## Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Believe it or not, but the old traditions and legends of beautiful Hawaii bear a striking resemblance to ancient Jewish ones, which leads some authorities to believe that in this island paradise live the descendants of the lost tribe of Israel, who braved the wide Pacific Ocean to find a new home on the waves.

Now let us examine those traditions and legends and see how they compare with the Old Testament stories.

The Hawaiians tell of a great flood which took place long, long ago. This "Sea of Hinalii," as the flood was called, destroyed all the island life save that of one holy man and his family who rode out the deluge in a great water boat which was built at the direction of the gods. When the Sea of Hinalii subsided, the water boat came to rest on the peak of Manua Kea. Does it not sound like the story of Noah?

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The Hawaiian version of the story of creation is almost identical with the Genesis versions. They believe, for instance, that the first man was made from the dust of the earth, that the first woman was created from the man's rib — loo pahaka — while the man was in profound sleep. The pair lived in a Polynesian Garden of Eden, where grew the tabooed breadfruit tree and the ohia haslele the sacred apple tree. Having disobeyed the god's warnings to not eat of the fruits of these trees the pair were evicted from the earthly paradise and the man was forced to earn their keep by the sweat of his brow. How familiar the story sounds to Christian ears! But there's more to come.

This first pair of humans had a couple of sons. The eldest, Laka, murdered his brother, Ahu.

The great God Kane had to defend his heavenly kingdom against rebellious angels. When the great battle had been fought and won the defeated hosts were cast into darkness.

Another amazing thing about the Hawaiian legends is the story about the wanderers in search of a Promised Land — aina Kuena a Kane — and the parting of the waters enabling them to escape the wrath of their pursuing enemies.

And strange but true, Hawaii had amongst its characters a demigod named Maui who made the sun stand still so that his mother's tapa cloths might dry before dark.

The Biblical story of Jonah and the whale has its counterpart in the Hawaiian versions of the prophet, Naulaa, who, when capsized from his canoe, was immediately swallowed up by a whale, which later vomited him up on the beach at Wailua. It's Joseph whose exploits so paralled those of his Biblical autotype that it caused the missionaries to raise bewildered eyebrows.

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The Hawaiian Joseph was one of ten sons, his Dad's favorite. Because his brothers were jealous of the attention he received from their father he was forced to flee to a strange land where somebody threw him into a deep pit. In the pit were other prisoners who came to the Hawaiian Joseph to have their dreams interpreted. In this manner he attracted the King's attention who called upon him to interpret a strange dream that he'd had. The rest of the story is almost identical with that given in the Bible, so I shall pass along to other things as space does not permit me to go into all the details.

The missionaries to the islands discovered that the structure of natives' chants and the Psalms of David had much in common. They also observed that the natives practiced many Jewish rites, such as exorcising their temples with salt, the ceremony accompanying circumcision and the purification of mothers after childbirth and so on.

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But the most amazing aspect of this strange historical parallel is this: Just as the Old Testament's account of the people awaiting the coming of the Messiah so the Hawaiians believed and prayed for the coming of their beloved Kahikiku who would set up his kingdom amongst them.

From these startling facts it is little wonder that the missionaries who set foot on this island paradise some 130 years ago were amazed and puzzled to find the natives already in possession of an essential portion of the evangelical message.

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"But," you may say, "If the present inhabitants of those islands are the direct descendants of the lost tribe of Israel, how did they travel from the shores of the Euphrates to their present habitat?"

Two routes lay open to them, namely: via India and Persia and China, or by sea, down the Persian Gulf into the Indian Ocean—thence through the Philippines, the Marianas, the Gilberts, and finally north to Hawaii.

The imigration may have taken a long time — yet the memory of their Biblical homeland and its history, became deeply rooted in their minds. Time and the tides of the sea may have changed the Biblical facts into legends and traditions. Anway, the story told by the Hawaiians would seem to rule out the possibility of a coincidence.

