I. 1977 ASAO ANNUAL MEETING LOGISTICS

Local Arrangements Chair

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Location

As announced in the last two Newsletters, the location of the 1977 meetings will be the Holiday Inn of Monterey, California.

Dates

Wednesday, March 2nd to Sunday, March 6th, 1977.

Meals

We will be too far from Monterey proper for all except evening meals. Current prices run from a low of $2.50 for
Program Chair

As noted in the June 1976 Newsletter, the Program Chairship had to change hands. Plans for 1977 sessions are shaping up well under the direction of Bob Tonkinson. Anyone desiring to participate in sessions in March 1977, either as an organizer or in another capacity, should immediately get in touch with Bob, telling him your plans in as detailed a fashion as possible. March is getting even closer, and plans must be firmed up as soon as can be done. Bob's address is:

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Special Issue of the Newsletter

Any changes of program events that are brought to the attention of the Newsletter Editor by no later than December 12, 1976 will be publicized in a special issue of the Newsletter to be distributed by mail on December 15th. It would surely be too late for any new Sumposia to be organized at such a late date, but it might be possible for Working Sessions and Informal Sessions to be organized. Any program change to be included in the special issue should be sent both to the Editor and to the Program Chair. If no program changes are forthcoming, no special issue will be produced.
breakfast to $6.25 for dinner. Lunch, at a group rate goes for $4.00 up. Those wishing to eat lunch with the ASAO group should contact Bob McKnight.

Rates

Single rooms are $23.50 (Ocean side: $30.50). Double rooms are $29.50 (Ocean side: $36.50). The Inn will try to provide room blocks on the shore side.

Symposia

(1) Symposium: **Knowledge in Oceania**

Chair: Dr. Michael Lieber; Department of Anthropology; University of Illinois at Chicago Circle; Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. 60680

A number of potential participants have already been actively preparing and circulating materials for use in this symposium which has arisen out of a Working Session of the 1976 Annual Meeting. It is too late for any new participants to join at this time since a schedule is being followed and initial statements have been sent out already. Questions on this symposium should be directed to Mike Lieber.

(2) Symposium: **Pacification in Melanesia**

Co-chair: Margaret Rodman; Department of Anthropology; McMaster University; Hamilton, Ontario; Canada L8S 4L9
Mathew Cooper; Department of Anthropology; McMaster University; Hamilton, Ontario; Canada L8S 4L9

During the 1977 ASAO meetings, we propose to conduct a symposium on pacification in Melanesia. Plans for the symposium grew out of a working session that was held at the 1976 meetings. We have distributed guidelines for the preparation of papers to all participants in the proposed symposium; these guidelines are intended to place reasonable limits on the scope of the symposium and to ensure that the papers address closely related themes.

All participants have been encouraged to devote part of their papers to the issues raised in Part II A of the guidelines, concerning a working definition of pacification. Authors will select for investigation those questions in Part II B and C that are most pertinent to their own interests and data. Pacification in Melanesia is a subject that has received little attention in anthropological literature. Consequently, we feel that each author must be careful to make explicit his or her assumptions about pacification. In relating to pacification; descriptive presentation of ethnographic data alone will not constitute a satisfactory contribution to the symposium.

The following persons have expressed a firm commitment to preparing a paper for the symposium: Jim Boutilier, Ed and Susan Cook Denise O'Brien, and Marty Zelenetz. As co-chairmen, each of us also will prepare a
paper. In addition, Klaus Koch intends either to act as a discussant for the session or to contribute a paper. Paula Brown also may prepare a paper, although she has not yet made a final decision regarding her participation in the symposium. Karl Heider is willing to critique papers prepared for the symposium and may be a discussant at the meeting.

We would like to have about four more contributors to the session. In particular, we are interested in receiving contributions from persons who have worked in insular Melanesia, in order to balance the interest in Highland New Guinea pacification shared by most participants in the working session. Any interested participant must write to one of the co-chairs as soon as possible, stating your interest and the area insular Melanesia covered.

(3) Symposium: Conflict and Conflict Resolution

Co-Chair: Kenneth Knudson
Department of Anthropology
University of Nevada
Reno, Nevada, U.S.A. 89557

J. Jerome Smith
Department of Anthropology
University of South Florida
Tampa, Florida, U.S.A. 33620

At the conclusion of the 1976 session on Conflict and Conflict Resolution it was decided to precede with plans for publication of the 1976 papers which were to be rewritten in final form. Discussion at the 1977 sessions will be primarily concerned with the status of publication plans.

