I. ASAEO MEETINGS IN SANTA CRUZ

A conference on "Social Anthropology in the South Pacific" will be held at Santa Cruz, California, on March 27, 28, and 29, 1969. Joint sponsors are ASAEO and the Center for South Pacific Studies, UC-Santa Cruz. The conference, during the spring break at the university, will bring together about 40 scholars with Pacific interests, in social anthropology and related fields.

Participants will be housed in dormitory rooms, and costs will be kept to a minimum. Grant support to pay travel costs of participants in formal symposia has been sought from Wenner-Gren. Other members or interested scholars who would like to sit in on the meetings and participate are welcome to do so, if they can get to Santa Cruz.

The meetings will begin at noon on March 27, and last through Saturday evening, March 29. Discussion, formal and informal, will cover a wide range of topics. Planned symposia include:

Social Structure in the New Guinea Highlands and Island Pacific (Chairman: R. Keesing)

Kinship Terminology in Oceania (Chairman: D. Schneider)

Modernization of Micronesia (Chairman: F. McReynolds Smith)

Polynesian Political Systems (Chairmen: D. Oliver and W. Davenport)

Anthropology of the Gilberts (Chairmen: M. Silverman and H. Lundsgaarde)

Social Anthropology of Malaita (Chairman: R. Keesing).

We particularly hope that a number of graduate students planning to do Pacific research will be able to take part in the meetings. The setting will be casual, scenic, and hopefully
sunny (with such a concentration of magical knowledge, we should be able to manage that!).

An organizational meeting of ASAEO in which our scope, management, and activities can be discussed is tentatively planned.

For further information, contact Roger M. Keesing, Center for South Pacific Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz.

II. ASAEO LAND TENURE SYMPOSIUM

Reminder: Please let me know before March 10th if you will be able to participate in a symposium on Land Tenure in the Pacific to be held at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association in New Orleans, 1969. To apply for the scheduling of this symposium, I have to know the title of your proposed paper. Participation in this symposium is by no means limited to those who have expressed an interest in contributing a chapter to the ASAEO sponsored volume on Anthropological Case Studies of Land Tenure in Oceania (R. G. Crocombe and H. P. Lundsgaarde eds.).

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III. POSSIBLE FIJI CONFERENCE IN 1970

At the Santa Cruz meetings, we will further explore the possibilities of a conference at the University of the South Pacific, Suva, in the summer of 1970. Probably, if grant support for travel can be put together and other planning problems can be worked out, we would hold a formal meeting of the Land Tenure Symposium, organized by R. Crocombe and H. Lundsgaarde. The possibility of a symposium on Comparative Models of Melanesian Social Structure has also been discussed (with W. Davenport as chairman). One advantage of Fiji as a conference site is that more scholars from Australia and New Zealand could be included. A second is that some conference programs could build around Pacific Islanders as well as overseas scholars. Some of us are beginning to worry very seriously about the problem of Academic Imperialism in the Pacific. Suggestions as to how Pacific political leaders, students, and others might meaningfully be incorporated will be particularly welcomed. What, for instance, about a symposium on Pacific Administration Viewed from Village Level, to which anthropologists and local leaders might contribute? The gap between what happens in legislative and administrative bodies in Port Towns and how it is perceived at village level is one anthropologists will perceive as clearly as anyone; yet the gap will increasingly be crucial to island leaders. We know more, it seems, about the Congress of Micronesia than how it is perceived in Nukuoro; and more about the Condominium of the New Hebrides than how it looks to the village-level New Hebridean. Both anthropologists and local leaders probably know more than they can normally say about the contrasts between the way local elites and politics are perceived by administrators and what happens on the ground. Suggestions on such topics will be welcomed. Interested
scholars should contact Dr. Keesing.

IV. NEWS OF PACIFIC RESEARCH

A. Coordinated social anthropology research in the Tokelaus is continuing, in a project organized by Dr. Antony Hooper, University of Auckland. An extensive report will be published in the Newsletter soon, and we hope Dr. Hooper will be able to get to the Santa Cruz conference. Meanwhile, interested scholars should contact Dr. Hooper or Mrs. Judith Huntsman, Bryn Mawr College, for information on current research.

B. Dr. Daniel de Coppet has returned to 'Are'are, Malaita, to continue his social anthropology research. He will be joined shortly by the ethnomusicologist, Dr. Hugo Zemp, of C.N.R.S., who will do a comparative study of Malaitan research. Dr. Pierre Maranda and Dr. Elli Maranda are in Paris writing up results of their research in Lau. Elli is working on a transformational analysis of Lau riddles.

C. Mr. Jay Noricks of the University of Pennsylvania has applied for a grant to do field research in the Ellice Islands. He hopes to test Goodenough's approaches to the formal analysis of status relationships by studying Ellice Islanders' treatment of rank in codes for social interaction.

D. The University of Guam is publishing a journal Micronesica and has established a Micronesian Area Research Center with a good start toward a first class Pacific collection. Dr. Walter Scott Wilson is Director of a newly established Anthropological Research Council with Marvin Montvel-Cohen, a candidate for his Ph.D. at Columbia) as Associate. Their plans include a series of enculturation studies starting with Guam and Kusaie. In the planning stage is an informal exchange arrangement with professional and sub-professional persons in Micronesia who are interested in anthropology and research.

E. Roger Keesing will return to the Solomons in 1969-70 for another year of fieldwork with the Kwaio of Malaita.

F. Scholars interested in field research on social structure in the New Hebrides may wish to write to Dr. Harold Scheffler, Yale University, regarding the possibility of research funding through British governmental sources.

G. Barbara Cook (Stanford) is planning to work in Viti Levu on Fijian-English bilingualism.

H. Henry Rutz (McGill) is planning to work in Viti Levu on the effects of economic transactions on political ones.

I. Walter Jeffery (UCLA) is planning to do ethnographic research in American Samoa.
Finally, many of you will know about research planned or in progress, or other information, that should be in the Newsletter. I have no magical way of getting this information unless you, and others, send it to me. The frequency and value of newsletters will depend on the information supplied by readers.

Information and items for inclusion in the Newsletter should be sent to Dr. Keesing at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Information about subscriptions and other administrative matters can be obtained from Dr. Keesing.