I. IN MEMORIAM

On November 23, 1975 Scott Wilson passed away on Guam. Scott was an anthropologist at the University of Guam with special interest both through his research and through his wife, Eleanora, to the island of Kusaie. Scott has been an active member of the ASAO, attending most of the Annual Meetings even from as far away as Guam. Scott also was one of the founders of the journal Micronesica. It is with a great deal of sadness that ASAO and the many members who personally and professionally knew Scott receive the news of his death. Any member of ASAO who wishes is encouraged to contribute to the Scott Wilson Fund, c/o Marvin Montiel-Cohen, University of Guam, Agana, Guam, U.S.A. 96910.
II. FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ASAO: UPDATED

A. General Information

ASAO 1976

The 1976 meeting will be held from Wednesday, 25 February through Sunday, 29 February at the Mills Hyatt House in Charleston, South Carolina. There is still time for ASAO members to make plans to attend this meeting although accommodations may be tight. The following information should tell you what you need to know to attend the meeting.

Accommodations

The Mills Hyatt House is holding a block of rooms for us until 4 February. Special convention rates are: Single, $20; Twin or Double, $26 with an additional $5 for a third person in the room. Please make your reservations directly with the hotel, mentioning that you are with ASAO. If you will arrive after 6 p.m. the hotel requests that you include a deposit equal to one day's accommodation with your reservation. (Reservations can be made after 4 February if they have rooms available.) The address to write for reservations to is:

Mills Hyatt House
Meeting and Queen Streets
Charleston, South Carolina, U.S.A. 29401
(803) 577-2400

Anyone who would like to share a double or triple, but who has no particular roommate preference, should write to Karl Heider, who will match up people and make the necessary arrangements with the hotel. The address to write to is:

Dr. Karl Heider
Department of Anthropology
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina, U.S.A. 29208

Registration

Registration will be held at the Mills Hyatt House from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, 25 February.

Meals

Charleston is the home of Low Country Seafood, one of the great American cuisines. We are planning group meals served in a private dining room at the hotel for breakfast and lunch only, leaving everyone free to make their own dinner arrangements. This will cost $35 for four breakfasts and three lunches. For this we need a minimum of 50 people by 48 hours before the event and we will have to include the billing through ASAO at registration.
Those who wish to have meals with the group should notify Karl Heider as soon as possible. If not enough people commit themselves to meals, we will cancel the group meals.

Transportation

There is regular air service to Charleston, and the airport limousine is $1.65 (including baggage) for the 20 minute drive to the Mills Hyatt House. Taxicabs are about $5.00 for the same ride. Parking is available in the city garage behind the hotel for fifty cents per day for those who drive.

Local Arrangements

Any questions you have regarding local arrangements should be directed to: Karl G. Heider
Department of Anthropology
University of South Carolina
Columbia, South Carolina, U.S.A. 29208
(803) 777-6500

B. Program Arrangements for 1976

As of the middle of January, the 1976 program includes two symposia, seven working sessions, and one informal session. In addition, there will be a Plenary Session of the ASAO, business meetings, slides showing various Oceanic cultures, and a great deal of informal interchange among the participants. Program Chairman for 1976 is Dr. Daniel Hughes, and any questions concerning the program should be referred to him at the following address:

Dr. Daniel Hughes
Department of Anthropology
The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. 43210

Sessions to be included in the 1976 program are listed below with a brief description of each. Finally, a tentative schedule of the events is included for your information. Please note, however, that the program as listed is subject to change.

Symposia

(1) Symposium: Curing in Oceania

Chairman: Roger Ward; Department of Anthropology; Tulane University; New Orleans, Louisiana, U.S.A. 70118

The topic of this symposium is cultural definitions and responses to illness in Oceania (defined as Micronesia, Polynesia, Melanesia, and New Guinea). An immediate aim of the symposium is to share information on an aspect of Pacific cultures about which little is
known: customs and beliefs related to curing. The broader objective is to shed more light on the common elements and problems raised by ethnographic accounts of the identification and treatment of illness in this part of the world.

(2) Symposium: Sources of Conflict and Processes of Resolution

Co-Chairmen: Kenneth E. Knudson; Department of Anthropology; University of Nevada; Reno, Nevada, U.S.A. 89507

J. Jerome Smith; Department of Anthropology; College of Social and Behavioral Sciences; University of South Florida; Tampa, Florida, U.S.A. 33620

This session will devoted to the comparative analysis of the situations which give rise to conflict and the processes for resolving conflict in Pacific Islands cultures. Papers should deal with a specific society and include a discussion of the ecological setting, the scale of the society, socio-political organization, and world view as a background for the analysis of the origins of conflict and the processes by which different types of conflict are resolved in that society.

Working Sessions

(1) Working Session: Controls on the Dissemination of Knowledge

Chairman: Glen T. Petersen; Anthropology Department; Columbia University; New York, New York, U.S.A. 10027

This working session will be devoted to presentation and discussion of cultures where formal or informal restrictions are placed upon the sharing of knowledge. Such controls over the sharing of knowledge often effect anthropologists' efforts to gain data, but may also pertain to sharing of knowledge between members of a single society as well. Concentrating on ethnographic and comparative approaches, this session will deal with ways individual students have dealt with this sort of epistemological problem and with analyses of such phenomena in contexts of social structure and organization.