Working Sessions

(1) Working Session: Middlemen and Brokers in Oceania

Chairman: William L. Rodman; Department of Anthropology;
McMaster University; Hamilton, Ontario, Canada L8S 4L9

The concept of a "middleman" in political anthropology has developed largely on the basis of studies conducted outside of the Pacific area. Yet, in many societies in Oceania, middleman roles have proliferated as a result of political and legal change. The primary aim of the working session will be to contribute to cross-cultural understanding of individuals who attempt to bridge a gap in communication between a local population and a national government. Discussion in the working session will focus upon social and cultural factors affecting the role performance of middlemen. Specific issues to be examined include: (1) the strategies used by middlemen to gain and maintain authority; (2) the relationship between appointed middlemen and indigenous leaders; (3) the interpretation and redefinition by a local population of middleman roles introduced by a government; and (4) the nature of the link between native middlemen and government officials.
Participants include: Dr. William Rodman, Chairman; Dr. James Boutilier; Dr. Counts; Dr. Daniel Hughes; Dr. Henry Rutz and Dr. Paul Shankman.

Informal Sessions

(1) Informal Session: Resettled and Immigrant Communities on the Pacific Rim

Chair: Don Brenneis
Department of Anthropology
Pitzer College
Claremont, CA, U.S.A. 91711

Interested parties are asked to contact Don at the above address.

(2) Informal Session: Symbolism in Australian Aboriginal and Melanesian Ritual

Chair: Robert Tonkinson
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Special Events

(1) First ASAO Special Lecture

Ben R. Finney (University of Hawaii) will be the first lecturer in the ASAO Special Lecture Series. Finney will present two lectures dealing with the voyage of the Hokule'a, a double canoe trip sponsored by the Polynesian Voyaging Society (Finney is the President). The trip took 34 days from Hawaii to Tahiti and returned in 22 days. For more information on the voyage see the article "Hokule'a follows the stars to Tahiti" in the October 1976 National Geographic.

Finney's first talk will present the actual voyage with an analysis of the technical results of the experiment. The talk will be illustrated with slides. The second talk will cover the cultural impact of the project. Finney will discuss the on Hawaii and Tahiti as well as deal with some of the hazards of applied anthropology in the voyaging field. Finney believes that although the technical aspects might seem the most interesting part of the project at first, the cultural dimension, including some near tragedy resulting from cultural misunderstanding, might turn out to be the most exciting.

(2) Report from the Field

Mac Marshall will be presenting a slide-illustrated talk on the Impact of Typhoons on Coral Atolls, drawing on his recent experience in the Mortlocks of Micronesia. For an early report on the most recent typhoon disaster there, refer to Newsletter XXI, June 1976.
III. ASSOCIATION BUSINESS

(1) Newsletter XXI (June 1976) carried a letter from Shulamit R. Decktor-Korn, expressing concerns about existing policies for the selection of ASAO Fellows. The present Fellows are now considering a proposal and a counter-proposal dealing with this issue. Resolution has not yet been reached, but should be complete by the time of the Annual Meeting in Monterey.

IV. ASAO MONOGRAPH SERIES: A REPORT ON REVIEWS

Three volumes in the ASAO Monograph Series have received reviews thus far. As will be seen, Adoption in Eastern Oceania has been widely—and very favorably—reviewed. Land Tenure in Oceania and Pacific Atoll Populations have not, however, received their fair share of reviews. ASAO members who are not contributors to either ASAO Nos. 2 or 3 are encouraged to submit reviews of these two volumes to the following journals:

AMERICAN ANTHROPOLOGIST
MELITRONESICA
MANKIND
OCEANIA
JOURNAL OF PACIFIC HISTORY
JOURNAL OF THE POLYNESIAN SOCIETY
and any other appropriate medium.

The reviews that have appeared for the three ASAO Monographs are listed below. Ultimate success of the Monograph Series is at least partially dependent on the volumes getting adequate publicity, and reviews are one of the best mechanisms.

1971 Ian Hogbin. MANKIND 8(1):76-77.
1971 Scott Wilson. MICRONESICA 7(1&2): 244-245.
1970 HJ. PACIFIC ISLANDS MONTHLY June, pp. 95-96.

