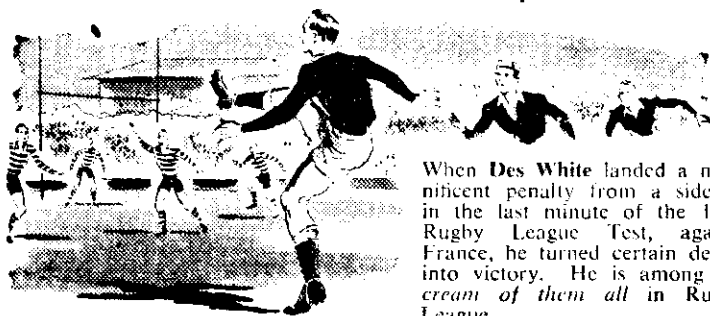


THE CREAM OF THEM ALL

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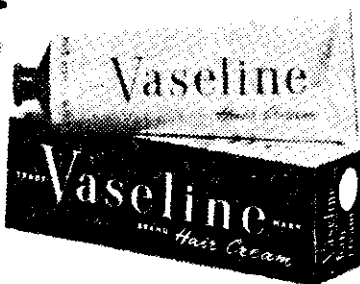


When Des White landed a magnificent penalty from a sideline in the last minute of the 1951 Rugby League Test, against France, he turned certain defeat into victory. He is among the cream of them all in Rugby League.

Remember Johnny Globe's fighting finish to run second to Adouan after losing 72 yards in the 1953 N.Z. Cup. He proved himself to be among the cream of all pacers that day.



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★ ABOVE: Over Hollyford Valley flies one of "Popeye" Lucas's planes, on a routine flight to Milford Sound.

RIGHT: "Popeye" himself ★

"Popeye" Lucas in Person

THERE was once a farmer—this is a true story—on a sheep station in the back country of Otago who needed a spare part for an electric generator. He needed it badly enough to tramp 20 miles over rough country to the nearest telephone to order it. He put through his call and started back. When he got home the spare part was lying in the back yard. For F. J. ("Popeye") Lucas this little delivery job by plane and parachute—it would have taken days by bus and launch—was "all in the day's work," and that's the title given to four interviews with Mr. Lucas which are to be heard from 4YA, the first on Monday, August 9, at 7.15 p.m.

"Popeye" Lucas, who was one of New Zealand's leading wartime bomber pilots, took up farming after the war, but he didn't settle to that very well, and in 1947 went in with C. W. Hewett who was doing tourist runs with a Percival Proctor plane from Frankton, outside Queenstown. The birth of this air service is described in the first programme of *All in the Day's Work*. Flying over rough country and landing on beaches on their runs to the white-baiters at Big Bay, they had bad luck with their planes in their first year—an Auster down in the Lammerlaw Range and a Proctor and a Moth in trouble at Big Bay. But since 1948 their planes, always carefully serviced by Flight Engineer Barry Topliss, have had no accidents; and their beach landings have been made safer by two-way radio communication between Big Bay and their aerodrome. The part the air service has played in the Big Bay whitebaiting venture is told in the second programme.

Mr. Lucas is convinced that the coming thing in mountain rescue work—discussed in the third programme—is the helicopter, in which he is keenly interested. Apart from work in these fields, his service has been used for aerial topdressing, seed-sowing and rabbit poisoning, transport of all kinds of material for farmers, supplying trampers, deer-cullers and hunters, and for tourist flying—and the last interview deals with the future of the tourist business in this area.



Escape to the West

IN September, 1951, a handful of desperate men seized control of the Prague-Asch express and drove it through the "Iron Curtain" to Selb, in the American Zone of Germany. This incident highlighted what is, in fact, a continuous traffic of refugees between East and West. It also set Morris West, of Australasian Radio Productions, to thinking. The result was *Pathways to Freedom*, a series of dramatised escape stories gleaned largely from European settlers in Australia. Each one is personally introduced by the man or woman who made the escape, though in some cases pseudonyms have been used from fear of reprisals. The series will start from 1YA at 8.0 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10, and later from other National stations.

EMPIRE GAMES

THE closing ceremony of the Empire Games at Vancouver will be broadcast by all ZB and X stations and 2ZA at 8.0 p.m. on Sunday, August 8, immediately following the final edition of "Sportscall from the Empire Games." The Duke of Edinburgh will give the address. The programmes have been altered as follows: All main commercial stations except 1ZB will play the 8.0 p.m. serial at 8.30, "Much-Binding" at 9.0, and the "Bing Crosby Show" will appear in the afternoon. Station 1ZB will schedule its "Sunday Theatre" at 7.0 p.m., and play "London Studio Melodies" in the afternoon.

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