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B Buildings cf.

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B water outside c

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B shore C

sandy  
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green C  
trees C

Enclosed land  
sandy beach C  
green trees  
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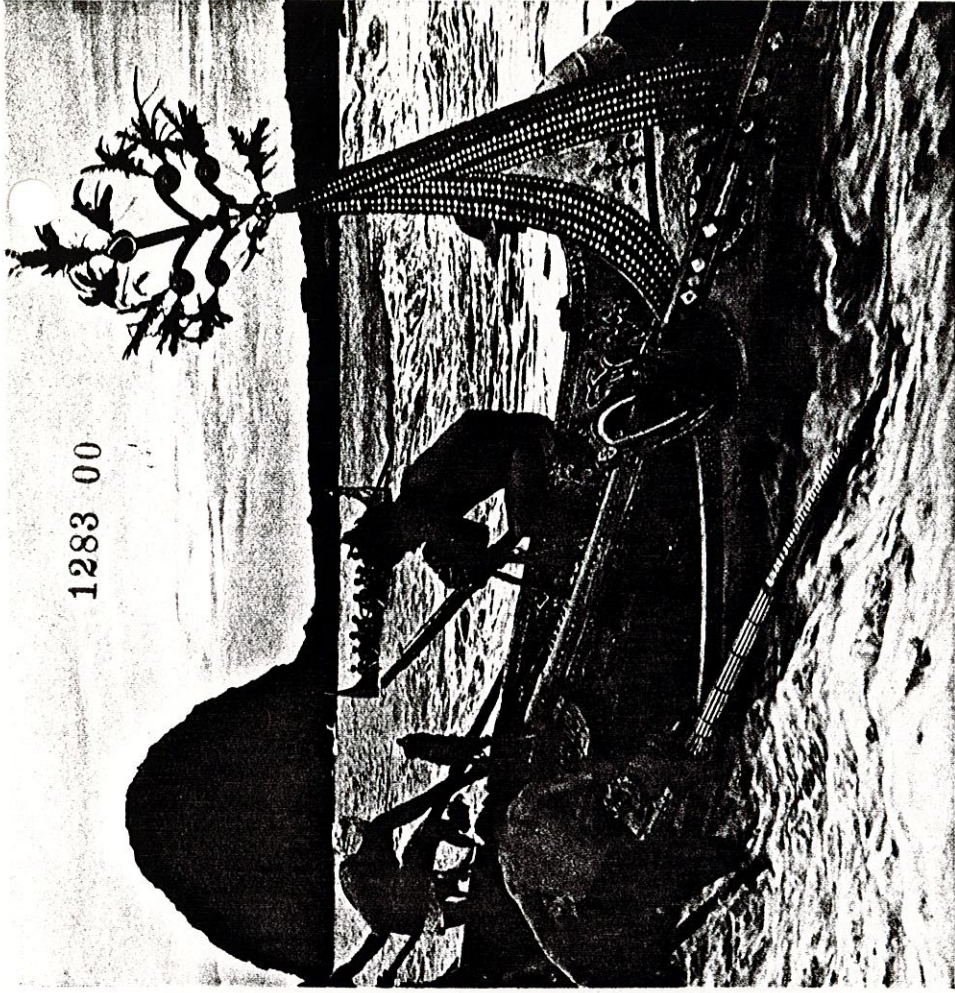
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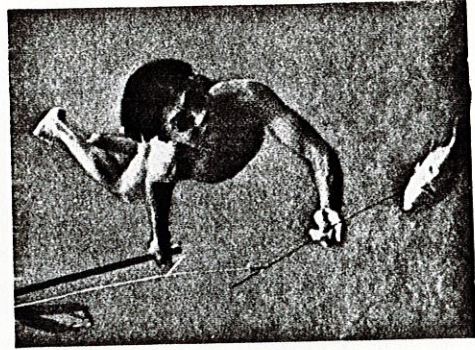
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# The Gentle Yamis of Orchid Island

