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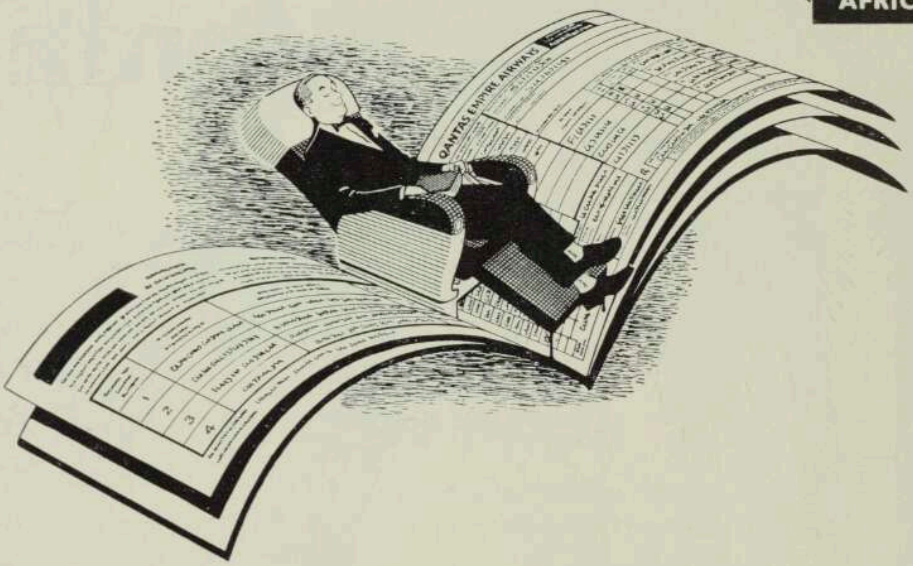
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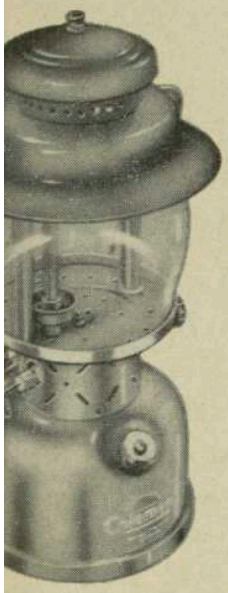
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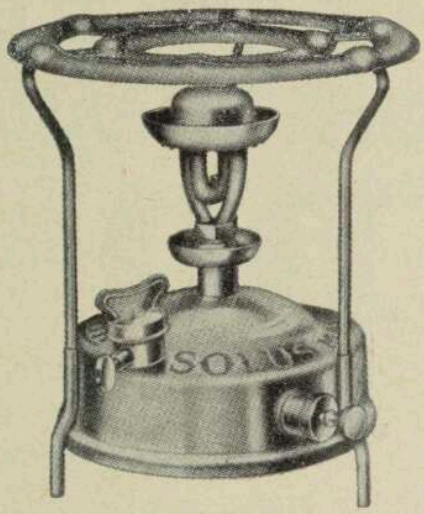
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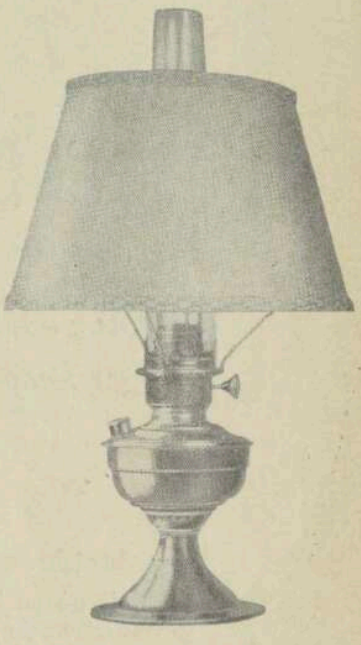
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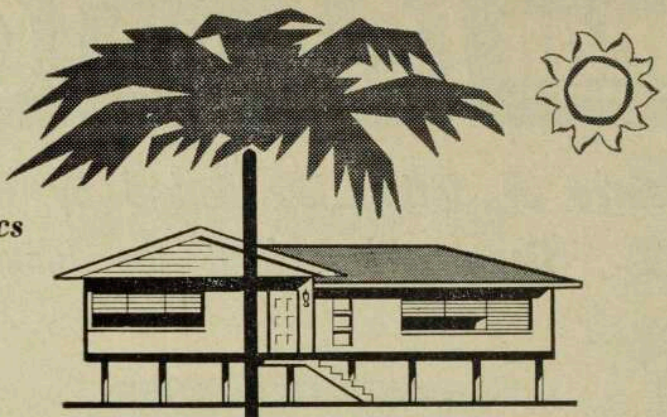
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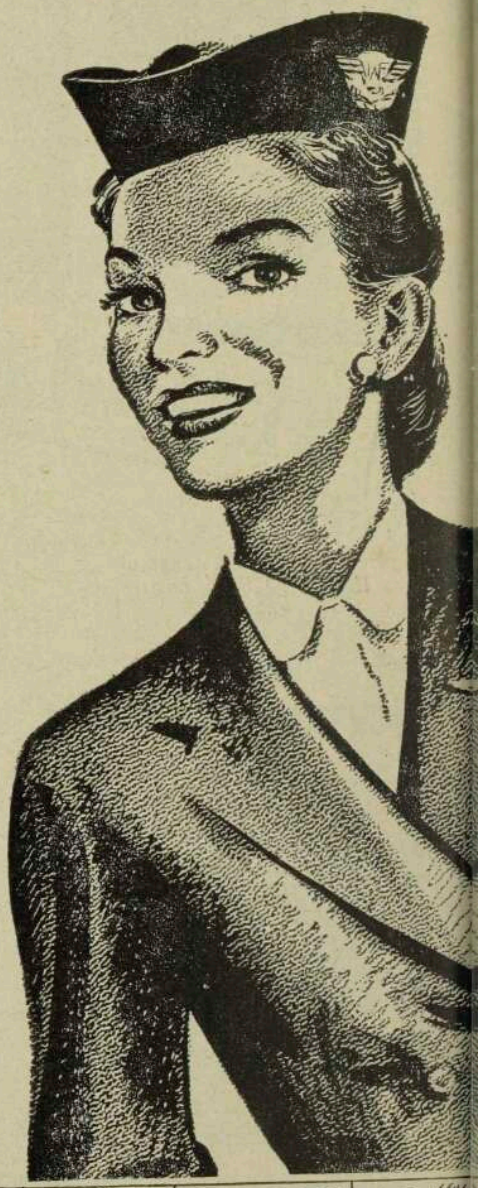
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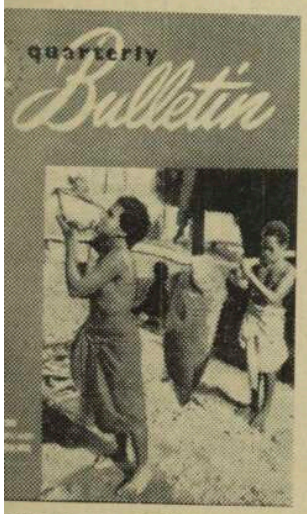
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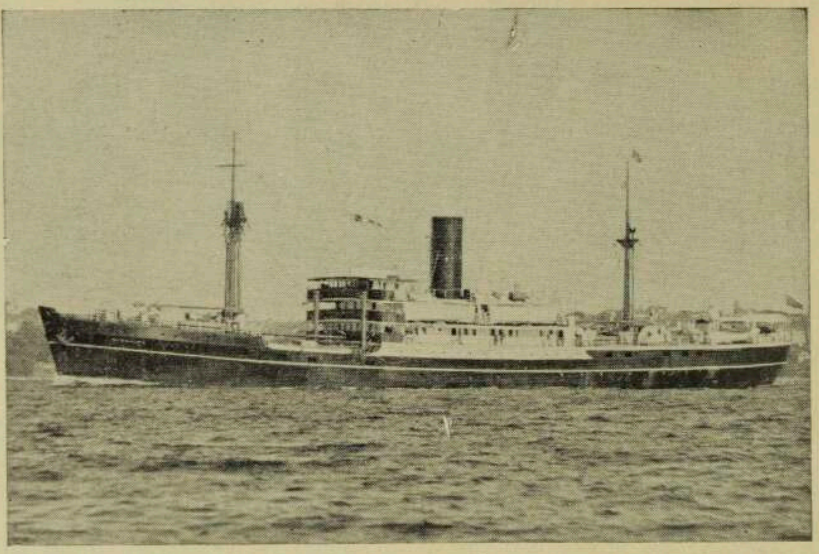
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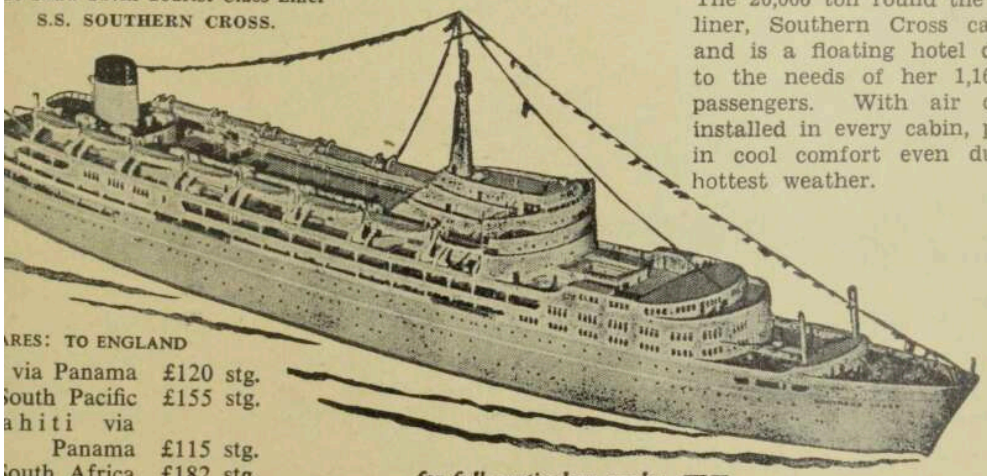
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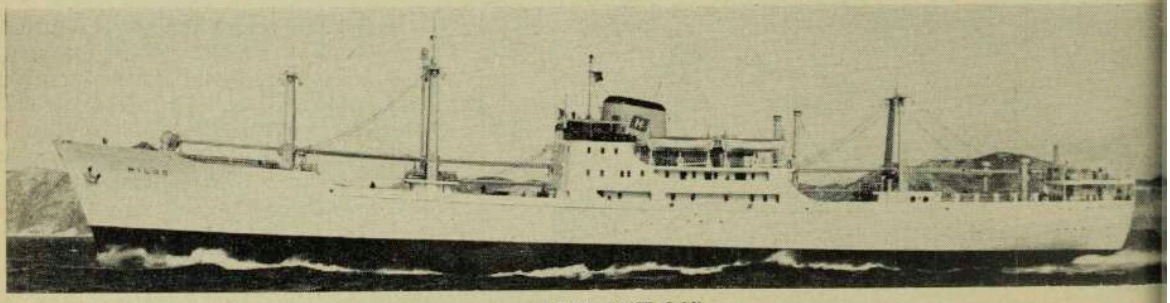
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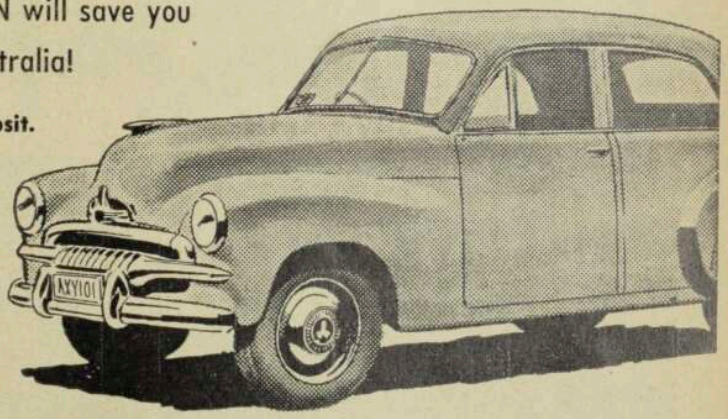
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BY PAN-AMERICAN AIRWAYS

(With Strato Clippers, using Sleeperettes and Berths*)

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Mon., Thur.: San Francisco to Sydney (same route).

Tues., Sat.: Los Angeles to Sydney (same route).

* DC4 from Auckland connects, arriving Nadi Sun., Tues., Thur., departing Nadi Tues., Thur., Sun. DC4 shuttle service once monthly connects Nadi and Tafuna (American Samoa).

BY QANTAS EMPIRE AIRWAYS

(Super Constellation Service)

NORTHWARDS

Tues.*, Wed.*, Fri.* and Sat.*: Sydney, Nadi (Fiji), Honolulu, San Francisco—with Sat. service extending to Vancouver.

SOUTHWARDS

Wed.*, Thur.*, Sat.*, Mon.*: San Francisco, Honolulu, Nadi (Fiji), Sydney. Monday's service begins at Vancouver on Sunday. (Note: Crosses date-line en route).

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(With Super DC-6B Aircraft)

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2. Sydney-New Guinea

Service by Qantas Empire Airways (Skymasters)

NORTHWARDS

Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat., Sun.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 8.00 p.m.	Brisbane, 10.45 p.m.
Brisbane, 11.45 p.m.	Moresby, 6.35 a.m.

(Tues., Wed., Thur., Sun., Mon.)

Moresby, 7.35 a.m.	Lae, 9.00 a.m.

Thurs.

Depart:	Arrive:
Sydney, 8 p.m.	Brisbane, 10.45 p.m.
Brisbane, 11.45 p.m.	Townsville, 3.30 a.m

(Friday)

Townsville, 4.15 a.m.	Cairns, 5.30 a.m.
Cairns, 6.30 a.m.	Moresby, 9.20 a.m.
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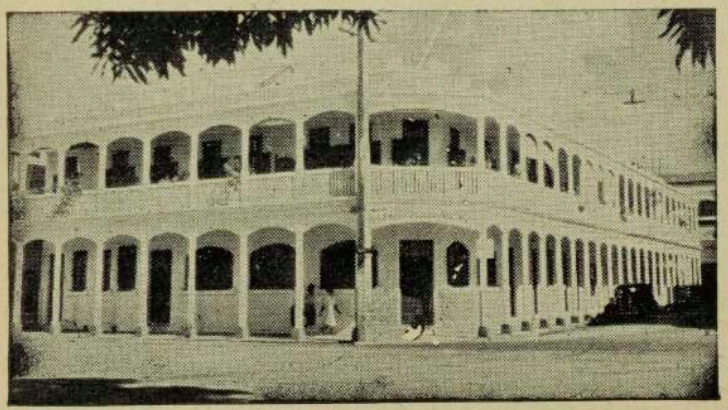
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Lae, 10.30 a.m.	Moresby, 12.00 noon
Moresby, 1.00 p.m.	Brisbane, 7.35 p.m.
Brisbane, 9.00 p.m.	Sydney, 11.45 p.m.

Sat.

Depart:	Arrive:
Lae, 7.00 a.m.	Moresby, 8.30 a.m.
Moresby, 9.30 a.m.	Cairns, 12.20 p.m.
Cairns, 2.35 p.m.	Townsville, 3.45 p.m.
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LAE-MANUS (DC3)

Alt. Wed. (Dec. 26, Jan. 9, 23, etc.).
Dep. Lae, 8.00 a.m.: Finschhafen, Ra Kavieng, arr. Manus 3.00 p.m.
Every alt. Sat. (Dec. 29, Jan. 12, 26, departs Manus 8 a.m. and with cal Kavieng, Rabaul and Finschha arrives Lae at 2.55 p.m.

MORESBY-DARU (Catalina)

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PORT MORESBY-RABAUL (Catalina)

Alt. Tues. (Dec. 25, Jan. 8, 22, Pt. Moresby, Samarai, Esa'ala, Lo Moewe Hbr., Talasea, Jacquinot Rabaul. Returning via same ports cept Losuia and Esa'ala optional) Thurs. (Dec. 27, Jan. 10, 24, etc.).

NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (Catalina)

Alt. Wed.: Rabaul, Buka, Teopa Kieta, Buin (Dec. 26, Jan. 9, 23, Returning same day.

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

Mon.: Dep. Lae 6.30 a.m., Madang 7.35 a.m. Wewak, Manus, Kav Rabaul, arr. 3.40 p.m.
Tues.: Dep. Rabaul 6.30 a.m., direc Madang, arr. 9.10 a.m.
Thurs.: Dep. Lae 6.30 a.m., Ma Awar, Wewak, Manus, Kavieng, Ra arr. 4.05 p.m.
Fri.: Dep. Rabaul 6.30 a.m. Kav Manus, Wewak, Madang, Lae, 3.55 p.m.

CENTRAL HIGHLANDS (DC3)

Fridays: Lae (7.45 a.m.) to Wapenam calling at any of: Goroka, Nom Banz, Minj, Mt. Hagen, Baiyer Kainantu, Wapenamunda. Arrival at Lae dependent on stops.

LOWER HIGHLANDS (Beaver)

Fridays: Lae (7.30 a.m.) to Goroka, ing at any of Nadzab, Kaiapit, G Aiyura, Finintegu, Rintebe, Bena Kainantu, Goroka, Arona. Arrival at Lae depends on stops made.

LAE-BULOLO-WAU (DC3)

Dep. Lae: Mon. 7.30 a.m., Tues, 2 Wed. 11.30 a.m., Fri. 2.00 p.m.
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MADANG-GOROKA (DC3)

Tuesdays: Depart Madang 10 a.m., Goroka 10.35 a.m., returning same depart Goroka 11 a.m., arr. M 11.35 a.m.
Alt. Fridays (Dec. 28, Jan. 11, 25,
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NEW GUINEA-NEW BRITAIN-BOUGAINVILLE (DC3)

Fridays: Depart Lae 12.55 p.m., F hafen 1.45 p.m., arrive Rabaul p.m.
Saturdays: Depart Rabaul 10 a.m., to Lae, arr. 12.40 p.m.
Sundays: Depart Lae 12 noon, Finsch 1 p.m., Rabaul 3.10 p.m.

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11. Norfolk Is.-Auckland

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Alt. Sun.: Return flight Norfolk (dep. 7.45 a.m.) Auckland (arr. 11.30 a.m., dep. 1.15 p.m.) Norfolk (arr. 4.15 p.m.). (See Table 8 above).

12. Auckland-Sydney

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13. Christchurch-Sydney

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Mon., Fri.: Dep. Christchurch 5.00 p.m., arr. Sydney 8.40 p.m.
Mon., Thurs.: Dep. Sydney 8.00 a.m., arr. Christchurch 3.10 p.m.

14. Christchurch-Melbourne

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Thurs.: Dep. Christchurch 5.00 p.m., arr. Melbourne 9.30 p.m.
Fri.: Dep. Melbourne 7.30 a.m., arr. Christchurch 3.00 p.m.

15. New Zealand-Fiji

Tasman Empire Airways, with DC6 aircraft.

Tues., Fri.: Dep. Auckland 1.15 a.m., arr. Nadi 6.15 p.m.
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Leaves Suva Dec. 28, Jan. 11, 25. Leaves Papeete Dec. 30, Jan. 13, 27.

17. Fiji-Tonga

Tasman Empire Airways, with Solent aircraft.

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Dep. Suva 6.30 a.m., arr Nukualofa 9.50 a.m., dep Nukualofa 9.50 a.m., arr. Suva 4.55 p.m.
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Nadi-Suva: Wed., Fri., Sat.
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Suva-Taveuni-Suva: Fri., Sun.
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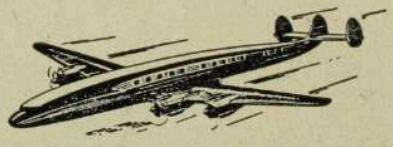
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South Seas Hotel Gets Conditional Certificate

THE Licensing Court at Suva has granted a conditional certificate to Messrs. Morris Hedstrom Ltd. for the new South Seas Hotel, and adjourned the Court until January 24 to enable the applicant company to apply for a provisional licence.

Sketch plans have now been submitted for a 20-bedroom hotel. A spokesman for the company said that although on a more moderate scale it will still be a good hotel.

Even 20 bedrooms will help the accommodation problem which is centred around an accommodation bottleneck in Suva, but a great deal more is needed if expenditure in attracting tourists is to be justified.

NZ EXPERT WILL DECIDE

Suva's Battle Of The Wharf Sheds

ROUND Two of the controversy as to whether or not Suva should have more wharf shed accommodation, appears to have gone to the local Chamber of Commerce—an official of the Auckland Harbour Board will be invited by the Government to decide whether more accommodation is necessary.

Round One, a battle between the Chamber of Commerce and the Customs Department, was drawn: The C of C said that the additional space was necessary; the Controller of Customs said that it was not.

The Chamber of Commerce, when asked to approve the enlisting of outside advice, agreed enthusiastically—evidently in the opinion that said outside advice would give Round Three to the Chamber.

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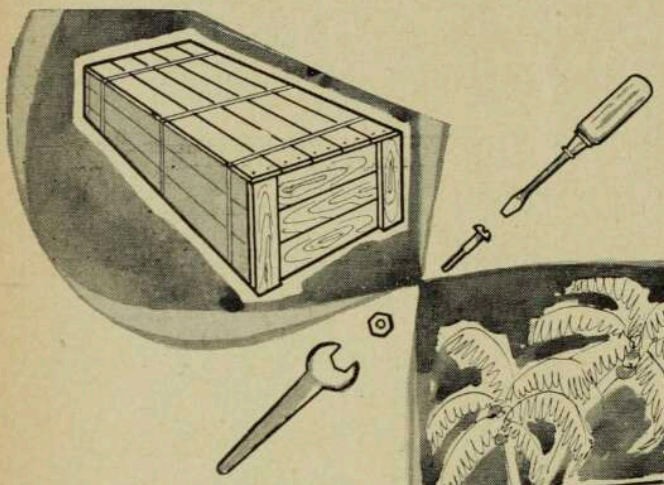
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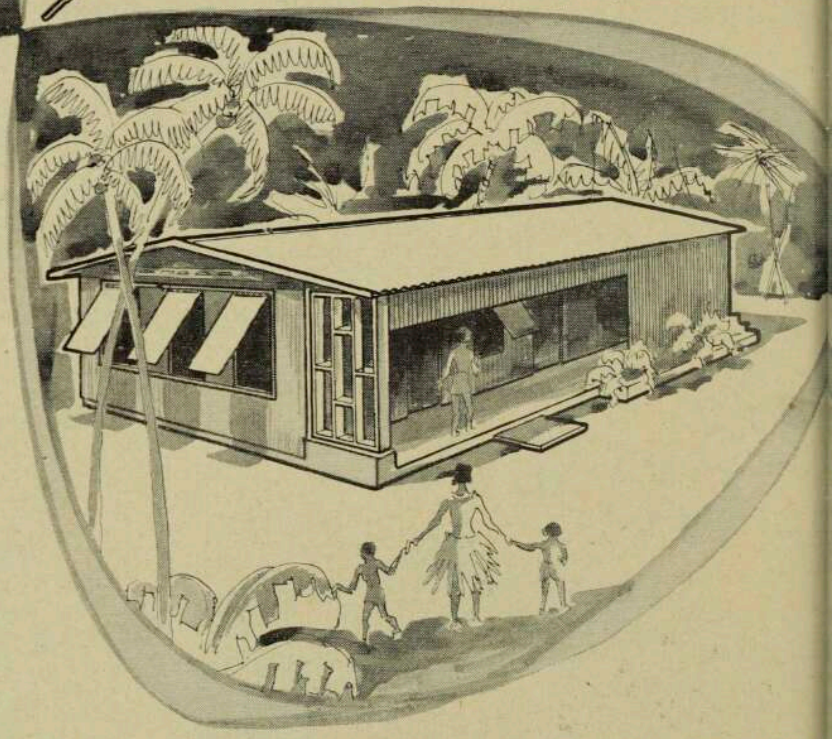
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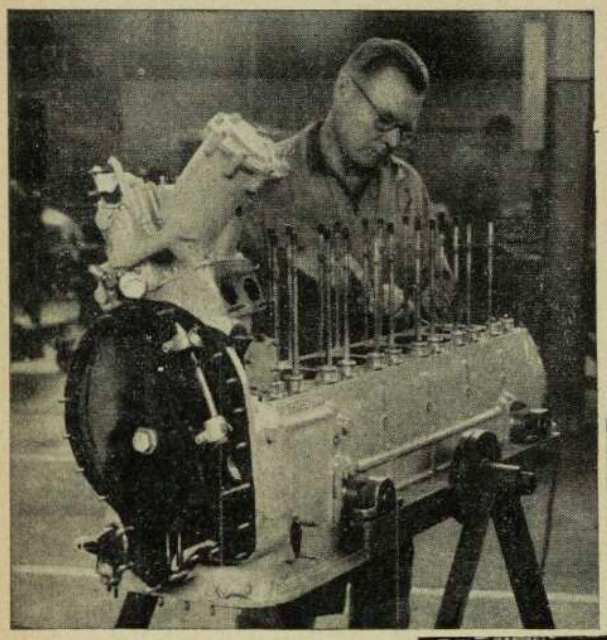
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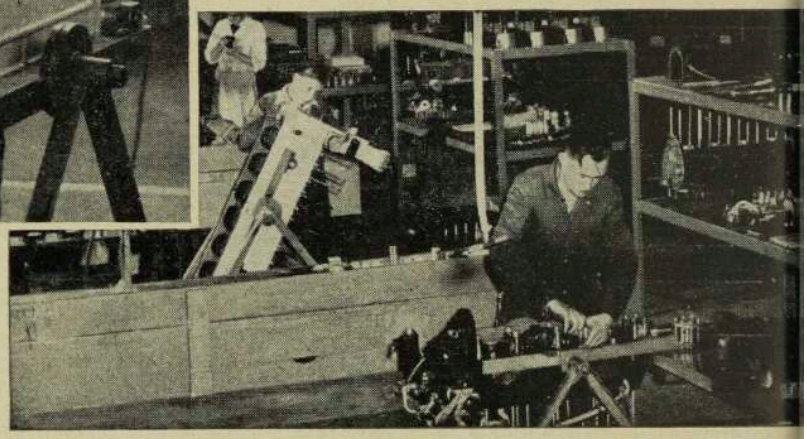
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)SCOW AND CAIRO GAIN MORAL VICTORY VHEN USA HUMILIATES FRANCE, BRITAIN

mincing words—the with-al of Britain from the Suez is the most humiliating of British history in 50 Inless there are, in the de-situation, factors which at ient we cannot see, it is that what remains of prestige as a Great Power and that the United faces a very grave crisis.

xperienced and intelligent of international affairs still nderstand why the United ould have allied herself Wogs of Egypt, the Reds w and the Cranks of the ations to do this thing to n and France, who are only worth-while friends d that is moving inevitably oody showdown between Individualism and Com-'otalitarianism.

ly, in moving into Port ain and France were act-defiance of the United But consider the history ast Asia and the Middle e 1945.

step, Britain and France, mostly to the deliberate ialism of United States, n driven out of the Asian le East countries, long be-e countries were fit for nment. If Britain and ere not to govern the from colonialism to in-e, it should have been and shaped by the United

United Nations—like the f Nations, and like any ganisation—never has been will be anything but a e talk-shop, where all ontemptible little nations, annot effectively govern s, insist on having a vote-voice in the government rld. UNO can and will g, beyond employing tens ands of planners and nd producing mountains reports.

i-colonial move has gone ten years, unchecked and cted; and Britain has ief sufferer. Her economy, nturies, was built around eas trade, and especially de with the vast territories h the Union Jack flew. s driven out of her terri-markets shrank, and the social wellbeing of her 50 million people was threatened.

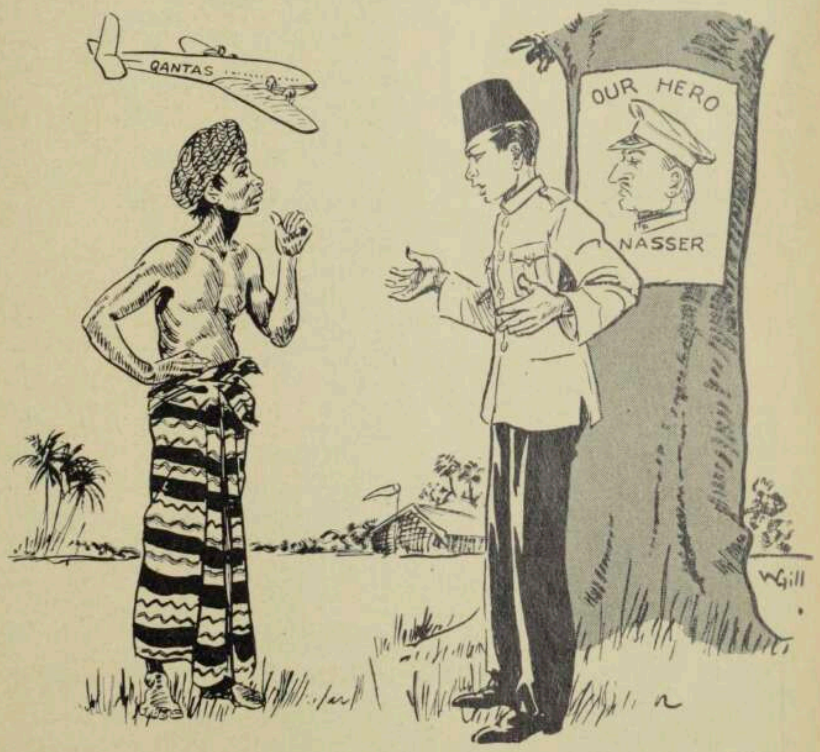
Inevitably, the time came when she had to stop and make a balance-sheet. That was in 1955-56. Cold statistics showed that she must either hold on to what she had, or face the colossal task of changing England and Scotland from a manufacturing and food-importing economy to a primary production and feed-yourself organisation.

Britain, since World War II, had done some things that were in the category of political lunacy. She had withdrawn her troops from the Suez Canal area; evacuated the Sudan with a lordly swagger; permitted Russia to undermine her influence in the Arab States; and made an indescribable mess of Cyprus. When Nasser—important only because of the Red hand controlling and directing him—seized the Suez Canal, Britain decided that she had reached the point of no-further-retreat.

She was driven to that stand by the cold logic of economic facts, and of recent history. Developments since then would indicate either that Britain has been betrayed by those whom she regarded as her best friends, or that the British Government has been in the hands of fumbling and timid men who are incapable of guiding the nation in an international crisis.

AS this is written, early in December, we know only that Britain and France have agreed to leave the Canal immediately and "unconditionally," and that a rag-tag-and-bobtail of United Nations troops is taking over police duties there; that Britain is faced with economic disaster, through lack of oil; and that Britain's enemies are literally screeching their triumph.

We do not know whether there is some secret understanding between Britain and United States. There could possibly be an agreement to the effect that, if Britain and France will assist United States to establish UNO control over the Canal, UNO will direct the Canal's future operation, and shape Middle



"Sure, we still don't like Australia's attitude—but how will our Colombo Plan students get home?"

(In early December, Indonesia called off its month-long ban on Qantas planes—imposed because the Australian Government supported British and French action in Egypt—but continued its ban on British Overseas Airways Corporation's use of Djakarta Airport.)

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East politics; and that American interests will quickly end Britain's oil famine (at a price, of course!).

If there is no such agreement (and even that would be a poor thing), then the withdrawal of Britain and France can be described as the most shameful national collapse in recent history. In any event, it looks like the end of British influence in the Middle East and Cyprus, and of the French in North Africa

IF Britain and France had carried on with their march into the Suez area, it might have led to a great war.

But what of that? Does any informed man believe to-day that another great war can be avoided? Not a man or a country of the West wants war; but our wishes do not count in this matter. War is inevitable, so long as the monstrous evil thing called the Soviet Union retains its enormous armaments and its determination to bring the whole world under Red domination—and so long as we are prepared to fight for our freedom.

If Britain and France had gone on to defend the thing that is the basis of our civilisation—namely, the written contract, which in this case was the Suez Canal Treaty—they would have been morally justified, and their national prestige would have been raised; and British and French interests in the Middle East and Southwest Asia would have been guarded—a matter of great importance to the South Pacific countries.

As it is, the control now goes over to the inept and expensive United Nations, and the unpredictable United States. It is not a pretty prospect.

• *If America is logical in establishing UNO as the world's policeman, then America herself should disarm. But if America—like any realist man or nation—is not prepared to leave her future security and wellbeing in the hands of UNO, and insists on maintaining an American force capable of meeting the Russians, then America has neither right nor reason in enforcing the Anglo-French withdrawal from Egypt.*

Britain and France have no confidence in UNO, and were honest enough to act accordingly.

America is manifestly dishonest (or just plain stupid) in many aspects of her foreign policy. While Britain and France, as the result of American policy, now are sliding into economic disaster and anti-Americanism, America broadcasts her desire for world peace, plays snakes-and-ladders with UNO and (out of sight, behind the scenes) builds bigger and better bombs.

What a world! No wonder the Anglophobes laugh, and laugh. Ten years ago, the Kremlin set out to destroy the "capitalist" system by undermining the British Commonwealth, and thus kicking the chief supports from under the United States. It is having remarkable success. And how interesting to see the United States herself helping in the good work!—R.W.R.

THE EDITORS' MAILBAG

Something for the Newly Literate

As the education systems of nearly a score of South Pacific Territories bring increasing literacy to the young people of the native communities, there is an increasing demand for "something to read." The standard of literacy is not high; but, if the effort is to be worth while, that demand must be met.

The overall need, of course, is for the printed word in English. Many native children are becoming literate in their own languages, or in French; and this smaller demand must also be catered for. But the big job is the provision of material in very simple English.

The South Pacific Commission is working on this. In a recent mail, there arrived four examples of what is being done—*The Story of Rice-growing*, by W. Cottrell-Dormer (a book of instruction and information, in very simple language, and profusely illustrated); *Solomon Islands Stories*; *Heroes From Fiji*, by R. S. Adam; and *Plays For Young Pupils*, by Camilla Wedgwood.

It is not necessary to emphasise the value and importance of this new department of the SPC's activities. Supplies of these booklets can be purchased from the South Pacific Commission, PO Box 5254, Sydney, (or Anse Vata, Noumea), at a very low price.

Answers: McIntosh and Didimans

A brisk if somewhat acid letter from Miss Marie Egan, of Rabaul, has enlivened matters this month, and set us right on a couple of points. She says, *inter alia*, that she is still one of *PIM's* most consistent readers—and still agrees with about half of what we say.

She proceeds: "In November issue you enquire the whereabouts of Lt. J. C. McIntosh. (P. 37). He was killed in an air crash, probably in the late 20's, for when I met his widow, in the mid-30's, she had married again and had three small children. McIntosh's own son, John, was taken in tow by L and, as I remember him, looke like the photograph of his f He later went to Point Cook (t training base in Victoria) an haps found his vocation. I wondered whether we would h him during the war.

"McIntosh's widow marrie mechanic, Townsend, and th pression hit them very badly. told me that the crash caused McIntosh's death had caused by a drunk maki nuisance of himself: 10/- you'll remember, being cust jobs for our pioneer airmen i tween their trail-blazing. I se remember that the crash oc near Geraldton, WA; the fami in Albany at the time of wh write."

Miss Egan also has somethi say about "didimans"—Pidgi gardener. A German reade gested (Nov. *PIM*), that in his it was pronounced "radidi Miss Egan says that in Blanch dialect, "ra" means "the"—e. *baul*, the swamp. Could *did* also be a native word, and no relation at all to a what mythical German bota gardener?

"Unthinkable" He Says!

To hand, a communication New York on the subject o Van Campen—signed "Subs who may be a Briarcliff Blan NY Stockbroker." (Blank bei indication that no one on th of the Pacific can interpret particular word—the letter is written).

Our Unknown says:

I think that was a deli letter from Mr. Van Campen o 155 of August *PIM*, and I'm of you for printing it altho am afraid that your editorial ment took him much too se and in the wrong way.

What he tried to say, I was that the social and ec climate of America seems to b that a person can achieve much what he wants. That the Americans are such en folk. I'm not sure that this and economic climate is an can monopoly; nor is it p but it seems like a giant s the right direction.

If America and Britain sho come estranged—which to unthinkable—it won't be fo thing Van Campen said . . . s

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O-HAMS PAY NY'S FARE JSA

)ANNY WEIL, whose two ent sea-adventures off ua made him well known uts, left Sydney late r by air for the United

re was paid by the radio- o were sponsoring his cruise to get radio-cards (QLS e believe they are called) re places in the Pacific. ovember, page 24).
ould not find a boat to suit in Sydney—the *Yasme*, in e had sailed across the was wrecked on a reef off n October 25. Weil—who t frantic radio calls for r the second time in six as plucked from the sea same reef by a Qantas at considerable risk of nd personnel. The Port Red Cross paid his fare to , where Weil said he was

is suited in America, he o sail the Pacific again and n round the world to the is determined, he says, to first Englishman to sail he world single-handed.
g into our private crystal- forecasts that the Terri- Papua-New Guinea will not ded on Mr Weil's second tinerary. The Administra- d him to pay £700 towards of sending a Catalina to ue. So far as we know e nor the radio-hams who d him have paid it.
Weil first got into trouble a—in September, when a sh-boat was sent out to n from a watery end— ans were prepared to call it . When he was again in few weeks later, they said razy to be sailing a 40-ft -handed in those waters.
ndamental difference be- Veil and other wandering n, of course, is that he was with seven radio sets, all appeared to *work*; con- , when something went ith him the whole world med of it.

VS

th of Capt. Duncan

James Duncan, 82, well-known ner and plantation owner in New d in Sydney on December 17, after ess. He is survived by his widow, William, of Queensland; and Norman, s the family plantation in NG; and er, Jess (Mrs. L. H. Ross).

SUGAR INDUSTRY STABILISATION

Fund May Be Put To Use

SOME of the £2,000,000 in the Fiji Sugar Stabilisation Fund may be used for sugar development.
This was stated by the Colonial Secretary, Mr. A. F. R. Stoddart, in the Fiji Legislative Council. He said that the Government was discussing the matter with the Colonial Office.
The fund was started in 1946 to provide a cushion against the then anticipated severe drop in the price of sugar on the day marketing ceased to be controlled.
Initially a levy of 35/- a ton was imposed, and it was coupled with a very substantial increase in the price.
As the fund grew the need for 35/- was questioned and some time ago the levy was reduced to 25/- a ton.
The outlook has been improved by the increase in price announced for next year, and with the period of the Commonwealth Sugar Agreement extended to 1964 it is not expected that there will be any need in the immediate future to call upon the fund, although a substantial part of it should be kept for the purpose for which it was established.

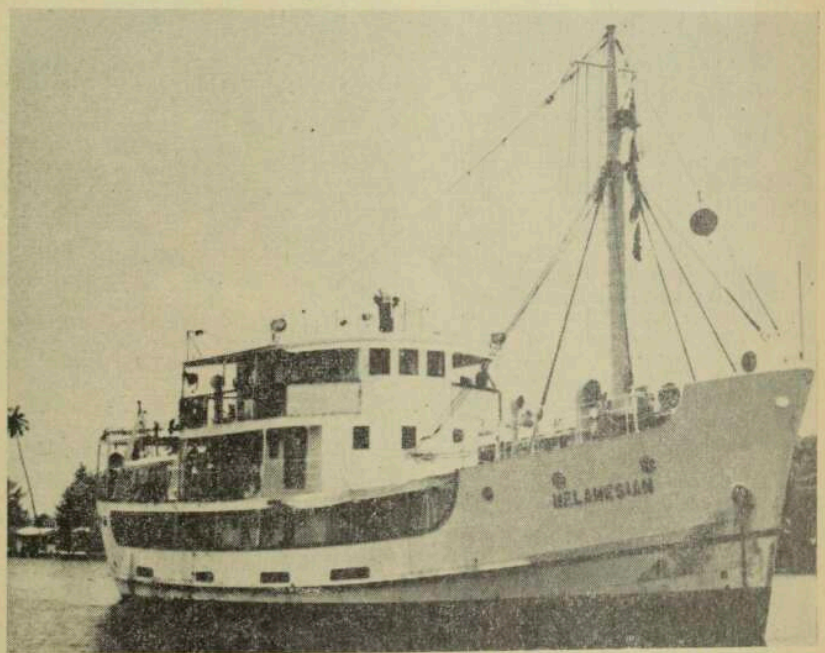
The Governor Has Ten Sons

AMERICAN Samoa's first island-born Governor, Mr. Peter Tali Coleman, proudly announced on November 20 that his wife Nora had just given birth to a ten-pound boy.
This makes the eleventh child born to the Colemans, who already have nine other sons and a daughter.

GOLF LINKS MURDER APPEAL

THE Australian High Court in Sydney, on December 11, reserved its judgment in the appeal of half-caste Frederick Phillip Smith, of Rabaul, New Guinea, against conviction for the murder of Adela Woo and Leo Mattemeno on Rabaul golf links last May.
In July, the Chief Justice of New Guinea, sitting without a jury, found Smith guilty of the murders and recorded the death sentence.
In his appeal, Smith submitted that there was no evidence to support the conviction, that alleged confessions made to the police were not free and voluntary, and that there was no corroboration of the case against him.

New Ship for BSIP Trade



The new Government vessel "Melanesian" made Gizo her first port of call in the Solomons, and reached Honiara beginning of December to begin her scheduled services within the Group. "With a deep-freeze, comfortable cabins and no cockroaches, a new high in BSIP inter-island travel has been reached," comments a resident of the Protectorate. Photo: Margery Short.

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Dutch New Guinea

Sovereignty

AFRO-ASIAN BLOC IN FULL CRY AGAINST ALL COLONIALISM BUT ITS OWN

Cock-a-hoop over what they imagine is victory in the Suez dispute, the Afro-Asian bloc in the United Nations has voted to have Indonesia's claim for sovereignty of Dutch New Guinea again put on the agenda.

THERE have been two previous attempts but on neither was any progress made—the whole thing petering out in useless argument.

Some of the so-called nations who moved to have the matter brought up once again are: Afghanistan, Burma, Cambodia, Ceylon, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Yemen.

With Britain and France (whom they regard as the Big Colonial powers), so recently discredited with the active help of the United States, they feel that the time is again opportune to beat the big drum of anti-colonialism.

It has been pointed out on countless occasions that there is no affinity of race, language or custom between the natives of Dutch New Guinea and the Indonesians; and that the transfer of this western portion of the NG mainland to Indonesia would be no less "colonialism" than if it remains Dutch.

The only reason why the Indonesians want West NG is becaues it is Dutch.

They have a far greater claim, ethnologically, to Portuguese Timor and to British Borneo. The Indonesians already have the former Dutch possessions in both these territories

There have been Indonesian murmurings about "liberating" Portuguese Timor, but so far no claims have been made for British Borneo or Brunei (which supplies one-third of Australia's petroleum imports). But if we have any more of the face-losing adventures such as took place recently in Egypt, we can expect to hear Indonesian proposals for the liberation of these British colonies.

Our Colombo Plan Friends

A fair indication of the kind of friendship we are buying ourselves with the Colombo Plan millions resulted from the recent Middle Eastern trouble.

The screams of anguish from India's Nehru might be regarded as regulation issue, but soon the whole pack was in full cry—including our Indonesian neighbours who for some reason sought to show their displeasure by banning BOAC and Qantas from using the airport at Djakarta.

Australia was included in the ban because the Indonesian oil-workers "didn't like Australia's attitude over the British and French invasion of Egypt"

The ban may have inconvenienced a few Indonesians, but whether or not our planes are graciously permitted to land at Djakarta is of no importance whatsoever to the average Australian.

The few Australians who knew about the ban were amused to be lumped in with Britain and France for general disapproval

In December the Indonesians lifted their ban on Qantas, but not on BOAC.

Small things, these—the posturings by unfledged nations who have not yet attained an adult, international code of behaviour. But straws in the wind—as was, in another way, the announcement last month that Eriama Estates was discontinuing the production of kenaf in Papua.

Readers will remember, perhaps, that kenaf growing was to save Australia from being bushranged for jute and jute-materials from India and Pakistan, or from being cut off from these important materials (for wool-packs and wheat bags) in the event of war.

The future looked promising for kenaf—then India and Pakistan, seeing a threat to an important industry, straightened out their tangled jute trade. Thus lulled, the Australian Government and the Australian manufacturer withdrew their support from the infant kenaf industry—and it is now finished.

The Suez crisis—and the attendant reactions of our Asian friends—should teach us that in any kind of conflict, Australasia and the South Pacific islands are still away out on the end of a limb.

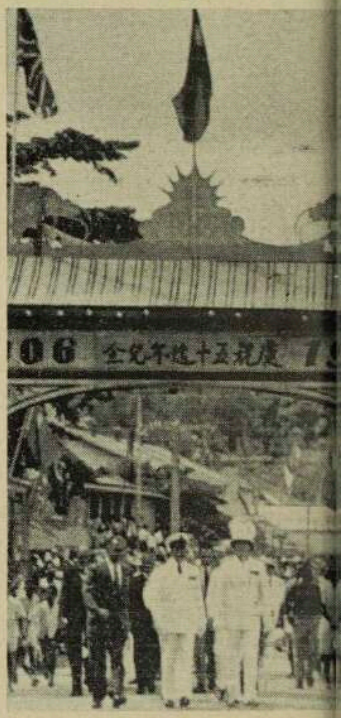
Second Judge f W. Samoa

A WELL-KNOWN New Ze lawyer, Mr. E. F. Rothwel been appointed Judge o High Court of Western Samo

Mr. Rothwell is to act as s judge, to assist Chief Judge Marsack.

