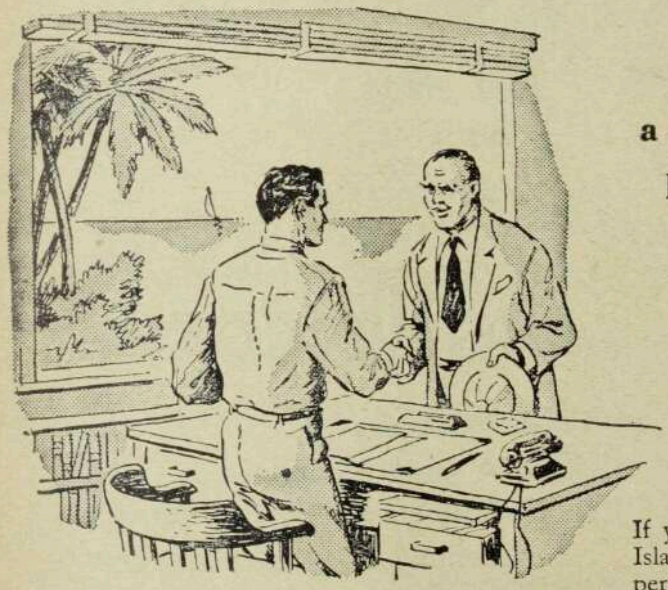
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isitors to the zoo are predomtely native, but few Europeans velling through the area pass up chance of a close-up look at e of New Guinea's wildlife.

ne of the rarest ducks in the ld, the Salvadori, comes from v Guinea and, this year, Sir ard has been successful in breedit in the Nondugl zoo. This is first time that it has been bred captivity, and he received contulations from all over the world.

## RQUESON SARDINES FOR HAWAIIAN TUNA

HE busy United States Fish & Wildlife Service vessels *Hugh M. Smith and John R. Manning* rned to their Honolulu base in ember after a 15,000 miles cruise he Eastern Pacific.

ne of the projects on this cruise to transfer a consignment of ll sardine, known scientifically *Harengula vittata,* from quesas to Hawaiian waters. The line is said to occur at times great abundance in the quesas bays, but on this sion when the *Hugh M. Smith* ed, the fish were not plentiful. ever 130 buckets of fish were ed, of which 20 buckets survived voyage to Hawaii, most of the ainder being lost overboard ng a spell of heavy weather.

he object of this transfer is to whether these sardines can be blished in Hawaiian coastal ers as a much needed bait fish the commercial tuna fishermen ating out of Honolulu. There great scarcity of suitable small at the present time.

nlike the Japanese who use -line methods and dried cr en bait-fish brought from Japan, their South Pacific operations, American boats pole-fish on the ace. Live bait-fish are carried anks on deck, and when a shoal una is sighted the boat heads the area and "chums" the ocean live fish thrown overboard. e the tuna start taking the -fish they become frenzied and take unbaited hooks with ficial lures, as used by the ermen. This way there is no y in re-baiting the hooks.

r. D. T. Lloyd has been promoted he post of Director of Lands, es and Surveys in Fiji. Mr. d has been Deputy Director since l, 1954, and has been acting as ctor during the pre-retirement e of Mr. R. V. Cole.


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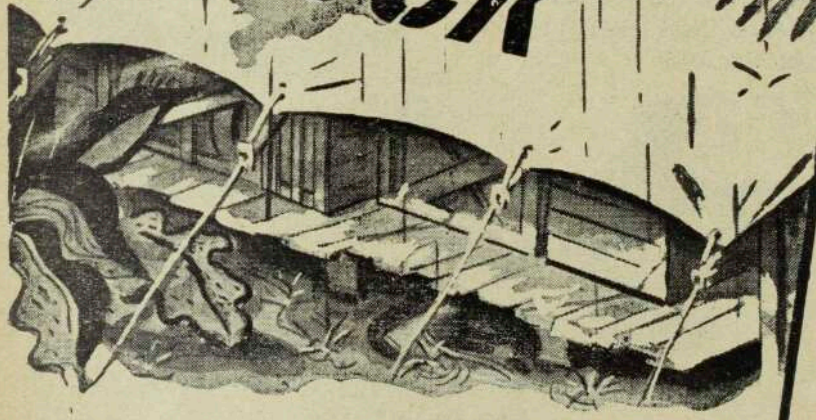




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AGAZINE SECTION

# Tropicalities

### NLUCKY CHINAMAN: NO TRADITION, NO FACE

traditional view concerning Oriental poker-faces was tem-orarily shattered in Fiji re-y when Chan Chen Ching was £100 for attempting to avoid ms duty on 3 gold bangles, 12 rings, and a pearl ring, all ted in a tin of tea.

eng's nervous manner in de-g the contents confirmed the ms officer's suspicion that no aman in his right mind would 32/- air freight on a tin of which could have been bought y for a few shillings.

dence showed that Ching had ously been an officer of the d Revenue Department and the law on such matttrs.

### WHEN IN ROME—OR RAROTONGA

RING last December a Euro-ean residence in Rarotonga was roken into and several valu-which included a gold pocket with crest, a crested silver tte case, a signet ring, a ng ring, and a diamond ring, stolen. These articles had been e possession of the family for l generations, and therefore reat sentimental value as well rinsic worth.

Police were informed, but make no headway in the case. me dragged by the lady of use became impatient and de-to do something herself.

local method of advertising s and cinema attractions is truck carrying a native per-n band to go around the island. ts advertising the show are n to the crowds of youths and en attracted by the music, and eculiar method of disseminat-nformation has proved very ve.

lady set off round the island r car, accompanied by her ildren. The boy, an expert e native slit-gong and kero-an technique, provided the and the girl distributed leaf-fering a £20 reward to any-supplying information that lead to the recovery of the les.

ng on information obtained in anner, the Police were able over some of the valuables had been buried in swampy l, and a man who was already a twelve months jail sentence nother housebreaking, was to be the thief.—W. H. IVAL.

### COLUMNIST CRUISE IN THE CANNIBAL ISLES

ROBERT C. RUARK, American columnist, who is better known hereabouts for his writing about Africa than for anything he did in the US, was visiting New Guinea in March. Small samples of his wares have subsequently appeared in the Sydney *Telegraph*.

Robert C. appears to be getting most of his facts straight but you have to dig so deep among the home-spun Americanisms to see it that the average reader is likely to give up and write the author and the Territory off as some sort of fast-patter act. "I ate grandpa because I loved him," is the heading on one of his stories; another, in Australian aborigine Pidgin, begins: "Me fella bin stop along New Guinea to visit the happy cannibals again."

It probably isn't necessary to point out to Mr. Ruark that cannibalism is a dying pastime in the Territory these days and that there are probably about as many cannibals there as there are high-bikes in the US. But whatha! It makes a good story—which is what columnists are paid for. There is an inexhaustible supply of high-minded visitors to NG to probe and examine and make pontifical reports. It at least makes a change to see the place presented as a two-ring circus.

Mr. Ruark, we understand, is to write a book and interested parties should be warned that if his writings about Africa are any criterion, he does not write *only* high-priced nonsense but packs a sting in his tail (or in his typewriter).

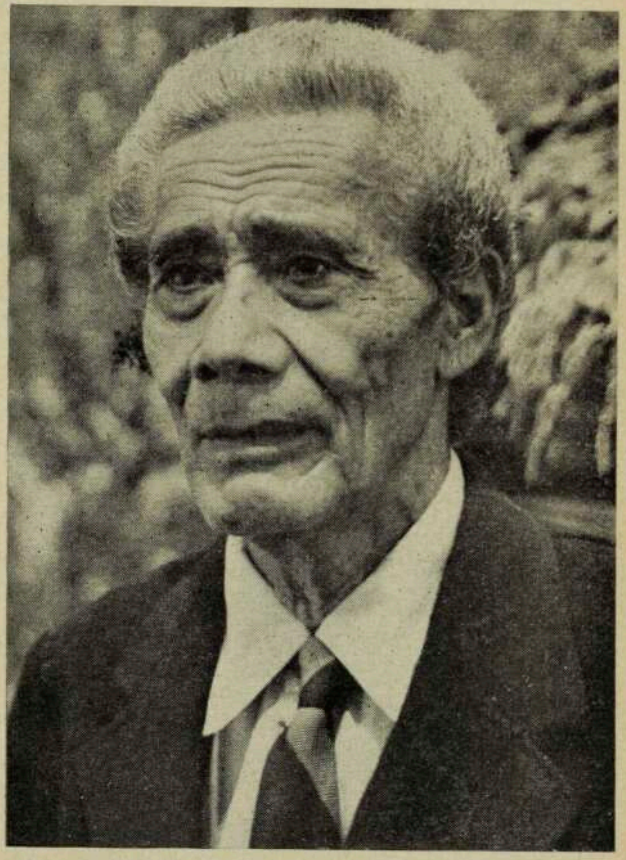
### TWO EYES FOR YOUWIGA

YOUWIGA, ex-sergeant in the New Guinea native police, was in hospital in Brisbane in February, having some attention to his one good, blue eye. He lost the other eye and one hand on war service as right-hand man of Coastwatcher W. J. Read, in Bougainville, during the Pacific war. Youwiga sees to-day by virtue of the fact that he was given a corneal-graft at Greenslopes military hospital in Brisbane in 1945—the first operation of that kind performed in Australia.

Before that happened, however, Youwiga had won the Military Medal and the Loyal Services Medallion. And after he was patched up he went back to his village near Yamil, in the Sepik country, and became a leader of his people.

During his current visit to hos-

## Samoan High Chief . . .



Saianoa, High Chief of Falefa, Western Samoa. A study sent in by G. B. Bowman, who writes: "A fine and wise man by any standard, this Matai is typical of those in whom the franchise will be vested under the proposed constitution for Western Samoa. Many thinkers believe that this political set-up is more enlightened than the Democratic system of 'universal suffrage of irresponsibles'." Other people have other opinions, of course — one of these appears on page 53 this issue.




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pital, Youwiga is without his large black beard which, in combination with the patch over his missing eye, and the hook at the end of one arm, made of him a rather benign-looking native Long John Silver.

In hospital he will receive attention to his good eye and be fitted with an artificial eye to fill the empty socket.

Youwiga, of course, has provided meat for the evening and Sunday newspapers. One describes him as "Yau Wiga, MA." We have heard a lot of stories about Youwiga—but never that he is a Master of Arts.

### ATOMIC BUS—"A" OR "H"?

THE "Atomic-Power Buses," reported by PIM previously, as one of the most eye-catching names adopted by Indian bus owners competing for transport business in Fiji, has been chosen as the most appropriate by the Fiji Visitor's Bureau by reason of the intermittent explosions emitted by that company's oldest charabanc as it climbs Suva's hills.

Other intriguing titles (according to FVB's monthly news-sheet), are "Super Bus," "Mountain Dew Bus," "Goodbye Bus Service" and "Forget-menot Transport."

(The current Australian slang term for a motor vehicle past its prime is "Bomb," of course; but we are sure that the proprietor of this bus line hadn't anything like that in mind when he named his buses. PIM published a photograph of one of these Atomic vehicles some years ago, and it looked comparatively youthful.—Ed.)

### NO TIME FOR A *TERE*

THE long-established Cook Islands custom of packing up traps and descending en masse onto a neighbouring village or island for a month or so, is to be controlled. This was agreed at the recent Legislative Council meeting.

The time, money and effort spent in these joyful jaunts (called a *tere* party), does not fit in with the world of to-day. There was also a certain hazard in inter-island ships being loaded to the gunwales with the roisterers and their gifts as they sang and drank their way from island to island.

Islands life is certainly not what it was although it still has its moments. Recently Atiu Island, in the Cooks, which has a population of about 1,430 persons, all told, opened a new village meeting house. The items of livestock on the menu: Pigs, 130; fowls, 167; goats, 4.

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† In early March the Cook Islands Mass Miniature X-Ray team arrived at Aitutaki by air from Rarotonga. The team is led by Mr. Mahoney, an X-ray technician, and will spend some weeks at Aitutaki before returning to complete their Rarotonga survey.

## E. H. Reid . . . Austral-Frenchman



**ERNEST H. REID is the best-known citizen of Vila in the New Hebrides, and about the soundest of the bi-lingual products of that Condominium.**

**He was born in Vila in 1911 at the Presbyterian Mission Hospital on Iririki Island. His father was a boatbuilder, known as Ernest "Australia" Reid, because he was rather aggressively Australian. Ernie's mother was Jeanette Ohlen, of the well-known New Caledonia family. Ernie finished his education at the High School in Noumea, and later became an official of the Condominium Public Works.**

**During the war he was seconded to the New Hebrides Defence Force, of which he was Commanding Officer with the acting rank of Major. The New Hebrides was spared any land fighting, so Ernie fired no shots at the enemy, though his duties took him as far afield as Guadalcanal.**

**Since the war he has engaged in building and contracting and in looking after his properties, which include the picturesque little Hat Island near Vila. His family still own the only hotel in Vila, the Hotel Reid.**

**Ernie has built a small factory for making coconut oil and soap from the local copra, but red-tape technicalities have so far prevented it from functioning as a successful local industry.**

**In 1933 Ernie married a local girl, Margeurite Rimbert, and they have three attractive daughters, Yvette, Monique and Nadine, the last being rather a recent afterthought. Despite his French education, Ernie has kept British nationality as an Australian citizen, and is the type on which a successful future for the Condominium could be built.**

**Unfortunately, with the present remote control and staffing of the Government England and France, the higher posts mostly filled by transient men with one national interests, rather than by bi-li officials with some interest and loyalty t co-operative ideal of the Condominium.—B HILDER.**

## PIM CROSSQUIZ NO. 73

Solution Page 8

### ACROSS

1.—What contains the records of a general survey of England in 1086?

6.—What term for extravagant cajolery is taken from a town in Ireland?

8.—What part of a flower's stamen is composed of pollen?

9.—What does a parasite seek?

10.—From which conflict did Britain attain Hong Kong?

11.—What does an amper-sand stand for?

13.—Which type of strength resists stretching?

16.—Who wrote "The Lady's Not for Burning"?

18.—Who redeemed himself in A. E. W. Mason's "The Four Feathers"?

20.—Who sculptured "The Thinker"?

21.—What handball game is very popular in Latin America, Spain, France, and the Philippines?

### DOWN

1.—What converts mechanical energy into electrical energy?

2.—Who played the leading role in the film "Here Comes Mr. Jordan"?

3.—Who is Finland's most important composer?

4.—What disease was overcome during the building of the Panama Canal?

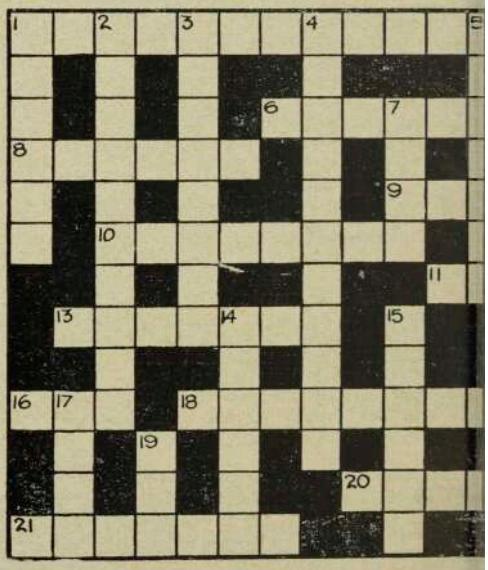
5.—What is a ship's inner keel called?

7.—What is the principal coal mining area of Europe?

12.—What is pure carbon in cryst form?

14.—What is the ancient name for Spanish-Portuguese peninsula?

15.—Which island near Seattle was locale for "Onions in the Stew" by MacDonald?



17.—What is the largest city in L

19.—What is the Italian word for "brot




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re of the Queen Emma Story

# IS N. BRITAIN MAT-MAT SPEAKS OF HISTORY

By R. W. ROBSON

HEN Gordon Thomas visited Rabaul in mid-1955, he kindly carried out a request that I had e to him that an effort be made ind the last resting place of ashes of "Queen Emma" (Mrs. Kolbe formerly Mrs. Forsayth, ierly Emma Coe).

eking details of how "Queen ia" died at Monte Carlo, in 1913, erviewed Mr. H. R. Wahlen at home in Hamburg, Germany; from him I learned that in 1913 firm in Hamburg, as agents of Forsayth firm in New Guinea, had the bodies of Mr. and Paul Kolbe cremated, and ashes sent in small urns to Guinea. It was believed that ashes still remained at the ly burial-ground in the Kokopo of New Guinea.

. Thomas enlisted the help of A. H. Cresswell, and the ery of "Queen Emma's Ashes" cleared up as far as possible. article in PIM, Dec., 1955). In ourse of that search, some in- ting bits of German New ea history, and of the history ueen Emma's" family, were un- ed. I am indebted for the fol- g material to a report made r. Cresswell.

the halcyon days of the yth family in German New ea, between 1880 and 1910, en Emma" lived at her famous , Gunantambu, near Ralum; her sister Phoebe, who was led to the famous R. H. R. nson, lived on an adjoining ation, Kuradui. Each of these ation homes maintained a y burying-ground, or mat-mat.

ring World War II, the Gun- nbu plantation-house was y destroyed by the Japanese. plantation is now called pau.

searching for "Queen Emma's" , Mr. Cresswell decided he first d inspect the old mat-mats (or eries). But, in the changes d by the war, the mat-mats disappeared under a great mass condary growth—Mr. Cresswell much difficulty in locating

WEVER, the old headstones ere finally found, and the rass and scrub cut away. He examined the Kuradui (Park- ) mat-mat.

s once had been a well- ned place, well cared for. But it had been wrecked during the Japanese occupation—"the beautiful tombstones and grave copings were damaged and scattered," writes Mr. Cresswell, "and we could recognise only six graves—although, we thought, there had been more."

Of the six graves, three were identified—those of R. H. R. Parkinson, 13/11/1844-24/7/1907; Max Parkinson, 23/2/1889-5/10/1907; Helene B. R. Haddon, 1883-1931.

Parkinson was the son of an Englishman who had entered the service of a Royal house in Schleswig-Holstein, and later acquired German nationality. He had been well educated, and he went originally to the German administrative service in Western Samoa. He married Phoebe Coe, sister of Emma; joined Emma in New Guinea; gained fame by writing a book (in German): "Thirty Years in the South Seas." His widow, after World War I, went to live in the Kavieng district of New Ireland; and was still there when World War II brought the Japs into New Guinea. She died near Namatanai on May 28, 1944, during the Japanese occupation, aged 82.

Max Parkinson was their son—he died of tuberculosis while still in his 'teens.

Mrs. Helene Haddon was one of the Parkinson children. She married, first, Carl Diercke; and, after his death, she married Haddon, an Australian. She died at Buka Passage; but sometime later her body was disinterred and taken to the old burial-ground near Ralum. Her son, Rudolph Diercke, is now a member of the Roman Catholic Mission staff at Vunapope, Kokopo.

MR Cresswell reports that at Malapau ("Queen Emma's" mat-mat) "desolation and vandalism showed everywhere, and again the Japanese were accused of this wreckage." Here, they established the outline of 12 graves, but there probably were many more. Here, they were able to decipher the following inscriptions:—

David Collings, 1878-1895.

W. Stanley More, 1899.

R. N. Stella Lynds, 24/4/1895-19/8/1895.

Water Robert Anderson, of North Sydney. Died, Fead Islands, 25/11/1895, aged 28 years.

In memory of our beloved mother, Johanna Coe, died 1905, aged 78 years. (This was followed by an inscription in Samoan).

John Coe, 32 years, killed at Nuguria. Vengeance is mine says the Lord.

Capi Acostino Stalio, who was shot by the natives of Fead Islands whilst bravely assisting the Imperial Judge to arrest the King and his son for the Massacre of John Coe. Born Dalmatia, Dec.,



This cross, erected in the Parkinson Mat-Mat in memory of Max Parkinson ("Queen Emma's" nephew), shows the character of the monuments which were purchased by "Queen Emma" and her family for the burial-grounds in Ralum some 60 years ago.

—Photo by C. H. Meen.




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1854.—Killed Fead Islands, 1892. O for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is stilled. This Stone is erected as a mark of respect by his many friends in the Bismarck Archipelago. (At the back of this stone was an inscription in German—apparently a version of the inscription in English.)

J. F. Santo.

Peter W. Coe, 1884-1896. (This followed by an inscription in Samoan.)

In that list are the outlines of one of the major tragedies in the life of "Queen Emma" of New Guinea.

John Coe, Emma's brother, and nine years her junior, joined her in New Guinea when a young man. He had been with her many years, and was aged 32 when she sent him to look after her plantations and trade stores in the Fead Islands, off the coast of New Ireland. There was trouble with the natives, and he was killed.

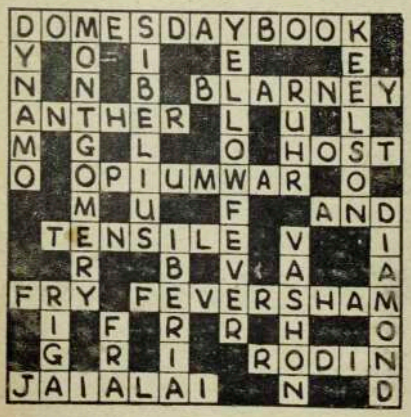
An expedition to avenge his death was organised and was led by Captain Stalio, a prominent member of the European community in German New Guinea, and a very close associate of Mrs. Emma Forsayth (as she then was). There was a clash with the natives, and Stalio was killed.

That Emma was deeply grieved by these deaths—of her favourite brother, and of her intimate friend—is shown by the memorials she placed in the little mat-mat.

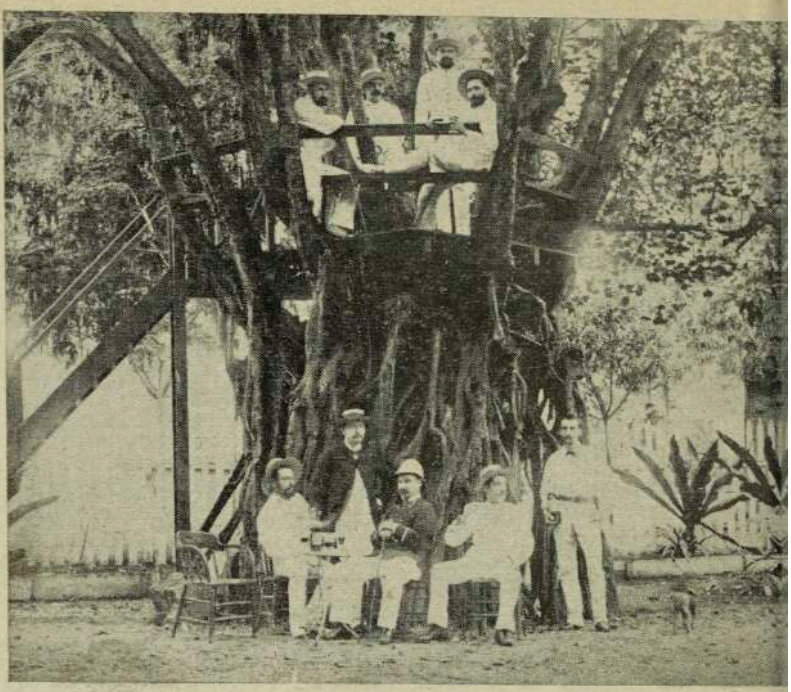
Johanna Coe (Emma's mother) was the first Samoan wife of Jonas M. Coe. They had eight children, all born in Samoa, of whom Emma was the second. In other records, Mrs. Coe's name is spelled "Joana."

Peter W. Coe was the sixth son of William Coe, full brother of Emma. William joined her in New Guinea, and spent some years there before going on to the Philippine Islands, where he had a notable career.

## Solution to Crossquiz from page 78




## No More Do They Sit in the Banyan Tr





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THE accompanying photograp sent along by Mayor Poroi, Papeete, will bring nosta memories to the once gay yo bucks of yesteryear, who remem Tahiti of pre-World War I d when to many a little henpec stay-at-home, Tahiti was the Gr Dream, the very essence of Escapi

Top photograph shows the fam old banyan tree as it was in 1880's, then outside the fam Cercle Militaire. At left—as it sta to-day in what are now the grou of the Secretary-General's prope

Many a love match is said to h been made in the old tree's frien shade down through the years. the recent photo Mayor Poroi Mr. Leo Langomarzino, chief municipal works, stand at the f of the battered veteran.

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† Of the nine candidates sitting for the 1955 legal examinations in Tonga, one—Siaosi Fifita—passed with honours, one other qualified, six obtained partial passes, and two failed.

¶ Mr. T. W. Leake, who in December finished his SOPA course, in Sydney, was a *Soochow* passenger to Rabaul in January. He was accompanied by Mrs. Leake.

† Inter-island freight rates in waters were increased on March due, owners said, to recent rises seamen's wages and other runn costs.

† The population at the site of £10 million Yate dam, New C donia, is growing so rapidly t a school has been opened. Si children will attend and have teachers to instruct them.




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*IE "BP" WAS ROYAL*

# Trade But No Cannon

LETTER received by Burns Philp & Co. in Sydney in January (see box) has produced ne interesting facts about early cific cannon from Mr. James tchell, General Manager of Burns ilp.

Mr. Mitchell suggests that the Co." on Mrs. Baldwin's cannon been added with a chisel by neone carried away by the old cific joke that BP stood for some-ng else besides Burns Philp—as Mitchell puts it, in respect of ther cannon . . . "some mis-evous, idle person who had little do cut the "& Co" with a chisel, sibly as a joke to link this cannon h the early operations of our npany trading in the Pacific."

