I. SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF ASAO

The seventh annual meeting of the ASAO was held at Asilomar conference center, Monterey, California, February 15-19, 1978. In attendance were more than one hundred members of the association and visitors. Four symposia and one working session took place during this time.

II. REPORT ON SYMPOSIUM AND SESSIONS

The addresses of participants are included in the reports so that requests for papers can be made directly to the participants.

A. Symposium: The Role of Anthropology in Contemporary Micronesia

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For two and a half days a group of approximately forty anthropologists and representatives from Micronesia debated the changing role of anthropology in Micronesia and reached the conclusion that researchers must become more involved in seeking solutions to current problems of Micronesia in collaboration with islanders and their leaders.

Eight panelists, including four Micronesians, and four discussants prepared papers. The initial session, on cultural conservation, included papers by Katherine Kesolei, Executive Director of the Palau Community Action Agency, and by anthropologists Robert McKnight
and Deverne Reed Smith. A presentation by Leo Falcam, Liaison Officer in Washington for the Congress of Micronesia, opened the second session, having to do with relationships of anthropologists with American agencies and organizations. Anthropologists Felix Moos and Bryan Farrell also presented papers at this session.

The third session, on social problems, included papers by Felix Yaoch, S.J., and Francis Hezel, S.J., associated with the Catholic Missions in Yap and Truk, respectively; and by anthropologist Mark Borthwick. Father Yaoch was unable to be present, and his paper was summarized by Katherine Kesolei.

The fourth session, on relationships of anthropologists with Micronesian communities and government officials in the Trust Territory, featured contributions from Francisco Uludong, Saipan correspondent for the Pacific Daily News (Guam), and anthropologists John Fischer and Robert Kiste. A final session was given over to a discussion of guidelines for achieving a closer relationship with Micronesians in attacking problems of mutual concern.

Among the suggestions made and principles generally agreed to by participants in the symposium were that new methods and approaches to field research and graduate study are needed to accord with changing Micronesian attitudes and the urgency of their current need in an increasingly complex society largely created by United States policies. The training of Micronesians should be institutionalized as part of research designs. The results of field studies should be made available to Micronesians more promptly and reports written with less use of professional jargon. It was recognized that field research will more and more be subject to terms laid down by Micronesians. In this connection symposium members agreed to support in principle a bill now being considered by the Congress of Micronesia setting up an advisory board to review all proposals for research in the Trust Territory. Authorship of the draft is attributed in large part to symposium panelist Francisco Uludong and to Tom King, Executive Director of the Micronesian Archeological Survey.

The appropriateness of a greater involvement in applied activities on the part of anthropologists was also discussed. Symposium participants acknowledged that at present their role as brokers in Micronesian-American relations is weak, as compared to that of lawyers, planners, economists, and engineers, but believed that by joining with lobbying interests and by cultivating personal contacts in key places in government, members of the group can make a valuable contribution.

The desire of anthropologists for more input into decision making both at the levels of the United States and Trust Territory governments through, for example, contributing to social impact assessments of federally funded projects, was expressed. There was consensus that anthropologists should utilize the classroom to expose their students to the contemporary character
of Micronesia as well as to the traditional way of life.

During the fifteen hour course of the symposium, a multitude of ideas was presented. The willingness to invite criticism and the candor of personally expressed prejudices, set in a mood of cooperation, produced a rare experience. Symposium members probed ways to make their skills and knowledge of Micronesia more applicable to the contemporary island scene and still retain the integrity of their discipline.

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"A role for anthropology in Micronesian social program development."

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"Relationships with Americans: A Micronesian view."

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"Double vision and Micronesia: A discussion of two papers."

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"Relations of anthropologists with Micronesians."

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"The anthropologists and social problems in Micronesia."

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"Restrictions to freedom of inquiry: Palauan strains."

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Discussant  
"Relationships with Americans: How to understand and deal with ambiguities, contradictions, and conflicts."

"Knowledge and cultural resource management."