ASAO MONOGRAPH NO. 2. LUNDSGAARDE. LAND TENURE IN OCEASIA. Published in 1974.

ASAO MONOGRAPH NO. 3. CARROLL. PACIFIC ATOLL POPULATIONS. Published in 1975.
Reviews: 1976 forthcoming in OCEANIA.
V. RESEARCH NEWS

(1) Jeffrey Marck, presently in the Ph.D. program in linguistics at the University of Hawaii, will be working and conducting research in anthropological linguistics on Saipan with the Carolinian community from September 1976 through early 1977 in connection with the Bilingual Education Program.

(2) Luis S. Kemnitzer and Brand Ridley, both of California State at San Francisco, are presently in Palau conducting research on medical anthropology.

(3) Yosi Sinoto and others from the B.P. Bishop Museum will be embarking for Micronesia on an archaeological survey of the Marshall Islands and Kusaie beginning early 1977. The expedition will work off of a private yacht which has been placed at their disposal.

(4) Mac Marshall and Leslie B. Marshall, University of Iowa, have returned from 7 months of research in Peniesene village on Moen Island, Truk. They are particularly interested in corresponding with anyone having data on the consequences of typhoons in Micronesia during the American administration.

(5) Bill Alexander, New School for Social Research, has completed his research on Ebeye and Lib in the Marshall Islands and is now engaged in writing his dissertation.

(6) Mark Borthwick, Ph.D. candidate at the University of Iowa who is presently carrying out fieldwork on Lukunor Atoll in Truk District, USTTPI, has been awarded additional funds from the Social Security Administration in support of his research on ethnogerontology and aging programs in Micronesia. His plans call for a return to the U.S. in November, 1976, to begin writing his dissertation.

(7) William Wormsley (University of Pittsburgh) expects to complete 24 months of field research in the Southern Highlands Province of Papua New Guinea by June 1, 1977. Funding for the project is provided by a dissertation grant from the National Science Foundation. The project focuses on decision processes involved in rural-urban migration in the Papua New Guinea highlands. Research is being carried out in Ialibu District (rural village) and Mount Hagen town (urban center). Interested persons are invited to contact Bill at this address: c/ Post Office, Ialibu, Southern Highlands Province, Papua New Guinea.

(8) A University of Minnesota graduate student will be conducting field research on Guam from September, 1976 to September, 1977. Her name is Sister JOANNE POEHLMAN and her mailing address in the field will be SSND Regional House, Talofofo, Guam 96910. She describes her project as follows:

Though post-war changes on Guam have been considerable, the island has received little anthropological attention since Laura Thompson’s 1938–39 fieldwork and subsequent publication, Guam and Its People (1947). The proposed research aims to update the ethnographic
accounts by focusing on culture change and ethnic identity among the Chamorro women of Guam.

Two lines of questioning will be pursued: (1) What is the self-perception of Chamorro women as a group, that is, how do they define their ethnic identity? and (2) How does that self-definition relate to behavior, that is, what can be said about individual commitment to that group identity? Data relating to these issues will take into account both the insider's and the outsider's point of view. Legislative, judicial, ecclesiastical and educational policy will be studied to provide a structural context. Ethnic categories as defined by Chamorro women and the relation of these to individual behavior and decision-making will be investigated through participant-observation, the gathering and interpretation of life histories, and situational analysis.

VI. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

(1) "To California and the South Seas: The Diary of Albert G. Osbun, 1849-1851." ed. by John Haskell Kemble. 1966, 233pp. The Huntington Library, San Marino, California (Huntington Library Gift Shop, 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, Calif., 91108) --list $6.50, some copies possibly available on sale now at $2.75. Deals with Osbun's trip on brig Rodolph out of San Francisco, 1850, to Panning, Samoa, and Wallis Islands for commercial reasons, stopping at Manu'A Islands (meetings with missionaries, chiefs, a Rotuma interpreter, etc.), Upolu (warfare and trade), writing a letter for an Upolu woman, Mary Oa Norton to her American husband, Charles Norton, of San Francisco, data on German and English missionaries).

(2) "A Midshipman's Journal, on board HMS Seringapatam, during the year 1830, containing observations of the Tonga Islands...." Lt. J. Oriebar, R.N. (a facsimile edition of the London 1833 edition. Tofua Press, 1976, $6.95 (+0.60 handling) 10457-F Roselle St., San Diego, California 92121.