Mr. Mitchell tells how a similar non to that which Mr. Clark de-bes was in the possession of the H. J. Moors, of Apia. Mr. chell reported this to the late James Burns, who had an ex-nation for the initials; so far Mr. Mitchell can remember, it a connection with some of the vned heads of Europe of the 19th tury, possibly the Royal House Spain. He thinks that the "P" d for Philippa, but cannot now ember what Sir James believed "B" represented.

The Apia cannon eventually passed into the possession of H. W. Moors, son of H.J., and a few years ago Mr. Moors agreed to Mr. Mitchell's proposal that it should be sent to Burns Philp, in Sydney, for exhibition purposes.

However, when it arrived (in 1952) it was found to be too large for the purpose intended and it was handed over to the Australian Sea Cadet Corps, at whose headquarters it may be inspected.

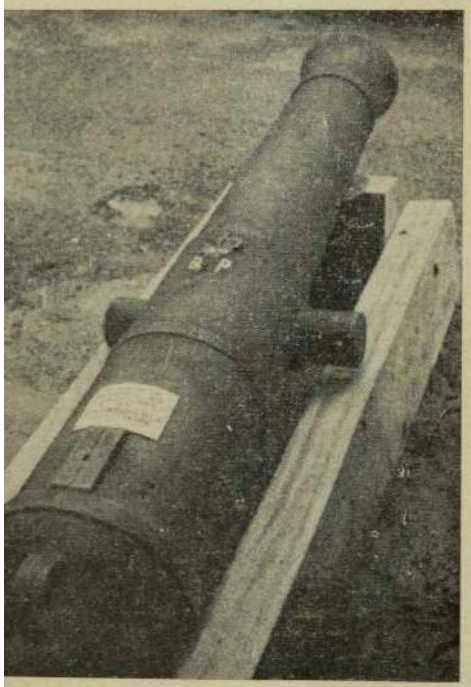
Mr. Mitchell says that when BP's got the cannon from Apia they were disappointed to find that the & Co. had been cut in with a chisel, which rather discounted their interest in the original casting and he feels that if Mr. Clark examines the one in Hawaii he will probably find that this is the case also with Mrs. Baldwin's specimen.

Mr. Mitchell says that Burns Philp had no connection with the cannon other than above but that the company believes that they were obtained from Europe by the masters of Boston whalers during the whaling boom in the Pacific and were used for protection against hostile natives, or pirates, or even to supplement the old harpooning methods then used to catch and kill whales.

Mr. Mitchell recalls that in the early part of this century he saw, at Hapai'i, Tonga, the old cannon of the privateer *Port-au-Prince* that was captured by the Tongan, Finau, about 1806. They were buried muzzle down at the corners of a chief's tomb. Except that they were larger, he says that they were much like the cannon received from Mr. Moors.

The Tongans killed all members of the crew of the *Port-au-Prince* except one —a youth named Mariner. Finau "adopted" him and he remained in Tonga for some years until rescued by a British man-o'-war.

Back in England, Mariner recorded, or someone recorded for him, his experiences while a privileged captive of Finau and this book, generally known these days as *Mariner's Tonga*, became a classic of the immediate pre-European era of the Tonga Group. Now any copy of the book is a collector's piece and worth a considerable sum.



he old cannon photographed recently in Sydney by nission of the Officer Commanding the Australian Cadet Corps. The plate fixed to the butt-end of cannon states that it was presented to the Corps Mr. Moors.

**EARLY THIS YEAR AN AMERICAN, MR. DONALD H. CLARK, A RESIDENT OF SEATTLE, WROTE TO BURNS PHILP AND CO. LTD., SYDNEY, THUS:**

**"Did your company at any time use cannon on trading ships or at trading posts in the Pacific?**

**"I ask this because there is an old cast-iron cannon now in the possession of Mrs. Edward H. K. Baldwin, of Makena, Maui, Hawaii, and on this gun there are stamped markings on the upper side of the barrel just forward of the vent as follows: 'B.P. & Co. 501'.**

**"The gun is 44½ inches long with a bore of about 3 inches."**

With the help of the *Port-au-Prince's* cannon, Finau made war on other Tongan chiefs and these historic pieces of armament are credited with playing a big role in the original unification of Tonga into one Kingdom.

In February, 1951, on the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Treaty of Friendship between Tonga and Britain, the four old cannon from the *Port-au-Prince* were presented to the United Kingdom.

## *How to Plan Your Own House*

A NEW service to Pacific Islands home builders will be found elsewhere in this issue. The Pacific Islands Home Plans Service is connected with the Sydney *Sunday Telegraph* home planning service which, in conjunction with a well-known Sydney department store, has supplied over 5,000 plans (from week-enders to residences of 50 squares) in the last two years. Many Papua-New Guinea readers of the *Sunday Telegraph* have already become interested in these plans, and the new Islands branch of the organisation will bring the service within reach of residents of other territories as well.

The house plans available through the Pacific service are especially designed for tropical conditions. Inquiries from readers relative to all aspects of home planning and building are welcomed by the organisation.

† Well known Cook Islands trader Mr. Willie Watson is due back in his Rarotonga home in April with Mrs. Watson and their two daughters on completion of a grand 12 months' world tour. While overseas, Mr. Watson was an indefatigably publicity agent for "the Cooks," in the true "Island Paradise—Maori Princess" manner.

# This Month's New Reading

## History of a Femme Fatale

THERE is a Daphne du Maurier touch about *The Keepers of the Walls*, a talented first novel by a young woman called Helga Harrison. The story is told with skill in creating suspense and tension, and in retrospect, by young unsophisticated Linda Johnson who, from the moment she met her, fell under the influence of Louise Forde. On her first encounter she was repelled and fascinated by Louise—with fascination in the ascendant as she was drawn into the Forde circle of strangely assorted people held together by Louise's personality.

Louise had everything—character, kindness, good looks, wealth, a loving, if too civilised husband, children. She also had lovers and a philosophy that if the heart is pure it does not matter what one does with the body. Above all, she had a spirit, a personality, that amounted almost to spell-binding.

Then there were the men in her life—Michael, her husband; Sean, the young Irishman; the French professor; Cyril, the *dilettante;* the Anglican clergyman; the Roman Catholic priest; all stimulated by her presence, drawn to her by love, lust or envy.

From the beginning it is known that Louise will die; the events that lead to her death, the reasons for it, provide the story. To the end, the reader is left in doubt. Was her death by accident or design?

This is a contemporary novel of unconventional conception, without the weaknesses that often beset this type of writing. It has strength and vitality and should have a wide appeal.

(Published by Secker & Warburg, London. Australian price, 15/6.)

## The Mixture As Before

THE youthful impression that E. V. Timms did a better job before he switched to writing an Australian saga (see January PIM) is confirmed—with reservations—by the recent reprint of an eariler novel. The book was originally called *Whitehall*, and has now been rechristened *The Falcon*. It was first printed in 1931.

*The Falcon* is a lively period piece of the Charles II era, with a Scarlet Pimpernel flavour.

The story concerns a dark plot between Charles II and Louis XIV of France, in which Charles undertakes to "sell" England into Roman Catholicism and support of Louis in other directions, in return for a monetary consideration which would allow Charles to continue his life of debauchery and pleasure without the necessity of getting Parliament to vote him the funds.

The plot is, of course, thwarted by an English nobleman, who plays the dual role of King's fool and agile adventurer—the Falcon.

The narrative is enlivened by the spirited behaviour of the Falcon's bride, who knows only the conventional half of her husband's life, and is unaware until late in the story that she has espoused the Falcon.

Misunderstandings, because of husband's double-life, complicate the story which abounds in the usual galloping horses, sword duels, 17th century cruelty, courtly Cavaliers and wicked priests.

If *The Falcon* cannot be regarded as a serious contribution to the literature of the nation, at least it is a welcome change from the puerile adventures of Ma and Pa Gubbay.

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

## Case History of a Reluctant Conspirator

AUTHOR John Blackwell has chosen the contemporary background of H-Bomb suspicion and security for his first novel, *Security Risk*. But he has woven it from the old nursery adage: *Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practise to deceive.*

Hamilton was an intelligent, capable official engaged on secret research for a Government project. He had been "screened" and regarded as no security risk; his ability was highly regarded and he was on his way up the hierarchical ladder. But Hamilton was also human, and this took the form of a woman—to wit, Vivien Rawdon.

Hamilton was attracted to Mrs. Rawdon before he knew that she was the wife of a colleague whom he instinctively disliked.

Trouble began when Hamilton discovered that Rawdon had copied a secret document with the intention of passing it on to those of opposing political views. Upon Hamilton fell the task of deciding what to do—and so far as Rawdon was concerned his duty was obvious and he intended to carry it out. But the complicating factor was Mrs. Rawdon, who pleaded for her husband on the grounds that as no harm had been done he should be permitted to resign and disappear from the scene.

Reluctantly Hamilton agreed—and from thereon it is a chain-reaction of events that lead irrevocably to their end. The story has something of the quality of a thriller, but primarily it is the study of a normally clear-thinking man of integrity caught up in events over which he no longer has control. It can, of course, be said that Hamilton, in taking the first fatal step showed a weakness of character that was merely emphasised as the story unfolds. But it is the weakness inherent in most of us and the author makes his points well and logically—that as security risks most people can be found wanting, given the right set of circumstances; and that the first step has not necessarily to be dictated by compelling, vital, important or even logical reasons.

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# CHURCH AND STATE GO INTO FISH-FARMING

WHEN SPC's Van Pel captured Rarotonga's fancy in April, 195[illegible] with his cry of, "Why go fishing when you can grow fish at home?" he started off a chain of interesting events that, among other things drew attention to the healthy competition between Church and State that sometimes enlivens life in the fair isle.

The "interesting events" commenced some three months after [illegible] *Tilapia Mozambique* fingerlings arrived by air from Suva, throve happily in the brand new Government fish-ponds, and produced countless numbers of Rarotonga fry.

Meanwhile, many fish-farm conscious Cook Islanders had been excavating private ponds in preparation for a "Government issue."

It became necessary for Mr. Maurice Baker, Director of Agriculture, to publicise a date, some three months ahead, when the local-born *Tilapia* would be fit for life in more commodious premises.

The date fixed, Mr. Baker was embarrassed to receive an invitation from the Rev. W. Murphy, LMS leader, which read that he (Baker) had "graciously consented to officially open the grand new *Tilapia* fish pond at Takamoa, LMS headquarters in Rarotonga," on a much earlier date.

Diplomatic 'phone calls followed. ". . . but Mr. Murphy, I've promised these people no issue until six weeks from to-day. . . "

". . . I fully undertsand your position, Mr. Baker, but the invitations are already out!"

Mr. Murphy had his way, and Takamoa had a festive air on a sunny day in August when a great assembly watched Mr. Baker, with appropriate and moving words, empty his well-wrapped container into the virgin waters of the spacious new fish pond.

The more observant clearly saw the flashes of silver as, it appeared, the two promised lady and gentleman *Tilapia* glided downwards to their new home.

Happy and content, the crowd dispersed, unconscious that the gi[illegible]




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sue had been cunningly fashioned mother-of-pearl shell by a local aftsman.

Soon conscious of the horrible uth Mr. Murphy took it very well, th mental reservations befitting man in his position. But he enyed the game of life, and had an triguing thought:

Two years earlier he had officiated the Penrhyn Island Christian ntennial. There, in preparation r the great feasts appropriate to ch an occasion, the islanders had ccessfully cultivated in brackish ols a large quantity of a local ltwater fish known by them to reond to such treatment.

It was worth a trial, and a chosen sciple was dispatched Penrhynrds per MV *Charlotte Donald*, on special mission.

Some months later, Mr. Murphy ok pains to see that Mr. Baker ew that the Takamoa fish pond s now well stocked with fish, ex nrhyn, that were fatter, happier, d twice as big as any *Tilapia* Mr. ker cared to produce.

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Mr. Shankar Pratap, a well-known rchant of Suva, Fiji, has been der medical attention in Sydney. . Pratap left Fiji on a business to India in December last, and joined an airways service in mbay late in March, on his return me. He evidently caught a chill ause, on his arrival in Sydney a ple of days later, he was suffer- from pneumonia and was sent mediately to the care of a doctor a friend's house in Vaucluse. He urned to Fiji early in April.

# *Obituary for my Friend, Shanghai Brown*

*By Peter England*

SHANGHAI loved the Sepik; he should be quite pleased with the place we picked for him, on the slope below the airstrip, overlooking the river, with a grove of hibiscus and frangipanni a few yards away. He loved flowers, too.

Captain Hugh ("Shanghai") Brown died last week. People dying, dying everywhere, dying all the time—I know. But here, in our small community, death leaves a deeper scar. We shall miss him; yes, there was only one Shangai.

A few weeks ago, at the Club—we had been discussing poetry and, in particular, the *Death of Dangerour Dan MacGrew*—he said:

"Now, Peter . . . Peter . . ."

He had a number of tricks, half rhetorical and half theatrical. One was to emphasise a word or phrase by repeating it two or three times; another was to spring up from his chair, take a few quick paces across the room, and then turn suddenly as if he had come to some tremendous decision.

"Now, Peter. You're a sort of half-baked writing chap. I'll tell you . . . I'll tell you . . . (taking a turn to the door and back) . . . I'll tell you what I want you to do."

He took a sip of his beer, and gave a deep chuckle:

"Yes, what I want you to do, Peter; what I want you to do: I want you to write my obituary. Now it's got to be good, really good; I'll edit it myself. I want to be The Man Who Edited His Own Obituary . . . (with an even deeper chuckle as he savoured the phrase) . . . *The Man Who Edited His Own Obituary!*"

Well I'm sorry that I'm writing this too late for Shanghai to read it. He went up-river again and he came back, came back earlier than we expected; and he came back dead. Sorry, Shanghai, old chap—but, better late than never. Here it is: *The Obituary of Shanghai Brown.*

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This is an obituary, not a biography. Someone else can tell you how Shanghai was apprenticed in sail at twelve years old; how he sailed the seven seas before he reached his mid-teens; how he got stranded in Philadelphia, and jailed in Cape Town. How, with Cedric Durham (who is still here with us), he joined the Intelligence Service in the '14-18 stoush, and, as an observer in one of the crazy aeroplanes of those times, he nosed out and caused the destruction of a German cruiser hidden a thousand miles up an African river.

Someone may tell you of his later career on the China Coast; as Customs officer, pilot, executive with BAT Company, member of exclusive Shanghai Yacht Club. Then his service in World War II with the Australian Navy all round the New Guinea islands and up to Shanghai again. . .

Of his post-war activities as recruiter and shipmaster with BGD Company and, lastly, crocodile hunter, trader, and gold-digger up around the Chambri Lakes.

An adventurous enough list, but a hundred men could have lived a similar life, held the same jobs, been to the same places, and still not have been Shanghai Brown.

I'd known Shanghai only for the last eight or nine years. I'll just give you the impressions that etched themselves most deeply in my memory.

* * *

I remember convivial nights at the Angoram Club, when we'd all sunk our fair share of grog, and the singing had started; and Shanghai, equipped with cane and straw-hat on one side of his head, took the floor with "The Man Who Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo."

I remember his extravagant rage when any defect appeared in one of his numerous items of mechanical equipment. Radio set, outboard motor, shot-gun, battery charger—no matter what, when they went wrong he had one cure. He would seize the offender in both hands and, with horrible maledictions, hurl it into the Sepik.

I remember Christmases when, down at his thatched house on the river bank, he would spend a mysterious day behind closed doors; and then invite all the children of the tiny settlement down to a party with a sparkling Christmas Tree

## ttern of Islands Completed in Samoa



ring a remarkably lucky spell of fine her the film "A Pattern of the Islands" completed within the companies 10 weeks dule. Some of the settings were colourful it promises for once to be a really ntic movie of the islands. The film crew themselves very popular and the Samoan rs enjoyed their parts. Seen here, just before shooting a scene, are (left to right) Tuiletufuga T., Inia De Wiata, Henrietta Godinet, Michael Horden, Susan Stephens, Moira Walker (better known as Moira Macdonald of "Return to Paradise"), John Bryce, Ollie Crichton. Standing on the left is the director Wolf Rilla.

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loaded with presents, and ice-cream, and soft drinks, and sweets, all prepared by his own hands.

I remember when, having received some real or fancied offence from officialdom, he would write a letter to the head of the offending Department—a real stinker. He would bring it up to the Club, and pass it round for everyone to read, pointing out, with chuckles, the phrases that had especially pleased him. He would put it in an envelope, stamp it, seal it, and then, on the point of sending it up to the Post Office, tear it up and throw it to the winds.

I remember how his native servants stuck to him through thick and thin. There was often, lately, a lot of *thin*—wages long in arrears, rations whatever the country could provide. When it was *thick*, he would make it up to them, he would give them anything they asked for.

I remember how he used to borrow my spanners and my books. The spanners frequently followed his recalcitrant machinery into the river. Where the books went I don't know, but they seldom came back.

He was a voracious reader; he would crouch in front of my bookcase, throwing the contents right and left on to the floor, muttering disgustedly: "Rubbish, rubbish, nothing but rubbish'"

Finally he would select half-a-dozen volumes, and, with a snort of contempt for my literary tastes, carry them away.

And lastly, I remember how, last week, we buried him. There was, I suppose, a rough dozen of us, and as we lowered him gently into his grave—that rascally, colourful, lovable irascible, kind-hearted old scoundrel Shanghai Brown, there was not a dry eye amongst us.

Angoram, Feb. 23, 1956.
Sepik River, TNG.

*HOSPITAL GETS INCINERATOR*

## Apia Dogs Get Leg (Human)

THE lackadaisical approach towards getting essential things done, so common in Samoa, was shockingly illustrated by a recent incident at the Apia Hospital.

A patient had his leg amputated at the hospital and that evening people living nearby were disturbed by dogs fighting in their backyard. Sure enough they were fighting over the amputated leg which had been dragged some 300 yards from the hospital incinerator.

Recriminations flew fast and free until it was pointed out that the incinerator was old and falling to pieces. It was quite open to wind, dogs and public gaze and it was not unusual for bandages and TB dressings to be blown from the incinerator all over the hospital compound.

Demand for a new one has been on the estimates for years but until now it has always been refused. The missing leg finally brought things to a head and the incinerator is now protected—by a wire netting fence!—*Special Correspondent.*

## *TURN THE HANDLE AND LIGHT UP*

*By R-OI*

THE ship was anchored off the island of Onotoa, in the Southern Gilberts, and I was leaning over the Saloon deck rail studying the coral formation about five fathoms below.

Then my day dreams were disturbed by a repeated clicking noise of almost mechanical precision. As I slowly came back to earth I was able to trace the source of the noise to a native canoe tied up to a hanging fender alongside the ship's side.

The native's wooden pipe was home-made and didn't run to a stem, but no doubt it was a favourite piece and had taken him several days to carve out of the solid wood with the few tools at his command. The lighting-up was aided by the very old method of "flint and steel," and was something I hadn't seen for some years, but this fellow seemed an expert.

He sat in his canoe in an attitude of quiet repose, holding in one hand a piece of broken file poised as a striker, and with the other hand steadying the short bulky pipe that he was holding in his mouth, a piece of rock held by the fingers of the same hand over the pipe which had a thin layer of charcoal and coconut fibre covering the fill of tobacco. With the ease of one using a match or modern cigarette lighter, and by making a series of quick strokes with the file on the flint—at the same time drawing in on his pipe—it seemed no time before there was a sign of smoke to prove his success.

His unhurried movements denoted satisfaction as he opened a tin that he kept in a plaited basket hanging to one of the cross beams of the canoe, to put away his flint and striker, together with the other necessities of a smoker, such as stick tobacco, a roll of pandanus leaf (prepared for use as a cigarette wrapper), charcoal and coconut fibre. Right at the bottom of the tin I could see a magnifying glass, which no doubt had started many a fire on shore for the owner.

Flint stone is highly valued in the Southern Gilberts, it is, of course, imported into the colony as islands in the Gilbert Group are of coral formation only.

On one voyage that I made with a Gilbertese crew, we called at Port Moresby, Papua, and there was great activity by the crew collecting flinty rocks from the new wharf sit at PM—so possibly the recent display I witnessed could have been of rock from that source.

At another southern Gilbert Island I was amazed to see a Triumph of Modern Science, in the form of an electric lighter, which had its origin in Nauru Island. The owner's son worked at Nauru, and has picked up a high-tension magneto which he had fitted with a small handle, and by linking the four distributor terminals on the magneto with a common wire, he was able to get a series of high-voltage sparks by turning the handle.

To complete this very effective lighter, there was a small ordinary hand oil-can which had a cotton wick pushed up the spout. The can itself was full of kerosene and the high-tension lead of the magneto was placed near the kerosene-soaked wick. By vigorously turning the handle about twenty times the high tension spark had the wick alight. This gave quite a flame though a bit smoky. It was a slight improvement on the primitive flint and striker method, but a bit more cumbersome than the Sun Glass.

## Big Fish from Rossel Is.



Papua's entry in the big fish stakes: 640-lb marlin which was caught last year off Rossel Island. The fish was 13 ft. long and was caught on a cord line with a strip of mackerel flesh as bait.

—Photo by Hugh F. Osborn



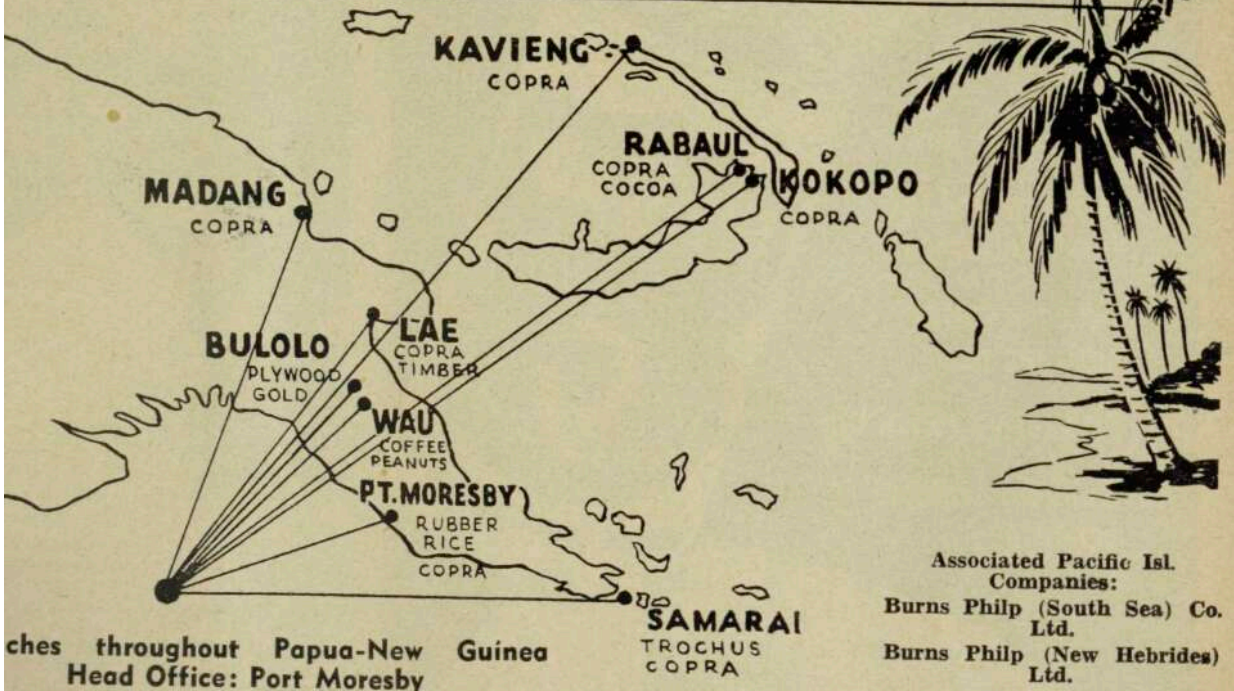

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*ANOTHER TERRITORIAN GOES SOUTH*

## Retirement of "Ernie" Britte

STILL another of the old-ti officials of New Guinea h folded his tent and sto silently away. This time it E. H. R. Britten, "Ernie" to friends up there, where he fi arrived 30 years ago for a priv company and shortly afterwards came a member of the ill-fa Nakanai expedition. Several me bers of this expedition were mu ered by natives back in 1926 an



E. H. R. Britten.
—Photo by C. H. Mee

think that now only Ernie Brit and Jack Thurston survive—"R Nichols, another member of party, having died a few years

After this tragic affair, Brit joined the Expropriation Board a period and when the estates w disposed of, he joined the Adm istration, taking over the duties O/C Native Labour, Rabaul, f that well-known identity, H Darby, who left to make a fort on the goldfields.

For years the O/C Native Lab Rabaul, has been known by native population as "M Darby," and Britten fell heir to title and relates how he was o greeted in many parts of the Te tory by that name.* His work this department was excellent, spite the many demands made u his units for a variety of work was one of the few governm officials who, having experie conditions in an unofficial capa was able to fully appreciate problems of non-officials.

His work as Court Interprete Rabaul was always carried out




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tially and with a well-founded wledge of both Pidgin and of the ive mind.

hen the Japs threatened the nds, it was Britten who was uted to take charge of the women children who were evacuated in *Macdhui* to Australia.

