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Diary

Extracts from diary of Emilio Ordóñez, Filipino youth and botanical assistant:

Oct. 30, 1940. Mr Ackland call me in his office. Inform me about contemplated Fiji trip. Bid good-bye to teachers and fellow students. Leave for Honolulu on "Hawaii" starting at 9.30 P.M. Boat comfortable.

Oct. 31, 1940. Arrive in Honolulu. Meet Mr. Degener. Same jovial person. Proceed on passport affairs. Attend various businesses. Meet Dr. Coulter, geographer, one of the persons going for Fiji trip. Good natured.

Nov. 6, 1940. Take two relatives as witnesses in order to get passport. Trip to Suva, Fiji & neighboring islands all settled. Mr. Degener spends much to telephoning, tax, etc. Have lunch in boat, Aorangi. Leaving the Hawaiian Islands.

Nov. 7, 1940. Second day on boat, Aorangi. Read "Aorangi" news. Mind over matter not substantial. Pretty bad situation. Dr. Coulter, geographer at University of Hawaii, our companion. See picture on ship. At meals, the Australians reddish people.

Nov. 8, 1940. 3rd day on ship. Conversation at meal time with Dr. Coulter & Mr. Degener educational. Aorangi news. Australians or Canadians. Kind people. Food luxurious. Cabin. Nice rooms. Dining room systematic. Emergency inspection.

Nov. 9, 1940. 4th day. Aorangi news. See swimming pool on boat. Play with Mr. Degener, Dr. Coulter & a lady some Australian or Canadian games. Read on deck. A curious child. See movies seen about 4 years previous. Romantic.

Nov. 10, 1940. 5th day. News. Read on deck. Play games. Two Canadian children. Discriminative. Conversation with Dr. Coulter & Mr. Degener. Flabbergasted on destination. Sign Fiji papers. Sight Canton Island at night.

Nov. 11, 1940. Read, play games on deck. A child (white) plays with me. She is rather surprise at my color. She is curious. Dr. Coulter is very unselfish person. Mr. Degener a very considerate person.

Nov. 12, 1940. 7th day. News. Play and read as usual. Write letters to friends. Second vaccination. Painful! More acquaintances on ship. Sight islands. Name unknown. Good illustration of the work of volcanoes. See movies.

Nov. 13, 1940. This day omitted because pass international date line 180° meridian.

Nov. 14, 1940. Sight many islands. Part of Fiji. Arrival at Suva, Fiji. A completely different sight. Fijians good natured; bushy hair. Some Indians, Hawaiians, Chinese, Filipinos and hybrids. British many. Clothes. Men wear skirts. Have pointed cuts at bottom. Those are considered policemen. Soldiers white shirts. Indians & Chinese & British hold various businesses. Fijians barefooted. Sleep on Cheng Ho, Mrs. Archbold's yacht. Sharks visible near yacht.

Nov. 15, 1940. Meet Captain Skofield and Filipino & American sailors.

I am to be a sailor. Visit Fiji botanical garden and various important buildings. Do some plant collecting with Mr. Degener. Visit Museum. Talk with some Fijians. See some half-cast girls. Have refreshment in British bar. People curious at us. On reaching the yacht see many ladies and few gentlemen invited by Dr. Skofield. Sleep on deck.

Nov. 16, 1940. Press plants and change blotters. Arrange botanical equipments. Does some shopping with Mr. Degener & Dr. Coulter. People. Their characters. Chinese store men thought perhaps am Chinese. Visit the outdoor market. Fijians, Indians and Chinese sell lamps, tobacco winded like ropes, taro, and many other fruits, vegetables & meats. See a huge tooth from some sea mammal used as ring for marrying.

Nov. 17, 1940. People of Fiji: Europeans, half-castes, Fijians, Indians, Samoans, Polynesians, Chinese, Japanese & other nationalities. Draw a plant specimen on deck of Cheng Ho. Heat plants & change blotters. Previous misunderstanding between Dr. Skofield & I settled harmoniously. Whole day on yacht. Miss reading for a few days. People ride near Chinese yacht curiously. Chief officer, 2nd officer, reserved & sailors not cooperative.

Nov. 18, 1940. Something urged me to get up this morning but don't know purpose. A few minutes the plants, blotters left overnight to heat caught fire. One of the crews saw it. Everybody excited. Fire did quite a damage on front of Cheng Ho. Learn that Fijians and other lower class people are deprived of certain rights. Unable to talk unless business with Englishmen. Psychologically inhuman!! Do some shopping. Have a Fijian friend. Buy trousers from Indians.

Nov. 19, 1940. Do some drawing on yacht. Leave yacht 10:15 A.M. Arrive in Nadarivatu at 7:50 P.M. Place located in fog, about 3,500 ft. On way see many superb sceneries. Take pictures of native (Fijians). Eat lunch in a Fijian hut elaborately made. Acquaint self to Fijian, Mr. Kalaumaria, who takes charge of Gov't forestry. Reliable in the taxonomy of plants and values. Am to sleep with Fijians. Good people.

Nov. 20, 1940. Meet many Fijians. They seem to feel obliged to help you in anything. Their characters. Go hiking with Mr. Degener. For botanical purpose. Very successful. Practically all plants different from Hawaiian ones. Mr. Degener even is unable to name them except some belonging to families. Take very cold shower. Have cocomalt with Mr. Stanley & Mr. Degener. Mr. Stanley a broad-minded British.

Nov. 21, 1940. My host, Smeli, brings my breakfast, lunch & supper. Faithful person. Kind. Press and dry plants. Mr. Stanley prepares cocomalt for three. Considerate person. Mr. Degener also considerate. Fijian news in Nadarivatu is heard from a Fijian's voice almost out of sight! Time is known from a drum. A jail is located in Nadarivatu. An Indian cooks my food.

Nov. 22, 1940. Press plants. Go hiking with Mr. Degener and two Fijians, one about 15 years of age and the other an elder person. The young Fijian is mentally alert. Fijians seem to smoke at an early age. Hiking is for botanical purposes. Plant collection successful in spite of rain. Fijians (some) blacken their hairs with the juice of a plant mixed with black earth. Fix plants late.

Nov. 23, 1940. Fix plants. Meet many Fijians. Women and girls particularly. Take many pictures. Dark colored and one whiter. Fijians give me their addresses so that I can send them pictures. Take picture of friend, Smeli, Fijian and a Chinese. An Indian cooks my food; Smeli serves me; and the Chinese helps. They work early in the morning ending late at night. They earn 2 to 5 pounds (monthly) only.

Nov. 24, 1940. Get ready to leave Nadarivatu. Say good-bye to Nadarivatu people. Take various pictures of Fijians' and Indians' huts. Mr. Degener gives no tips to Indian because he didn't pay much attention to feeding me. Cannot eat with Europeans. Ride very long seeing beautiful sceneries. Start leaving Nadarivatu 8:15 A.M. and reach Suva at 4:00 P.M. Dry blotters at warf. People perplexed about our drying blotters.