Mr. Rothwell, who is 55 year is a past-president of the We ton Law Society.

Whose Flag Was Tha



A resident of Santo, New Hebrides to ask whose flag is the central one photo. The photograph—or one lik appeared in November PIM and shows the arches erected in Vila, to mark t anniversary of the Condominium Gov

Our Santo reader remarks: "Since no Condominium flag we would welc formation as to what the central fla sented. Could it be Chinese? If so, n announcement has been made regard Joint-Pair having given birth to a thi ber of the happy family".

PIM noticed the third flag with so prise in November, but decided that something belong New Hebrides, Close examination of the original ph shows the flag to be of plain colour, serrated-edged ball device—obvious Oriental sun of some kind. The flag or South Viet-Nam, maybe?

There are about 400 British, 1,300 and 2,300 Tonkinese in the Hebrides sheer weight of numbers the latter feel they merit a flag, although we un that many of them now have taken citizenship.

The official explanation of the th probably is that these decorative arch erected by the Tonkinese of their o will, and as the arches were not par official decor, the builders thereof c any flag they wished.

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...iti Nui' Heads ...uth for Westerlies

...AIN Eric de Bisschop and four-man crew aboard the ...nboo raft *Tahiti Nui*, which ... Papeete for South America ...ember 8, reported by radio ...ember 5 that they were at ... 500 miles almost due south ...eete, and about 240 miles ...rth-west of Rapa Island.

...s not expected that much ...y would be made eastward ...e raft reached the zone of ...les, somewhere south of 30 ... latitude.

...December 5 the raft was ... moving away from South ... on a course about south- ... about two knots. There was ... south-easterly wind, rough ... overcast sky with drizzling ...hat day. Regular coded ... reports are being received ...e raft by radio.

...llow R. Killers Arrested

...TEEN suspects have been ...sted in N. Guinea in con- ...ion with the Yellow River ... (Sepik district) which ... last August.

...s are searching for another ... alleged to have taken part ... massacre in which 29 ... were killed.

The Merely Desirable . . . Regretfully Aside

FIJI GOVERNMENT PRESENTS CREDIT-SQUEEZE BUDGET

The "credit squeeze" that has made difficulties for Australian commerce for the past year, has now spread to Fiji, where there has, in the last few months, been much talk about restricted bank credit.

THE Financial Secretary of Fiji (Mr. H. W. Davidson) had something to say about both the "squeeze" and public reaction thereto when he made his Budget speech in the Legislative Council on November 23.

Fiji, he said, has for the past three years been financing her imports—at least in part—by temporary financial accommodation from the Banks which in turn had to call on the sterling holdings of their head offices. This, naturally, could not be permitted to continue and, although some individuals would be hurt, restrictions were an inevitable corrective.

He said that the Colony's adverse trade balances of the last three years and the "credit squeeze" were related phenomena—Fiji had been getting bank credit to finance imports far in excess of export earnings.

In those three years, Fiji bank advances have risen from £2,153,000 to nearly £5,000,000—and at the same time there had been spectacular changes in the overseas position of the banks themselves.

Ten years ago, £2,000,000 were usually due from banks abroad; now the position was exactly reversed, and there was a liability of that amount to the overseas-banking system. The banks were therefore seeking to replenish overseas funds.

In presenting his Budget, Mr. Davidson said that there will be a deficit of about £300,000-£400,000 this year; but that in 1957 he had budgeted for a surplus of about £36,000. Over £6¼ million is the estimated expenditure for next year.

No increase in income taxation was announced and the Budget was described (by the Governor) as "conservative and cautious."

Mr. Davidson said that the draft estimates for 1957 suggested that Fiji could afford the services now supplied — but only just. "Until there is a really appreciable increase in the national income, increases in expenditure will have to be confined to the essentials, leaving the merely desirable regretfully aside."

And, apparently as a warning, he added:

• *"This is a test which should be applied to any proposals for the revision of salaries, which may arise from the forthcoming review of the salaries of senior posts."*

Mr. Davidson said that the Government planned to raise loans at home and overseas to finance development work. Notice has been given to the Colonial Office of a desire to borrow a "considerable sum" in London in 1958; and to float another loan in Fiji about mid-1957. The last Fiji Government loan was floated successfully in 1952.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. C. H. V. Hodgess, who have extensive plantation interests in the Solomons, arrived in Sydney in November and have settled permanently in the Gosford District of New South Wales.

YOU REMEMBER? From PIM of 20 Years ago ★

...mber, 1936, Administrative ... in New Guinea was be- ...d to be deplorable (as ...here was much arguing ...roposed airline, pri- ...erprise encountering the ...mount of bureaucratic ...n; but all this was for- ...ecause, as *PIM* said, ... had returned to the ...acific with the London ...copra rising to over £20— ...time in a generation.

...e some other extracts from ... of 20 years ago:

...ader appeared on the "Effect of ...trol in New Guinea" and the Ad- ... was accused of having no plan ...ng, directing and stimulating the ...normously rich resources.

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...ting copra record over the pre- ...ars was published which showed ... the Sydney price was £13 per ton. ...n and 1900, the price remained ...ly between £11 and £13 per ton. ... it began to rise slowly and in ... £22 per ton. In 1914 it was ... nearly £37 in 1919 and in 1920, ...—in terms of real money probably ...price copra has even been. It is ...ver, that the price of £13 in ... good, and probably better, than ...1956 price of around £60. There ...antations" in those days—most of the copra coming from native groves through South Seas traders.

* * *

Although more than a year had elapsed since the signing of an agreement between Pan American Airways and the New Zealand government for a trans-Pacific air service, there was no indication of when such a service would begin. PAA were objecting to a reciprocating clause which would give a British company similar landing rights in America should any British company ever desire it.

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An American scientific party, commanded by Mr. Frederick Crockett (no relation to Davy), was on its way to Dutch New Guinea where it would "study the natives".

* * *

The Fiji Government's decision to introduce so-called phonetic spelling of Fijian words in official documents came under fire in the Legislative Council. A senior unofficial member introduced a motion that the Government's action was an "infringement of the Council's rights".

Under the new system such place names as Beqa were spelled Mbengga; Nadi as Nandi. The Government, of course, refused to take any notice of the motion—and as a consequence the two different styles of spelling persist in the Colony to this day.

Unofficial members have been proved right in one thing, however: the newcomer to Fiji finds the phonetic style of spelling just as confusing as the old spelling. How many find it easier to pronounce "Mbengga" correctly, than they do the old-fashioned "Beqa"?

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P-NG Ass't Administrator

SPOTLIGHT ON 'STEVE' LONERGAN

QUESTIONED in Port Moresby in mid-December, Brigadier D. M. Cleland said it was possible than the name of the new Assistant Administrator of Papua and New Guinea would be announced from Canberra within a fortnight. But he would give no indication of the probable appointee.

The official and non-official communities of the Dual Territory will be surprised and disappointed, however, if the name is not that of Mr. S. A. Lonergan, well-known over many years as Government Secretary and Director of Civil Affairs.

Mr. Lonergan went on leave in November; but when it became clear, on medical grounds, that the Acting Assistant Administrator, Mr. R. Marsh, would not be returning permanently to the post, Mr. Lonergan returned to Port Moresby on December 12 and placed himself at the Administrator's disposal.

Mr. Lonergan made it clear that he was not himself seeking the Assistant position; but he now is virtually Acting AA—and there seems to be complete unanimity among the Departmental heads that "Steve" really is the man for the job. The non-official people heartily endorse that view; and thus there has been created a moral force that neither Mr. Lonergan, nor the emblinkered gentlemen in Canberra, can withstand—even if they wish to.

Mr. Lonergan has had over 30 years' experience in Territories service; he always has been regarded as a first-class officer.

His appointment might end Canberra's stubborn refusal, over the years, to appoint experienced Territories' officers to the Territories' highest positions. Failure to appoint him, after the lessons of recent events, could have an unfortunate effect on the morale of the Territories' public service.

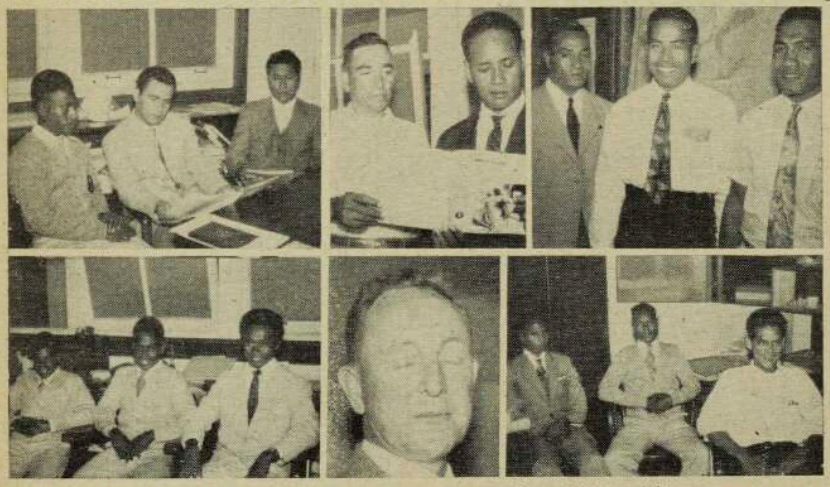
Minister of State Visits WPHC Territories

THE United Kingdom Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr. John Maclay, arrived at Nadi, Fiji, December 3. He was met by the Governor and the Colonial Secretary, and travelled with them by road to Suva.

He was received at Government House by a Guard of Honour provided by the Fiji Military Forces and that night was guest of the Governor and Lady Garvey at a Legislative Council dinner.

Mr. Maclay left the following morning for the New Hebrides and the British Solomon Islands Protectorate by RNZAF flying-boat.

Pacific Islanders Learn About Fishing



Pacific Islands representatives, who are attending a 10-weeks fisheries course arranged by the South Pacific Commission in Noumea, arrived in Sydney about the middle of November to join an aircraft to take them to New Caledonia. They turned their spare time there to practical advantage, with visits to the city fish markets and the Fisheries Division of the CSIRO at Cronulla. Professor Bass Becking, of the CSIRO, and Mr. Wakeham, of the NSW State Fisheries Department, arranged the visits.

Shown here, left to right:

TOP ROW: David Ber (Madang, NG); John Doon (Tahiti); Ioaba Marsters (Cook Islands). Francisco Deleon (Guam); Gabriel Paulus (Ponape, Trust Territory). Vaivao Fotofili (Tonga); Lea Tu'itu'i (American Samoa); Take Sunia (American Samoa).

BOTTOM ROW: Pranis Ndreta (NG); Songat Amos (NG); Kenzi Mad (Palau, Trust Territory). R. Powell (Cook Islands). Lahui Tau (P-NG); Aufa Eko (P-NG); Diaz Antonio (Saipan, Trust Territory).

THE FIJI TIMES

MR. L. G. USHEI TAKES OVER

MR. L. G. USHER, well kn throughout the South Pa as head of the Public Relat Department of the Governmen Fiji, has accepted the post Executive Director of Fiji Tim Herald Ltd., and will assume trol of that business in Janua

Mr. Usher, although only 51, reached the Public Service when he may go on pension; he has decided to retire as on cember 31. His PRO career has a distinguished one and he has friends and gained admirers all the world.

Fiji Times and Herald Ltd. purchased outright at the en February last by Pacific Pub tions Pty. Ltd., of Sydney; and head of the latter concern R. W. Robson) assumed tempo control of the Fiji busines Managing Director. He had to out a difficult task of reorganis and plant renovation during Much of that work has been pleted, and Mr. Robson will r the Managing Directorship, hand over to Mr. Usher, at the of the year. Mr. Robson, Director, remains in close ass tion with *The Fiji Times*.

The most important staff ch during the year, in that newsp office, was the retirement of A. C. Moyle from the pos Managing Editor, on Novembe Mr. Moyle was engaged by the proprietor, Sir Alport Barke 1955, on a 3-years contract, an contract was taken over by the owners. However, when it wa cided by the Directors to plac executive control (subject to Board) in the hands of Mr. U Mr. Moyle decided to retire the managing-editorship, and arrangement was accepted by Directors.

Mr. Moyle went to Fiji from Zealand in 1955, as representati the British Council. He now gone to reside in Australia.

The Colony of Fiji probably be happy under the new set-up newspapers (the daily *Fiji T* the Indian weekly, *Shanti Dut* the large printing office, have re-staffed and partly re-equi while there are few men in who have a better knowled the Colony's political, economi financial affairs than Mr. T The Company now is equipp give the Colony better news service than it ever has kno the past.

¶ Mr. R. W. Robson, of F Publications Pty. Ltd., visited P New Guinea in November-Dece

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...oes Better P-NG ...OPA'S 1956 Class

...DUATES from the 1956 class ... the Australian School of ...cific Administration, Sydney, ...d their certificates from the ...r for Territories, Mr. Paul ..., on December 11.

... were 24 graduates—five ...he Northern Territory, the ...m Papua-New Guinea. Three ...NT graduates received special ... four of the 19 P-NG con- ... received credits also.

... graduate carried off the two ... Robson prizes—for General ...ncy, and for Law.

...uates, in alphabetical order: ...t, R. (credit in Law); Baker, ... Butler, D. N.; Donaldson, ...; Ellis, T. W.; *Egan, E. J. ... in Law); Gauci, J. C.; ...field, B. D. (credits in Gov- ...t, Anthropology Geography ...w); Hardy, G. G.; Harris, ... Haywood, M. R.; Johnson, ...redit in Geography); Kent, ...(credit in Government and ...; *Lennard, P. J.; *Long, ...M. (credits in Government, ...ology, History, Geography ...y); *Macleod, C. E; Martin, ...Neal, M. V.; O'Neill B. M.; ... M. M. (credit in Law); ...l, D. F.; Ryan, W. P.; ... A. D., and Trollope, C. A. ... from the Northern Territory.

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...Under "Control" By 1959

...ET date for bringing all of ...ua-New Guinea under ...ration control has been put ...r years. Date now fixed is ... 1959 (Sir Percy Spender ... set date at end of 1955). ...gh the wisdom of setting ...es for complete control in ...itory is open to doubt, some ... figures quoted in the ...al statement on the sub- ... interesting. The Minister ...s that only about 25,000 ... the total 183,600 sq. miles ...erritory remain now outside ...inistrative control. About ...iles have been brought ...ontrol since 1953; in the ... years 32 new patrol-posts ...en established.

...figures give little indication ...work already accomplished ...t yet to do. The 25,000 ...still "uncontrolled" are ... the most difficult.

... is more in bringing ...n to these people than ...p a patrol-post. It takes years of patient guidance.

The Administration has, of course, to work to some sort of plan. But whether setting an arbitary target date will achieve anything is doubtful. What it probably will achieve is some crack-pot demand from the Afro-Asian bloc at UN for "free elections" in that year.

JOYITA AGAIN!

More Wild Rumours

THE Sydney *Sun*, which breaks out in goose-pimples every time the Island ship *Joyita* is mentioned, headlined a story "Fight Over Joyita Sale," on November 27 and stated that the US Maritime Commission had refused to recognise the recent sale of the vessel in Suva. "An involved legal fight is brewing," commented the paper—the *Joyita* was to be "sealed" when she returned to port after a trading voyage.

"Fantastic and irresponsible," commented Mr. Maurice Scott, legal representative in Suva of former owner, Miss K. Luomala, who lives in Honolulu. He said authority to sell the vessel was given in Suva, and consent for the transfer had now been received.

In the meantime, *Joyita* has been given temporary registration at Suva pending confirmation from London.

Miss Luomala was faced with salvage charges and cost of repairs and decided to sell the vessel rather than meet the charges, and it was sold to a Fiji planter, Mr. David Simpson, for £2,450 some months ago. The *Joyita* has been recommissioned and sails between Suva and Vanua Levu ports.

(*Joyita* disappeared October, 1955, while on a voyage from Apia to the Tokelaus, later being discovered derelict and abandoned. The fate of passengers and crew has never been discovered).

TOO YOUNG AT 55

Sir R. Stanley Takes Another Job

THE high cost of living is a cross to bear for retired Colonial Governors—as it is for lesser men.

Latest to take on another task, after he had officially retired from the Colonial Service, is Sir Robert Stanley, until the end of last year High Commissioner for the Western Pacific. He left Honiara, on pre-retirement leave, mid-1955, and has now been appointed Speaker in the Mauritius Legislative Council.

In these days, when men live longer, and it costs them more to do it, the Colonial Service retiring age of 55 appears completely unrealistic. Tropical service 50 years ago usually entailed health hazards that are completely missing to-day; and there probably was the added purpose of making room at the top. But to-day, a man of 55 is usually at the peak of his usefulness and quite apart from the economics of it has no desire to retire to a quite backwater.

The economic pressures of these post-War II years make retirement a burden and no pleasure. Most ex-Governors of 55 still have children to educate and another job, in government service or outside it, is vital, and usually accepted as such.

However, when Sir Brian Freeston, then retiring Governor of Fiji, same years ago became Secretary-General of the South Pacific Commission, one red-white-and-blue Tory in Fiji went on record as saying that it was "undignified."

Shades of the sentiments that lost us the Empire!

Surprise Golf Result in Western Samoa



A young Samoan, Mr. Frank Malloy, surprisingly won the Western Samoan 1956 Open Golf Championship recently, beating Mr. N. S. Paul, who was runner-up. The NZ High Commissioner, Mr. G. R. Powles, here presents the cup.

Photo: Edwards Studio.

TRANS-TASMAN MONOPOLY

No TAI Extension To NZ Yet

REPORTS on the proposed extension of Transports Aeriens Intercontinentaux Paris-Noumea service to Auckland continue to conflict.

In Auckland, on November 26, M. Francois Bouchet, representative of TAI, said that he had been continuing negotiations with the NZ Minister of Civil Aviation and expected to announce official approval "within a few days" Mr. Shand, NZ Minister of Civil Aviation, said the same thing a month earlier.

In Sydney, on December 10, an official of TAI said that no approval had yet been given and that they did not know when a service would begin; it was still being held up by the NZ Government.

It is obvious enough who is holding up the extension—although in this NZ cannot take all the blame as Australia no doubt is concerned in it somewhere.

The extension of the TAI service to NZ would give New Zealanders an attractive alternative air-route to Europe without the necessity of flying to Sydney to join Qantas or BOAC. Therefore, the new link would affect these two companies as well as TEAL, whose main business is NZ-Australia traffic.

Without detracting from the excellent job that TEAL has done in trans-Tasman commercial aviation, it can be said that the monopoly granted them when they began operating across the Tasman 16 years ago, has been an obstacle to the extension of international aviation to New Zealand. Although Pan American and CPAL are permitted to pick up passengers from point-to-point for intermediate destinations all along the Pacific route, they cannot pick-up passengers for the trans-Tasman flight or even allow their through passengers the normal stop-over privileges in NZ.

£63,000 Profit for TEAL

The annual report for 1955-56, just released by TEAL, shows that the company made a profit of £63,338 in the period—slightly more than in the previous year. It is not clear from the information we have whether this was after making allowance for the £58,000 loss shown in respect of the Coral route to Tahiti—or whether TEAL keeps this Suva-Tahiti flying-boat service separately for accounting purposes.

The company believes that its DC6 aircraft have a life of another four years but that if NZ is not to withdraw from the Tahiti service, which requires the use of uneconomic flying-boats, some programme of airfield construction will have to be instituted.

THE KEY'S UNDER THE MAT!

Another Samoan Payroll Goes Off

SWIPING the payroll is becoming a major industry in Western Samoa. On November 4, a Public Works Department payroll of £580 disappeared at Fagamalo, Savaii—the third payroll case in a year.

The popularity of the pastime is more readily understood when the extraordinary methods of keeping public money are explained. Safety methods seem to go no further than putting the coins and notes in a drawer and putting the key under the door-mat.

In this event, the money was put in a small box and placed in a camphor-wood chest, which was locked and the key placed under the mats in the Samoan *fale*, in which the chest was kept. When, a day or so later, the pay clerk and timekeeper next went for the money, surprise, surprise: The key was still under the mat but when the camphor-wood chest was opened, the box and the money were gone.

Upon which, no doubt, the pay-clerk murmured to the timekeeper: "Incomprehensible, my dear Watson."

All but £56 of the money was recovered in Apia later, and three men were arrested: Tavita Manuivale, who was sentenced to 3½ years for entering and stealing; his father, Manuivale Taniela, one year for receiving; and Tavita's brother, Tino Manuivale, one year for receiving.

Evidence showed that during the week-end that the payroll was supposed to be in the box, timekeeper and pay-clerk had got howling drunk, and their antics in the house where the money was kept attracted a large Samoan audience—including Tavita.

The timekeeper's name was Motu Sua; the pay-clerk's name, Tepa Tase.

In the last year another PWD payroll was stolen; and so also was the payroll of the Police Department—over £2,000 in Samoan currency in this one. Most of it was subsequently recovered from a school-boy who said that he found it in a hole in the sea-wall. How it got there has never been explained—not in public, anyhow. Police Department took abo much care of its payroll a PWD at Savaii did of theirs

The Education Department also been having its trouble short while ago an audit of d ment accounts showed that was a shortage of about £4,0 trust accounts—only about h which was recoverable. When known that an audit would be the cashier-accountant of th partment shot himself.

All of which seems to add a suspicion that there is a deal of laxness in the condu Government departmental matters.

BIG MONEY OFFERED FOR BIRD PICTURES

THE one man in the wor who has perpetuated t birds of New Guine especially the Birds Paradise—in print and colo is Mr. E. Thomas Gilliar of the American Museum Natural History, New Yo The Chanticleer Press, 4 Madison Avenue, New York plans to publish a new bo by Mr. Gilliard, "Birds of t World"; and the publish have written to us asking South Pacific photographe will supply them with pho graphs of birds of all kinds this book. They apparen seek good prints of any bir in the South Pacific Islands, in Australia or New Zeala They will take black a white pictures, but pre coloured; 35 mm, but pref ably larger. They will p from 30 to 40 dollars transparency. They want coloured and 100 black a white photographs—and t invitation to submit pictu is open to all. Full deta of the bird must, of cou accompany each picture.

ANOTHER JAP VESSE AGROUND

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The rescue vessel *Aguma No.* 1 was scheduled to arr that point at ten o'clock, Dec 3, and may seek permission at a Territory port.

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NOTES BY THE WAYSIDE

From R. W. Robson in Papua-N. Guinea

Moresby Up

buildings completed, new s in course of construction— e barren, seacoast village of oresby is literally leaping on to city-hood.

ave Street is now shaded ealthy trees, lined with buildings. A modern cop, modernly equipped, on the solid motor traffic t Street aplomb.

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ted to the local newspaper, ed on his desk. Startling ge headings announced that had reported that, if and l was found in Papua, the rative centre must be moved m Moresby. Sogeri was in-

onour examined the front page with obvious interest, and seemed amused. He explained that a Committee of experts had "advised" the Port Moresby Town Council, which is itself an "advisory" body.

One gathered that the Administration was not committed in any way by the experts' report—and was not likely to be.

Even as I talked to His Honour, our voices were half-drowned by the noises of carpenters, adding yet another building to the mass of single-storey erections which now constitute Konedobu.

PRO May Say Something

In a bright and breezy corner of busy Konedobu I met an old newspaper friend in a new guise, and all a-bristle—Kathleen Vellacott Jones, now Public Relations Officer to the Administration.

Incidental to the imprisonment of Patricia Robertson for a breach of Post Office regulations—a thing which stands to the everlasting discredit of the Administration—the Public Relations Office came in for some sharp criticism through *PIM*; and although she was personally absent on leave at the time, the conscientious and hardworking "VJ" did not take it kindly.

"The Administration does not shape or influence the work of my Section, in relation to news announcements," she declared. "If only half of what Stuart Inder wrote in your journal were true, I should not occupy this desk for one minute," she declared.

I told the indignant officer that the columns of *PIM* were wide open for her reply—and all concerned are hereby warned that, if high officialdom permits, something pretty fizzy will presently be published on the subject of the PRO, its merits, and the demerits of its critics.

Cadets For Screening

Under a new system, by which lads seen as possibilities for training for the Administration service are screened by top Departmental heads before they are finally chosen, Education Director W. C. Groves left Moresby on November 29 to interview aspirants in most of the Australian capitals.

He went straight from the conference room of the Education Advisory Council, whereon the voices of the various Mission chiefs sounded a variety of clarion notes.

I thought "Bill" Groves looked tired and strained; and, surveying the picture behind his huge Department, I did not wonder at it. How would *you* like to be faced with the problem of providing a medium of instruction for a primitive native community which (this is the latest official calculation), speaks over 500 different languages; of trying to reconcile the views of half a hundred "educational experts" (including a dictatorial Minister); while knowing that High Officialdom's demand that native standards of life be raised cannot make any real progress until some degree of literacy is introduced?

Basic Problem

I have read carefully every Ministerial pronouncement in recent years on the subject of native education; and I can find mighty little commonsense and no consistent policy in any of them.

There is much babbling about infant dietetics and raising the status of native women and the need for cultivating the pride of the Melanesian in his nativeness, and so forth. But, as far as I can discern —and I am looking around industriously, on this trip—the two Territories have not in 25 years raised by very much the proportion of village children who are on the

cent to Iririki . . .



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In the past, horrifying tales have been told of the climb to the British Residency on Iririki Is., in Vila Harbour, New Hebrides. Ladies and gentlemen in full evening dress have arrived at the top of the climb soaking wet from passing storms or their own exertions; and lesser fibred members of the Colonial Service and visiting VIP's have enlisted the aid of various devices —chairs lashed to poles and carried by husky Hebrideans; or even donkeys.

However, present top-ranking members of the Service seem to be made of sterner stuff. Here, Sir Ronald Garvey, Governor of Fiji, Lady Garvey, and Mrs. John Gutch, wife of the High Commissioner for the W. Pacific, and members of their party make the ascent, obviously without any trouble whatever.

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"Yes," said my host. "It looks as if the ore may be worked again on a worthwhile scale. The world demand for copper is growing, and the price keeps on rising."

The copper deposits in the Sapphire Creek-Bootless Inlet area were worked in a big way, about 40 years ago.

The Greed Of Growing Moresby

The Rouna Falls hydro-electric scheme—which once was planned to give all Port Moresby and district an unlimited supply of light and power—is coming close to completion; but the indications are that it is not now to be the boon that once was legislated for.

The trouble is that the Port Moresby population has grown out of all reckoning since the war, while the Laloki River is still the same old Laloki.

In the present construction, there are plans for three turbines; but only enough water seems to be in sight to run two turbines. And the two turbines will give 6,000 kilowatts—which is approximately what hungry Moresby now receives and consumes from its present diesel-engined equipment.

The only way to provide more water over Rouna Falls, all the time, would be to build dams higher

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TERRITORIES TALK-TALK

By Tolala

COMES again the Yule-tide period and subconsciously our thoughts revert to the age-old Message: ". . . On earth Peace, Good will toward men."

For ten years now I have sent a Christmas Greeting to readers through "Talk Talk", with ever the hope uppermost that Peace may be our share in a world holding so many material gifts for Mankind.

And now, after a decade, the snarls and growls of nations have never been more significant, with the greatest clamour arising not far distant from where (we are told) that First Angel of Goodwill appeared.

But for all that, with all sincerity I send you the wish: "Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and may a balanced prosperity prevail."

Racing Links With the Past

Public-spirited men of the pre-war years are to be remembered by the recently resurrected Rabaul Amateur Turf Club. I refer particularly to the F. O. Greenwood Stakes, the Nobby Clark Stakes and the Harry Adams Trophy. All of these old-timers (who were lost after the Fall of Rabaul in 1942) were ardent supporters of the original RATC, and it is satisfying to know that posterity will remember them.

The widows of both F.O.G. and Harry Adams are well-known in the Rabaul area to-day. Mrs. "Nobby" Clark died in May last year in Sydney. When the Japs came into Rabaul in 1942, "Nobby" was Chief Warden and did an excellent job of work before b shipped away on the fa *Montevideo Maru*.

Colour Consciousness

Such phrases as "race discrim tion," "segregation," "aparth are all working overtime in Year of Grace 1956. The divi line between white and black been a "Problem" and a "Quest and the world at the momer minding its P's and Q's.

The result, at the moment, is colour consciousness has be so emphasised that the ave person (who hardly gave thought before) is almost comp to take sides and proclaim



ANOTHER "GUESS WHO?" This old graph was sent in by Mr. Peter Engl Angoram, Sepik River, with this note:

"Nicky Minster discovered it in an ol he picked up somewhere, and it has b subject of a sort of guessing competi the bar of the Angoram Hotel for the l weeks. Guesses to date—and we h means of checking their correctness—a

"Standing (left to right): Jack Ba Jerry Keogh, unknown, unknown, Mrs. Dick Bell.

"Sitting (left to right): Terry Zoppma Spence.

"Locality: Watut (?).

"Perhaps some of the PIM staff or ol old-timers down south might like to fr hands at picking 'em."

(The only one PIM is sure about i Keogh—killed during the war in a plan —so it is over to the old-timers.)

sympathies one way or anot "Do you support 'racial equ or do you not?" is often a qu put forward to people (of colours) who have given problem no thought at all, f simple reason that the worl accepted the fact (as a rest civilised evolution and the n trend of development) tha Caucasian race has prove

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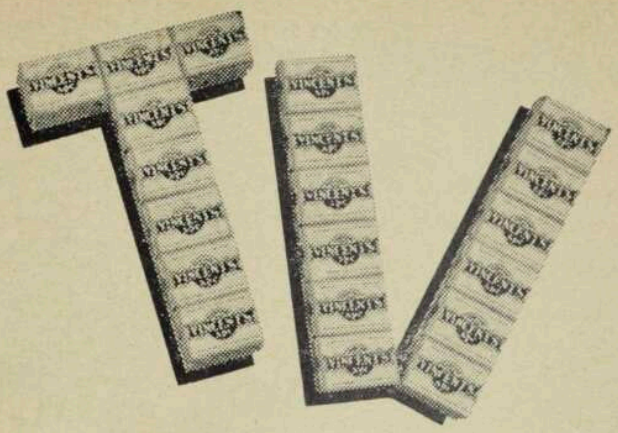
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A special award went to Miss Gwen Glazier for raising the greatest amount of money in the contest.
Photo: C. H. Meen.

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It was here I met up with Jock Goodson, who had acquired the group from the Exproboard, and whose care and personal attention of the local natives was of a high standard. For many years Mortlock Islanders were not permitted to leave the Group.

Old Time Land Laws

Many groups and islands dotted about in teritorial waters, that were nominally the property of Queen Emma, were of little value. In earlier days it was the practice of the skippers in trading vessels

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to buy an island or group with as little ceremony as they bought a bag of copra.

A caddy of tobacco, some red calico and a few knives to the chief and the deal was closed, and later registered with the government.

But at the turn of the century, when responsible government took over from the old Neu Guinea Compagnie, it was laid down that native owners on an island should have an adequate area—I think it was three persons to a hectare——as a reservation. On many of these islands it was found there was not sufficient arable land for such allocation, and therefore all the purchaser got was a small trading site, with fishing and trading rights.

This is what happened to Queen Emma's purchases of the Carteret and Tasman groups and the islands of Hittau and Pororan in Carola Harbour in Buka.

But she had a win with the luxuriant Feads (Nuguria) and Nissan groups. The D. H. & P. G. with NG headquarters at Mioko, grabbed Jame and Sale islands in Buka as recruiting bases for their plantations in Samoa, and they were regular ports of call for the old wind-jammer *Samoa*, with Capt. Peters at the helm. As there were no natives on Jame it was able to be planted up and is now one of the model plantations in the Territory. Petats and Matzungan, islands also off the Buka coast, were owned by Hernsheim & Co., and were also considered principally as recruiting bases for the Matupi interests.

Pre-war Planting

While wandering down this particular Memory Lane it is interesting, in view of my remarks in Oct. "Talk Talk" (p. 29), to note that one of the reasons for the large area put under cultivation just before the Exproboard took over in 1921, was the fact that much of the virgin land obtained in the early days by some of the big companies had been lying idle, but that the German land laws, which came into operation about 1900, had a clause calling for a percentage of the area (I forget exactly what it was) to be cultivated within 20 years. Land held by the Neu Guinea Compagnie was exempt from this clause.

The firms realised they must get cracking on this in order to retain their titles, and so planting contracts were given out to individual planters. This applied particularly to the Buka/Bougainville area where Queen Emma had large undeveloped land holdings.

Old Schnackenberg (he later married Mrs. Batze, of the Bainings) had the contract to plant up Kessa (Buka) and Matthias Island (Buka Passage); an Australian, Les Mutton, planted up Raua on Bougainville, and killed in Rabaul in a motor acci just as the Board was taking the place early in 1921.

Further down the coast Mabiri, Ludwig Kramer had contract. All of them Queen Emma properties. DH&PG island of Jame was pla by Charlie Huson, an old timer the BSI who later had his place at Tulaen, opposite Jam Buka.

A point of interest about early land grabs is that the requirement was a suitable an age. Rainfall, soil analysis, la availability were quite secon considerations. There was scientific approach to land sele in those far-off days and yet, withstanding this slap-h system, there are few estates w have proved unsuccessful.

In fact, I can recall now one, and that was a case wher land-seeker was most conscien and persevering. He was a named Cogswell, a former o in the Gilberts, and he was lo for coffee-growing land just b War I broke out. He tra up and down New Britain Bougainville in the sch *Vella* with a man named M who was later murdered by natives down the south coa New Britain.

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d sent to me recently a few of *The Rabaul Times* of the 1938. From the issue of r 14 of that year (which was out a year before World War an), this appeared:

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d Pieces

Arthur Cresswell, travelling *athnaver* to England: "Only us on a ship geared for The appointments are excellent. The Cape route cuts out four ports. Will visit Joburg and rejoin ship at Capetown." He has with him his wife and daughter, Jeannette, who is seeking further studies at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art and London Uni. . . . Fred Archer, recovered from his operation in a Brisbane hospital, and having travelled to Sydney and Tasmania, has now returned to the more civilised regions of Buka.

US Honours Fiji-Indian Airman

A FIJI-INDIAN, Bisun Dutt, won an unusual honour recently when he was selected "Airman of the Month" at the Dover Air Force Base, Delaware, US.

The base commander, Col. Francis C. Gideon, said that the award was "for demonstrated capabilities and conscientious effort in application to duties which have been an inspiration to others."

Col. Gideon wrote to the aircraftman's mother, Mrs. Durga Dutt, of Samabula, Suva to this effect.

(The above, from a Fiji source, does not explain the most interesting point of all: How did the Boy from Samabula get into the US airforce?—PIM Ed.)

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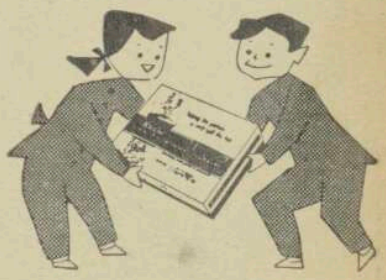
New Caledonia Demands Viet-Namese Repatriation

ONE reason for the present agitation in New Caledonia for the repatriation of the Indo-Chinese, is their fantastically high birth-rate. There are 5,000 of them: 1,500 men, 400 women and over 3,000 children—*that is, an average of eight children per adult female.*

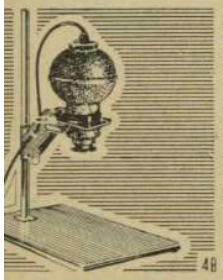
The agitation has reached its height this month in Noumea as December 19—the 10th anniversary of the massacre of the French in Hanoi—approaches. A petition has been sent to the Governor asking for their removal "to avoid incidents."

During his recent visit to Paris the Governor discussed the question of the repatriation of these Viet-Namese. On his return to Noumea the Governor said that no date could be fixed for repatriation until three problems were solved: (1) the chartering of ships for their repatriation; (2) where they could be sent; and (3) a method of transfering their money and property.

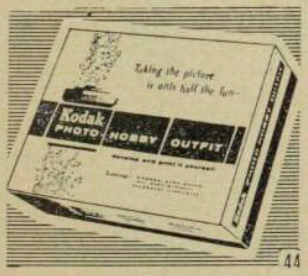
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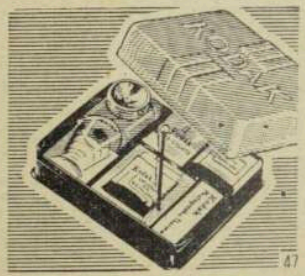
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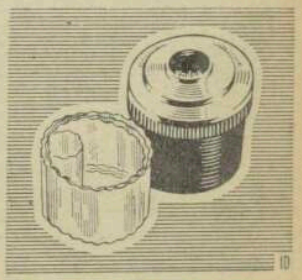
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Bougainville Co. Wins Rabaul Land Case

The Rabaul harbour-front lease of the Bougainville Company has been extended to 25 years. The matter has been in dispute for some months. (See July PIM, page 23).

THE Papua-New Guinea Land Court, sitting in Rabaul recently, heard lengthy evidence regarding rival claims.

When the Company made application for a lease extension, several months ago, Messrs. Burns Philp (NG) Ltd. said it had a prior claim, because the land formerly was held by a BP subsidiary. However, the whole matter now has been amicably settled, and the BP interests will be compensated by a lease of land elsewhere.

Mr. Dudley Jones represented the Bougainville Company before the Land Board, and Mr. J. I. Cromie went over from Moresby to present the Burns Philp claim.

The Bougainville Company has made solid progress since it bought the *Polurrian* a few years, and its green and yellow flag now is well known in the numerous ports it services in the eastern end of the Territory. It has just extended its operations by becoming agent for Vacuum Oil in the Bougainville area.

Details of the purchase by the Company of Mission ship *Southern Cross VII* are published in the News of Pacific Shipping, this issue.

Captain Bill Hallam, of *Polurrian*, and a native crew will go to Sydney in January to take the *South Cross* to its new field of operati —about 40 ports in Bougainv Buka and the adjoining ar pelagoes of Nissan, Fead and An

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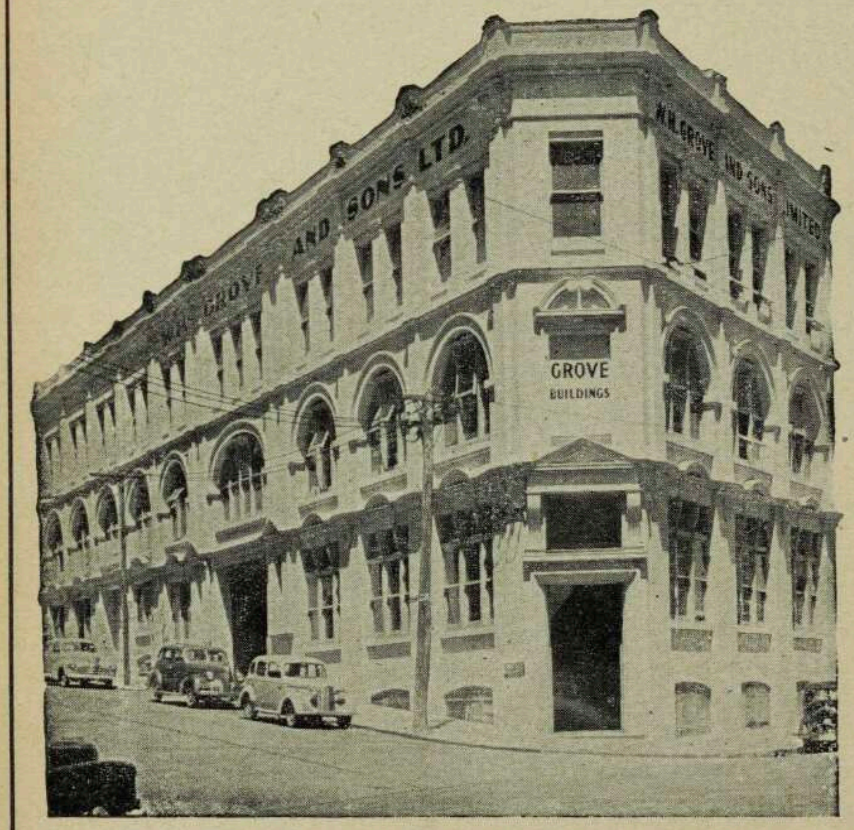
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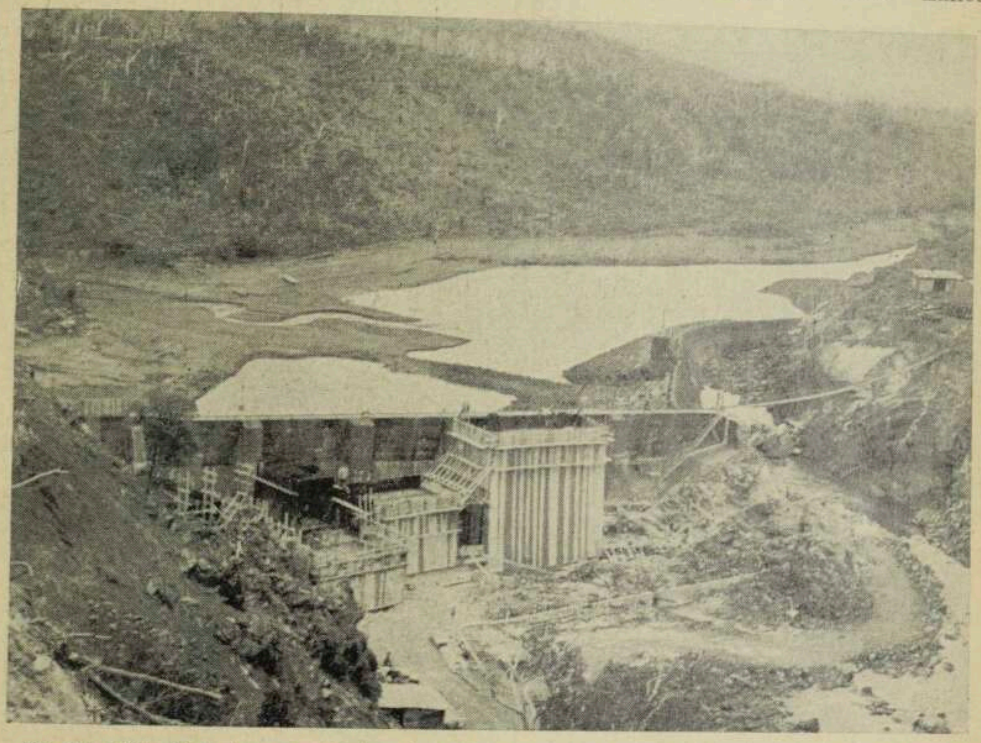
LEW PRIDAY, who recently Revisited the French Colony.

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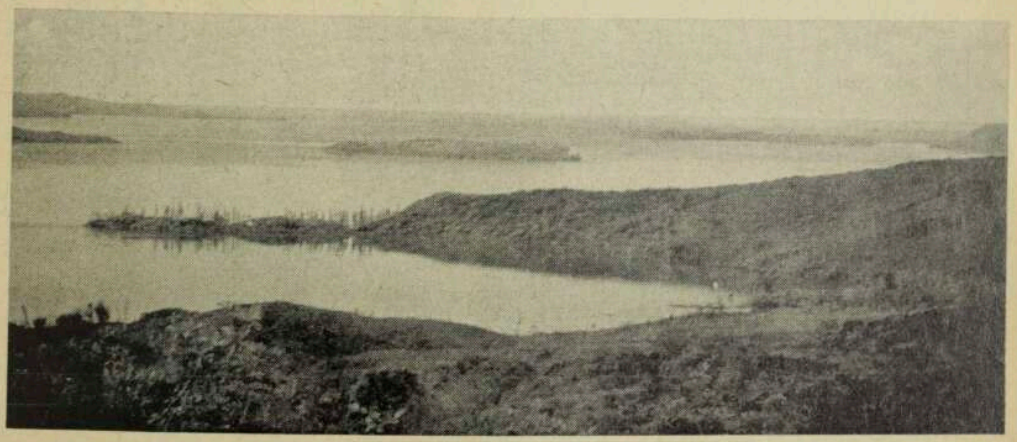
A second BHP party went back to prospect the plateau soon after the war; the current arrangement is a result of that visit.

To-day, at a small headland at Prony Bay, once visited by Captain Cook, bulldozers are cutting away the side of a hill and establishing a loading point capable of handling 600 tons of ore an hour. The point is notable for very deep water; it is sheltered in any weather and will take ships of almost any size.