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## The Tiny Folk

for the door. Muffins made one wild dash from behind the grain bag across the floor and into his box.

The two kittens crouched in the corner, their fur standing on end and their eyes popping. But there was not another sound to be heard so they quieted down at last. As for Mrs. Biddy, she was startled at first, but, after she thought it over, she became very annoyed. All that morning, she walked about the barnyard, clucking and complaining about foolish kittens who had nothng better to do than frightened a hard working hen half to death.

## Charlottetown Officer at Military Conference

Col. H. E. T. Doucet, Chief of Staff, Eastern Command, having a discussion with (left to right), Capt. J. H. Read of Truro, N.S., Major E. W. N. Bradley of Moncton, N.B., Lt. T. A. Bradley of Charlottetown, P. E. I., Lt. M. J. Quinlan of St. John's, Newfoundland, during the Canadian Army Cadets Chief Instructors Conference. The Conference was held in The Military Cambridge Library in Halifax, N.S.

### PUBLISHER DIES

PEMBROKE, Ont., (CP)—Lloyd Hall Logan, 58, publisher of the Pembroke Standard-Observer and the Pembroke Bulletin, died in hospital here Thursday, two hours after suffering a heart attack. He died the week a new publication schedule of his two weeklies was put into effect to give Pembroke readers an extra edition.

### POLICE SEEK FUNDS

MONTREAL (CP) — The Montreal Policemen's Brotherhood announced Wednesday that a $250,000 subscription campaign will be held next Aug. 15-30 for the purpose of erecting a social centre at Gilford and Berri streets. Policemen and detectives have already subscribed $50,000 through their brotherhood.

## U.S. Agriculture Secretary Benson Hop
## Canada Will Control Grain Production

By HAROLD MORRISON
Canadian Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON (CP)—Ezra Taft Benson says, in friendly spirit, that he would like to see Canada impose controls on her grain production.

The hefty and amiable United States agriculture secretary observed in an interview that while U. S. wheat exports are dropping, those of Canada are increasing.

The U. S. government has imposed controls on wheat output and Canada has not. Indeed, the U. S. is going to cut deeper into production next year.

The secretary conceded that Canada's greater exports may have been the result of better salesmanship.

But then he added with a smile: "It would please us if Canada imposed controls on her acreage."

(The controls issue was battled out in the federal-provincial agricultural conference in Ottawa last December. A suggestion by one delegate that controls be imposed was unpopular with others. The Canadian government maintains it cannot order controls under peacetime legislation.)

Though serene and confident in his outlook, the six-foot, 200-pound cabinet minister is as concerned about exports as he is about domestic production.

His campaigning for lower government price supports on farm products and his drive for production controls have made him the target of American farm brickbats.

### YEAR'S FOOD SUPPLY

Surpluses are mounting in this country. About $6,500,000,000 worth —including enough wheat to feed all of the U. S. for a full year—line government shelves.

But the 54-year-old Mr. Benson feels he is winning his fight to make the American farm economy flexible and self-sustaining.

A Mormon by faith and deeply religious, Mr. Benson described the surpluses as resulting from "the Good Lord being really good to us."

Nevertheless, the surpluses are "serious in some items." In the American government larder are some 365,000,000 pounds of bu 483,000,000 pounds of cheese about 600,000,000 pounds of d milk.

Mr. Benson felt he soon w have the dairy surplus pro licked through a plan which could not disclose immediately, thought the U. S. would hav put on greater efforts to h wheat sales.

### LAKE VERDE W. I.

The April meeting of the L Verde Women's Institute was April 10 at the home of Joseph Shea. Seven members one visitor were present.

A contest sponsored by the tess was won by Mrs. William Sh A quilt which had been lotte was won by Mrs. James Garla Sr., Avondale.

Mrs. Harry Kelly invited members to her home for May meeting. Mrs. Felix Redmo and Mrs. Joseph Shea were pointed to the sick committee.

The hostess served a delici lunch assisted by Mrs. Willi Shea.