Nov. 25, 1940. Help Mr. Degener fix plants in yacht. Yacht docks to get water and oil. Take a taxi to near botanical garden to dry blotter. Pay 4 shillings from warf to garden and back. Young Fijian helps me pick blotters. Pay them 1 shilling, 1 penny. Go to movies (first time in Suva) with Carlos. Learn much on the classification of races. Fijians on front seats; half-cast, so called, near center; and Europeans on the back. I sit on the half-cast side, Psycho.

Nov. 26, 1940. Fix plants. Dry blotters near botanical garden. The taxi man, Indian helps me and converse on Racial prejudice. He disapproves on British vigilance. Mr. Degener and Dr. Coulter invite friends, about 10 of them. Mr. Degener very considerate and made it conspicuous to the people that brown race are human beings taking me as an example. Attend a different theater. Sit with Fijians & Indians.

Nov. 27, 1940. Fix plants. Go shopping with Mr. Degener. People suspicious because they are conscious of racial prejudice. Get films and prints from Indian developing shop. Attend movies with Carlos. He is malicious. Sit on reserved seats but still isolated from the British. They are flabbergasted or perhaps indifferent. Fred, a British, talks to us making others look with surprise. British news shown usually.

Nov. 28, 1940. Change blotters. Dry blotters public place. Three Fijian boys help me. Play games with them. Pay them. Go to public Board of Health to be vaccinated for Typhus. Last vaccination. A Fijian does vaccinating. Free of charge. After a few hours have a fever. Meet Mrs. Archbold and some of her friends. They arrive this morning on the "Monterey". Mrs. Archbold very kind. Monterey leaves at about 7:00 P.M. with many evacuated children.

Nov. 29, 1940. Go hiking in Galoa, Fiji. Dr. Coulter, John Swingle, Tucker Abbott, a lady and I ride on Indian bus. I hire a Fijian boy about 18 years of age to help me collect plants. Fijian boy very reliable so far as Fijian plants are concerned. Bought a huge shell for 4 shillings. Meet many Fijians and their chief. Galoa is 40 miles from Suva. See beautiful sights on way to Galoa & Back.

Nov. 30, 1940. Press plants. Collected Lipochaeta, probably new. Have various conversations with Carlos and others. Many visitors come on the yacht. All British subjects. The Governor of Fiji also comes. Do drawing in cabin. Move from front bunk to cabin. Sleep in bath room. Mr. Degener & Dr. Coulter in cabin room. Am to fix their beds and clean bath room, etc.

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Dec. 1, 1940. Change blotters. Dry blotters on harbor. Fijian boys help me. Go to Catholic Church with Rollan, 2nd mate. Psychology of the church. Pamphlets free are given only to Europeans and half-cast. Unreasonable! Every body should be equal in a church in thoughts. Learn that John Swingle studied Hypnotism. He is from Yale University. Probably concentrate on Hypnotism with him. Attempted various experiments.

Dec. 2, 1940. Fix plants. Go shopping. Buy various house cleaning gages. Make a mistake and slip a thick board into the ocean and sinking it. Captain look at me indifferently. Mr. Degener partly responsible. Huge heating botanical specimens gage arrives. Go to the movies "Test Pilot". Racial prejudice very conspicuous in theater. See Mrs. Archbold with governor of Fiji and friends at the theater. "Homo sapiens".

Dec. 3, 1940. Fix plants. Leave Suva at 9:15 to various parts of the Fijian Islands. After one hour of riding get seasick. Mr. Degener follow my terrible situation. The yacht is being swung back and forth like a toy. At 1:00 A.M. the yacht anchor about 1/2 mile off shore. Mr. Abbott and others went to shore to collect shells. Mr. Degener and I are to go botanizing but rain altered our intention. Still feel unpleasant.

Dec. 4, 1940. Start to another place at about 6:00 A.M. Feel seasick practically all day. Am unable to do a little drawing. Take no breakfast and lunch. Eat very much for supper. Anchor at Lautoka, Viti Levu at about 4:30 P.M. Go ashore to visit town and botanize a little. Fix plants after returning to boat. Try to hypnotize Rollan but unsuccessful. Discuss Hypnotism & Psychology with Mr. Swingle from Yale University.

Dec. 5, 1940. Fix plants. Go hiking with Mr. Degener and Tucker Abbott to Komolomo, Lautoka, Fiji. On way through the town an English man thought I was a Fijian. Poor judgement! Take many pictures of huts and other sceneries. British are very conscious of being sure of not talking to "low class people" except on business!! Fix plants just collected in cabin.

Dec. 6, 1940. Help fix plants a little. Stay in bed most of the time because of seasickness. Leave Lautoka at 5:30 A.M. Anchor near a place called Viti Levu bay at about 4:00 P.M. Others go to shore. Some of the crew are very fast in getting acquainted with females of other races. Talk about hypnotism and tricks - with Mr. Tucker Abbott. His character. Psychology.

Dec. 7, 1940. Help fix plants and watch plant specimens heater, a dryer. Do a little drawing. Fix dryer. Stay on the yacht all day. Take a picture of the crew. We practically circled Viti Levu, Fiji. See beautiful sights from place anchored. Dr. Coulter and others go to shore. Chief engineer returns from hospital. There's a misunderstanding between the Captain and the crew. Bill is transferred to assistant cook from engine room.

Dec. 8, 1940. Still in Viti Levu bay. Fix plant specimens dryer. It is now more effective. Stay in yacht all day. Too busy fixing plants. Probably stay a couple of days more here because one engine is under repair. Two diesel engines, each equivalent to 100 H.p. Converse with the crew. Put him in a partial hypnotic state. Others (some) have no interest at all. Their characters. Some Fijians come to sing on the yacht.

Dec. 9, 1940. Watch plant specimens heater. Being idle most of the time.

Do some drawing. Converse with the crew. Stay in the yacht all day. Practically all of the crew smoke. Awful habit. Day dream is common. Mrs. Archbold went to shore and come back with two cultured Fijians. Both are brothers. One a chief and the other a doctor. Raining today. Collect rainwater.

Dec. 10, 1940. Leave Viti Levu bay at 10:30 A.M. for Suva to have wisdom teeth checked. Two teeth pulled. One tooth is an abscess. Bleeding profusely. Mr. Degener finds a hotel for both of us to stay until I feel alright. At the dentist, talk to an Indian assistant. Indians are intelligent. An Indian cares for me in hotel. Racial prejudice is again in common! Behavior.

Dec. 11, 1940. Second night in hotel. An Indian brings my meals in my room because of racial prejudice. Go to dentist to look over my extracted teeth. All is right except for a slight pain. Go to the movies with Mr. Degener and sit with him. Movie featuring Mr. Motto. "Meet Mr. Moore a British who is rather against racial prejudice."

Dec. 12, 1940. Eat breakfast in hotel then leave for Viti Levu bay at about 8:30. On way buy mangoes and visit a Fijian hut. On arrival at Viti Levu bay, yacht "Cheng Ho" gone. Left at 9:00 just after leaving Suva. The bus continues to Rakiraki and stop at Mr. & Mrs. Brown's rest house to stay overnight. No racial prejudice. Converse with them & an Architect till 10:00 P.M.