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The Bay of Prony, shipping point of New Caledonian iron ore for BHP in Newcastle, NSW. First shipment left there in mid-November. The bay is the natural outlet for the Plaine des Lacs—a huge plateau of iron ore.
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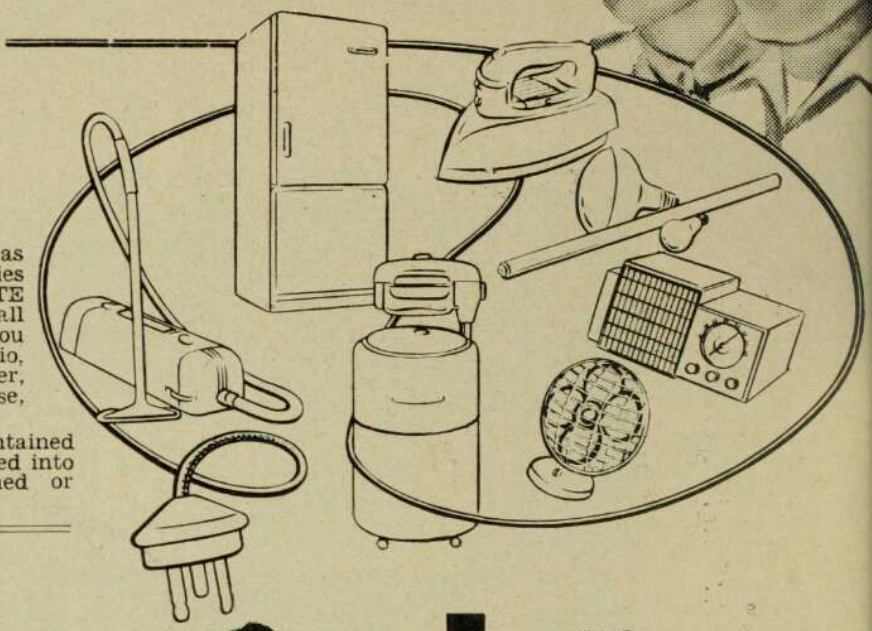
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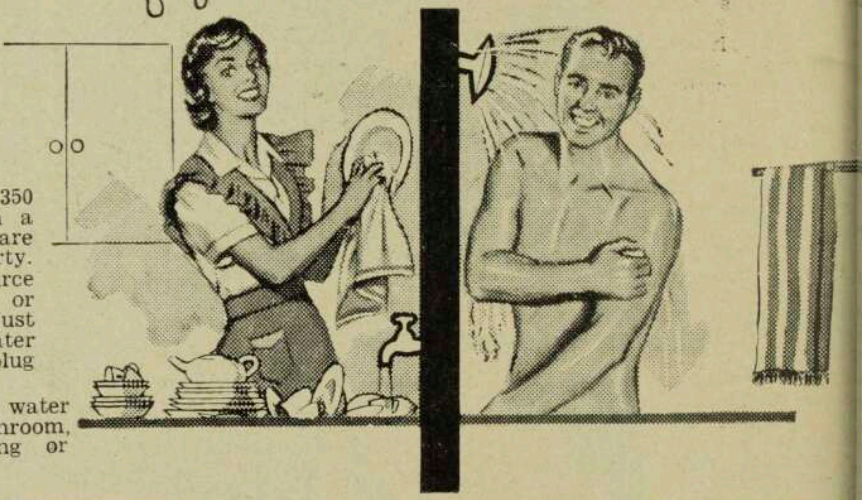
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The present BHP represent-
Noumea is Mr. Peter Alston.

"Socamifer has a contract for 160,000 tons of iron ore per annum, and if BHP need it, we can increase this to 300,000 tons," he said. "But New Caledonian ore contains .19 per cent. of nickel, sufficient to impair the welding properties of the steel; so for its steel, BHP will use a proportion of nine quantities of Australian ore with one of Caledonian. There is, however, a possibility that means will be found to eliminate the nickel, in which case the Caledonian ore could be smelted entire. It will be a big thing for the French island's future if this result can be achieved."

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so stepped up in New Caledonia that to-day the islanders are relatively more prosperous than Australians. It is this increase in smelting activities that is enabling the Nickel Company to increase its imports of Australian coal to 200,000 tons per annum—a few years ago it was 140,000 tons.

Coal comes from Newcastle and Port Kembla, being supplied by BHP and the Federal Coal Board on Nickel Co. and chartered ships. With a coking capacity of 200,000 tons, the company is also buying from 60,000 to 80,000 tons of Australian coke from Port Kembla and Bowen, in Queensland, supplied by BHP and the Corrimal Co.

A small quantity of nickel ore is being sold to Australia, and BHP is now smelting its own nickel in Newcastle.

THESE figures were given me by M. Christian Thurneyssen, Noumea manager of the Nickel Company, whose European headquarters are in Paris.

M. Thurneyssen said that the company planned to spend over £A15,000,000 in the next few years, ten millions of it on the Yate dam enlargement project on the Plaine des Lacs, and the remainder on the smelters, the largest in the world after those at Sudbury, Canada.

The Yate hydro-electric project will be operated by a company to be known as Enercal, on a concession of at least 75 years. At the end of that time, amortised, it will revert to New Caledonian ownership. Ninety per cent. of the current is to be allocated to the Nickel Company, which will use it for smelting. It is estimated that total production will be 1,000,0 kw hours per day.

In the local mind, the proj figures as largely as does the Sno River scheme to Australia.

"At the Doniambo smelters," Thurneyssen said, "we are to ins four new electric furnaces, each 13,500 kw, three kilns for pre-he

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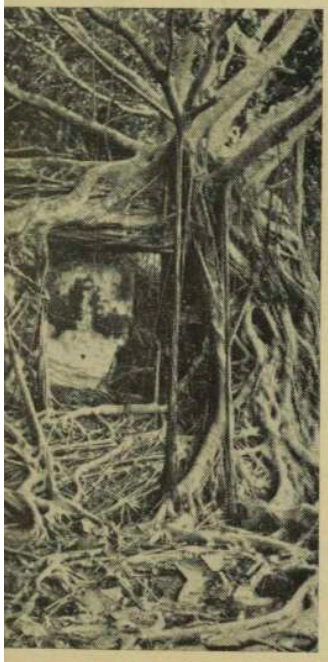
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ore, each about 72 metres d some small 3-kw electrical and converters used for Major equipment we are talling includes new hand- ipment for nickel ore and and coke. A large hangar built and a whole system onveyers. The company has

a staff of 1,400 at Doniambo, besides those employed on the Thio mines, which have been progressively mechanised since the war, and the men who man the company's ships." The great mining plateau behind the company's port of Thio, on the east coast, is a hive of activity. Production by the company in the past year has so increased that the annual metal-producing capacity now is 10,000 tons, compared with about 6,000 before the war. But with the new plant in operation, capacity will rise to 20,000 tons, this on a Pacific island that was scarcely known to the outside world before 1940.

There is another important aspect of the present nickel market which is adding to the island's prosperity. The amount of nickel available throughout the world at the recognised world price to day is quite insufficient for world needs. The world's difficulty is Japan's opportunity and she is quick to seize it. More Japanese ships are arriving in Noumea than those of any other country. Japan, buys ore from the Nickel Co., but only a small amount. She is buying a vast quantity more —bringing her purchases of New Caledonian ore this year up to a million tons—from independent local concerns, some small, and one or two large. This nickel, smelted in Japan, is being sold to an eager world at very much higher than accepted world prices.

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hever way we look at it, kel market spells boom times s large, half-empty island of aledonia, where per head of tion car-ownership and pro- of mineral ore is said to highest in the world. As a Governor, M. Rene Hoffherr, "The smoke which rises he Doniambo smelters to-day ises the prosperity of the population."

ga Sells Fungus NZ Chinese

RT figures for Tonga show harp increase in the value fungus exported from the n during 1955, though the quantity exported is small. tities and values in recent ave been as follows: 1952: worth £A4,722 (£197 per ton); 4 tons worth £A5,280 (£220 n); 1954: 16 tons worth (£218 per ton); 1955: 15 tons A6,835 (£456 per ton).
in Chinese merchants in ealand are constantly ad- for fungus, and no doubt e similar outlets in Sydney.

In New Caledonia

IT PAYS TO BE FRENCH

FOREIGNERS resident in New Caledonia will, from 1957, have to pay a special tax of 2,400 Pac. frs. per annum (about £A17).

This decision was made at the budgetery session of the local assembly.

It was originally proposed that the tax should be half that amount but the Conseil General was so enchanted with the idea that it was doubled.

Only persons exempted are Consular members and staff of the South Pacific Commission. This latter exemption is causing much discontent amongst Australians here. It is pointed out that these people already are exempt from Customs duty.

A tax on foreigners existed in New Caledonia up to the war years but the sum was extremely modest, about £2 at that time.

Foreign commercial firms have to pay a special tax of about 5,000 francs per year in 1957. This is about £35.

It is generally thought that these severe taxes have been imposed to penalise Viet Namien shop-keepers and residents whom many would like to see repatriated. — *Noumea Correspondent.*

† A Fiji Rugby Union team of 25 players will make a tour of New Zealand in 1957. They will play 16 matches. The NZ Rugby Union will contribute towards the cost of assembling and equipping the team and at the end of the tour, if it has been successful, a grant will be made to the Fiji Union.

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A VERITABLE stream of old ships, often laden with scrap metal, have made their way from Australia, New Zealand, and elsewhere to the Japanese smelters in recent months.

Scrap metal prices have risen and buyers are to be encountered everywhere. An Auckland firm in November arranged the purchase of a large consignment of scrap at Pago Pago, and there was a report from Suva that a Mr. Banno, of the Japanese firm of Banno Bros., which was established in Tonga and elsewhere in pre-War II days, was in that city buying scrap metal. He later went on to Australia, where war-wrecks in Darwin Harbour were purchased.

Auckland metal merchants said that, generally speaking, it would not pay to send a ship to any Islands port for less than 500 tons of scrap, especially if it is a "no port" island. But if anyone has an old war dump at the back of his property now is the time to cash in on it. The Australian Government has just brought in regulations restricting the flow from this country.

The smarter of the scrap hunters are said to be spending hours in public libraries looking up the history of old Island wrecks, and to check on their cargoes.

Some wrecks might be worth salvaging these days, with pr high and modern equipment av able. As an example, one blade a four-bladed phosphor bronze p peller from the 50-year-old wr of the *Maitai* was reported wo £400 recently. (See page 71, issue).

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' Duke Overcomes Red-Tape :: Response to the Hungarian Appeal :: TAC Calls a 7-Weeks' Strike

Presumably the Upper One Thousand—the Administration-Anointed who were chosen to meet the Duke — enjoyed his visit more than did the rest of the Territory's population. But the Duke himself appears to have had a happy time, and that, after all, is the only thing that matters.

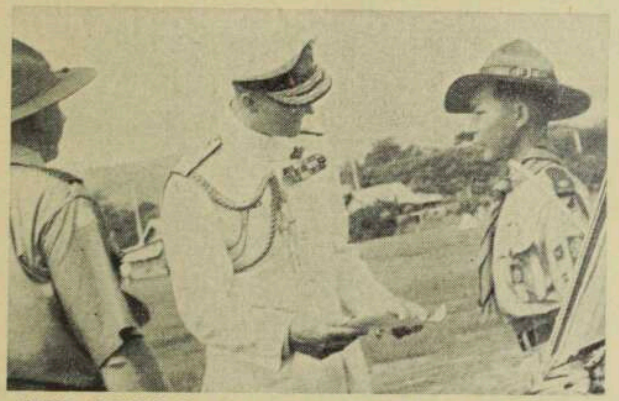
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to Port Moresby.
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of which had hoped for
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the Club in the afternoon.
p.m., most of them gave
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so of the regulars drank
then, of course, the Duke
by launch. Subsequently
was presented with a small
aque which is inscribed:
Duke of Edinburgh visited
b on Saturday afternoon,
r 10, 1956." Thus en-
, the Club is now reported
plying for the right to call
"Royal" Aquatic Club.

At night, the Duke dined at Government House with Brigadier and Mrs. D. M. Cleland and selected personages and later at the reception shook the hands of 400 guests.

The matter of the 400 (and the lesser number at Lae and Rabaul receptions) had earlier produced a broadcast apology from the Administrator who explained (or attempted to) why guest lists had to be restricted. This naturally enough did nothing to soothe the ruffled feathers of those who felt they should have been asked, and were not. Loud have been the laments heard in the land.



PROUD MOMENT for Queen's Scout Alan Tsang of Rabaul, when the Duke of Edinburgh presented him with the Royal Certificate in Rabaul in November. Troop-leader of 1st Rabaul Troop, he was educated at the Chinese Administration School. He became a 1st Class Scout just prior to attending the Jamboree in Melbourne in December, 1955. Earlier that year, he took the lead in establishing a permanent scout camp at Nordup, Rabaul.

Photo: C. H. Meen.

ONLY PART OF THE DUKE

Nor was it only European society that had heart-burnings. One Papuan brave had the temerity to cry in the wilderness through the columns of the *South Pacific Post*. He protested:

"People standing along between Ela Beach and Lawes Road saw four Administrative cars passed but not the Duke. They saw small figure appearing in the car that is Duke waving to the people but not the whole Duke.

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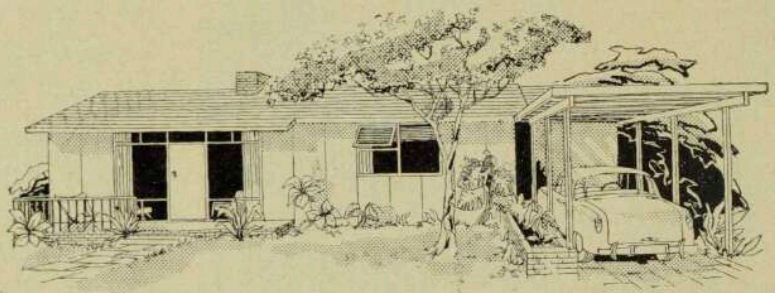
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ringing Duke in a car is not

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visit is also a very short nd we also do not agree with

signed himself "100 Miles Native." Natives started to at the Oval from 5 a.m. and patiently until the Duke at 8.45 a.m.—then to see "not nole Duke." Their disappoint- was understandable.
his departure, the Duke pre- signed photographs of the and himself to the towns of Moresby, Lae and Rabaul.
photographs, approximately x 18 in., were signed, eth R" and "Philip."
effective were the prohibitions il photographers that in place flood PIM usually receives such an event the take has precisely three photographs— which appear herewith.— M)

AROOS OR KANGAROOS?
Ken Slater has just returned resby from the Fly River, he has spent two months g Taipans to obtain their for a Melbourne laboratory.
weather was unfavourable Taipans were obtained, but presented with one on his by a native who had caught Newtown — Administration s just out of Moresby.
e in the Fly country, Mr. discovered what is thought an Australian species of oo. About 30 to 50 of the ials were seen by him and s they were twice the size wallaby often seen in the y; they could be wallaroos will make further investi-

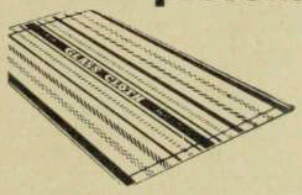
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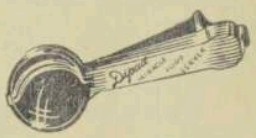
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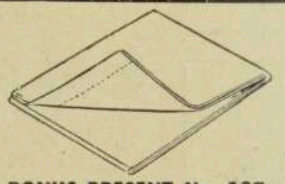
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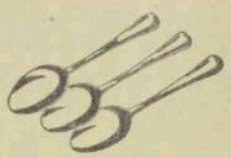
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D THE BAND PLAYED— AT THE GAMES

nbers of the Royal Papua-Guinea Constabulary Band Port Moresby aboard the *si* to attend the Olympic s. They arrived in Sydney on nber 23 and travelled to Mel-e by train.

y will not go on to Hobart ported earlier but will return to the Territory by ship, g about December 20.

y played daily at the Games received their due amount of tion from the public and apers.

ENCH SLOOP BRINGS ULIN ROUGE" MEMORIES

a far cry from Paris to Port by. From the Hanuabada to Toulouse Lautrec's pictures ntmartre's naughty ladies and n Can of the "Moulin Rouge." when the French sloop *nt Deauville* arrived in by in November with the al commanding the French Fleet—Admiral Toulouse c Montfa—aboard, it didn't so far after all.

iral Montfa is a nephew of mous painter.

sloop later went on to Yule to lay a wreath on the grave her Bourjade, famous air-ace pilot of the First World



The Duke at Bulolo—leaving the airport on November 11.
Photo: N. J. Brady.

Father Bourjade became a missionary after that war ended and spent his time along the Papuan coast. He died young, of malaria.

It is now customary for any visiting French ship to go to Yule Island and pay tribute to this war-time hero.

TROPICAL CHRISTMAS

The oldest story ever told—the birth of Christ—is being reflected in young eyes all over the world at this time of the year, and in Port Moresby, youngsters' eyes are glistening with expectation at the feast of toys revealed to them in the stores. For Christmas to the young is still the magic of Santa Claus with his bag of good things.

Ships from the magical East and 'planes from the South are pouring in with their cargoes. Old traditions die hard even in the tropics, and the hot turkey dinner with all the trimmings which we have eaten for years is still standard.

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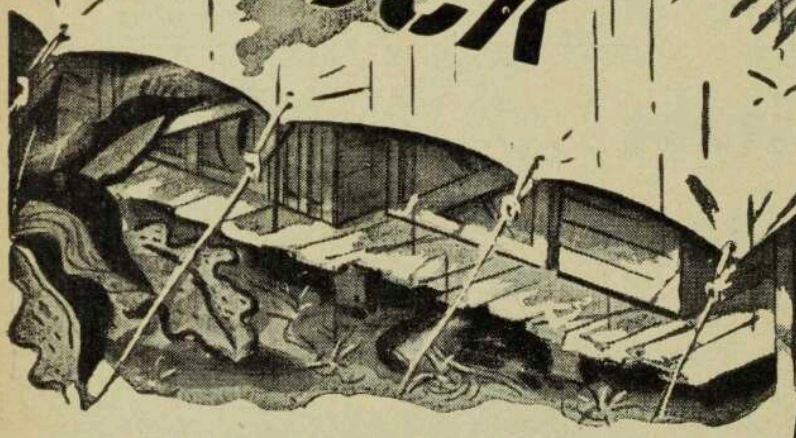
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PTIONS AND TREMORS— HOME VARIETY

International situation, with
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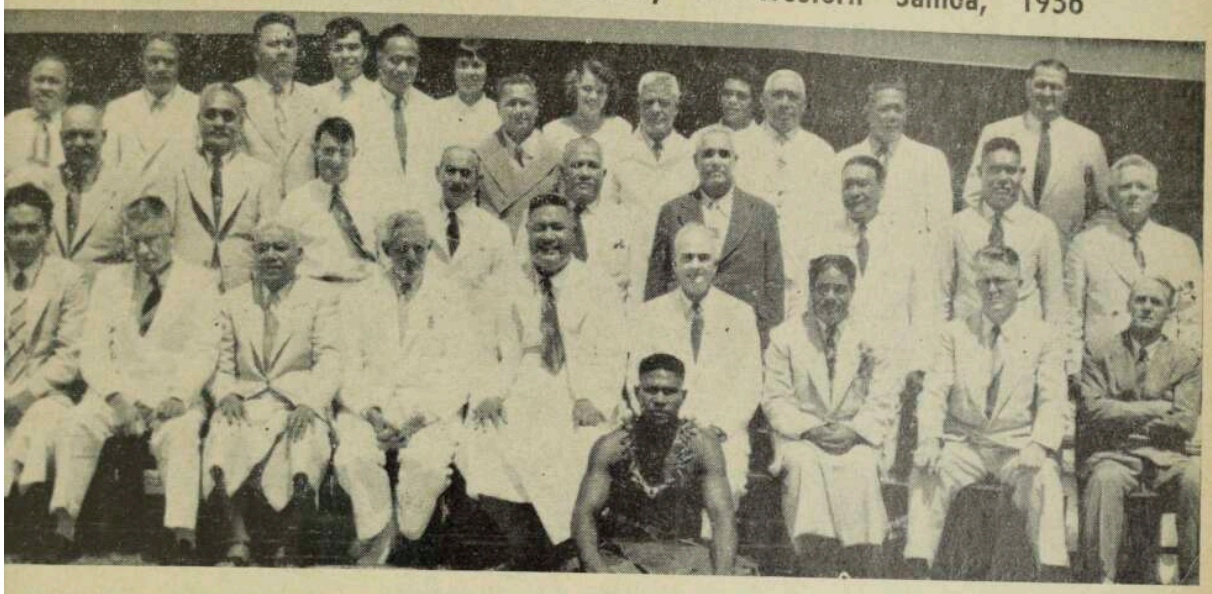
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Members of the Legislative Assembly of Western Samoa, 1956



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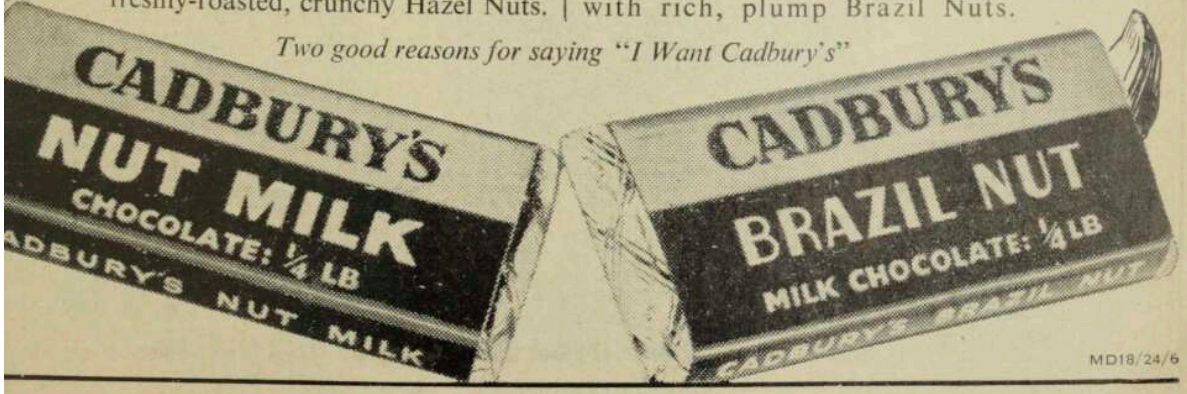
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HURRICANES AHEAD

First of the Season

FIRST tropical depression of the 1956-57 hurricane season appeared on the South Pacific tropical weather chart at 0600 GMT, November 15, centred just west of the southern New Hebrides.

Not yet a hurricane, the central pressure was given as 997 millibars (29.44 inches) and winds of only up to 30 knots within 150 miles in the south and east quadrants.

The depression next morning was almost stationary. Forecast movement was south-south-east into open waters, so there seemed little likelihood of any damage if the system "deepened," as it probably would.

A trough of low pressure next morning extended from the depression, which was then centred at 21½ South, 170 East, eastwards across Fiji, giving a belt of unsettled weather.

There is a school of meteorological thought which links the frequency and severity of tropical hurricanes with sunspot activity, and this theory may be put to the test this summer.

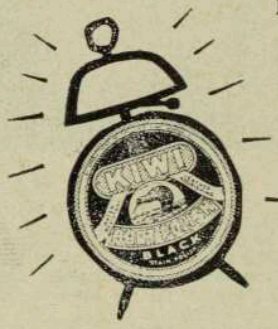
According to the monthly data broadcast from Zurich Observatory, Switzerland, the 11¼-year sunspot cycle, which should have reached its maximum early 1958, is, for reasons unknown, running ahead of schedule and the sunspot peak is now predicted for next January.

The predicted daily averages are November, 173; December, 176; and January 177, with only a very slight decline during the subsequent three months. Generally speaking, the daily number of sunspots has been higher than predicted by the "boffins" over the past six mon though there was a decline in October average.

However, judging by the coll of high-frequency radio recep conditions through mid-Nover —caused by sunspots—indicat were that the October decline w be fully made up in the succee month.

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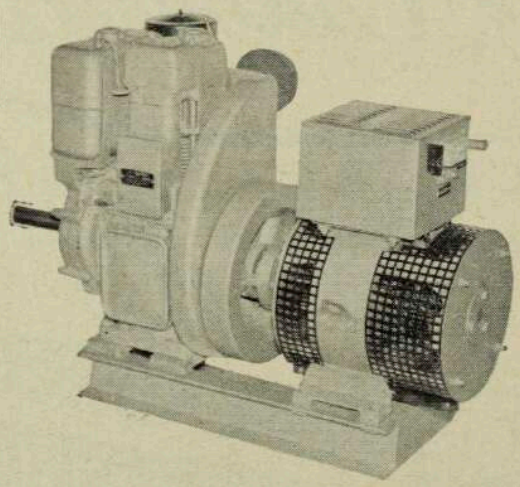
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)MB TESTS

S, E or West of hristmas Island?

air of mystery surrounds the tact point of the intended ritish atom bomb tests next

is, of course, well known he base of operations and the from which the bomb-dropping ft will take off is Christmas in the Northern Line Islands. some time ago a senior " associated with the tests op, while visiting New Zea- on high-level talks, that the explosion would take place nother atoll. This being the he only possible other atolls rvis, Malden, or Starbuck, as of sufficient distance from in- d islands.

September-October, a section ic opinion in the Cook Islands campaigning against the e dangers to the inhabitants Northern Cooks. Late October, the Cook Islands Legislative l opened its annual session, bject of the intended bomb as raised by Mr. G. A. Walsh, ho attended the session as ntative of the New Zealand ment.

Walsh then stated that "the ea would be situated many north of Christmas Island." d-November an Auckland per again carried a small o the effect that the tests o take place over another The question arises: Where s atoll be, north of Christmas? st atoll to Christmas is in- Fanning, important trans- telegraph cable station, 153 listant. Continuing north- 5 miles, there is inhabited gton, operated as a planta- a subsidiary of Burns, Philp

is the extent of British north of Christmas. Some s north-west of Washington erican Palmyra, and 33 miles on in the same direction n Kingman Reef. Johnson ar to the north-west is also n.

r "north" we should read then Jarvis, 200 miles est of Christmas is Ameri- rough normally uninhabited again puts Malden or Star- the hot favourite.

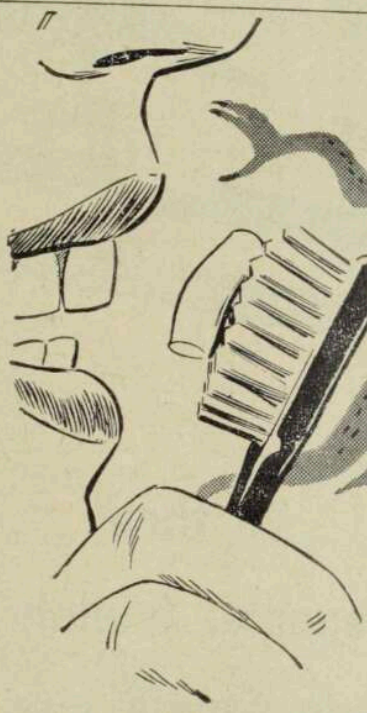
n is 365 miles south-south- d Starbuck 450 miles almost Christmas. The latter atoll niles from Penrhyn, in the n Cooks. Malden is 100 miles from Penrhyn.

Walsh also announced that l meteorological station will up in the Northern Cooks ext year "to ensure that mb-test headquarters at Christmas Island are fully acquained with the weather conditions prevailing in this area at the time." Some might see in this statement that the test will in fact take place over Malden or Starbuck.

A little later in November it was announced in Wellington that two vessels of the Royal New Zealand Navy will also be sent to the area as mobile meteorological stations for the tests.

The necessity for an island below the exploding bomb is that there has to be a site for placement of recording instruments used in assessing the bomb's effects.

¶ A young Chinese woman from Fiji, Annie Low, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Low Fong, of Lautoka, has graduated as a Doctor of Medicine from Otago University, Dunedin, NZ.



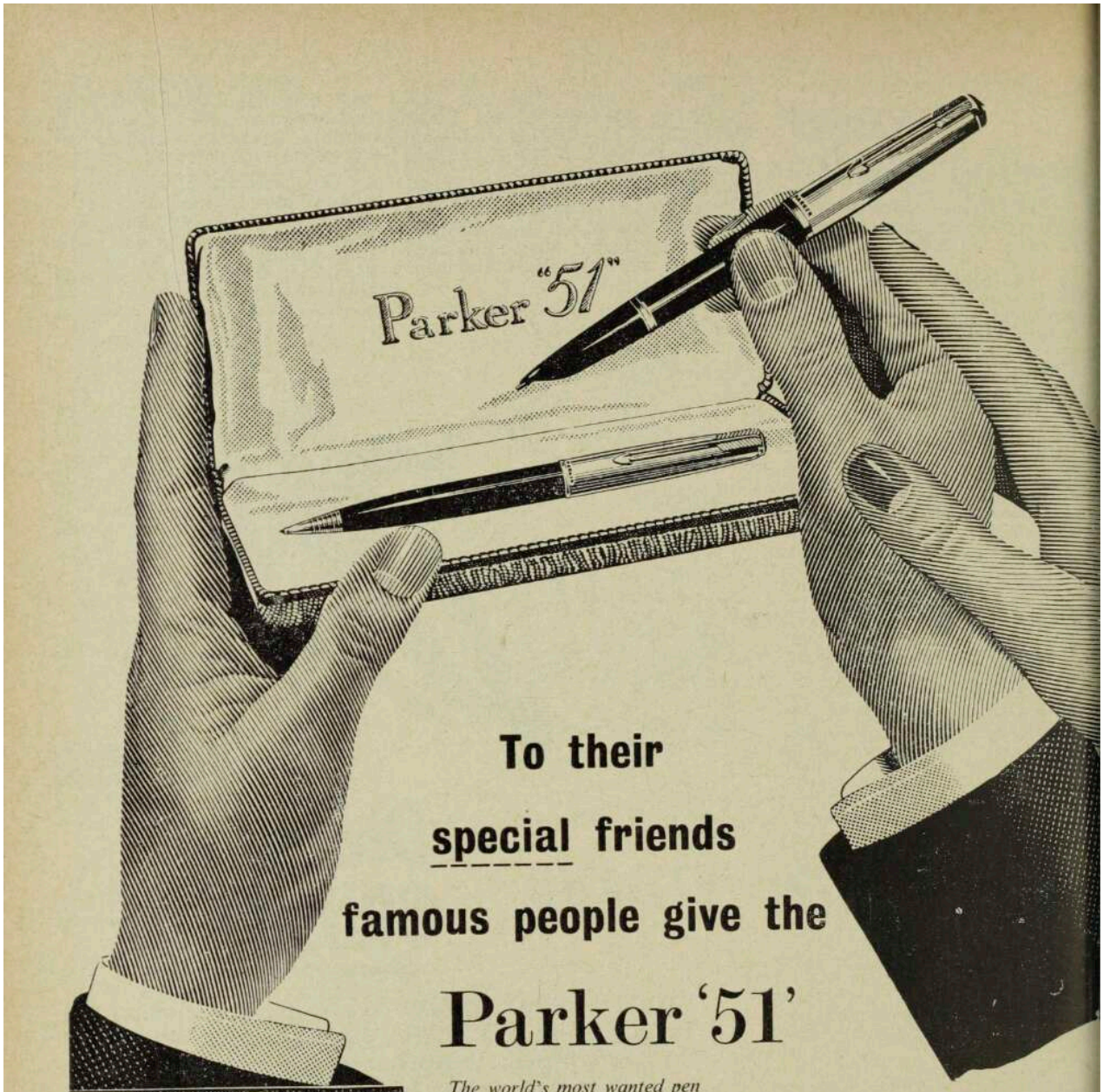
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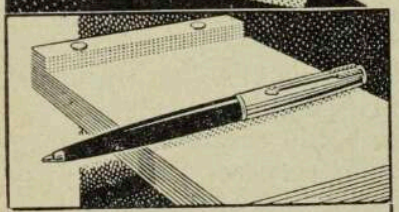
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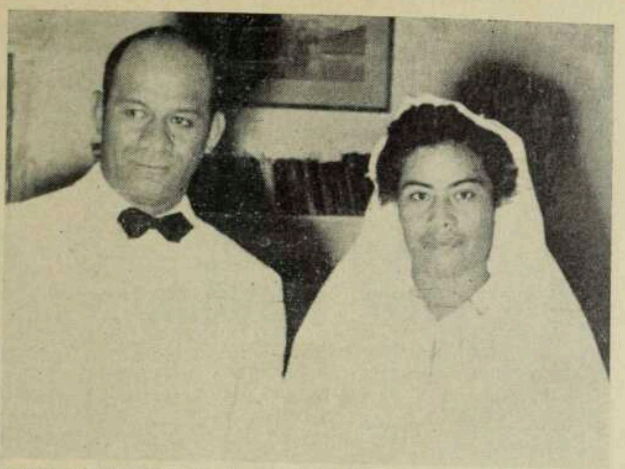
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being head of the Boys' Brigade and Fetaui one of the leaders of the Girls' Brigade.
Photo: R. F. Rankin.

FIJI AND NG MISSING UT ON SOMETHING?

ORDING to an article in a
w Zealand newspaper in No-
nber, one toad farm on
Hawaiian Islands, and
r at Puerto Rico, are doing
table business in the sale of
o cane farmers.

According to the writer, the giant toads, which are valuable for keeping down insect pests, are beginning to die out through lack of natural food. So the toads are now being reared in captivity successfully, their eggs protected from destruction, and the resulting young toads finding a ready sale to farmers.

As Fiji and New Guinea are overrun with these monsters, some enterprising resident might start an export drive.

† Archdeacon W. T. Williams, of NZ, visited the Anglican community in the Cook Islands during October.

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The people were resettled on other islands and up to June, 1955, the US Government had agreed to pay, or had paid, $1,707 dollars to Utirik claimants, and $5,163 to Rongelap claimants, mostly for personal effects which had to be left behind when evacuated.

On the face of it, it appeared that the Islanders must have had remarkably poor legal advice in settling on the above terms. The Japanese fishermen did considerably better than that—on the second try.

Late in November it was reported from New York that the populations of Eniwetok and Bikini, deported to other islands to make way for the bomb tests, are to receive $450,000 in compensation. They suffered no radiation effects.

† The Diwali (Festival of the Lights) was held in Fiji according to Indian custom, in early November.

NEW CALEDONIAN TROCHUS

THE trochus fishing season which in recent years has been strictly limited in New Caledonia, will, in 1957, open on September 1 and will not be limited. The legal size of trochus to be taken will, however, be raised from eight centimetres to 10 centimetres (about inches).

† Funds are being collected send six Western Samoan G Guides to the Pan-Pacific Gi Guides' rally in New Zealand January, 1957.

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r to the Editor

Constitutional Rights W. Samoa's MLA's

our October issue you published n article, "Slang-whanging in V. Samoa," dealing with the r debates of the Legislative cil during the September n. May I point out that it is constitutional right and duty embers of the Assembly, as of bers of Parliament of all cratic countries of the world, ticise shortcomings and errors overnment policy, even while acknowledging the good work med by the Government in olitical, social and economic

statements made during the by Samoan and European d members were statements of and nobody intended, as was expressed during the debates, ke an attack on the Public e as such, in spite of the at- by the Government speakers e-track the issue.

as further stressed during the ion that with the inaugura- f the member system and the over of Ministerial respon- es by elected representatives Samoan people, it was con- y expected that many of the of the past could and would ided.

irresponsible remarks by the of the local paper whose on Samoan policy are sup- only by a small group of ntled Europeans cannot be red as representative of any of Samoan or European opinion.

I further point out that my motion was lost by 11 o six, four members of the ly abstained and two were Of the 11 negative votes, 4 ne votes of official members. sult was that of 17 elected rs present only 7 voted the motion.

state at the conclusion of eport that only two or three d Europeans are now left in n Samoa. Apparently you ull Europeans, but the Euro- elected members of the ly represent a European ion of approximately 5,000 90 per cent. of whom are rn Europeans.

I am, etc.,

A. M. GURAU.

V. Samoa.
, 1956.

Joan Hart, Miss Betty and Mrs. Elsie Barton from Port Moresby in the early in December on a trip to Japan.

PENSIONS FOR W. SAMOA'S VETERANS

PENSIONS are to be granted to needy veterans of the First World War who are residing in Western Samoa.

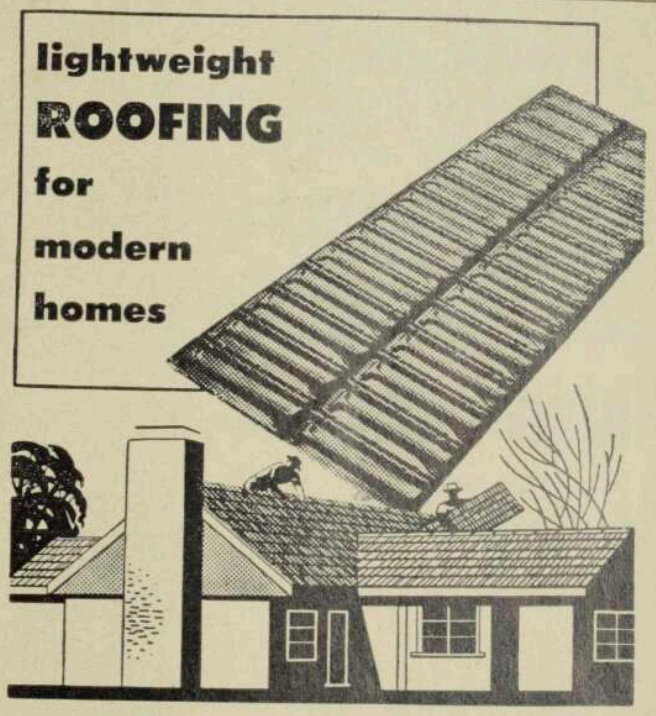
This action has been taken following representations by the Returned Servicemen's Association. The pensions will be a charge on the New Zealand Reparation Estates and will be determined by the Finance Committee of the Executive Council.

The number of veterans eligible for pensions will probably not exceed half a dozen.

The W. Samoan Returned Services' Association, at the Annual General Meeting on October 27, 1956, elected a local-born returned soldier, Mr. J. J. O'Dwyer, as President in succession to Mr. Brian Cobcroft.

The membership of the Association now stands at 86, and the RSA Social Club at 317.

¶ The United States Soccer team called at Fiji on its way back to the US from the Olympic Games. The team defeated Suva in an exhibition game 11-2. They were entertained by the Suva Soccer Association at a cocktail party at the home of Dr. Ram Lakhan.



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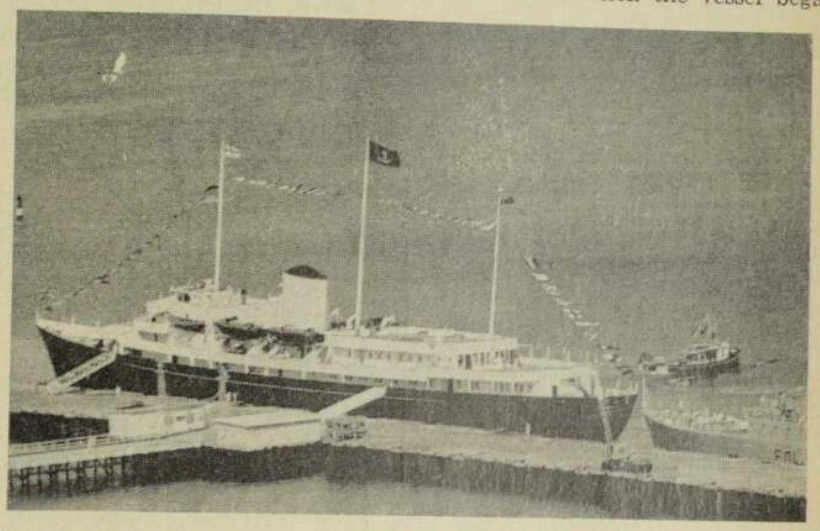
st 40 years ago this Christmas the Union Co.'s 24-year-old -Pacific passenger vessel, *i*, 3,393 tons, met her end off a, Rarotonga. Auckland e court records show that the built for Huddart Parker & *Miowera* and later acquired ie Union Co., cleared San isco, December 7, 1916, under and of Captain Charles n, with a crew of about 80, assengers and 900 tons of aboard.

but 29 of the passengers were at Papeete, and the vessel d off Rarotonga in perfect er at 4.30 p.m. on Christmas oon.

re anchoring it was the 's intention to try to pick up ibles and anchors which had slipped by the vessel six s earlier, the position of had been buoyed. Meanwhile rge of cargo commenced into lighters.

attempt to pick up the cables nsuccessful, so at about 8.45 he vessel took a turn out then ran in to drop anchor for the night. The starboard anchor was dropped in 16 fathoms and 60 fathoms of cable paid out, the Master ringing slow astern. However, the cable parted, and full speed ahead was rung and the helm put hard over to turn seaward, but *Maitai* failed to come round in time and grounded heavily on the reef on the west side of Avarua Pass, close to the wreck of the Norwegian barque *Triton* (one-time British vessel *Kintyre*).

Conditions then were dead calm. The engine was put astern—and kept astern until the engine-room was flooded when the vessel began



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to pound in a rising swell next afternoon. Meanwhile all stores, fittings of value, mail, and 400 tons of cargo were landed. The fires were doused in the furnaces at 3 p.m., Boxing Day, and the crew went ashore at 4 p.m. In the hope of towing the vessel off the reef as the cargo was discharged, the French steamer *Cholita* arrived from Papeete, Decemer 29, in response to a radio call, but by that time the *Maitai*, lightened, had been forced further onto the reef by wind and sea.

Most of the ship's company were picked up on December 31 by another ship and taken to Auckland.

Contrary to some popular accounts of this wreck, there is nothing in the findings of the marine court to suggest that the weather was bad at the time or that Christmas celebrations aboard the ship were in any way responsible. The court found that the Master misjudged his distance from the reef in the dark, and should have backed out stern first on parting his cable.

(*See page 71 for the 1956 salvage story*).

FOR BP FLEET

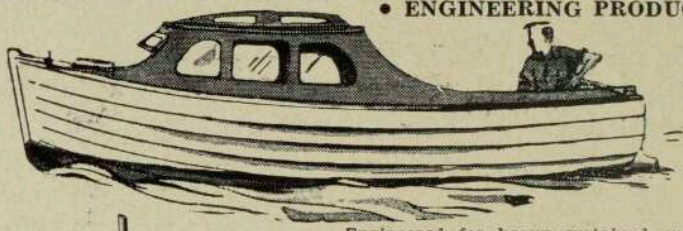
Burns Philp (SS) Co. Ltd., of Suva, made a handsome addition to their Fiji fleet in November, when they purchased the 10-year-old *Ratanui* from Northern Steamship Co., of Auckland, the same company which sold them the 248-ton *Nikau* in July, immediately following the loss of *Vasu*.

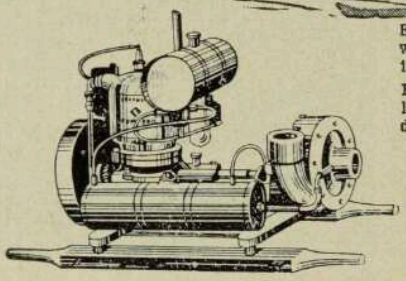
As stated then, *Nikau* was a smaller vessel than BP's would have wished, but evidently *Ratanui* was not then available. She has, no doubt, been released with the impending arrival of a new and larger vessel, *Poranui*, now on her maiden voya from a Dutch shipyard.

Ratanui was built in Quebec *Mayspring*, and later sold to Dani owners and renamed *Arrenak*, und which name she ran fish from Ic land to the Mediterranean a fruit on the north-bound ru Northern Co. purchased her ea 1952 and she called at Papeete

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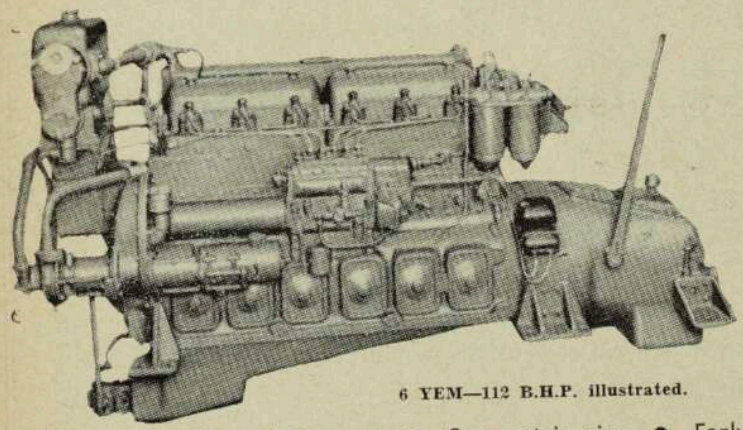
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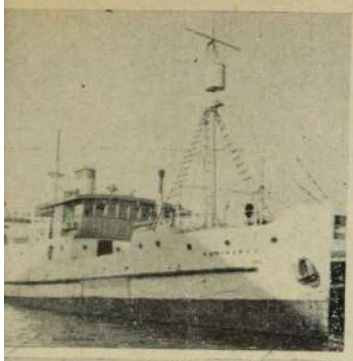
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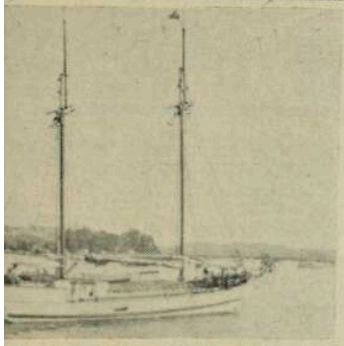
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IN THE NEWS: "Kurimarau", which gone to Fiji to trade (see page 107); ott", recently involved in a mis- ding with a Jap fishing vessel. (See).

elivery voyage to Auckland, she still bore the name k.
ain E. Harness, Suva Harbour on leave in New Zealand, command of *Ratanui* for the voyage. He was to fly back Zealand, and will spend his leave in England next

THE *MONTORO*

ugh BP's Sydney office ttle information on the ighter *Montoro* for the Syd- st Pacific Islands trade, an shipping journal mentioned October date that this vessel tons dead-weight capacity, by a M.A.N. diesel of 2,600 d been launched at the yard nds Werk, Norway, evidently ember. The vessel was to service speed of 13 knots, esumably will have limited er accommodation.
oro is expected in Sydney ext March.