(2) Working Session: Copra Production in Oceania

Chairman: Martin G. Silverman; Department of Anthropology; University of Western Ontario; London 72, Ontario, Canada.

This working session will deal with facets of copra production in Oceanic societies. The concern is not with the plantation-type system, but rather with that form in which people get the coconuts from their own land. One among many possible themes is the theme
of the constraints imposed by this form on other aspects of social life, the opportunities it provides for the maintenance (and transformation) of certain older patterns, and areas of contradiction. The scene might be depicted at various levels: local, governmental, regional marketing, or 'international' economy.

(3) Working Session: **Multi-Ethnic Politics in Pacific Island Nations**

**Chairman:** Eugene Ogan; 215 Ford Hall; University of Minnesota; Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S.A. 55455

The Pacific island nation states recently, or about to become, independent are with few exceptions ethnically heterogeneous. Anthropologists have long recognized theoretical and practical problems in dealing with ethnicity, especially as these relate to drawing ethnic boundaries. Ethnicity can also be most salient in the realm of politics -- that is, in the competition for control over valued resources. An examination of ethnicity and politics in existing or nascent Pacific island nations is relevant to Micronesia, Melanesia and -- perhaps to a lesser extent -- Polynesia, and can be examined in several different contexts. The political arenas to be discussed might range from school boards or town councils to national legislative assemblies.

(4) Working Session: **Pacification in Melanesia**

**Chair:** Ms. Margaret Rodman; Department of Anthropology; McMaster University; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, L8S 4L9

In this working session investigation will be made of a synthesis between ecological interpretations of primitive warfare and non-equilibrium models of culture change. Members of encapsulated societies will be viewed as actors instrumental to the success or failure of externally imposed pacification attempts. In addition, economic changes and adjustments in ecological relationships will be evaluated as indicators of the dimensions of a process that includes both warfare and peace.

(5) Working Session: **Problems of Historical and Ethnohistorical Research in Oceania**

**Chairman:** James D. Nason; Burke Museum; University of Washington; Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 98195

This session will be devoted to an investigation of several facets of research into the history and ethnohistory of Oceanic societies: (1) the evaluation of ethnohistoric data and their collection; (2) the impact of contemporary changes on the feasibility of historic or ethnohistoric research; (3) ethical difficulties faced by researchers investigating past and contemporary island history; (4) the potential application of anthropological concepts and approaches to such research as opposed to those of history; and (5) the identification of key or central problems for such research in island communities.
(6) Working Session: Urbanization in the Pacific Islands

Chairman: Kenneth E. Knudson; Department of Anthropology; University of Nevada; Reno, Nevada, U.S.A. 89507

The study of urbanization in the Pacific is a comparatively neglected field. None the less, it is perhaps the most obvious manifestation of contemporary culture change there as elsewhere. Discussion at this session will be concerned with attempting to identify and make clear the various issues involved in urbanization in the Pacific, including range of population, governmental organization (or its absence), sub-communities and ethnic groups, economics, household and family organization, relationships with outlying communities, migration to and from the urban center, crime and delinquency, and so on.

(7) Working Session: Women's Roles in Oceania

Chair: Sharon W. Tiffany; Department of Sociology-Anthropology; University of Wisconsin-Whitewater; Whitewater, Wisconsin, U.S.A. 53190

The goal of this working session is to examine some issues of comparative and theoretical interest to the study of women in Pacific Island societies and to prepare for a formal symposium to be held in 1977. Suggested topics to be considered include: the distribution of power and authority relations; the jural status of women; the economics of sex differentiation; marriage, family, and kinship; and women in myth and ritual.

Informal Session

(1) Informal Session: The Responsibilities of Anthropologists to Pacific Islanders

Chairman: Daniel T. Hughes; Department of Anthropology; The Ohio State University; 65 South Oval Drive; Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A. 43210

In every stage of research anthropologists choose among alternatives that can affect the people being studied. The topics selected for research, the analytical approaches employed, the data-gathering techniques used in the field, and the time, place, and manner in which findings are published can all have an effect of the people studied. Such questions, of course, can be raised concerning anthropological research anywhere in the world, but limiting the discussion to the Pacific area should result in a higher percentage of comparable situations. The major purpose of this informal session is to see if there is enough interest in the topic to warrant organizing a formal symposium for 1977. No formal papers are scheduled, but potential participants should come encouraged to present their views. How the proposed symposium might be focused will be a major issue.
Other Events

(1) Photographs from the Pacific

Although no one has, of yet, formally requested time for the presentation of slides, time has been set aside for this event which has become a much enjoyed annual feature of the meetings. Anyone who wishes to participate should contact the Program Chairman as soon as possible, although it is probable that last-minute participation will be possible. Participants are asked to prepare sheets listing the slides to be presented with a brief description of each. Such listings would facilitate requests for copies.