Dec. 13, 1940. Early this morning have tea in Rest House. Then usual breakfast. Leave Rakiraki at about 9:00 AM and reach Suva at 3: P.M. On arrival in Suva the yacht is not at harbor. Probably arrive tomorrow. Return to Hotel "Melbourne" with various fruits. Mr. Degener collected plants at Rakiraki. Have dinner in hotel with British. Their characters.

Dec. 14, 1940. Have breakfast in hotel. Yacht "Cheng Ho" arrives at Suva at about 1:00 P.M. Lunch in hotel then leave at about 3:00 P.M. Back in yacht and fix lanterns for plant specimens heating purpose. Go to the movies with "Boy" and "Slim". Picture "Jossette". Many people attend it. Soldiers particularly. (What manner of Man!) Eat ice cream.

Dec. 15, 1940. Go hiking at Suva water pumping station, about 8 miles from town. Meet many Fijians and Indians. Mr. Degener hires two young Fijians but after 12:00 A.M. they decided to leave. Many of the Fijians were swimming where we collected and a Fijian named Simmone helped us and got to be friends. Go town with him until 11: P.M.

Dec. 16, 1940. Help fix plants. Go shopping and attend to various errands. Get corrugated metals and European says Hawaii people are rather more sophisticated than Fiji people. Get watch from watch repairer. Write to a half-cast dame. Get laundry. Mr. Akino, a filipino, rather romantic. Frequent misunderstandings between Mr. Degener & Dr. Coulter. People are invited in yacht.

Dec. 17, 1940. Fix plants and look over lanterns. Many visitors on yacht. All British. Mr. Degener introduces me to a couple. In the evening go to town and learn the psychology of people. Probably many of these "half-cast" Fijians and others are unfortunately illegitimately borned. Go to the movies after it see a person I got interested. Soldiers are always seeking for somebody.

Dec. 18, 1940. Botanical activity as usual. Mr. Degener and Captain Skolfield seem to be getting along pretty well. Captain Skolfield has the tendency to become ferocious but quickly tries to use psychology. Typhoon and outside raiders probably Germans and Japanese hinder our intention. Go to town and meet a student in medicine from Tonga. Dancing takes part. Learn a little. At about 1:30 AM Dr. Coulter howl in sleep. Go to bed usually late.

Dec. 19, 1940. Usual botanical activity. British visitors on yacht. All women. British people seem to neglect their teeth. Dr. Mount claimed that about 100% defects on British school children's teeth. Go on shore at 8:30 A.M. Meet and converse with some half-casts. Three sisters show the different characteristics. One light complexion with kinky hair; another, light complexion with straight hair; and the third dark complexion with a blending of straight and kinky hair.

Dec. 20, 1940. Yacht anchors by harbor for water and various things ready to leave for Ovalau, Levuka. Visit friends. Mavis Harmon my most interest. Have conversation with them discussing the war situation. Her attitude. The others! These half-cast seem to be particular as the Europeans. Visitors on yacht.

Dec. 21, 1940. Leave Suva at 6:00 AM. Reach Levuka at 2:30 P.M. Go plant collecting with Mr. Degener. On way to Levuka have a slight seasickness. Mr. Degener has an Indian and three Fijian boys as companion. Plant collecting not successful. Go out at night to some half-casts' house. Levuka is considered a half-cast colony. Their house is very elaborate. See dancing on way back. Soldiers many. They seem to spend their time particularly looking or honeymooning for and with girls respectively. Captain inconsiderate.

Dec. 22, 1940. Leave Levuka, Ovalau at 6:00 AM for Makaongai, "Leper island". Reach there at 1:AM. Mr Degener goes hiking on a nearby island called Makondronga. Unable to land on Leper island. Two boys, both cook, Bill Bedford & Emilio Florendo fight because of one demanding the other. Bill receives a bleeding nose. Both are now good friends. Captain commented on water situation. John Swingle has a girl friend in Levuka.

Dec. 23, 1940. Leave Leper Island at about 6:00 AM for Vanua Levu. Am seasick early this morning. Take no breakfast. Reach Savusavu at about 1:30 P.M. Most of the crew and prominent people went ashore. Some Fijians and a European come on board. Coconut trees are copious. Stay on yacht all day. The crew are women-interested people. Mr. Degener too to leave the yacht. Anxious.

Dec. 24, 1940. Mr. Degener go ashore to find out whether we could leave the yacht here in Vanua Levu then wait for the inter-island ship for Suva. Three Fijians on an odd canoe come on yacht to sell goods. They sell their goods at a very reasonable price yet the Captain still wants to cheat them. I bought the bananas the captain wants to get for almost nothing and he gets angry! Pack some of our things to stay at Balanga. Heater capsized into the ocean.

Dec. 25, 1940. Very unfortunate losing the plant heater, blotters and corrugated metals. The chief and his men evidently didn't use their heads! Go to mass (Christmas) and meet some Fijians and an Indian. Fijians can become prominent if only they are given the opportunity.

The crew roast two pigs and have Christmas on the yacht. Very sad leaving the crew and the rest of the more prominent people. Dr. Coulter gave me a present. Mr. Abbott most sorrowful one to see us leave. Leave "Cheng Ho". Sob!

Dec. 26, 1940. Tucker Abbott comes to shore to say the last "goodbye". Live in a secluded house having the combination of an ancient and modern architect. It looks haunted yet there are modern apparatus in it. This house owned by Mr. Dods, a gold prospector. Two Fijians are at our disposal. Mr. Dods owns a great area of land; cattles, chickens, ducks, coconuts, taros, coco-trees. Williamie is the more intelligent Fijian than Samie. Go plant collecting in nearby mountain. Second day sleep in house.

Dec. 27, 1940. Stay home, in haunted house, all day fixing the plants. Williamie tells us about "Kerikeri", where a person who wants something merely says: "Give me this or that", whether the house, land, or any property of another. He or she has to give in. The law is trying to demolished such attitude but the Fijians seem to appreciate it. A person, Fijian, who has only 4 years schooling is a teacher of 70 students. Fiji is a very easy place to take teacher's degree. Fijians disapprove of British Gov't.

Dec. 28, 1940. Work practically all day in interesting haunted house. Many interesting, educational, and very old books in Mr. Dods' house. Many kinds of insects are visible in house at night. Mr. Sutano, Fijian 5th grade teacher comes with his wife and some friends with tapa cloth & mats for exchanging or selling purpose. Mr. Degener bought some and exchange with the rest. Fijian teachers don't seem to have a substantial knowledge of teaching. Just lack of opportunity.

Dec. 29. Snap some pictures of the haunted house. Mr. Dods and two other gentlemen visit us. Have interesting conversation. Mr. Dods has many interesting and valuable books and he doesn't want to sell them. Have lunch with them. Mr. Dods isn't particularly in favor of racial prejudice. He is broad minded. All over this place, Balanga, Savusavu, Vanua Levu, are grown coconut trees in abundance. At 2:15 P.M. go plant collecting and meet many Fijian youngsters. All good natured & considerate. Exchange for tapa cloth.