SHE'S NO FLYER

win-screw Gleniffer-powered *Melva*, latest addition to ok Islands fleet, reached ga from Wellington, October uick check shows that the is no speedster—average r the voyage was just under s.
n Keith, of the Holm Co. staff, in command for very, returned to Auckland per *Viti*, but Captain D. K. Matheson, who signed as Mate, remained in the Cooks as relieving Master in the Archer & Brown vessel *Inspire*.

Captain Hugh Williams, owner of *Melva*, is now in command of his own vessel.

MORE TROUBLE FOR *INSPIRE*

The twin-screw *Inspire*, stolen for a period recently in the Cooks, was in worse trouble in November, when it was reported that the newer and more powerful of the two diesel engines, installed less than two years ago, had "done" the crankshaft and all main bearings—and the nearest spare crankshaft for this model was in England. However *Inspire* will still be mobile with one motor and sail, pending repairs.

ADRIFT—BUT NOT MISSING

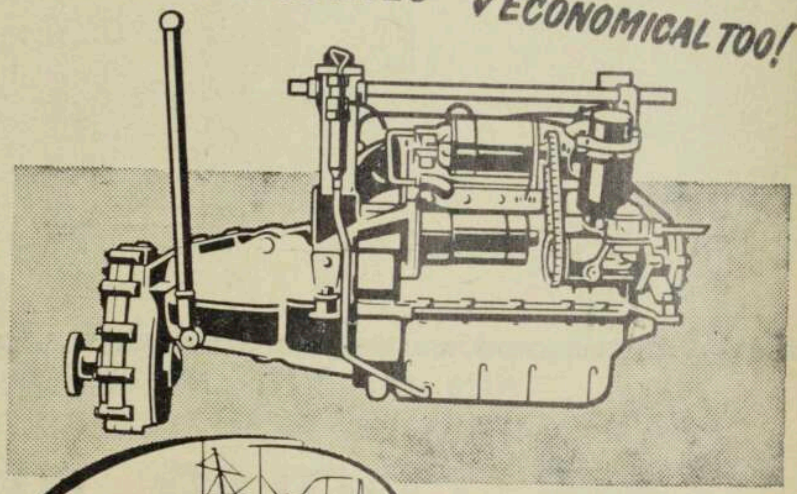
The 7,250-ton American freighter *Thunderbird* spent a quiet November some 400 miles north of Midway Island. Bound trans-Pacific, the New York-owned vessel cast her propeller on November 4. A tug was despatched from Honolulu, but arrived back there November 20 with a suspected appendicitis case aboard—and no *Thunderbird* in tow The tug was to depart again immediately on a second attempt.

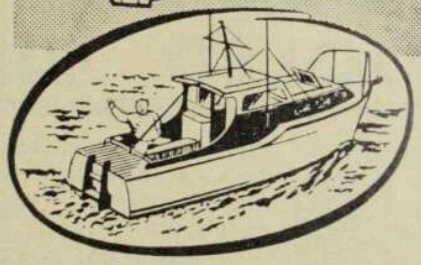
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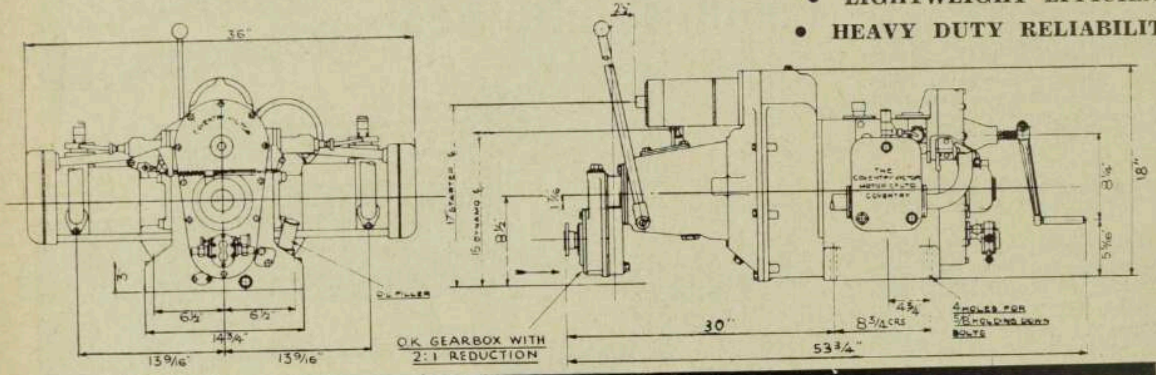
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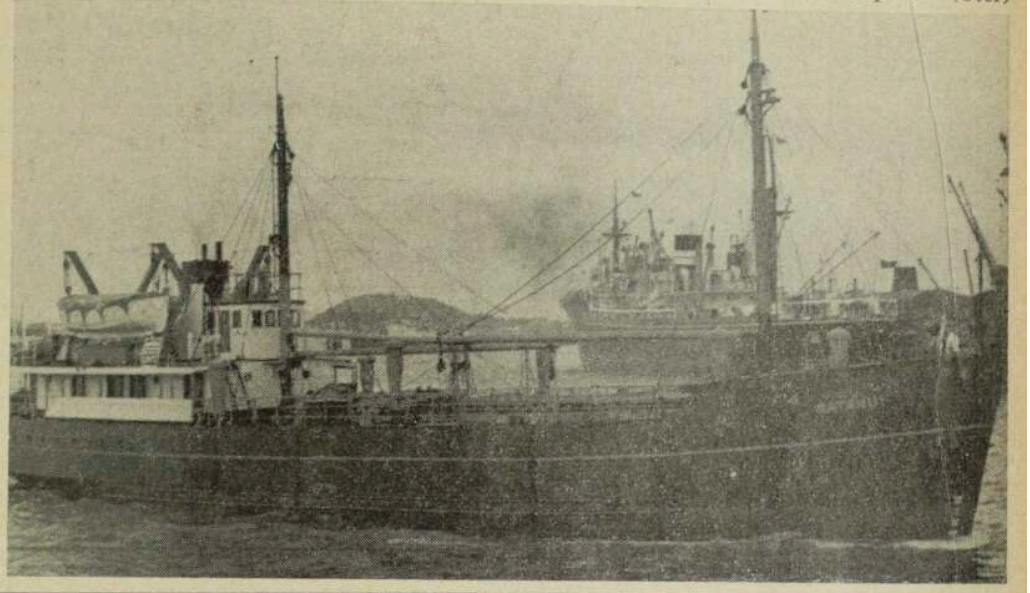
RE—AND MORE—SCRAP FOR JAPAN

October, *PIM* reported the visit the 876-ton Panamanian re- erated vessel *Sea rl* to Rarotonga to ft a cargo of atoes for Welling- There a hoped-for o of frozen beef Honolulu did not erialise, and *Sea rl* lay idle for ks, finally loading p metal for Japan. cleared Welling- for Rabaul, No- ber 21. There she to bunker. eanwhile the sel's attractive elling agent, Miss s Bettauer, from dquarters in

New York, was far from idle. Flying into Wellington—she had earlier met the vessel at Papeete prior to the Rarotonga call—she settled down to some hard bargaining with New Zealand ship-owners. Result: Purchase of the coastal veterans *Holmdale* and *Storm*, and the partly stripped hulls of *Matangi* and *Totara*. *Holmdale* was renamed *Pacific Pearl*.

She and *Storm* presently appeared in new colours and flying the Liberian flag, registered in the name of a company called Crescent Corporation of Monrovia. Both proceeded to load scrap.

Through November another coaster ran a shuttle service from Wellington with cargoes of scrap iron to Pelorus Sound across Cook Strait, where *Matangi* and *Totara* lay. Early December a Dutch tug was expected to take these laden hulks in tow, and the whole circus was to move off for Japan. (Over)



Burns Philp (SS) Co.'s Ratanui", purchased r the Fiji - Tonga - moa-Gilberts petroleum oducts trade. Photo: J. P. Shortall.

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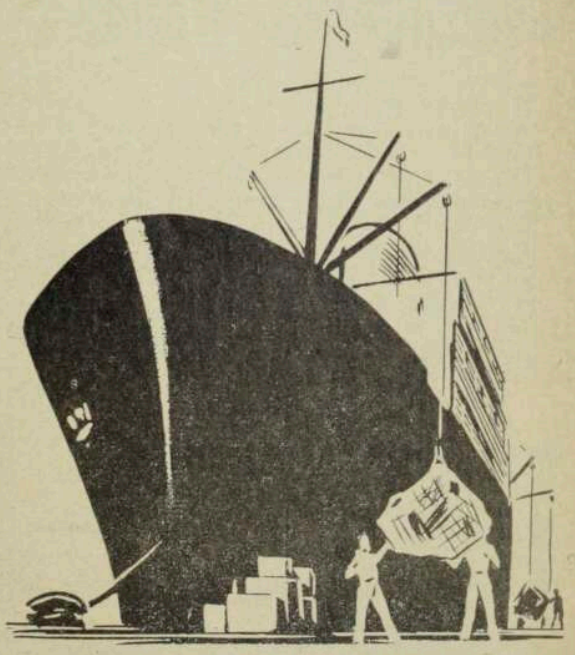
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With the hurricane season under way more may be heard of this convoy of veterans before they clear the Islands northbound. Late November, Miss Bettauer was reported still wrestling with manning problems.

Mr. Les Ellis, of Auckland, well known in Tonga, who had been Second Officer in *Sea Pearl*, paid off that vessel at Wellington, and reported that en route from California she had broken down with electrical trouble 18 miles before reaching Papeete.

Due to differences in radio frequencies, *Sea Pearl* could not contact Papeete, so Ellis was about to be sent on in a ship's boat for assistance when the engineers managed to restart a motor and the vessel made port.

PIM can vouch for the fact that the ship has a very fine radio telephone installation, however, for the vessel was heard in daylight contact with California from near Tahiti, and signals then were strong in Auckland.

JAPS TO THE RESCUE

In November, 1955, a few weeks before *Arakarimoa* went missing from Tarawa, two Gilbertese, fishing outside the lagoon from the same port, went missing.

Thirteen days later they were picked up 200 miles to the westward by the Japanese tuna boat *Koya Maru* and were landed in the Marshall Islands.

In October this year two more Gilbertese went missing from Marakei atoll There is nothing in the Tarawa news-sheet report to suggest that any search was made for the men—or that they had e been reported missing.

But once again it was a Japa tuna boat, homeward bound f South Pacific fishing operati which accidentally came to rescue on October 24.

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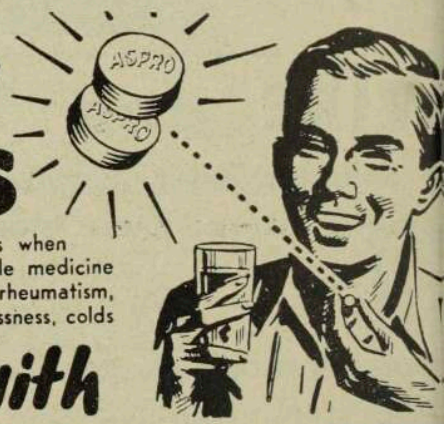
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the Foreign Ministry in Tokio, the men were to be landed at jalein on October 30. Point of up was not indicated.

HE LAME AND THE HALT

e one-time Fiji Government l *Viti*, like NZGS *Maui Pomare*, h she is currently assisting on New Zealand-Cook Islands run, aring the end of her economic as evidenced by the constant ie repairs and general main- ice work involved in her tions.

te November, loading was d in Auckland when a leak ared below the waterline well rd. The vessel was heavily sted with iron blocks on the deck to cock up her bow and rs were effected without dry- ng.

when that job was completed g was still delayed by engine rs. Though her owners, Tas- Steamship Co., are in bank- y, the Government, which the funds available to estab- the ex-servicemen's company, n interest in the vessel, and doubtless cheaper to use her e Cooks run with all her faults, to charter any other vessel he purpose, even should other erated vessels be available.

NTERESTING PASSAGE

n on the regular trade routes surprisingly rare for vessels to one another on the high seas. he passage of the Canadian *White Hart* from Samoa to land via the Lau Group re- was of particular note.

ner Tony Reeves reported com- p with a big Japanese fishing r-ship, with several 100-150- una boats alongside discharg- heir cargoes into her. Date, mber 28; location, 25.22 S., E., that is, due north of Cape NZ, and outside the tropics.

Reeves exchanged light s with the motor-ship as he close past, and got the names *nye Maru*. No vessel of this is shown in Lloyds Register, here are five vessels with the e *Tenyo Maru*, and one— erated—which answers the de- ion, has called at Suva in the to land injured fishermen.

s vessel is 11,224 tons gross wned by the Taivo Fishing Co., kio, known to operate a tuna g fleet south of the Line from (not from Pago Pago).

ew days later *White Hart* en- ered the yacht *Tzu Hang*, as ed in November *PIM*.

RE ON OPERATION TUNA

Director of the Fisheries y, Japanese Ministry of Agri- e and Forestry, sheds a little light on Japanese tuna fish- perations.

fly, he says, in response to a letter of inquiry, that 567 vessels of around the 100-150-ton mark are licensed for Pacific oceanic fishing. Where they go is up to them.

Apart from the vessels based at Pago Pago, three fishing fleets headed by freezer mother-ships came south this past Winter. On November 15, one of these was still operating (no doubt the one mentioned earlier), and two had returned.

Three or possibly four such expeditions will operate next year. In addition, some vessels sail independently to south of the Line. Generally speaking, the fleets decide on a general area of operations before leaving Japan, but if on arrival they find conditions poor another area will be tried. A fleet may consist of 20 to 30 vessels.

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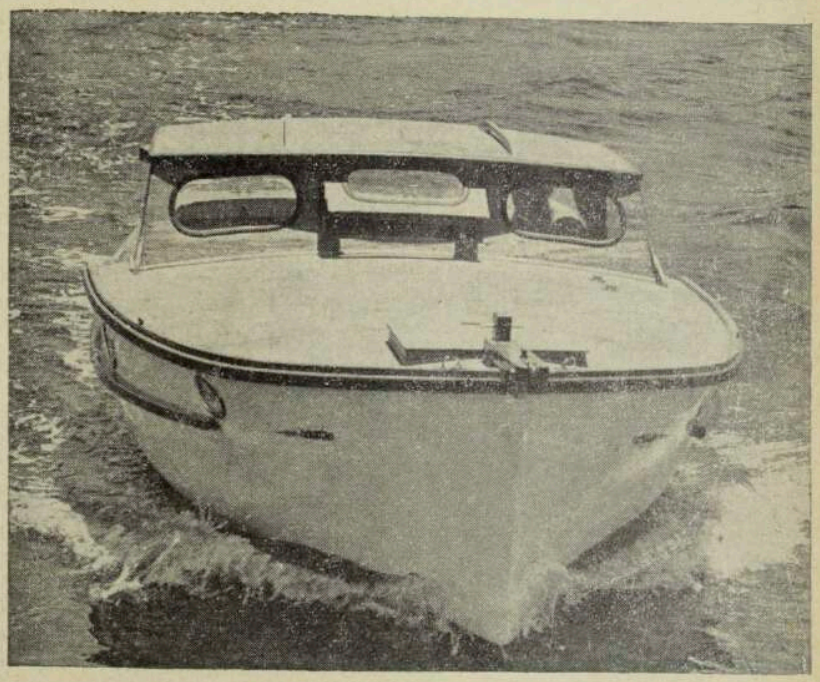
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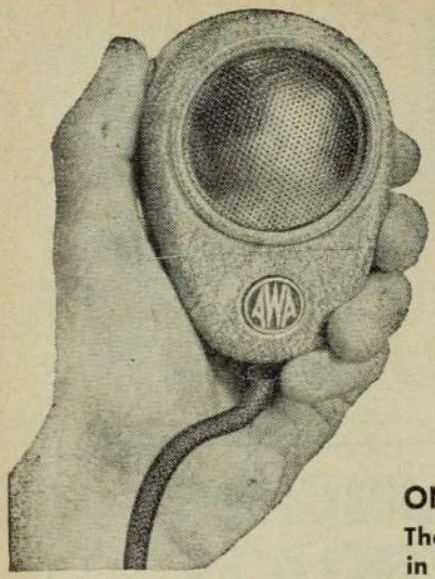
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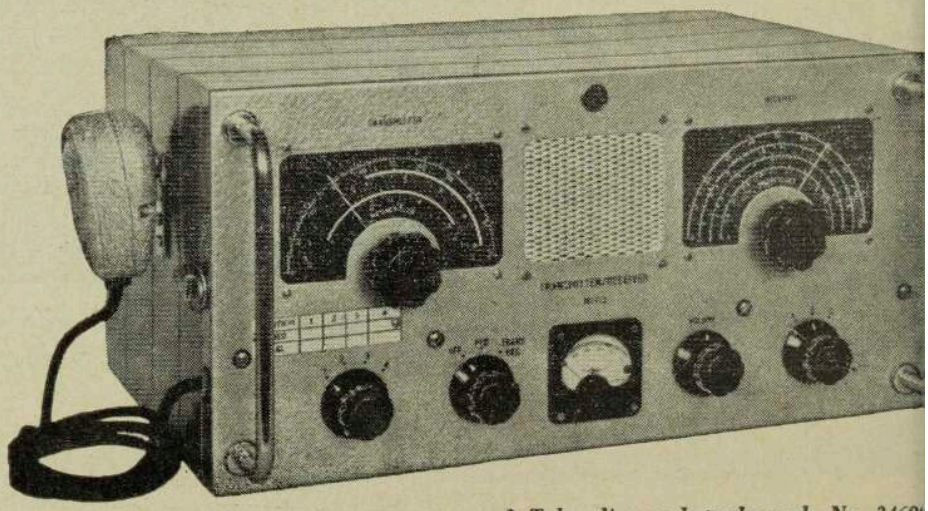
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E remarks directed at irresponsible journalism" in our October editorial are y and true; but you definitely ot practise what you preach r as Norfolk Island news is rned.

ur reporting on Norfolk Island s has suffered from many truths and inaccuracies—so so that we are forced to the veracity of your news other islands.

your July issue, under a ng "Liquor Plebiscite" you that residents voted 97 per to retain the old system. In ting this you are furthering nard fostered by local and erra bureaucrats and ians. The method adopted to ain public opinion on the question was neither a endum" nor a "plebiscite", nerely a questionnaire. Forms g out four alternatives were ited at various stores and ns wishing to express their ence had to collect a form, in, and deposit it in a box. re was none of the procedure ed in a normal election or ndum by secret ballot. Results were computed by an Administration official and a local clergyman and the answer obtained was doubtless very agreeable to the Administration.

According to figures released to the Advisory Council, 303 people recorded their opinion. At the Council Elections held some six weeks later, over 500 voted. In other words, more than 40 per cent. of the electors recorded their opinion of the Liquor Questionnaire by ignoring it—a treatment it richly deserved. This, we think you will admit, is a very different picture from the one created by your report.

We could list numerous other occasions when your reporting on Norfolk Island has similarly created an entirely false impression in the minds of readers by the very journalistic sins you condemn. This may be the fault of your Norfolk Island correspondent, whose identity seems to be a deep, dark secret here. But we trust you will remedy the fault, wherever it may lie.

I am, etc.,
A. NEEDHAM,
Acting Chairman,
Progress Assn.

Norfolk Is.,
November 23, 1956.

Mr. Needham's somewhat delayed letter unfortunately does not explain why the fact that 40 per cent. of residents had no opinion on the liquor question, or did not bother to record it, was "treatment it (the questionnaire) richly deserved." Are we to assume that there was more in the public-opinion poll on the NI liquor regulations than met the eye—

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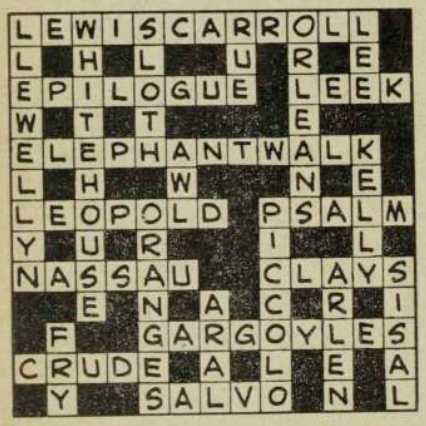
what the Russians called, in the case of Nina and the hats, "a dirty provocation?"—Ed. PIM.

† The Rev D. A. Rawcliffe, headmaster of the Melanesian Mission's Maravovo School, BSIP, and the Rev. Philip Baker, of Malaita, are in New Zealand on leave.

† The pre-war Matson-Oceanic liner *Monterey*, well known on the trans-Pacific service, is now being completely remodeled and will enter the company's service next July as the *Matsonia* on the Hawaii-West Coast service. She will be the third vessel of the company to bear that name.

† Government land is to be available to landless young W Samoans over 25 years w applications are sponsored b Ali'i and Faipule of their vi Two Government blocks of 28 200 acres are to be opened u the purpose.

Solution to Crossquiz from page 82



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ROTONGA'S UNDERSEA LVAGE OPERATIONS

By W. H. PERCIVAL

E night in December, 1916, he Union Steamship Company's 400-ton vessel, *Maitai*, lay at or off Avarua, Rarotonga. of the crew and passengers ashore enjoying local tality when a northerly gale g up and the *Maitai* dragged anchors to become a total upon the reef. No lives were but the vessel subsequently in about 25 feet of water there she still lies on the shelf extending from the rds side of the reef.

September, 1955, two members e Cook Islands Administration to spend their spare time ing the wreck with a view all scale salvage operations. built a raft and equipped it an air compressor and motor. assed from the compressor gh a cooling pipe fitted under aft and then into an air er.

snorkel was removed from face diving mask, of the type by spear fisherman, and re- with 300 feet of plastic air Excess air escaped from the of the mask and a constant of fresh air passed over the face. A later refinement he fitting of a microphone he face-piece, which enabled ver to speak to the raft crew. divers found that the four or blades of *Maitai* were 17 feet across and were made uable phosphor-bronze. blade was vertical, two were ntal and partly overgrown with coral, and the fourth was completely bured in coral. Each blade had eleven nuts and bolts securing it to the central steel boss, and the nuts were recessed into the blades and were covered with concrete.

Many weeks were spent using hammer, cold chisel and a foot spanner. Six nuts were removed by this method (and were found to weigh 14 pounds each), then gelignite charges were used to remove the remainder.

During this time one of the divers discovered a sea snake under the steel plate on which he was standing; his companion was snapped at by a Moray eel; and the air supply failed a number of times.

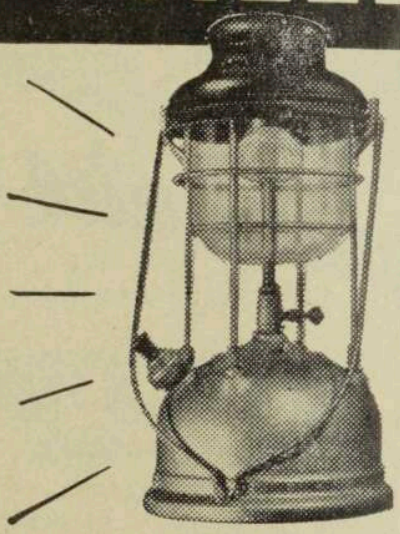
Later that year a major setback was suffered when the outboard motor, which powered the raft, failed—and the raft finished on the reef. Owing to this and a period of very bad weather it was not possible to lift the first blade until May, 1956.

Other difficulties were encountered when lifting commenced. It was found that the blades were too heavy to be lifted from the raft, so a 400 gallon tank with a lifting power of 4,000 lbs. was pressed into service. The tank was attached to the blade, filled with air, and



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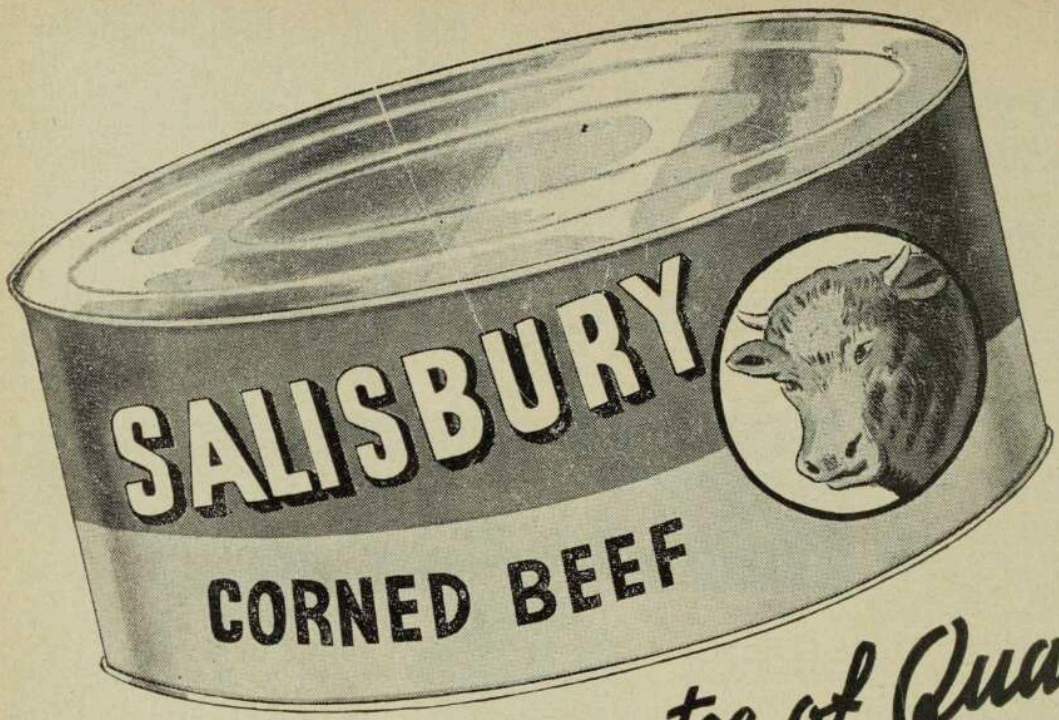
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ised to just under the surface. tug of the Union Steamship mpany then towed raft and blade the wharf.
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Powerful charges of gelignite ved the problem of removing the t two blades. A spectacular losion shattered the steel boss l blew a blade ten feet away. econd explosion moved the other de 30 feet.
he undersea salvage operation been a success and the divers now anticipating further profits.

UMEA LURES WALLIS MEN

MPLOYERS in the New Hebrides are complaining that their Wallis Island labourers are erting in the New Hebrides so t they may go to New Caledonia, re life, they suppose, is more active. It is probable that se workers, in future, will be ged to pay a sum equal to the e of the voyage Pt. Vila-Wallis nd, as some protection for the employers who bring them from llis.

r. V. W. Palu, deputy-inspector olice in Tonga, with Mrs. Palu their two children, were visit- Australia in November.

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New Hebrides Exports

NEW HEBRIDES copra exports in 1955 amounted to 24,092 metric tons and yielded £A1,406,000, an average of about £A58/5/- per metric ton or about £A59/5/- per long ton, f.o.b.

Best post-war year for copra tonnage was 1951, with 27,746 metric tons worth £A2,682,179. In the first half of 1956, exports totalled 14,794 metric tons, promising rather better for 1956, though prices are lower Average price so far this year: £A46/7/- per long ton, approximately.

Quantities and values of other NH exports in the 1955 calendar year, compared with the previous year, are:

	1955		1954	
	Metric Tons	Value £Stg.	Metric Tons	Value £Stg.
Cocoa	781	160,254	735	271,749
Coffee	456	74,869	163	38,581
Wool	1.8	504	1.6	546
Hides	23	1,203	38	3,142
Sandalw'd	140	15,976	65	7,304
Trochus	122	29,902	98	15,581
Groundnuts	5.4	246	19.4	1,605
Burg. Shell	52	13,120	18	3,011

The output of cocoa and coffee shows a steady increase in recent years. Total value of main exports in 1955 was £1,420,405 sterling, as compared with £1,645,868 sterling in the previous year. Lower copra and cocoa prices accounted largely for the decline.

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Eastern Samoa Copra Exports

AVERAGE gross price realised by Eastern Samoa copra in the 1955-56 financial year was about $170 per long ton, according to figures recently received.

This price is equivalent to about £Stg.47/10/- or £A57/10/-. The British Ministry of Food price received by British growers then was £Stg.65 per ton, main Pacific ports. Exports totalled 2,892,835 lbs, worth $225,789.

This price of £Stg. 47/10/- average for the year is almost exactly the same as the average free-market price for New Hebrides copra in 1955, but the French Oceania price seems to have averaged about Stg. 59/10/- per long ton (21,900 metric tons worth 228,166,000 Pacific francs). As all French Oceania copra goes to France it is possible that the price receives some Government support along the lines of the BMF arrangement.

The quantity exported last financial year from Eastern Samoa compares with recent years as follows: 1954-55, 2,863,470 lbs; 1953-54, 3,605,649 lbs; 1952-53, 2,184,000 lbs.

$ A former district headman of Tasimboko sub-district, Guadalcanal, Sango of Suagi, was fatally injured by a shark in four feet of water recently. Sango was swimming a raft downstream in the Balasuna river and was attacked close to the Berande wharf. In attacks the shark severed Sa right arm and right leg. He already dead when pulled from water with a rope. This is the shark fatality in the same this year.

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HE second annual conference of Agricultural Extension Officers in Papua and New Guinea was d at Goroka between November nd 9. The Eastern Highlands trict Commissioner (Mr. H. P. le), officially opened the con- nce.

he principal speaker was Mr. . Herriott, Chief of the Division Agricultural Extension and In- nation in the South Australian artment of Agriculture. His sub- : "The Social Content of Agri- ural Extension Work."

mong officials invited to attend bservers were: Two officers of Netherlands New Guinea De- ment of Agriculture; Mr. J. O. th, Agricultural Officer in the artment of Territories, Can- a; Mr. J. P. Reynolds, a lecturer the Australian School of ific Administration; and various inistration officers from the artment of Native Affairs, and research divisions of the De- ment of Agriculture.

bjects discussed included: blems and their remedies in ve copra production; the intro- ion of perennial crops to native culture; the coffee industry, with ial reference to extension work ng native producers; and the integration of agricultural extension techniques.

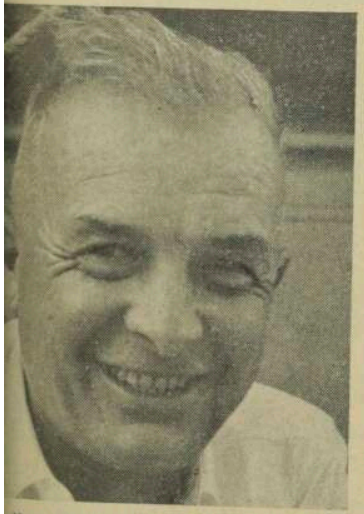
There are now 46 Agricultural Extension Officers in the Territory, and 53 trained Native Assistants on field work.

In addition, 266 natives are receiving agricultural training, and about 200 have completed courses of six to nine months. These are designed for the combined purpose of enabling native producers to improve their knowledge and skill for the working of their own holdings, or qualifying for positions as skilled agricultural assistants on Administration and Mission Stations, or with such organisations as Native Local Government Councils and Co-operative Societies.

Higher level agricultural training is provided through a one-year course at Magiri, a Department of Agriculture Station in the Sogeri district. At present 22 trainees are taking this course.

† George Naufahu, of Tonga, was beaten on points by Owen Brady in a heavyweight boxing contest at Derby, UK, in November. Naufahu downed Brady for a count of nine twice during the fight. Johnny Halafihi, of Tonga, defeated Billy Dean in a cruiser-weight contest in England in November, Dean retiring in the second round with a cut over the eye.

This Time to Advise



/Sgt. Fell of the Auckland, NZ, CIB, has been in W. Samoa in an advisory ty. It is his third visit to the Territory first was during the Mau troubles of over ars ago; the second was last year when disappeared from the Apia police-station.
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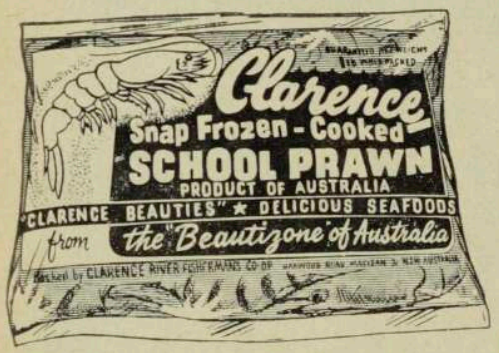
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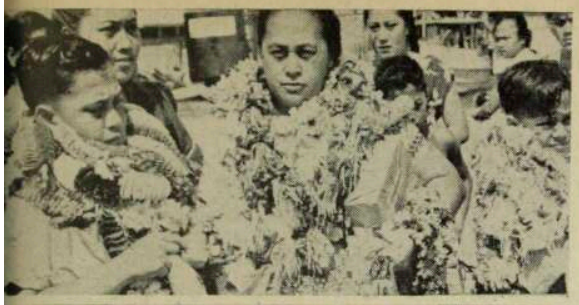
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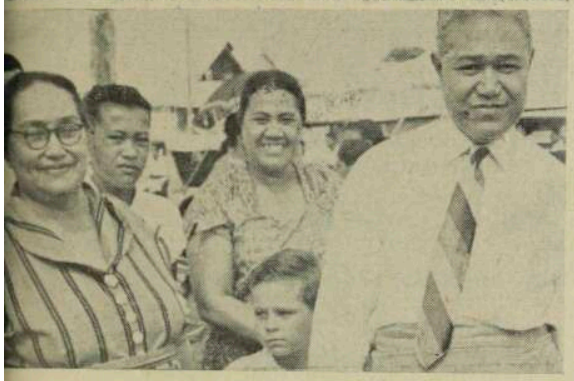
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Mrs. Reid, wife of the late Mr. George Reid of Pago Pago, was off to New Zealand in the "Tofua", on November 10, with her two sons, Gene and George, to see them safely into boarding-school in the New Year.

And Without

Mr. Sauni Kuresa, prominent Apia musician and composer, leaving for the South Pacific Youth Congress in Melbourne, on "Tofua", November 10. He is farewelled by Mrs. Kuresa (left) and his sister Momoi (centre), head Samoan nurse at Apia Hospital.

Photos: R. F. Rankin.

r. Carl Johnson, formerly bour-Master, Nukualofa, and ter of the Tonga Government's h *Hifofua*, has joined the Aus- an Coastal Shipping Commis- s sea-going deck-officer staff.

† Mr. W. H. Lintott, of Canterbury University College will spend six weeks on Pitcairn Island to make a botanical collection. A complete collection has never been made on the island.

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turkey in flight, a Prong-
n antelope, and a King Salmon
e appeared, representing some
he wild life in need of protec-
on a national scale in USA.

preciation from Germany

Klaus Deschke, of Hanover, Germany, was on the staff of Wm. Breckwoldt and at Rabaul and Honiara, BSIP, from 1953-writes to say thank you for this new, -collectors' column—and makes two sug-ns:

That lists showing the complete set of s now issued by the different Pacific ories would be a help for collectors as a .

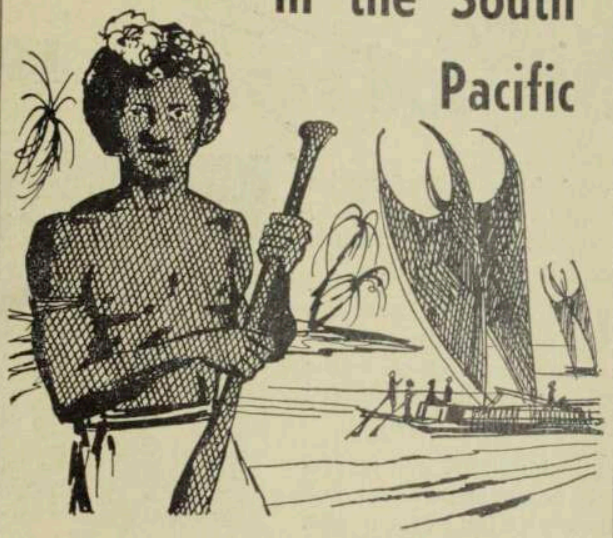
That we open a "corner" for addresses llectors interested in the exchange of stamps.

feel that KN might think about No. 1. PIM's advertising department has turned s-down on suggestion No. 2.

NC Shows Net Trade Gain

W Caledonia's trade in the first six months of 1956 represented a net gain over that in the parable period last year.
ief imports were coal, cement, l and oil, wine, flour, rice and r; chief exports chrome, cement, el (ore and refined), trochus , coffee and copra.
kel-ore exports were a record pared with those over the last years; 303,400 tons of ore were ped, most of it going to Japan.
pared with the first half of there was an increase of nearly 00 tons and, if the rate is main-ed, total exports will exceed 00 tons.
ports of refined nickel, however, eased by 1,200 tons matte and ons fonte nickel compared with first half of 1955. Chrome, too, ed a drop—of 17,000 tons.
stralia supplied the greatest ortion of imports (coal, sugar, and flour). France bought from the colony, followed by an.

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IAGAZINE SECTION

Tropicalities

OPLE IN GLASSHOUSES . . .

HE party held in Rarotonga for residents leaving for New Zealand was in full swing with the sicians competing with the ghter and noisy talk. Suddenly hail of stones and small rocks shed on the iron roof, bringing udden silence.

lore rocks smashed on the roof, some of the guests rushed out- to try and catch the hooligans were causing the disturbance. body was seen, so the police were ned for, while rocks continued rain on the roof.

ne guest sneaked outside, and low cunning, hid in the bushes waited for one of the rock- vers to put in an appearance.

lore stones hit the roof, and the iching guest saw a figure lking in the shadows. He grabbed tone and hurled it at the figure, ling happily as an angry yell icated that his aim was good, de- e the whisky he had consumed. is glee changed to consternation n the man rushed over and ned out to be an irate policeman promptly arrested him for owing stones.—*W.H.P.*

REFRIGERANT

HE education of children in far- flung outposts of the Empire is always a bit of a problem and respondence courses, supervised parents are often used here in Territory of Papua-New Guinea. n one such outpost, Daddy was ng an emergency order for rt-shipped kerosene, when nmy and his two Hopefuls ved. The Hopefuls, aged six and , looked over his shoulder to l the typed words. Both were ked by the long word until nmy said: "Come on. You must w that word. What does Daddy in the Fridge every night?" ir little faces lit up with joyous wledge and both answered at e: "Beer."—*DAIKA.*

ON TWO WHEELS TO THE HIGHLANDS

a recent issue of the *PIM* you tated that vehicles making the rip from Lae to the New Guinea hlands seemed to be getting ller all the time until the "baby" kswagen did the trip.

ow a vehicle even smaller has done last week I did the trip by motor- le, a BSA Bantam. I left Lae at a.m. on Saturday, October 27, slept at Kainantu that night and reached Chauve, about 45 miles west of Goroka, about 3 p.m. next day, the distance from Lae being about 240 miles.

I took my time going back, having a holiday, and arrived back in Lae early afternoon Sunday, November 4, having covered about 520 miles. Fortunately, the weather and roads were dry all the way and I found the trip very interesting, except for the Markham Valley, which is very dusty, hot and dreary.

Mine was the first motor-cycle to go through from Lae to Goroka; and in fact I was one of a party of four motor-cyclists, just two years ago, who were the first to do the trip from Lae to Kaiapit on two wheels.

Assistance is needed to cross two big rivers in the Markham Valley; Mr. Bill Robertson supplied natives to carry the bike across the Leron; then Mr. Haviland, Patrol Officer-in-Charge at Kaiapit, organised village natives to help with the crossing of the Umi. All streams on the main roads in the Highland have bridges.

The people who live up there have many travellers passing through, and my holiday was made possible only by the ever-willing hospitality of these folk.

On my way back I met at Kainantu, Mr. Noel Butler, of the Commonwealth Department of Works, on his way up on a big Harley Davidson motor-bike. He had left several days after I did and was having a holiday along the way.—*DON BARNES.*

SLIPS THAT PASS . . .

WE all know that the Navy's drink is rum when they "Splice the Mainbrace," and that junior Naval officers drink gin because it's cheaper. But the mental vision of Sir William Slim—a hardy old soldier—standing on the sidelines "ginning" is a bit too much.

Anyhow this is what the *South Pacific Post's* columnist had him doing in the issue of November 14. It was obviously off-beat on this occasion. More so when it went on to say, "The Admiral probably regarded such candour as strange but darned refreshing."

We find it hard to swallow.—*A PM Correspondent.*

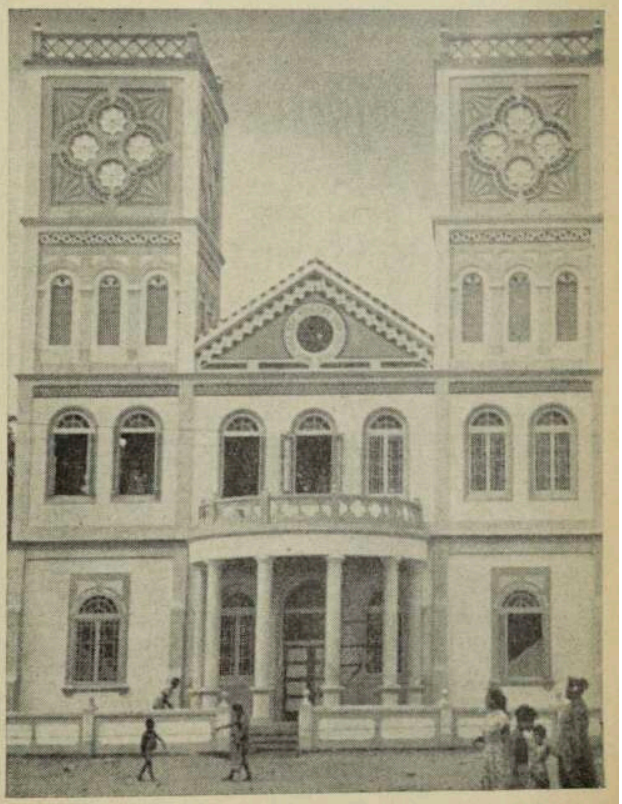
(This intriguing item had us dashing to our copy of the *Post* in quick time to see what Sir William really was doing. It happens to the

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Battle of the Churches

One of the "most-churched" landscapes in the world surely must be Western Samoa, where village prestige is reckoned on the comparative magnificence of the village church. This £30,000 edifice was recently completed in the village of Falelatai (pop. 1,200). It will seat 1,000 and probably puts Falelatai somewhere near the top of the competition —for the time being.

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best of us, at times, what the *Reader's Digest* calls "slips that pass in the type." The story concerned a local man who visited the *Britannia* while she was in Moresby. He hob-nobbed with an Admiral and a Field-Marshal while there and told them what he thought of their English beer—while "Sir William Slim stood on the sidelines ginning." Pardon, Sir William—did you *grin?* —Ed. PIM).

LANGUAGE OF COLOURS

WHAT happens in Africa to-day, could well happen in the Pacific tomorrow. We were therefore interested in receiving lately from a Gold Coast friend (native) the copy of their propaganda, or information, sheet that carried in full colour the new flag of the new nation of Ghana—which the Gold Coast will be called when it receives independence in March next year.

The flag is in horizontal stripes of red, gold and dark green, with a black five-pointed star superimposed in the centre. It is stated that the red stripe commemorates those who worked for the independence of Ghana; the gold represents the wealth of the country (a cocoa-bean, rampant, might have done it more accurately); and the green, the forests and farms of Ghana. The black star represents the "lode-star of African freedom."

We do not know upon what exact science this interpretation of colours is based—but for us, we'll stick to old Dr. Schultzenheimer's book on *The Interpretation of Dreams.*

QUIET CHRISTMAS

We've had our Christmas luncheon,
And had our Christmas rest;
The men relax in whites, now,
The women softly dressed.
And hazy casuarinas
Wait moonrise on the shore,
And we've had mail for Christmas...
Could anyone want more?

"The twins arrived November,
The boy weighed four pounds three—
The girl one's rather handsome . . .
You think she looks like me?
And here's a card from Judith
(There must be eighty-two!)
And Jean and Bill have parted—
The things some men can do!"

The moon and dusk are fighting
To win the fading light;
There's silver on the water,
The pink moon turns to white.
We've done no Christmas shopping
(The silver laps the shore)
But we've had mail for Christmas...
Could anyone want more?

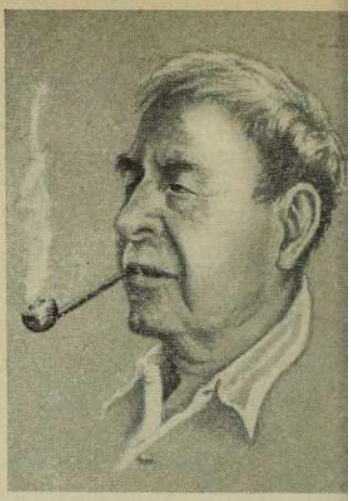
—NOELLE MASON.