October, 1942, he was able to away and join the Forces and r took part in the Wau-maua show and entered Sala-a with our forces, after which he for the New Britain campaign ANGAU and remained there l 1945.

ith the late Charlie Bates, fax-Ross and others he was ngst those who gave new life hose who had been interned for ong in the Ramale Valley, near aul.

June, 1946, he was discharged AUGAU and took over the es of ADO, Rabaul, and, in unction with Bates, helped bring old township back into some-g resembling its old format, or ear as at that time, was possible.

ter, he was appointed Magis-e there and in 1951 he was sferred to Lae as ADO for a d and then as Magistrate. From he went to Wau as ADO and again to Lae as Magistrate.

all, a variety of jobs, all well ormed, backed by his thorough wledge of the Territory, and ed by a pleasing personality. Both he and his wife made a host of friends who will sadly miss them. The Brittens have retired to their home in Caulfield, Victoria.—GORDON THOMAS.

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***A Pidgin word "didimans", meaning gardener, or in pre-war Rabaul anyone connected with the Botanical Gardens, is believed to have originated in the same way—that is, that the original holder of the job, probably a German, had a name that sounded like that. Has Mr. Gordon Thomas or any other old-time resident anything to say about this?**

¶ Father Edward A. Tremblay, SM, of Haverhill, Mass., USA, who spent more than 30 years of his life in the mission field in Tonga, has written another book of reminiscences. In true American style, he has sought a title likely to tickle the ears of the groundlings—it is *Grins and Chuckles in the Land of Upside Down*. Despite his long years of arduous service, Father Tremblay never lost his sense of humour, and his new book should be well worth reading. His Order benefited much from the sales of his first book.


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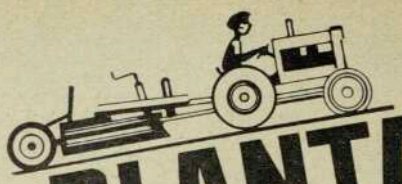
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# How The Broadcast Lesson Overcomes Teacher Shortage

*By R. F. Rankin*

*ıe author, who has studied ational methods in New Zea- , Australia, England and Japan, spent the last 6 years with the ation Department in Western oa and is at the moment of ng, acting Officer-in-Charge of ol Broadcasts. This article has approval of the Department of ation, Western Samoa, and ld be of considerable interest to ationalists in other Pacific terri- s, where lack of trained teachers ampering the great work of ation.*

W countries have as many visits rom overseas experts as Western amoa. United Nations Missions countless educationalists, omists, geographers, agricul- ists, doctors, entomologists, writers seem to make Samoa Mecca. Each has criticisms suggestions to make but one institution which invariably ves praise is the School Broad- ng Service. This is genuinely ıe as it provides a model of education by radio for backward countries and its progress is being watched from all corners of the world.

In the six years since its inception it has proved astonishingly effective in raising the standard of education amongst Samoa's 95,000 people. It is rarely that the effects of an experiment in education can be felt in so short a time or in such a decisive manner, but Samoa has proved beyond all doubt that the radio, with proper technique, can contribute more to developmental education than any other medium.

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Also, the curriculum of the whole school, from infants to forms, is built around the broadcasts and this gives a controlled unity to the work done in all schools throughout the islands. This unity and compulsion to prepare work for the radio lessons gives a general correlation to the educational system as a whole that would be almost impossible to attain with a teaching staff of such narrow background and experience.

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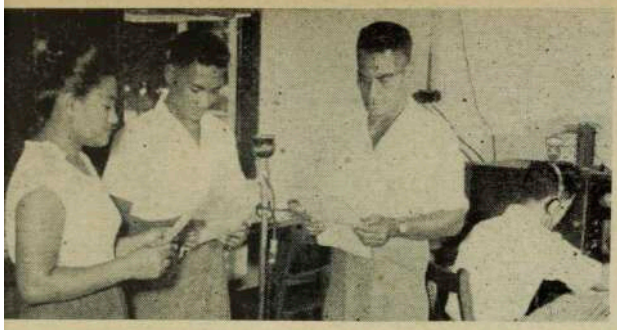
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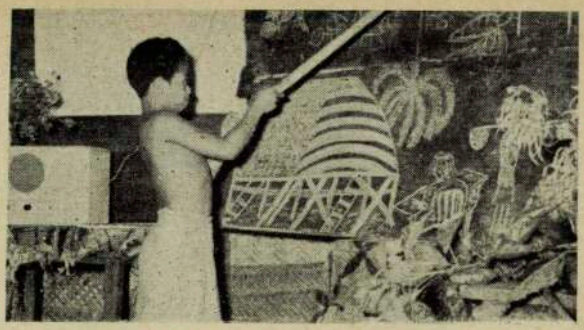
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**VE LEFT: Broadcasts relayed from the Broadcasts Office over local radio 2AP reach 20,000 government and village school children every week. we see Si'anaua Anae, Training College t Semo Koro from the Tokelau Islands latia Patu broadcasting a Nature Study in Samoan. 2AP technician Alfred an is at the controls.**

**VE RIGHT: Samoan pupil takes part in sson by pointing to blackboard illustra- s instructed by the radio and answering ns. Notice the specimens on the table right ready for display by pupils during dio Nature Study lesson. All blackboard tions are copied from the "Tomatau" chers' radio guide which is prepared yclostyled by the Broadcasts Staff and s notes and preparations for radio to be given each school term.**

morning, and usually consists ur lessons, each of 15 minutes ion. Each lesson is inter- ed with two or three minutes vely music when pupils stand give vent to natural Samoan- dancing, following a leader in of the class. This break stimu- the pupils' minds and consider- increases their assimilation tial.

sons for forms 1 and 2 consist ealth, Social Studies, Natural ce and English. Standards 1 take Singing as well, while s for Infants are restricted to sh Speaking, English Reading, h, Story and Singing.

Education Department s to teachers are given at the f the session.

h the technical assistance of adio Department which main- the battery-receiving sets, all ork, including preparation and styling of booklets, prepara- f scripts and the presentation ily radio lessons to over 20,000 en, is carried out by a staff e in the School Broadcasts

staff consists of two New nd teachers, two Samoan ers and one Samoan typist. forms' work is the respon- y of one New Zealand er, while the New Zealand er-in-charge of School Broad- correlates the whole and s the Samoan teachers in pre- g work for the infants and ards. All translation is done e two Samoan teachers.

umber of factors enter into the s of School Broadcasting in a. Pupil participation is vital, eachers have to learn the ed technique; have to pre- pare their work thoroughly and have all illustrations and aids ready as forewarned in their radio booklet. Pupils have to be made to feel a sense of achievement in accom- plishing work neither too hard nor too easy; lessons must be produced in a pleasant manner calculated to hold interest, and an attitude has to be built up among teachers and children that the radio lesson is a part of their school life and not

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o be successful, the lesson re-es a classroom teacher familiar the technique, who is a good dis-inarian and who has thoroughly pared for the lesson. To the nary listener, the lessons, which full of pauses, giving children portunity to carry out commands answer questions, must seem dull, but to the listening child are alive, and a vital part of education.
time, as more highly trained hers with broader backgrounds their places in the schools of oa, the character of school dcasts will, no doubt, change to he changing needs and circum-ces. However, in their present broadcasts are fulfilling a need outstanding success and the riment has produced a formula could be applied to help solve educational problems of other peoples in underdeveloped countries.

EDITORIAL NOTE

The above article fails perhaps to reveal the essential ingredient of successful school broadcasts—that is, the successful choice of the officer in charge. The specialised nature of this work calls for a rare measure of educational vision, personal force, imagination and organisational ability.

The success of School Broadcasting in Western Samoa is in large measure due to the promoter's enthusiasm and flair for this work, and his capacity to secure, and make the most of administrative backing.

Capital is made, for example, of the Samoan's inherent love of music and dancing. In order to relax pupils between radio lessons, two minutes is devoted to Samoan dance records, during which both teacher and pupils stand up and dance to refresh their minds for the next lesson.

This is an illustration of how basic commonsense and psychology can be combined to a nice degree with the Polynesian's love of rhythm and self-expression.

Other Administrations are not unmindful of the advantages of broadcasts. For example, in the Cook Islands, the machinery is organised for School Broadcasts and the scheme has the blessing of the Administration, but the negative and desultory nature of the present broadcasting set-up merely highlights the great need for the divine spark that only the right appointment can furnish.

¶ Mr. R. M. Major, who has been acting Financial Secretary, Fiji, has been seconded to British Honduras for two years as Development Commissioner.

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# Interesting Exhibits Without A Permanent Home

FOR years it has been the ambition of some Rarotongan residents to establish a Cook Islands' Museum at Rarotonga.

In 1947, the foundation for such a building was laid by members of the native-sponsored Cook Islands Progressive Association, but interest in the project dropped to zero after an official absconded with the funds.

Since then the Returned Soldiers' Association Sub-Branch, which is composed solely of World War II veterans, has sponsored the idea of a War Memorial Museum and Library, to be established at Rarotonga.

This matter was brought up again at the ninth session of the Legislative Council of the Cook Islands last October-November, and a Select Committee was elected to investigate ways and means of financing a suitable building.

So far, no great progress in this direction has been made, but an interesting collection of exhibits has been obtained. Among these are several types of adzes, ironwood spears, and sennit helmets which are being held in trust for the proposed Museum.

Judge Morgan has offered his collection of local seashells, and the latest contribution comes from Te Ora Rangatira, who is giving the five canoe-making adzes that were discovered when a drain was being dug through her land. The adzes are of grey basalt, about 12 in. long and appear to be the full tool kit of an ancient canoe builder.

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om April to November it is nal for the southeast trade winds hich are in reality predominy easterly—to divide such island ses as Samoa, Fiji and New donia into a wet half and a dry . most of the precipitation rring on the windward (easterly) of the central mountain ranges. om December to March this text pattern is modified by the l nature of the trade winds and movements of tropical storms may develop over this period. oximity to the great land mass ustralia is also a potent influ- at times and the manner in h the length of New Caledonia rientated northwest-southeast s towards a less clearly defined dry boundary than is the case iji.

## ive Foods and Bananas Suffer in Fiji Floods

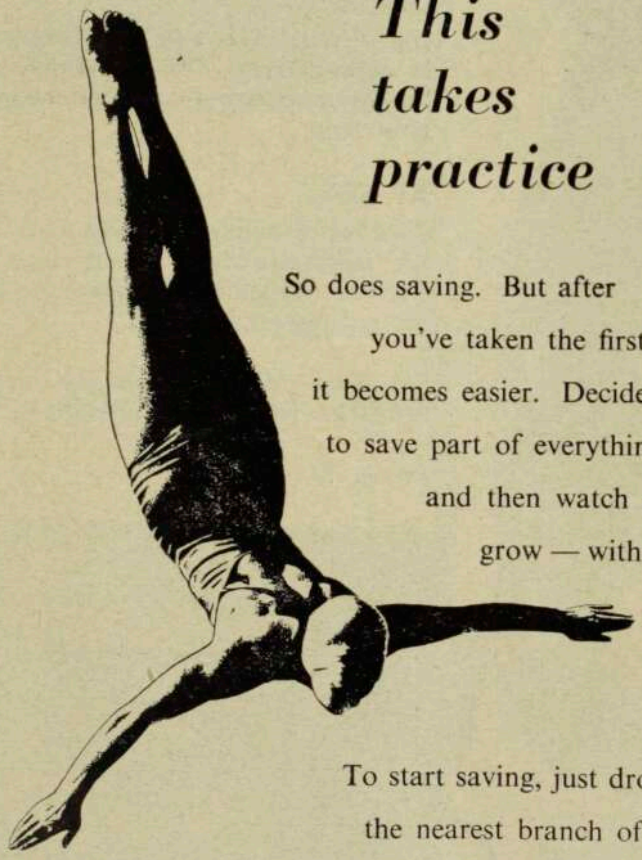
STEEP drop in banana exports rom Fiji is expected as a result f storm and flood damage in uary-March.
e heaviest loss will be immedi- Although the Fijians also plant nas higher up from the rivers, of the fruit is near the banks e alluvial, quicker-growing soil. hese banks not only were the ng plants carried away but whole banks were sliced away ckers went as well. Early ship- s must be heavily affected.
e difficulty of the Fijians is to nt their banana and food ations and at the same time for food. Government has dy given prompt assistance to villages with free gifts of food. ny of the villages have also that the cess taken from their as by voluntary arrangement ey used for any community se when required) be used y their provincial taxes which eave them free to concentrate on replanting.
damage is widespread, affect- ll the river country such as ainibuka, Waidina and Waini- Not only was the land ad- g the main rivers affected but he tributaries where the water, e to flow into the main rivers, backed up. In the first flood much of that country was submerged for three days, and for four days in the following flood. Bananas covered with still water survived, but the fruit emerged yellow.

Food gardens—many of them also planted in alluvial soil—suffered great damage also, with a consequent shortage of such native foodstuffs as dalo, tapioca, kumala and breadfruit.

To make matters worse, shipments of flour have been delayed, first through the Australian shipping strike and later through wet weather and wharf congestion in Sydney. *Waikawa*, which was carrying Fiji's first shipment of flour since the strike, did not leave Sydney until March 29. It is believed that she is carrying only a modest consignment of flour and that the next available ship from Sydney will not be leaving there until the end of April.

Bread shortage in Fiji affects not only European households—it is almost a staple diet with some town Fijians and part-Europeans.

† The RNZN warship *Lachlan*, now well known in South Pacific waters for her survey work, visited remote Palmerston atoll early March en route from Tahiti to Apia. This is the first ship the Marsters of Palmerston have seen since the wreck and subsequent rebuilding of Commander Clark's yacht *Solace*, late 1954.

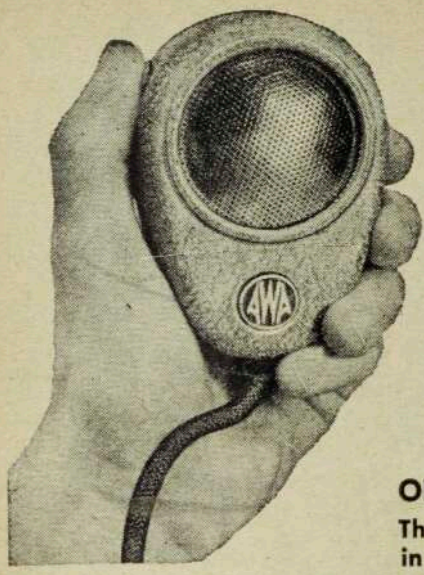
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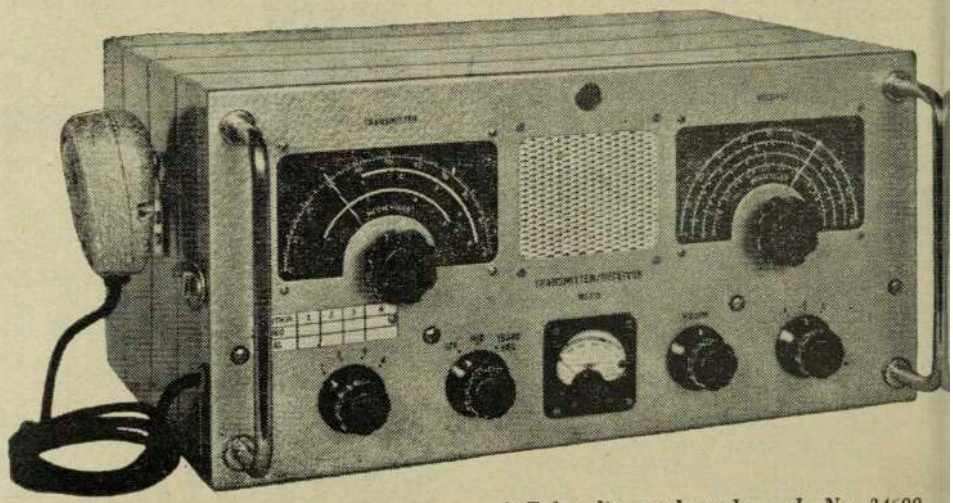
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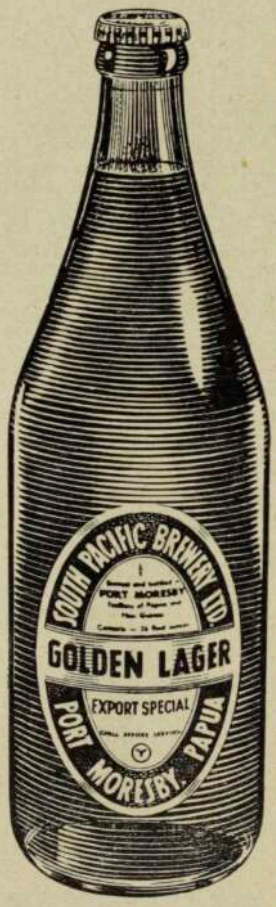
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# at Future for the Fijians?

have two regrets in leaving Fiji—we shall be very sorry to live further away from my le, and we shall miss our paw- for breakfast!
t, candidly, do you think Fiji be fit for Europeans to live in, n years' time, or sooner?
know people have been saying for some time; but the crisis oming nearer, as the Indians ase in numbers and the Fijians

In January, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Low t Fiji to live in New Zealand. Both d spent a large part of their lives Fiji. Mrs. Low formerly was Miss na Price, daughter of a planter in nua Levu. and she has much love the Colony.

Mrs. Low has considerable literary ent, and she has written frequently the "Pacific Islands Monthly". This icle is part of a farewell letter which sent to the Editor. It was not ended for publication—but Mrs. Low ows Fiji and the Fijians as well as European can, and her commentary the present condition of the country worthy of a larger audience. So we e the liberty of publishing it.

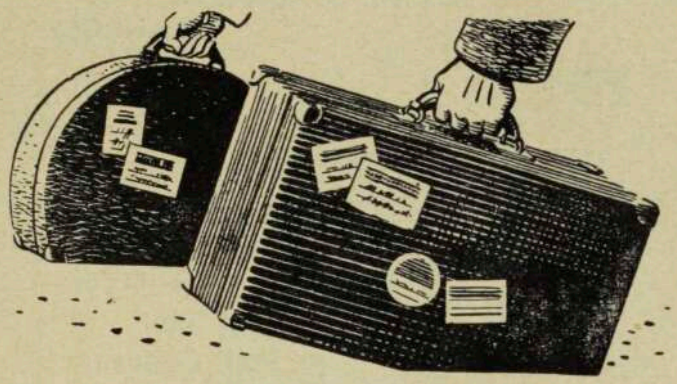
ase in arrogance, and an eness of the rights which have denied them for so long.
nic, is it not, that the im- nt Indian coolies should have to the dignity of the hise, whilst the indigenous ns have been kept under the ystem of chiefly rule? It is ly undemocratic, and I should o think of what would happen ssia gets to hear of it!
at will happen in Fiji when Fijians demand self-govern- Will the vociferous Indians t, on the grounds that they are ightful owners of Fiji? An sting question to ponder.
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they are also the most irre- ble, unreliable and exasperat- eople you could ever wish to You should try working with (preferably on a plantation) d out what they are really

cannot judge Fijians by their rs and their footballers—*they* e cream of their race, who go as to become popular am- lors of their country.

To my mind, the Fijians' biggest fault is that they appear to have so little real *love* of their country —so little feeling for their land, or desire to develop it, as the Indians do. They are content to watch the Indians develop the land, and to work for them.

Which brings us back to the chiefly system—and the communal way of life to which the Fijians are tied and from which they cannot escape.

This system is greatly to blame for the Fijians' lackadaisical outlook. Of what use are possessions and money, when they have to be shared with friends and relations? Why bother to work hard, when the fruits of one's labour are claimed by others? We would feel the same—look how we love the Income Tax Collector.

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## w Radio Goes to the scue of Rafts

CE the Kon-Tiki expedition, he Pacific has been the most opular ocean for drifters, h the Frenchman, Dr. Alain ard, in 1952, drifted across the tic from Europe to Barbados, ie West Indies, in a rubber y.

rly every year somebody has at drifting on a raft across ocean. This year it is again Pacific, but the latest expedi- did not go well.

ly in December, 1955, a raft d *La Cantuta*, with a crew of men and a woman, set out Callao, in Peru, to drift to esia.

6 p.m. on February 21, a New nd amateur radio operator in din, Mr. Joe Anderson, whose n is ZL4BK, made contact with mateur radio operator in na. The Panamanian radio tor told Mr. Anderson that r in the evening he had been ntact with *La Cantuta*, and ne had received the following tic distress message:

*ition 03.37N 108.20W require . Andy Rost very ill, craft gasoline, water. In whirlpool les wide.*

n Arias, the Panamian operator sign is HP1JF) explained that s passing on the information thought that the New Zea- operator could do something. ps a ship from New Zealand oute to the Panama Canal be somewhere in the area. raft's position was well north e great circle route to the na Canal, of course, but son duly informed the New d authorities. As we now know enture was abandoned. (See ships News, this issue).

ough *La Contuta* was not o make it, in 1954 William made it alone. He was out of Callao, Peru, and 5 days drifted 11,000 miles the Pacific to Pago Pago, n Samoa.

voyage was more remarkable hat of the *Kon-Tiki*, for Willis d alone, except for a cat and ot, on a balsa wood raft half e of *Kon-Tiki*. And the pick- p of his radio signals near d of his voyage was a triumph rofessional and amateur radio or.

is set out on June 22, 1954, n the Pacific nobody knew about it. He carried a radio nitter, a Marconio life-boat nd before his departure he to the Peruvian authorities e would transmit his position at 16.00 hours and 23.00 hours Greenwich mean time, on the international distress frequencies of 500 and 8364 kilocycles. But after the first day out of Callao he was not heard.

Then Mrs. Willis got on the job. After a silence lasting months, she was anxious about her 61-years-old husband. She wrote a letter to the American Relay League, which is the American amateur radio operators' society, giving details of her husband's planned drift and his radio equipment, and asking Society members to listen for her husband.

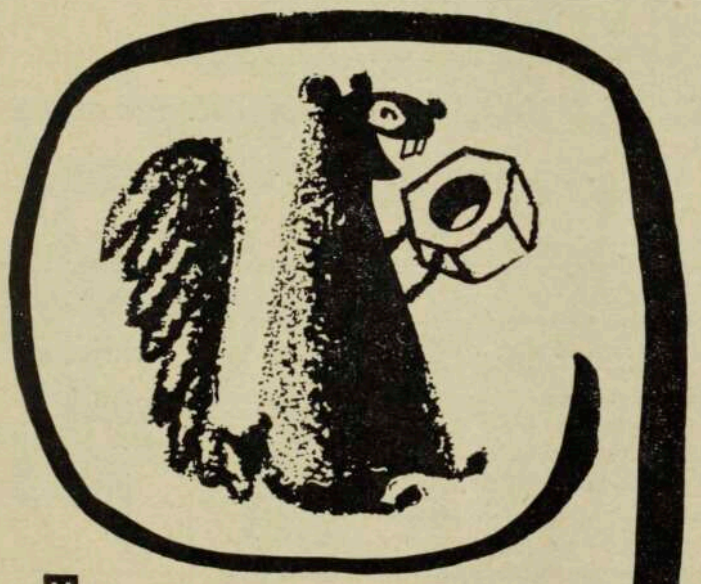
She wrote on September 7, 1954: "My husband, William Willis, has been drifting on his raft of balsa logs called the *Seven Little Sisters* in the Humbolt Current Pacific Ocean over the same route as the *Kon-Tiki* since June 22 (11 weeks to-day, 77 days) and no message has been received.

"I understood it is difficult to get the emergency frequency from here, but I thought, since he is nearing the islands in the Tuamotus, or Polynesian Group, the radio amateurs in that vicinity would be able to pick up his call letters if they knew about him. I've heard that radio amateurs have contacts all over the world and I am wondering if any of your members could relay this information out that way.

"As I wrote you from Lima, Peru, at the end of June, my husband has a Marconi Salvita 3, hand-operated transmitter, which is an emergency transmitter. His call letters are '7HTAS' (given to him by the Peruvian Government), which stand for the name of his raft in Spanish of *Siete Hermanitas*, which in English is *Seven Little Sisters*. He is to transmit at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Eastern Standard Time and possibly at other hours, except during the emergency silent period.

"He is to give his call letters, his position, and perhaps a short message. There must be many radio amateurs in the South Pacific and I feel sure if you could get to them we'd hear of my husband before long."

MR. DOUG. BERRY, an amateur radio operator in Rarotonga, Cook Islands, received a photo-

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stat copy of this letter and he passed it over to Rarotonga Radio, the commercial communications station.

Mr. Doug. Cunnold was the Superintendent of the Rarotonga radio station, and also an amateur radio operator. He said, "All right, we'll listen for him."

So daily at 12.30 p.m., Rarotonga time, an operator in the station would listen on the shortwave frequency of 8364 kilocycles for signals from the raft. Cunnold also listened on his own commercial communications receiver, forming a part of his amateur radio installation at his home.

Privately, we thought it was a waste of time, as by this time Willis had gone unheard for over 100 days.

Then, on October 13, Cunnold asked the operator tuning across the shortwave frequency if he could hear him. The operator shook his head, so Cunnold went over to his bungalow to listen on his own receiver. Earlier that day he had been up at 5.30 a.m. to listen for Willis's 1600 gmt transmission, but he had not heard anything.

Then Cunnold came hurrying back into the station with the star ling information that he had heard Willis. It had been sheer luck, for apparently Willis, throughout his voyage, had used his transmitter regularly, but it was incorrectly adjusted and it wasn't until the voyage was almost completed that he discovered and rectified the error.