"Relationships with Micronesians: Toward a more beneficial relationship."

"Anthropologists and social problems in Micronesia."

B. Symposium: The Meaning of Sibling in Oceania  
Chair: Mac Marshall  
Discussants: Ward H. Goodenough, John L. Fischer  

Four sessions were held at Asilomar in which participants presented abbreviated versions of their papers, each followed by group discussion. The consensus was that we laid bare a number of important issues. A set of guidelines was developed for revising the papers to make the ethnographic material more comparable. Approximately a dozen participants will contribute chapters to a planned ASAO Monograph to be edited by Mac Marshall. Given below is a list of participants with the titles of their papers.  

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"Siblingship and lines of authority in Central Carolinian atoll society."

"The morality of sibling relations in Tonga."
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"On 'love' and 'brotherhood' or the domain of 'sibling' in Anutan culture."

"Images of siblings in folk narrative: Truk and Ponape."

"Affective patterning in sibling relationships in Samoa."

"When all men are brothers what's a woman to do? Sibling relationships in Kaulong, Southwest New Britain."

Discussant

"The cultural contexts of siblingship in Pukapuka."

"Complementary and similar kinsmen in Tokelau."

"Some meanings of siblingship and sibling relations in Marquesan society."

"The beginning of strangers: Siblings in the Northern Gilbert Islands."

"Talking face to face: Current trends in Yapese siblingship."
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DeVerne Smith
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"The riddle of the Hawaiian crow."

"Cain and Abel on the Malay Peninsula."

"Sibling terms and sibling relations in Nagovisi: How are they basic?"

"Siblinghood and parent/child dependency in Baegu (Solomon Islands) kinship."

"Siblings in Malo culture."

"Am I my wayegna's keeper? Authority and asymmetry in Abelam siblingship."

"Palauan siblingship: A study in structural complementarity."

"Never split a brother-sister sibling set: Trobriand kinship from another view."

C. Symposium: Middlemen and Brokers in Oceania
Co-Chairs: William Rodman and Dorothy Counts

Discussion in the ASAO Symposium on Middlemen and Brokers in Oceania focused upon individuals in Pacific societies who attempt to act as intermediaries between an encapsulating government and a local population. Participants
addressed two specific topics relating to the cross-cultural study of middlemen: the factors affecting the role performance of middlemen and the effect of middlemen upon processes of change and development.

The symposium resulted from a 1977 ASAO working session on middlemen. Eight members of the working session, as well as four new participants, prepared formal papers for the symposium. Marc Swartz acted as a discussant of issues arising from the papers.

William Rodman opened the symposium with an overview of the symposium's goals. He then presented a study of appointed legal middlemen in Longana, New Hebrides. The Longana data suggest a means of reconciling opposing perspectives in anthropological debate concerning the strategies and social effects of middlemen. Dan Hughes and Debra Connelly considered the ways in which association with a particular political level affects the legitimacy of Micronesian middlemen. Hughes and Connelly examined the legitimacy of middlemen on three levels of three Micronesian societies. Jim Boutilier presented a historical analysis of the role of district officers as middlemen in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate from 1893 to 1943. He concluded that, although district officers' authority was based ultimately upon force, a complex tartan of variables modified their performance in middleman roles.

During his recent fieldwork in Western Samoa, Paul Shankman investigated the effect of new incentives and old constraints upon the role performance of local-level elected middlemen. In his paper, he suggests reasons why the government's attempts to transform Samoan village mayors into key figures in rural development have been unsuccessful. Susan and Ed Cook presented an extended case study of a Manga middleman and proposed a new methodological framework for the analysis of changing entrepreneurial styles in highland New Guinea. Jim Peoples' data from Kosrae in Micronesia illustrate F.G. Bailey's point that not all positions located at the juncture of two different systems entail the performance of middleman roles. Peoples shows why elected local leaders have failed to become effective intermediaries between the Kosraen population and the Trust Territory government.