"POP" JOHNSON, of the British Solomons, now smokes the pipe of peace. He was born in 1878 at Wandsworth, Surrey, and, accepting the Queen's shilling, joined the regular British Army in 1896. After serving throughout the Boer War in the Field Artillery, and seeing no chance of advancement in the Army or in England, he retired with the rank of Sergeant and set out for the Pacific.

In 1904 he arrived in the New Hebrides with a friend, Sarginson, and engaged in trading for a few years. After the Condominium administration was established "Pop" joined the British service as Inspector of Labour, and acted at intervals as Commandant of Police.

In 1911 he married Miss Cronstedt of Mele, becoming the father of three daughters, one of whom is now Mrs. John Lotze of Honiara. While living in Vila he got to know Fletcher, who wrote "Isles of Illusion", and Edward Jacomb, who wrote three books on the Condominium. The three men left the New Hebrides together in 1919, Fletcher to resume school-teaching in England, and Jacomb to get a medical degree there.

"Pop" was transferred to the Solomons, as "Frederick England Johnson, AFIA, Treasurer and Collector of Customs"; he became quite an institution there. He was made a member of the Advisory Council in 1927, and was awarded the ISO in 1932. He was Acting Resident Commissioner for periods in 1938, 1939 and 1941. During the war he was in Sydney, holding the fort and keeping the books



for the BSIP. After the war he made a visit to the Solomons before retiring in at the respectable age of 69, with the faction of long years of good service.— HILDER.

PIM CROSSQUIZ NO. 81

Solution on Page 70.

ACROSS

1.—Under what well known pen-name did Charles Dodgson write?

7.—What is the terms for an address, in prose or verse, delivered at the end of a play?

8.—What is the national emblem of Wales?

9.—Which film did Vivien Leigh begin recently but relinquished her starring role to Elizabeth Taylor?

12.—Who is the exiled king of the Belgians?

14.—What is the name for any one of the sacred songs of the Old Testament?

15.—What is the capital of the Bahamas?

16.—What term is used in referring to modern-day "trap shooting" targets?

21.—What is the name given to those projecting spouts on buildings shaped in the form of grotesque figures?

22.—What term is applied to oil in an unrefined state?

23.—What is a salute of heavy guns called?

DOWN

1.—What is the surname of the author of "How Green Was My Valley"?

2.—What is the official residence in Washington of the President of the United States?

3.—What is the name for the group of tree-living mammals found only in South America?

4.—Which French word means "street"?

5.—From which French city did Joan of Arc drive the English?

6.—What is the sheltered side of a ship called?

10.—What is the name of the pointed instrument used for boring holes in leat

11.—What was the name of the most destroyer commanded by Lord Louis batten?

13.—What fruit comes from Sevi Spain?

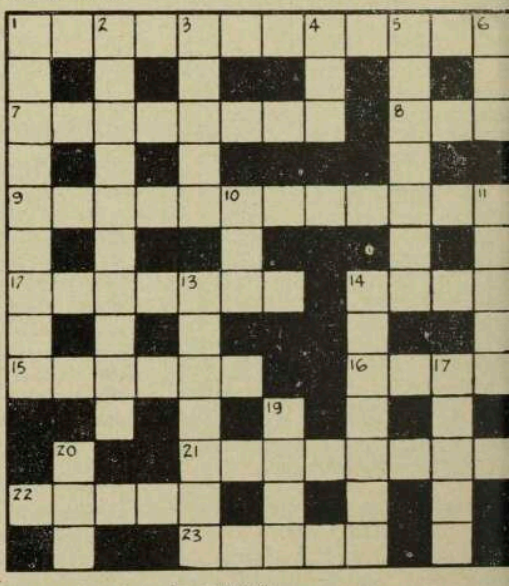
14.—What is a small-sized flute calle

17.—Which English novelist wrote Green Hat"?

18.—What is the name given to th pared fibre of the agave plant used in cordage?

19.—Which inland sea in Russia outlet?

20.—What is the surname of the woman who devoted her life to prison



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THE SWEEP

By H.S.

E first thing one noticed about him was a green tie spotted with pink spades.
e sat, between meals, on a deck r studying maps and working scales of distance with a ruler rtising Zagzig Whisky.
uite a number of passengers d each other what the man the only reply the harassed er would give was: "Jones: job iown."
ien one born, and bored, bler started a sweep on the ect. Every possible occupation written on cards which were in a hat. The draws were two ings each.
help the prize money even sionary" was included. We rienced Islands travellers knew, purse, that there never was a ionary with a tie like that.
th my usual luck I drew the ssible card; and, as compensa- was given the distinguished of discovering the winning job.
came up from lunch before s, one day, and slid my chair to his. During the afternoon pped into it and remarked on weather. He quite agreed with and his dreamy eyes registered ure at the prospect of a yarn. on I had led him to tell me he was. I simply shook with ht at his information and had xplain to the chappie that I a touch of malaria. He was g what that was when I the originator of the sweep



rking out scales with a ruler . . . "

strolling down the deck.

Surreptitiously I scribbled the word "Missionary" on a newspaper and, as my accomplice passed, handed it to him with thanks for the loan. He took the paper with a courtly bow and walked on.

I turned to my companion, asking: "What, sir, is your particular teaching?"

"Well," he replied, "I really am not interested in any teaching. My job is to get it across to the natives."

"But," I asked bewilderedly, "get what across?"

He sat thoughtfully for some time, then ejaculated: "I will tell you all."

He proceeded to carry out his threat, or part of it. Fellow-members of the sweep were passing casually, glancing keenly at the mystery man, then giving me a look of deep distrust.

My companion was too intent on his story to notice all this.

"I had read," he said, "that the cost of missionaries was fairly high, and there was a chance of the demand exceeding the supply of funds. I worked it out and found that the main cost was for houses and food. It seemed to me that science could easily overcome that difficulty.

"Why, Sir, with radio aid, one house and one lot of rations and allowances can serve a whole race of heathen. The missionary will live at the capital, beside a transmission set. He will send out receiving gear to every village, and one service and sermon will supply the whole population.

"Of course it may be necessary to have an expert go around and instruct the chief of each village in the working of the things, but I am prepared to do that on a commission basis."

"It seems an inspired idea," I exclaimed. "The very terms you use indicate it: 'transmission', 'commission', and I suppose there will be an intermission between the items. Yours verily is an all-round mission. But there is one thing that you seem to have overlooked."

"No, surely not!" he exclaimed. "What can that be?"

"Well," I said, "there is the matter of interpreters. You see, the Government courts have collared every native with imagination enough for that job."

"But the missionary would know the language," he expostulated.

"You must not be singular," I explained. "There is a decided plurality of languages."

"Do you mean that there is more than one language?" demanded the intermissionist.

"There is," I said.



"By a cash payment you can save 10 per cent. . . . "

"Well, that's fine," he cried. "I have the agency for *Selman's System of Speaking Severally*. Surely there are natives in every village progressive enough to take a course. It is wonderfully easy. Ten minutes a day with the aid of our gramophone-guides will give perfect pronunciation and comprehension in a few weeks. Also our instalment plan brings it within the reach of everyone and . . ."

I had braced my calves for a spring in response to the sense of deep need of a double nobbler in solitude. I was just starting when a man hurried up and, with generous apologies to us, handed me a lot of silver wrapped in a fiver. It was, of course, the sweep prize; but the treasurer obscured that by saying. "Here's the change for your cheque, old man. The purser has just cashed it."

"Keep it for a while," I urged agitatedly. "My pocket has a hole in it."

"No, no! It's yours," insisted the treasurer. "The skipper vouches for your veracity." He pushed the cash back into my hand and hurried away.

I attempted to rise, but the strange salesman gripped my arm.

"Now, this is providential," he exclaimed. "The money is a nuisance to you just at present. Why not solve that difficulty by entering the gateway of a new world? I offer you citizenship in the realm of another race's mind; its language with all its wealth of history and song. . . . By a cash payment you can save ten per-cent. of the issue price. . . ."

I shook off his hand and staggered to my feet. "Pardon me," I gasped, "I have a conscience which is more to me than the wealth of nations. I must give this money to the man who drew *prospectusist*."

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A 20 Years' Flash-back
to the World of B-4

UNSCHEDULED STOP – TELEFOMIN

IT was a Sunday in the month of May, in the year 1935.*

For four years Wewak had been the headquarters of the Sepik District, which has an area of 39,000 square miles of mountain, grass plains and river. Wewak had grown from a Police Post into a township, within that short time.

The last of the native material houses which stood on the headland had gone and eight modern bungalows and a European hospital had been built. All the roads had been cut out of the solid coral by prison labour, and perhaps the greatest achievement was the half-mile road through the deep mangrove swamp to the aerodrome, then one of the finest in the Territory.

The aerodrome was built by local native labourers.

On this day we had been playing tennis when a big, three-engined Ford plane of Guinea Airways arrived to use the strip as a starting point in a supply dropping task into the headwaters of the Sepik River. A patrol party under the leadership of Patrol-Officer J. R. Black was exploring the country between Mt. Hagen and the Dutch border.

With the arrival of the plane, piloted by "Master Tom, Captain belong balus," and with a Mr. Allen, who took charge of the supply dropping, the station immediately became immersed in the business of the "drop." Cargo was sorted for the two flights that would be necessary, and in the evening the somewhat inadequate maps of the area were examined in detail.

The Sepik River is the largest in New Guinea. The mouth is 52 miles east of Wewak and often logs and small islands of grass are seen off Wewak headland, having been carried up the coast by the south-east drift.

The Lower and Middle Sepik reaches have a remarkable depth of over 50 feet and are, without much variation, over a quarter of a mile wide.

In 1924, a Government Station had been established at Ambunti, 240 miles upstream, where for some years two officers had worked at one of the most lonely outposts in New Guinea, bringing under Government influence the natives living on the banks of the middle river.

There had been several hurried expeditions up the river before Behrmann, in 1912-13, but he, with a survey ship, mapped the river for 500 or 600 miles upstream.

The headwaters of the Sepik were reached by a patrol party from Papua in 1928 (Karius and Champion), and in the mid-30's a prospecting company from Papua settled there for five months. They made a landing ground in the one large valley lying in a basin of mountains. Their pilot in an amphibian had, on that occasion, come to Wewak to take the District Officer into their camp, where he spent a week with the prospectors, visiting the native village of Telefomin in the valley.

It was at Telefomin that the patrol from Mt. Hagen was now waiting to be supplied by Guinea Airways. The first trip was made on the Monday morning, and the second on the Wednesday. On this second flight it was suggested that I should go as it was necessary only to throw out the cargo.

The day was clear and by the time we reached the airstrip, a 8 a.m., all was in readiness.

The door had been taken off plane, a plank had been put a the opening. I climbed over cargo to my seat next "Master T who was already in his plane. trying out each engine in turn put his camera between the and, slipping a writing pad, fast by elastic, onto his leg, he pu his hat and called out to Mr. to know if he was ready.

Turning over the heavily timb coastal ranges, threaded with bush tracks to native villages gardens, we set a direct cour Ambunti, on the middle rive miles away. On over the great g lands, broken by scattered cl of trees, in which a few n villages were sheltered.

A 2,000-ft mountain backs few buildings of the Govern post at Ambunti. Four years fore I had visited there by scho and I knew that after the p boys had taken down the E at sundown, the mosquitoes men to their houses, where lived in a small wire room g out on the ever-flowing river lonely place in the early days



Mrs. Townsend at Telefomin, mid-'30's. Mr. Black at left. It should, perhaps, be that the carriers are, indeed, as other men—the somewhat startling local fashion in covering is well-known in the Territory; is frequently photographed, but seldom publi for obvious reasons.

* It is possible that Mrs. Townsend is a little out in this date. I did not see Wewak until February, 1936, and to my knowledge there was then no airstrip at Wewak. Towards the end of that year, an airstrip was cleared at Maprik, and a strip built on the coast at Wom, north of Wewak. Even up to the middle of 1937, stores for the inland mining community were still sent by sea to But, further north still, and airfreighted from there to Maprik. From memory, I should say that the airstrip between Boram and Wewak was not built until the end of 1937.—Editor, PIM.

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ores and mails went up-stream an average of every four months. At Ambunti, we crossed over the pik.

On our right, through fleeting uds, 300 miles of the Upper Sepik und away towards the Dutch rder. Sandy banks marked the courses in the swamp, making

The author of this article is the wife of W. L. Townsend, for many years until the break of the Pacific War, a District Officer the Sepik District of New Guinea. After a inguished career during the war, Mr. Townswent to United Nations headquarters in York as a member of Australia's permanent f there.

e and Mrs. Townsend have only recently rned to live in Queensland.

uring their years in New Guinea, Mrs. nsend saw a great deal of the primitive k country and this account of a visit to fomin is of particular interest.

elefomin is, of course, still regarded as of the most "difficult" areas in the Terri—it will be remembered that two Patrolers were murdered there about three years and that at the time there was considerable ment—not all of an enlightened character—the Australian Press. More recently, not far from Telefomin (as the crow flies, ow), there was another minor war, this between two native groups and about 30 hem were killed. This too caused a newsr sensation.

rs. Townsend tells how she visited Tele- 20 years ago, and, strange as Australian land newspapers may find it, how friendly found the people.

river like one great collection lakes. Ahead were thickening uds, but rising above them to 00 feet, we were in clear sky, h a thick sea of white beneath and no land in sight. Master n had written on his pad: "Left wak 9 a.m.; Ambunti, 9.45. This where all clouds are made."

aking up his camera, he photophed the masses below us. It chilly and I was glad when an r later the clouds thinned and started to descend. Just ahead us lay the Sepik, a narrow am now, running through a ge in the mountain. At 8,000 we looked down on a big valley ost hidden by the surrounding ges. In the south-east corner the landing ground of Telein.

HERE was great activity at the back of the plane. Mr. Allen was pushing the bags near to doorway but because of the ion it was hard for him to keep balance. Rounding just over tree tops at the foot of the ntains, we banked and came r the runway only a few yards ve the ground. The pilot alled and five bags were pushed In the time it took to circle nd, more bags were pushed to doorway. Four bags went next e. Circling again, the pilot ot to signal and only one bag t out as we covered the run-; on the fourth round six went —a good round.

rowds of kanakas lined the des of the runway and a white man (J. R. Black), with a short beard, dressed in khaki shirt and shorts, raised his arm in salute to us as we passed. Running down the valley we turned sharply and returned, but at 40 miles an hour we hit the ground with a thump, thump, thump. We seemed very close to the end; mountains were just ahead as we skidded and the six tons of us come to a stop in a shower of mud facing sideways on to the strip.

Immediately the crowd of kanakas came racing across to us, followed by Mr. Black and the Police and carriers who had been putting the thrown-out cargo to the sides of the cleared ground. They stood around us as we got out, and the kanakas looked at me with great astonishment as they had never before seen such an object. The news was passed that I was a woman; and the most venturesome and the most curious came closer to see better.

One old kanaka (he had his hair interwoven with small strips of bamboo, covered with clay, four inches in width at his shoulders and ending in a pigtail which wound round his waist), pointed to a native woman and then to me. The crowd became convulsed with laughter. A chair out of the plane was fastened to two long poles, I stepped in and four carrier-boys hoisted me up on their shoulders.

The three white men took a dry road round the edge while I went straight up to the camp half a mile along a swampy track. Two Policemen with rifles walked close beside the chair, with a chattering crowd behind of about 200 kanakas.

The Police told me they had arrived about a month before and the valley was now like a second home after the long trip across the mountains.

I asked the carriers if they would like a spell as the road was heavy going, but the Police-boy laughed and said: "Missus, you bone nothing. Box he heavy more."

The carriers had been selected for this patrol from mountain villages recently brought under Government control. They were all short, solid youths with round, happy faces. They had not seen a white woman before and were asking curious questions of the Police in the Pidgin English learnt on the trip. They edged closer, and one, shaking his head, took my hand and turned it over. The men arrived, followed by carriers with sacks of cargo which were taken into the enclosure near the main house to be unpacked. The kanakas stood outside, watching every movement.

We went into the camp house. The building was of two storeys with a ladder inside the doorway leading up to a room 20 ft by 14 ft, with benches along each side on which were stacked a medicine chest and Mr. Black's personal gear. Four posts supported a canvas bed in a corner near the window space which overlooked the valley.

We had a meal around the little patrol table—some sandwiches and a pie, with some canned beer. Prospects of getting back that afternoon were discussed and as clouds were gathering over the mountains it was decided that we should wait until the morning.

From Beneath the Window they said they were Friends

I WAS delighted at the thought of stopping. There was so much to see.

A line of heads over the stairway was watching us. One old man put his hands on his head and nodded, saying, "Sleep, Sleep," a word they had learnt from previous visitors. On hearing that we were stopping, the row of heads disappeared and in a few minutes there was a great deal of laughing and chattering below, as the good news spread.

Under the window, a crowd had collected and cries of "Seno" (Friend) greeted us. At first they stared at me and then put up their hands and when I put out my hand they cried, "Seno Telefomin" and pointed to the ground. By signs they continually explained that we had come over in the plane to Telefomin and were going to stop, and that they had sent word to the villages to bring in all the people for a sing-sing at the camp that night which we would see before sleeping.

The men stood in front rubbing their stomachs and shaking their heads. The women at the back with the children had net baskets on their backs, some containing babies.

In their hands they had a long piece of twine made from grass and with a small bamboo needle they were making little bags. They wore numerous little grass skirts about four inches long in front and tied behind, and each had a small charm-bag around her neck.

The men, not one of whom was over five feet, mostly wore heavy headgear; some had elaborate chin-straps and fillets of shell, and necklaces of human teeth. Around the waists were loose canes twisted around about four times. Fantastically-shaped gourds were worn as pubic coverings.

Most of the grown men had pigs' tusks through their noses; these gave them an animal appearance. They also, like the women, wore charm bags.

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A Letter From Johnny



Johnny wrote on the back of this photo: "Carl, my in-laws and me. We took them to a luau (Hawaiian feast), and I danced. It was fun."

NOT too long before your note arrived I was looking through letters of my father to his uncle, brother and ten thousand other relatives in the States. I came across your name in one of them, and I thought of the times in Rarotonga when Papa read to me your letters. I wanted very much to write to you then, but postponed.

I was very happy to have heard from you. I feel like writing a whole story on the three of us for you.

I shall give a brief summary, and this coming Sunday when our picture appears in the local morning *Advertiser*, I shall send you a special one. I left Rarotonga for Honolulu in April, 1950; graduated from Punahou Academy in 1953; visited the States for the first time —went water skiing at beautiful Lake Tahoe, fishing at Eagle Lake and also visited the fabulous Yosemite Park. San Francisco was delightful; Los Angeles too much unnecessary colour and neon signs.

Early in 1954, I was becoming desperate to leave Hawaii, to see new faces and new places. I wanted to be on my own and make a little money and spent *that* money on whatever I desired. Judy Tudor, I was so desperate I almost cried on James Michener's shoulders to help me find a job overseas. Luckily, both typing and shorthand had been as simple as walking to me (though I doubt that it is true now).

Five weeks later I was in Yokohama, Japan, a secretary to an Army Colonel. Japan was such a beautiful and different world—so mysterious because I was living and working among people so awkward in their thoughts and actions. But, still, it was beautiful, because I learned easily to accept them, to sleep in the *futong* (thin beds) and learn the language.

After two years I did not look forward to coming back to crowded, spoiled Hawaii. But Elaine and Nga were graduating from high school and being here was part of the fun.

I believe I finally grew up in Japan.

Nga came to Hawaii seven months after me. I shall never forget how shy she was. But now she has grown into what many men and women say to me, "Truly, Johnny, she is one of the most beautiful women I have ever seen." She is now dancing the Tahitian dance at Henry Kaiser's Hawaiian Village. She wants to go to the States I hope she can.

Elaine, jolly old Elaine, came Hawaii in 1951, from New Zeala She went there the same time I Raro. She still prefers

This letter should give as much deligh readers who knew the Frisbie children in flesh or through the writings of their fa the late Robert Dean Frisbie, as it di the Editor of PIM, to whom it was addre

It is from Johnny, eldest of the Frisbie girls—or, as the Honolulu "Advert calls them, "the Fabulous Frisbie Sisters".

With the letter came the photograph produced herewith, and a colour-supplemer the Sunday "Advertiser" carrying a sp cover and story of the girls, Johnny, and Elaine.

It is interesting to know that Johnn attempting another book, this time withou help of her father, who assisted substan with "Miss Ulysses of Puka-Puka", a de ful story of the family's adventures in Cooks, Samoa and Fiji. The new boo planned as a memorial to her father died in the Cooks in 1949).

Doubtless the girls have inherited their of dancing and their skill in the art their mother's people; but Johnny shows cl in this letter that she has inherited Robert Dean Frisbie his gift for stringing together.

Best wishes for success in their pr and professional lives go to the girls friends in the South Seas.

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aland to Hawaii.
She graduated from Punahou this
nmer, the same time as Nga.
en she started dancing at the
een Surf, a swanky night club at
ikiki on the seashore. Then she
it to Kona, Hawaii, to dance
the Steak House, and fish with
blo, and hunt wild pigs in the
untains of trees and lavas—with
blo, of course. Pablo is a dark
waiian boy, a typical beach boy,
h an unmatched personality.
e greatest nature boy in the
waiian Islands!
ow Elaine off and on dances
television with me. You see,
r months ago I married Ed
livan's television man, Carl
enstreit, who is known here on
vision and radio as "Kini Popi,"
ning "right on the ball."
gine, I was in Japan two years,
re all types of men are found,
coming back to good old
vaii and falling in love within
e weeks!
have been working on a
raphy titled *Papa Kopati*. I
e so much fun working on this
, creating new sentences and
ing with delight when by
elf I discover my mistakes in
nmar, which are numerous, but
lually improving.
wo more pieces of news: I am
have a baby next June; but
re that, in February of '57, we
e for Europe via the Panama
al. Spain, Portugal, England,
ice, here I come!

Aloha,

Johnny

olulu,
16, 1956.

. M. Larsen, an employee of
dana Enterprises, Honiara, was
itted to hospital on October 28
ring from concussion and
ations received when a van he
driving crashed into a tree in
dana Avenue.

Mr. Noah and His Guadalcanal Ark

By GABRIELLE LAWSON

JUST after the sun has set out here in this part of the Pacific, loom dark sinister shapes, part of Melanesia; and here to-day, are still primitive people as old as Time itself, who believe in devils and ghosts in spite of Christianity.

Some of them are Christians, but no one can tell what they really believe in their hearts. The old Mission Father, who told me this story, remarked on the strange fact that so many of the old Bible stories had their counterparts among the natives.

This story tells how the natives came to be cousins of the Americans. They could, equally as well, have been cousins of the British. The native who told it just wanted to make the story fit the circumstances.

In the early part of the war with the Japs in the Solomons, two pilots of a US bomber aircraft failed to get back to the Carrier after they had been bombing Tulagi.

They crashed into the sea, but were able to launch their rubber rafts, and after three days landed on the west coast of Guadalcanal, hungry and very weary.

They were seen by some natives who thought that they were Japs. The American pilots could see them talking and pointing, but apparently they looked so helpless the natives decided to approach them, and one old man questioned them.

This old fellow had seen Australia in the old black-birding days, and he thought he would show his knowledge of the world, and asked if they had come from Mackay.

The Americans shook their heads, so the old man named a few other places which had somehow remained in his mind—Sydney, Melbourne, Singapore?

At last they were able to gasp out, "Americans, Americans". Forthwith they were carried to a native village, and they heard the old man say, "Lookim good, this fellow master, him he cousin belong altogether."

They were fed on boiled green bananas and coconut milk—normally not very palatable to a white man, but food from the gods to those hungry Americans.

Later on the old man was asked how he had come to call them cousins, and he told them that long ago, when the world was very young, there was much wickedness everywhere, and God grew angry with all except one man and his family. He was told to build a big ship, and the waters rose and flooded the world, but he and his family in the big ship remained safe. Later, when the world was clean again of all wicked people, he looked out and found his ship had settled on the top of one of the high mountains of Guadalcanal, and part of the ship still remains to-day for all to see the truth of the story. (Actually there is part of a ship on this high mountain—if one has a good imagination when examining the so-called remains!)

Here the good man lived with his wife and sons quite happily, until one day, when he was bathing in a river, one of his sons stood on the bank and mocked him in his nakedness. He was exceedingly angry at this, and after holding council with the family later, he decided he would build another ship, and they would all sail off to America, except the one bad son who had mocked his father. This son was made to stay behind in the Solomon Islands, and his skin turned black. The rest of the family settled in America, and were white, hence the relationship.

IF the pilots had been British, of course, the family would have gone to England—natives always like to tell what they think will please the listener.

After the Americans had stayed in the village some little time, they were led to the nearest mission station where there was a hidden wireless transmitter, and contact was made with their base. They were given horses, and before they left with their guides for the part of the coast that had been selected by the Americans to pick up the pilots, they had to shake hands with hundreds of natives, including women and children, who had come from near and far to see the men who would save them from the Japanese.

This same old Mission Father, who has been nearly 45 years in the Solomons, also told me that on Guadalcanal there is a peculiar formation of stones, obviously hand

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TWELFTH NIGHT AT SAWANI

(See also Cover photo.)

HEN the lights dimmed in the large Fijian bure which had been decorated with ferns and r lilies, the people who had invited from Suva were not sure what to expect. We knew anything the girls at Adi bau School did was well done, some of us had doubts about Shakespeare would fare in hands of Fijian school-girls. need not have worried. For bur and a half we sat entranced these girls from various parts iji acted the *Tale of Twelfth* , delivering the words with rstanding and a pleasure in the n lines, and wringing from the dy all the fun that Fijians can rom almost any situation.
e small stage was well used, scene changes were accomplished speedily with the aid of two different transverse curtains, and the colourful costumes helped the girls to imagine themselves back in Shakespeare's day.

The amazing thing about this production was the obvious understanding all the girls showed for the full meaning of Shakespeare's lines and credit for this must go to Miss Mann, who presented such an ambitious production after only five weeks' rehearsal.

Ratu Mara put into words what many of us felt—"What a pity people overseas won't have a chance to see what these young Fijian girls can really do."

—*CHRISTOPHER B. VENNING.*

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This Month's New Reading

Adam In a Kimono

ANOTHER Christmas brings with it another Colin Simpson, lavishly-produced, travel book. This time, *The Country Upstairs*—not as one might suppose, about the highest Highlands of New Guinea, but about Japan, the author's first literary excursion away from Australia and its adjacent islands.

The fact that the book is about Japan appears to be something of a surprise even to the author himself—if one is to take seriously the introductory chapter. Simpson readers are predominantly Australian; the Australian prejudice against the Japanese is too well-known to need elaborating. Simpson himself was not without prejudice, at the outset: he was a correspondent with a military mission to Borneo immediately after the war, and had his reasons.

But to this reviewer's mind, whether or not one "hates the Japs" (stupid expression and worse sentiment) is small reason for refraining from writing a book about them. Dozens of books have been written by Americans on this subject since the end of the war—some by Michener and Willard Price have been reviewed here. And Australian readers would have been the poorer had Simpson not decided that "the Japanese are there and we have to live with them"—and had got on with it by writing his book.

As with many other writers who have begun with prejudice, he has ended by presenting a country and a people of singular charm—with most of the barbarities supplied not by the Japanese but by the West.

Colin Simpson made two trips to Japan to collect his material. The first in the Autumn of 1955 when the "whole month of November was filled with the maple's reds and golds." And again in the Spring of 1956, when the "cherry-blossom itself prints the landscape with a fresh and delicate charm."

The discerning Simpson eye and the inquiring Simpson mind permit the writer to do the touristy things in an untouristy manner, and the six lean feet of the Simpson frame amongst the tiny Japanese and their delicate domestic arrangements and the more strictly formal of their customs created sufficient diversion to give the book a lightsome touch although the writer probes deeply into Japan's problems. Not the least of these, of course, are the problems attendant upon the necessity of getting the rest of the world to acknowledge that Japan has some place in it

This is Colin Simpson at a formal tea ceremony, in which it was necessary to sit, not cross-legged in the male fashion, but as Japanese women sit, down on the knees, sitting on one's feet: "This is going to be hellishly uncomfortable," he thought at the outset—and found that he was right: "Twice I had to move my feet to the side and rest them when the feeling that the stretched back muscles were going to burn through or break got past bearing. I was told beforehand that allowances would be made for me; nobody was so impolite as to stare, of course."

He continues: "The tea-master, a very refined-looking young man came in and bowed, and everyone bowed to him. . . He proceeded with conventionalised graceful movements to make tea for two young ladies at the head of the line, the 'primary guests.' . . . I had come to this tea ceremony without any briefing on procedure, but Minoru, who was seated next to me, said while we were settling down that I should drink the tea in three sips, no more and no less, and from the portion of the bowl which was near the main part of the design. And he told me about saying *'Osakini!'* As for the rest: 'Just watch what others do.' I saw that the small cakes were not eaten: they were wrapped up in fine white paper, produced from kimonos and pockets, to be taken away. All Japanese carry *kaishi* (pocket paper). I had none. Minoru slipped me some to wrap up my cakes.

"At first I thought my turn for tea would arrive before I had had time to learn the etiquette of what to do with it: then, as my legs ached, I thought my turn w never come. Eventually it did admired the bowl, handled it took the tea in three sips, se down. I thought I was doing ra well.

"The bamboo 'tea spoon' passed around for its workmans shape, patina and I don't k what else, to be appreciated admired. . . To do the right t was simple enough. Then the caddy—that isn't the word at al a tea-container as beautiful as one was, of dull black lacquer a really glorious pattern of This I was really keen about was one of the loveliest thin had ever held in my hand. order to see the whole desig tilted it forward.

"I felt Minoru's nudge. 'Do tip—it,' he whispered.

"I passed it on to him, wit side-of-the-mouth 'What hav done wrong?'

"Minoru took the conta turned it, removed the lid, passed it on before he answ very quietly, 'The tea-master r a little scene in it.'

"Before sending the cont round, the tea-master had cre in the powdered tea a mini landscape. And what had *gaijin* done, by tilting the bowl caused earthquake havoc, ma little mountains fall into rivers, and wrecking the wor artistry."

It will be a very prejudiced A indeed, who does not get ple and considerable instruction this book—and for the inter visitor to Japan, and that m many leave-takers in the So West Pacific territories, it wou an ideal companion (although haps it would have been even ideal if Author Simpson had cluded a reference index at end).

As usual with a Simpson bo takes top marks for productio is lavishly decorated with c and black-and-white photogr and with drawings by Claire S son, the author's wife.

(Published by Angus and Robertson Australian price, 25/6.)

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placed and not put there by nature. A native told him that long ago it was decided to build a tunnel through a mountain to unite two rivers.

A tremendous amount of work was done, and great numbers of men were engaged in the task. One day before the work was completed, however, when the leader started to give orders, he found his men could not understand him, nor could any of the men understand each other, and all was babble and confusion.

When they got back to their villages, they could understand each other again quite well but every time they went to the mountain to work the same thing happened.

They decided that some Unseen Power did not want those two rivers to meet, and only disaster would result if they continued.

These tales of the "Dark Islands" had their origin long before the missionaries brought Christianity to the natives.

There Is An Awful Lot Of Bustle In Brazil

AND now to Brazil. We with Mr. Kenneth Matt a BBC foreign correspo for their radio and tele services. He went to Rio o assignment, stayed on to lo the jungle. When he return London he wrote a book. T the book: *Brazilian Interior*.

However, inspite of its title, than half of the story is not the interior at all but abou and the life of adjacent c cities.

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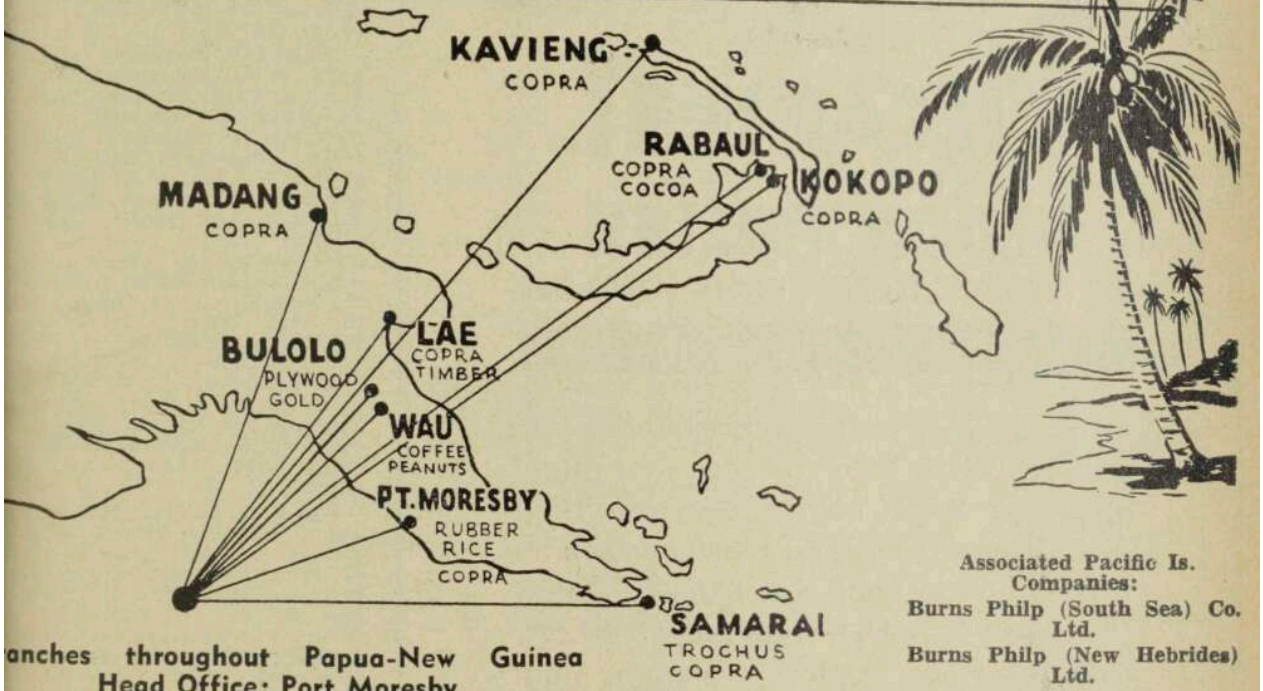
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is a brash, bustling country
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to burst at the seams, in w
the relatively few indigenes
relegated to the jungles
backwoods where they still liv
stone-age isolation.

Not that there is not s
enlightened concern for
Indians; there is, in the appropr
Government Departments in
and there appears to be s
argument as to whether or
their remaining lands should
secured to them. But the wel
of the Indians is certainly not
first plank in Brazilian policy
the average Brazilian has abou
much contract with his Indian
the average Australian has
his Aborigines.

Tenderfoot Matthews' advent
when he sets out as a guest of
Air Force to see the jungle
its inhabitants, do bear a stri
resemblance to some of our
personal adventures in New Gu
however. There is the s
delightful uncertainty as to p
Where the plane will land,
whether having landed it
leave to-day or some time
week; and the same glorious l
of dropping in on people ou
the skies when it is known
only five minutes of day
remain. And Mr. Matthews (a
have been) is torn between as
what might be regarded as
questions or stifling his anxi
over such mundane matters
falling fuel-gauges and u p
schedules.

For a tenderfoot, Mr. Matt
acquits himself very well, even
through a rearrangement of p
he remains behind at an ou
with two taciturn, only-Portug
speaking men, while the Air F
party flies away—promising to d
a mail-plane to pick him up.
Matthews' relief when the r
plane finally does arrive is
pathetic—but for anyone who
had similar experiences in
tralia's outposts of Empire,
reaction is very, very underst
able.

The Brazilians too
exceptionally air-minded.

One of the first things a rar
does is put in an air-strip, sh
to be followed by a couple of
about planes. . . . "We use
red one to go shopping."

Even if you do not intend
to visit this other land beneath
Southern Cross, you should, if
are a good arm-chair traveller,
this account of Brazil
Brazilians completely absorbin

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Both Feet Through rkest Africa

ON'T put down that suit-case yet. This is the month for travel: It's over to Africa with r Pinney. He has called the d of his tramping-travel books *where But Here*, which we gine is a phrase that he owed from some of the Admin- tors in the territories on which hed the light of his presence. nney is quite a different case to of our other two travellers. No ns-with-bath for this one; show to the nearest rondavel, or ly beach, or wine shop in the ve quarter, and he will ask no e

nney must be one of the top- ting examples of reaction nst early environment, for, if remember correctly, he is the dson of Sir Hubert Murray, ia's most famous Lieutenant- rnor until his death in 1940: the son of Captain Pinney, one- e Administrator of Norfolk d. But since he took his place he adult world (he served with Independent Company in NG ng the war), it is a pretty safe to say that Peter has enraged Administrators than he has ed.

his first two books (*Dust On Shoes* and *Who Wanders Alone*, h covered Greece and the Middle East, and from Trieste to Zanzibar) his standard travelling equipment was a string-bag. For his latest adventure he wears a Black Watch tartan kilt and carries his gear rolled up under his arm. His route takes him from Mozambique, in Portuguese East Africa, across the Rhodesias, through Angola on the West Coast of Africa, through Nigeria, and finally to Timbuktu, in French West Africa.

Some times he jumps a train, at other he hitches a ride in a lorry and for a lot of the time he walks . . . . as one Portuguese yelped in amazement, "You walk about the world among wild animals? On both feet?"

Passports, permits-to-enter, currency are matters about which he has small regard. Naturally he is about as welcome as the plague in the colonial territories through which he passes.

For much of the current journey he is accompanied by the Dutch girl, Anna, who also occupied space in *Who Wanders Alone*. The relationship, it is inferred, is entirely platonic: they travel together because for both travel is an end in itself.

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ly enough about the bottom gs of society around which he nds his time; one might enjoy books even more if one did not pect that the whole thing is something of a pose. Why, if disdain of materialism is as ple-hearted as his writing would e us believe, does he bother ake time off once yearly to write ook?

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d Southern Recipe

HE author of *The Treasure of Pleasant Valley* has sold 13 million copies of his books in United States since he began ing in 1946. It is claimed by publishers—somewhat unessarily, we think—that he has ten nothing but best-sellers. ures seem to prove it.

he best known of his stories is *Foxes of Harrow*, which has n made into a movie.

he latest has all the ingredients a popular American best-seller. recipe: Sex, fighting, bad men, d men, bad women, good ditto, ciples, brutality, sentimentality, gion, good-will-prevail—and sex. p up to a good froth and serve conomical sentences.

r. Yerby follows the formulae his American readers like it. t's not to say, however, that the ing has outstanding merit or that *The Treasure of P.V.* (at all events) will ever become a classic. No classic ever sold a million in its first few months of life.

It is, in essentials, a decorated Western. The main characters are gentlemen of the Old South who go to California in '49, there to make their respective fortunes. Hailey Burke, a Southern lawyer, became a public figure, his friend, Bruce Harkness, son of a Carolina cotton-planter, desired no gold, but only to farm his land, and in the lawlessness of California of '49 he found this hard to do without also doing what he had sworn not to do—go armed.

Bruce also had the complication of another man's wife who had followed him from Carolina; and the "torment" of his attraction to the the beautiful Mexican-Indian wife of his Mexican friend.

But, in the manner of best-sellers, it all works out right in the end.

(Published by William Heinemann, Ltd. Australian price, 18/9.)

Another by Idriess

ION L. IDRIESS' books of Australiana now run well into the 30's in number, and no doubt the latest of them, *The Silver City*, will be welcomed by his fans.

As the name implies, it is the story of Broken Hill, to which the Idriess family went when son Ion was a schoolboy. In which year this event occurred, or how long Idriess, Jnr., stayed there, it is hard to discern from the narrative, but certainly it was early enough for him to hear the stories of the first great silver strikes; and to be a first-hand witness of some of the important developments that followed.

The writer cannot be called a master of English prose, but his round-the-camp-fire style of narrative appeals to many Australian readers.

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And More To Come . . .

ALSO received this month, too late for December reviews (they will appear in January) are the following:

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† Captain Max Stanton, ship-delivery specialist, well known in the Islands, flew from London to Karachi in October to join the British salvage tug *Salvigil* for a towage voyage to Genoa.

† The cost of tar sealing existing roads in Fiji is estimated to be £F6,500 per mile. It is thought that this figure may be of interest to Rarotonga residents in the Cook Group, where there has been considerable agitation to seal the 23-miles road encircling the island. At this cost it would be quite beyond the CI budget.

† A native youth, Reuben M was fatally injured on Octobe when he sawed through a Japa "stick bomb" near his parent's h in Honiara, presumably under mistaken idea that it was a le of metal piping. He died from juries in the BSIP Central Hos the same day.

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scheduled Stop—Telefomin

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s their astonishment at seeing at the window wore off, they ke into shrill laughter. One man he front group found the support nother not enough and sat down the ground helpless with mirth ng girls with glistening white h, clung together; old women ded and smiled and the chil- pointed, slapping each other. rtainly was the funniest thing had ever seen.

eanwhile in the enclosure there a great activity. Unpacking going on. Tins of hard biscuits, t and cowrie shells were being ied into the store. A Policeman cutting off lengths of khaki lava; another was trying on a cap to replace his old one; another found a football and ed it into a group of watching ves. Immediately there was a and they scattered in all direc- s. Two girls, not knowing ther to laugh or cry, clung in r to their mother who backed kly behind the house.

football and a white woman in day were rather too much ex- nent.

VENT downstairs and a crowd soon collected around me. One ould put out a hand and take e, shaking his head and say- "Seno." Another came close to at my teeth, and yet a third, hair.

hind me were four men sitting their haunches looking at my A hand gave me a pinch and ld man muttered to himself as ound my stocking was not skin. Policeman and several carriers friendly fashion signed to the p to move back when they sed too close. Occasionally the ball, now being kicked about y by the Policeman, came near, then they all scrambled away, ous not to be touched by it.

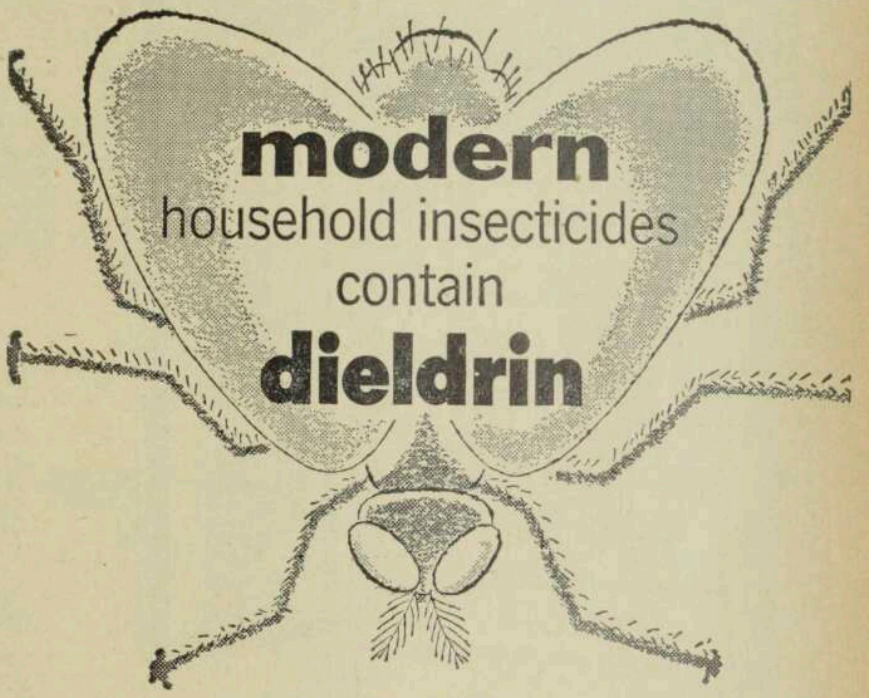
wn the centre of the small house opposite, a clay stand had constructed on which, two from the ground, a fire was ing. On a wire supported by sticks, a billy and two kettles over the flames. Several of older men sat on their haunches ning themselves. One of the iers filled a dish with warm r and carried it to a stand e with sticks by the camp-house . Another held a cake of Life- soap and a towel, ready for wash. An old man shook his and looked up to the sky and ing his body, he shuddered. A ceman standing by the cook- e door remarked, "Fashion be- white man; kanaka he stop in rain."

the growing dusk, two carriers, sed in long, flannel shirts, stood ng each other blowing on long bamboo pipes, their right hands opening and closing the pipe ends in perfect time. Blowing a longer note they started to move forward till they were soon dancing swiftly.

Round and round the house they went, their shirt-tails flapping against their dancing legs, followed by another couple. With short pauses to take a breather, they kept this up for half an hour. While we were having tea another four sat by the stairway with their pipes. Resting the end of a long bamboo on the ground one played a plaintive tune, a woman's lament for her absent man.

An old Telefomin man sitting with the rest, elicked his teeth and nodded his head, requesting the tune to be repeated. With the sound of the pipers down below came the throb of a native drum; and many kanakas were gathering for the sing-sing.

