

Around the World

with
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SUVA, FIJI — Suva is a neat, flowery British crown colony, the capital of the 300 Fiji Islands and half million people who live on them.

It is the most colorful port in the South Seas. Tropical balconies hang over streets blazing with hibiscus and parasol flamboyant trees. Fiji police direct traffic in snow-white wraparound sulus topped by Navy blue tunics with red piping.

The markets with Fijian women whose wiry hair looks as if it had been cut with hedge clippers. East Indian women in bright saris, gold earrings and a streak of crimson paint through the parting of the hair.

Europeans in crisp white shirts and shorts and knee-length socks. Visiting French sailors with scarlet pompons on their white hats.

This is a one-day stop for the cruise ships. It's a duty-free port. Shops crammed with Japanese pearls, transistor radios and cameras. Great, creamy South Pacific shells, woven pandanus mats and clusters of green coconuts.

"We are taking a South Pacific cruise and would appreciate any advice on good buys . . ."

Your probable ports: Paapeete, Tahiti — all I ever found here was French perfume. Auckland, New Zealand: Sheepskin rugs. Sydney

Peninsular Named to GOP Group

Advertising executive Bryan Hardwick of Palos Verdes has been appointed to the Republican State Central Committee.

Hardwick, active in South Bay Republican affairs since 1962, most recently served as Peninsula chairman of the Beverly for Assembly Committee. He also headed the 1965 Palos Verdes Salute to Reagan Banquet committee. In 1963-64, he served as president of the Peninsula Republican Men's Club.

A member of Republican Associates and the United Republicans of California, Hardwick served as an alternate to the 46th Assembly District Central Committee in 1963.

Active in community events, Hardwick has served as general chairman of the Peninsula Independence Day Celebration since 1963 and in 1964 was chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee of the Peninsula Chamber of Commerce.

He is a member of the board of Win Rock School, a member of the executive board of the Palos Verdes Christian Science Church, and was chairman of the South Bay Boy Scout Jamboree in 1966. He is a charter member of the Palos Verdes Rotary Club.

Hardwick and his wife are parents of four children.

and Melbourne: Australian fire opals. (There's a duty-free shop in Sydney, but it hasn't the choice of Suva.)

Suva has the choice of the Japanese imports. I'd buy at the one-price department stores. Burns Philip and Morris Hedstrom. The big colonial hotel for a noon beer (get Fiji biteer) is the Grand Pacific — known all over as the G.P.H.

"Can you tell me the formula or percentage for tipping on a cruise ship?"

Once I heard several travel writers argue this. They came to a figure of 10 per cent of the cost of the voyage. A steamship man told me: "Nonsense. That's tipping for the passage plus the service in your room and at the table. It's like tipping the Captain and owners, too."

On a long voyage — more than two weeks — I tip for two people: table steward, \$1 for each day. Room steward, the same. Deck steward, \$5 at the beginning of the trip. Wine steward, \$2 a week. Bar stewards, 50 cents service at the end of the evening.

On a short trip — five days — I double that for the table steward and room steward. I cut the deck steward to \$3. Tips run higher on American ships than on foreign. They run higher in the Caribbean than in the Pacific or Mediterranean. Caribbean cruises are full of New Yorkers on short voyages and accustomed to New York tipping. Pacific cruises have the Australians, Canadians and New Zealanders who are realistic and not easily bullied.

"My husband will be on sabbatical leave, and we have a choice of places to study (tropical medicine) in warm countries. We thought of Panama . . ."

I don't know what it's like to live there, but I can't get with Panama. Colon and Panama City are honky-tonk-sailors' towns. I am for the islands: Trinidad or Martinique would be my first choice. Trinidad for a British-type colony. Martinique for French food and wine.

You can get a little rock happy if you're too long on an island. So maybe some place where the cruise ships come occasionally might appeal to you. Those would be Jamaica, St. Thomas in the American Virgins, Curacao and Port-of-Spain in Trinidad.