At 12.40 p.m., Rarotonga time (2340 gmt) Doug. Cunnold tuned on to Willis' weak, wavering signal and picked up the words, "Raft position 20 miles from Tutuila. Need help to land. All is well."

The short message was immediately flashed to the Government station at Pago Pago, and this radio station broadcast it to all ships on the international distress frequency of 500 kilocycles, asking them to monitor the raft's radio frequency.

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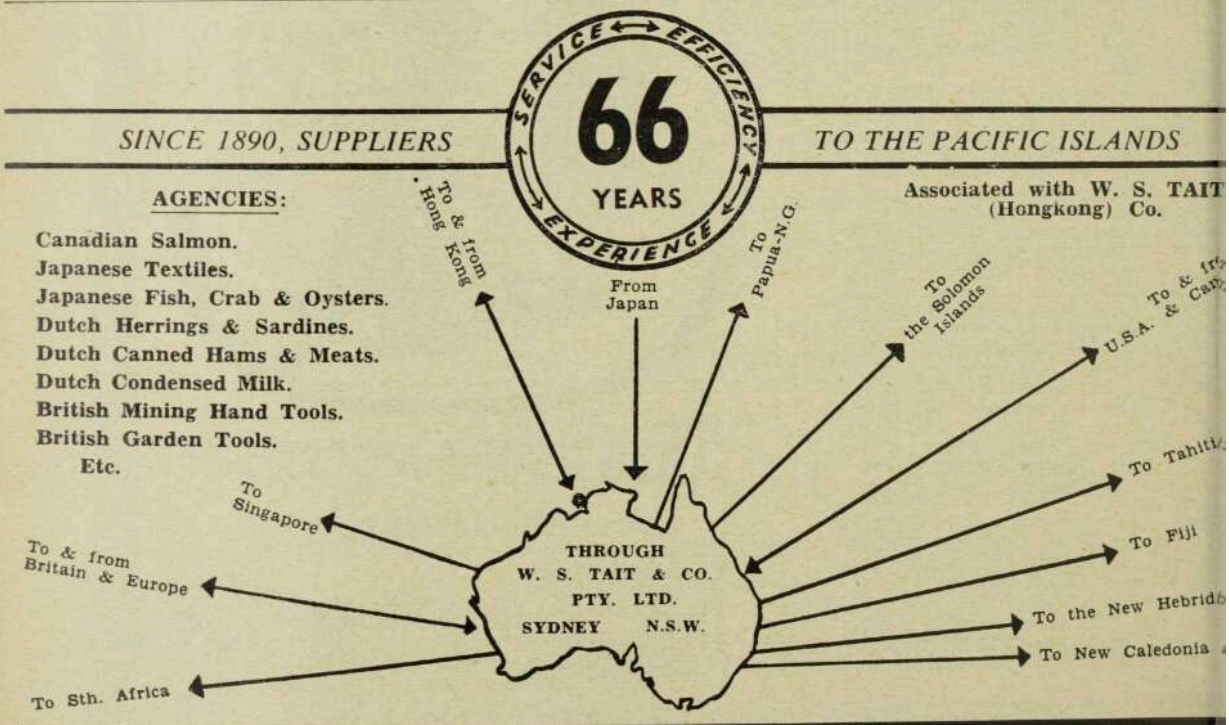


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t vessel *Manuatele* put to sea to duct a search in the area East he island of Tutuila. She did sight the raft, but the next she put out again and found raft 27 miles northwest of ila and towed it into Pago Pago. e news was flashed to the world William Willis was safe.
e, the professional operators in radio station, could not hear is' signals with specially tuned als, but a man, acting for the ient as an amateur, wi'h an l consisting of just "a hunk of " picked that signal out of the

was a triumph for Doug. nold.

*Letter to the Editor*

## NO TAX ON NI WHALES

I DO not know who your Norfolk Island correspondent is, but the information on page 149, February issue, is quite definitely incorrect.

As a foundation member of the NI Progress Association, and a regular attender, I can state definitely that a whale tax has *never been discussed*, let alone suggested to the Council or to anyone else.

I have checked this with our Secretary and we feel that you should make this clear in your next issue.

The Association's main interest at present is to press for a democratic "set-up," with local control of affairs—in fact, just what the petition asked.

I am, etc.,
W. N. SELBY-NEWBOLD.

† On January 25, Rarotonga's Health Department announced that two cases of Polio had been discovered on that island, and advised the public on precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Restrictions were placed on inter-island passenger travel, but as no further cases were reported the ban was lifted on March 1.

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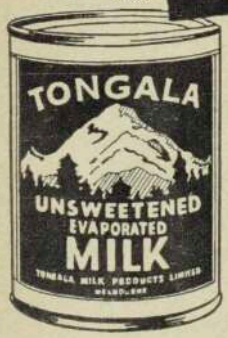






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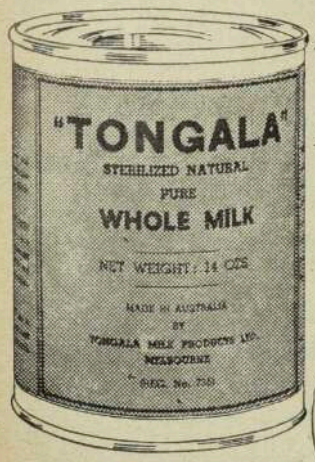



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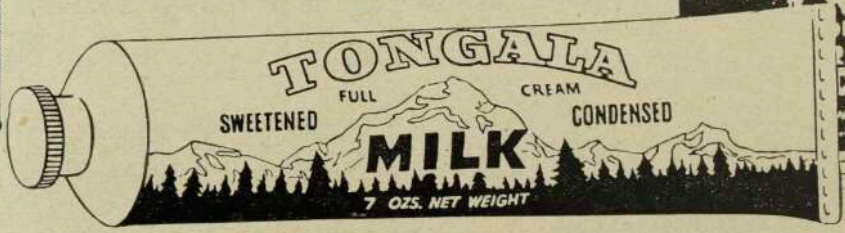
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*AN NEIGHBOURS*
*DUTCH NEW GUINEA?*

# esterners Abandon Dutch in Favour of the Indonesians

ERE are indications that the lundering diplomacy of the Vest, now running in terror be- the "communisation" of Asia, changed policy in relation to nesia.

atever few remaining obliga- the West had to the Dutch being thrown overboard. The nesians now are being en- ged in their tough and utterly upulous treatment of the Dutch. is likely that when next the rn New Guinea issue comes e the international authority, d States, Britain and Australia support the Indonesians' in- sible claim to that territory, hat we of the Pacific presently nd that we have as our western ours, not the Dutch, who have buted so much to our material ss, but the Indonesians—a type who will provide South c humanity with nothing ex- a convenient land bridge be- overcrowded Asia and our nd half-empty lands.

*more clearly understand the e of the West's betrayal of the Pacific—seen in the spiritless der of Indo-China, Malaya, Singapore, Burma and Indonesia to swarming masses who are far from ready to govern themselves—it is necessary to recount a little history. This is merely the outline of a tragic story that has been told many times in this journal since 1945.*

THE Dutch took over the scattered archipelagoes and the completely disunited communities of the East Indies over 300 years ago, and colonised and organised them to the great benefit of the Indo-Malay people, and their own profit. When the Japanese, after 30 years' preparation, seized the Southwest Pacific countries by the throat in 1941, they occupied the Dutch East Indies, as well as Australian New Guinea, the British Solomons and Gilberts, French Indo-China, British Singapore and Borneo, and American Philippines.

The Dutch, although their homeland was occupied by the Germans, fought doughtily beside the Americans and British against the invaders. When the latter eventually were driven out and crushed, the Dutch naturally expected to be assisted back into their Indies empire by their allies.

But, oh no! The British and the French and the Australians and the Americans all returned to their respective Territories—although none of them had been there half as long as the Dutch had been in the Indies—but every Dutch move to return to Java (centre of their Eastern


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empire) was hamstrung and defeated, partly by the indifference of the then Socialist-led Britain and Australia and USA, and partly by the intrigues and machinations of a Japanese-implanted gang of Javanese political agitators led by the so-called "Doctor" Soekarno.

Normally, the Dutch could have cleaned up the Jap-Soekarno conspiracy quickly with their own forces. But Holland had been under German occupation for five years, and could not produce an army and navy immediately out of their ravaged country.

By the time the Dutch created a military organisation, the British and Australian Socialist Governments were giving away their South Asia territories to the nationalist organisations with both hands. The Westerners just naturally aligned themselves, both directly and through UNO, with the Javanese politicians against the Dutch, and literally forced the Dutch into compromises which never have been justified.

THE rest is history. Ever since 1947, the Dutch have been trying to make, with the "Government" of Indonesia (a self-elected gang of political adventurers) some sort of agreement which would take care of the facts that there were in Indonesia some 50,000 Dutch, 400,000 Indo-Dutch (the result of inter-marriage over 300 years), and enormous Dutch investments.

Agreement after agreement was made—but every one was systematically and cynically undermined and destroyed by the Indonesians. Finally, on February 21, 1956, the Indonesian "Government" finally denounced the Agreement made in 1949 (at a Round Table Conferen under the supervision of the Unit Nations), under which the Nethe lands-Indonesian Union was creat and numerous matters affecti their common interests were a justed.

It was seen in 1954 that denunci tion of the Union was coming; t


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## terested Spectators in Fiji

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The Western countries are being ced by Asiatic Communist threats give political freedom to the South- t Asiatic countries a generation or before they are fit for that free- n. Heaven alone knows what the ult will be.
But the Fiji-born Indians are not sing a line of it. They will use developments there, and in the ish colonies in West Africa, as an ument in favour of their getting common roll privilege in Fiji. they will be hard to answer.
n fairness and justice to all the es concerned, it is not possible to the common roll to the Indians Fiji until the Fijians themselves advanced enough sociologically to w them also to exercise the ilege. That will be some time yet. ut try to tell that to the Fiji Indians!
. I don't know the answer—but I know that the situation developing Fiji does and will call for great dom and tolerance on the part of Government there.

at time the Indonesians did se that all the matters in dis- and especially the persecution mprisonment without trial of subjects) would be cleared up roper and legal manner.
every Indonesian promise to nd has been broken. There less than 23 Dutch subjects n gaol at the present time in esia, without legal justifica- The full Dutch are being natically hounded out of the try; the part-Dutch are mostly persecuted. The Dutch have at least £400,000,000 g invested in Indonesia—but re not permitted to take it

he Dutch are forced away, the e are silently moving in and their places. Just as in a, Indo-China, Singapore, the sing underground influence of inese is reflected in an im- le growth of Communism. the counting of the votes in st Indonesian general election, n September, was completed rch, it was discovered that a r of the country's first Par- t are Reds.

ese circumstances, it was ex- cted that the Governments ich, around 1950, succeeded scredited Leftist Administra- n Britain, America and Aus- would use their influence for utch and against the Indo- s—especially in regard to the demand for sovereignty over n New Guinea. Between 1951 955 the Western Powers did to be pro-Dutch. The Indo- claim to Dutch New Guinea nphatically knocked back at

in recent months, some very strange things have happened.

Britain, when she has disclosed an opinion at all, has seemed to be as indifferent to Dutch interests in Indonesia as she is to the strategic effect of her retreat from Singapore and Malaya on the British countries in the South Pacific.

Australia's "Foreign Minister," Mr. Casey, who was quite definitely pro-Dutch in 1953-54, has turned a complete somersault. A well-known Victorian man, Senator Rankin, speaking in the Australian Parliament, referred to Indonesian President Soekarno and his Government as "a gang of pro-Japanese Quislings who want to thieve New Guinea." Anyone who knows his far East-Pacific history will endorse every word the Senator said.

Mr. Casey thereupon commented:
*"This remark is wholly unjustified, and the Australian Government repudiates it in the strongest terms.*
*"I would ask President Soekarno and the Government of Indonesia to accept the profound regrets of the Australian Government that any such offensive and unjustified remarks were made."*

It is hoped that the Australian outcry against the spectacle of an Australian Minister crawling thus on his belly to the Indonesian gangsters was noted by the friends of the Dutch. Australia has no more valuable human asset than the tens of thousands of Dutch people who have settled there. Australia, for the preservation of her own socio-economic standards, will not allow


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nesians to go in and settle. *m sapienti sat est!*

very latest development is the appearance of the peripatetic Dulles in Jakarta, where id that "Americans were happy e identified with the rapid ion which has taken place colonialism to independence"; ricans always remember that too, once were a colony, that had won their independence ard way, and that they also ad difficulties in maintaining independence"; and "Indo- would have the continued support and sympathy of both S Government and the Ameri- eople."

have read much criticism of tivities of "the American Re- an bull in the Asiatic china and, after that exhibition, es not wonder at it.

le Mr. Dulles was praising the n and patriotism of the Indo- leaders, the latter gentlemen giving the final touches to dishonourable repudiation of agreements with the Nether- Almost simultaneously, the States concluded the sale to sia of surplus agricultural e worth £42,000,000 Australian. ormal Ministerial statements, Hague and Washington, the lands Government expressed ck and disappointment with terances of Mr. Dulles.

e Mr. Dulles was skipping around Jakarta and Singapore, Bangkok and Colombo, using honeyed phrases which made more experienced diplomats writhe, the Middle East situation was deteriorating in an alarming way.

London newspapers' most acid comment was contained in a photograph, published right alongside the Cyprus-Egyptian news, showing an unclad Mr. Dulles stretched out luxuriously on a Ceylon beach, sunning himself under the palm trees.

IT all gave point to the summary published late in January, from that most experienced of Far East commentators, Denis Warner. Because of the danger that the "newly liberated" countries of Indo-China, Indonesia, Burma (with Singapore and Malaya close up, of course) may be penetrated by Communism, Britain and America, as a matter of deliberate policy, have decided to cultivate the goodwill of the new countries.

An Indonesian named Sastroamidjojo was premier in 1954-5, but he fell in mid-1955 because he was practically controlled by Communists, and there was administrative corruption throughout the land. Thereupon the Moslems, under Berhannudin Harahap, formed a caretaker Government, and held the elections.

This Moslem set-up pleaded that although it opposed Communism, it was slowly succumbing to Red influence because of the Netherlands stubborn demands for various privileges, and the non-cooperation of the Western world.

It was then (end of 1955) that the British-American-Australian "diplomats" executed a *volte face*, and began to woo the Indonesians.

The latest report is that the three non-Communist parties in the new Indonesian Parliament—mostly Moslems and Nationalists—now have got together and formed a Government under Ali Sastroamidjojo, in an attempt to keep the Reds out of office.

The confusion and the shouting are symptomatic of the Western world's state of mind. Anything goes—so long as it is, in the enfeebled opinion of the West's "statesmen," something that can be waved in the face of the merciless, oncoming Reds.

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Only about five of the grasses now growing in Fiji are indigenous, the other 153 species have been introduced. The work of collecting and recording grasses goes back almost 100 years—the first collection having been made by Dr. Berthold Seeman in 1861.

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urch, Auckland, NZ, on February 16.
was formerly Miss Margaret Jacka,
of Mrs. M. A. Jacka, and the late
cka, of Suva, Fiji. The bridegroom
nnection with Fiji also, in that his
vas Miss Marion Taylor, of Levuka.

## D.O. Tokelau Islands

H. L. WEBBER has been
pointed District Officer,
okelau Is., succeeding Mr.
Pearless, lost in the *Joyita*

Webber was formerly on the
of the telecommunications
at Apia.

KELAU RESETTLEMENT

is return from a visit to the
Is. aboard RNZN survey
*achlan*, in March, the High
ssioner of Western Samoa,
G. Powles, said that a re-
ent scheme at Fakaofo atoll
continue.
scheme, involving the aliena-
land from which the Catholic
Mission in Apia formerly benefited, had been put into operation by Mr. Pearless, but had been suspended since the *Joyita* inquiry.

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...lashed on the sails in large ...s, from jib to mizzen, were the ...s, "NO FOOD, HELP, SOS."

...nging weakly to the mainmast ...in the water-filled cabin was ...lmost demented American girl, ... Thompson, sole survivor of an ...uipped quartette that had ...ed Los Angeles 3½ months ...r.

...the scum and swill that almost ...rsed the survivor, were found ...ecomposing bodies of a girl and ...n.

...hetic log entries revealed how ...nexperienced American seamen, ...n Arthur Conly and Chester Arthur Thompson, had set sail with their wives for the Marquesas and slowly abandoned hope as their one month's supply of provisions ran out and they became utterly lost in the immensity of the Pacific.

Two months out, Thompson died of starvation and was buried at sea. Thereafter log entries were sparse as Conly—master and owner—and the two girls slowly gave up the struggle. Conly was the next to die.

No land, it appeared, was sighted throughout this interminable and hopeless voyage.

To the surprise of many, Mrs. Thompson slowly regained normal mental and physical health and Pastor Walter Ferris, who located the *Wing On*, and was instrumental in saving her life, later visited Mrs. Thompson and her two children in San Francisco.

## THE *PILBARRA* DRIFTED FOR WEEKS

*Mr. K. P. Wright, of Quirindi, NSW, who was a banana planter at Maikorokoro, near Suva, early this century, recalls another singular drift—this time of the lost steamer* Pilbarra:

The strange disappearance of the *Joyita* a few months ago recalls what was nearly a similar mystery, about Chrismas time, in the year (I think), 1906.

The AUSN Co.'s ship *Pilbarra*, which was then in the Fiji-Sydney service, left Sydney with a full complement of passengers for Suva.

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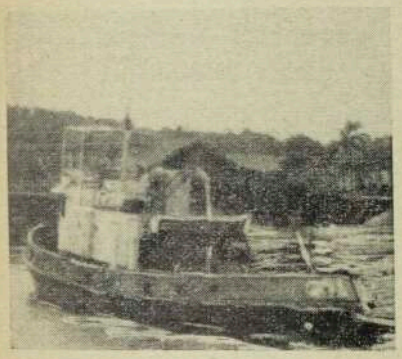

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There was no radio in those days. After many days, she appeared in the New Hebrides area and, as it appeared to the Captain that she would inevitably drift onto a reef, he landed all passengers, save one, on an island—I cannot recall which—and landed also some food supplies.

The captain himself, with one of the crew and one passenger, s ood off in a boat, to watch the ship pile up.

At the critical moment, however, the tide turned, and *Pilbarra* drifted away from the reef. The master and his two companions quickly returned on board, and the ship continued to drift away into open ocean. Eventually, it was sighted and towed to Suva.

The passengers had also been discovered, and rescued. Among them was a friend of mine, a Mr. Howie, who was one of the principal men in Henry Marks & Co.'s business in Suva—and who, incidentally, sold me a pair of parallel rulers a day or two after his safe return. The rulers are on my desk as I write this, 50 years after the event.



"Shell 40" which was in trouble in February and helped "Rona" off a Fiji reef in March (see letterpress).
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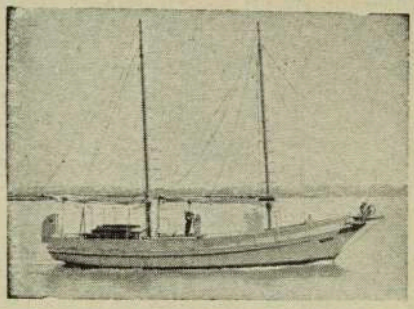
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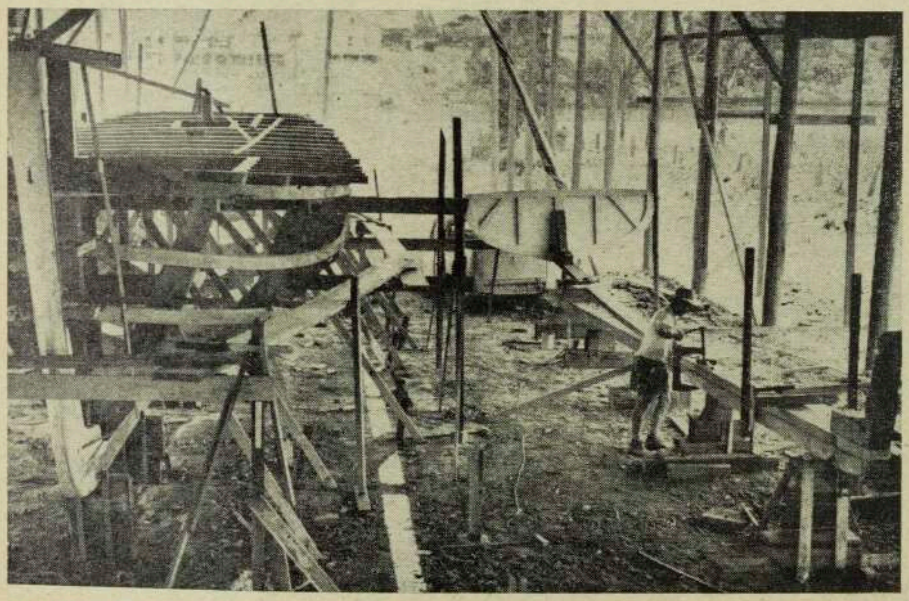
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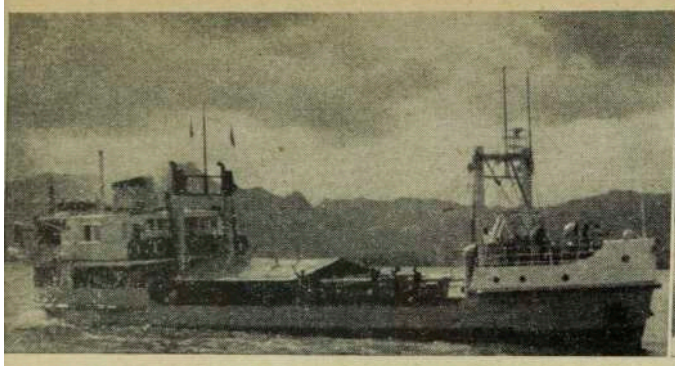


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At left, the G&EI Colony Wholesale Society's m.v. "Tungaru" leaving Suva in March after annual survey and refit. Among the passengers was Bauro Ratieta, Gilbertese D.O. Ellice Is., who had been visiting Banaban settlers at Rabi Is., Fiji. The "Tungaru's" sister ship, the "Tuvalu" is due in Suva for annual survey in June. At right, Captain MacAddie, master of the G&EIC vessel "Tungaru".
Photos: J. Thornton.

Had the master not regained his p but joined the others on the nd instead, the *Pilbarra* could ve been discovered drifting, and is would have set a problem ilar to that of the *Joyita*.

Maybe some of your readers will nember the *Pilbarra* incident. obably some of those who were on rd are still alive.

TWO-FIFTHS OF THE WAY HOME

*Phoenix*, a 50-ft double-ended ciliary ketch, mentioned in these umns previously, arrived in Syd- mid-March two years out and ee to go on a Hiroshima-and-k circumnavigation.

Designer, part-builder, owner and vigator, Dr. Earle Reynolds, nerican anthropologist ex Hiroma University, was accompanied Mrs. Reynolds, a professional er, son Ted, daughter Jessica, ee Japanese amateur yachties as w, and two cats.

The financial headaches of world ising are largely met by literary nings, with Mrs. Reynolds as the instay.

*Phoenix* is a stout, shipshape craft modified Colin Archer design, lt in Hiroshima of Japanese bers. To date she has circled the ific via Honolulu, Tahiti, Rarotga, Pago Pago, Auckland.

The remaining three years will s all too quickly via East Indies, rban, Cape Town, the US eastrd, Panama, Honolulu, Hiroma. These people know what y are about: they spend an quate time in port preparing to to sea, and when they are at sea h emergencies as do arise are ctly of the sea's making only.

TUNA-TYPE VESSEL FOR PAPUA

A 50-ft tuna-fishing vessel, *Trevor* built in Sydney recently by Bill le, has been purchased through n Barraclough Pty. Ltd., by Mr. bert McCullough, cocoa planter of pua, as a general freighter and k-boat.

*Trevor W* is a stout beamy craft vered with a 50-hp diesel and igned on Japanese tuna-vessel s with round bilge forward fair- to hard chine aft.

Mr. McCullough plans to deliver the vessel himself, departing Sydney April and collecting a Solastic woven-glass sheathing in Queensland en route. Re-christening still to come.

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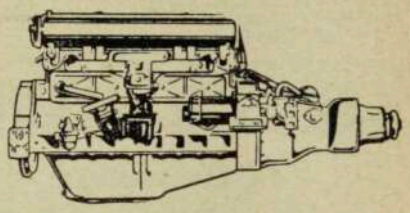

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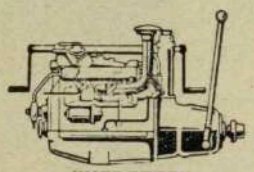
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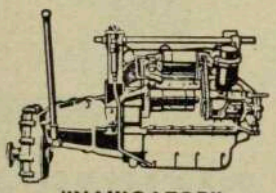


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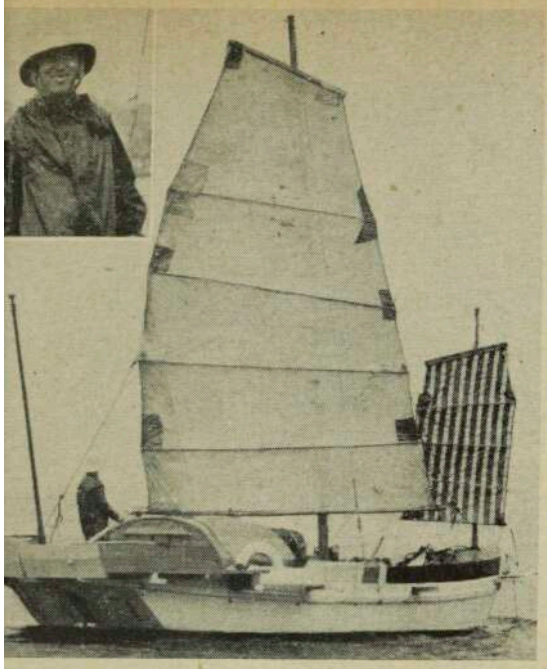
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ld Johnson (inset) and his junk in full sail as he left Sydney on March 15. A few hours later the junk was wrecked terpress).