(4) Stephen Lensink has recently completed an M.A. thesis at the University of Iowa entitled, "Environmental factors affecting the areal size of regional populations in Melanesia."

VII. JOURNAL NOTES

(1) Charles Birleland, General Editor for MICRONESICA, THE JOURNAL OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GUAM, is actively seeking high quality manuscripts in anthropology dealing either specifically with Micronesia or more generally with the Pacific area. The journal publishes articles in zoology, botany and anthropology of the region and the number of anthropology submissions has fallen off of late. Weee-written sets of related papers presented at ASAO symposia not intended for the ASAO Monograph Series will be welcomed.
(2) A new journal of potential interest to ASAO members was recently announced:

Culture, Medicine and Psychiatry
(An International Journal of Comparative Cross-Cultural Research)
D. Reidel Publishing Co., p. o. Box 17, Dordrecht, Holland
or

The journal covers three interrelated fields: medical and psychiatric anthropology; cross-cultural psychiatry; cross-societal clinical and epidemiological studies. Articles for publication and communications relative to editorial matters should be sent to:

Arthur M. Kleinman
Department of Psychiatry
University of Washington
School of Medicine
Seattle, Washington, U.S.A. 98195

One volume of four issues will be published yearly. Institutional subscription price is US $36 per volume and private subscription price is US $18 per volume.

VIII. CONFERENCE NOTES

(1) The enclosed resolutions and recommendations were endorsed at the Plenary Session of the YOUNG NATIONS CONFERENCE held at the University of North South Wales, 23-27 August, 1976.

The Conference was organized by the School of Sociology, University of New South Wales, and was supported by The Australian Board of Missions, The Australian Council of Churches, The Australian Catholic Relief, Community Aid Board, Faculty of Arts - University of New South Wales, Foundation For The Peoples of the South Pacific, Freedom From Hunger - Action For Development - Rome, Freedom from Hunger - Action For Development - Sydney, and Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research - New York.

The following countries were represented:
New Hebrides, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea and The North Solomons, Cook Islands, Tonga, Fiji, Western Samoa, New Zealand, United States, The Netherlands, Trinidad Tobago, Indonesia, Australia.

1. That all social scientists working in the Pacific recognize the need to communicate knowledge and assist politicians and/or advisors to understand how problems of Pacific people are related to local and international political conditions, and also to examine ways in which local people can become more involved in political processes so as to bring about widespread and beneficial change.
2. That researchers recognize the need to examine the relationship between systems of domination and exploitation on the one hand, and conditions of Pacific peoples who are oppressed and exploited on the other.

3. That foreign researchers be encouraged to study their own social and cultural systems, power structures, and elites, rather than those of South Pacific countries alone. Three areas which are in need of research are:

   A. The involvement of Christian Missions in the Pacific, including church investment in foreign-directed business enterprises operating in the Pacific region.

   B. The motivations and aspirations of universities and their links with the power structure.

   C. Research into policies of multinational firms whose decisions affect island nations, including activities and impact of these foreign-based business organizations in the Pacific.

4. That all governments, universities, and other organizations acknowledge Pacific island researchers as well qualified to study change and development in the Pacific.

5. That researchers working in the Pacific be required to remain long enough so as to familiarize themselves with local conditions (social, economic, and political), and to engage in research involving the active participation of local people.

6. That Pacific governments be encouraged to provide clear guidelines for Pacific research, and to review these guidelines periodically.

7. That researchers be encouraged to translate their findings into simple language and/or into the vernacular.

8. That conference participants express concern over any criteria adopted by various research and academic institutions for research choice and research appointments which inadvertently act to desensitize researchers to the genuine needs and concerns of the research population.

9. That research on the social and environmental impact of multi-national corporation activities in the Pacific be encouraged.

10. That the products of research contain information on the methods of investigation and other useful material so as to assist in the training of potential researchers from the host countries.

11. That researchers avoid topics that have been heavily researched.
12. That positive guarantees be given by researchers and institutions supporting researchers that the products of research be made readily available to members of the host country, and in particular the research population.

13. That foreign researchers state clearly, both before and after completion of fieldwork, their academic and non-academic reasons for engaging in Pacific research.

14. That more attention should be given to research in metropolitan countries, including studies of the social, political, and economic implications of their government's policies on the Pacific, and that the products of such research be provided to people living in the Pacific.