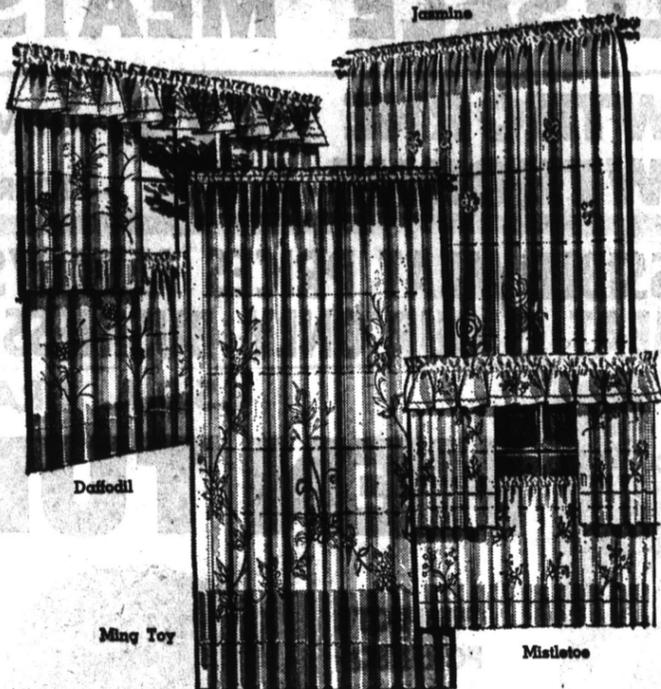
In the South Pacific, Paapeete in Tahiti and this town of Suva. Tahiti has the best food, but this town has the color.

Lesson Text From Psalms

"Thou art the God of my strength: . . . O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles."

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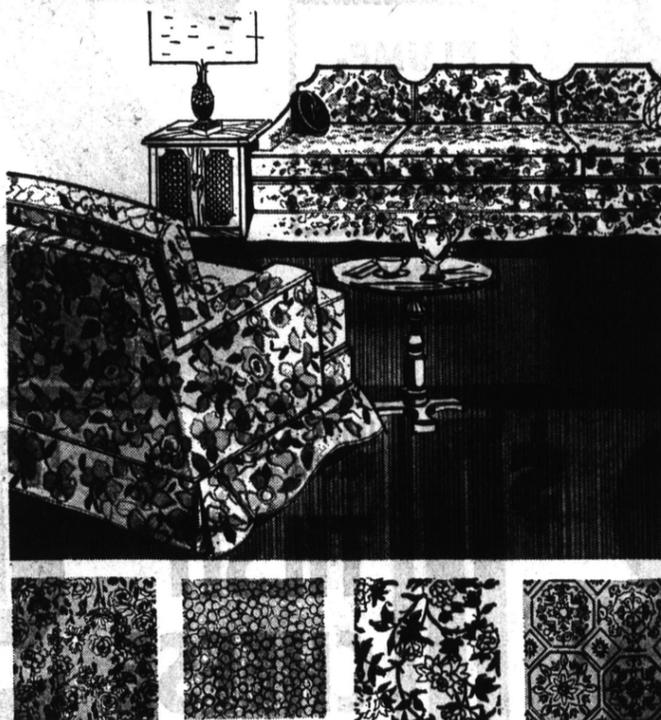
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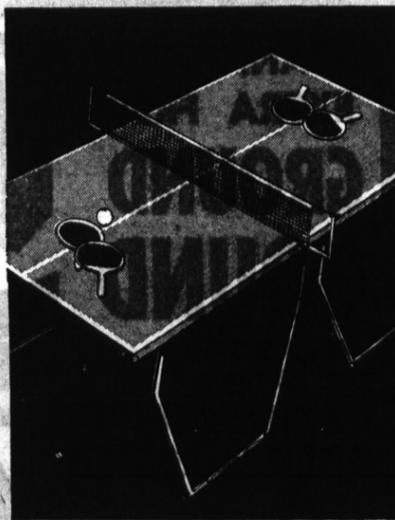
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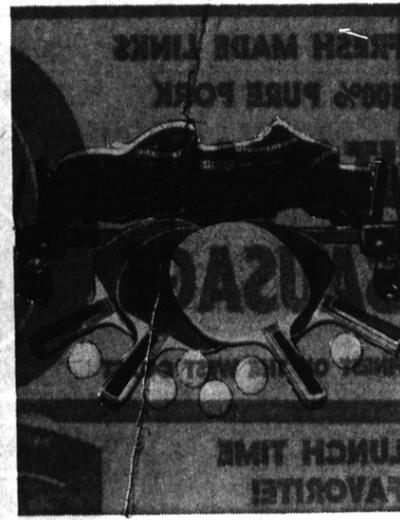
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