In the open space the Telefomins danced—grotesque figures with osprey and bird-of-paradise feathers bobbing on their heads. Laughing girls and children called a Police- man and several carriers into the throng. Every fourth round there was a double thump on the native drum and they paused in the dance, the children facing inwards threw out their legs stiffly and called, "Ough,



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h, ough," and the dance came
n end. This was repeated with-
change throughout the evening.
he old women carried burning
ks in bundles, which they held
as illumination for the dance.
ing carriers stood apart blowing
ir native tunes.

sat in a chair by the doorway
ching but soon I was surrounded
old women. One fingered my
et and turning to another, they
ed closer to examine it, and to
pare it with the dirty bags
ging round their necks. They
wed me how they rubbed the
ss up and down their thighs to
e the thread and how with a
boo needle they made the bags.
of the bags I examined was
e in a plain stitch with a purl
, and finished off in the same
as knitting. I was completely
med in by twenty old women
n a Policeman pushed his way
my side and asked if I should
to walk about. He had some
tobacco which he handed
nd to the dancers and the
okers. As I walked amongst the
ips, he kept close by my side.
oticed the entire absence of the
ll of herbs so popular with the
stal people.

t 11 o'clock, after a second much
ded wash, I went upstairs. The
dow space had been covered by
roundsheet and a sack to keep
the cold air. A serious-faced youth was arranging parachutes for sheets and blanket on the bed. Another came up with a teapot of cocoa and some cups. Whilst we sat drinking, three groundsheets covered with parachutes were put in a row on the floor with others folded for pillows. They were red, green and yellow and a blue one strung up as a curtain to give me privacy. Kicking off my shoes, I was quickly into bed.

Just before I fell asleep I heard: "All he go finish, Master. Watch belong me to-night." A Policeman was on guard below.

I did not wake until 8 o'clock, the daylight being shut out by the cover over the window. On looking out I saw the mountain was still covered with clouds. I crept cautiously, not to awake the others, only to find that I was the last up. A warm wash was waiting down below.

Despite the sun, it was chilly out in the air. A boy came out of the cookhouse with the teapot and followed by another with breakfast on four enamelled plates. I found I had a hearty appetite and the meal of bacon, egg and fried taro was very welcome.

Master Tom said it would be impossible to leave that day as the clouds were closing in around the valley. He went with Mr. Allen and a number of carriers, to straighten the plane. Two old men sat on their haunches by the table watching Mr. Black, who had been writing mail for us to take back, and was now making envelopes.

The day before I had seen very little of him for he had been arranging his stores and making final plans for his further journey of 30 miles to the Dutch border. He told me that, in mountainous country, he did an average of three miles a day as the crow flies. Every morning the party broke camp at daybreak and travelled till 2 o'clock, at which hour they made camp for the day. Only one tent was carried and the 70 carriers made shelters for themselves at each stop. They had been held up a fortnight making a bridge to cross the Strickland River, and, in another place, he had stopped for a longer time until the carriers had recovered from a first

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attack of malaria. To watch and care for a party of 80 in this country is a tremendous task but when speaking of it he treated it as all in a day's work.

During the day many natives with net baskets suspended from their heads arrived with food. They went to the market house where on one side of a long bench a Policeman stood with a bag of cowrie shells. As each kanaka passed his goods across, he was paid. Numbers of bananas, taro, and yams were piled on the bench with sticks of sugar cane and little bundles of ginger. Several passed over pieces of paper. IOU's given to them before the plane arrived with bags of shells.

Two bright young girls stood at the side arm in arm joking with sellers, "Tasamin and Kasamin," said the Police Boy. They were delighted when I repeated their names. They asked if I had any children and when they heard I had two, their delight knew no bounds. They broke into shrill laughter. An old man offered me his half-smoked cigar. Another a banana, and Kasamin broke off a piece of ginger. Many shook my hand and patted me on the back, crying, "Seno, Seno."

Near the cookhouse a Police-boy with a pair of scissors was cutting off the hair and headgear of an old man who was sitting quite unconcerned, smoking a cigar. I exclaimed with horror as it must have taken about ten years to grow. The Police-boy said he wished to sell it to Mr. Allen for a knife. Another boy was busy with hair-clippers on the children's heads. A little tuft was left on top of each head to hold the string of their net bags.

Some of the girls lined up for t
turns. A youngster was busy
lecting the hair from the gro
and passing it back to the ow
When I went upstairs agai
saw one old man was asleep u
a bench, the other was still sit
where we had left him. He put
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e table, saying, "Nanny got, Nanny t." Then I remembered that the strict Officer had taken a goat the prospecting party on his trip the amphibian eighteen months fore. The old man sighed and, tisfied that I understood, he lay wn with his fellow under the nch to sleep.

The Telefomins were at war with lages a few miles aay. They had h watch-towers built in the bush, d when they had a fight and led any enemies they took the dies back with them to the men's use in the village and cut them . The thigh was considered the st portion of meat.

No woman was allowed to par-ipate in these cannibalistic rites. Shortly before our visit, when the jority of the party was absent m the camp, a kanaka stole an e and ran away. Shortly after, he s caught and brought back. mbers of kanakas stood with ir arrows set on their bows tching to see what was going to ppen. When the axe was re-ned and the culprit released, the ws and arrows were also col-ted and put in the store-room. nongst "friendly" natives it re-ires a deal of tact to cope with idents such as that, and months travel through unknown virgin est country requires a stout art.

n the evening, several of the riers brought little **gifts for me** take home: a few charm bags, a ved bamboo cigar holder and a elighting set of two stones apped in a piece of bark filled h pith. One of the old men der the bench came out to show w to use the latter. He hit the o stones sharply together until le sparks fell on the pith which ckly smouldered.

Next morning the valley was ered with a thick mist but the untains were clear. An early rt back was necessary. As soon breakfast was finished the two n went down to the aeroplane start the engines. I followed in chair. Mr. Black walked down h me. On the way down an old man passed me a stone axe her sband had made, and several e me charm bags.

About three hundred kanakas ne to see us go. Like children, y explained by signs the manner our arrival out of the sky and departure. Many hands were d out in farewell. I felt quite to be leaving. Master Tom tried his engine and after putting writing pad and camera in place fastened himself into his seat. th a parting wave we were off, cling the valley several times gain height to get over the sur-nding mountains.

New Caledonia has made £700 ilable for the annual exchange lt of Australian students.

NOUMEA CHILD DELINQUENTS

Too Many Movies And Careless Parents

CHILD delinquency came up for an airing recently in Noumea when a special commission of the Conseil Generale considered the matter.

Certain college students who became involved with the police caused the investigation; and the considered opinion of the committee was that that good old stand-by, the movies, were mostly to blame.

Comics and other "worse publications" also came under fire. One member said that in regard to the last category there was laxness in New Caledonia where certain publications which could not legally be displayed, could be found in full view on counters and shelves of the local bookshops.

Good home influence was also found to be lacking and frequently youngsters were taken to bars by their parents. It was found that there was a weakening in parental control and that in some cases the benefits of a good family life were lacking.

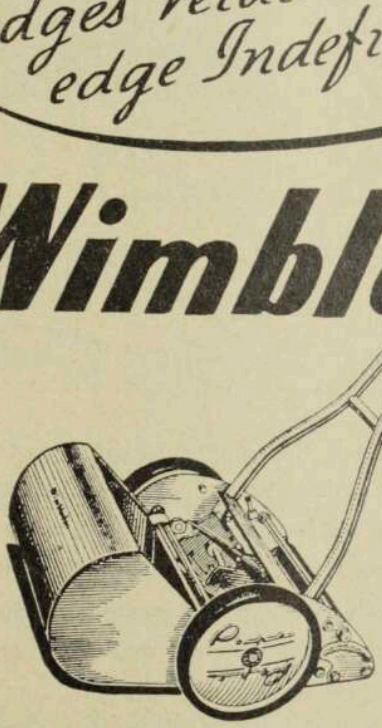
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slowly. Launching of the first now probably not take place l early February, but the second el, taking shape, should not be behind.
tended names have still not selected.

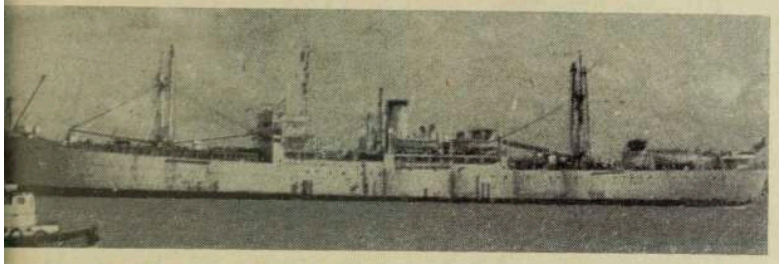
WS OF CRUISING YACHTS

BOUNTY, of Auckland, arrived from her venturesome South fic voyaging on November 22. three years of cruising, Ken ey and his merry men have had e than their share of trouble. nantled between Tonga and Fiji, yacht had just stepped a new in Suva when the earthquake seismic wave struck—and snap went the new mast. But that was only a sample of the things that have happened to *Bounty*—and can be vouched for!

• *SOLACE*, of England, cleared Rarotonga on October 23 for Aitutaki and Palmerston Island, thence, presumably Rarotonga-Auckland.

• *TAHITI*, heading for Honolulu from Auckland, departed Papeete about November 11 for Hilo. Trip Auckland-Papeete, very rough, taking 43 days.

• *TAIHOA*, of Auckland, was wrongly reported by our Papeete correspondent as heading back to New Zealand from that port. Ere this appears the yacht should be in the Hawaiian Islands. (Cont. P. 102)



Royal Navy's fleet auxiliary "Fort Beauharnois" clearing Auckland late November with a cargo of supplies for the atom bomb testing ground at Christmas Island.
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• *TREKKA*, of Vancouver, has been hauled out at a northern New Zealand port, and owner John Guzzwell joined the Smeetans in *Tzu Hang* for the run to Melbourne for the Olympics. He will travel back to New Zealand by other means.

• *KONA*, of Honolulu, has been sold in Fiji for local use. Messrs. Blackford and Houtz are remaining there in employment for the present.

• *FORERUNNER*, ex *SPRINGBOK*, which arrived in NZ trans-Pacific about 1948, and cruised Tonga-Fiji under other ownership in 1952, is reported sold in Auckland to Mr. and Mrs. Andre Guerin. Mr. Guerin, of Tahiti, left there in the launch *PHILANTE II* as cook, several years ago, and has since been a PAA employee at Fiji, Canton, and now at Auckland. They may eventually cruise back to the Islands in the yacht.

• *MANU MOANA*, of Auckland, with owner W. S. Holder, Bob Narruhn, formerly of Tarawa, Bill Sellars, of Fiji, Wally Taylor, of Auckland, and an American school teacher, Peter Fraser, aboard, arrived back in Auckland on November 23 after a cruise through Polynesia.

• *WAIMANA*, of Auckland, was sold some time ago in the Solomons to a plantation owner, and owner Ray Williams arrived back home in November. Williams had earlier sailed the yacht *Kereru* to the New Hebrides, sold her there, and, with his shipmates, returned to Auckland and purchased *Waimana*. Now another yacht is in view.

MH BUYS *TUVALU*

The Gilbert and Ellice Islands Wholesale Society's *Tuvalu* was passed in at auction in Suva on November 9 and bought privately shortly after by Morris Heds Ltd., at an undisclosed figure.

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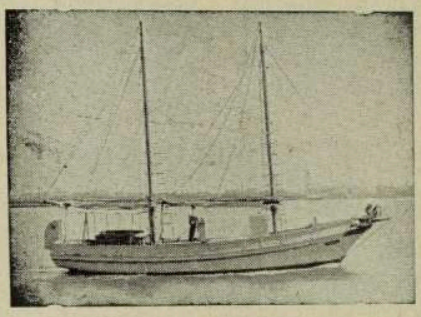
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is understood that she will be ced by a bigger ship. Un- al sources in Tarawa report the G & E Government is cur- y having built in Hongkong a Government vessel similar to BSIP's *Melanesian* now on her ery voyage south.

OLIVER MAC AWAY

e tug *Oliver Mac* left Noumea a.m. on November 13 towing old 600-tons steamer *Loyaute,* atter loaded with scrap iron. e vessels, under the command ew Zealander, Captain R. T. lton, are headed for Hongkong, e they have been sold. First of call was to have been la but Captain Hamilton re- d bad weather between New onia and the New Hebrides. y seas nearly washed the ship's erator overboard and the hulk found to be taking in water, put into Santo, New Hebrides, repairs were made and fresh taken in. On November 26, vo ships were passing through olomon Islands.

tow is expected to take Christmas. The tug carries an ational crew of 32—English, h, Indo-Chinese, New Cale- n natives, New Hebrides s, Wallis Islanders and a few ked descent.

Oliver Mac was recently ed from W. R. Carpenter & f Suva, by Mr. Jean Hagen, umea. (See Nov. *PIM*).

HERN CROSS VIII TO BE BUILT NEXT YEAR

k on the Melanesian Mission's *ern Cross VIII* is expected to at Ballina, in northern New Wales, about the end of ry.

was thought a month or so at the Mission would not pro- with plans for *Southern Cross* ecause of high costs; however, have now decided to proceed gh the original plan for a of 87 ft has been modified. gh considerably bigger than *ley,* which was completed at a for the Mission a few s ago, she is still probably allest vessel to bear the name *ern Cross* for the mission. ils received from the builders White Pty. are that she a wooden- twin-screw with a l.o.a. ft 5 in., and e r e d by er diesels. will be



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accommodation for the crew forward.

In addition to the Bishop's cabin, there will be two, two-berth cabins, one on the port and one on the starboard. An open saloon will extend right across the ship, and in addition there will be a galley and storeroom. There will be one hold, with a capacity of 35 tons. A motor-boat, in addition to a life-boat, will be carried.

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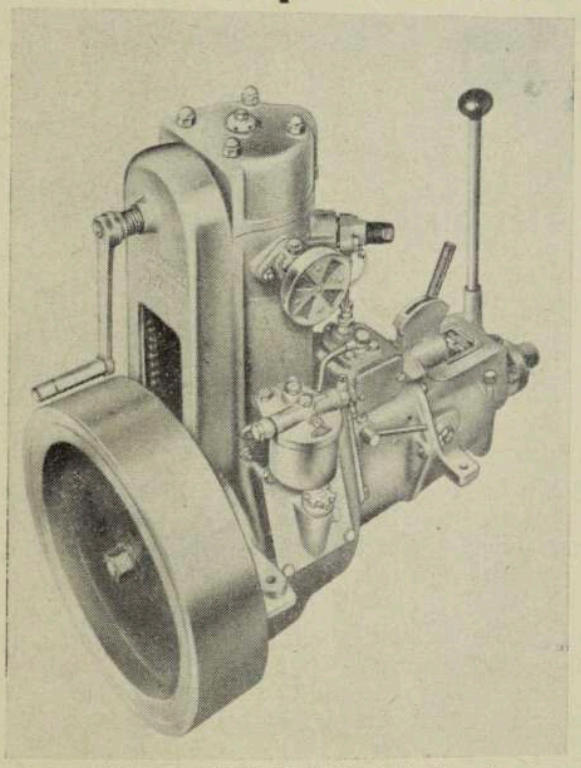
A receiving terminal for this purpose has been located at a remote point of good reception, with a land-line brought down to the main receiving station.

This is a most important contribution to smallship maritime safety and convenience in the Pacific tropical area. Some 15 vessels of the Western Samoa coastal fleet are now being equipped with radio. Ships will have 2182 kc/s, 2012 kc/s, and 4115.3 kc/s and the coast station will reply on 2182 kc/s, 2206 kc/s, or 4420.7 kc/s.

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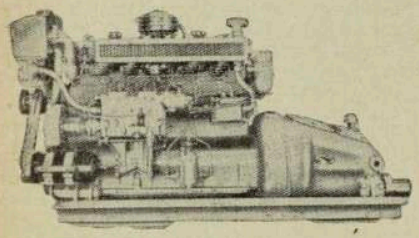
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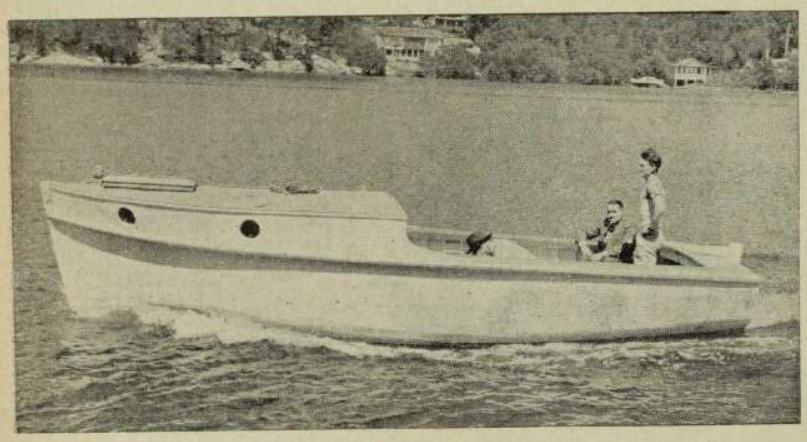
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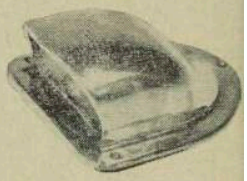
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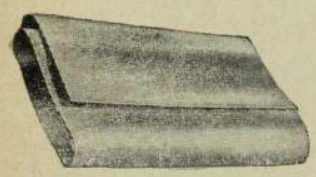


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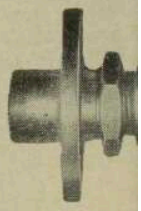


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gaps. Watch in some areas is existent or only part-time still, progress is being made.

It the question must still be ed: Could the *Joyita* and *arimoa* tragedies happen again morrow? They could—but they not. There is overwhelming ence that the paramount safety ument for Pacific Islands small- s is the hand-generator, kite- l type of distress transmitter. most invariably the first thing il in case of distress in a small el is the source of power—be irectly from a motor-driven t, or indirectly via a battery. n that happens little can be with the ship's main trans- er, undamaged as this instru- t itself might well be. There erything to suggest that speedy could have been brought to *a*, and definitely to *Arakarimoa*, a distress transmitter of this been carried.

lanced against the safety factor ided, the cost of one of these gency sets, even the most ern types now being manu- ired in England and elsewhere ise in ocean-going vessels' life- s, is insignificant.

ere appears to be no real reason why marine authorities which license trading craft in the various Island areas, could not insist on every such vessel being so equipped, just as they now can insist on certain other safety provisions.

But the voluntary carriage of such equipment could be greatly promoted by the insurance underwriters. In the Islands where shipping mishaps are so common it must be to their advantage to offer lower rates of insurance in respect of vessels so equipped. The sets themselves are thoroughly proved. They are watertight. They require no skill whatever in operation.

We are convinced that this type of distress transmitter will in the long run be accepted as having particularly valuable applications in the Pacific Islands.

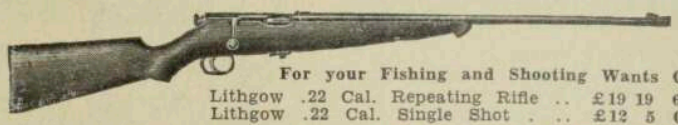
The pity of it is that it may take another *Arakarimoa* or *Joyita* to hammer the fact home to those concerned. The underwriters, by approaching the matter from the "pocket book" angle, could make a valuable contribution to promoting their acceptance and their universal use in the South Pacific.

Meanwhile the steadily improving 2182 kc/s watch may well save some lives, and maritime convenience will in any case be served.

SOME FISH-THROWING—*SCOTT* V. THE JAPS

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planation of the odd behaviour alleged of a Japanese fishing boat when it encountered the ketch-rigged scow *Scott* near Vatoa reef, Fiji, in November.

When *Scott* returned to Fiji after trochus fishing, on November 23, the master reported that the Japanese ship had tried to run them onto a reef. These Fiji people who are sensitive on the subject of all Japanese ships and have not yet recovered from the *Joyita* sensation (and the allegations of Japanese piracy that were imagined at that time), subsequently advanced the idea that the Japs were "at it again."

When *Scott* met up with the Japanse ship, the Japs came alongside and talked but no one, of course, knew what they were saying. The Japs then threw some fish across to the *Scott*, the skipper of which, disliking anything Japanese, threw them right back again.

This business of throwing fish on board seems to be customary with the Japanese under these circumstances—reports from New Guinea and elsewhere have indicated that this is usually the opening gambit. Perhaps it is to be regarded as a gesture of friendship; possibly it is a manifestation of guilty conscience, or both. Certainly the Japanese can be under no delusions as to how their fishing-boats are regarded in the South Pacific.

But in the case of the *Scott*, after this exchange of fishy-courtesies, the Jap kept right alongside and according to *Scott's* skipper, tried to force them onto the reef. skipper then decided to run thr the narrow Vatoa passage knc that with *Scott's* 3-ft draught he safe inside, while the Jap ship not. The Japanese ship follc saw that it was too shallow,

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rn round and grounded on the Divers went over and man- to get her off at high tide. The day the ship was gone.
l sorts of sinister reasons for "attack" have been advanced luding the theory that the Japs their eyes on the *Scott's* diving and cash-box. Other Suva ns think that what the Japs ed was (a) some fresh water;) a bit of information.
tt (which last appeared in *PIM* cot) is owned by Mr. J. B. er, of Suva. He bought her Mr. Lew Graham about 1952. scow is over 50 years old, hav- traded along the NZ coast for years. She carried passengers cargo in the Fiji Group until a months ago when she was de- tered as not up to required lard for this trade. She is now for trochus fishing in the Lau p.
e *Scott* incident is, of course, a symptom of a more serious se, and until the basic factors hanged there will continue to icidents with Japanese fishing . These are not new. For a le before the Pacific war each of *PIM* carried stories of y Japanese poaching on reefs fishing grounds in the South ic. So far we in the South ic have done nothing more ctical than yell "keep-off," ugh in mighty few cases have done much about exploiting fishing grounds ourselves.
one in the South Seas has to love the Japanese; and the idual who has had a visitation these poachers, or seen an ent reef stripped of shell, is ely to be impressed by theories economic pressures," true as may be. But the indulgence ti-Japanese hysteria, which we witnessed frequently in the ew years, does not help matters r.

MADORA IS THE NAME

we expected, the 800-tons ra, recently purchased by the le interests, has been re- tened. As *Damadora del Mar* eft Sydney on her first Islands ge on November 15, first port all Norfolk Island, thence to hea and return.
ptain Emile Savoie does not longer operate alone, a com- , in which he is a substantial holder, has been formed to rate the del Mar line— te Maritimes Caledonien, with quarters in Noumea. F. H. hens Pty. Ltd. is the company's ey agent.
ptain Savoie himself was in hand for *Damadora's* first ge to Noumea.

MARIA TO BE SOLD

gotiations for the sale of the an Savoie ship, *Maria del Mar*, were still proceeding in early December.
This ship has been in New Caledonia-New Hebrides waters for some time but is expected to go south to Sydney this month—and then, perhaps, to new owners.

DELIVERY OF *MELANESIA*

The BSIP's new vessel *Melanesia* left Manila, November 10 and was expected to call at Hollandia (Dutch New Guinea) and maybe Rabaul en route to Honiara on her delivery voyage
She should have reached the BSIP by the month's end, but the Protectorate's Sydney agents did not know of her arrival in early December. (See later news, p. 19)

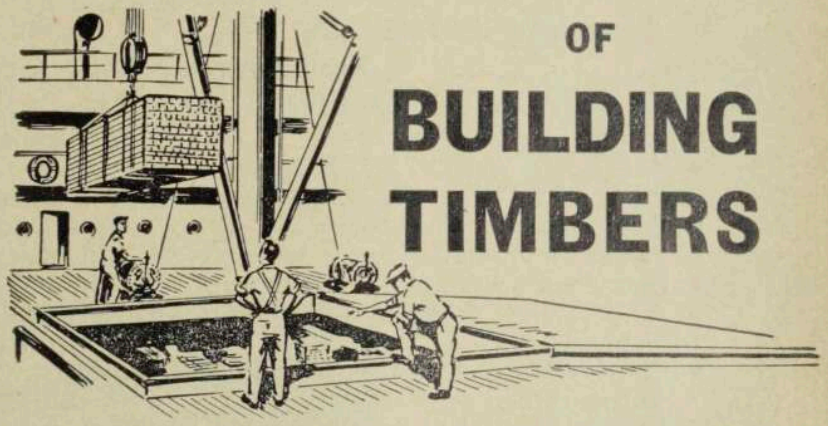
Apparently *Melanesia* had had some slight trouble with her steering between Hongkong and Manila as our sketchy report on her progress records that she proceeded from Manila "after alterations to the steering gear had been successfully carried out."

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ip's officers are: Captain R. D. erson; chief officer, L. G. N. er; engineer, Churchill Evans.
cently the ship underwent a y in Brisbane in preparation er new trade. She loaded a at Sydney.

OUGAINVILLE CO. BUYS *SOUTHERN CROSS VII*

uthern Cross VII, after being up in Sydney since mid-1954, d a buyer in the last few s: The Bougainville Company w Guinea, which already owns *rrian* and the very much ler *Nuguria*.

Southern Cross VII, built to mission specifications in the UK in 1933, was not everyone's dish, hence her long period of idleness awaiting a buyer. It is likely that she will need modifications before she goes into service for the Bougainville Co.

The Mission withdrew her from service because, under existing conditions, she was far too costly to run. Recently, she has been under option to a semi-government organisation in Tasmania, which is in the market for a small ship for a spud-run into small ports. The option was not proceeded with, however, when it was discovered that *Southern Cross* had too big a draught.

She may now be used to transport petroleum products—a contract for which has recently gone to the Bougainville Co.

Sydney agents for *Southern Cross* were S. G. White Pty. Ltd., owners of the Ballina ship-yard which built *Baddeley* and will build *Southern Cross VIII*.

VIRIA FOR SALE

The 600-tons Swedish-built *Viria*, owned by New Guinea Industries, Lae, will likely soon have a new owner.

Negotiations had apparently reached a delicate stage in December—Sydney agents, Blackmore Shipping and Customs Agency, had no comment to make.

DEUTGAN, TOO?

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DEFENDING THE MATAI SYSTEM

A Matter For The Samoans

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The Samoans particularly interference by European res in Samoan tradition and c and they rightly contend tha for the Samoans themselves cide such matters without pr from Europeans.—*Apia spondent.*

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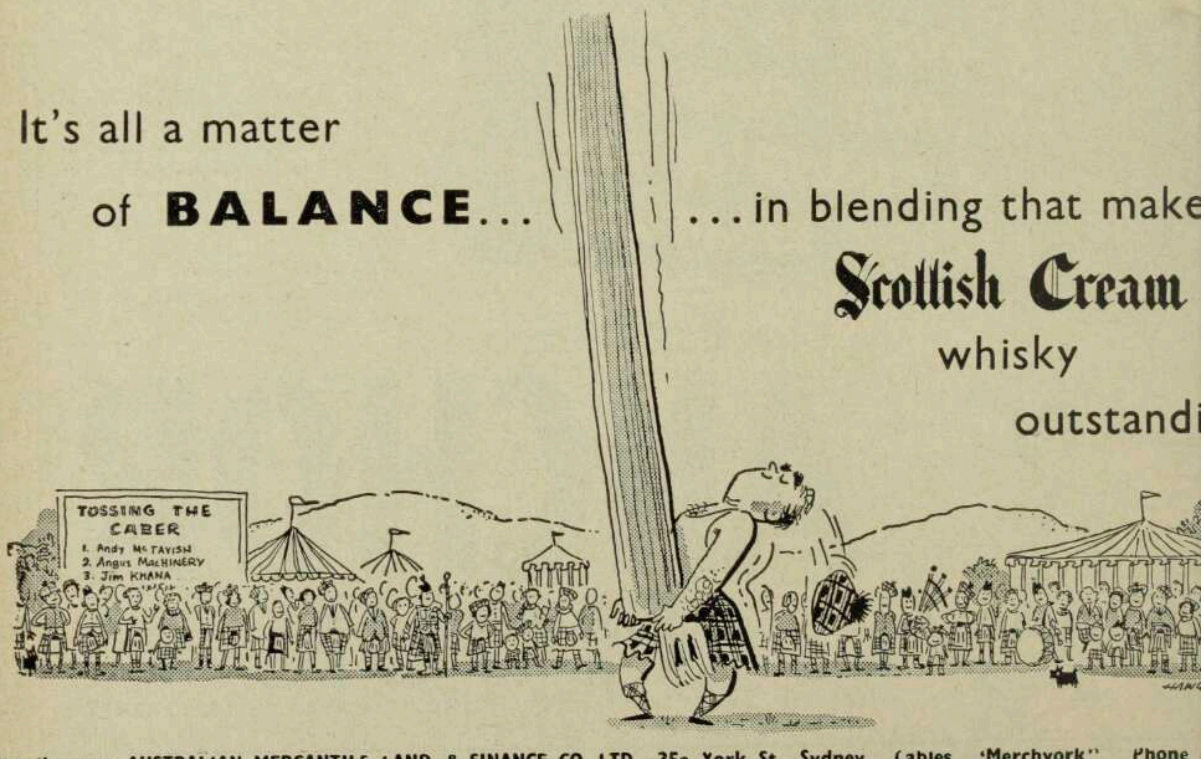
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sailed from Marseilles at the ning of 1907 and on arrival at ney transhipped for the nons on the old *Mindini*, then r the command of the almost dary Captain William Voy, e acquaintance Father Boudard ys cherished.

e *Mindini* duly reached her nation, disembarking her ngers at Aola, on the coast of dalcanal, as was the custom in days. There Fr. Boudard met he first time a man whom he to know very well—Billy Pope, at the time sailed regularly be- n Aola and Sydney. Billy Pope for partner another colourful imer of the Solomons—Billy on.

ther Boudard went first to Rua Islands, which had been ired by Bishop Vidal from Cap- Keating, of the sailing vessel oor. Rua Sura was then the quarters of the Catholic ion, and remained so until 1920. er a short stay at Sura to the elements of the Gari uage, and to receive some in- tion from older hands, Fr. lard was sent to Avuavu ion Station on the rough- her coast of Guadalcanal. was a very wise appointment, vents later proved. Here the y Breton Priest, strong in que, robust in health, fearless ndomitable in character, found untry and a people admirably d to his talents and rugged acteristics.

ither the jagged mountains g abruptly from the ocean, en by deep ravines, flooding nts and rivers, nor craggy spurs fears for his undaunted spirit. regular journeys took him far d into the regions about Lion's and Tatuve Mountains, gh the challenging Gorogana Suta Districts of the hinterland, and right across Guadalcanal to the leeward coast at Aola.

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ical and citrus fruit trees, the ing of coffee as well as the ice of animal husbandry. He an expert in the care of horses, e, pigs and poultry and he in- uced first-class blood stock Australia which improved e stock beyond measure.

t the real and lasting monu- t which he has left may be d in the hearts of the people vuavu District; for there is a nt simplicity, an openness of l and implicit trust noticeable ese people which seems to give a unique distinction amongst nhabitants of Guadalcanal. One see there an imprint of the acter of Jean Marie Boudard. ther Boudard spent 35 years vuavu and without doubt his t lies buried there and his name not be forgotten in our ration.

t, despite his life-long interest vuavu and its people, he did hesitate to make the sacrifice nded of him by his Superiors ansfer to a new district. Here pent his latter years amongst ople far different in character those he had known so well for so long.

EN in these last ten years there as been no lessening in the gy, assurance and joviality of grand old man. He quickly ared himself to the Visale people, but remained at the same time firm to the end; woe to the one who strayed from the beaten path.

During these years he became well known to European and native residents of the Russell Group which, with Savo Island, formed part of his domain.

Fr. Boudard returned to the Solomons after the War and took up his new post at Visale. Here he found a ruined Mission Station, once a showplace well known to pre-war residents of the group. It was the former Headquarters of the Catholic Mission and the residence of the Bishop; but it had been reduced to a shambles by the ravages of war With the same undaunted courage of other days, he built himself a native shack and then set his firm hand to rebuild, from the ruins, a new and prosperous Mission Station complete with buildings, equipment and stock and resounding to the laughter of hundreds of happy native children.

From his school he sent out boys well-disciplined and trained to take their place in village life. He kept them close to the soil and to home and family and gave them plenty of his own practical knowledge to enable them to fend for themselves and to find a niche in their own communities.

Like every true missionary, Father Boudard was counsellor, philosopher and friend to all, but in a degree above the common; and many a native, of whatever creed or of none, came to him for advice, instruction and even admonition. There was nothing soft or patronising in his words—he was a sure judge of human conduct and he wasted no time in summing up the worth of a character. He was feared for his

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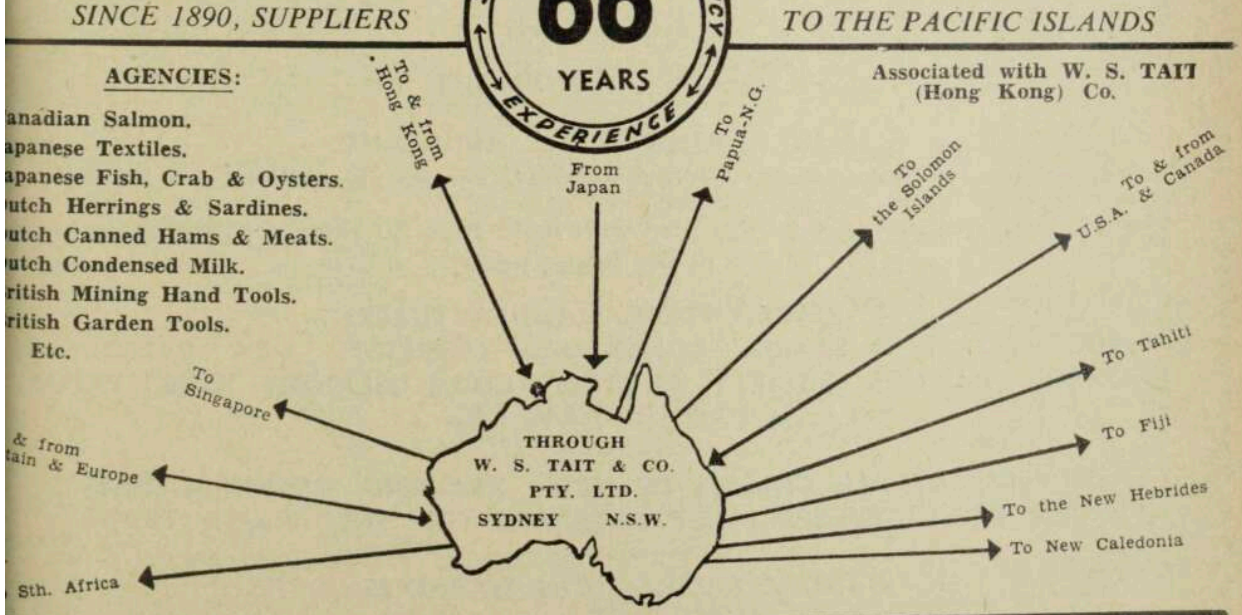
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justice and his firmness and loved for his friendly manner and his generosity.

In his time he did more for the Solomon Islands by moulding the character of its native people over a period of 45 years than many another may have achieved in more spectacular spheres.

His health remained robust to the end in spite of his hard life. Without warning he suffered a heart attack while on a trip to Malaita Island, and in a matter of an hour the end had come.

A brave Breton son gone to rest far from his native shore, after a life full of labour and of merits. Truly a model Missionary was Jean Marie Boudard.

VALE ATQUE VALE!

Just a Check-up!

THE New Zealand Federation of Clothing Trade employees' Industrial Association announced late in November that it is sending its president, Mr. R. A. Hill, to the Cook Islands to investigate the working conditions of clothing trade workers in a factory at Rarotonga.

The Rarotonga factory manufactures working clothing from imported materials and the goods are sold in New Zealand.

The Rarotonga factory provides employment for over 100 persons, mainly women.

† Most Honiara, BSIP, residents are aware of the versatility of Sister Mary Joseph, in charge of the Tetere Leprosarium, so news that the energetic Sister had added crocodile shooting to her many activities came as no surprise. Early in October, natives seeking crocodiles in the Tetere district across a 12-ft reptile which were unable to land. Whe formed of this, Sister Mary took a gun and shot the cro which was seen near the quarters by the Senior M Officer, when he paid a visit to Tetere.

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A Polynesian Experiment

BOUT a year ago *PIM* reported that a US Fish and Wildlife Service vessel had made an exmental transfer of a variety of ll fish from the Marquesas to vaii. It was hoped they would blish themselves in Hawaiian stal waters and provide muchded live-bait for the Honolulu a fishing fleet, which is faced a serious live-bait shortage.

September, in the course of "Operation Equapac" cruise, ntly reported in *PIM*, the F & S vessel *Hugh M. Smith* took ard about 2,000 fish of six eties at Moorea. These were all fish varieties, in no way conted with the earlier bait-fish eme.

arly this year Dr. John Randall, Honolulu marine biologist, went th to French Oceania in his t *Nani* to investigate the feedhabits of likely edible varieties has been engaged in this work since.

he fish now taken north from rea were largely his selection. addition to a shortage of baitthere is a general depletion of le fish in the Hawaii area, and is part of a scheme to improve ters.

OFF-SEASON FISH FOR THE ATOLLS

he *Tilapia Mossambica* fish, induced to Rakahanga by Rarotga's Agricultural Department, e grown well; and 21 of the nger fish, averaging between 2½ches in length, have been transrted to Pukapuka by the *rlotte Donald*.

r. Ronald Powell, assisted by a Marsters (of Palmerston nd), placed the fish in an ficial pond near Ngake village. hese fish, which can reproduce 00 young from one male and female in 12 months, will later transferred to a natural pond ted among the taro swamps of apuka.

lthough deep-sea fish are tiful in season at Pukapuka, on fish are almost non-existent. ides being a source of food ply in times of scarcity, the *pia* make excellent fish bait, and upon algae and mosquito larvae. Pukapuka is infested with squitoes, the *Tilapia's* feeding its will undoubtedly meet with approval of the Pukapukans.

census was taken in New edonia on the night of December All bars were closed at 9 p.m. encourage the local populace to the task seriously.

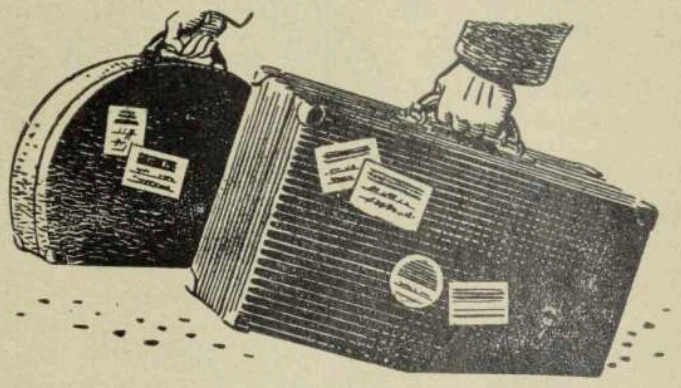
NEW BANK MANAGER FOR HONIARA, BSIP

MANAGEMENT of the Honiara (BSIP) branch of the Commonwealth Bank is now in the hands of Mr. Warwick McComas, who arrived in the Protectorate in mid-November.

He succeeds Mr. H. B. Dixon, who returned to Australia early in December.

Mr. McComas' last appointment was in Geelong, Vic. He is a returned serviceman of World War II and a keen sportsman.

† Mr. J. C. Hawkes, Director and Manager of Andrew Weir & Co.'s Bank Line, whose vessels uplift most South Pacific copra for the British Ministry of Food, has been visiting most main Islands ports in recent weeks.



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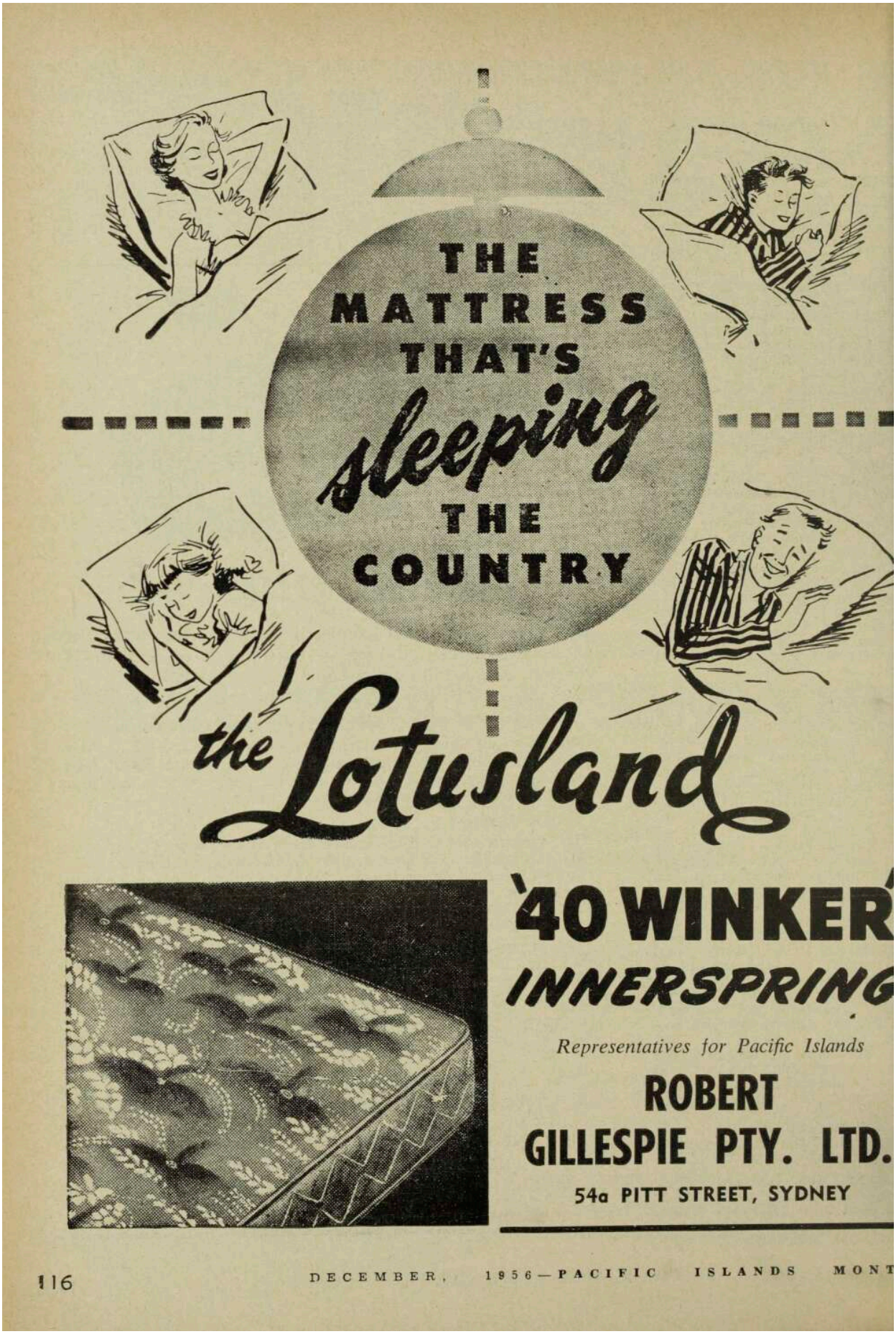
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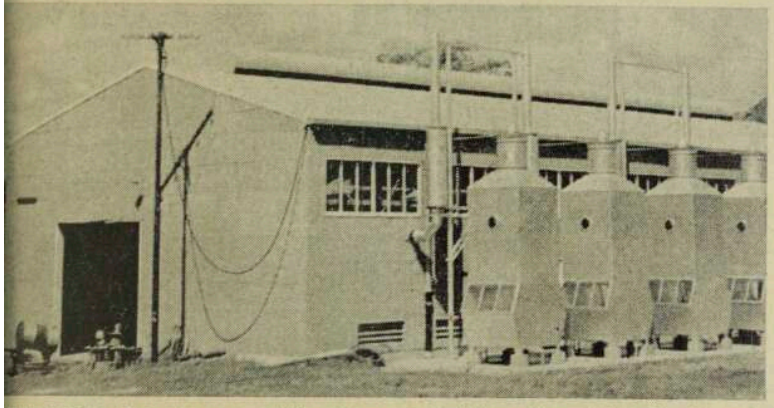
hen active, the volcano builds small islands of pumice and -fragments which usually sub- into the sea when eruptions . Present activity has formed w cone of one square chain in and 15 feet high, and located ards NE of the old cone.

The Rabaul Vulcanologist, Mr. M. Reynolds, who is checking on the renewed activity of Tuluman, says that the new cone which has formed in the sea has reached the explosive phase. This is causing periodic explosions with ejection of lava bombs (pear-shaped fragments of molten rock about the size of a man's fist torn from the molten mass inside a volcano, and ejected from the crater by explosive action of steam), to a maximum height of 1,000 feet. Sulphurous materials thrown off are giving a red colouration to cloud up to heights of 1,000 feet, and the vapour cloud is reaching up to 5,000 feet. Occasional mild explosions are occurring at the old cone.

Mr. Reynolds advises that there is no immediate danger to the population on neighbouring islands.

In recent years the Administration prepared an emergency evacuation plan for natives of nearby islands which could be put into effect immediately should the situation become dangerous.