Henry Rutz discussed the development of brokerage roles in the Waidina Valley, Fiji, during a period of intensive political reform. Rutz's study demonstrates that the conditions that allow the emergence of brokers may also impose limitations upon individuals who assume brokerage roles. In his paper on Aboriginal brokerage in southwestern Australia, Michael Howard contends that middlemen in colonial situations who are perceived as catalysts of local autonomy often serve to perpetuate indirect rule. Jean-Marc Philibert discussed middlemen in a periurban area of the New Hebrides and examined the ways in which middleman roles can become an institutionalized means of maintaining boundaries between the encapsulating and encapsulated sectors of a colonial society. Dorothy Counts considered the evolution of middleman roles in Kaliai, West New Britain. In her study, Counts suggests reasons why middlemen often have an indirect, rather than a direct, influence upon the course of change and development in colonial societies.
Marc Swartz opened the second day of the symposium with a discussion of possible future directions in the study of middlemen. After noting the inadequacy of current metaphors for middlemen and their activities, Swartz suggested that anthropologists should devote more attention to the arenas within which middlemen operate and to the supports that enable middlemen to perform their roles. The symposium ended with a lively general discussion of issues and problems in the cross-cultural study of middlemen and brokers.

Participants in the Middleman Symposium have agreed to revise their manuscripts for publication. The symposium papers will be submitted to the Series Editor for consideration as an ASAO monograph. William Rodman will write a general introduction to the monograph and Marc Swartz will contribute a concluding chapter incorporating his comments as discussant in the symposium.

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"The government is the District Officer: A historical analysis of District Officers as middlemen in the British Solomon Islands Protectorate, 1893-1943."

"Mai of the Manga: Man bilong namel."

"Middlemen and modernization in Northwest New Britain."

"Dependency and development: Aboriginal brokers and the politics of control in Southwestern Australia."

"Traditional versus modern sources of legitimacy for middlemen at various levels of a colonial system."

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A total of eleven papers were presented in summary form. Most papers had been pre-circulated to participants, although several contributions had not yet been written as formal papers. These papers were based on a series of questions evolved during two previous Working Sessions on Knowledge held at the 1976 and 1977 ASAO meetings and represented the geographical areas of Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia.

A contribution by Charles Forman (Yale University Divinity School) was pre-circulated and read in his absence. Following the presentations, two discussants commented on the issues raised by the papers. Fred Korn (philosopher, College of Wooster) and Robert Levy (psychological anthropologist, University of California–San Diego) each made informal presentations, discussing the papers from two analytical perspectives. Following these comments, several sessions were devoted to discussion. While it is difficult to summarize all the contributions of participants and observers, some of the topics discussed were:
--relations between knowledge, perception and conception
--implications of differential elaboration of visual and aural knowledge
--knowledge and secrecy
--the social distribution of special knowledge
--different forms for coding of knowledge and their relations to cognitive and social complexity
--the existence and significance of a distinction between Polynesian and Melanesian systems of knowledge
--systems of knowledge and concepts of self and person
--knowledge as an exchange media
--knowledge and the attribution of responsibility for conduct
--social change and its effects on the social distribution of knowledge

After general discussions, participants in the symposium met to discuss future plans for papers. Several analytical problems dealing with forms of knowledge in relation to socio-cultural systems were defined. It was decided that neither the concepts of the symposium nor the papers themselves had ripened sufficiently to consider harvesting them in published form. Rather, participants agreed to rethink the implications of the discussion for the ethnographic materials presented in the papers and to rework them on an individual basis. A further opportunity for discussion of the issues raised by the symposium will be provided by a single session which is scheduled for next year's ASAO meetings.

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"The concept of knowledge in the Johnson Cult."

"Categories of knowledge and social change among Fiji Indians."

"Anutan epistemology: The roots of knowledge on a Polynesian outlier."

"The management of knowledge among the Kaulong."

"Inconsistencies and elaborations of knowledge among the Dani."

