

SUN: Today rises 6:47, sets 5:18.  
MOON: Rises 7:46 a.m., sets 6:49 p.m.  
TIDES (Port Phillip): High, 9:23 a.m.;  
(4 ft 2 in); 5:28 p.m. (4 ft 6 in); Low,  
3:40 a.m. (6 in); 3:15 p.m. (1 ft 2 in).

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**PRE-PACKED.** Confronted with a shock in his front path, Mr C. H. Roach (Fenish) decided to punch it himself. "Yes, my hardware store had just the thing," he writes. "A three-to-one mixture of sand and 2lb cement for only 7/6. With cement at 16/- per 100lb bag and sand at 6/- a ton, it work it out that my bag of 'pre-packed' had a net value of 5/4."

**INNOCENCE.** The new girl complained about the old-fashioned office hot water jug. "How do I know when it boils?" she asked. "At home, our switches itself off."

**FORTUNE - HUNTING.** Which offers the best investment—a 100 ticket in a "special" £12,000 lottery, or a sixth share in a £3 Opera House ticket?

Jack Staveley (Antarctica) has come up with figures to argue that 100 in the Opera House gives a chance in only 38 prizes worth more than £10 to each shareholder, while 100 in a special lottery competes for 1,058 prizes worth £10 or better. Mr Staveley has forgotten the two £750 consolation prizes and the 14,700 odd consolatory Jackpots tickets—and also, apparently, the need to get that Opera House built.

**WISE OLD OWL.** That owl in the Martin Place book may very well be a father's daughter, Mr Cyril Noake (Lepping) suggests that it knows where the dough is kept.

**AS THE REVEREND** N. W. LICKINS says, "It is too big a step to lift the restrictions on liquor for aborigines without a period of education to accustom them to drinking." This is profoundly true. Let Mr Gus Kelly institute drinking classes for aborigines. Let the dark undergraduates progress through the sweet sherris or perhaps port-wine sherry to the more sophisticated "drinks," and so through the table wines. There could be sessions on vintage, correct glasses and temperatures. And even today not one lute to 100 cooks goanna steak in wine.

**FOOD OLD.** Tom Lewis, M.L.A., offers a footnote to the Column 8 paragraph (July 30) about the university student who asked how he was progressing in foreign affairs, said, "Dunno, I've never had one."

Mr Lewis says that, when in Washington, he met a problem to Senator A. W. Barkley, former Vice-President in the Truman Administration. "Why does the Senate have a foreign relations committee while the House of Representatives has a foreign affairs committee?" "Mistly," said Barkley, "Senators are too old to have foreign affairs."

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# Indonesia Likely To Control West N.G. Next May

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 (A.A.P.).—Indonesia is anxious to sign the West New Guinea agreement with the Dutch authorities on August 17—the anniversary of Indonesian independence.

Under the informal Indonesian Ambassador At The Hague an agreement reached yesterday. Indonesia has demanded that it was not early to the administration of West New Guinea by January. New Guinea to Indonesia Holland held out for a longer period. During the transition period, it is understood that U.N. supervisors will have control and then pass administrative responsibility to Indonesian representatives.

The informal agreement was announced by the U.N. Acting Secretary-General, U. Thant. It follows protracted negotiations between the Dutch Ambassador to the United States, Dr J. van Roijen, and

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Another major element of the draft agreement is provision for a plebiscite to give the native Papuan in West New Guinea the right of self-determination. This was a right issued by the Dutch and laid down in the proposals by the former U.S. diplomat Al Ellsworth Barker, neutral third party in the talks. U.S. sources said the draft provides that a plebiscite be held in the territory 10 years after the Indonesian assumes administration.

Dr van Roijen will leave Washington tonight for The Hague for consultations on the preliminary agreement. He said agreement had been reached on essential points, but some details had still to be settled. He expressed optimism that the relations between Indonesia and Holland would now be restored to normal.

Indonesia's Foreign Minister, Dr Subandrio, met U.S. officials just before the announcement. He said he hoped a formal agreement with Holland could be completed by the middle of August.

Members of Dr Subandrio's party said that Dr Subandrio would arrive here in Djakarta tomorrow and would spend about a week there before returning to New York.

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**No Early Action**  
Sir Garfield said he had not Dr Subandrio had this might need to be formalized at a more appropriate time, and Dr Subandrio had agreed that was a suitable course. But it is believed the Government does not contemplate any early action for a formal treaty.

Australia's only direct commitment on West New Guinea is the administrative agreement signed with the Dutch on November 1, 1957—but no defence content. The agreement, provided merely for administrative liaison between the two territories.

## Barwick Says: "Protect Papan Interests"

CANBERRA, Wednesday.—Hopes that a final settlement in West New Guinea would pay Dutch regard to the interests of the indigenous inhabitants were expressed tonight by the Minister for External Affairs, Sir Garfield Barwick.

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