Dec. 30, 1940. Fix plants in house until 12:00 AM then go plant collecting with Mr. Degener & Samie. Decide to take shells as hobby, land ones particularly. Four little Fijians collected shells for Degener. They are very thankful and seem obliging to do anything for white men or other superiors. Yet originally the chiefs used to eat little Fijians. A Fijian comes to sell a mat. News is spreading on this bargaining business. Most satisfactory.

Dec. 31, 1940. Wake up very early to light lantern for plant specimens. News of mat, tapa and other curio selling have spread quite extensively. Early this morning some Fijian men arrive to sell their mats and tapas. They got their tapas particularly from Taveuni. Few hours later another bunch of Fijians arrive to get rid of their curios. Then another group practically the whole day! I exchange a coat and 5 shillings for a mat and a tapa cloth. The Fijians seem to be very satisfied with their ex-

changes. They are rather embarraa to ask for their prices. They want us to suit our desire. They don't seem to have a knowledge of the qualities and prices of things. Christmas is hardly noticeable at this place. It is too remote from civilization. They seem to be satisfied with their environment. Every time a Fijian sees or experiences new things he or she gets flabbergasted. They are too much of a child but very considerate. They never leave you without a hearty "goodbye". They seem reluctant to leave you once in conversation. They make good followers. They have an inferiority complex. They tend to become lazy. Inspiration and opportunities could annihilate such lethargies.

Diary //

The following is a transcription of Emilio Ordóñez' diary of the Fiji trip. Ordóñez, a Filipino youth, was Degener's assistant.

Jan. 1, 1941. Wake up early and extend "Happy New Year" to the world mentally. Mr. Sykes, acting Governor of Vanua Levu, and his wife come to visit us. He is rather young and perhaps broad minded. His wife is rather talkative. The superiors are usually the ones who are pro-racial prejudice. It is funny that these British Colonies don't abide to the same rules. They don't have racial prejudice in some colonies. Have lunch with the Sykes.

Jan. 2, 1941. Hiking with Mr. Degener, Samu, and two little Fijians. Climb the tallest mountain in Balanga. Go to the top. Collect many peculiar plant specimens. Take some pictures. These Fijians, as it seem, are, occasionally easily susceptible to suggestion. Unfortunately they have a very scanty comprehension of the English language. I collect many shells. Mountain very steep. Plants copious.

Jan. 3, 1941. Fix plants. Father La Plant comes to visit us. He is an American and probably disapproves of racial prejudice. He is in charge of the mission in Savusavu. Father La Plant gets \$ 20 from Mr. Degener to be responsible for buying mats and tapas for us. A Fijian sells a mat to Mr. Degener. Every time a Fijian comes to sell or exchange he or she seems to be in an embarrassing situation. Just plain lack of business knowledge. They seem satisfied under their environment.

Jan. 4, 1941. Fix plants. Learn from Mr. Degener that Dr. Coulter has been prejudice (racially) in boat, Aorengi. He told him that I shouldn't be sitting with them at meals because others are English. Again in yacht "Cheng Ho". Such manner of man! Go swimming. Visit Father La Plant. At the mission they have electric lights; even in huts. Converse with Mr. Sutano, Fijian 5th grade teacher. Discuss hypnotism but evidently the Fijian teachers don't understand much. It's a pity.

Jan. 5, 1941. Go to Valethi, Savusavu with Mr. Degener and Williamie on row-boat. Walk quite a distance to the hotel. I visit the "hot springs", where you could boil practically everything. The springs aren't nicely arranged. Not enough demand to elaborate them, probably. Collect some shells on beach. Even part of the beach is hot. Ocean water is emitted from springs. Every time a colored person meets Europeans they look snobbish. The Aryan race is beginning to lose consideration. Greet some Fijians.

Jan. 6, 1941. Go hiking on mount Vatolevuamothe. Four young Fijians and Samie are our helpers. These Fijians are faithful and energetic helpers. For a whole day's work giving these boys a tie each seems satisfactory. Three big taro and a whole bunch of bananas could be bartered for a ripped under shirt and a small bottle of perfume. Five shillings buy a beautiful mat or tapa. A Fijian kills a pig and gives some to us. They seem always happy & contented.

Jan. 7, 1941. Fix plants. Mr. Dods and friends come to visit us. Mr. Dods leaves hotel and comes to sleep with us. Purchase a beautiful shell. Take a ride on Mr. Billie's launch from Balanga to Savusavu. On way catch two huge fish. Mr. Billie has a half-cast wife. She scolds him for leaving her alone probably most of the time. Mr. Billie owns quite a large area of land and he is very kind but is frequently under liquor. I explain to him hypnotism and he understands it. He is Part Fijian.

Jan. 8, 1941. Fix plants all day. Purchase some interesting shells. When these Fijians come to sell some things they stand idle waiting until you think they really want to sell them. Unfortunately just plain lack of English knowledge and business. When they see you with shells, plant specimens, and the like, they feel obliged to get such and present them to you whether you give them things in return or not.

Jan. 9, 1941. Plant activity as usual. Go to Savu Savu town to post office and other business buildings. Buy some shell from a Fijian with Elephantiasis, resulted from mosquito bites. Meet friends, Fijians, working on road. They receive only 2/6 shillings a day. They really need the money only for clothes because food is copious. Meet a school master, 2nd class, with a very scanty knowledge. Bought mats & tapa from a Fijian village. That Fijians were ever cannibals is hard to believe.

Jan. 10, 1941. Botanical activity. Mr. Sulano comes to sell mats for Indian and his Indian are more sophisticated than the natives. An Indian has a lot of responsibilities in the postoffice. He operates a telegraph, telephone and others. We return the mats from the Indian because they are comparatively expensive. Mr. Dods seems to acquire a pretty fair knowledge of plants. Collect plants along trail. Mr. Fowler seems to know the Fijian language pretty well after 22 months stay.

Jan. 11, 1941. Plant activity as usual. Raining "cats & dogs". In early days, when a chief dies, the wives were strangled to death in order that they may follow him in heaven or hell. Some say that even now, when a chief dies, a person of another race may disappear. When Fijians marry, the men must present, a "lei-like" with a whale's tooth to the women. If the woman accepts it they marry; if not, the men must try to seek another. After marrying friends & relatives give the couple presents.

Jan. 12, 1941. Go to Mr. Dods' other place, in Mbau. Ride of Mr. Witherow (Billie) launch. Rather a small boat but quite reliable. Leave Balanga at about 8: AM and reach Mbau at about 12 (noon). Mr. Dods has two huts. Go plant collecting at that place while Mr. Dods & Mr. Fowler go after birds. Mr. Dods shoots down one parrot and 3 doves. Sleep rather uncomfortably in hut because of many mosquitoes. Two under one mosquito net.

Jan. 13, 1941. Go in the bush for more plants & birds. Mr. Dods shoots two doves. Get some interesting plants. Leave the bush at 1: PM. Get ready to leave for Balanga. On way back catch a fish about 3 ft. in length on my hook. Hard time getting it in. Just after reaching Balanga some one informs us that the boat to Suva will arrive soon. In a hurry packing!! Miss the boat!! Stay up late!! Have to stay in hotel owned by Mrs. K. Forbes. Sleep in hotel. Say good-bye to Fijian friends.