The District Officer has already visited Pam and Lou Islands and



first section of a new power station at (above) has commenced operations, and sections will be brought into use as s possible.
as been built and is being operated by mmonwealth Department of Works.
t available equipment has been used; nerators are powered by diesel motors, and should provide satisfactorily for Rabaul's present needs. The set-up is planned to allow expansion when necessary.

A high tension power line will eventually be taken out to the New Britain north-coast road to provide power for a native hospital which is to be built at Nonga.

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warned the natives to expect explosions and hold themselves in readiness for evacuation should it be necessary.

Worst danger would be from a tidal wave.

SAILING SEASON ENDS

Squally weather and freak accidents marked the "end of the season" racing at the Port Moresby Aquatic Club late November.

The VS class—with a girl in each crew—got away for their "Queen of the Harbour" race at nine o'clock, with *Mistress* a late starter.

Ripple, *Redwitch* and *Surf* had one of the best races this season, with *Ripple* just holding the lead for the greater part of the race and *Surf* and *Redwitch* alternating in second place.

In the second round, *Redwitch* went to windward in exceptional fashion and at the Beacons came out in front with *Surf*, who had crossed *Ripple*, taking second place for a short time. Then her forward hand succeeded in the almost impossible feat of setting her spinnaker upside down. Despite this, *Redwitch* (Mrs. Whitten) crossed the line first, with *Ripple* (Miss B. Wilks), second; *Surf* (Miss S. Wood), third; and *Mistress* (Miss K. Lambert), fourth.

HUNGARIAN APPEAL—£1,000 FROM PAPUA IN 5 DAYS

In Papua-New Guinea, response to the Hungarian Appeal has come from far and wide. From Europeans, natives and people of mixed blood, some of whom had never before heard of Hungary, or knew where it was, but who were moved when they heard of the ba

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listrict have each forwarded
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. People have offered to adopt
arian orphans. Boy Scouts
vorking like beavers collecting
s to raise money for the Fund.
already, within the first five
of the Appeal, Port Moresby
aised £1,000 and handed it to
Red Cross for forwarding to
va.
sident of the Public Service
iation, Mr. R. Brennan, was
d President of the Appeal
nittee at a public meeting late
nber. He said on December 11,
have seldom seen an appeal
on in the Territory as this
seems to have done. The
arian situation has shocked us

AUSTRALIANS ARE OUT

one knew before that the
ory had a White-Australia
. But apparently it has. The
aboriginal stockman, Mr.
Tooth, who came over in the
Wewak with the first con-
ent of cattle for the Atkinson
ty at Gusap, was refused per-
n to stay in the Territory;
urned to Cairns in the barge.
en the *Wewak* arrived at Lae
the first shipment of heifers
ud bulls it was found on the
back that the herd had in-
d by two head on the way.
re were also some stock horses
ard.
cattle made the trip from
ville under the care of
Tooth, and after a rest
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FREAK ACCIDENTS IN MORESBY

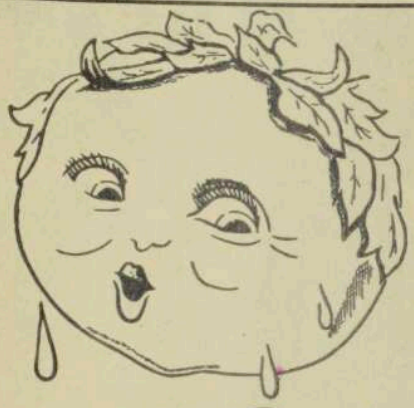
ort Moresby houseboy had a
escape late November when
s within minutes of death.
-ton truck crashed into the
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es previously.
ts dislodged by the truck
ed around him, but he
d with a cut leg in which
stitches were inserted.
ther native boy was not so
when two vehicles, a lorry
in. wide, and a utility 6-ft
tried to pass on a road 13 ft
wide, he was killed, and two
injured.
accident occurred on the
Nappa Road when a utliity
iped an Administration lorry
ich the boys were travelling.
hree were sitting on a plank
protruded an inch and a half
he side of the lorry.
utility had swerved to avoid
h and on straightening up
o pass the lorry. It caught

Gray-Kelly Wedding

In Bundaberg, Qld., in August, Miss Isobel Kelly was married to Mr. Edward Charles Gordon Gray of the P-NG Forestry Dept. The bride also is a Territorian, having had secretarial duties in the Administration service before her marriage.







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spun the plank on which the ives were sitting and knocked n down.
ne sustained fractured legs, ther was badly bruised, and the d, who had his kidneys crushed, later in the Native Hospital.

NVOY TO THE HIGHLANDS

orobe is growing very road scious these days. A convoy of dministration vehicles left Lae November for Kainantu, oka, and Mount Hagen.
ne convoy, made up of four ties, four 3-ton tip trucks, three d Rovers, four Ferguson tractors, Le-Tourneau tractor, and a ately-owned Peugeot sedan, in charge of the Transport t Engineer, Mr. R. Rigby. Both pean and native drivers were . Overnight stops were planned Kaiapit, Kainantu, Goroka and .

PUAN GIRLS QUALIFY AS MIDWIVES

a ceremony on November 16, Papuan girls, trained at the t Marie Therese Maternity Hos-, Koki, near Port Moresby, were sented with their midwifery ficates by Doctor J. Gunther, ctor of Public Health for the itory of Papua and New Guinea. girls were Elaine Seeto, beth Arien, Agnes Solien, adette Elenesi and Nancy Gera. had successfully completed a en paper, a practical test and ral examination.
dressing the crowd of gaily-ed friends and relatives, most hem people of mixed race, or Gunther said:
he main element in our at-on sickness in the Territory of ia and New Guinea is the nurs-service. And the spearhead of attack are all those engaged safeguarding the health of ren and of mothers and babies. ll the members of this spear-, one of the most important he Roman Catholic Maternity ital at Koki, where Papuan are being trained to a high dard as Midwifery Assistants in ervice of their own people. The tions of this hospital will, I am become a byword of sound cal training in this country.
he people here have to learn elp themselves, and one of the ways in which they can do it support this hospital—which eir own—to the best of their y. The Administration will in any way it can, but the e must stand behind it, too."
ki Maternity Hospital was ed in 1950 by Sister Annette he ground floor of an old battered school building in the on grounds. The need for it great and patients began to e before the ward was opened. ral babies were born in a ly improvised building.

It became imperative to have some trainee nurses, and four of the ex-pupils of the school volunteered and started work immediately. They have since made history by being the first girls in Papua to receive diplomas as Assistant Midwives from the Department of Public Health. The hospital now has fourteen beds and a new nursery wing.

The Sister in charge is Sister Camillus, who is responsible both for the administration of the hospital and for the training of the nurses. On July 30, 1955, the hospital held a celebration in honour of the 1,000th baby to be born on the premises.

MORESBY TAC STAGES A STAY-AWAY STRIKE

Frayed tempers which sought consolation in indefinite retirement were overruled by Mr. Craig Kirke, Acting-Chairman of the Port Moresby Town Advisory Council, on November 19.

Mr. Kirke told the Council it had no powers to stand adjourned for more than 8 weeks—so members compromised with 7 weeks as a protest against a refusal by the Administrator to provide them with a copy of the Winder's report on local government. It is the second refusal.

Must be really top secret.

The Administrator's determination not to release the report to the Council until the Chairman, Mr. E. A. James, returns from Australia, brought comment from Mr. Peter Fox, who said, "the Administrator was treating the Council like a crowd of school children with the teacher away.'

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as acting chairman the District Commissioner, Mr. P. Mollison.

When Mr. Fox introduced the motion that the Council should stand adjourned indefinitely, Mr. Mollison said he was placed in an invidious position and preferred to stand down if the motion was pressed. The meeting then appointed Mr. C. Kirke to act as Chairman.

The meeting then went on to say, in forthright terms, just what they thought about the Administrator's attitude.

GOILALA EVOLUTION

The formerly rough and savage Goilala area of Papua—which ten years ago was still only half-controlled, is now in full development. Once it was known for little else than Goilala-Madness—a sort of Cargo Cult.

The RC Mission has thousands of children in school at Kamulai, Fane, Ononghe and in other villages. The LMS spreads its influence into the Middle Kunimaipa. And under the last ADO's, Messrs. Ron Galloway and D. Anderson, Tapini has become a progressive centre with improved air-strip, new buildings, cattle, coffee plantations and a modern school.

The hospital, under Dr. Raneri, had 1,500 admissions in the last 6 months. A jeepable road is under construction and the whole Sub-District (pop. 25,000 natives), is crossed by graded paths.

In Woitape (Urun), PO J. MacGregor has built, in six months, a new air-strip up to DC3 standard. This area, under the shadow of the Albert Edward Mountains (13,000 ft), may one day be a new tourist and economic centre.

NATIVES FOR PERMANE PS POSITIONS

The P-NG Public Service missioner, Mr. E. W. Dwyer, ha nounced that he expects the appointments to the Public S Auxiliary Division to be mad the end of this year.

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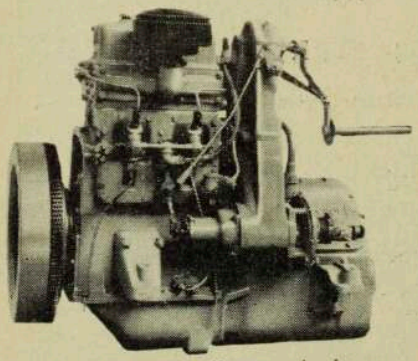
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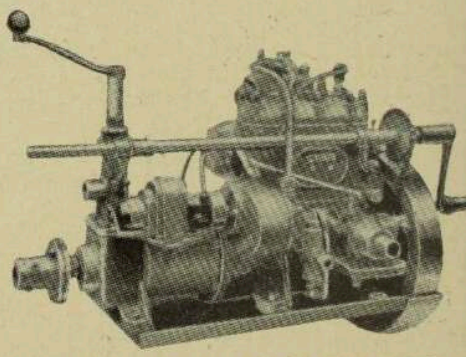


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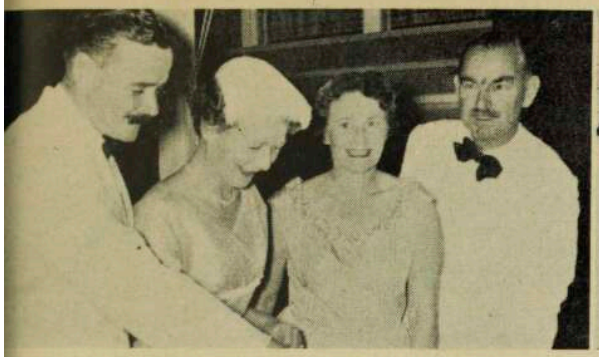
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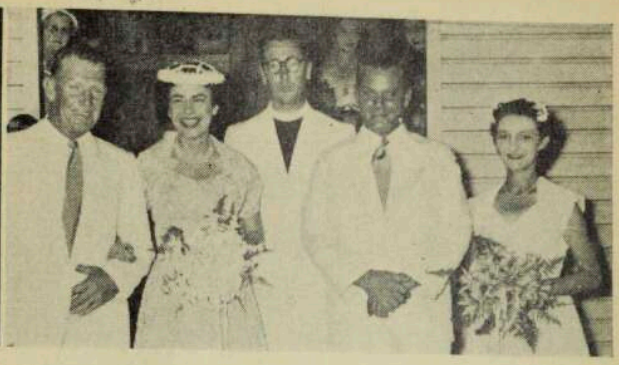
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o weddings of interest took place in ul recently. At left: That of Mr. J. ciortino to Miss Jean McDonald at the dist Church. This photograph shows n and bride, with Mrs. D. L. Wilton and A. Hopper.
Right: Mr. T. Allan is shown with his (formerly Miss Irene Dann) with the Rev. Lutton, of the Methodist Church, and Mr. ansfield (bestman) and Mrs. A. Wheeler, n of honour.
Photos: C. H. Meen.

lence too often set by European ic servants; or will they grasp opportunity offered them—h is a greater participation by nselves in the administration of Territory, and the advancement ncreasingly responsible positions. his statement, Mr. Dwyer says, e Division is essentially a train- section which will prepare the e advanced native staff for sub- ent transfer into the Third and nd Divisions.
he first appointments to the iliary Division will be natives are already employed by the inistration. Entry qualifica- s will be completion of Primary ndard 9, or attainment of ical Grading No. 4. However, nical staff will be accepted with- these qualifications, but these icants must have advanced nical skill and be literate in lish. This system of making intments is an interim measure and subsequently appointments be made through competitive inations open to all natives.
he new Auxiliary Division will a permanent career in the itory Public Service to natives the required qualifications."

BRIEFLY . . .

au show was opened by the inistrator on December 2.
ores of cars travelled along the -Wau road, and special planes their loads of visitors to the n.

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fire which is believed to have ted in the kitchen of the home Mr. Fred Jullian, at Matirogo, Moresby, on November 25, ed the house completely.
he occupants, who were sleeping,

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he Lae Musical and Dramatic ety presented "The Shop At Corner," in Stewart Hall, on ember 22 and 23. The three-act was well received by the audi-

ose taking part were Jim Atkin-Peter Cahill, Esme West, June stone, Enid Milsom, Evelyn ley, Bob Lear, Jim Cairns, Peter n and Reg Collins. The play produced by Mary Hoffman.

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d Triangles are appearing on Moresby roads where accidents happened. Painted there by local Apex Club, they are a nder of what can happen to less motorists.

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pua and New Guinea will make ecial issue of stamps to meet amended postage rates which into force on November 1, 1956. stamps will be an overprint of the current 2½d and 1/- a and New Guinea stamps. is news, of some interest to ctors, brings no joy to residents feel that the cost of living is enough already.

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a result of a Red Cross appeal ugh a Melbourne newspaper, Leper colony on New Ireland will be the richer by 70 musical instruments.

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Mr. R. J. Morrison, well known for his Red Cross work in Japan and Korea, has been appointed Secretary for the Port Moresby branch of the Red Cross while the present secretary is on leave.

At the cessation of fighting in Korea, Mr. Morrison was awarded the Red Cross Medal.

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The north-west season reached Wewak on November 16 and hit the Sepik headquarters hard.

Winds reaching 48 mph tossed sheets of iron in the air; blew down many trees in the town area, and managed to put out the town power supply.

Some new houses, built of native materials, were completely destroyed.

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A meeting of local citizens was held at Kokopo on November 17 to form a Historic Society of New Britain.

It is hoped later to affiliate with the Papua-New Guinea Historic Society.

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Although the Territory did not send one single representative to the Olympic Games, it was nevertheless well represented. Several hundred people from Papua-New Guinea made the trip South to be present at the Games.

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A new Cessna aircraft, owned by Crowley's Airways, crashed on the Kamu River in November and is a complete wreck.

Pilot Keith Mullins escaped injury.

A few minutes after the crash was reported, a Patrol Officer left in a canoe for the area, and a Dakota aircraft went in and dropped supplies.

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A fire which broke out in the native quarters of Burns, Philp, Rabaul, in November, destroyed the premises. The quarters were located at the rear of the store. It is understood that a petrol lamp started the fire. No one was injured.

† The Suva Junior Chamber of Commerce is to hold a Hibiscus Festival in Suva on December 14 and 15. First prize in a competition for "Miss Hibiscus" is a trip to Sydney with Pan-American Airways.

† Resident Agent Ronald Thorby returned to Atiu, Cook Islands, in December after a familiarisation tour of coffee estates and processing factories in New Caledonia. A small coffee plantation is being established by the Administration at Atiu.

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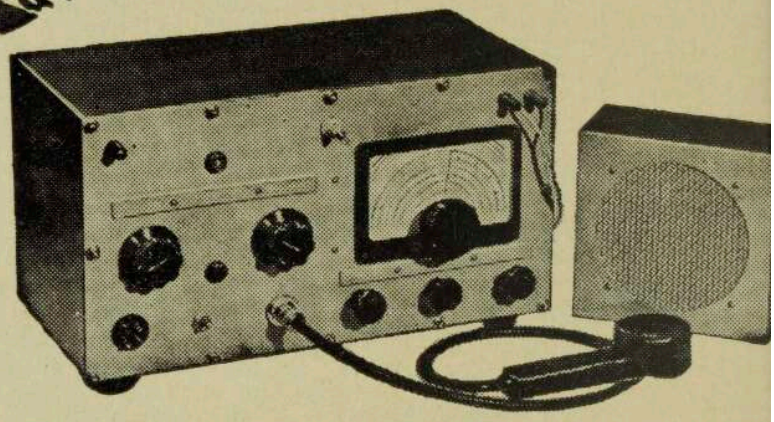
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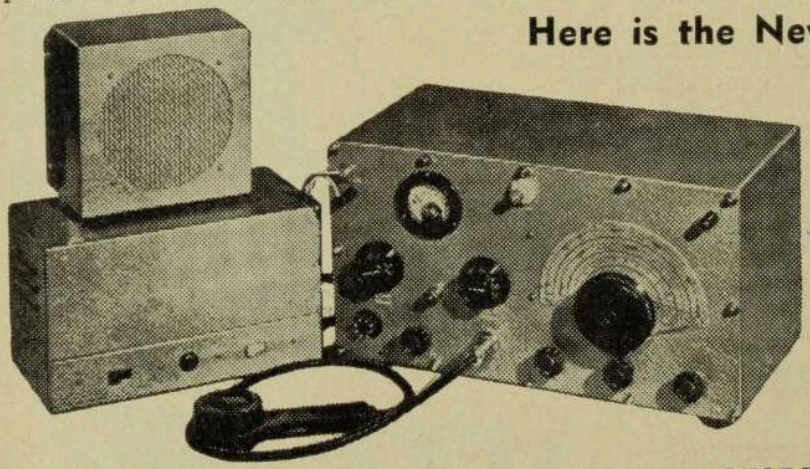




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estion Of Domicile In NG Divorce Law

DIVORCE recently made absolute in New South Wales (Elizabeth Fletcher, of Sydney, inst Henry Ockendon Fletcher, New Guinea) has certain cts that may be of interest to r ex-residents of the Territory wish to institute divorce pro- ings.

ne Divorce and Matrimonial ses Ordinance 1934 of the itory of New Guinea gives a ber of grounds for divorce on h a person may petition the rt. This person is described as "who is domiciled in the Terri- and at the time of the filing he petition has been domiciled esident there for two years at ."

ne domicile of the wife is, at mon law, the domicile of the band, but Mrs. Fletcher has d that she was informed that Court in New Guinea would re- a person to be actually lent there before bringing suit other words, although she had to New Guinea in 1925 and remained there until the out- k of war, it would still have necessary for her to take up lence there again for two years re she could bring suit for rce.

is interpretation of the law is ited in some legal circles in ey, but, apparently, if it is open ubt, no one in New Guinea has et challenged it.

king divorce action in New nea under the Territory law has the added disadvantage that rds the end of the two years' d, the husband may take up lence in Papua or elsewhere, and completely nullify the wife's ts to establish residential ifications.

oceedings in the Territory can ng drawn-out affairs—even an fended suit taking a day or so, ad of the 10 minutes required SW.

the Fletcher case successful was finally brought in Sydney r the Commonwealth Matri- ial Causes Act of 1945 where in III it is provided that: "Where person domiciled in a State or itory is resident in some other or Territory and has resided for not less than one year ediately prior to the institution roceedings under this Part, that n may institute proceedings in Matrimonial Cause in the eme Court of that other State Territory, notwithstanding that person is not, or has not been of that other State or Territory, domiciled in that other State or Territory.

As Mrs. Fletcher had been resident in Sydney for not less than a year the case proceeded there, under one of the grounds prescribed in the New Guinea Act.

The Federal Act was designed primarily to assist women who had contracted marriages during the war—with men domiciled either in other States or overseas—and who had then lost trace of their husbands or had been deserted by them. The legislation regarding marriages contracted with overseas residents had a limited life and has now expired; but Part III of the legislation (quoted in part here) is still in force and thereby permits a woman *resident* in one State or Territory but legally *domiciled* in the State or Territory where her husband lives, to institute divorce proceedings in the State or Territory in which she is living.

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† When fire broke out in one of the bungalows attached to Rivnac's Hotel, Punaauia, Tahiti, early November, the 18-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon who manage the establishment, was burned to death. A daughter aged 5 years escaped but her calls for help came too late to save her brother.

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Manihiki Lagoon Reopened

THE whole of Manihiki lagoon is to be re-opened to shell diving operations as from January 1, 1957, but the legal size of mother-of-pearl shell that may be fished will be increased from 4½ inches to 5 inches.

This decision was reached following a petition from the Manihiki Island Council to the Cook Islands Legislative Council in November.

Manihiki lagoon has been closed to diving operations throughout 1956. The lagoon yielded 351 tons of shell worth about £123,000 in 1955; closure of the lagoon (to rest the beds and encourage diving operations at Suwarrow atoll) dealt a severe blow to Cook Islands economy.

Divers operated at Suwarrow in the second half of the year but produced only about 12 tons of shell to counter-balance the loss of Manihiki. With the impending re-opening of Manihiki, a shallower lagoon, it is reported that the Manihiki divers have now all left Suwarrow and returned home.

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Three-quarters of the total production would be of metallurgical grade and the remainder would be 50 per cent. chemical grade ore and 50 per cent. low grade ore.

Exports would approximate 23,000 tons for the year, with an F.O.B. value of about £250,000.

Almost every issue of local newspapers contain advertisements regarding applications for prospecting licences, indicating that interest in prospecting by Indians and Europeans is still continuing.

† Two ex-mine sweepers of the French Navy are being converted into patrol boats at Brest, France, and will shortly leave for the Pacific to replace *Tiare* and *Lotus*.

ANOTHER SEAMASTER DOWN

THE second Martin Seamaster jet flying-boat crashed after breaking up in the air while undergoing test-flying in the United States on November 11.

The first of this interesting type crashed last December, resulting in further experimentation and modification. In spite of the first disaster, the US Navy made a firm order for 25 of these $6½-million aircraft.

As previously mentioned in *PIM*, the type is of great potentia terest to Pacific residents, success might have meant th turn of the flying-boat, jet po to commercial aviation, wit particular application to Islands communications.

No lives were lost in the crash, the crew parachuting in sea.

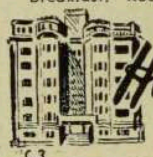
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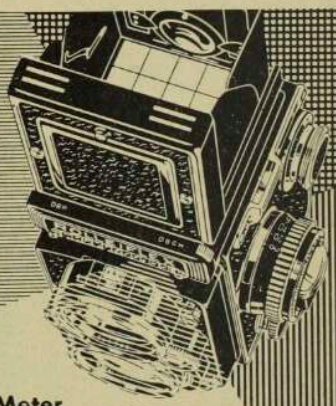
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l Million Replacement For "Maui Pomare"

CAL income taxation and a new vessel to replace the ageing costly *Maui Pomare* were gst items discussed at the er-November session of the Islands Legislative Council.

posals for a new system of taxation were explained and ed. Latest advice from Raro-, while the Council was still sion, was that the actual rates xation had not been finally d, although the conditions ning exemptions had been ed upon.

G. A. Walsh, MP, represent-he New Zealand Government session, reported to the Coun-at the vessel to replace *Maui re* is estimated to cost £1,000,000. pparently gave no indication when the vessel is likely to be ed. The Minister has already ted that delivery, from time der, would take about three

Council supported a recom-ation that a grant be made . D. C. Brown, owner of the *Rannah* (since wrecked) as nsation for financial losses in when the vessel took several s of tomatoes to New Zealand half of growers but suffered loss in the process.

recommendation that school dance ages be raised from 5 years to 6 to 16 years, was ved.

sions of the Legislative Council e held twice annually, instead e as at present, if the recom-ation adopted at recent session cepted by the New Zealand nment. The sessions would be restricted to 14 working

er recommendations adopted led reorganisation of the Price nal to four members—the al Secretary, Treasurer, lead-riki, and a leader of business sts. The Tribunal will investi-nd report upon allegations of harging by business houses at of the outer islands.

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ording to Tokio Radio, the r-ship *Yamata Maru* and fleet arling vessels arrived back at from the Arafura Sea on nber 11 at the end of the season with shell worth 00 aboard. This is the fleet operates under license from alia and under close sur-nce of the Royal Australian

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(The Sydney office of MM would not confirm the above report. They said that a ship was building in France for the line but they did not know what it would be called, when she would be ready for service, or what she would be like. They expected more information in a month).

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† Some 200 scientific reports on the effects of the Pacific H-Bomb tests are contained in an 1824-page, 2-volume English-language survey just published in Tokyo at $US25.00. Sponsored by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, the reports cover meteorology, physics, chemistry, genetics, and agricultural science in volume one, and marine science and economy, and medical science in volume two. The survey is available from Maruzen, Ltd., Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo.

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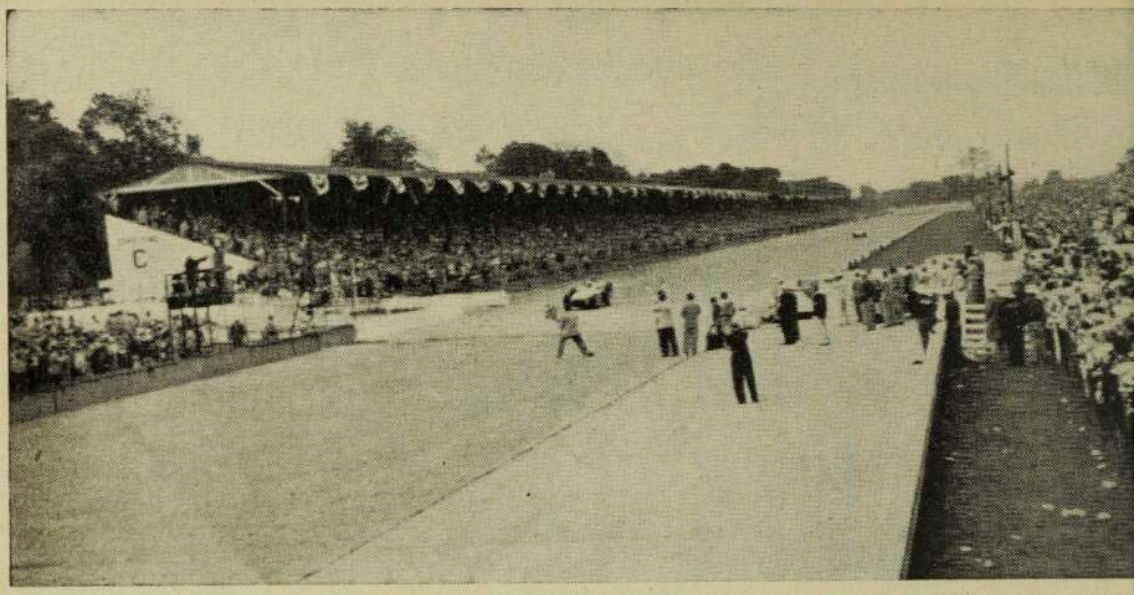
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Rex Cinema, Noumea, was mpletely destroyed by fire on ctober 31. (See above).

theatre, which seated 800, operated by the Cinevog any, of which Mr. D. inica is head.

fire started at 7.30 a.m. and minutes after the flames were n the stage they had reached rojection room. This latter concrete wall between it and auditorium but it had a on ceiling with the theatre. possible that without this the projection room, with luable equipment, could have saved.

fire started in a small room ing the stage. Over 100 feature films were stocked without any safety pre- ns. What fired this stock ns is not yet known. Half our after the outbreak the e roof fell in.

omic note was provided by erator who lived in a small just back of the stage. This man was sleeping at the f the outbreak, and just had o escape by a window. Due e hot night the gentleman een sleeping completely in the On his entry, in Adam's ne, into the theatre courtyard, f the Tahitian women who d the cinema gallantly tore r dress to give to him. As was wearing little enough the dress herself, the situa- was more than embarrassing. perator lost all his wordly sions in the fire. He was tanding just with the dress d borrowed.

"Rex" was built in 1931 on te of a rice and cotton mill in 1929 burned to the ground.

presence of the large amount of film on the premises is explained by the fact that French distributors often sell their copies to the colonial movie-house operators, who hold the rights of screening for a number of years. At the expiration of these rights the copies are supposed to be destroyed, but there seldom is any insistence on this point.

The films in the "Rex" fire belonged to a former owner of the theatre. Up until a few weeks ago there were nearly 400 35mm nitrate features in stock at the rear of the theatre. If this stock had gone up, possibly half of Noumea would have gone with it. The theatre was next door to the Gendarmerie headquarters — the gendarmes being quite unaware of the powder keg on which they were sitting.

It is probable that the authorities here will now look closely into cinema safety measures.—*Noumea Correspondent.*

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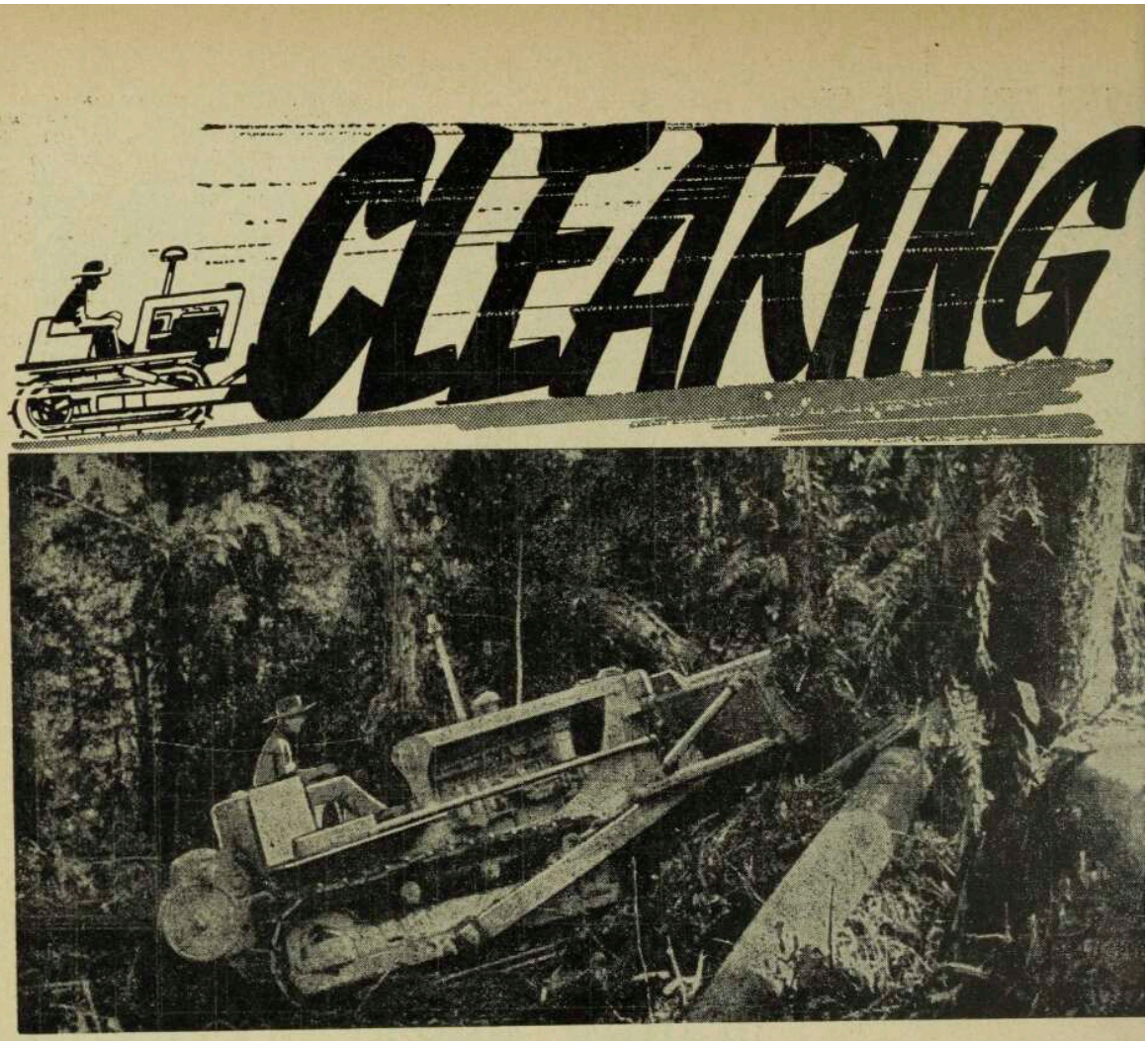
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made at Golden Ridges mill of a greater
e of Golden Peaks ore, and whether or
e P-NG Administration could be persuaded
ax restrictions on the company's logging
awmilling operations.

ember return.—Golden Ridges: 965 oz
old and 1,142 oz silver. 2,691 tons of
reated. Koranga Alluvials: 552 oz fine
Golden Ridges: 18 oz fine gold.
es: 152 oz fine gold. Timber: 161,102
feet.

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UAN APINAIPI PETROLEUM CO., LTD.—
hairman, Mr. Bruce Graham, MP, reported
onth that the company's recent £750,000
ssue was fully subscribed. He did not
applications had been received in excess
minimum. Directors had the right to
a further one million 5/- shares. Asso-
Australian Oilfields now hold one-third
inaipi's capital. AAO shares are quoted
1/1.

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FOLK ISLAND AND BYRON BAY WHALING
LTD.—The Federal Government has
ned sperm-whaling for the company,
airman of directors (Mr. P. A. Conrad)
ced at the annual meeting held on
ber 16.

company will hunt for these whales in
y without any specific quota. This is
dition to the regular whaling season

company will receive a £42,500 dividend
s subsidiary, Norfolk Whaling Co., Ltd.,
s first season's operations.

Conrad said that marketing prospects
ale oil this year appeared to be good.

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Y CREEK GOLD SLUICING, LTD.—During
ber and October about 90 oz 15 dwt
were recovered from about 9,000 cubic
f material treated.

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NIAL SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.—In a
letter to shareholders on November 8
neral manager, Dr. R. W. Harman, said
he board had decided to pay interim
ds in respect of the year ending March
57, of 20/- a share. This was payable
ember 5.

ng with the position in Fiji, Dr. Harman
at the crop being harvested had been
y affected by abnormally wet conditions
early months of the year. The raw
utput was expected to be about 143,000
very disappointing result.

ecord acreage had been planted this
The appearance of the young cane was
tory, and if weather conditions con-
to be normal there should be a good
of raw sugar next season.

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RPRISE OF NG GOLD AND PETROLEUM
PMENT, NL.—There was a return of 16 oz gold from 13 tons development ore treated in October. Plant worked 60 per cent. of the time because of lack of rain. Development work to search for a payable lode below present workings where high values had been discovered at the surface has so far proved inconclusive. Development will now turn to the east of the present location while rises to the west and north of No. 3 adit will be driven to try and intersect the rich leaders met at higher levels. The mine manager reports that there will be enough ore to cover expected costs for about two years.

On the company's oil-search permit area (Sepik district, NG), the gravity meter oil survey had confirmed the existence of a sedimentary fault trough but it is too early yet to form a clear idea of the area's potentialities, directors say.

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GUINEA GOLD, NL.—Dividend of 2d a share, paid on December 13.

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AUSTRALASIAN PETROLEUM CO. PTY., LTD., AND ISLAND EXPLORATION CO. PTY., LTD.—Kuru, on December 11, had been deepened 592 feet to 5,838 feet. Barikewa had been deepened 917 feet to 1,591 feet. Difficulties at Barikewa continued to be experienced with caving from upper cavernous formation. Morehead had been deepened 2,876 feet to 7,782.

The companies expect to spend £4½ million in Papua in the coming year—£1,000,000 more than in the last 12 months—bringing total APC expenditure in Papuan oil search to £24,000,000.

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OIL SEARCH, LTD.—In order to enable this company to keep its 10 per cent. interest in APC (above) it is currently making a one-for-four issue (raising £687,500) which should maintain the proportional interest well into 1958—by which time, according to the directors in an annual report issued late November, "it is hoped that conclusive results will have been obtained in Papua".

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BULOLO GOLD DREDGING, LTD.—For the quarter ending August 31, 1956, the company dredged over 2 million yards of material for a return of 8,838 fine oz of gold. This is under 1,000,000 less yards dredged than in the same period in 1955—but the gold recovered was over 2,000 oz more in 1956. Value per yard,



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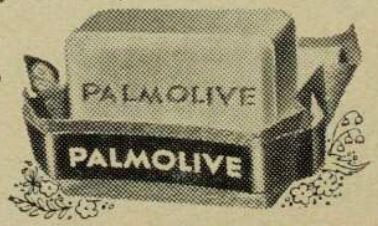
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in the period under review, is double 1955.

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PLACER DEVELOPMENT, LTD.—It is that the company will in the yea August 31, make a net profit of $2

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EMPEROR-LOLOMA.—There were mu earnings from these associated Fiji the only profit being from Loloma's in which yielded £114,418. Loloma's operations in Fiji showed a loss of It is not expected that underground will last for more than a couple of Dividend was declared at 2/-. Emper ings fell to £27,951—a drop of £5 1955. No dividend will be paid—cash being conserved to finance developm prospecting work.

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SANGARA HOLDINGS.—At the ann ing on December 7, in Sydney, sh carried a motion demanding the resi managing-director, Mr. R. Wylie. fused, they threatened to apply Court to wind up the company. holder said that they had waited for for a dividend—6 per cent., t £285,000 had been invested in the and he wanted to know where it

Mr. Wylie claimed that since he over he had cleared up a bank ov £17,500, and the company's acc Burns Philp was "largely in credit" one stage, being in debit to £11,00

MEDALS FOR:

P-NG's 28 Top Policemen

THE Long-Service and Conduct Medal was aw four European and 2 members of Papua-New Royal Constabulary at No end.

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The four Europeans to the award are:

Mr. Christopher No Commissioner of Police, service.

• Mr. Thomas W. Upso intendent of Police, 27 year

• Mr. Ronald H. Hicks, tendent of Police, 24 years

• Mr. William A. Dix, First Class, 30 years servi

At the top of the list policemen who received t was Sgt.-Major Bagita, wh completed 40 years of police force service.

Other Medal winne

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DEATHS OF ISLANDS PEOPLE

MR. ALFRED COLEMAN

. Alfred Coleman, of Laba , Papua, was accidentally ned when he fell from a launch Milne Bay, Papua, early in mber. He was 71.

had been resident in the tory for 46 years and was nally in the service of Kwato on.

MR. ROBERT McEWAN

e death occurred in Sydney, October 24, of Mr. Robert wan, of Lae, better known to torians as "Scotty."

McEwan started Morobe ries Ltd., in Salamaua, in 1936, re-established the company in after the war. Shortly after d finished war-service and he eturned to Lae in 1946, he was sly injured when he was ed by one of the bakery ovens. d gone underneath it to make s when an earth-tremor d it to fall on him. His back broken and in the 10 years he had been in and out spitals in Australia, the United and Europe. In between he had supervised bakery tions from a wheel chair. He 0.

is survived by a married ter, Mrs. James Jacobsen, of

R. JAMES ANNING, DSM

James Anning, DSM, died ly in Auckland at the age After spending his early in the Royal Navy he joined Fiji Police Force as Head able in 1920.

t years later he was pro- to the rank of sub-inspector. 31 he was seconded to the al Department, and next year ppointed head attendant at ental Hospital, Suva.

his retirement he lived in nd.

MR. S. A. WEBB

Stan Webb, of Lae, NG, was dead by his native servant on ber 23; he had died in his

He first went to New Guinea in the late '20's with the hope of getting a plantation "somewhere around Manus." When that dream failed, he joined the Administration. In the early '30's, he was the sole representative of the Public Works Dept. at Lae. In those days, Lae was just appearing on the map and "Webbie" was busy about his many tasks. There was an aerodrome to be built, and there was talk of a "road to Wau" of which the Markham road would be a good start. The 44 hour week had not arrived in New Guinea, and he was out and about from dawn until late at night, cheerfully seeing to matters and not worrying about overtime or days off.

Stanley Archer Webb joined the 1st AIF and served with a Mobile Signal Unit in the Middle East. He tried to enlist in the 2nd AIF, but was declared not fit. After the war, he returned to Lae with the Public Works Dept. but ill health eventually resulted in his retiring on a pension.

JAMES (TIMI) MAIOTUI LE GRIVES

James Maiotui le Grives, known to everyone in Papeete as Timi, where he was a familiar figure with over 21 years of service in the Police, died on October 6, aged 59, after a long illness. In recent years he was head gaoler at the Papeete prison.

(Over)

ed 28 years service) were (in of length of service):

Major Bego; Sgt.-Major Sgt.-Major Lopengon; Sgt.- Maigugu; Cpl. Zerika; Cpl. k; Sgt. Ibara; Sgt. Nusa; ajor Lauri; Sgt. Maniti; Sgt. a; Sgt. Tabu; Sgt.-Major Sgt.-Major Foginau; Sgt.- Sgt.-Major Ubum; Cpl. ari; Lance Cpl. Mariambi; ajor Safe; Sgt. Irukabu; Cpl. Tom; Lance-Cpl. Auwi onstable Bom.



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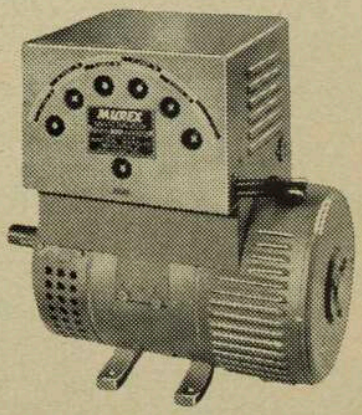
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veteran of World War I, he had
n employed in the Public
rks Department; after the war
joined the phosphate com-
y's staff at Makatea until
ing the Police.

e is survived by his wife, a
endant of the Young family,
Pitcairn Island, and by two sons
seven daughters.

MR. REGINALD JENKIN

r. Reginald Jenkin, founder of
kin's Emporium in Suva, died
November 7 in South Australia.
was 56.

r. Jenkin went to Fiji in 1933
started business in Pier Street,
a. His shop was later enlarged
nclude corner premises opposite
Customs House.

r. and Mrs. Jenkin left Fiji in
and, except for a brief return
in 1951, have since lived in
ralia.

was an enthusiastic golfer and
a keen interest in all forms of
t.

MR. JACK ELLIS

he death occurred in Sohano,
gainville, New Guinea, of Mr.
. Ellis, known for many years
he owner of Arawa Plantation,
ougainville. He was about 70.
. Ellis went originally to New
ea to the service of the Expropriation Board, in Kavieng; served for a time in the Administration; and in the late 'Twenties he acquired Arawa from Captain James Duncan. During his long residence in Arawa he helped such organisations as the Returned Soldiers (he served abroad in World War I in the 42nd Battalion AIF) and the Planters—he was described as "a good friend, a good neighbour and a good citizen." He sold Arawa about four years ago to Messrs. Salisbury and McKillop, and went to live on a small property in the district.

MRS. FLORENCE RUNDNAGEL

Mrs. Florence Rundnagel, very well-known in New Guinea, died in Interlaken, Switzerland, November 30. She was over 70.

She was the widow of Mr. William Rundnagel (known in the Territory as "Bluestone") of Rieven Plantation, New Britain, who died several years ago while the couple were en route to Europe.

Mrs. Rundnagel is survived by two daughters and a son: Hannah (Mrs. Guy Broad, of Brisbane); Haidi, and Max, both of whom are also believed to be in Australia.

¶ Mr. and Mrs. Hal Evans, of Kavieng, NG, with their young son arrived in Sydney in December for leave.



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THE SHOW

...u is Promised ...re Farming Land

...EERS broke out from a ...gathering of Bulolo Valley ...residents on December 2 when, ...e opened the Seventh Annual ... Show at the Coronation Park, ...Administrator (Brigadier D. M. ...nd) announced that land on ...opposite (eastern) side of the ...lo River, hitherto reserved for ...estation purposes, would be ...e available for agriculture.

...u's gold is now mostly gone; ...'s timber resources will not ...for very long; and the residents ...is attractive end of the Bulolo ...y have been insisting, for ..., that if there is to be any ...e for Wau, it must lie in ...ulture, for which it is ...rably suited.

... Honour praised the work done ...e task of organising the show ... remarked that, despite the ...ght", the number, range and ...ty of the exhibits were ...essive. It was pleasing to see ... evidence of agricultural ...opment—the Wau Show was ...of six or seven similar move- ...s. He noted that since 1949, ... had been about 30 agri- ...ral leases, involving 4,500 acres, ...ed in the Valley; and then ...eplied to Show President N. ...s' plea that, if only Wau ... given land, Wau could ...me "the agricultural hub" of ...Guinea.

...ere has got to be greater ...ultural expansion in this ...y", said His Honour. "Those ... acres are not enough. . . . ... morning I traversed that ...ry over there (pointing across ...alley) and I am satisfied that ...n land over there should be ... available.

...is is primarily an afforestation ... and afforestation must be our ... consideration; but there is ...agricultural land to spare—and ... will be an announcement ... it in a few weeks' time."

...re was no doubt about the ...aneity of the cheer that ...ed. The gathering listened ...ctfully while His Honour ...d figures to show the agri- ...ral progress of the Dual ...tory during six years; but it ...he statement that there would ...more land for little farms ...d Wau that stirred them.