15. That researchers be encouraged to investigate what is being done in China, Vietnam, and other countries to cope with the problems of balancing economic needs and interests.

16. That researchers make every attempt to encourage the research population to express their needs and aspirations, and to incorporate these in their work.

17. That Pacific island governments encourage their own people to recognize the need to become more self-reliant, both economically and culturally.

18. That conference participants recognize the social and economic implications of almost total dependence by many Pacific peoples on imported foodstuffs.

19. That the spread of Pacific elitism be halted and Pacific elites be made more aware of the consequences of their policies and actions.

20. That Pacific island conference members do all they can to impress on their governments the need to introduce political change when necessary in order to ensure a more responsible system of government.

21. That appropriate technology programs be encouraged at the village level with village people taking a major role in the planning of such programs, and incorporating indigenous skills and thought processes.

22. That researchers should communicate to others both the negative and positive effects of technology.

23. That metropolitan countries be encouraged to re-examine the migration process and modify their migration policies so as to provide equal opportunity to Pacific island migrants.
24. That every encouragement be given to an exchange of peoples
(students, workers, etc.) between countries in the South Pacific,
and between the South Pacific and metropolitan countries.

25. That this conference deplores the continued existence of multi­
national corporations in the Pacific without promoting even and
widespread development and assisting locally-initiated business
enterprises.

26. That information about the consequences of various foreign-aid
initiated projects be made more widely available to Pacific
peoples and Pacific researchers.

27. That conference participants endorse the resolution adopted by
the recently held conference of UNESCO national commissions of
Asia and Oceania for the establishment of a social science
research training and documentation centre for the region.
Further, participants welcome the UNESCO effort to organize a
world conference on educational information and communication
and hope that the Pacific region will be adequately represented
in the conference.

28. That conference participants recognize the urgent need for the
establishment of a centre to collate data and disseminate
information on past and present research activity in the Pacific,
and requests consideration be given to establishing such a centre
independently or through an established organization such as the
South Pacific Commission, in each region.

29. That a radio service be established between universities and other
educational and research institutions throughout the world, and that
each government be requested to seek frequency allocations for
this purpose through the international telecommunications union.
Frequencies to be included are parts of the high frequency and
very high frequency range including provision for very high
frequency facilities for space communications similar to those
used in the Pacific PEACESAT experiment.

30. That conference members recognize the need to communicate more
frequently with our neighbours in Micronesia, and that Micronesians
be included in future meetings of this type.

31. That the conference urges the Director of S.P.E.C. to arrange for
wide distribution and discussion of the task force review ("More
Effective Aid") prepared for the South Pacific Forum Governments.

32. That as a follow-up to the Young Nations Conference, workshops
and a further conference on specific issues to be suggested by
conference members be held in the South Pacific in 1977.

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P.N.G.)
(2) Dr. Gary A. Klee, The Pennsylvania State University, has organized a workshop entitled "Teaching the Geography of Oceania" which is to take place at the annual convention of the National Council for Geographic Education, San Francisco, November 22-27. The purpose of this workshop is to bring together geographers who have an interest in the teaching of Oceania. Topics to be considered will be available resource materials, teaching strategies, course design, opportunities for field experiences, publication outlets, and the maintenance of an information flow among "Oceania-type" geographers. Participants are requested to bring copies of successful teaching materials for distribution and explanation. For further information, write to Dr. Gary A. Klee, Department of Geography, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pennsylvania 16802.

(3) Gary A. Klee is also organizing a special session entitled "Oceania Geography" to run during the 73rd Annual Meeting of the Association of American Geographers, Salt Lake City, April 24-27, 1977. The AAG Special Session is designed to bring together geographers that are currently active in some form of research project related to Oceania. Although a conservation/natural resource/environmental quality theme is desired, Klee requests only that papers relate to some part of Oceania (Australia, New Zealand, Melanesia, Micronesia, or Polynesia). Anyone desiring to participate should write to Klee as soon as possible with a tentative title and abstract at the following address:

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X. TYPHOON RELIEF FUND

Anyone wishing to send money and/or supplies for the much-needed long-term typhoon relief effort for the Mortlock Islands in Truk District, Micronesia (see Newsletter / XXI, June 1976) should forward these to:

Mr. Dan Ray  
P. O. Box 88  
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XI. NEWS DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER

News items for the next issue of the Newsletter should be in the hands of the Editor no later than January 20, 1977.