Jan. 14, 1941. Beds comfortable in hotel & breakfast, lunch & dinner excellent. Mrs. Forbes takes us to the end of the road in Savu Savu province. We find a home to rent for 5 shillings a week! Coconut trees in Fiji are so abundant. Mrs. Forbes is a very pleasant lady & intelligent but she is cold-blooded. Probably her responsibility of caring a beer-bar put her in that situation. Psychologically she has an active subconscious mind. In emergencies Fijians are so willing to help you even a whole night!

Jan. 15, 1941. Fix plants in a vacant dance hall. Hotel bill is 17/6 each for 1 & 1/2 days. Leave the hotel for Waina on a lorry to rent Mr. Leppar's house for 5 shillings a week. This place is rather secluded. Many houses seem to be vacant, particularly owned by Europeans. Mr. Degener seems to lose confidence in me? Meet some interesting Europeans in this secluded place. Although the insides of houses here are beautiful the outsidess are neglected.

Jan. 16, 1941. Fix plants. Visit some European youngsters & take some pictures. Discuss Hypnotism but evidently they haven't any knowledge of it. A little girl is rather talkative and intelligent. They are country people and to acquire high knowledge is unreliable. They have to stop school, unless financially secured, at an early age. Go shell collecting on the beach. The tides here are very high. Islets are visible from here.

Jan. 17, 1941. Early this morning Mavis Leppar comes with others, all homestead Europeans, to sell us milk. It is only a matter of proper environment that these youngsters need. Go hiking with Mr. Degener and a Fijian helper, John, 13 years old, at Wina. From top of mountain, beautiful sceneries could be seen. Rather coincidental that Mavis is a left handed on string instruments and writes right hand like me. When it's low-tide the reef is far off.

Jan. 18, 1941. Plants as usual. Climb a coco-nut tree. Mrs. Forbes, in charge of hotel, comes with a Forester to visit us. She brings us a pie. I open some coco nuts for them. Go way out to the reef and take some pictures. Help Mr. Haines, father of the little haoles spear fish. Catch many big ones. He is tall in stature and reminds me of Abraham Lincoln. He is very good natured but lack of education makes him a pioneer

Jan. 19, 1941. Go hiking led by Mr. Haines, with Mr. Degener, John and Mr. Haines' children. Converse with Mr. Haines in his house about the war situation. Mr. Haines has a natural knowledge. His children are interested in practically everything but unfortunately won't probably acquire high school or university education. Mrs. Forbes comes to visit us with three Englishmen. They are all cultured. Go shell collecting with John.

Jan. 20, 1941. Plant fixing is getting extremely monotonous! Am losing interest because of too much supervision from Mr. Degener. He expects a person to do as much as he does while he gets all the credits. He is losing his confidence because of occasional lethargies in me which he, himself has helped to produce. Catch some fish with John and collect shells. He expects my destination to be Mechanics.

Jan. 21, 1941. Go hiking along the beach with John and a Fijian boy for botanical purpose. Rather coincidental that three of us, Mavis, her little brother, & I got stomach ache. Go torching with the Haynes, a Fijian & Mr. Degener. Very successful in comparison to Hawaii. Catch or spear many fish. Mr. Haynes is very considerate. Obviously no racial prejudice! His children are all thoughtful. They probably know of my hypnotic ability. Go to bed late.

Jan. 22, 1941. We go hiking with Mr. Despessis, a forester. From top of mountain see excellent views. Although Mr. Despessis, a forester, he hasn't much enthusiasm in botanical work. These country people, whether

Fijian or European, seem happy living a simple life practically unaware of the war. These Europeans whether rich or poor like to wear shorts, even when hiking. The younger seem to become romantic under this environment.

Jan. 23, 1941. Hypnotized John, a Fijian, yesterday. His understanding is too low which makes it difficult to make him do what an English speaking person would. Leave Maravu at noon with Mr. Haynes to stay at his place in Matagaladamu. He is a very jovial and considerate person. Go hiking with him. The trees in Fiji are very tall; competition towards the sun. There is a vine that gives water that can be used for drinking purposes. Many edible fruit.

Jan. 24, 1941. Go hiking while Mr. Haynes goes after a bull. He shoots them whenever he wants some beef. Leave Matagaladamu; Mr. Haynes' place in Mr. Leppar's buss (lorry). Mr. Haynes' house is located about two miles from the road. Catch an unusually large crab. Englishmen have the privilege to marry Fijian women but Fijian men not allowed to marry English women! Back in Wina, Maravu, in Mr. Leppar's house. Converse with Mr. Degener.

Jan. 25, 1941. Fix plants. People moving from place to place carrying their suitcases and walking for miles is quite common. Fiji was once considered the worst cannibalistic place in the Pacific. Mr. Haynes invites us to his house for a birthday party. Meet many Europeans. A girl, about 11 years old has the birthday. Conversations are common. Give a demonstration on Hypnotism! John being the subject. Converse until 1 : AM in the morning. Have tea with them. No prejudice.

Jan. 26, 1941. Practically the whole day in Wina fixing plants. These British people seem to be very affectionate. Recessive individuals are quite common. Rather disgusted about this monotonous life. Having not much interest in botany, yet under a Botanist. The degree in a hypnotized Fijian is conspicuously limited. Mr. Haynes visits us. Interesting conversation. Get ready to leave Wina. Rather regrettable to leave people you have been used to.

Jan. 27, 1941. Do a lot of packing, Snapped some half-casts. Young Leppar takes us on his lorry to Savu Savu. On arrival there learn that the boat Yanawai is not coming. Have to go back to Wina. Meet previous Fijian friends at Morris-Hedstrom's. These Fijian people seem to mature faster. A girl you would think 25 years of age is only 16 to 18 chronologically. John leaves us. Go torching with Mr. Haynes. Jovial man indeed.

Jan. 28, 1941. Not much to do. Walk along the beach. Find a beautiful shell. Leonard shows me a cave where there are many swallow nests. They are so reachable. Learn to ride one of their horses. Discuss Hawaii with a half-cast. Leave Wina in Mr. Leppar's lorry. Feel rather sorry leaving the Haynes'. Little Vera & Budel impress me much. Our baggage is so big that it is a nuisance moving from place to place. We are now on a secluded harbor waiting for the Yanawai but not certain on its arrival.

Jan. 29, 1941. Yanawai arrives at 1:00 AM. Many Fijians come to the wharf to entertain people leaving. Bid good-bye to some friends. Mr. Degener & I got a stateroom in boat. Very comfortable. Reach Levuka, Ovalau, at about 10 AM. Take a walk in Levuka. See a Fijian with elephantiasis. His leg is very huge. Reach Suva about 6: P.M. Find a place

to sleep with a Fijian boxer, Thomas. He is good natured but spoils his health by drinking alcoholic drinks.