—Daily Telegraph photos.

NOTHER DRIFT VOYAGE

unusual form of transport is used for the removal of 3,000 forty-four gallon drums from Gusap, eastern terminal of the New Guinea Highlands road, to Lae, on the coast.

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Each raft will have a crew of two boys and the journey is expected to take three to four days.

The drums will be sold to Vacuum Oil by Mr. Theo Mason, who holds the salvage rights and who is organising the project.

## END OF A JUNK BUT NOT JOHNSON

Ronald Johnson, *Tovata* drifter of 1947, who was wrecked and made the headlines on the NSW coast near Broken Bay during March while trying to reach the Solomons in his Chinese junk (March PIM), is living with friends in Sydney and considering ways of regaining some of the money lost when the Pacific claimed his craft and its cargo.

Engines and costly deep-sea diving gear were lost when the junk broke up after being battered onto rocks by the heavy seas.

Also lost were diaries and a scrapbook containing a record of Johnson's escapades in Islands waters during the past 20 years.

With his capital considerably reduced, Johnson is looking for some means of making, as he describes it, "quick money." He is undecided whether:

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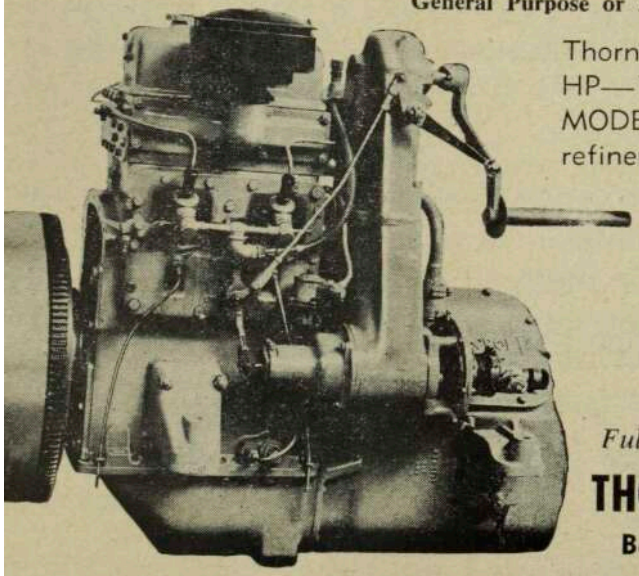
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and industrial equipment, and try to sell them in the Pacific territories or in NSW country areas; • or to return once more to the sea by building a motor-sailing vessel that he could take to the Pacific region and sell at a profit.

Failing these schemes, he can always fall back on the street photography business which he has conducted at odd periods during sojourns in Sydney.

Recalling the night of the junk disaster, Johnson says: "It was a wild night. I encountered seas as large as I have seen anywhere. Had I been able to start the motor I might have been able to pull clear, but when I saw the white water I knew the ship was done."

With incredible luck, Johnson leaped from the wreck and after being almost crushed by the boat as she bore down on him on the crest of a wave, he reached the shore, climbed a 100-ft precipice and walked 10 miles to the nearest house for help.

As soon as it became known that Johnson had been wrecked, Sydney's newspapers buried their teeth into the sensational story of his night of terror, and he became front-page news.

Johnson insists that his junk, which had been laughed at by Sydney's yachtsmen as unseaworthy, did not sink on the night of the storm. The disaster occurred, he says, because a tremendously strong current in the mouth of the Hawkesbury, where he attempted to shelter for the night, combined with the heavy seas to break his anchor warp and batter him against the jagged rocks.

Looking back on the incident, Johnson accepts it in his usual philosophical fashion.

However, he issues this warning to mariners shipwrecked on rocky shores: don't take your clothes off!

Back in Sydney he displayed badly-cut pair of shins, but insiste he would have been even mo severely cut in his scramble for li if he had obeyed his first instin and torn off the shorts and oil-ski he was wearing, before leaping in the sea.

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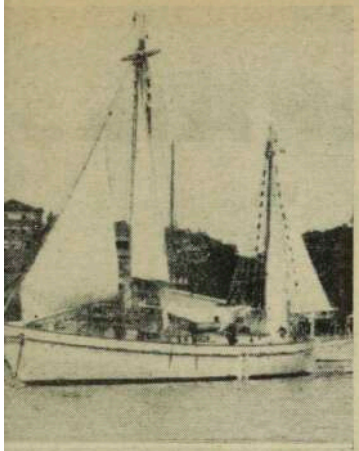
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the auxiliary ketch "Phoenix", which
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sed recently in Sydney by a Papuan
. (See stories, page 115.)

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h as far as it goes. However,
ght have been worth while if
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eeping where *bona fide* small-
owners could purchase them
and thus restore to the sets their original purpose.

The sets can be purchased complete in New Zealand, but so far as PIM could find out, the wheels from the Australian models were removed and destroyed.

The sets will still work—with an auxiliary morse key, and if the purchaser happens to know morse and has particularly fine co-ordination. To get the power to send the signal it is necessary to wind the generator handle, at the same time as tapping the morse key—and this appears about as involved as the old wheeze of rubbing one's nose with one hand while patting one's head with the other. Definitely not an exercise that recommends itself to a storm-tossed yachtsman in distress.

UNLUCKY *DEUTGAN*

The 211 tons ex-barge *Deutgan*, owned by Mr. Marcel Marinacce, of Santo, New Hebrides, returned home recently after an expensive, 9 months-long refit in Sydney.

On March 13, in course of a trading voyage to Tanna, in the NH group, she grounded at Port Resolution. Report is that she is a total loss.

On her recent delivery voyage, Captain Haines, of Sydney, took *Deutgan* as far as Noumea and then handed her over to her owners.

ANOTHER ONE FOR RNZAF

The RNZAF Search-and-Rescue squadron based at Lauthala Bay, near Suva, is still being kept busy.

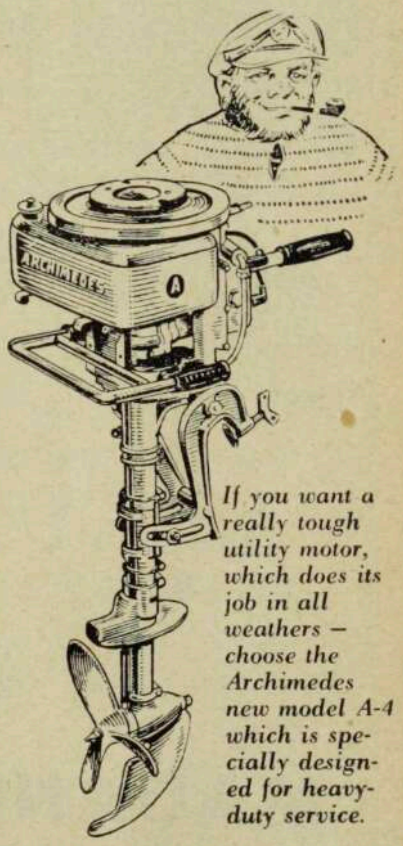

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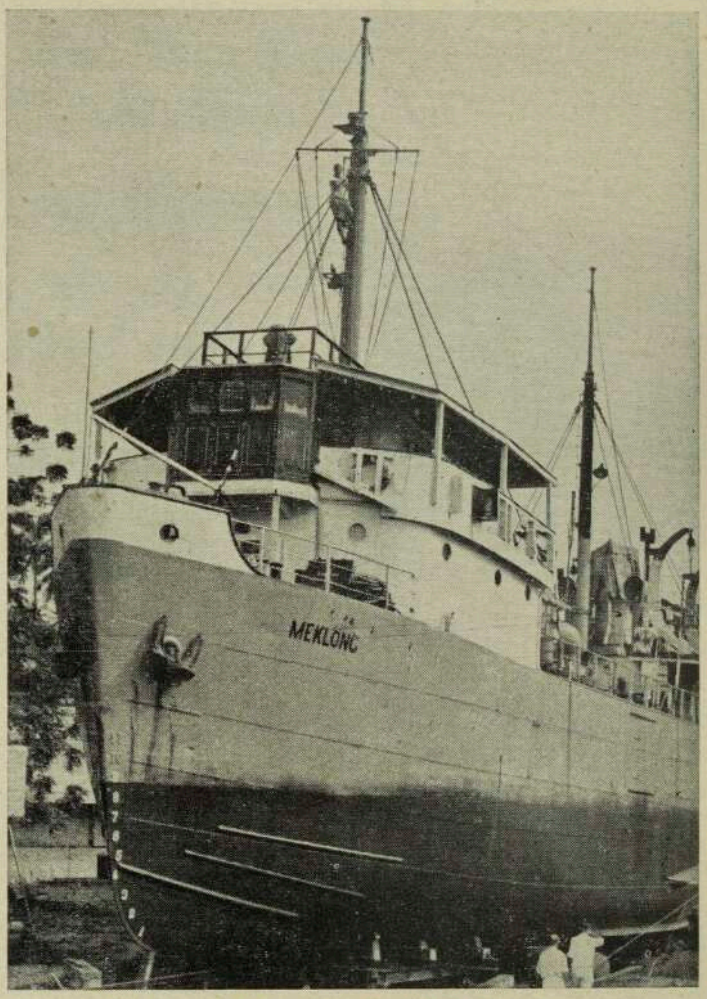
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March 26, one of the squadron's derlands picked up 12 Fijians the wreck of the *Tui Vunilagi* flew them to safety.

*Tui Vunilagi*, a 26 tons cutter, is ed by Mr. J. B. Turner, and on ch 25 went up on Navatu reef, h lies between the islands of la and Totoya, 130 miles east uva.

venty-one of the people on d, including women and chil-, managed to reach Moala in ship's boat—28 miles of rowing sculling helped by the wind current.

e 12 men left on board were ly crew members. When the g-boat arrived (with the owner, a RAAF nursing sister, and the assistant harbour-master at Suva on board) they had improvised a raft and were ready to set out for Moala or the Viti Levu coast.

*Tui Vunilagi* was hard on the reef and beginning to break up but the owner still hopes to salvage the trochus shell the cutter was carrying (Trochus is now over £A500 per ton).

CYCLONE SEASON CASUALTIES

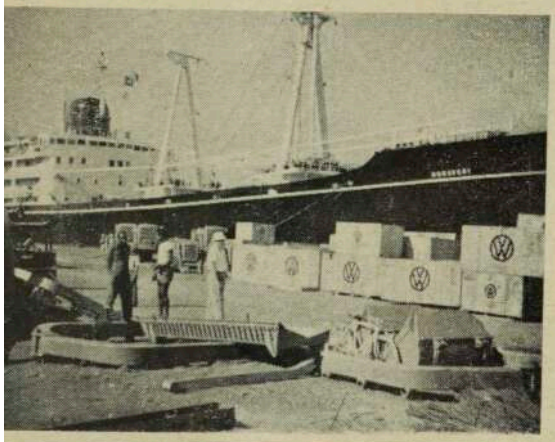
Cyclones and gales in the Coral Sea provided uncomfortable conditions for ships in March.

The *Philippines Trader*, running between Australia and Manila, ran short of fuel near Thursday Island and put into Port Moresby on March 15 to take on sufficient to finish the voyage.

It was unfortunate for the *Trader* that she was carrying cattle and that the Philippines is a foot-and-mouth disease country. The vessel was in strict quarantine during her stay in Moresby; she took on 170 tons of fuel.

The 853 head of cattle that were taken on in North Queensland ports did not weather the cyclone any too well—107, or 12 per cent., died before reaching Moresby.

At the same time as this was go-



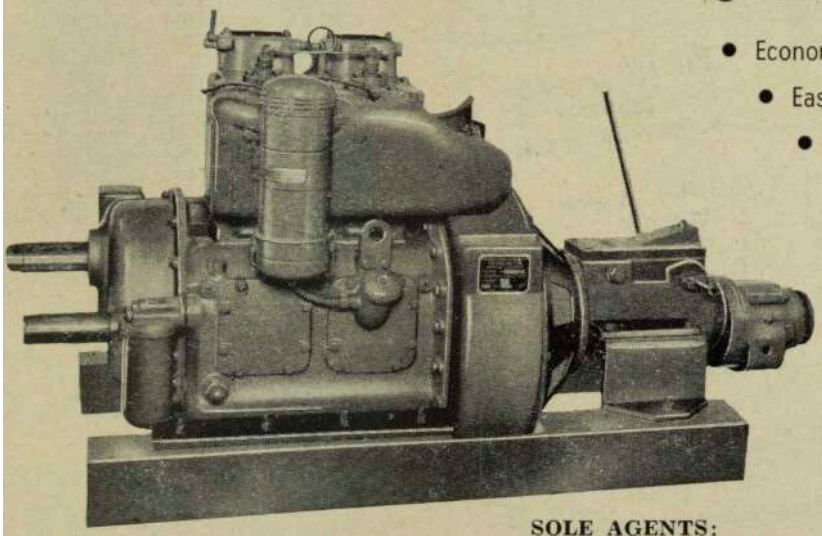
One result of the Australian shipping strike was that the Messageries Maritimes ship "Godavery" did not go further south than Noumea in February but landed this cargo (motor vehicles) at Noumea for transshipment to Sydney later.


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ing on, the NGA Line *Sinkiang* wa having its worst trip ever north fro Sydney. During one of the wors periods a mirror in the bar wa shattered by flying furniture, an a passenger, Mr. Harold Cooper, o Nelson and Robertson Ltd., throw across the dining saloon in the chai in which he was sitting.

### MORE BAD LUCK FOR APC

The Australasian Petroleum Com pany had more ship trouble in th Gulf of Papua at Easter when the barge *Kobosa* overturned in heav seas 40 miles S-E of Cape Black wood.

Another vessel of the compan *Gomada*, directed by a Beaver air craft, rescued the crew of fou Europeans and 12 natives.

*Kobosa* was recently towed ou from the UK. Last information wa that she was drifting somewhere i the Gulf, and had been posted as hazard to shipping.

Two APC ships *Davara* and *Pro trero* went up on a reef west Moresby in January. *Davara* wa subsequently towed to Port Moresb by the Receiver of Wrecks.

### PAPUAN APINAIPI BUYS LAUNCH

A 48-ft launch, the *Jen*, convert recently in Queensland for th Apinaipi Petroleum Co. Ltd., w scheduled to leave Brisbane for th Vailala River, Papua, in March.

Four Brisbane men were doing th delivery job—Mr. N. Tear, wh knows the tricky Vailala River ba as skipper, with Messrs. H. Vidgen (as mate), Cliff Ireland ( engineer) and Bill Poole (as secon engineer and radio operator).

### AMERICAN RESEARCH VESSE IN SEARCH OF CREW

American schooner-yacht *Glor Maris*, which has appeared in the columns many times, was expect to finish her work in Dutch N Guinea at end of March and arrive in Australian waters in Apr

The vessel has been engaged research, which is led and financ by Mr. A. J. Ostheimer, president the Philadalphia Academy of Natu Sciences. Master is Captain Ern Chamberlain and she is manned amateur yachtsmen.

The schooner will refit in Au tralia in April and then will co tinue marine research in the G of Carpentaria, Indonesia and Philippines. The skipper is anxi to recruit a crew in Australi youngsters interested in the sea a sailing. There has been one member of the crew, so perh females are not barred.

### SOLD AND RESOLD

*Maurice Bernard* (ex *Cap Tarif*) for many years coal and co carrier between NSW and Nou for the NC nickel mines, and ported in February PIM as sold a Philippines firm, has now b purchased through Captain W. Kennedy, of Sydney, by the Teh-




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amship Co., Hongkong, and will depart for Oriental waters from bane.

### BOUGAINVILLE BOUND

*reventa*, a new 56-ft plantation k-boat, was launched at Bris- e early March from the yard of man Wright & Son and departed ch 29 on delivery to her owner, R. Stuart, Tenakau Plantation, gainville.

*reventa* was designed by Mr. '. Westthorpe, of Sydney, and is ered by a 6-cylinder GM diesel alled by Clae Engine Pty. Ltd., ney.

ith a beam of 14 ft 6 in., and imum draft of 5 ft 2 in., she has ised foredeck, covered cockpit accommoda ion aft, and is de- ed to carry 35 tons at 9 knots.

### ERAL POST FOR HARBOUR MASTERS

uring March there was a general ge-around of harbour-masters Papua and New Guinea ports. ain C. D. Foster, who had been our-master at Port Moresby November, went to Rabaul, e he will relieve Captain V. P. O'Donoghue, who goes on . Captain Riding, who has been ding the School of Pacific Ad- stration in Sydney, returns to erritory as harbour-master Port sby.

e is permitted to wonder, of e, what practical value a course OPA has for a *harbour-master*. ses at this school are, as in- ed by its name, for training le who have the direct admin- ion of the natives, mostly per- el of the Native Affairs Depart- t. Government, geography, ry, anthropology and law are of the subjects on the cur- um.

### PARATIONS GO AHEAD FOR ANGELES-PAPEETE RACE

mid-March there were seven entries in the 1956 Los Angeles- ete Yacht race, and a few other ilities. The race, of 3,570 miles, e longest in the world and is o start about mid-June in order e in Tahiti for the July 14 lle Day celebrations.

e yachts, which have entered, type and their owners are as vs:

*la*, 56-ft yawl, Wm. T. Sturgis; *a*, 73-ft schooner, Robert D. r; *Celebes*, 69-ft ketch, John H. en; *Quest*, 64-ft yawl, Dr. rd F. Murphy; *Ramona*, 109-ft ner, Wm. Pomeroy; *Diablo*, 60- hooner, Frank S. Wade; *Ariel*, cutter, A. L. McCormick.

is hoped that the *Novia Del* Mr. John Scripps' 89-ft ketch, *Jam Sang*, Mr. Lewis Statham's ketch, will also decide to sail.

e race is being organised by Transpacific Yacht Club, pre- t of which is Mr. Eugene on.

Howard Murphy is equipping with powerful radio telephone and this vessel will act as a radio mother-ship. Shore stations in Tahiti will also be equipped to receive on the yachts' frequencies.

At Tahiti, elaborate preparations are being made. The Commodore of the Tahiti Yacht Club, Martial Iorss, and the Vice-Commodore, C. Van den Broek d'Obrenan, constitute the Tahiti Race Committee, in co-operation with Monsieur H. Jacquier, President du Syndicat d'Initiative.

The Tahiti Race Committee plans to berth the yachts in Taunoa Harbour, a safe anchorage about a mile northeastward of Papeete Harbour, and clean for swimming. They believe Papeete Harbour will be too crowded during the Bastille Day fete, which lasts from ten days to two weeks. It is planned to build at the new anchorage a club house, with fresh water showers, and arrange frequent transportation to Papeete.

They are also planning a racing tour of the leeward islands to take in Huahine, Raiatea, Borabora and Moorea.

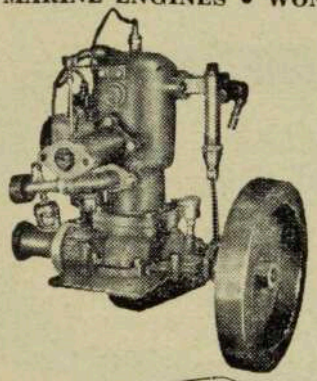
### *SHELL 40* ASSISTS *RONA*

In trouble herself in February, the Fiji tug *Shell 40* vindicated herself in March when she went to the aid of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company's vessel *Rona*, which went ashore on a reef near Lautoka.

Cargo was removed from *Rona* and with the assistance of two

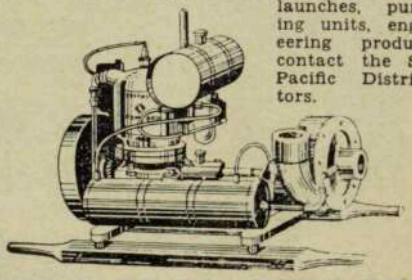

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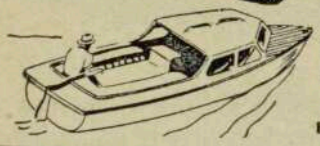
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hors astern, *Shell 40* and two tugs m the CSR mill at Nausori, she s refloated on the high tide.

n February, *Shell 40* went to the istance of the Fijian Affairs pt.'s *Yatu Lau*, which was in uble. *Shell 40* overshot the low ll of Oni-i-Lau and became lost a few days until given position an RNZAF flying-boat.

### MH OFFERS A CUTTER

Morris Hedstrom Ltd., Suva, anced in March that the cutter *Levuka* was for sale, complete a full set of sails and a ship's t. Built in Suva in 1950 by lers Ltd., *Tui Levuka* is of 22.36 tonnage, 54 ft in length with eam of 16½ ft and a 7 ft draught. carries 32 tons of general cargo 450 sacks of copra, and is red to be in first-class order and dition.

### *AONUI* INQUIRY

r. Tom Cavendar, managing ner of United Engineers, Walu , left Suva for Nuku'alofa in ch in connection with an en- y into the *A. K. Aonui's* engine kdown in Tongan waters late year. Her engines had been red in Suva.

### *F-SAFE* REACHES BANGKOK

he world-girdling amphibious *Half-Safe* reached Bangkok n Rangoon during Easter. This of the route was overland and er Ben Carlin said on arrival at Thai capital that it was the t section the jeep has travelled e it left Nova Scotia in 1950.

rs. Carlin—Elinore—became ill Calcutta recently and a West ralian, Barry Hanley, took her e.

he jeep was on show in Sydney he end of last year and a book he first part of the Carlins' adure—across the Atlantic and by to London—appeared about the e time in a book, which was ewed in PIM.

he cumbersome *Half Safe* looked t as supremely uncomfortable ode of travel as it was possible et, and no one yet, the Carlins of all, has been able to exn what is the purpose of the e expedition. The amount of gy that has been expended in ing the vehicle-vessel over ny seas and dragging it through ts and up mountains could y have been put to better pur-

### CHBISHOP CARBONI WILL ESS NEW *SANTA TERETIA*

signed originally as a fishing l, the recently launched Nowra- *Santa Teretia II* has been conably modified for new duties as Sacred Heart Mission vessel he Gilbert Islands. She was ally blessed at a ceremony on 12, by the Australasian tolic Delegate, His Excellency the Most Rev. Romolo Carboni, at Bjarne Halvorsen's shipyard, Sydney.

The Gilbertese crew for this vessel is en route to Sydney and the delivery voyage is scheduled to commence late April.

### IT HAPPENED IN APRIL, 1925

The April of 1925 saw the end of one of the last Islands schooners to trade in waters west of the Cooks—there are still some east of the Cooks. The disaster occurred at Nassau Island, Northern Cooks, which was then leased to Burns Philp & Co. as a copra plantation, and the vessel was their handsome 220-ton wooden schooner *Samoa*.

The vessel had cleared Apia on April 16, and had loaded 82 tons of copra at the time of the disaster. There is no anchorage at Nassau and the schooner was forced to sail off and on through the night.

So that the captain could maintain a bearing a hurricane lamp was set up near the loading point. The subsequent inquiry seemed to show that this hurricane lamp went out during the night and that, unknowingly, bearings were taken of another shore light.

Whatever the cause, there was a crash at about 2 a.m. on April 29 and the passengers rushed on deck to find the vessel firmly on the shore reef. A boat was got away at dawn, but *Samoa*, pounding heavily, broke her back at 8 a.m. and eventually broke completely in half. The master, Captain Tschaun had the fore part set on fire as it showed signs of drifting away and becoming a danger to navigation.

As there was no radio station on Nassau there was nothing to do but await a relieving vessel. The passengers included Mr. Gow, then manager for BP's in the Gilberts; Mr. Swinbourne, then Resident


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Agent in the Ellice Is. (and now better known in Sydney as Major Swinbourne, popular President of the Pacific Islands Society); Mr. Allen, son of the late and well known Captain Allen, of Samoa Trading Co.

Assistance came in mid-June in the form of American millionaire Spaulding aboard his luxury yacht *Goodwill* "bound for Manihiki to buy a hat"—as he said. *Goodwill* radioed Apia and the Government vessel *Lady Roberts* was despatched and picked up the castaways, who by this time were fairly familiar with Nassau's 300 coconut-covered acres.

*Samoa* had been built at Whangaroa, NZ, in 1902 came under German ownership and was captured in New Guinea waters in World War I and purchased from the Government by BP's. She measured 106.8 ft x 25.3 ft. Some of her remains still lie on Nassau's shores to-day.

### END OF ANOTHER DREAM

The four men and one woman who set out from Peru on the raft *La Cantuta* for the Pacific Islands in December are now back in Peru, maybe richer in experience.

They were 90 days on the raft and finally got themselves into a position 1,000 miles west of the Galapagos, where the system of currents is such that they would likely have gone around in circles indefinitely.

They radioed for assistance in late February and were picked up by a US hydrographic ship, and complete with raft, were landed at Balboa, Panama Zone. They flew the rest of the way back to Peru. The raft was left at Balboa.

Anyone want a fine balsa raft?

