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Sir Donald McGillivray, High Commissioner, Federation of Malaya, inspected the 1st Batt., Fiji Infantry Regiment, serving in the anti-terrorist campaign. They presented him with a whale's tooth, highest mark of respect Fijians can show to foreigners. In the Malayan fighting the battalion has lost some of its men killed. The second tribute to the High Commissioner was the preparation of

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Kava, ceremonial drink of Fiji. *To warriors or as fine soldier as any under cd work. Yr especially valuable in jungle fighting of Malaya*  
53 *Kava's* is an intoxicating little tippie. To coconut milk they add the leaves and roots of the pepper plant. *To make the* ~~juices~~ juices flow these are first chewed by small children. They didn't tell Sir Donald that till after he'd had quite a swig.

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Up on Exmoor the recent blizzard didn't do things by halves. It struck unexpectedly and with a force that threatened to isolate a large area of north Devon. Many folks caught on the roads had their cars marooned. Hereabouts people depend much on bus travel. Parracombe, a longish bus ride from Barstable, began to think it wouldn't go to the pictures for some time *to come.*

One farmer we interviewed woke up to find ten of his sheep missing. While he was locating them he had to think up emergency food measures. That meant *getting turnips* ~~proceeding the snow with hay and turnips~~ and even those had to be dug out first. Neither professionals nor the rest of us can ~~so much as~~ *even* predict our climate, from day to day; so although it's thawing at the moment, who can say? Devon may not be out of the wood yet.

British Featherweight champ Sammy McCarthy defends the title against Spider Kappy, at Belfast, January 22nd. Bob Gardiner's promotion. A good scrap seems to be in prospect.