Jan. 30, 1941. Meet previous friends in cafe. Leave camera with them to take pictures. Go to Hotel to help fix plants. Do various errands. These Fijian soldiers seem faithful and brave. Movies last night "The Invisible Maniac". Have films (21 rolls) developed. Go to the movies with Harman. Europeans suspicious. Converse with Nellie, Lucy, Mavis, some Fijians, elder women, and Nancy until late. Sleep on their veranda.

Jan. 31, 1941. Go to Ngaloa to get Simmione but has moved to another place. Up early this morning. These half-casts, Fijian-European try to be respectable but due to lack of etiquette they put people in a disagreeable situation. They are more inclined to go with soldiers. They are good in secrets. Go to the movies "The Man in the Iron Mask". Very educational as far as European History is concerned. People occupied practically if not all the seats. Sleep with Thomas, a respectable Fijian.

Feb. 1, 1941. Get up pretty late. Go to Hotel to get ready to leave for Nadarivatu. Mr. Degener on his way to settle my return to Hawaii probably after a month. He intends to stay a little longer here. Go to the movies. People in the theater, Their characters. Soldiers are very famous in taking half-cast girls to the movies. Every girl 14 up seems to have a boy friend! Busy day for outdoor markets. Picture comical.

Feb. 2, 1941. Get ready for Nadarivatu. Taxi is hired specially. Bid Goodbye to Mr. Moore, a person who is against racial prejudice. A little girl, higher type of half-cast, in hotel, is very much interested in Filipinos. She likes to learn the language. On way to Nadarivatu see many beautiful views. Take some snap shots. Reach Nadarivatu to the Fish Hatchery at about 5 PM which is about 160 miles from Suva. Rather a small house.

Feb. 3, 1941. Arrange things in this two small room house. This place is indeed remote. Practically nothing to see or hear except insects, plants, stream, birds & rain. Go to the rest house about 3 miles walk from here. The postoffice is located near the rest house and other buildings. Get some food in the store. Eat practically nothing this morning. There is an Albino white Fijian, one of nature's peculiarities. Owner brings furniture for this house.

Feb. 4, 1941. Whole day in this particular remote place. Do some substantial studying. Trucks occasionally pass here because of timber. There is a lumber mill just beyond. These British people seem to dislike the Japanese very much for when a British sees me, and probably thinks I am a Japanese, he looks so atrocious. Nice place here with anice bathing stream. Argue with Mr. Degener on judgement. Do the cooking.

Feb. 5, 1941. (My birthday) Inconspicuous! Go to Nadarivatu postoffice to mail a package of plants. Meet Miss Reay, in charge of that place, and discuss Psychology with her. Buy some goods from Mr. Ragg, the only store in Nadarivatu. Mr. Ragg informs me that there will be a comet at about 4: AM tomorrow. Long walk to postoffice and back, about 6 miles. A Fijian girl lives with her parents and others near us. Interested in her psychological tenderness.

Feb. 6, 1941. Most of the time in house at the fish hatchery. Truck arrives from Suva that got our goods & equipments. Argue with Mr. Degener.

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His character. Take camera to some Fijian huts to take picture. Tripod base of Brownie camera is broken. Carelessness. See Fijian girl who attracted my attention. She is rather a physically well balanced type. Even Fijian grown up men act selfish in sex ideas!

Feb. 7, 1941. Plants fixing as usual. Go with Mr. Degener for a short collecting up the mountain opposite fish hatchery. We are surrounded by series of mountains. Looks like a crater. Snap some pictures. Visit a small Fijian village. Only two families probably. Meet Fijian who probably is the intended husband of that Fijian girl. This cooking business is awful! Pigs here are very cheap! Also cattle.

Feb. 8 Usual plant activity. Do a little plant collecting. Heard recently that practically everybody abandoned the "Cheng Ho". The captain was too inconsiderate. The Filipino crew disliked him, even the scientists and university students disliked him. Once a missionary, now a missionary law breaking individual. Mr. Degener gets the idea that I am crabby. Don't quite understand! Birds & insects at night are audible.

Feb. 9, 1941. Read that the "Na meke ni bokola", cannibal dance, is where Fijian warriors would cry out "Puaka balavu" (Long pig, or human bodies prepared for the oven). "Sa rawa tu" (It is prepared). It is no longer acted. Cannibalism is now conspicuous by its absence. Plant activity as usual. Read American Literature. Very inspirational. This terrible day-dreaming is very frequent. Rains occasionally. In house all day.

Feb. 10, 1941. Go to Nadarivatu post office. Three miles walk to that place. Meet some Fijians on way. Every time you meet a Fijian he or she would speak to you in Fijian, not being conscious of the fact whether you are a foreigner or not. Meet Miss Reay and her mother. She took me to her home and showed me a plant which is very interesting. She isn't prejudiced like most of them (English) there. Send films to be developed in Suva. Mail letters.

Feb. 11, 1941. Fijian girl & Brother come to sell us taro, yam and li-likeis. She is a good type Fijian. Go hiking with Mr. Degener - the road to the saw mill. Huge trees are cut down for lumber. Man spoils the beauty of nature cutting these picturesque trees. This evening some European workers & Fijians passed us. These Europeans when they see you doing something, they take no notice at all. They think they know enough. Fijians are very curious.

Feb. 12, 1941. Mr. Jackson, a secretary of the lumber co., comes to visit us. He is rather young. He feels lonesome in this remote place and expected to join the Royal Air Force. He is a local person and told us that local people never get to the top in Govt. work. All the D.C.s come from England. It's one reason why the British Empire is breaking up. All day in house fixing plants. Rather monotonous!

Feb. 13, 1941. Go hiking with Mr. Degener and a Fijian helper. He is a nice type of person. Knows the Fiji taxonomy pretty well. He is muscular and well built. He is 20. Strongest rain we ever experienced at the fish hatchery. Have our laundry washed by a Fijian. Trees at this place are very huge. A tree may be enough for a fairly big house. These Fijians seem to have adapted themselves to this rainy region. They go through the bushes bare-legged unconscious of pain.

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Feb. 14, 1941. Walk three miles to Nadarivatu post office. This rain seems to be rather incessant. Meet Miss Reay as usual. She has a Fijian helper. It is probably the reason why Fijians, even in higher business, don't know how to talk English fluently because the English take too much advantage in talking Fijian to them when they learned that language. Have to unwrap packages because they exceed the maximum shipping weight. Converse with an Indian. He is rather intelligent, a gold inspector.

Feb. 15, 1941. Go hiking - Mr. Degener, Timoci, and I. Collect quite a few specimens. Mr. Degener thinks I am demoralized yet he doesn't consider the fact that he tries to get all the credits in collecting. I am being considered his assistant and he puts no consideration on it at all. He gets that idea that I am demoralized because it's the tendency of the race. Such prejudice!

Feb. 16, 1941. Mr. Degener and I were invited for tea at the Reays' place. We walk to that place and I met Mrs. Reay, Miss Reay and her elder sister. Quite an unusual opportunity for me to be an exception from racial prejudice. They are nice and interested people. We converse quite long. Discussing Hypnotism, Psychology, and various subjects. They walk some way with us as we left their place. I was on top of the world! The mother is an Italian; father was a D.C. Snap a picture of them. They gave us corn.

