

Scientists To Make Survey On Kon Tiki Landing Site

New York — (U.P.) — A team of eight scientists will make an ecological survey this summer of Raroia Atoll, where the famed voyage of the Kon Tiki expedition ended in 1947.

Ecology is a branch of biology dealing with the relations between organisms and their environment.

The atoll will be familiar territory to at least one member of the expedition — Dr. Bengt Danielsson of Sweden. He was on the Kon Tiki when it wound up on the Raroia coral reef. He later spent 18 months there doing anthropological research.

All the Swedish scientists' seven companions on the trip will all be Americans, headed by Prof. Norman D. Newell, professor of geology at Columbia University. The expedition will start from Tahiti, chief island of French Oceania.

French Help Out

From Tahiti, the scientists will make the 400-mile trip to Raroia in the Golet, a diesel-powered schooner furnished by the French administrative authorities. Raroia atoll belongs to Tuamotu Archipelago in French Oceania. It is 10 miles wide and 25 miles long, with a native population of some 300 primitive Polynesians.

Planned by the Pacific science board of the National Research Council, and financed by a grant of the U.S. Office of Naval Research, the expedition will stay three months on Raroia. The ecological survey, which will investigate the plant and animal community in relation to its environment, will be the third in a series of five. The series seeks to "sample" geographically and culturally different parts of the Pacific.

Prof. Newell said co-operation of the French administrative authorities on Tahiti is wholehearted. In return, he will undertake to comply with a French request for advice on how to improve the pearl fishing industry, which was formerly the chief one in the area. It has been replaced by coconut production, for copra.

The industry is now under attack by swarms of rats on the atolls, which currently ruin 30

per cent of the coconut crop. Newell will conduct studies on the rodents' breeding and feeding habits with a view toward their extermination.

Much Diving Planned

Most of the time, Newell and his associates will be exploring the waters of the 100-foot deep lagoon and the ocean immediately outside the reef. They will dive from whale boats, provided with outboard motors, and, according to Newell, will spend two-thirds of their investigating time under water.

Although the waters around the reef contain sharks, eels, and rays the expedition's chief expects no trouble. He said the undersea probes will be protected by the plume of bubbles ejected by compressed air gear strapped to their backs. The divers will use improvised underwater cameras, as well as movie and still cameras to record on land their daily operations.

While the other scientists pursue their special investigations Newell will concern himself mainly with the origin of the atoll. Why it is there and what changes it has undergone are questions to which the Columbia geologist will seek answers.

Life on Raroia, said Newell, will be nearly all work, with little social contact with Polynesians, except for anthropological study. The scientists will live in thatched huts built by the natives. They will supplement their canned food diet with fish from the Polynesian nets and with breadfruit and papaya.

Snow Being Used In Soil Research

Berkeley, Calif. — (U.P.) — Snow is being used in soil science research at the University of California College of Agriculture.

In telling whether a soil is too alkaline for radishes, a problem is to moisten the soil just enough for seedlings to sprout. Powdered snow provides the needed moisture.

The snow, "sawdust from ice factories," is kept in refrigerat-

ed rooms and mixed with the soil according to weight proportion. As the snow melts, it moistens the soil.

The moistened soils are planted with 36-hour-old radish seedlings. In 24 hours the growth of the radish determines the presence of alkali, or sodium salts, which hinders plant growth.

In rebuilding its cities Germany has erected 356,000 dwellings so far in 1952, 407,000 in 1951 and since 1950 a total of 1,500,000 according to the German tourist bureau.

Wolves, like dogs, express pleasure by wagging their tails and put their tails between their legs when frightened.

Some Mexicans Fear Security Program

Mexico City — (U.P.) — Some Mexican doctors fear that continuing expansion of Mexico's multimillion dollar social security program may convert them into "mere employees of the government."

Dr. Alfonso Millan Maldonado, president of the Mexican Medical Confederation, said his colleagues are "deeply concerned by the constant extension" of the vast government security benefits system.

"We are well aware that the day is coming when Mexican physicians will have to abandon private practice to convert themselves into government workers—mere functionaries," he said.

"We will collaborate only if

we are furnished just economic compensation."

Millan Maldonado said he has asked President Miguel Aleman to approve a program drawn up by the confederation seeking to establish minimum wages for doctors, job guarantees, better opportunities for study and self-improvement and other social benefits.

He said the confederation believes doctors should receive a minimum salary of \$35 per month for one hour of work daily for the social security program.

Mexico's government-controlled health program provides free medical treatment and free medicines to all workers who

MacLean Resigns State Tax Position

Salem — (U.P.) — Robert D. MacLean, a member of the Oregon State Tax Commission for three years, has resigned to enter private industry, State Treasurer Walter J. Pearson said Thursday.

MacLean is a resident of Waldport, where he owns a ranch and has other business interests. He asked to be relieved of his duties by September 30.

He will contribute a percentage of their wages to the social security fund.

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Washington Prison Escapee Returned

Walla Walla — (U.P.) — Keith Coryell, who escaped from the Washington state penitentiary Sunday, was back behind bars Thursday.

Coryell was captured by state patrol officers near Wallula early Wednesday after a Walla Walla couple, Mr. and Mrs. Mac Moore, reported that two men tried to force them from their car near Wallula about an hour earlier. Moore was slugged twice before his wife managed to get the car started.

Patrick Falwell, who made a break for freedom at the same time as Coryell, managed to elude officers.

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The only real solution to loneliness is to keep so busy that you have no time to think about yourself and how lonely you are.

That is the best advice for the 21-year-old wife who writes:

"Q. I have a terrific fear of loneliness that has been with me since childhood. My husband had to go to the service and is now in Korea. Worrying about his safety plus the fact that I have no friends to go out with is starting to depress me. I have tried working in an office to keep my mind busy and perhaps acquire a friend but I have found that there was no one my age who was friendly toward me or interested in becoming acquainted. I crave the feeling of being useful and needed. What would you advise?"

(A) There are few people who are happy alone. In your case, this natural craving for companionship has been intensified by childhood experiences. There is no use to back it. You will be much wiser to put yourself in a situation where loneliness is reduced to a minimum.

First of all, get another job. There are many office jobs available today so you can be selective. When you apply for a new job, make the type of people you will be working with your first consideration. You can find out in your interview if there are many young people your age employed there and if the organization has any social events or clubs for its employees. That would be more important to you than salary.

Second, offer to do volunteer

work in the evenings or over the week-ends. All hospitals are in great need of volunteer workers. In addition, there is the Red Cross and a number of other community and church organizations which need workers. Your office experience would be of great value to them.

Get Home Companion

And, finally, make some arrangement that you will not be living alone. If you want to remain in your home so you will be there when your husband returns from overseas, have someone come and live with you. If you have no relative or friend who is available, ask your minister if he knows a congenial person to share your home with you. There are many war wives in your position and it would mean a lot to one of them to share your home.

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