

"Magic Cargo", Strange Cult Breaks Out In South Seas

by Ralph Morton
SYDNEY, Australia, (AP) — All over the South Seas the "Magic Cargo" cult is breaking out on isolated islands, according to travellers reaching here.

The religious-political movement is a symptom of unrest among natives. But each outbreak is spontaneous in its own local territory. There is no widespread movement of revolt as far as administrators can determine.

Outbreaks have been reported in New Guinea, Manus, Bougainville and in the Solomons.

In the Solomons, five native leaders of the "Marching Rule" movement, a quasi-Fascist organization, are imprisoned as a result of a rebellion which failed last September.

The "Magic Cargo" cult differs only slightly in different areas. Its adherents believe a ship will come laden with the good things they want. Many of the good things they saw for the first time when United States troops inhabited the islands.

Some say it will be a huge submarine that will bring the manna from Heaven. In inland New Guinea the natives talk of a great tunnel which will open up, through which the goods will flow.

Periodically New Guineans work themselves into a semi-religious frenzy called "valala madness." While they tell and retell the story of the monster ship coming, they build a big house to hold the cargo. Then they dig holes all around the village "for the dead people to come and get their share."

Six months ago the "Marching Rule" movement in the Solomons became so strong and rebellious that the administrators sent in a police force to arrest the ringleaders. H.M.S. Contest was ordered there to show the flag.

IMPACT OF WAR
An official who saw the movement grow to full fury on Malaita in the Solomons said it was "due to the impact of war on a stone-age community."

The Malaitans worked in labor corps on Guadalcanal for the United States Army during the war. They saw colored men getting high wages, and enjoying rides in jeeps, smoking and listening to radios.

War left plantations overgrown. There was no work. The men went back to their villages where women do the work. They listened to native leaders who had "got religion."

Gradually the movement was formed, based on interpretations of the Book of Revelations. Everybody joining had to pay one pound. All would share in the magic cargo.

"The Marching Rule" or "Marching Brotherhood" as it is also called, formed its own militia. They were armed with batons and preached insurrection against the white man, British officials said.

The British administration sent in police from western Solomons with fixed bayonets and arrested five ringleaders. Later a British destroyer and a submarine encircled the island and nearby Guadalcanal and Christmas where there had been similar outbreaks.

Now all is peaceful once more among the 44,000 Malaitans. But the "Marching Rule" is outlawed.

NO FARMER'S HELPERS
KITCHENER, Ont., (P) — No application to leave school early to work on farms has been received at the college here, Principal Walter T. Zeigler said. Applications were received by the score during war years, and in fewer numbers after the war.

READY FOR BUSH FIRES
TIMMINS, Ont., (P) — Rangers are preparing for the 1948 fire hazard season. Hose, pumps, boats and trucks have been overhauled and tower observers are completing preparations to take over their lonely perches within a few weeks.

In old Roman Law, the act by which a slave was freed was called manumission.

INJURED DOE FINDS HOME

Fear-Crazed Animal, Chased By Dogs, Broke Leg Twice

ST. CROIX, N.B. (P) — Until last month a pint-size yearling doe was the loneliest creature in all New Brunswick's forests. Since her first timid peek into the border settlement, she has been shot at, chased by dogs, injured and nearly drowned.

But now she is in a sympathetic and knowing hands.

Two farmers, Percy Christie and Bert Smith, watched the yearling as dogs chased her into the St. Croix river one afternoon. In trying to escape she broke her leg.

The farmers pulled her from the stream as she was floundering to keep from going under. Christie took her home, treated the swollen hock and built a pen for her.

Still fear-crazed, the doe tried to scale the wall of her pen during the night, but didn't make it. Christie found her next morning, huddled on the ground with leg broken again.

A veterinary was called in and it looked as if the unlucky fawn would have to be destroyed. But Christie decided to try again.

The doe was anaesthetized and the break set and supported with a splint. She is now able to hobble about, nibbling at food and has quieted down. Christie intends to keep her for a pet.

WIFE OF FORMER POLICE CHIEF DIES IN SOUTH

Mrs. Chris Jacklin, wife of a former police chief at Prince Rupert, died at Victoria on Saturday, according to word received by friends here. She was buried at the capital city today.

Mrs. Jacklin was the wife of Sgt. Chris Jacklin of the B.C. provincial police, who was in charge of the city detachment during 1941. She had been ill for several years.

SWANS VISIT NEARBY LAKE

Swans appear to be finding the neighborhood of Prince Rupert an agreeable region to rest or sojourn in. Local residents, driving out the highway Sunday were interested in observing no less than seven of these graceful birds—four large and three small, at a small lake between the city limits and Galloway Rapids. Swans have been seen around here for years.

BAN ON REDS IS UNLIKELY

KITCHENER, Ont. — The Secretary of State, Colin Gibson announced that of the 78 foreign language papers printed in Canada, 19 are preaching Communism.

Mr. Gibson said he could not believe that banning Communism was the true answer, even though they were trying to make new Canadian citizens unfaithful. It should be proven to all groups and classes that the present system is the superior one.

Warns Against Government Power

OTTAWA — Justice F. R. Angers of the Exchequer Court has given warning that uncontrolled use of discretionary powers placed in government officials could lead to dictatorial government in Canada.

"There are, in my judgment," he said "far too many encroachments by Ministers, Deputy Ministers and functionaries in the judicial as well as legislative field. If they are not curtailed, Canada may, in a not too remote future, be ruled by a dictatorial government."