A. Board of Directors Meeting

Sharon Tiffany presented the Secretary's financial report. She asked the Board to consider fixing a specific term for the Secretary's office and to think of possible replacements for her as she wishes to resign her position at next year's meetings.

Paul Dahlquist reported on the Newsletter. He discussed his production problems over the past year and urged the Board to consider a specific term of office for the Newsletter Editor. The Board agreed unanimously to a three year term, effective with the Newsletter transfer to Roger Ward and Martha Ward.

Mac Marshall's report on the Monograph Series noted that five monographs have been published and The Pacification of Melanesia is almost ready. He discussed the history of the Mission, Church and Sect in Oceania manuscript and the financial problems of getting it published with the University of Michigan Press. Mac urged that future volumes be limited to about three hundred manuscript pages in order to keep the price of the book down. He suggested a dues increase to
help subsidize the Publication Fund (from which the production of camera ready copy is financed) so that one monograph can be published annually. Mac hopes to have the mission volume published by summer and the pacification volume by fall of this year.

The Board unanimously agreed to raise individual dues to $US15.00 and to have student dues of $10.00, effective immediately. Persons who wish the student rate must petition the Secretary in writing. Five dollars of each dues received will be forwarded to the Publication Fund.

Vern Carroll has agreed to act as Local Arrangements Chair for the 1979 meetings. Mac Marshall will be the Program Chair. After considerable discussion over proposed meeting sites in the Caribbean, Florida, and elsewhere, the Board elected to meet in Florida in 1979 during the first week in March. Brady will form a subcommittee to research future sites, presumably with a representative from each coast and perhaps the Gulf of Mexico area. Brady is also investigating the prospect of inviting a senior person to be Distinguished Lecturer for the 1979 meetings.

The matter of a registration fee for attendance at ASAO meetings was discussed and rejected in view of the dues increase this year. The new dues should provide adequate funds to cover registration costs for the next few years.

Brady noted that his draft of the "Guidelines for Symposia Participants and Organizers" should be finalized soon and perhaps printed up for distribution as part of the new ASAO brochure. Jim Boutilier and Dan Hughes agreed to act as a subcommittee to revise both the "Guidelines" and the old brochure. They will be integrated into one document and published in the near future.

The Board discussed the importance of having Pacific islander participation at our meetings, citing Len Mason's symposium on Micronesia as a prime example. Board members will consider how ASAO might stimulate such participation in the future.

Brady announced that he would not stand for reelection to the Board once his term expires in August of this year, citing the need for "fresh input" on the Board as well as his increasing commitments elsewhere (he is the new Book Review Editor for Socio/Cultural for the American Anthropologist). The terms of two other Board members (Jim Boutilier and Eugene Ogan) expire at the same time, so there will be three vacancies altogether. The following persons were nominated by the Board: Jim Boutilier, Ed Cook, Jack Fischer, Julia Hecht, Katherine Kesolei, Eugene Ogan, Margaret Rodman, Henry Rutz, and Annette Weiner. Additional nominations are expected from Fellows and membership at large. Ballots will be circulated in the Summer Newsletter.

Bob Tonkinson was nominated as the new Board Chair and was elected unanimously.
B. Plenary Session

The plenary session was convened by Chair Ivan Brady.

Sharon Tiffany, ASAO Secretary, reported that the present balance in the ASAO General Fund is $1,538.94 as of 11 February 1978. Increased income from dues over last year is a result of institutional requests for back issues, new institutional subscribers, and a growing number of new members. Thirty-two institutions currently subscribe to the Newsletter, and thirty-six new members joined during the year. ASAO has a current membership of 312.

Paul Dahlquist, outgoing Newsletter editor, announced transfer of the operation to Martha Ward and Roger Ward. Dahlquist suggested that future editors be assured of continued institutional support before assuming such duties. The difficulty in getting out the Newsletter over the past year has been a result of declining assistance at his campus. The transfer will mean increased Newsletter operating expenses for ASAO because of inflation.