### DICK BROWN BUYS ANOTHER

The Cook's inter-island fleet was added to late in March when, through the agency of Captain Kennedy, Sydney ship-broker, Mr. D. C. Brown, of Rarotonga, purchased the well known 128 tons Fiji auxiliary ketch *Taveuni* from BP (SS) Ltd.

*Taveuni*, and her sister-ship *Macuata*, were launched on the same day in 1946. Powered with 5-cylinder Crossley direct-reversing diesels of 125 BHP, the ketches measure 83½ ft x 22 ft by about 8 ft loaded draught and have 100 tons deadweight cargo capacity.

Built by Charles Whippy & Sons, of Suva, from selected local timbers, *Taveuni* and *Macuata* were the first of a series of very similar craft—*Moala* (now in BP's New Hebrides trade), *Koro* (wrecked near New Caledonia a few years ago), *A'oniu* (operating for the Tonga Copra Board), and *Te Ma'apula* (in the GEIC trade) were the successors.

Shallow enough to go alongside the Avarua wharf at Rarotonga, and with cabin passenger accommodation for 14, *Taveuni* should prove a useful vessel in the Cooks. Captain





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enry Simpson, of Suva, flew home om a New Zealand coastal job to ke command for the delivery yage. The engineer was Mr. nori Waka, of Suva.
Mr. Brown has been given a ense to exploit the mother-of-arl beds at Suwarrow atoll during 56, so *Taveuni* will be reopening mmunications with that currently serted atoll.

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## A Long Way to Maiana

WITHOUT murders and shipwrecks, the BSIP has sunk back into its accustomed quiet to h an extent that the outcome the inquiry that was expected to held in Honiara into the drift vage of the *Arakarimoa*, has not erged.
Up until March 20, the Gilbertese vivors of the disaster were still Honiara. It was expected that y would later go to the new bertese settlement recently estab-d at Gizo, BSIP, and be re-ned to the Gilberts later this r when the High Commissioner, John Gutch, goes there on a r.
f anything is likely to convince se islanders that modern com-nications do not exist, this should it. In future, if they want to go miles from one island to another, y will probably realise that it is cker to go by canoe.
n December 28, *the Arakarimoa*, 1 20 people on board, left Tarawa a voyage of 19 miles to Maiana. ring the night the engine broke n and thereafter the vessel ted for 64 days and finally ught up about 1,000 miles away an isolated part of the Guadal-al coast. In the effort to get ore, six people were lost.
appears that it will still be y weeks, or months, before the vivors reach home again. It is at t pleasant to reflect that in these s when airlines advertise that nessmen may fly from Sydney London and return via New k (with two days for business) all within about 6 days, that e are still people on earth to m time has no meaning.

itione Lave, Tongan heavyweight, protege of Queen Salote, is still he fore in boxing circles under lish management. On latest ad-he was to meet Italian heavy-h Uber Bacilieri, in a 10-round est at Newcastle, England,, on ch 26.

ougainville's only sawmill—eri, owned by Messrs. Fryer and ormack—closed down at the end larch. It is not known whether mill will later reopen.

FURTHER STEP

## Local Timber for C.I. Fruit Cases

TANGATA SIMIONA, of Atiu, Cook Islands, is now in New Zealand undergoing two years training as a woodsman in the Kaingaroa Forest.
Simiona was educated at Rarotonga's Tereora College, and it is expected that he will return to apply his knowledge to Atiu's Forestry Scheme.
Mariri Paratainga, also of Atiu, will soon travel to New Zealand for a six months' Forestry course arranged by the New Zealand Forestry Service.
This latest example of local CI boys making good is another feather in the cap of Mr. Ron Thorby, Resident Agent of Atiu, to whose vision and energy is due the promising afforestation developmen s now to be seen on that island, designed primarily to provide case timber for Cook Island fruit shipment.s

¶ Mr. G. S. Hill, who retired last year from the New Hebrides Condominium Government, where he had been Treasurer, will return to Vila with Mrs. Hill in April. Mr. Hill has been 25 years in the Hebrides, 20 of them with the Government.


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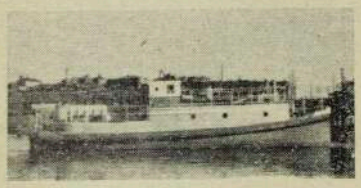




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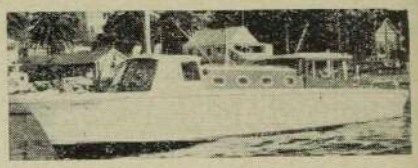
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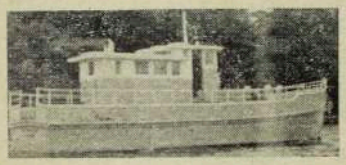
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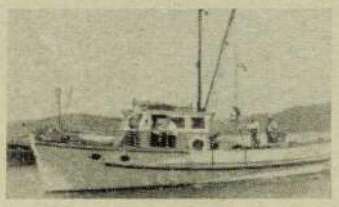
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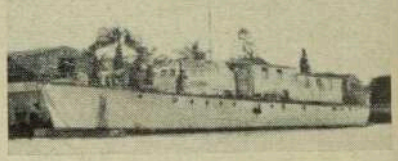
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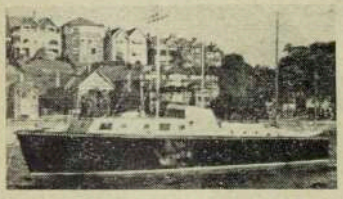
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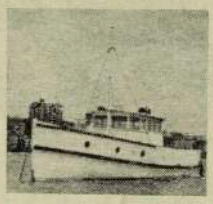
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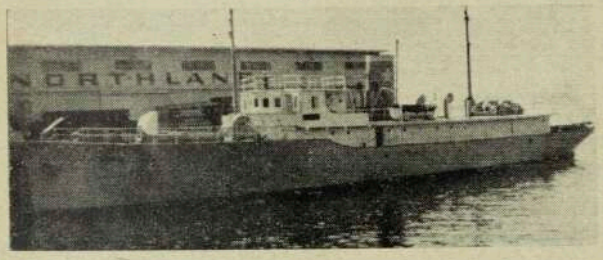
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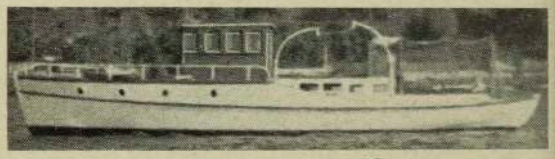
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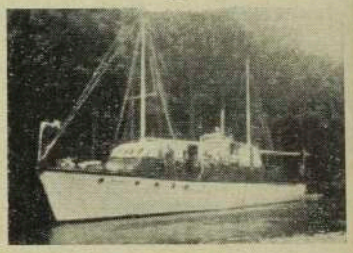
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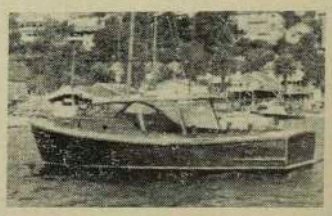


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# DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

RONGOMATANE ARIKI

igomatane Maka Kea Ariki, itary chief of Atiu Island in Cook Group, died at Avarua, onga, on February 15 after an s of some months.

was born in 1886 and became nber of the Cook Islands Ad- tration in May, 1914. He started reer as a police constable and Interpreter at Atiu, later be- Clerk of the Court and Official preter, and was a member of land Council for many years. attended several meetings of ok Islands Legislative Council, n 1950 represented the Cook s at the South Pacific Con- e held at Suva.

gomatane had been chosen as one of the Cook Islands tes to this year's SPC confer- His place as a delegate will ken by his successor, Parua

gomatane Ariki was a direct dant of the powerful Atiu war f the same name who was tely won over to Christianity 7 by the Rev. John Williams ave Williams the bearing that the discovery of Rarotonga. s survived by four of his nine n, his wife (also named Parua having died in 1953.

MRS. ELLEN PITT

death occurred in a private l in Melbourne, on March 8, s. Ellen Pitt, owner of the Hotel, Goroka, New Guinea, Territorian of long residence. Pitt had gone to Melbourne operation. This was successful later suffered a heart attack which she died.

Pitt went to New Guinea 0 years ago with her husband, Pitt, who was ADO Madang e died there a few years ago. Pitt started a guest-house in g after the war and filled commodation gap there for rs until the Madang hotel ilt.

then moved to Goroka and guest house there; the guest house later became a hotel—a fact that at first filled the gentle Mrs. Pitt with misgivings.

Mrs. Pitt was not a hard-headed business woman—she left that part of her business to someone else, or simply neglected to attend to it at all. Her province was in making everyone feel that they were her honoured guests and in producing delicious food from—in the early days anyway—most inadequate supplies and with primitive equipment.

She will be remembered by hundreds of Territorians who met her privately or who passed through her various establishments, as a woman of great kindness and charm.

MRS. ISABEL LOCKHART BELL

The death has occurred, at 17 Chorley Avenue, Cheltenham, Sydney, on January 28, 1956, of Mrs. Isabel Caroline Lockhart Bell, aged 84.

She was the widow of the late William Lockhart Bell, one of the early settlers in the New Hebrides. They were married in Vila in 1898.

Mrs. Bell is survived by her sister, Miss Eva Kinsey; four daughters who were born in the Hebrides—Kathleen (Mrs. Anderson); Doris (Mrs. Ballance); Thelma (Mrs. Keegan); and Joyce (Mrs. Kinsey); and by four grand-children and one great-grand-daughter.

MRS. VERA POCOCK

Mrs. George Pocock, formerly Miss Vera Straite, of Suva, died in Auckland, NZ, in March after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Pocock left Fiji for Auckland at the end of 1955, when Mr. Pocock retired from the Public Works Department. They made their home at Auckland.

Mrs. Pocock was born in Fiji and educated at the Marist Convent, Suva. In 1932 she joined the staff of the Suva Telephone Exchange, where she remained until her marriage in 1946.

She is survived by her husband and a young daughter.

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### JESSE H. BUFFUM

Mr. Jesse H. Buffum, an American who travelled widely in the South Pacific between 1947 and 1953 gathering material and colour films for lecturing purposes, died in Massachusetts, USA, on February 20.

He was born in 1881 and became a newspaperman via a job as a printer. Early in the century he switched to the new medium—motion pictures—and became one of the first newsreel cameramen. He won an award for bravery during the "Mexican border incident" when Pancho Villa fought Calles.

Mr. Buffum had many technical and executive positions in motion picture business before he returned, in the 30's, to newspaper work and public relations.

He is survived by his son, J. Howard Buffum, Jr., who is also a newspaperman.

### MRS. J. S. LITCHFIELD

The death occurred in Melbourne on March 12 of Mrs. Jessie Sinclair Litchfield, of Darwin, at the age of 72. Her son, Mr. Val Litchfield, is a member of the staff of Cable and Wireless Ltd., Suva.

Mrs. Litchfield had lived for many years in Darwin, and was one of the best known residents of the Territory's capital. She owned and conducted the library in the town, was connected with one of the local newspapers, and had acted for a long time as Reuter correspondent there.


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### MR. H. L. GERRARD

Mr. Herbert Laughton Gerrar JP, 77, died in his home at Gordo Street, Suva, recently. He was we known to the older members of th community, and particularly to tho connected with the banana tra and dairying.

He went to Fiji from Lancashir England, about 50 years ago an worked for Mr. Humphrey Berkele a well known Suva solicitor. Lat he persuaded Mr. R. Crompton, fellow townsman to go out to Fi where he bought Mr. Berkeley practice.

Later, Mr. Gerrard took up lan near Vunidawa, where he gre bananas and bought bananas f shipment.

He is survived by his wife; daughter, Mrs. Molly Marlow; an a son Herbert, who lives in Sydne

### MRS. G. DICK

The death occurred in Fiji March 20 of Mrs. G. Dick at the a of 70. Mrs. Dick was a Miss Isra a sister of Mr. Claude Israel, w known in Fiji commercial circl and a niece of the late Sir Hen Marks.

She is survived by her husban and two daughters, Mrs. C. L. Lan dale and Mrs. John Hills, of En land.

### MR. HAROLD KOCH

The death occurred in late Mar at his plantation near Arawe, N Britain, of Mr. Harold Regina Koch.

He was a well-known Territoria a World War I veteran and Military Cross winner.

He was buried at Kandrian, N with full military honours.

### MR. TEX THOMAS

The death occurred in Sydney March 13 of Mr. E. J. Thomas, bet known to old Morobe district Ter torians as Tex. He was 67.

He went to the Territory in 1 and until the outbreak of the Paci war worked his leases on the Lo Edie. He was president of Morobe Miners' Federation and the time of the dispute over lea in the 30's, was a strong advoc of the rights of independent mine During the war years, he was staunch supporter of the Pac Territories Association, which formed by P-NG evacuees in S ney to fight for their property a other rights in the Territory—rig they appeared to be losing to Australian socialist government t in power.

Mr. Thomas had lived at Kir Cross since 1943.

He is survived by four childr Peter, Judy (Mrs. John Atkins of Rabaul), Susan and Roger. former wife is now Mrs. J. Wo she lives in Sydney.




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## IS NOT WELL
## APIA HOSPITAL

ORTS from Western Samoa dicate growing public concern out conditions in the Govern- Hospital, Apia, resulting from ite shortage of qualified Euro- staff, and, it appears, pro- ed internal disharmony.

ic indignation reached a new ecently when a pack of Apia were found disputing the hip of an amputated leg, in- for the incinerator (see else- this issue).

spectacular incident was, it s, just one of many recent ions of inadequate control of ia Hospital.

internal disharmony is said e developed in 1955 as a result ferences between the then r of Health, Dr. T. C. Lonie, ne team of Native Medical ioners in the Western Samoa l service.

loss of two senior officers, Dr. s and Mr. Hodgkinson, the l pharmacist, in the ill-fated in October last, and the f Dr. Welch in February, has ly hampered the efforts of aining four European doctors e disgruntled NMP's to main- e service expected of them.

## April Travellers to Papua-New Guinea



Passengers on "Soochow", which left Sydney for Papua-New Guinea on April 4, included (left to right): Mr. W. Gillette, Department of Works, Port Moresby, who had been on leave; Father H. Eather, recently of Port Moresby, who was farewelling Brother C. Milne (right), who will teach at the Catholic Mission, Sideia, Papua; Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Mitchell returning to Port Moresby—Mr. Mitchell is managing director of Steamships Trading Co.; Mr. J. Viqqiano, representive of a photographic and sporting-goods firm, who was on a business trip to the Territory.

Dr. Lonie resigned recently to take up a new appointment with the South Pacific Commission. (See elsewhere).

Dr. Jepson, Public Health Officer, is at present acting as Director of Health, and his only qualified medical assistance at present comes from Dr. H. Thieme, Dr. Joy Purser (temporary), and Dr. Stevens (relieving).

In the interests of the health of some 100,000 people, Samoan leaders have asked the NZ Government to take immediate steps to re-organise Western Samoa's medical service and to staff the Apia hospital adequately.

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The High School, something new in native education in the Hebrides, is on the opposite side of the island from Vila, and about 40 miles distant by road. The school has been in operation for three years and the roll has grown from 11 pupils to the present 47.

Native members of the New Hebrides Presbyterian church have raised £4,000 for the school and supplied the labour; other financial assistance was given by the Presbyterian church of New Zealand.

Native education in the Hebrides is almost entirely in the hands of Missions and this school is the first High School. Instruction is entirely in English, at the request of the pupils themselves, and although the final year students at present reach an educational standard equivalent only to the end of primary education in New Zealand, it represents a l advance in education in the Hebrid

Students who receive their pr liminary education at village scho and later district schools, must pa an entrance examination (in En lish) and pay fees of £20 per ye This sum, in relation to the avera Hebridean family budget, is co siderable and it is hoped eveni ally to reduce fees substantia This will be when the school, throu its gardens and plantations, can p its own way—and that is where t gift tractor will assist.

The school is in 600 acres of la most of it at present bush. It hoped to establish cocoa and cof plantations to provide an incom school food gardens are alre established.

The curriculum of the school based on vocational lines and pup will be encouraged to specialise agriculture, carpentry, engineer or to study academic subjects th will qualify them to enter Presbyterian teachers' train college at Tangoa, an island Santo.

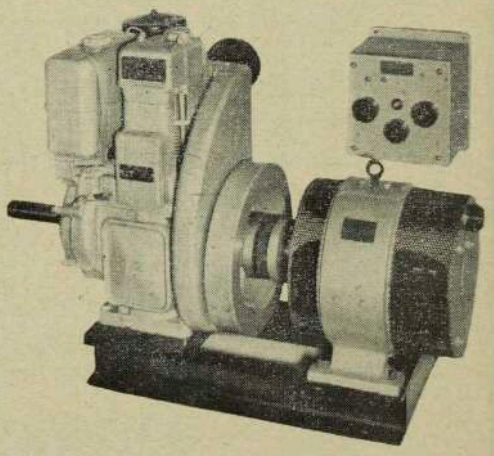
Entrance examination to the H School is based on a standa acquired by an average 9-years- child in a New Zealand school; candidates sat for the examinat last year and 12 made the grade a entered the school in 1956.

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## LAUGHS WHEN POLICE PAY STOLEN

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## *Papua–50 Years in Commonwealth*

PORT Moresby's Town Advisory Council is making preparations to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Papua becoming a territory of Australia. This will be on September 1, 1956.

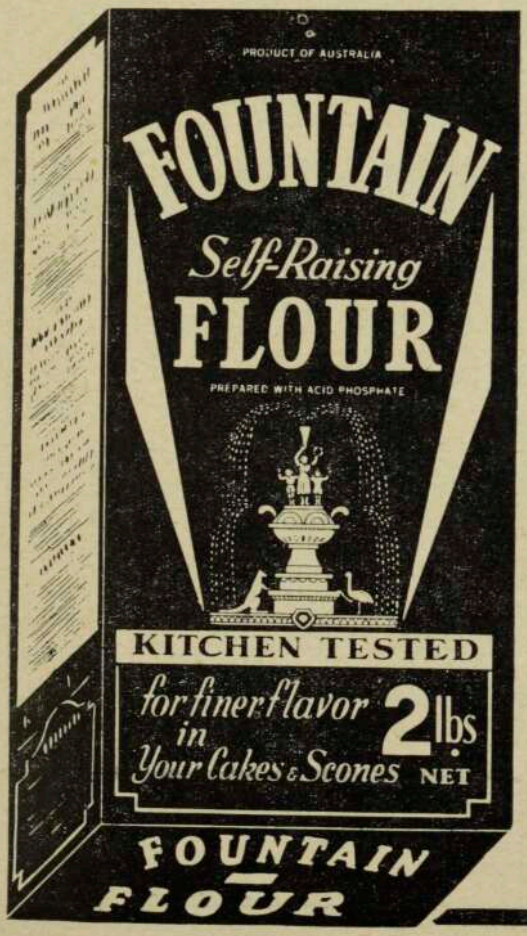
A special committee has been formed to consider appropriate ways of celebrating the event. One suggestion is that there should be a special issue of anniversary stamps—or if the time is too short for this, that the current issue should be over-printed.

## GOLD RIDGE PROSPECTING

CLUTHA Development, a subsidiary of Placer Development, has taken an option from the Balasuna Syndicate to prospect on the area the syndicate holds at Gold Ridge, Guadalcanal, BSIP. In addition, Clutha has been granted a larger area around the present mining area. Prospecting should begin shortly.

† The second De Havilland Dragon Rapide plane, purchased by Transpac, the New Caledonian air-company, arrived in Noumea from Sydney in March. A pilot for the new plane is already in Noumea.


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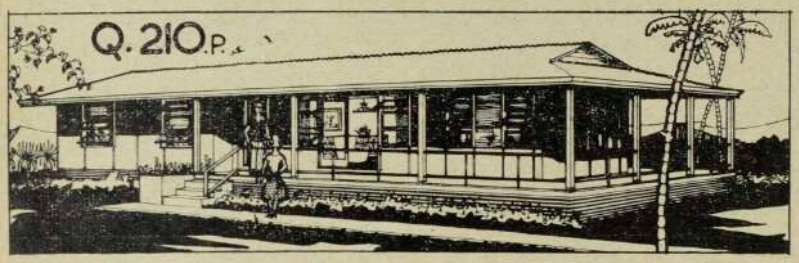


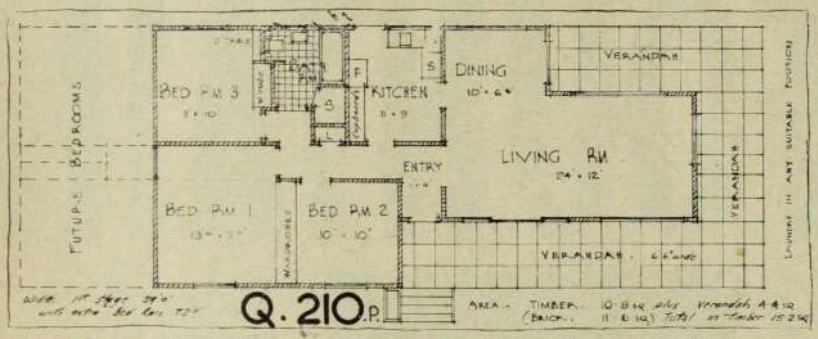


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*DCA AND THE DC3 BAN*

## Making N. Guinea Too Safe For Pioneers

IT is still anyone's guess as whether residents of the Weste Highlands area of New Guin are to continue to enjoy DC3 ai services or not.

Following a visit to the area wit his successor, Mr. V. A. Rule, th retiring P-NG Director of Civ Aviation, Mr. John Arthur, said th the Department's policy regardi DC operations in the Highlands ha not altered. Later he qualified th statement by saying that whe Highlands strips were in an unsati factory condition DC3 aircraft wou not land; when they were safe *all* respects, DC3's would land.

This seems to leave residents of th Western Highland just about whe they were.

People living in the Mt. Hag area had expected the axe to fa with regard to DC3 operations, March 1; Mr. Arthur said this w not so—the date was "deferre Someone else now puts the date March 31.

The DCA scheme is to use D aircraft to operate into Minj, fro where light aircraft will carry goo and passengers to other local stri Settlers point out that this w mean double handling of everythin and thus much greater cost. The is also greater risk of loss throu damage, pilfering and delay. addition, settlers are denied th right to charter large aircraft f the cheaper backloading of the produce to the coast.

Mr. Danny Leahy, who was o of the original discoverers of th Highlands, says that the air servi to Mt. Hagen was better 20 yea ago than it is to-day, and in th he is no doubt right.

There was no DCA 20 years ag The first thing any pioneer in Ne Guinea did, be he prospector patrol officer, was to put in th roughest of air strips and with hours some airman, without havi to ask permission of anyone, h landed a plane on it.

There probably is something to said for the present method of co trols—but it sometimes goes ill wi rugged pioneering.

If the Department of Civil Aviati had been running affairs in 1930, is unlikely that there would ev have been a great gold-dredgi enterprise in the Bulolo Valley.

One cannot somehow imagine th Mr. Arthur would ever have allow anyone to land on the Bulolo str as it was in those days, with a thre engined Junkers carrying a capaci load of a three-tons dredge tumble shaft.




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## Popular Teacher Leaves Samoa



r five years with the Education Department, first as headmaster of Avele Boys' School n as Assistant Director, Mr. S. (Shep") Fish recently returned to New Zealand. He is bowler and interested in Scouting and was popular with all sections of the community. is seen here with his staff of School Inspectors, left to right—Lafulafu, Leota, Maiava inspector), Mata, Mr. Fish, Fa'amanu, Tanuvasa, Pulotu, Fuiono.

Photo: R. F. Rankin.

ewalesi Rokosawa, an 18-year-ijian girl, is at Sydney Uni-y studying the servicing and vation of archives. She is em-l in the Fiji Government l archives department.

† KLM Royal Dutch Airlines are the first European airline to place an order for Lockheed Electra turbo-jet airliners. Deliveries will start in 1959. Four American airlines have already ordered Electras.

¶ Mr. P. E. (Pops) Dewey, a Norfolk Island resident of long standing, and well-loved local vocalist, bowler and raconteur, died on that island in mid-March, aged 82 years.

¶ Sir Alport Barker, formerly owner of the *Fiji Times and Herald*, made a short business visit to Suva in mid-March.