Feb. 17, 1941. All day in house fixing plants and arguing with Mr. Degener. Timoci is rather an energetic and serious type of Fijian. Unspoiled by Europeans. A letter arrives telling about my passage back to Hawaii on the Mariposa. Cabin costs \$121.00. Will leave Suva March 13th as contemplated. Rather sad to leave these islands soon but glad to be back in school.

Feb. 18, 1941. A letter sent by the Steam Ship agent states that \$3.5813 (American) amounts to 13:1:6 Fiji currency. An incredible decrease in Fiji currency if true! Originally \$3.70 amounts to a pound! Perhaps due to the war. Go hiking as usual for botanical purpose. Reach the top of a mountain. Rather a steep climb! Plants specimens are in abundance. Do all the cooking and dish washing! These Fijians are a happy & contented people.

Feb. 19, 1941. Go to the postoffice. Just learned that the Fiji currency situation was misunderstood. No radical change at all. See Miss Reay, her mother, and sister. They give me some corn and squash. They are very kind. They are of Latin-English descent. Their house is very elaborate, situated on top a hill making it a cool and healthy place. Fog is occasionally all over Nadarivatu. This solitary life gives you occasional day-dreams, home sickness, and lazy, due to lack of inspiration.

Feb. 20, 1941. Plant activity as usual. Raining terribly! While fixing plants in the house a Fijian came running to warn us of an existing hurricane that is probably near Suva. It struck Levuka, Ovalau and on its way to Viti Levu. Mr. Degener immediately prepares to leave this place as he is very nervous! Two years ago at this same place the river rose to about 4 ft. up the house. We walked all the way to Nadarivatu and rented a room in the rest house.

Feb. 21, 1941. Last night rain and oscillating wind were terrible. Fijians barred all windows. Barometer dropped considerably! Pretty calm this morning. Have breakfast with many Europeans. They look suspicious.

Because I'm a brown race!!! Prejudice (racial) is very conspicuous in these Fiji Islands! Walk back to the fish hatchery. On our arrival we were very much surprised to see everything deranged! Fish hatchery screen ripped; large logs in the yard; bridge deranged; living room muddy; toilet overflowed!!

Feb. 22, 1941. The fish hatchery is just a mess. River is still high. Not much rain. Chop some wood right where the huge logs were brought in by the river. Benny, the Fijian, comes with his wife to sell us bananas. He was the one who warned us against the hurricane. We gave him a present consisting of 3 cans salmon, 2 cans sardines, a package of matches & 2 cans fruit. Wasn't he very happy!? He deserved it. He is very considerate. Rather thoughtless of the builder to locate the hatchery where danger is expected.

Feb. 23, 1941. Fix plants. Go for a pleasure hike to the saw mill. Snap many pictures. Lumber is gradually becoming scarce in that particular place. Timber people are making new roads to more abundant trees suitable for lumber. The previous hurricane certainly knocked some huge trees and produced landslides! Fijians at that place don't seem to know beyond 2 miles of their place. Rather remote. They are however happy.

Feb. 24, 1941. Go hiking - Mr. Degener, Timoci and I. Reach the top of a neighboring mountain. Timoci is receiving inspiration in the botanical line. I guess he hasn't much to think or worry about. That's why he is absorbed in what he does manually. Mr. Degener is indeed happy, contented, and patient in his botanical accomplishments! Romance is evidently permeating my mind! Occasional day-dreaming is common! A great hinderance to success!

Feb. 25, 1941. Plant activity as usual. Timoci goes to the postoffice for mail. He returns with my developed and some printed films. Costs me altogether 16 shillings 10 pennies. Mr. Degener hasn't much faith in me. He has the positive idea that he made a mistake taking me along! He hires a Fijian to help him most with his plants while he is satisfy me washing the dishes and cooking! Unforgettable!

Feb. 26, 1941. Do most of the uneducational odds and ends again! Rather uninspirational being under such situation! Harmonious activity is becoming uncommon! A great hinderance to ambition!! Mr. Goodsir comes to call on us. He is rather a fast thinker, consequently a fast talker. He is a conspicuously red-faced person. He informs us that Fijians do lots of guess work in plant taxonomy.

Feb. 27, 1941. Do a little plant pressing. After lunch go to Nadarivatu to mail packages. In the postoffice, converse with Miss Reay, a lady probably close to middle age but has yet a strong inclination towards sex. Dr. & Mrs. Hemsley soon arrive at the postoffice. The wife is a rather a "stream-lined" type of lady. They have two children. Have an educational conversation with Mr. Ragg, a store keeper, on way back. On way, tested a Fijian boy in plant taxonomy to work for us.

Feb. 28, 1941. Meet a Fijian (part) and three Europeans who are in charge of the gold mine at Tavua. This Fijian is a half-cast, Fijian-Tongan. He came originally from Lau Island which can be seen from Levuka, Ovalau. The Fijian feature seems dominant in him. He is against this British conduct. It is conspicuous for a British, if he is rich or something,

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to "high-hat" a person out of the Aryan race!! Daniel, the new Fijian boy, has such overgrown feet & body!

March 1, 1941. Go with Daniel to Nadarivatu to mail packages/ Have a worth while conversation with Miss Reay. On way to - meet some Europeans who are not irresponsible. Mr. Degener feels positive that I spoiled his trip! He expects a person to be obliged whether he does things out of kindness or not! I never was in a worse situation before!! I am not getting any botanical knowledge because of discouragement.

March 2, 1941. In Fiji there are many things like: shells, birds, insects & plants which the Hawaiian Islands do not possess. Shells here are colossal Wild parrots and colorful birds are common here. Insects are of many species! There is only one kind of snake but which is becoming extinct. Some water snakes. Stay in house fixing plants and day-dream at the same time.

March 3, 1941. Go to the postoffice with Daniel with packages of mats. Converse with Miss Reay on Psychology and others pertaining to the mind. There are some Europeans in the postoffice. Miss Reay's helper, Forsa, a Fijian, is very respectable and attentive. He is, evidently, easily led. Miss Reay seems to be keen psychologically. Ask information as to how I can get a lorry to Suva to catch the Mariposa.

March 4, 1941. Go hiking to where lumber trees are cut down. A steam engine does the hauling. Cables are extended all over that particularly copious timber area! Take snapshots of the workmen. It is rather a pity that much of the timber is wasted; the tops especially. It is to the advantage of the company, however. Cutting the branches requires considerable time. Timoce and Daniel are very talkative in their native tongue but silent when English is used.

March 5, 1941. Just finished my American Literature book. When these Fijians sing they make good duet. Their voices are loud. Very high to bass. Very few know how to use string instruments, also wind instrument. They aren't in abundance, like in Hawaii, which obviously put them behind. My departure is drawing near! They have such huge lizard! Rather solitary! Locusts are plentiful here. All day in house. Plant activity as usual.

March 6, 1941. Go to the postoffice to mail some of my old clothes because I have curios to take along. These curios are breakable which probably won't reach their destination if sent "parcel post". Converse with Miss Reay. She agrees with me that as man becomes more intelligent he does the most brutal things." War is an appropriate example! Hear that Mr. Jackson will have his timber lorry take me to Tavua.