Mac Marshall, ASAO Monograph Series Editor, reported that ASAO Monograph Number 5, Exiles and Migrants in Oceania edited by Michael Lieber, was published by The University Press of Hawaii in October 1977. The book is 417 pages in length and retails for $US17.50. The final editing of Monograph Number 7, The Pacification of Melanesia edited by Margaret Rodman and Matthew Cooper, is nearly completed. Monograph Number 6, Mission, Church and Sect in Oceania edited by James Boutilier, Daniel Hughes, and Sharon Tiffany, has been delayed once again. After keeping the manuscript for almost a year, The University Press of Hawaii informed Marshall and the editors in November 1977 that the book would not be published in 1978 because of severe financial problems. Hawaii suggested it would be willing to release the volume from the contract. After consultation with the editors, Marshall arranged to have this manuscript published as the first ASAO Monograph under our new publishing arrangement with the University of Michigan Press. However, even this plan has been temporarily delayed due to a shortage of funds needed to prepare the volume, the longest in the ASAO series, for camera ready copy. The editors are currently seeking support from their respective campuses because the ASAO Publication Fund cannot afford to finance the volume unassisted. Meanwhile, Marshall has requested funds from the Wenner-Gren Foundation which provided initial money to begin the Monograph Series, and Jim Boutilier has written to the United Church Board of World Ministries that supported travel for a number of participants to attend the ASAO missionary symposium held in Florida in 1975. Marshall and the editors expect to have enough money to finance the mission volume soon.

Marshall suggested that dues be increased so that the Publication Fund would be able to finance one monograph a year. He also noted that it is still too early to see if the full page advertisement for the Monograph Series appearing in the September 1977 issue of Current Anthropology has stimulated sales. Royalty statements for the second half of 1977 will not be available from The University Press of Hawaii until later in the year.
Ivan Brady, outgoing Chair of the ASAO Board of Directors, announced the Board's decision to raise membership dues to $15.00 for individuals and $10.00 to students. The latter rate is available to persons who petition the secretary in writing. The Board felt that the increase is consistent with membership dues in other professional organizations and that it is necessary to absorb rising Newsletter costs and to supplement the Publication Fund.

Brady will present his thoughts on the achievements and future direction of ASAO in a forthcoming issue of the Newsletter. He introduced the next Board of Directors Chair, Robert Tonkinson. Brady has agreed to act as temporary Chair until Tonkinson returns from the field in May 1978.

C. Fellows Meeting

Fellows discussed the issue of whether the size and number of formal symposia should be limited. Four symposia were held this year, and some individuals expressed frustration at not being able to attend more sessions. A related concern was symposia procedures. Some participants in one symposium were also committed to giving papers in another. This meant that symposia organizers had to coordinate the sequence of presentations so that such persons could be present. The Fellows agreed that the Board of Directors should consider both matters and develop new policy as necessary.

Another issue concerned the ASAO "treatment" of papers prepared and presented at symposia for future publication. It is essential that everyone who participates in ASAO meetings understand what is expected in terms of revising their manuscripts and critically evaluating those of their fellow participants. Discussion of the ASAO "treatment" should be periodically included in the Newsletter.

IV. PRELIMINARY CALLS FOR PAPERS: 1979 ASAO MEETINGS

A. Ritual Symbolism in Oceania

An informal meeting was held at Asilomar to discuss the possibility of having a symposium on Ritual Symbolism in Oceania. Many of those present felt that the topic had been too narrowly defined in the informal session held in 1977, where the primary focus was the analysis of sacred rituals. This year interest was generated for the following topics as well: secular rituals, syncretic and indigenous rituals, the performance aspect and ritual demeanor, and the role of rituals in modernization. Anyone who is interested in offering a paper for 1979 on any one of these or related topics should write to:

Eleanor Gerber  
Department of Sociology  
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Meadville, Pennsylvania 16335
B. Urbanization in the Pacific

David Counts and Matthew Cooper are hoping to organize a working session (II) on urbanization for 1979. Guidelines will be circulated to participants in the 1977 working session (I) and to any others who indicate an interest in this topic. Prospective participants should contact the organizers for information on the focus of the session.