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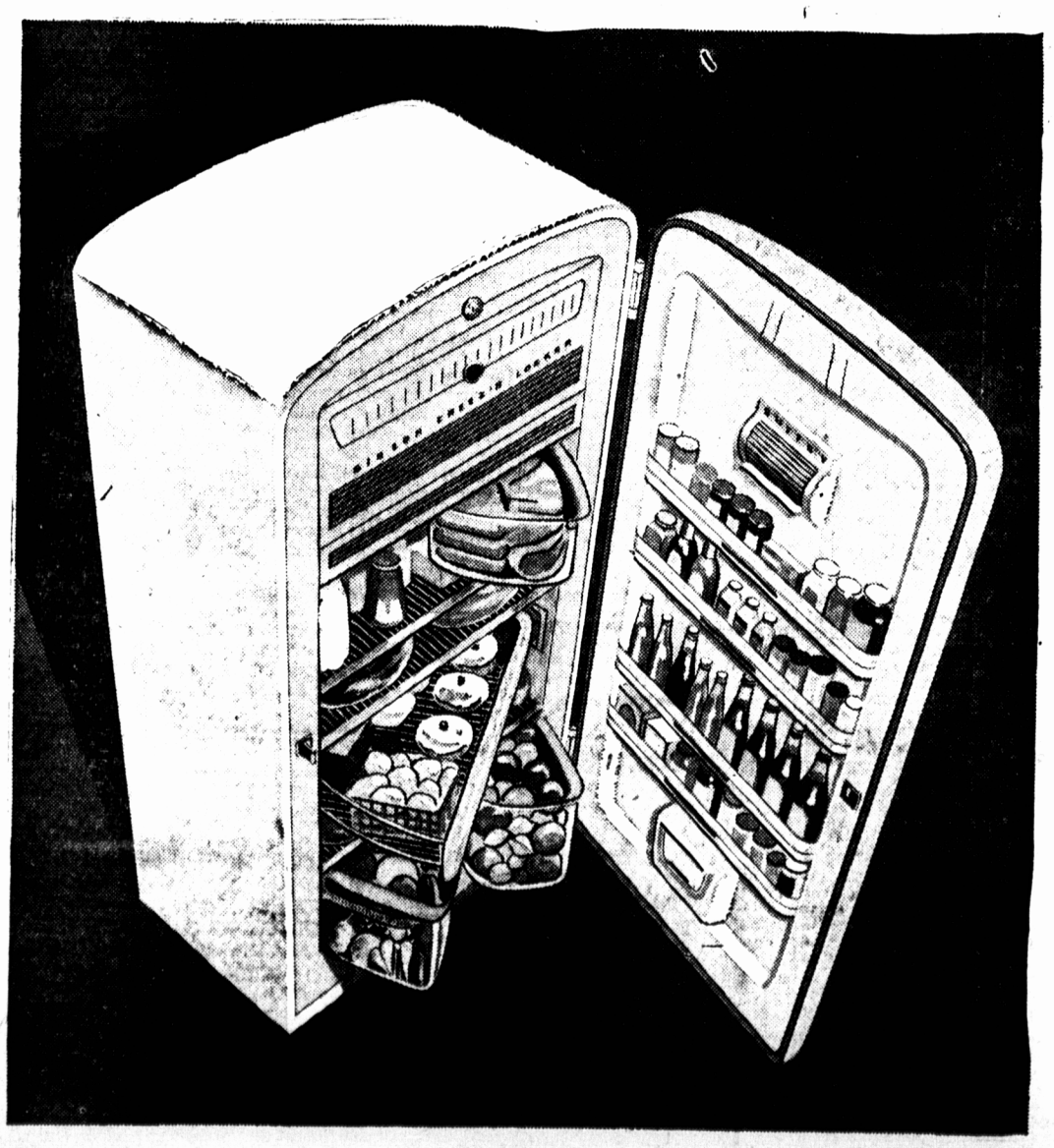

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