March 7, 1941. In and around the house all day cooking, washing dishes, and fixing plants. Practically unaware of civilization! Mr. Degener just hates people giving their opinions. He associates such opinions as crabbing. Raining terribly! We depend on rain water for drinking. Since our stay at the Fish Hatchery, we were never out of rain water! News of the war is obscure here! Nature in-the-raw is conspicuous however.

March 8, 1941. These Fiji people, Fijians especially, know very little English but they don't talk "pidgin English" like Hawaii people. Hawaii is probably the most commonest place for Pidgin English. Pay day for Timoce and Daniel. Miss Reay and two other Europeans come to visit us on

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horses. Mr. Degener tells them that I am leaving because I am like a flea who annoys a dog! He doesn't want to admit that I have to go back to school.

March 9, 1941. Fix plants as usual. Get ready to leave tomorrow for Suva and thence to "Good Old Hawaii". Mr. Degener feels rather depressed. It is rather sorrowful to depart after things are becoming harmonious! The Fiji trip is an unforgettable experience. It is of botanical, topographical, psychological, and anthropological value. Also sexology. These amalgamated people are interesting.

March 10, 1941. Wait for lumber lorry from 7 AM to 3:30 PM. to take me to Tavua. Get quite wet on the way. Find a place to stay overnight. Meet an Indian 21 and a Samoan. This young Indian is quite ambitious while this Samoan is rather a go-for-broke type. He prefers good time all the time. While this Indian is a Health Inspector, and takes correspondence course. Stay up late conversing.

March 11, 1941. Leave Tavua at 9:30 AM. Ride with some interesting people. On way the trail of the hurricane is conspicuous. Considerable damages were done! Weak houses demolished, stronger ones deroofted! huge trees either have their leaves scattered on the ground or branchless. Hear that a Fijian's chest was pierced by a mango branch! Reach Suva raining. Find previous friends. Sleep with them.

March 12, 1941. Attend to various businesses: Go to bank of New South Wales, police station for validating passport, buy some curios. In the bank these workers think I am just one of those incomprehensible Fijians. They think they are the only educated people! White man is overlooking the statement "all men are created equal", equality to exist on this earth. See war picture (special) then usual musical pictures.

March 13, 1941. (Due to passing International date line today is still the 13th) People. Their character. (Clocks advanced 30 min. Another 30 min. tonight.) Get my steamer ticket from Morris, Hedstrom, Mariposa is my boat, cabin-stateroom No. 527. Fare is \$121.00. This is an American boat. Invite many of my girl and boy friends to lunch, Fijians and half-casts. They are very kind to me and I feel very sorry leaving them - perhaps never to see them again personally! Once a person makes friends he wishes he could stay with them forever! Sensitivity is the disposition of such persons. They come to the harbor to say good-bye. My girl friends give me a beautiful mat for present. A deed that will never be forgotten! Simone, a Fijian boy, presented me some cats eyes and beautiful shells. He is very considerate. He is ambitious and deserves a present from me - a book of educational values. Treated them to movies and foods. They are very attentive. My conclusion is that if these Fijians were not deprived of certain rights they could become energetic mentally. It's a pity! I only hope I could see the Fiji Islands again in the future. Sob!

March 14, 1941. Arrive in American Samoa 8:00 AM. Regular launches take us ashore. On shore many Samoans are selling all kinds of curios. Buy a designed canoe and a turtle carving. Snap quite a few pictures. They tasted a bit of the hurricane. These Samoans wear skirts (Sulus) as the Fijian but different in color. Meet Pay Ochs on boat. Food luxurious. A little racial prejudice on boat! Leave American Samoa 1:30 PM.

March 15, 1941. Some Samoans are having breakfast, lunch & supper with us. They feel a bit embarrass. So did I! It is only a matter of understanding psychology. Surprising how these people (white) have a different suit or dress every meal. The ladies have their faces painted so conspicuously! They all look like dolls! There is a little girl who is very talkative! She cries as babies do but talks like adults. I am the only one who eats alone!

March 16, 1941. Cross the Equator at approximately 12:20 P.M. Name on passengers' list. Receive an invitation sheet on crossing the Equator, "Domain of Neptunus Rex." Meet a Samoan who knows the destination of the yacht "Cheng Ho". He says that only two of the crew went back to the Philippines. The others tried to escape but a policeman got them. Dr. Coulter got off on Samoa (American). People. Their character.

March 17, 1941. The 6th day on boat, Mariposa. Converse with some haoles (a family, with two daughters) and Edwin, new acquainted Samoan friend. This family is very considerate. They started the conversation because they think I had been too lonesome with no one to talk to for 5 days. Play games with Edwin. Made him interested in Hypnotism and successfully hypnotized him on first attempt. Somnambulistic stage.

March 18, 1941. I attended fire drill yesterday but missed to locate my station. I receive no boat news today due probably to negligence yesterday. Hypnotized Edwin in front of some haoles yesterday evening. They seemed doubtful because they cultivated no interest in coming nearer to examine. This houle family is of Polish decent. They came from Poland, which is now half Germany and the other to Russia. Take their pictures. Attend Movies in ship. Quite inspirational.

March 19, 1941. Arrive in Honolulu at 9 AM. Due to change of Immigration Laws since we left for Suva, Fiji I am now confined in the Immigration station waiting my O.K. to return to Hawaii. The disadvantage of not being born in America! Leaving my Polish friends is very sorrowful! They have been so considerate that it makes me cry to depart from them. I cried terribly in the Station thinking of the past: Friends in Fiji, on the boat, Mr. Degener, and everything in general.

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Dear Mr. Degener:

Unfortunately, the news business here won't publish your letter in defense of mine - the Fiji incident. The democratic world is yet afraid to make truths public known.

However, there is a book written by Col. P. Romulo, a Filipino Pulitzer Prize winner, entitled "Mother America," which is of psychological significance between the Occidental and the Oriental. He wrote another book before that, "I Saw The Fall of The Philippines." He was a newspaper man but now a member of the Eile Government of The Philippines in Washington. He took his LLD with President Roosevelt at Notre Dame. He had the advantage of knowing the Oriental probably more than any Occidental does. Evidently is a product of the Occidental and the Oriental. Rigal was right when he said: "I have sown the seed, others are left to rip."

You have been a great influence to me, but because I have failed in helping you with Leroy's case, I hope you don't get the impression that I am useless. I think I am doing pretty well for people I don't know or have forgotten greet me on the streets. Just plain igotism of course.

Your Fiji Booklets are wonderful! Too bad I only notice my name. Why wasn't I born botanical minded? How I wish I were with you. Why didn't you give me more inspiration instead of kicking me out? Why didn't you give me a blackeye when I became repulsive? You were too soft!

Sorry I wasn't thoughtful during Christmas and New Year. But I do hope these times will be a happy reminiscence to you. I never could be conscious of such holidays because I never was trained in those lines. Forgive me. And forgive my parents.

Best wishes and more success in your work, directed to influencing the botanical world.

Aloha,