NEW BEACON ON BANKS ISLAND

Mariners are advised that a new lighted beacon has been installed at the left-hand entrance to White Rocks Harbor on the north end of Banks Island. It shows a flashing red light and is visible from all points of approach by water.

MONTREAL, (P) — Early risers in Montreal will no longer be offended by the spectacle of garbage cans lining city sidewalks. A new city ruling has instructed garbage collectors to pick up garbage from back yards.

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AN EVENING OUT FOR ENGLISH ROYALTY—In this departure from the usual posed portraits of royalty, we see Queen Elizabeth (right) and Queen Mary being received on their arrival at the Theatre Royal in London.

Reminiscences and Reflections

By W.J.

A prospecting outfit, burro, coffee pot, frying pan, flapjacks and all, kept browsing around Third Avenue Saturday afternoon. There has been no word of a strike. There may be, however, should it keep on wandering westward. There is thought to be a prospect in the Park Avenue zone. It might be advisable to thoroughly examine the ground here, and take one's time.

This has nothing to do with Prince Rupert, early days or late days and all that. We merely pass it along. It's just about an officer who, after being overseas fourteen months had a letter from his wife. She told him of a prayer, written by their four-year-old daughter. The child wrote: "Dear Lord," the girl began, "please send me a little baby brother so we will have something to surprise daddy with when he gets home."

Most of us like taking a little chance, and tickets, as a rule are for worthy causes. But did you ever figure out what your likelihood of being a winner amounts to? A college professor, whose name doesn't matter, has. He has struck an average, and finds that if your ticket costs anywhere from four bits to a dollar, you will spend at least a minimum of \$20, before anything comes your way.

Many mines have been developed, faded away and come to life again in the north, since

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Tuesday—ss. Cardena, 1:30 p.m.

From Vancouver
Thursday—ss. Prince Rupert, 11:15 p.m.
Friday—ss. Catala, 12 midnight, April 27—ss. Princess Louise, a.m.

From Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson
Sunday—ss. Cardena, mid-night.

From Alice Arm, Stewart, Port Simpson
Tuesday—ss. Cardena, a.m.

From Ocean Falls
Monday—ss. Princess Adelaide, 10 p.m.

Wednesday—ss. Prince Rupert, 10 a.m.

Friday—ss. Catala, p.m.

April 22—ss. Princess Louise, a.m.

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From North Queen Charlotte Islands
April 18—ss. Coquitlam, a.m.

For North Queen Charlotte Islands
April 16 and 30—ss. Coquitlam, mid-night.

From South Queen Charlotte Islands
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For South Queen Charlotte Islands
April 18—ss. Coquitlam, mid-night.

Special Gesture May Be Made For Visiting Chamber

Prince Rupert merchants may keep their business places open on the evening of June 16 in deference to a large group of Los Angeles visitors.

The visiting group will be members of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce and their wives returning from a trip to Alaska on the first voyage of the Canadian National steamer Prince George. They will number 250.

Stores may also be decorated during the visit and taxi drivers will be reminded that a recently passed city bylaw required that fare schedules be posted in a conspicuous place in their vehicles.

A committee of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was named last night to contact the Retail Merchants' Association with a suggestion that their stores be opened to accommodate the visitors.

Ordinarily, stores are closed Thursday afternoon.

CAN ANYONE BEAT JOE MARTIN'S 26-POUNDER?

Prince Rupert's unofficial salmon derby is on.

Monday, the Daily News reported the story of a boy who caught a 20-pound red spring off the government wharf on Sunday, remarking that it probably was the largest to be hooked off a wharfside this season. Joe Martin of 1723 Sixth Avenue East says otherwise.

It seems that Joe has been snagging springs off the Canadian Fish and Cold storage Co. wharf for some time and his largest to date has been 26 pounds. He has caught others ranging down to 16 pounds.

No high-priced gear, either, just an "ordinary line and hook," with herring bait.

Government Ship Dispute Mooted

OTTAWA, (P) — Acting Minister of Resources James A. MacKinnon told Commons Monday that he would inquire into a report that two government hydrographic ships at Victoria are tied up because of a labor dispute.

Maj. Gen. G. R. Pearkes (P.C.-Nanaimo) had asked whether the reported tie-up of the vessels William T. Stewart and Perry had been caused by refusals of the crews to sign contracts based on last year's wages.

Physical Culture Couple Married

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — About 500 persons were present at the wedding here, of Bernarr McFadden, 70, widely known physical culturist, and Mrs. Jennie Lee, 45, who cut the five-foot high cake made of whole wheat flour and honey. Guests, who shared the newly-weds' health beliefs, sipped carrot juice. Others sipped champagne. McFadden answered his vows in a firm voice but forgot to kiss the bride until reminded by the clergyman.

DEATHS FROM SUFFOCATION
Suffocation ranks number two as killer of newborn babies, accounting for about 50,000 infant deaths a year, in the United States.



"But I only told the officer we were eloping to get out of a speeding ticket!"

BRIDGES JOIN CITIES
Baghdad, on the Tigris River in Iraq, is joined with the old city of Baghdad by two pontoon bridges 650 feet and 715 feet long.

MANUFACTURES UP
Researchers report that the United States now is producing one-third more manufactured goods per capita than it did before the war.

RULES OF THE ROAD
WINNIPEG (P) — Drivers can't pass within a street car white line getting on or off, Police Sgt. Robert Still said here. The street car is only down to stop, all traffic stop and remain stopped all passengers are off the car.

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