(2) Plenary Session of the ASAO

(3) Business Meetings of ASAO Officers

Tentative Schedule of Events

Wednesday 25 February:
1-6 p.m. -- Registration

Thursday 26 February:
9-11:45 a.m. -- Symposium on Curing
Working Session on Women's Roles
2-5 p.m. -- Symposium on Curing
Working Session on Pacification in Melanesia
Evening -- Photographs from the Pacific

Friday 27 February:
9-11:45 a.m. -- Symposium on Conflict
Working Session on Ethnohistory
2-5 p.m. -- Symposium on Conflict
Working Session on Multi-Ethnic Politics
Evening -- Plenary Session

Saturday 28 February:
9-11:45 a.m. -- Symposium on Conflict
9-10:30 a.m. -- Closed session, Symposium on Curing
10:30-Noon -- Working Session of Dissemination of Knowledge
2-5 p.m. -- Working Session on Urbanization
2-3:30 p.m. -- Working Session on Copra Production
3:30-5 p.m. -- Informal Session on Ethics
Evening -- Not Yet Scheduled

Sunday 29 February:
Finish any undone business and depart

SEE YOU IN CHARLESTON!
III. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

A. ASAO Monograph No. 3, Pacific Atoll Populations, edited by Vern Carroll is now available for purchase from the University Press of Hawaii, 2840 Kolowalu St., Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. 96822. Contributors to the ASAO Monograph Series are reminded of their 40% author's discount. Pacific Atoll Populations is priced at US$20 per copy. You are all encouraged to order a copy for yourselves and for your institution's library as well. This is a large volume of 528 pages, filled with a mine of demographic information on island communities. The Contents are as follows:

1. The Demography of Communities, Vern Carroll.
7. The Central Polynesian Outlier Populations Since European Contact, Tim P. Bayliss-Smith.
8. The Population of Nukuoro in Historical Perspective, Vern Carroll.

IV. RESEARCH NEWS

A. William Alkire and Keika Alkire (Univ. of Victoria, British Columbia) are presently conducting research on Faraulep Atoll in the Western Carolines. Bill is focusing on migration patterns and inter-island movements, while Keiko is conducting preliminary archaeological work. Following approximately six months on Faraulep they plan to return for shorter visits on Woleai and Lamotrek.

B. William Alexander (New School for Social Research) is currently carrying out a study of the economic impact of the Kwajalein Missile Range installation on the related community of Ebeye. His research plans also call for a limited study of one of the outer-island communities that has a large segment of its population on Ebeye (probably Lib).

C. Stephen Pisarik has recently completed a Master's Thesis at the University of Iowa entitled, "Micronesian atoll populations: A path analysis."
V. OTHER NEWS OF INTEREST

A. The Pacific People's Action Front in Suva, Fiji has just started publication of a Newspaper entitled "OVAI". It is to be printed six times a year (it started in January 1976) and intends to print information on "movement groups all over the Pacific and be the only up to date source of information about the anti-colonialist struggles being waged in French, British and American occupied lands." If you would like to subscribe you are asked to send your $5 subscription fee to: Conference for a Nuclear Free Pacific; 1212 University Ave., Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. 96822. Make checks payable to Conference for a Nuclear Free Pacific.

B. The Micronesian Independence Support Committee is now publishing a bulletin. No. 1 came out in November of 1975 and No. 2 followed in December. If you wish to receive this Bulletin, write to: Micronesian Independence Support Committee; 1212 University Avenue; Honolulu, Hawaii, U.S.A. 96814. (I realize that this Zip Code is not the same as reported for this address in A, above, but this is the information I now have and do not know the correct Zip Code). Contributions are requested.

C. Michael Rynkiewich (Macalester College) presented two guest lectures at the University of Iowa on November 21, 1975, entitled "Your mother! The uses of Marshallese Kinship," and "The rise and fall of the Arno chiefdom." In addition he moderated an excellent discussion session on anthropological ethics.

VI. REQUEST FOR NEWS FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The ultimate success of the ASAO Newsletter depends heavily upon contributions received from association members from around the world. It is the intent of the Newsletter Editor to reflect the range of interests held by our members. Any of you who have news items of interest to ASAO members is urgently requested to send them along to me. Suggested items include research plans of your own and your colleague's, bibliographic items relating to the Pacific area, news on events of interest to Pacific anthropologists, brief reports on symposia or other sessions dealing with the Pacific, and any other news you consider worthy of inclusion in this Newsletter. Only with your help can this Newsletter become a truly useful and efficient organ of information relating to the anthropology of the Pacific.
ASAO ANNUAL DUES

Annual dues for Fellows and Members of ASAO for 1975-76 are now overdue. The Secretary asks that you use this sheet to submit your dues along with any needed corrections in mailing address, title used, etc. Foreign members are urged to remit their dues either in U.S. funds or their exchange equivalent. Your cancelled will serve as your receipt unless a specific request for a receipt is made.

Please remit to: James D. Nason
Burke Museum DB-10
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 98195

Enclosed is my check or money order for US$5.00 in payment of my ASAO dues for 1975-76.
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