... Show display was limited by ... dry season; but it was ...ssive. It indicated that in ... cool, fertile valley every kind ...emperate climate fruit and ...able, flower and domestic ...l, could grow and flourish. ... sun was almost directly ...ead; but the height above sea level (around 3,000 feet) kept the air cool and the vegetation pleasantly green. So far as fruit, flowers and vegetables were concerned, it could have been a December exhibition in Gosford, New South Wales, 2,500 miles south; except that Wau produces coffee whose virtue is steadily gaining fame.

The two big mining companies —Bulolo Gold Dredging and New Guinea Goldfields Ltd.—both of which are changing rapidly from gold to timber production, provided exhibitions of great interest. Now that the road to Lae can carry heavy lorry traffic in all seasons, the timber industry is rapidly developing.

For example, a small, energetic concern called Golden Pines Ltd., now is established in the Bulolo Valley with modern plant, and is producing many of the lines already made famous by the big companies —battery separators, beadings, mouldboards, and so on.

At least 2,000 natives from the big labour compounds—there are no native villages in the Bulolo Valley—came along, each with a selected team in full ceremonial dress, and gave the correct background to this New Guinea Show.

At one time, there were twelve different parties out in front of the little grandstand, presenting their monotonous songs and spectacular dances, all at the one time.

Australians would have been interested in the wood chopping and sawing contests—by native experts from the timber companies' staffs. There was plenty of noise; but the native axe-men have neither the speed nor skill of Europeans.

A very hardworking team, under the direction of Mr. N. Owers (President), Mr. T. Leabeater (Vice-President), Mrs. C. Cook (Secretary) and Mr. J. H. Hohnen (Treasurer) presented a Show that reflected much credit on the Wau community.—R.W.R.



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NEIAFU, No

THE HON. LAUFILITONGA TUITA has arrived in Neiafu to take over h as Governor of the Vava'u gro new Governor, who for the past thr has been associated with Chief Justi Hunter in Nuku'alofa, was born in Va is keenly interested in the problem island group. He brings with him Fatafehi, and their two young daug

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The Rev. K. D. Grove of the Vava'u Church was convicted in the curre session and fined for failure to regist pean marriage he performed.

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Mr. Noel Bayliss, Burns Philp a was confirmed in the Church of Engla Bishop L. S. Kempthorne's last visit t Following the ceremony, breakfast w at the Bayliss home in Makutu fo intimate friends including the Bishop Kenneth Grove.

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Mr. Harris Hunter of Citrus Produ Auckland, has been in Vava'u for supervising the installation of new in the local factory.

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Mr. Ralph Sanft, son of Mr. O owner of the Fungalealea theatre i is in Sydney on a six months bus study trip during which time he wi gate the latest developments in moti equipment and maintenance.

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After a residence of over 50 years Mr. J. F. Hutchison has left the Auckland, where he will live with his Miss Ela Hutchison. Mr. Hutchison, at one time a plantation owner, t theatre-owner, has been retired fro for some years, but from his home lawhy", in Neiafu, he has kept a c on all island affairs. He will be m by both the European and Tongan n the local community, who wish him new home.

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Mrs. John Galloway, of Vava'u, is to attend youth meetings of the S Adventist Church and to visit he who is at school there.

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Mr. William Kanter-Visscher and M Visscher are new European residents where he will be in charge of t Government farm and agricultural Mr. Kanter-Visscher, who comes f nesia and New Zealand, replaces Mr. who is currently in Australia on ho

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Father Crampton, SM, who has charge of the Catholic church in the past few months during the Niue of Father Gregory, is re Nuku'alofa, where he will be assig pastoral duties.

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† The High School of A Samoa held a three-day ce to mark its 10th anniversa the first day, Governor Coleman spoke to the stud second was open-house da relatives and friends visi witnessed classwork in the class rooms. The third da luncheon of teachers and followed by sports contests students and graduates, grand ball held in Huber H ing the evening. Principa High School is Mr. Marvi ably assisted by Samoan Fiaui Mulitauaopele.

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Editors' Mailbag

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worships to set aside the harsh ges you have laid on him.

which (if it were not so terribly gnified) we'd feel inclined to , in the vernacular, "Yeah?" his date our New York stock- er (or whatever) perhaps does think the breach as unthink- as he did; and that we were right prophetic in our August rial comment. It is interesting te that our NY friend wrote his on October 25—or as he put 0/25/56. In our quaint Anglo- nial fashion we write that date /56. There is probably a moral somewhere.

rection for a rary Heathen

have been taken to task for erary lapse in August *PIM*, in an editorial note to Mr. les Brown, Jr's. story, *"The hen of Bora Bora,"* we said London wrote a novel called *Heathen.*

Brown says: *The Heathen* was novel—and I did not say that s. It is a short story. You ind it in London's volume en- *South Sea Tales.* All of these were built on material that cked up as he sailed the *Snark* gh the South Seas. In general, dventures described in them adventures that had befallen people in real life."

Brown goes on to say that he no one is going to write to o tell him that he does not what he is talking about.

hope so, too; if you have any y recriminations to make, ss them to:

THE EDITOR, PIM.

Reward of the stry Pioneer

e Brown River timber area up for disposal by tender this , and I am watching proceed- with much interest," wrote n sawmill-owner Tom Flower, menace in his pen.

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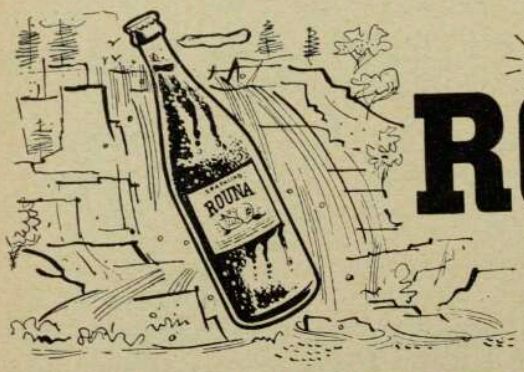
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ey-Hall - Kerley Wedding

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Harvey-Hall in Lae, NG, on
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ob Watkins as best man. Mrs.
ns was matron of honour.
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an, John Vincent O'Connor,
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ber, 1956, he was given six
s gaol for his unauthorised
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November Travellers to Papua-New Guinea



Left: M. A. Darsow, aboard "Malekula" returning to Port Moresby after eight weeks leave. He is attached to Steamships Trading Co. During his leave in Australia he visited Alice Springs (too hot) and Perth (not hot enough).

Right: New residents for Samarai, Mrs. R. P. Leigh and son, Geoffrey (4). Mrs. Leigh's husband is the new senior lighthouse mechanic based at Samarai. She and her husband are English and have just come from Darwin, where Mr. Leigh was stationed for two years.

FIJI AT OLYMPICS

Unplaced But It Was Worthwhile

FIJI'S Olympic team—one of the smallest at the Games—received a special ovation from the 120,000 spectators in Melbourne at the opening parade on November 22.

Mesulame Rokuro qualified for the finals of the discus throw but did not win a place. None of the other representatives—two boxers and two yachtsmen—was placed. This is, of course, not surprising. This is Fiji's first Olympic Games and the country is young in the athletics field. But living and competing amongst the world's top athletes was a worthwhile experience for Fiji's small team, and one that eventually will pay dividends.





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Escape From Rabaul

AN AUSTRALIAN THANKED THE WRONG PRIEST

In July, 1951, a Mr. Ben Dawson wrote a letter of thanks to a iest in New Britain and addressed it by mistake to the Rev. John eyahofer, instead of to the Rev. Fr. Franke. This human, if unrtunate, slip of memory has given an odd twist to the New Guinea ntroversy over a certain chapter in Mr. David Selby's book, *Hell d High Fever.*

. SELBY'S book (which was reviewed in July *PIM*), dealt with the escape of the 2/22 ilion AIF from Rabaul after Japanese invasion of 1942. In ourse of the story he said that ther John Meyahofer had re- to co-operate when wounded were in need of his help.

t September, Father J. Dwyer, olic Mission representative in Legislative Council of P-NG, he Council that the book had ned Father Meyahofer. He to the Council extracts from ntroversial chapter and copies ne correspondence.

told the Council that Father hofer had said that he had collection of the incident Mr. referred to, and that it was verse of what he normally did oops when they passed through —and that a letter written to him by Mr. Ben Dawson, who was in the same party as Mr. Selby, was completely contrary to what Mr. Selby had written in his book.

Fr. Dwyer's statement to the Council was fully reported in the *South Pacific Post* of October 10, 1956. The letter written by Mr. Dawson was also published.

In November, in Sydney, Mr. Selby told *PIM* that Mr. Dawson, who is now Australian Trade Commissioner in Auckland, had indeed written a letter of praise to Father Meyahofer, but had intended the letter for another priest altogether.

Mr. Bernard Parer, a resident of New Guinea, after reading the book, had written a letter to Mr. Dawson saying that Fr. Meyahofer had been done an injury, and evidently this letter recalled the whole incident to Dawson's mind.

Under a covering letter dated October 5 (five days before his letter of 1951 was quoted in the *South Pacific Post*), Mr. Dawson sent to Mr. Selby a copy of a reply he had sent to Mr. Parer, in which he said that he had intended to write to Father Franke, of Talasea, who had given them a great deal of help, but in 1951 his diary was in the hands of the Official War Historian and some trick of memory had caused him to write to Father Meyahofer by mistake.

Mr. Dawson's letter to Mr. Parer said that he had now re-read the chapter in Mr. Selby's book and he



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confirmed what Mr. Selby had said —namely, that they had had difficulty in obtaining assistance for wounded men.

Mr. Selby—a Sydney barrister—said that he became disturbed when various friends, and some people he did not know, sent him clippings of Fr. Dwyer's statement to the Legislative Council.

One of the letters was from a planter of the Sepik District, who had been with him during the escape down the New Britain coast and he had, in confirmation of Selby's remarks, said: "For my part I could have expected a better and more hospitable reception from a bunch of cannibals."

Mr. Selby said that on October 18 he wrote to Father Dwyer explaining the mistake over Mr. Dawson's letter. He had asked Father Dwyer, in view of the publicity his remarks had received, if he would make an explanation to the next meeting of the Council.

Mr. Selby said he appreciated the temperate manner in which Father Dwyer had spoken before the Council.

He added that he had no doubt that Father Meyahofer had given valuable help to other troops who went through. "I just gave a plain, unvarnished account of what happened when we went through."

† During the month of October, 11 Japanese ships visited New Caledonia to lift nickel ore in outports. The number in September was 8 and in August, 11. During first 9 months of this year 463,000 tons of nickel ore have been shipped, most of it to Japan.

† A new Teachers' Training was officially opened at Rarotonga, by Mr. G. A. MP, on October 30. The new ing consists of two classro Head Teacher's office and a room. The College will f separately from Tereora Colle will be staffed by New Zeal

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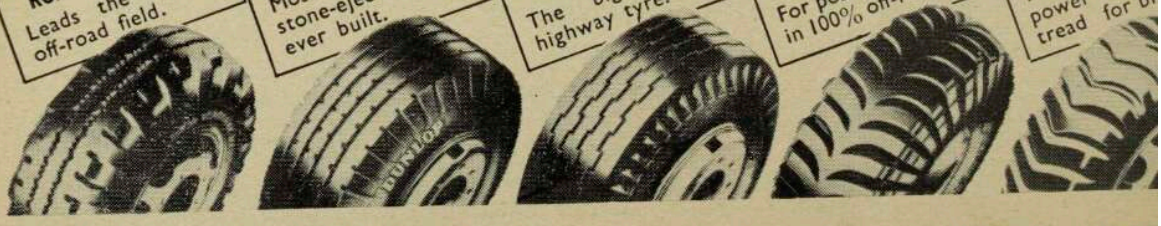
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K LEAHY ISSUES WRIT INST ADMINISTRATION

ITS claiming £10,000 damages from the Administration have been issued by Mr. M. J. y, well-known New Guinea er and farmer, and should be l early in the coming year.

. Leahy claims that, owing to il negligence, cattle-ticks were duced to his well-known farm nag, some 4,000 feet above the ham Valley, and that he by suffered much loss in is directions before he got the e under control.

Leahy began cattle-breeding enag after the war, and he has about 500 head there. He odern milking equipment, and es milk in considerable ity to the town of Lae. Lae ll treated in that respect—a supply comes in also from the ran Mission, on the eastern f the town.

Leahy is deeply interested in roblem of producing a suit- beast for New Guinea tions, and has experimented with the European-Zebu He and others believe they etting close to the famous Gertrudis type, and predict althy cattle future for New a.

has given close attention to es—the establishment of es to supplant the kunai h is the crux of the problem , after long experiment and and consultation with his rs James (Goroka) and Dan Hagen), he believes that the grasses for a cattle-conscious Guinea, in order of priority, be: paspalum, kikuyu, white Townsville lucerne and ian lucerne. These grasses, urse, are for lands lying at 3,000 feet above sea-level.

Leahy, and other farmers, nterested in a shipment of ttle, mostly Zebu crossbreds, arrived in Lae from Cairns end of November, and now pelling at the Government mental station at the mouth Markham, three miles from

y represent the enterprise of . R. L. Atkinson and Sons hey presently will commence of 90 miles up the Markham to the new Atkinson ty near Gusap, 1,500 feet up. animals apparently are ing in the Markham pasture, re in fine condition.

the indications are that the industry is on the way to established profitably in Guinea.—R.W.R.

Old Timers See Sue Thomas Married in Lae

THE marriage, at Lae, on Saturday night, December 1, of Miss Sue Thomas, daughter of the late Mr. Tex Thomas, of the Bulolo District, New Guinea, to Mr. William Stevens, af the Stubbs Construction Company, Lae, was notable for the assembly of old-timers.

The popular Sue decided that she should like as many as possible of her parents' old friends to dance at her wedding; and the following were among those present at the reception in the Hotel Cecil: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Leahy, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark, Mr. and Mrs. W. Cameron, Mrs. Alice Bowering, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. Austie Ireland, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hockey, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hoyle and Mr. and Mrs. R. Pickard. Mr. Leahy gave the bride away; Mrs. Cameron was matron of honour; Mrs. Pickard was hostess.

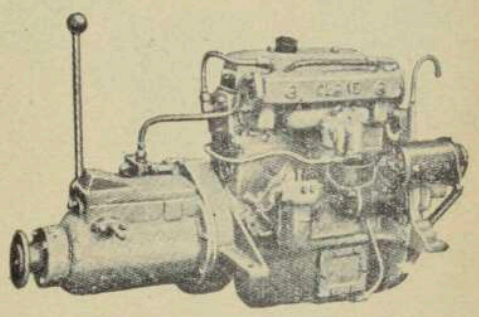
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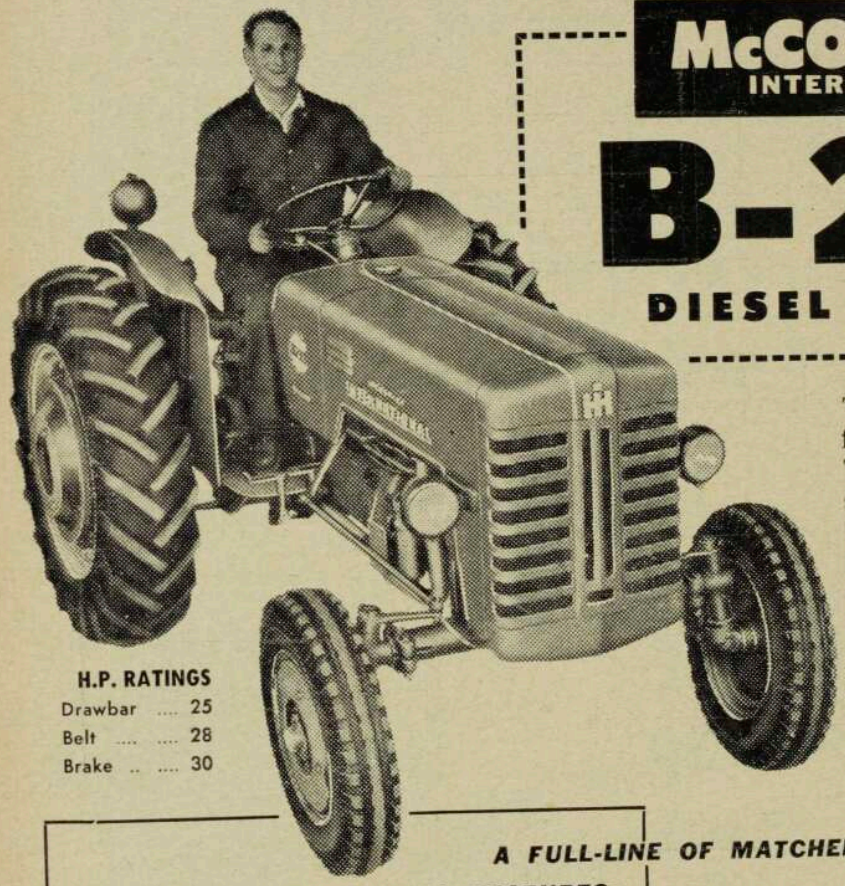
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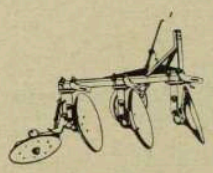
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MATSON HITS THE PACIFIC WITH THE AMERICAN FLAG

In November-December the Matson Line's new luxury Liner *ariposa* was on her maiden voyage and being feted all across the cific. *PIM* was privileged to visit her while she was in Sydney and r young reporter—a Sydneysider-true who refuses to be impressed the might of America—came back with this commentary:

E Matson Line's new luxury iner *Mariposia* with a load f wealthy American tourists rd, berthed at the new nger terminal at Wooloomooloo Sydney, on November 21.

riposa and her sister ship *erey*, built at a total cost of 0,000, reopen the Matson s White Ship Service from S to Australia via the Pacific is.

riposa came west via Honolulu, i and NZ and returned via kland, Suva, Pago Pago, lulu, arriving San Francisco, nber 11.

h the new liners were designed New York architect, Harry , who aimed at giving the an "atmosphere of Polynesia."

ording to the company's Relations Office, "once d, the passengers will be made that they have shed the hustle vorries of the Western world ntered the most halcyon of existences, that of the ional South Sea Islander. . . ."

spite of that *Mariposa* is a nice ship, above and below

interior decor is lavish and ces you begin to see where fty million went.

Polynesian Club has a dance and orchestra stand set ferns, flowers and totem

he same deck is the Southern Lounge, where a mosaic ve art on one wall dominates ndscape.

he for'ard entrance foyer of *sa* is a huge totem pole minium painted to resemble ood), that goes through the ell for three decks.

of the "Polynesian works of were produced by skilled an artists.

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at the Bank of New Zealand and
as a stenographer with the Ad-
ation.
B. Donnelly, headmaster of Avele Boys'
with Mrs. Donnelly, who were also off
Zealand, for a four months furlough.
and Mrs. R. Stock with baby, leaving
hree months' furlough in New Zealand.
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UTES TO LATE MAJOR SWINBOURNE

CH deep feeling was expressed
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e when, on November 22, the
ers of the Pacific Islands
y, Sydney, made a presenta-
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ent.
or Swinbourne was President of the Society for many years, and was indefatigable in organising and creating a happy atmosphere at the monthly meetings. Praise of the work that he had done for the Society was expressed by Mrs. N. H. Foxcroft in making the presentation, and by Messrs. A. E. Stevens (acting-President), R. W. Robson (Patron) and members of the Council.

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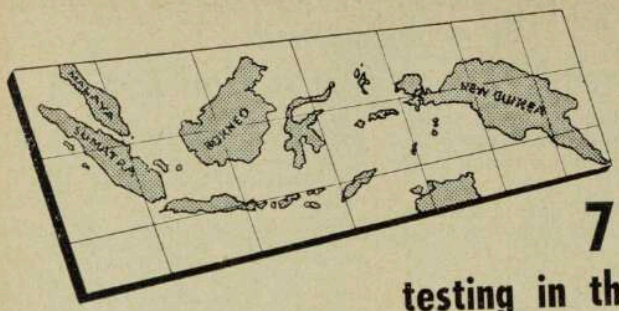
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The Governor was speaki the November session of Legi Council and giving a general of the Fiji copra industry.

He said:

"The production of cop judged by deliveries to the Board during the year appe be well up to average. Duri early years of the nine-year ment some producers felt th price structure was unduly able to the United Kingdom istry of Food but during th two years, I am glad to say, favoured producers.

"It seems likely that durin the last year of the agreeme advantages to each party contract will be in balance. agreement of this kind, and term of years, to come to without a substantial financ vantage to either side, at pense of the other, must be r as satisfactory.

"The nine-year agreement to an end in just over 12 time and the future marke copra has become a ma speculation and concern to a producers. Since the presen Board is concerned only w marketing of copra under th ing agreement, Governme offered to consult with p as to the future organisa marketing.

• *"The trend of future dem quality in copra is diffi foresee, but seed-oil c r u whether overseas or local, a be unanimous in their dem an improvement in the qu copra; and it would be producers to give full consi to their views."*

† The importation of potatoes into Fiji has be hibited as an outbreak of f mouth disease recently occ the UK and it is feared disease could be imported soil around the potatoes. the recent shortage of pot Australia and New Zealand ment was imported fr However, the potato fa now over in Australia.

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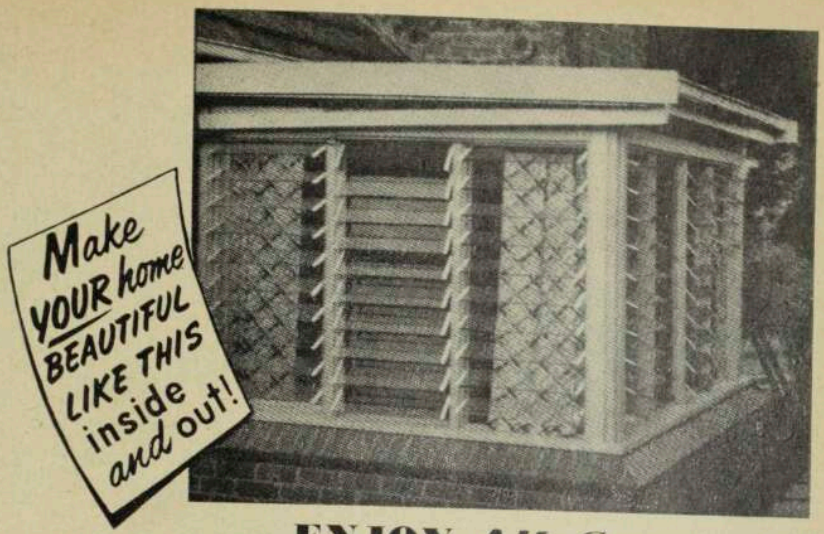
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)BABLY the best known re-gious and social-service body 1 Australasia, the Salvation , is now directing its atten-o the Territory of Papua and Guinea.
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appeal for £10,000 has been ied in Australia to provide for the establishment of a nent base in Port Moresby :
ld and equip a transit hostel elfare centre for natives at near Moresby, and a smaller Lae, NG.
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range plans include the shment of a TB Sanatorium series of welfare compounds ildren and elderly natives. it is hoped to extend the work ch New Guinea.
or Major J. B. Woodbury, of , who is in charge of the will tour the main centres pua and New Guinea in y and February.
larly known as the "Sallies," asi-military organisation is l of support in Papua and Guinea, particularly among icemen, most of whom fondly the tea and amenities that on Army workers provided in every theatre of World War I.



eg Sheehan and Miss Ailsa Rumble ried at the Roman Catholic Church, esby, on November 3.
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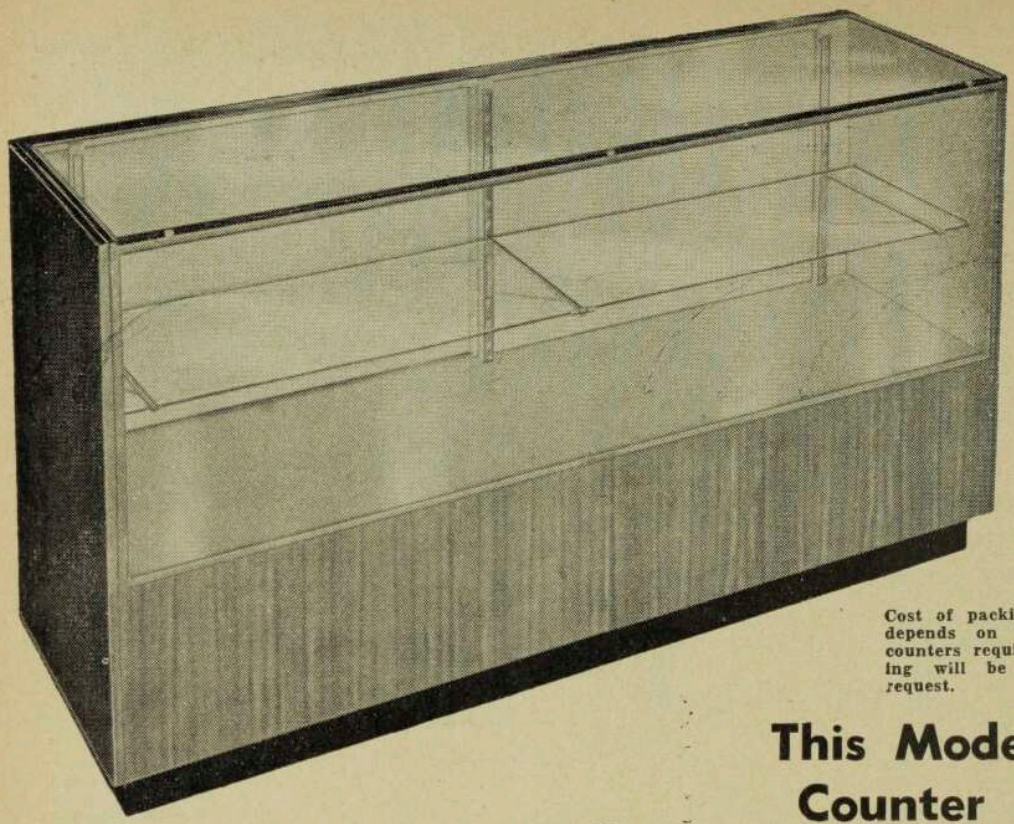
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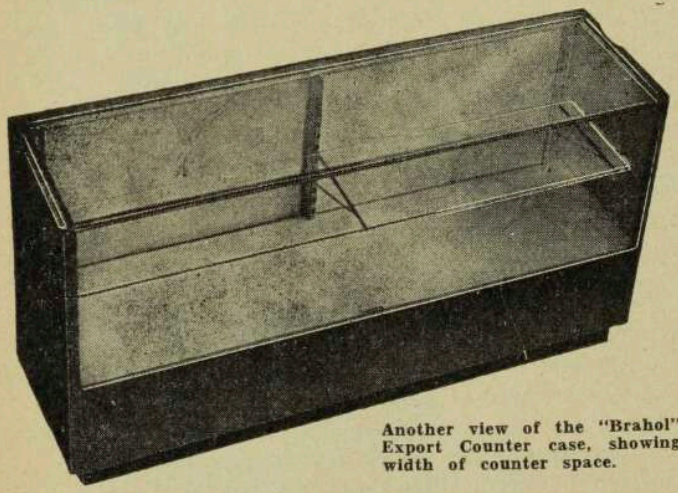
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cent visitors to the Polynesian Association meetings in Sydney included: LEFT: Madame Maestracci, of Noumea, in background, with and friends who included her daughters the Misses Maestracci, son L. Maestracci, Mr. R. Blake, Madame Cazeaux and Monsieur Cordier. RIGHT: Mr. and Mrs. George Little, of Lautoka, Fiji, with Captain and Mrs. Pat Whysall.

Photos: Bayside Studios.

CH WINDOW HONOURS MISSION MARTYR

Bishop of New Guinea (the Rev. P. N. Strong) con-cted a service of dedication ly Trinity Church, Valley, ne, on December 2, and d a stained glass window to emory of Sister Marjorie ley.
lreds of Brisbane Anglicans d the service to one whom the Church of England regards as a martyr.

Miss Brenchley was one of 11 missionaries murdered by the Japanese, after horrifying treatment, in Papua in the early war years.

The missionaries were caught by the Japanese advance around Sangara. Miss Brenchley had been a nursing missionary there for 20 years before her execution.

These missionaries were declared martyrs by the Anglican Church—the first since King Charles I was so declared in 1649. King Charles officially remained a martyr for over 200 years—but Queen Victoria ordered his name to be struck from the church calendar.

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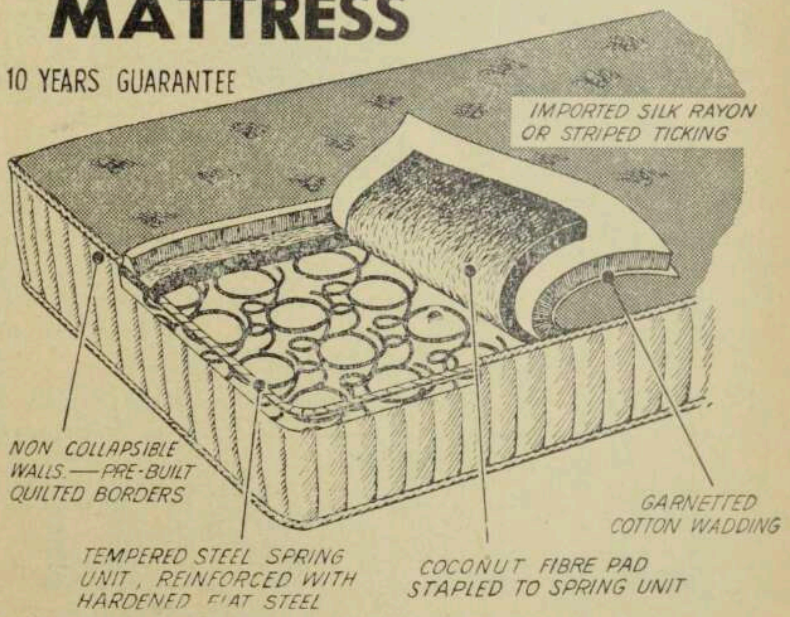
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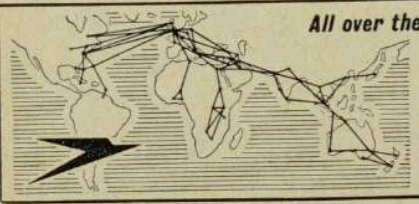
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NATIVES BRING IN THE NUGGETS

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THERE is lively interest area of New Guinea in called the "Kainantu dis

A native recently came in Commonwealth Bank in La a couple of jars of coarse gold—28 ounces altogether nugget weighed over 7 ounc

The news caused a sti officialdom rather played it it was insisted that there indication of a "strike."

Mr. M. J. Leahy says he approximately the creek which the gold came. It is Markham-Ramu Divide, and into the Markham. All that was heavily prospected on the search for a new goldfi finally abandoned. But scratching around, are alway to come upon small pockets beds of the creeks.

Gold-mining is a much dis industry in the Territory the Twenty years ago, 28 our matter where it came from have started a panic.

Jackson-Perichon We

A WEDDING of Territory took place at St. David's of England, Chelmer, on December 1, when Patri elder daughter of Mrs. Perichon and the late L. J. of Port Moresby, was ma Mr. Roger Jackson, forn member of the Pacific Regiment.

The bride, who was giv by her mother, wore a frock of pearl delustered s carried the white prayer b sented to her by St. John's prior to her leaving Port

She was attended by h Miss Clara Perichon, and Lange, also formerly of best man.

A reception was held l the three-tiered wedding c a palm-tree motif.

Among the guests who h or are residents of the were Mr. and Mrs. J. Paln Mona Bruckshaw, Mrs. Mackensie, Miss Maureen M Major and Mrs. M. Bish Jean McLaughlan, M Chaplain and Mr. Walter

The Perichon family known in Papua and New where the late Mr. Peric originally on the staff o Philp & Co. and later a patr in New Guinea. Mrs. Peri a Miss Cicely Fields, dau the founder of the (now *Papuan Courier*, of Port M

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noa Reports Good Cocoa Crop

severe dry spell of weather roke in Western Samoa in ctober, and good rains hed plantations.
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t of the new crop will be d at beginning of next year. quotations for first grade beans are £S.220 per ton

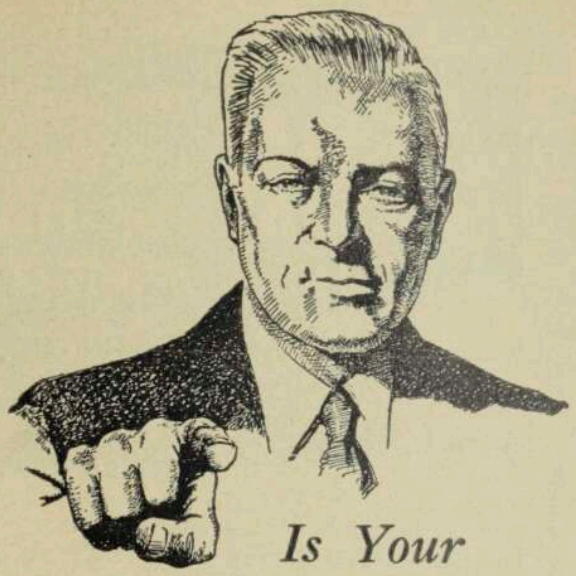
ana shipments for export to Zealand are still far short quotas allocated to Western and of last year's exports ing nearly 40,000 cases per

ng the second half of 1956, exports averaged only 10,000 per month.—*Apia Corres-t.*

result of the recent transfer O. Dare from the post of Secretary, Cook Islands istration, to that of Resident ssioner, Niue, and the pro- of Mr. L. K. Pitt from the of Treasurer to Official ry, Mr. J. S. Stubbs now s Acting Treasurer, Cook Administration.



Nicholls (signing register) and Miss , who were married at the LMS rt Moresby, on November 8.
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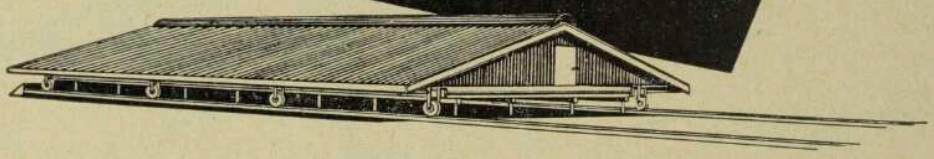
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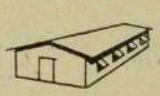
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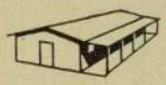
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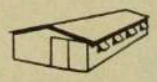


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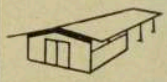


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eople who visited the Sydney Poly- ociation recently included (top to

ise Streeter, of Nausori, Fiji, and e Bahn, of Ba. Mr. David Motgan, i, with his son Leslie. Mademoiselle Leroux, of Noumea, with a friend, Moss. Mr. and Mrs. H. Taplin,

TWO INTERESTING SPC PUBLICATIONS

TWO more glossy-productions that have been issued by the South Pacific Commission this month are: *Food Plants of the South Sea Islands*, by Emile Massal and Jacques Barrau; and *Economic Aspects of the Coconut Industry in the South Pacific*, by E. J. E. Lefort.

Considerable use of photographs and diagrams has been made in both publications, the first of which sells for 6/- Stg.; and the latter for 4/- Stg. Both are of much general interest to Pacific residents.

Rather oddly, both publications are prefaced by a small note to the effect that although they are published by the SPC, the SPC does not accept responsibility for the statements contained therein.

As the authors are all permanent members of the Commission, and as their subjects can scarcely be called controversial, it seems unnecessarily cautious.

Death of Mrs. I. Pike

The death occurred suddenly in Sydney on November 28 of Mrs. Betty Pike, aged 30. Mrs. Pike was the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Beilby Evans, former well-known residents of Buka, New Guinea, and now of Sydney. Mrs. Pike grew up in the Territory and left there in 1939.

She married, some years ago, Mr. Ian Pike, grandson of Mr. Justice Pike, of Sydney.

former Fiji residents. Mrs. Carrie Higgins, of Nausori, Fiji, with Mrs. Edward Gosnell, Sr., a Senior Association Member, who is Chieftainess Fesaitu in her own island of Rotuma.

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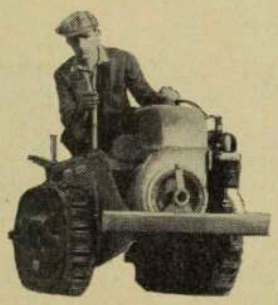
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Notes by the Wayside

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o hold the floods, or to divert Brown River—an additional ex- e that no one will contemplate. e up-river Sogeri planters, who hoped to get a power supply Rouna, now are rubbing their s doubtfully, and wondering her the time has not come to et Rouna altogether, and get lan together into a community r-and-light scheme of its own.

— Bustling

Booming

e stands out as the NG city ustle and timber and jeeps. markable quantities of timber coming in for shipment from and west—from the new r-cutting areas beyond the River, and from the great ply- mills of the Bulolo. t the eggs are not all in one t. There is emphasis on agri- re. Tough, hardworking Aus- ns are taking on every area can get along the Markham y, and their plans embrace thing from poultry to peanuts. cattle ranches are being d. The market? They are not ing—as with all things in a-New Guinea, God and the rnment will provide. d jeeps! This must be the st town in Christendom. Hav- seen the proportion of these -waggons in the enormous 5 k congregation of cars outside refreshment houses, one knows the world's jeeps go in the r of their disintegregation. are not all war relics, of —in fact, many are of the rn Landrover type—but it is shing to see them around in , after the world has mostly ten this famous transporta- levelopment of World War II. Lae district roads are not as bad as the ubiquitous jeep suggest. It is just that jeeps cal conditions—one of which, urse, is native drivers.

Looks

ward

human energy pulsating in lace is remarkable. Lae strikes s the pioneering centre of ry industry. In Moresby, In- alism is heavily overlaid by alism—inevitably, in the cir- ances—but in Lae, good old e Enterprise really is going with the bit in its teeth; and ucracy is merely a benevolent, g force in the background. s long-distance planning s out into the Bulolo Valley e pine plywood and agricul- are taking the place of the dwindling gold) and over the

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own—ignoring the pretensio
Madang, now boring in on the
with strong shipping claims.
says that once the Markham
is through, the road transpor
from Goroka, and the shorte
voyage south from Lae, will
counter Madang's present adva
in the short flight from Mada
Goroka.

The road is nearly through—
ugly steams still to be bric
and Lae and most observers
that Lae has the ball at its
Madang, however, is not of
opinion—Madang, soon, will h
Goroka-Ramu-Madang road
own—and the two ports sure
compete for the Highlands tr

Meanwhile, Lae runs and
in a spirit of energy and optin
a pretty thing to see.

These sweat-soaked lads c
in from the Busu forests, with
native teams and their loa
lumber, somehow remind
Salamaua of 25 years ago, wh
wearied gold-men came tra
out of the jungle from Wa
their lines of carriers, and
packs of gold, and a thirs
almost lifted the Allan Inn
off its concrete foundations.
ferent generation, different p
but the same tireless energy
by the sacred hop-vine!—th
unbelievable thirst!

Rabaul Prepares To Race

A score of horses are
groomed intensively for the
meeting of the Rabaul Tur
on its racecourse in the sha
Mount Vulcan, alongside
Harbour. President M. B. Fo
a committee at work, and th
ing will be at least a famou
occasion.

They put 2,500 yards of
on the track recently—whi
goes to show the activity of t
milling industry hereabouts.

Incidentally, the Rabaul
Club and the Port Moresb
Club (the latter kept going
enthusiasm of the Sogeri
planters) are the only two
clubs now alive in the South
Islands. Suva used to have
club, but it died in the wa
and no one seems to have th
to revive it.

*(What about the Club i
W. Samoa?— PIM Ed.)*

Petrol in a Bag

Plane-loads of Territoria
to Goroka on December 15 a
of Vacuum Oil Company, to
the beginning of the much-p
plastic-bag service. It is a
teresting development, whic
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ng Douglas Gore Brown, Vacuum
resentative here.
he great trouble in supplying
Highlands with oil in bulk was
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ough an awkward load—but it
ply did not pay to carry it out,
ty. So now they have devised
plastic bag.
he bag, folded up small, goes into
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returned home. With that
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cost of oil-drum systems in
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the same token, there still is
ey in the oil-drum recovery
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ation a system of gathering
ty drums at Gusap (up in the
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d there still are unbelievable
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SIXTH MEMBER, Mr. H. V. Quinton, has been added to he Papua-NG Copra Market- Board, giving New Guinea ucers two representatives (Mr. Barrett, MLC, in addition to Quinton), and Papua one esentative (Mr. B. Fairfax-). The other three members Government officials.
is appointment and this Board d not be confused with the intments to the Board to nister the Copra Stablisation announced last month.
Quinton has planting ests in New Guinea and is a holder and Director in the ainville Company as well as ising as a chartered accountant ydney.

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e Farewells Two Old Friends

LAE, Dec. 5.

ERY large number of Morobe sidents gathered in the RSL ub, in Lae, New Guinea, in ening of December 4, to say ll to Mr. William H. and Elizabeth Chapman — t w o -esteemed early settlers of the e area, who have gone to in sheep-farming at Charl- Victoria. The District Com- ner, Mr. Niall, said many kind about the departing couple; r. R. H. Bunting, MLC, on of the Club, made them a me presentation.

W. H. Chapman—a son of bert Chapman, of Adelaide sity—went first to Levers in lomons; but after a couple 's he heard the Bulolo gold g, and he arrived on the at Salamaua in 1926, to do for Guinea Gold N.L. (the e parent of BGD, Guinea s, etc). There was nothing Salamaua spit then except h Gorman's trade store and of boarding house."

arched in over the mountains; cil Levien and others; and several miles of the Bulolo lats for Guinea Gold—the later, of some enormous s. A year later, he began on his own account, all over d; and, with the miner's ups vns, he put in 15 years, until ke out. In that period, he Miss Elizabeth Billett, of Tasmania.

serving in NGVR and , Mr. Chapman, at the war's nt gold-seeking in Bougain- here was gold there—but it £25 per ounce to get it out. later, he returned to Lae ttled down on Singaua on, eastward of Lae. He has troduced the new owners, d Mrs. McDonald, to the nd now, with their grand- heir son-in-law was killed in a motor accident a few months ago), they are headed for a new life, in Victoria.

200 Samoans Poisoned By Turtle Feast

VILLAGERS of the Island of Aunuu, just off the eastern tip of Tutuila, American Samoa, caught a 300-pound turtle on November 16, ate same the following day and on Nov. 18 an epidemic of food poisoning prostrated 185 people, resulting in four deaths of children.

Both the Dispensary at Amouli village, under Medical Practitioner Richard Porter, and the staff of the main hospital were busy for three days, treating the afflicted.

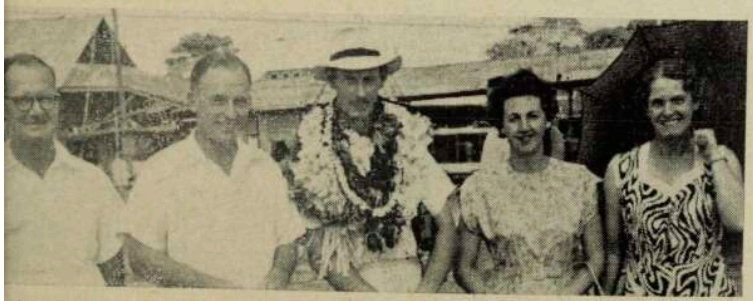
Cause of poisoning is believed to be due either to the fact that persons cooking the turtle failed to remove a ruptured gall bladder from the meat, or that the turtle had eaten some sea food that later proved injurious to humans.

HONIARA'S NEW CRANE CRASHES

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The crane was moving into the area to pick up concrete piles weighing two and a half tons each, and whilst manoeuvring beside the bank slipped out of gear. The brake did not hold the vehicle, which overturned down the bank and finished up lying beside a stream.



edro de Treend is farewelled by fellow teachers when he leaves for a three months New Zealand in November "Tofua". Shown (left to right): Mr. W. Collins (principal, aining College), Mr. J. Donaldson (principal, Samoa College), Mr. de Treend, Mrs. and Mrs. Collins.

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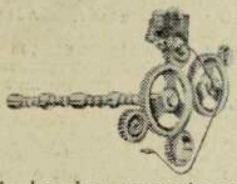
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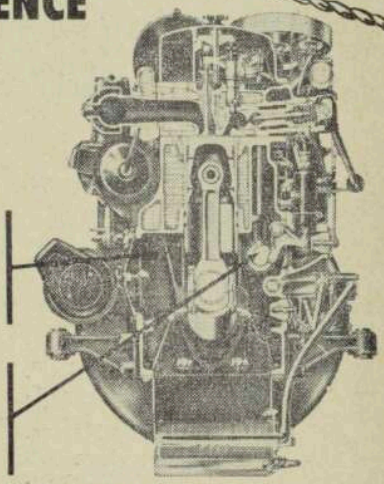
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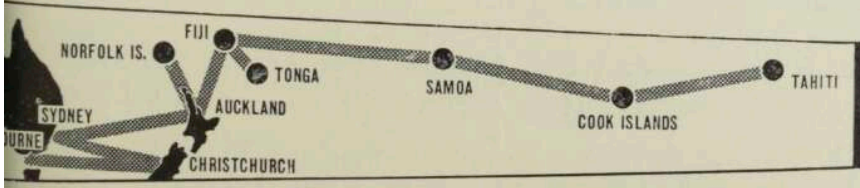
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