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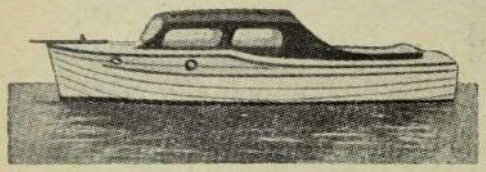
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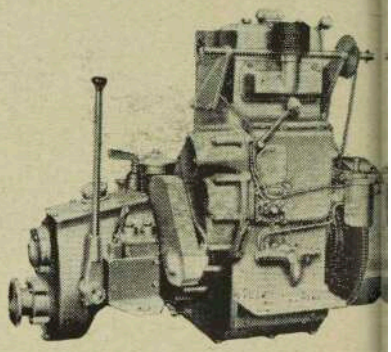


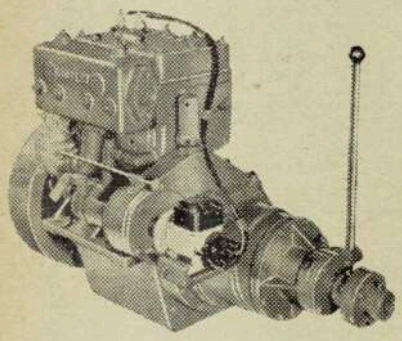
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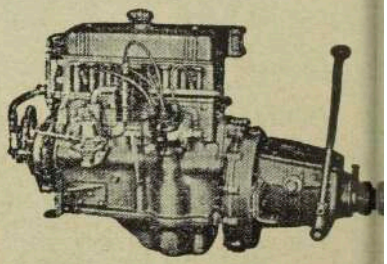


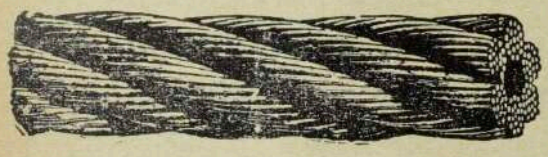
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# rrent News Items From Our Correspondents In Papua-New Guinea

## HAS DROUGHT AND SOARING TEMPERATURES

e's phenomenal drought year of (only 154 inches!) has been wed by a record dry beginning 956 (7 inches below normal for first two months of the year) record heat in March. On h 3, the shade temperature rose 3.6 degrees and on March 4, to 100—and that is very hot for tropics where humidity is un- lly high. Old residents of the district say they cannot ever mber it as hot before—and what al records exist confirm this

a consequence of this heat and ess, grass fires raged all around town in early March and kept e and fire-fighters busy.

correspondent in Lae blames extensive rain in Australia for drought—which is probably a what unscientific way of look- t it, although the layman will admit that things have been sed this year. New Caledonia plains that the dry side of their d has had more rain than the and just across the mountains Lae, Port Moresby has had record rains—about 22 inches up to mid-March, which is about two-thirds of the annual supply of an average 39 inches.

## MORESBY NOW DIALS AND PAYS MORE

Almost all of the 1,060 registered subscribers of the Port Moresby telephone exchange were busy on March 12 either calling or being called through the new automatic system. Portable phones, extensions and other devices brought to 1,600 the total of communication points in use.

It was the first business day after a Saturday night start of the Port Moresby Automatic Telephone Exchange.

Reports from heavier users—Government departments, airlines, banks and other large business houses—indicate a huge increase in telephonic communication and some subscribers joyfully said they got through almost instantly where previously they had fumed for minutes on end waiting for a line.

However, telephone officials were surprised at signs that more than a few telephone users had not properly understood the automatic function of the new exchange.

Some subscribers who had not read the instructions aright, either picked up the telephone handpiece in the old expectant way, waiting

**Optical Service**

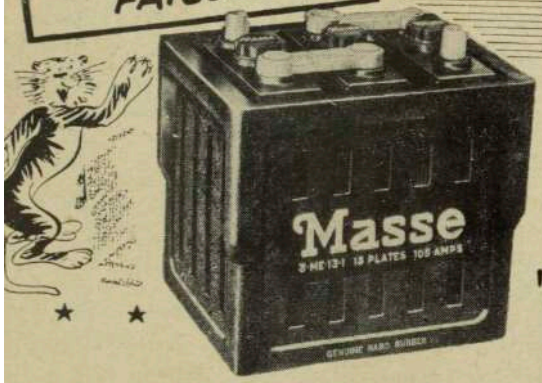
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for a voice, or had dialled in the wrong sequence the figures of the number wanted.

Moresbyites' enthusiasm for the new phones had not been dampened by the announcement made earlier that from April 1, telephone charges would be reckoned somewhat differently and would probably cost more—particularly for users of public phones, who formerly used them "for free."

Subscribers on Moresby's automatic system will pay annual rental of £6/12/6 plus 2½d for each call—the old rate was a flat £10 per year covering everything.

Calls from public phones will cost 3d—the necessary coin attachments will be installed soon.

Telephone users in other centres where manual exchanges are still in use will also have their phone charges raised from April 1—in Lae and Rabaul they will go up to £13/5/- for a domestic phone, and to £25 per year for a business phone. The old rates were £10 and £15 respectively.

### NATIVES DON'T WANT ANY LOANS

Whatever else the natives of P-NG need, they apparently don't need money.

The Treasurer of the Territory at present holds £57,000 in the Native Loans Board—and cannot find any native group that wants to borrow money from it.

The fund represents profits from trade stores operated during the war by the Production Control Board under ANGAU. In October, 1955, it was announced that this money would form the nucleus of a fund from which loans of up to £5,000 could be made to native groups — Councils, Co-operative Societies, etc. — to further their economic and welfare activities. A Board was set up to administer the fund—and hasn't found any work to



At the Church of England, Rabaul, New Guinea, in mid-February, Miss Jacqueline Hughes was married to Mr. Logan Irwin of the Bank of New South Wales. Matron Honour was Mrs. Rex Iredale and best Mr. G. Smythe. Photo: C. H. M


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OSE-UP OF A MENYAMYA VENDETTA

ll details of a recent patrol into
icted Kukukuku country of the
yamya sub-district were released
ort Moresby early March by the
ctor of Native Affairs, Mr. A. A.
rts.
e patrol, led by Assistant Dis-
Officer Chester, entered the area
wing a report that a number of
es had been killed in tribal
es. The number has now been
at seven.
. Chester's report to Head-
ers said the trouble arose when
native killed his wife. Her
ers then went to the village
e he lived and killed the first
they saw. Afterwards, several
ets joined forces and raided a
e which had had no part in the
. The outcome was a total of
deaths.
Chester said he could get little
mation from the natives
lly, but later two volunteers
forward and supplied the
s of the wanted men.
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sman for one clan demanded
ow what the patrol was doing
ng about their country, and
sted that they go back to
amya Station. He was then told
the patrol was searching for
urderers, and that the search
would continue until they had all been arrested.

Twice during the patrol, arrows were fired at police parties operating close to the main group. Warning shots were fired over the heads of the attackers, and dispersed them.

The only casualty was a carrier who received a slight arrow wound. Three natives were arrested and another patrol went back to the area to continue the search for the remaining wanted men. The area concerned has been visited only twice since Menyamya Station was opened in 1950.

Mr. Roberts said that it was an extremely mountainous region, and that the Kukukuku people were as difficult in temperament as the country they lived in.



nd Mrs. A. Smith at the reception
their wedding recently in the Church
nd, Rabaul. The bride was formerly
a Curnow. Mr. A. Hartley was best-
Miss E. Williams bridesmaid.
—Photo by C. H. Meen.

ANOTHER ARCHBOLD EXPEDITION

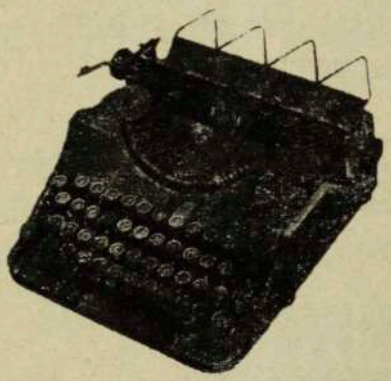
The Associate Curator of the American Museum of National History, Mr. Leonard Brass, and another official of the Museum, Mr. Russel Peterson, were in Samarai in March, where they will recruit a staff to open field work on Normanby Island. Later, they will move to Fergusson Island. Mr. Brass will lead an Archbold biological expedition to the D'Entrecasteaux Group.

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NATIVES LOST AT SEA

ree natives were lost at sea fol- g an ocean drama north of ik in early March. As soon as canoe had left the lee of u Is. it was swamped in heavy

on board clung to the partly- erged canoe until dusk. The nen then decided to separate ry to reach the shore on planks from the vessel by the heavy Only two of them were suc- l. One of these was rescued lagers who saw him struggling water and battled their way them in a small canoe. hing was seen of the three natives when an aerial search nade on March 4 along the from Wewak to the mouth of epik River. of the three men missing ative medical orderlies.

FOR SUPPLYING LIQUOR TO NATIVES

he District Court in Lae on 7 a European woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Kimmich, was fined n default three months jail, pplying liquor to natives. Sub- tly, her 66-years-old husband, n Wilhelm Kimmich, was ced to 6 months imprison- with light labour for the same

t natives to whom the liquor pplied were jailed for periods n two to six months.

GUINEA—TEACHER AND PUPIL

n the Territory Director of , Dr. John Gunther, re- to Port Moresby on March n a tour of the Far East, he iat the Territory was well in e of some of the countries he sited in the fields of TB and ontrol. However, these same es were ahead of the Terri- n malaria, health education, nfant and maternal Welfare s.

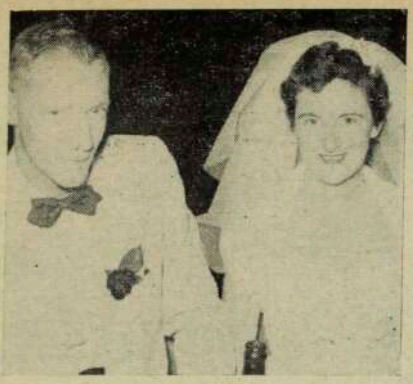
other words," he said, "there h we can learn but at the ime, we can teach."

Gunther's tour took him to ore, Malaya, Hongkong, North and the Philippines. At ore, he represented Australia World Health Organisation al Meeting.

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native policeboy who formerly stand on a small box at the tion of Douglas and Mus- treets to direct Port Moresby while the sun did its worst, sheltered by a concrete

shelter, which is umbrella- was used for the first time ch 12.



At St. John's Church of England, Port Moresby, recently, Miss Colleen Orr-Harper was married to Mr. William Morley. The couple will make their home in Madang.
—Photo by Papuan Prints.

APC TAKES 40 NATIVE APPRENTICES

Twenty technical students from the Malaguna School at Rabaul were taken to Port Moresby by chartered aircraft on March 12, to start their probationary term as apprentices.

They will be trained at the APC Badili workshops and the Company's marine slipway at Napa Napa.

Twenty apprentices from the Idubada Technical School at Port Moresby have already commenced their probationary apprenticeship period with APC.

Those who successfully complete the three months initial probationary term will be apprenticed as diesel mechanics, fitters and turners, carpenters and joiners, wood machinists, sawyers and motor mechanics.

All have already done two years pre-apprenticeship training at the Technical schools.

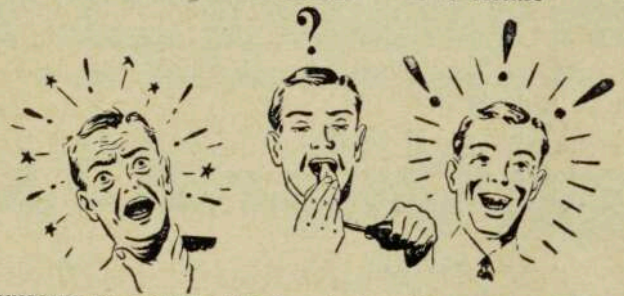
An official of APC said that the Company's decision to engage apprentices from the technical schools was made after the APC Staff Training Officer, Mr. Huskisson, had visited the centres and inspected the work being done.

MR. WARBURTON LEAVES MADANG

The Madang Town Advisory Council has a new Chairman and


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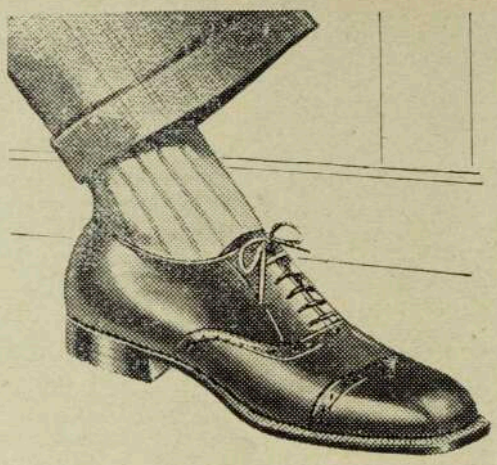
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*Insurances at Lloyd's and Companies*

Deputy Chairman—Mr. D. L. M
and Mr. R. W. Cahill.

Their appointments at t
month's meeting followed the res
nation for health reasons of
T. E. Warburton, who has b
Chairman of the Council since
first meeting.

Mr. Meek expressed the Coun
regret that ill-health had compe
Mr. Warburton to leave the Te
tory and the Council later put
record its appreciation of his s
vices.

### NIPPING AIR-BORNE CRIM IN THE BUD

A former Chief of the New So
Wales Criminal Investigat
Branch, Mr. Joe Ramus, arrived
Port Moresby on March 12 on w
Qantas officials described as
"familiarisation tour."

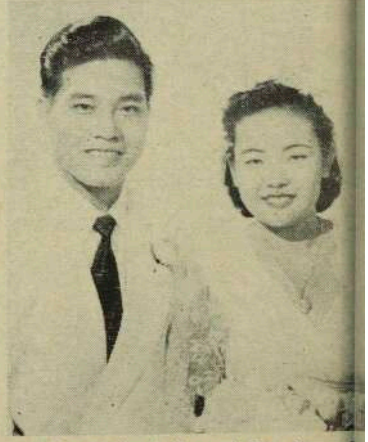
Mr. Ramus retired from the N
Force 18 months ago and is now
tached to Qantas's Security Off
Since joining the Company, he
travelled to most parts of the w
on Qantas flights and has been
sponsible for the arrest of a num
of baggage thieves and would
smugglers.

### £7,500 BANK FOR GOROKA

Tributes were paid to the e
pioneers of the Highlands by spe
ers at the ceremonial opening
March 14 of new premises of
Bank of New South Wales in Gor
The first cheque drawn was a
for the projected Agricultural Sh
at Goroka.

It was accepted on behalf of
show committee by the Dist
Commissioner, Mr. Seale, its Pr
dent, who formally declared the
Bank premises open for business.

The Bank's Chief Inspector
Australia, Mr. R. R. McKellar,
tended the opening and later m
an inspection tour of the Gor
and Wahgi Valleys. Mr. McKe
last visited the Territory for
opening of the Bank's new prem
at Port Moresby.



A photograph of Mr. and Mrs. Danny
who were recently married at the R
Methodist Church. The bride was formerly
Lynn Lee.

Photo: C. H.




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RE ON RABAUL HARBOUR

vo fires were burning in the ile of Rabaul harbour in mid-ch. They had been lit by ige crews working on a Jap sunk during the war.

hen the salvage men blasted off ship's propellor, oil fuel, pre-ably from the oil tanks on the rose to the top of the harbour. e was a danger of its spread-across the harbour and causing ble damage to shipping.

e oil was set afire—and would until the fuel in the submerged was exhausted.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RESUSCITATED

e Historical Society of Papua-Guinea was revived in Port sby in March after about a year action.

e previous president and vice-dent, Mr. W. C. Groves and Mr. V. Stanley, had resigned for nal reasons.

Ivan Champion was elected dent, and Mr. Anthony, Vice-dent; Mrs. F. A. Anderson was d Secretary-treasurer.

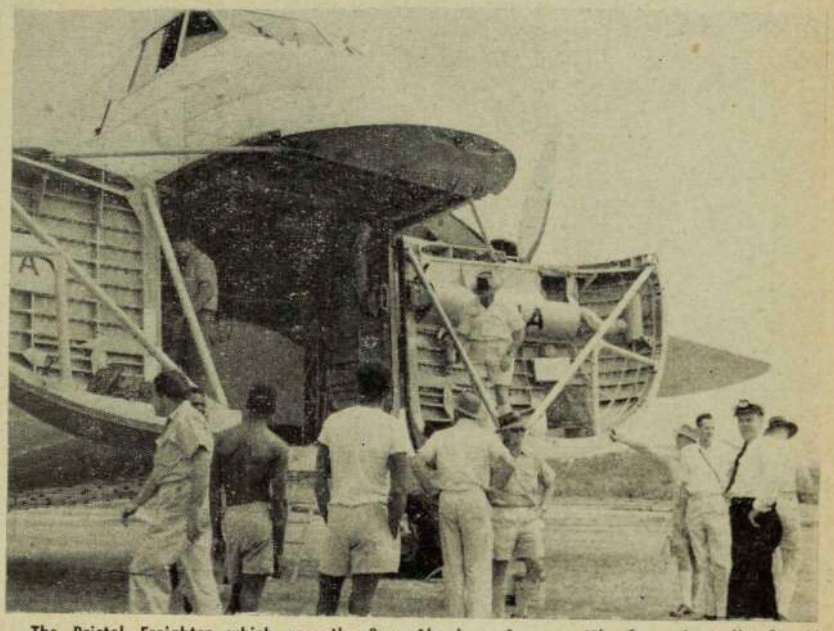
e Committee of six includes for first time a Papuan, Toua na, Chief Native Clerk of the rtment of Education, whose er, Boe Kapena, is a delegate e South Pacific Commission. ers elected to the Committee Mr. E. H. Clark, Mr. H. Clay, Mr. E. Glover, Mr. H. Plant and the Reverend D. E. Ure.

Over 50 persons attended the meeting.

The Historical Society of Papua and New Guinea now rates as a parent body of an organisation which —speakers suggested—will probably have branches at Madang, Rabaul and other centres.

MINISTER'S CONCESSIONS TO PSA

The recent quick visit of representatives of the Territory Public Service Association to Minister



The Bristol Freighter which recently flew Aberdeen Angus cattle from Australia for Mr. Ian Louden, Eilogo Plantation, Sogeri, shown at Port Moresby. Photo: Papuan Prints.


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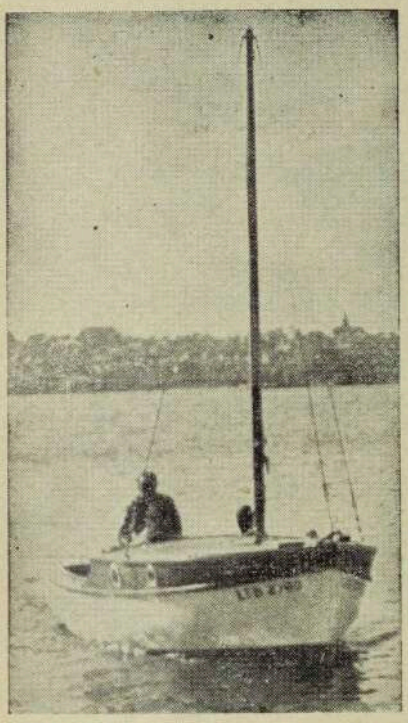
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| RABAUL . . | HOTEL ASCOT—from April 18 until April 28. |
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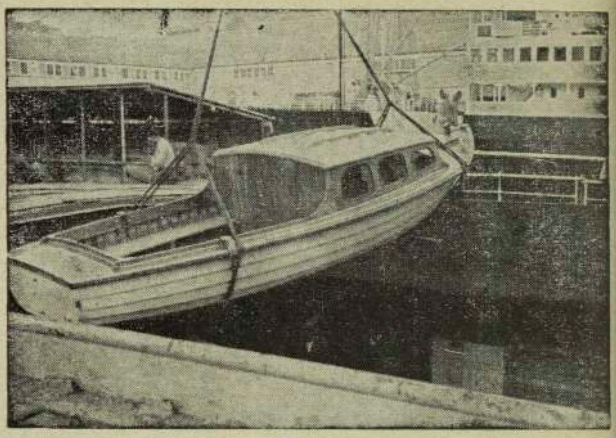


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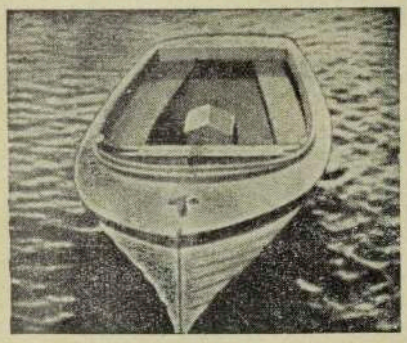
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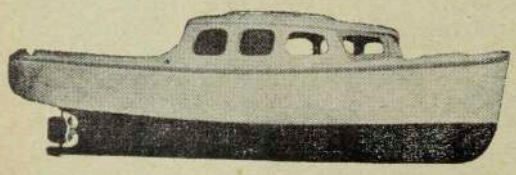


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ick, in Canberra, has already
fruit.

March 23, the Minister advised
ssociation that he had approved
ayment of leave fares to home-
s, subject to certain conditions.

Minister has also approved
ent of fares and removal ex-
s of officers on their retire-
or in the case of deceased
s, fares and removal expenses
dow and any dependants.

Minister said that under
ng arrangements there is no
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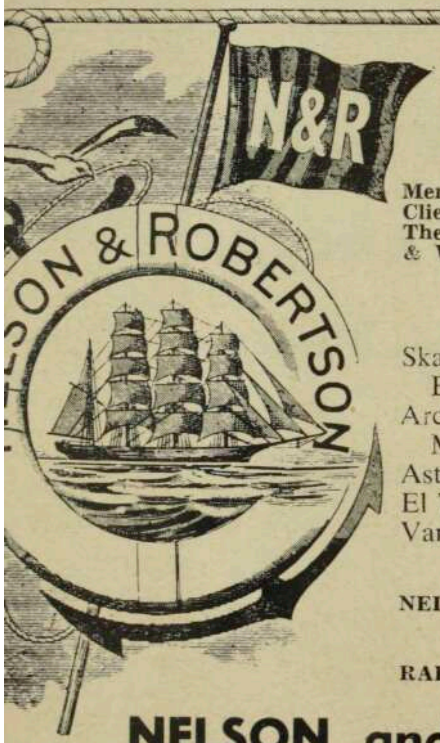
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or vehicles too large to be
into the Highlands may be
in convoy from Lae later this

ral vehicles have in recent
been driven over the unmade
between the head of the
am Valley road and Gusap,
stern terminus of the High-
road system.
ral rivers—such as the Umi,



A photograph taken of the official party at RAOB Lodge Bulolo's Regalia Ball at end of February (see March PIM); left to right, standing, Mrs. L. W. Bergstrand, Mrs. Halpin, Mr. A. E. Lindsay, Mrs. Lindsay, Mr. L. W. Bergstrand, Mr. R. E. Halpin, Mr. A. E. Gazzard, Mrs. Gazzard. Front row, Janette Wilson, Elizabeth Lindsay, Joy Halpin and Janie Lindsay. Photo: A. Paine.


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Leron and Irumu—are the greatest hazards to success as they are always liable to sudden floods.

The Administration, private settlers and others in the Highlands are interested in the idea—for example, the SDA Mission wishes to take in a Holden van which will not fit in a DC3 aircraft.

If the convoy takes place it will probably be in June or July, which are normally dry months.

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT FOR P-NG, MAYBE, SOME DAY

Mr. J. R. Winders, a Queensland Government official, is now engaged on a six weeks' tour of P-NG including Port Moresby, Rabaul, Madang, Lae, Wau and Bulolo. He will examine the pros and cons of local government in Papua and New Guinea.

It is claimed that Mr. Winders has wide academic and practical experience of local government organisation and is well qualified to assist in settling a question much discussed in P-NG in recent years and raised by some Territory Advisory Councils.

Mr. Winders is the Secretary of the Queensland Sugar Board and previously Chief Clerk of the Queensland Local Government Board. He was selected for this survey as it was considered that conditions in the coastal towns of Queensland provide the nearest comparison with those in Territory centres.

To promote contact with interested parties and people, Mr. L. Odgers, of the Department of Civil Affairs, will accompany Mr. Winders on his tour.

Mr. Winders will later submit his findings to the P-NG Administration.

¶ Mr. Bob Wright, Fiji Public R lations office photographer, left New Zealand in March, where will interview travel organisatio newspaper and tourist departme with a view to increasing Fi photographic publicity in Dominion.

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## This is How it Appears to a Stranger

a newcomer to the New rides, arriving at Port Vila before Christmas, 1955, and have seen nothing of the slands of the group. My wife decided to make our per- home here, and from the view of climate and beautiful idings, find it perfect in every

newcomer, I came with a ely unbiassed mind. The of the Condominium was a ne to me and outside any s experience.

r, the Condominium appears ike an unruly child with two whom it plays one against er. Neither father will take ponsibility for the child's mis- ours.

erhaps it could be called a ship with no dictator who approached.

esult is that the people who the revenue have no voice ver in the budgeting of it, parently no expenditure has stified. As it has been put the people who have lived generations, property owners like, families born and bred th deep rooted love for their and others who have *chosen* nd their lives here are d by transients. Transients, the most part, have no in- n the future of the New s and are counting the days ey leave.

, this is a deplorable situa- hy it has been tolerated for is beyond me. Why is there ncil of elected, responsible to decide upon matters of and public works, as in her civilised community? It certing to find a people be- d as though they were the rimitive of humans, in as as they are allowed no , nor permitted to play a the ruling of their country. te of affairs occurs within diction of two Democracies. been told of the time when lecided to build a dry dock Vila. So far as I can gather, ot considered necessary to a marine architect or con- reliance was put in the ser- the Public Works, to whom ject seemed easy. There ne costly not-very-dry-dock which cannot be drained it's having a fresh water It is doubtful if it would be ugh to permit the drawing p's shaft, anyway. Result: , amount unknown.

is here a road tax on motor as is general in most s. Most of the roads were the Americans during the I hope they never see what ening to them. On fine rack roads, the jungle has been allowed to encroach, leaving broken-down single tracks. Road maintenance consists, in the main, of throwing loose coral into holes in the surface with no binding material whatever.

The first rains wash it out again, or vehicles knock it out, then, after a few more springs have been broken, the procedure is repeated, and so on *ad infinitum*.

Should one own a radio one must have a Broadcasting Licence; it is hard to tell why, as there is no broadcasting service here. All programmes heard are supplied by overseas stations.

The most intriguing situation I have come across so far is the great airfield mystery.

Until June, 1955, Qantas operated a flying-boat service to the New Hebrides. This was a year longer than they had intended to use flying-boats on the service, as they had proved too costly. But they operated the extra year, anyhow, to enable the Condominium to repair the airfield the Americans had made, just outside Vila.