Matthew Cooper and David Counts
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C. Women in Oceania

Denise O'Brien and Sharon Tiffany are proposing a working session on Women in Oceania for the 1979 meetings. Included will be ethnography on women's economic, political, family, or ritual roles, as well as theoretical approaches to the comparative study of women. The working session will discuss these issues and the possibilities for a formal symposium in 1980. Participants are expected to circulate a one page summary of interest to the organizers and other participants by January 1, 1979. A two-to-three page statement of interest in women's roles and a brief summary of relevant ethnographic information should be prepared and available for circulation at the meetings. Interested persons should contact both organizers immediately, indicating a title and topic of interest.

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D. Mediums and Shamans in Oceania

Buck Schieffelin is interested in organizing a working session on mediums and shamans. These terms refer to those people who are socially acknowledged to pass into culturally non-pathological possession states for the purpose of providing spirit advice, curing, entertainment or other services to individuals or the community. Send a short summary of your interest in this subject and the nature or types of mediums or shamans you have worked with to:

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E. Dependency and Development in Oceania

Dependency has emerged as one of the primary concepts in the study of underdevelopment. To date, however, few attempts have been made to apply dependency
models or concepts in Oceania. This working session has two principal aims. First, it is intended to explore to what extent particular concepts in the dependency literature are applicable to a variety of settings in the Pacific, especially the concept of dependent development. Second, it is hoped that the papers will link a macro-level or structural perspective with local-level situations in order to provide a more dynamic and comprehensive analysis of the economic transformations now occurring in the Pacific region. Please address all correspondence to Paul Shankman.

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F. Legal Anthropology

Ed Cook announces a Working Session on legal anthropology for next year. If you are interested, contact Ed immediately so that participants can be listed in the June Newsletter.

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G. An appeal from the Program Chair for 1979

Mac Marshall requests all persons planning any kind of session (informal session, working session, symposium, slide show, go-go dance, sacrifice to the ancestral ghosts, or whatever) to communicate directly with him. Please send him a list of contributors and addresses at which the session organizers can be reached over the coming months (especially if they plan to be away from their home institution). Prompt submission of this information will increase the likelihood that an appropriate block of time will be available at next year's meeting.

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V. RESEARCH NEWS AND NOTES

A. Current Canadian Research in the Pacific

On February 24 of this year, a symposium entitled "Oceania" was held in London, Ontario, at the annual meeting of the Canadian Ethnological Society. The following papers were presented:
David Damas  
McMaster University  
"Double descent in the Eastern Carolines."

Jean-Marc Philibert  
University of Western Ontario  
"Middlemen and the process of legitimation of interstitial positions in the New Hebrides."

Margaret Rodman and Peter Lovell  
McMaster University  
"Method and the meaning of mistakes."

William and Margaret Rodman  
McMaster University  
"Courts and courtship in a New Hebridean society."

Peter Lovell, who chaired the above symposium, is completing his Ph.D. dissertation at McMaster on the relationship between kinship terminology and behavior on Aoba in the northern New Hebrides. He spent fifteen months conducting field research in Longana, East Aoba, between 1975 and 1977.

Jennifer Blythe, another McMaster Ph.D candidate, has submitted the final draft of her dissertation on Witu Islands social structure. Blythe spent thirteen months in Witu Islands during 1976 and 1977. Her research focused on matrilineal and cognatic elements in processes of group formation in the Witus.

Marty Zeleneitz and Jill Grant recently returned to McMaster after conducting eleven months of research on political change in Kilenge, West New Britain. Zeleneitz and Grant attended the Second International Symposium on Art in Oceania, which was held in New Zealand, and presented a paper entitled "Kilenge narogo: Ceremonies, resources and prestige in West New Britain." The Art in Oceania Symposium, organized by Sid Mead, took place between February 1st and 7th at Victoria University in Wellington. Twenty-five papers were presented.