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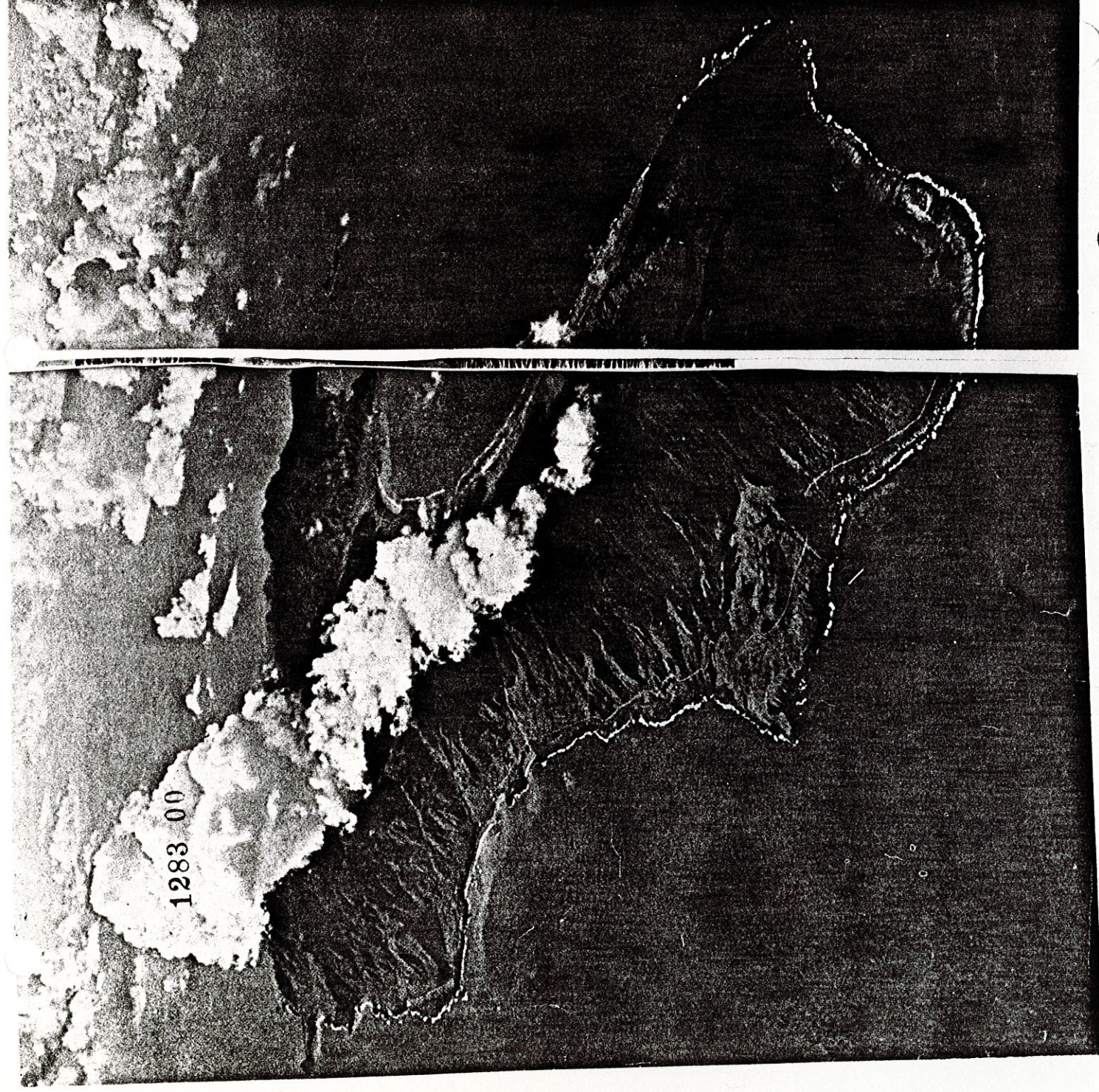


**S**AILING in the wake of their past, Yami fishermen of Lan Yü—Orchid Island—put out to sea in an elaborate ceremonial canoe (above) hewn from trees of their densely forested homeland in the western Pacific, off Taiwan. One hundred years of alternating and casual rule by Chinese and Japanese have done little to pry these people from the ways of their Southeast Asian ancestors, who, according to one ancient legend, emerged from the sea.

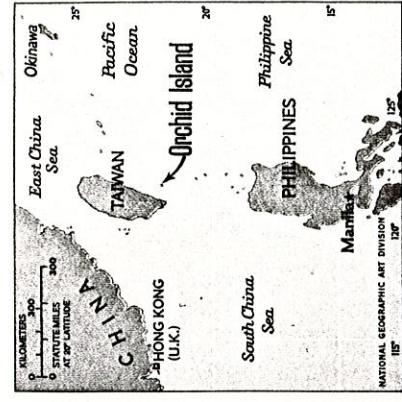
Strangers to any formal authority, they have neither chief nor priest, but practice instead a primitive kind of democracy, settling

their disputes by argument and sharing in the wealth of the sea that surrounds their orchid-strewn little island. At the close of the day these men may haggle over who was to blame for poor fishing, but will nonetheless end by scrupulously dividing their catch into even shares.

During flying-fish season, which lasts from February to June, the Yamis are able to net their most abundant seafood delicacy in mid-air. But the rest of the year is not so bountiful, and the men must supplement their often meager catches by diving along the coral reefs with crude spear guns (left).



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**W**ITHIN SIGHT of Taiwan on a clear day, 18-square-mile Orchid Island sits some 40 miles off the coast of its Nationalist Chinese protector, which built and maintains six schools for islanders and a prison camp for Taiwanese convicts here. The Yamis have only recently begun to join the mainstream—much to the chagrin of this woman dressed in ceremonial finery (below) and other elders, who remain fierce guardians of the island's heritage.