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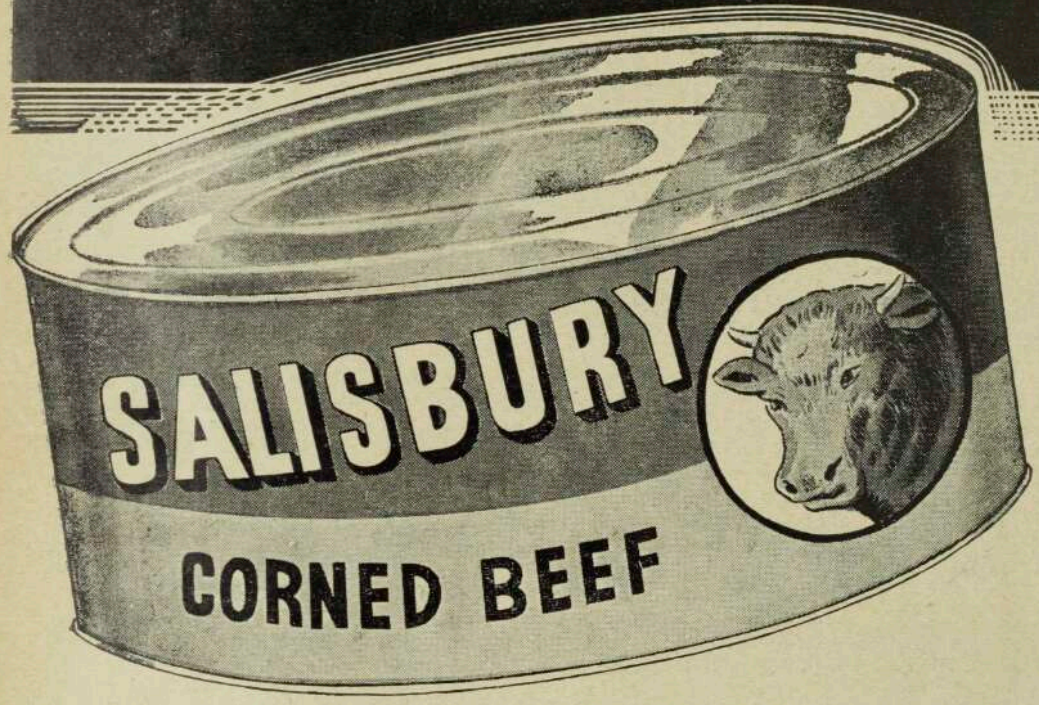




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tations since the war has been ervatively estimated at approxi-ely £13,000. The American Gov-ient paid compensation for the of the property during the war. rtunately, the Americans did pay the compensation to the tation owners, vast tracts of e property had been ruined, but it to the French Government credit against Lease Lend. Now French Government do not con- they should pass on to the rs the compensation, as the Hebrides is not part of the ch Republic, but a Con-nium.

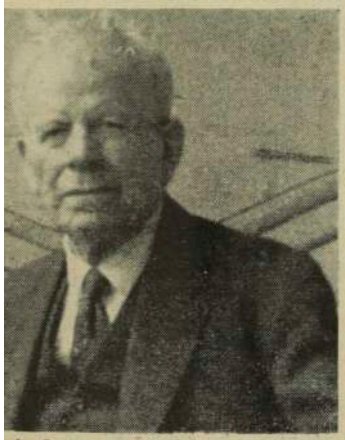
is fact they point out to the ation owners but failed to do the Americans.

e owners of the airfield are minded people but they natur-feel they are entitled to a e deal. Even though they be inclined to leave the matter mpensation in abeyance, they t get a fair offer for the land the Condominium. For a ready airfield needing very little re-and control, prices offered are r the most inferior grazing

e necessity for an air service been brought home recently stunning force by the February strike in Australia. The main y ship, *Tulagi*, was unable to Sydney, and the *Polynesie* d empty of cargo. Mails de-—and this in 1956!—MARTIN RY.

Henry Scott, QC, of Suva, who een a patient in St. Vincent's tal, Sydney, is reported to be ved in health and will probably to Fiji shortly.

## Working for Fiji Athletes



L. Cook, now of Melbourne, who has ed by the Fiji Amateur Sports Assn. ympic Games liaison officer for them. now over 80, Mr. Cook has many He is official timekeeper for the Amateur Athletic Assn. of Victoria, tireless worker amongst New Aus-he speaks Italian fluently. Mr. Cook years in Fiji with the CSR Co., and other 14 years at Ocean Island for ch Phosphate Commission.

## *Another Hotel for Lae Soon*

LAE is to have its second hotel, following the granting of a licence to Morobe Hotels Ltd. in early March.

The new hotel will be of the cabin-type currently favoured for tropical hotels and will be erected in Mark-ham Road, Lae, for about £50,000.

From the description of the pro-posed hotel given to Lae Licensing Court, it is evident that the Com-pany has learned a lot about hotels from its other pioneer-type hotel at Wau—and also from the new Pine Lodge hotel at Bulolo.

The hotel will consist of a main building comprising kitchen, bar, lounge, dining room, office, etc—connected to cabins, flats, and a large block of 12 bedrooms by covered-ways.

There will be two beer-gardens.

Lae at present has only one hotel —the Hotel Cecil—owned by Mrs. F. Stewart, who built it after the war for the cost of about £100,000.

† Bands of the Royal Papua and New Guinea Constabulary, and the Pacific Islands Regiment may go to the Olympic Games if the Games organisers are willing. These native bandsmen made a visit to Australia at the time the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh visited the Common-wealth and were very popular.


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## The Church with a Knowledge of Pigs

THE introduction of white man's law to a primitive society can involve the bringers of the law in a vicious circle of cause and effect.

There is, for example, the business of native pigs in the Eastern Highlands of New Guinea. Here the men regard themselves as warriors and the monotonous business of working in the gardens and tending pigs is left entirely to women.

At one time, they penned their pigs or kept them in their houses knowing that if they did not, some unfriendly tribesman would soon cause them to "go off."

Now, of course, pig-stealing is frowned upon and punished by the Administration and consequenly the over-worked women let the animals run at will. The result is that the pigs—any of which can do as much soil shifting as a bull-dozer when in the mood for it—roam the roads and do a great deal of damage.

At a meeting of the Goroka District Advisory council recently, members were of the opinion that a veterinary officer should be posted to the district to train the local natives in proper methods of animal husbandry—i.e., pig culture and coralling.

Pastor A. J. Campbell, of the SDA, in a fine example of inter-mission cordiality, then said it was a pity that the Rev. Fr. A. Schaefer was not present that day—the Rev. Father had some very sound ideas on pig husbandry and had had many years experience in the problem now before the council.

It was resolved, after further discussion on the pig menace, to defer the matter to the next meeting of the Council when Father Schaefer would be present.

## Girl Who Escaped Lamington Disaster a Brilliant Scholar

MISS Pamela Cawley, now 17, starts an Arts course at Sydney University this year. She is the daughter of Mrs. Cawley and the late Mr. Cecil Cawley, who lost his life in the Mt. Lamington eruption in Papua about five years ago. He was then District Commissioner at Higaturu.

Some of the cost of Pamela's education was met by the Mt. Lamington fund and her achievements have been considerable. At the age of 12 she left Higaturu one day ahead of the eruption. She attended Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta, NSW, where she matriculated last year with "A" passes in English, French, Maths, and Honours in Music. In addition she won a University Scholarship for the Teachers' College, and a Commonwealth Scholarship.




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LF IN NEW GUINEA

# Where The Caddy's a Hazard But The Game is Rewarding

BY DUDLEY JONES

HE big events of the Papua and New Guinea Golf Association year were played this Easter on difficult, hilly course of the gold-ing and plywood town, Bulolo. , on Good Friday, chartered air-ft converged upon Bulolo from aul, Port Moresby, Madang, Lae Goroka, while vehicles brought tors from nearby Wau.

n Easter Saturday the Papua and Guinea Amateur Champion-, played over 36 holes, attracted naximum field of 60 (after a ıber had been ballotted out) and the Monday, the Territory Asso-es' Championship was played 27 holes.

olfers not competing in these n events came for the ride and lay in minor events.

olf is a very popular sport in Guinea and each of the towns tioned has a good course with houses which would do credit ny medium-sized town in Aus-ia. Altogether, hospitable Bulolo mmodated 150 visitors over the week-end and an additional 60 Sunday. Approximately 1,500 free meals were served to guests.

Each town takes it in turn to act as host; last year it was Rabaul, next year it will be Goroka. All clubs are affiliated with the Association, which controls the championship events and has been responsible for a number of excellent measures, e.g., all clubs have reciprocal rights.

The quality of the golf may be gauged from the scores. The terrain of the par 70 course is difficult and, owing to a drought period (locals blame the hot air from the rubble piles left by the dredges for lack of rain in recent years) the greens were not at their best. Yet Bernie Hack, of Lae, playing off 3, won the main event with 150 (two 75's); and in the morning round, Barry Flannery, of Rabaul (6) had a 72 off the stick to break the course record.

The Associates' Championship was won by Mrs. Punshon, of Goroka (formerly Riverina champion and runner-up at Katoomba), with 133. The locals won the Kriewaldt Cup, best scratch score of a team of four


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a bare one stroke from Rabaul. ew-Guineaites take their game ously but, because of local con- ons, it inevitably has its lighter . This is mainly because of the loyment of native caddies, busily aged in earning their shilling. ake the incident at Rabaul last , when an Associate from ther town hit a nice ball off the tee in the championship, only ee her dark-skinned caddy re- ve it like a terrier and bring ack.

nder the rules of golf the caddy n adjunct of the golfer, who suffers dearly for his misdeeds. ce the local rule at Bulolo this r: *"Native bag-carriers are ed as porters, not caddies."*

obably the best anecdote con- s the Port Moresby member, took along to the course to his bag a Chimbu who knew ing but his own "place talk" the plantation labour line. his surprise and disgust, the r lost six balls. He seemed to itting them straight and the Moresby fairways aren't that Back at the plantation, he the boss-boy to inform the y that he did not intend to pay anything, as his job had been nd balls yet six had been lost. the inevitable gabbling, boss-boy explained that the oy was very sorry, but he had the Taubada hitting the balls far away over the hill and had concluded that he was *trying* to lose them. He had assisted in this by picking them up and throwing them into the rough!

Then there was a Finschhafen associate who claimed that she had done a hole in seven. Her partner's native pocket-size caddy was determined not to see his missus taken down like this, and interrupted indignantly. "Nogat!" he yelled, "me

## Two Old Fiji Families United

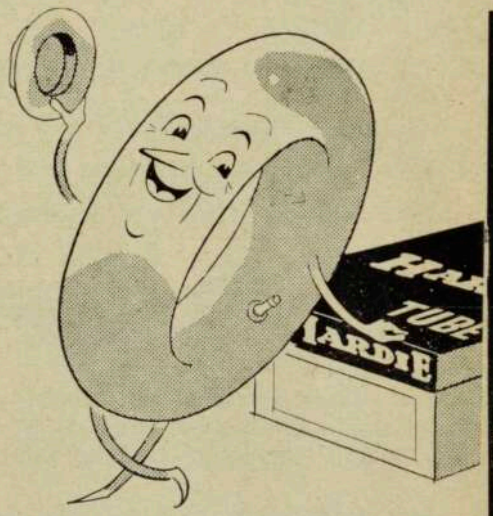


The marriage of Miss Cordelia Marion Pickering, daughter of Mr. Harry Pickering, to Mr. Godfrey Robin Bentley on March 3, in Suva, united two very old Fiji families. The bride's great-grandfather had an eventful career in pre-cession days. At one stage he assisted the Rewa people against Dreketi and was given the name of Vuti Rewa, which means "helping Rewa".

The bridegroom's grandfather worked for Wishart & Co. in the early days of the Colony after cession. There were over 300 guests at the wedding reception, the majority being relatives of either the bride or the groom. Our photo shows (left to right, standing), Miss K. Pickering, Mr. C. Pickering, Mr. J. Pickering, Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, Miss J. Smith, Mr. A. Seeto, Mr. J. Peterson, Mr. H. Pickering. Seated, Miss L. Pickering and Miss E. Davenport.


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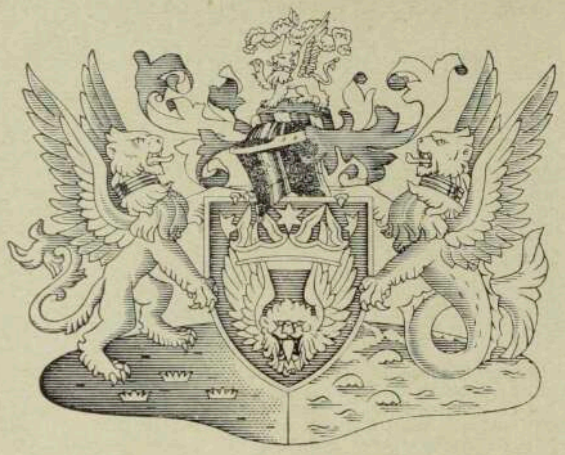
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lukim you faitim bal ten fella time. Namba wan you faitim bal e mi go long liklik wata. Namba tu na namba tri you faitim air tasol,"* and so on through the whole mortifying ten strokes.

Even those most critical of Pidgin must admit that it can be a succinct and expressive language on occasion. Young European children, who are looked after by "meris" normally speak Pidgin fluently. A small boy of three, after watching his golf-beginner father, a well known Rabaul citizen, in one of his early essays at the game, on being asked what his father had done that afternoon gave this graphic description: "Papa em i kisim wan liklik ball. Nau em i kisim wanfella club. Nau em faitim bal long club. He faitim, he faitim, he faitim, nau ball i winim."†

The really fearsome feature of some New Guinea courses is the kunai rough. The kunai may be over head-high and the ball once in, seldom found. An associate on one of these courses hit her ball far into the kunai and was lucky enough to find it.

For a considerable time the only sign of activity was the occasional flashing of a club blade above the kunai. Her partner, going to investigate, found her still slashing at the ball and moving it inch by inch. On her suggestion, that she should pick the ball up, drop it on the fairway, and take the penalty, the associate replied that she had been told that there was no out-of-bounds on this course and if she was on the course she felt she had to play the ball and was determined to play the round out.

So you intending visitors to the Territory, don't forget to pack your sticks. You will enjoy your game on good courses and under novel conditions, not forgetting the traditional New Guinea hospitality in the Club house. And to those keen Territory golfers, who made the trip to Bulolo—see you next year at Goroka.

* "No got! I saw you hit (fight) the ball 10 times. The first time you hit it into the water. Number two and number three you hit air, that's all."

† "Father gets one little ball. Now on club. Now he fights (or hits) the ball with the club. He fights it, he fights it, he fights it—then the ball wins."

‡ Miss Susan Williams, of Sydney, just returned from a six months working holiday in Rabaul, announced her engagement to Mr. Jan Snijders, of Rabaul. They plan to marry in Sydney in May and make their home in Rabaul.

† A sling of fabricated steel dropped off Norfolk Island jetty recently by *Shansi* was located by a local underwater enthusiast, and MV *Viti Star* was pressed into service to salvage same for the new NI whaling factory.




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# ublic Effort To rotect Vild Life In Fiji

SUVA, March 15.

1950, following a suggestion by the Director of Agriculture, the Council of the Fiji Society set a Committee to investigate and vise Government on various ects of nature protection in the ony; and, in particular, to study breeding habits of native game ls, as a basis on which the annual oting seasons could probably be ided.

ver the past five years the Com- tee has had the following mem- ship, representing both scientific sporting in erests: Messrs. R. A. gus, R. A. Derrick, H. Gatty, Rev. Hill, H. W. Simmonds, B. South- k, C. Walker, H. M. Scott, V. L. Weston, J. Rednall, Dr. nson-Bahr and B. E. V. Parham airman).

NATIVE GAME BIRDS

ided by the Fiji Society's mem- ship of the International Union the Protection of Nature, the mittee instituted correspondence overseas zoologists, and carried a programme of local investi- ons. To obtain additional field a, the Committee recommended special wardens be appointed arious parts of the Colony under Fiji Bird and Games Protect- Ordinance with authority to game birds out-of-season for y.

ese wardens are Messrs. D. K. l, F. G. Smith, C. G. S. Johns, Walker, R. McGowan, Rev. W. B. Southwick and H. Gatty. y have all reported their obser- ons from time to time; and an al to sportsmen in 1953 and brought in additional informa-

e Committee has advised on revision of the Schedules to the ection of Birds and Games nance, on proposals for the in- uction of exotic game birds and r animals, and on applications the export of native birds.

e Committee has recognised the -term nature of the investiga- s which are necessary if its re- mendations are to be based on ntific facts and not on casual rts and opinions. Each year it reviewed the available informa- on the population status of the ve game birds and has taken consideration the effects of external factors such as hurri- s, and the abundance or other- of natural food supplies.

has also given careful atten- to the legitimate claims of smen for a reasonable annual ting season and has realised that unnecessary restrictions might well defeat the object of protective controls by encouraging over-shooting and out-of-season destruction of birds. Consequently, it has each year recommended the longest open season possible.

Because of Colony-wide reports regarding the status of the grey duck, the Committee in 1954 recommended a total prohibition for the time being on shooting of this species. The case of the migratory birds has also been investigated.

It is an unfortunate fact, however, that from time to time well-authenticated reports are received of illegal and wanton destruction of native birds by individuals.

It has been possible to investigate only a few of these cases and the Committee feels that the best prospect for the future is to enlist the interest and support of the people of all races in it's work. It is in the interests of all concerned that a rational and well understood programme of native conservation should be observed in all districts of the Colony.

NATURE AND SCENIC RESERVES

Another activity of the Committee has been the study of local needs for the establishment of nature reserves and scenic reserves, especially in view of the fact that Government had signified its intention of abandoning, not only the roadside scenic reserves proclaimed in the early thirties but also the Bird Sanctuary and Nature Reserve at Colo-i-Suva proclaimed in 1926.

The Committee, through the Council, made several major recommendations and during 1954 requested that early consultation be arranged.

Mr. H. Gatty is now Chairman of the Nature Protection Committee. Mr. H. Hardie, at present on leave in Scotland, will represent the Fiji Society at the meeting of the International Union for the Protection of Nature, in Edinburgh, in June.

† Fa'afaga, a 12-year-old Samoan girl of Tanugamanono, courageously rescued a 3-year-old boy, Uota, swept into the Vaisigano River in recent mid-March floods.


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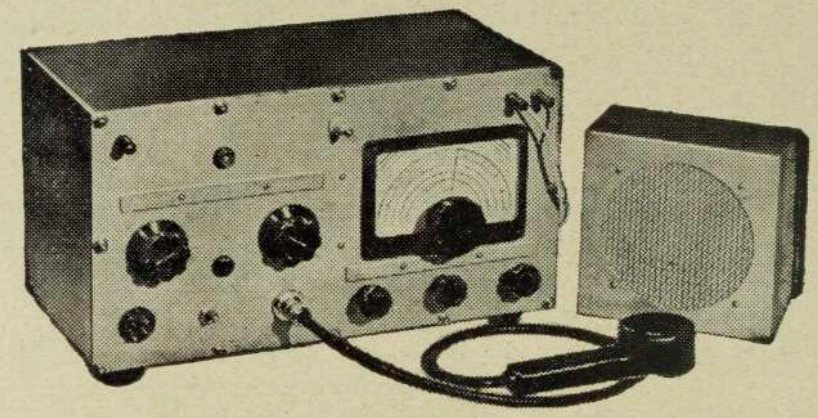
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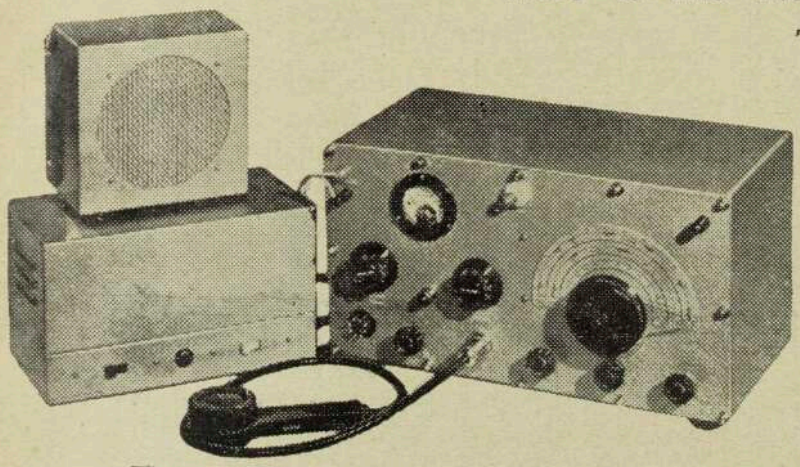


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## oming of Age Party for Suva Girl



photograph taken at the 21st birthday party of Miss Jennifer Goodsir, of Suva, a few ago. They are, left to right: Miss Jennifer Goodsir; her father, Mr. W. E. Goodsir; her ther, Mrs. Goodsir, of Taumaranui, NZ; and her mother, Mrs. W. E. Goodsir.

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ivian Whittaker, son of Mr. s. George K. Whittaker, of w Guinea, who was born Guinea about 24 years ago, l to the Territory recently join the Public Health De- t.

† Traditional Samoan ceremonies at Saleloga, Savaii, on March 2 were a feature of the official opening of the new wharf at that coastal village, constructed to facilitate the shipment by inter-island vessels of bananas and other produce to Apia. Led by the High Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Powles, and Mrs. Powles, the official party from Apia included the acting Director of Works, Mr. Hendricksen, European and Samoan members of the Legislative Assembly, and members of the Fono of Faipule.

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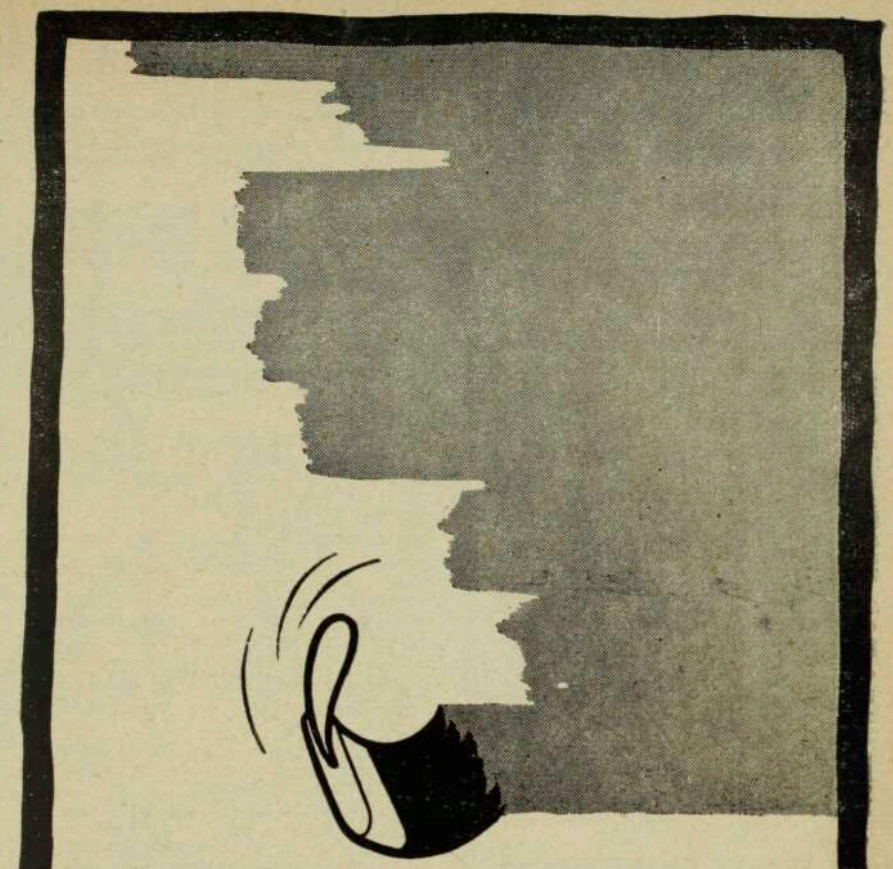
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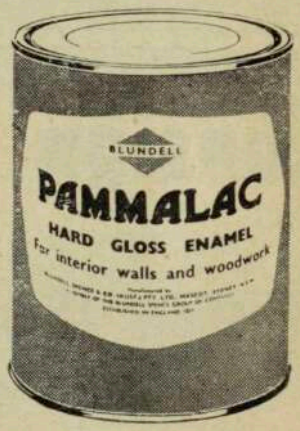
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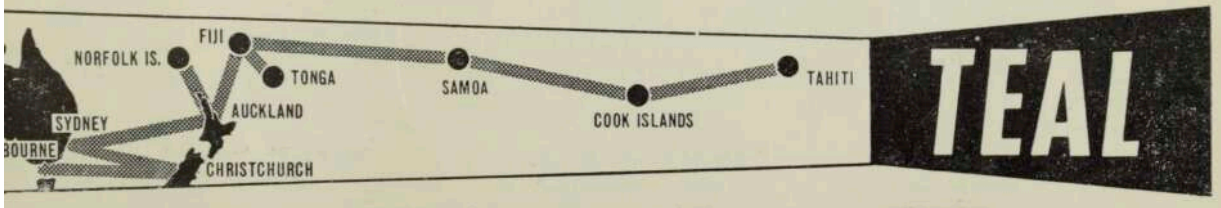


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