B. Ron Bastin, University of Sussex (U.K.) has recently completed a year’s fieldwork in the island of Tanna in the New Hebrides. He conducted a study of the effects of wage migration at the village level. Other major aspects of his study included social stratification and land tenure.

C. Bob Tonkinson, University of Oregon (currently a Fellow at Australian National University), is in the New Hebrides for a follow-up to his 1966-67 study of the relocated Ambrynes community there. Further work on Ambryn will involve sorcery and its relationship to outmigration. Assisting him will be Paul Sisney, University of Oregon graduate student, who will remain in S.E. Ambryn to collect data for his Ph.D. His proposed topic is "Epistemology, sociology and the role of knowledge in competitive belief systems."
D. William Alexander has submitted a Ph.D. dissertation entitled "Wage labor, urbanization and culture change in the Marshall Islands -- the Ebeye Case." This degree was granted in January 1978 by the New School of Social Research.

E. Doug Munro is on leave from Macquarie University to complete a dissertation on Tuvalu history to 1916. He intends to collect oral testimonies and genealogies to augment the documentary researches conducted during the last three years. Some results of his research into Tuvalu history will be published:


F. Michael F. Smith is completing his dissertation at the University of California-San Diego after fieldwork on the island of Kairiru in the East Sepik District of Papua-New Guinea. His research concerns local strategies for coping with rapid social change with emphasis on the relevance of attitudes toward time and work. A study of indigenous religion and syncretic Catholicism provides the context for an interpretation of problems of change.

G. Paula Levin has completed her dissertation at the University of California-San Diego. She did fieldwork on Tubuai in the Austral Islands of French Polynesia from January to December 1975. The dissertation is entitled: "Students and teachers on Tubuai: A Cultural analysis of Polynesian classroom interaction." The research is concerned with the social dynamics of formal and informal education in rural Polynesia.

H. Ethel Vesper completed her dissertation at the University of Missouri-Columbia in December 1976. The title is: "Structural and sociosemantics of Kusaien." The dissertation is 539 pages and contains information of interest to anthropological linguists and all who may be conducting research on other areas of Kusaien [KOSRAE] culture.

VI. BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTES

A. The ASAO Monograph No. 5, EXILES AND MIGRANTS IN OCEANIA, edited by Michael Lieber was published by the University of Hawaii Press in October 1977 and sells for $US17.50. The following articles are included:

"Introduction: Locating relocation in Oceania." Martin Silverman
"Commas in microcosm: The movement of Southwest Islanders to Palau, Micronesia." Robert McKnight
"The processes of change in two Kapingamarangi communities." Michael Lieber
"Communities and noncommunities: The Nukuoro on Ponape." Vern Carroll
"The relocation of the Bikini Marshallese." Robert Kiste
"Making sense: A study of a Banaban meeting." Martin Silverman
"Rotumans in Fiji: The genesis of an ethnic group." Alan Howard
and Irwin Howard
"Tikopia in the Russell Islands." Eric Larson
"The exploitation of ambiguity: A New Hebrides case." Robert Tonkinson
"What did the eruption mean?" Erik Schwimmer
"Conclusion: The resettled community and its context." Michael Lieber

B. A journal called Micronesian Perspective, edited by Carl Heine, began publication in October 1977. Micronesian Perspective is a monthly review of commentary and analysis of contemporary affairs involving political, social and economic issues, people, events and institutions having relevance to Micronesia's special relationship with the United States, the United Nations and the Pacific community. All correspondence and subscription inquiries should be sent to:

Micronesian Perspective
P. O. Box 25322
Honolulu, Hawaii 96825

C. Recent publications by Leonard Mason:


D. A catalog of the South Pacific Collection of the University Library of the University of California-Santa Cruz will be available early in 1978. The collection consists of monographs, serials, documents, maps and recordings from insular Polynesia, Micronesia and Melanesia. It is anticipated that the catalog will be about 700 pages hardbound. The catalog will contain about 8500 titles which may be approached through author, title, series and subject entries. The estimated cost will be $US 20-30. If you are interested in purchasing a copy of the catalog
for yourself or your library, you may write to:

Margaret Felts, South Pacific Bibliographer
University Library
University of California-Santa Cruz
Santa Cruz, California 95064

E. Thomas K. Fitzgerald announces two new books:


Order from: Lawrence Verry, Inc.
16 Holmes Street
Mystic, Connecticut 06355


Order from: Humanities Press
171 First Avenue
Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey 07716

F. Two volumes of the history of Ponape have been published by the University Press of Hawaii. The book was written by Lue1en Bernart, a native of Ponape, and translated and edited by John Fischer, Saul Riesenberg and Marjorie Whiting. The first volume, *The Book of Lue1en,* is a comprehensive account of Ponape from the time of its creation to the first European contact and contains myths and legends interwoven with history and botanical lore. The second volume, *Annotations to the Book of Lue1en,* contains the editors' further notes, translations and explanatory comments.

VII. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS OF INTEREST

A. The Bernice Bishop Museum, Honolulu, is sponsoring an exhibition and exposition of items of ethnographic interest entitled "Artificial Curiosities of the 18th Century." These artifacts were collected on the voyages of Captain Cook. The exhibit will close on August 31, 1978.

B. Leonard Mason attended the 17th South Pacific Conference as an observer from both the University of Hawaii and the East-West Center. This annual meeting of Pacific Island leaders, sponsored by the South Pacific Commission, was held in Pago Pago, American Samoa, 25-30 September 1977.

C. A Newsletter entitled *CenterPacifics* is being published three times a
year by the Center for South Pacific Studies. Inquiries should be forwarded to:

Center for South Pacific Studies
University of California
Santa Cruz, California 95064

D. The University of Hawaii at Manoa has tentatively scheduled the 1978 Travel Abroad Program to Tahiti for 8 July to 14 August in Papeete, Tahiti. A one-semester course in Elementary or Advanced Tahitian Language (3-4 credits) and a course in Polynesian Languages, Cultures and Folklores (3 credits) are being offered. For information and registration materials, write:

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E. The Pacific Studies Institute on Guam announces publication of a PSI Newsletter to provide a "clearing-house for research and the dissemination of research data of relevance to people in the Western Pacific region." A major objective of the Institute is to encourage investigations in the natural and social sciences on issues of importance to Pacific island societies and to provide information which can be utilized by these peoples in determining the direction they will take in the future. The PSI Newsletter will be published quarterly. For more information write:

Samuel T. Price
Director
Pacific Studies Institute
P. O. Box BK
Agana, Guam 96910

F. Two libraries have specifically requested that anthropologists working in the Pacific send to them reprints, copies of papers or other materials on the Pacific. They would appreciate this contribution to building local libraries.

Dakio Syne
Community College of Micronesia
P. O. Box 159
Ponape, U.S.T.T. Micronesia 96941

Mata'ina Te'o
Nelson Public Library
P. O. Box 598
Apia, Western Samoa
G. Eric Shumway presented two videotapes on Tonga during the 1978 ASAO meetings. Information on these tapes, one of a Tongan royal wedding and the other on specialists in Tongan performing arts, is available through:

The Division of Learning Resources  
Brigham Young University-Hawaii Campus  
Box 106  
Laie, Hawaii 96762

VIII. A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

We would like to thank all the ASAO members who so promptly sent us the information for this issue. Readers are invited to send in any news items concerning research, publications, conferences, and other activities of interest to the Association. Your comments and suggestions will also be appreciated. The addresses of the editors are:

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FROM: Sharon W. Tiffany, ASAO Secretary
RE: ASAO Annual Dues

Annual dues for Fellows and Members of ASAO were established by the Board of Directors in February 1978 at the rate of $15.00 US and $10.00 for students per annum. March of each year was also established as the month in which annual dues for individuals become payable.

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