I. IN THIS ISSUE

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II. 1987 ANNUAL MEETINGS

Reminder to all members - the 1987 annual meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn, Monterey, on February 18-22.

III. FROM THE EDITOR

Many of you will have just returned from summer field-trips or will have just completed summer research projects by the time you receive this Newsletter. Please take a few minutes to write to your Newsletter editor to pass on your news and information. The summer Newsletter has always been short of news after the excitement of the spring but the Fall should once again be a news-filled issue. The deadline for submission of items to be included in the Fall Newsletter is October 15, 1986.

No new Working Sessions or Symposia may be proposed for the 1987 Annual meetings at this point. The deadline for proposing new Informal Sessions is October 15. If you want to propose a new Informal Session please send copies of the session proposal to Dorothy Counts and to me at the addresses given on the back page of the Newsletter.

Increases in postal costs make it absolutely essential that only paid-up members of ASAO are carried on our mailing list. Some of you will see a vertical red line on the right of your mailing label. This signifies that the computer lists you as not having paid for 1986. This list was generated in April. If you have paid your dues since that date, it will be registered on the next listing. If you are not listed as having paid your 1986 dues by the October mailing, I must regretfully stop mailing the Newsletter. If you feel there is an error in the listing, please contact Jim Boutilier.
IV. 1987 ANNUAL MEETINGS

The following 17 sessions have been proposed for the 1987 annual meetings in Monterey. This already makes the '87 meetings schedule one of the fullest in ASAO history. With 2 symposia, 7 Working Sessions, and 8 Informal Sessions, the schedule should remain full for some years to come. Session descriptions appear below.

SYMPOSIA:

A. THE ETHNOGRAPHY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PACIFIC
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A: Symposium: THE ETHNOGRAPHY OF CHRISTIANITY IN THE PACIFIC
   Organizer: JOHN BARKER
   Dept. of Anthropology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

This session convened as a working session in New Harmony and produced a lively and fascinating session, bringing together new ethnographic and historical data from across the Pacific. Participants and audience found the central topics to be stimulating and worthy of closer scrutiny in a symposium next year. The participants were:

Jocelyn Armstrong Ethnic Independence in Christianity: Maori Churches in the South Island of New Zealand.
Juliana Flinn The Impact of Catholicism on Pulapese Identity.
Tamar Gordon Mormon Elites in Tonga
Darrell Whiteman  Salvation and Eschatology in Melanesian Christianity: Continuity and Change in Religious Traditions.
Karen Sinclair  Maori Prophecy and European Politics.
Martha Kaplan  Imposition or Encompassment?: Fijian Christianity in the Ra and Colo Provinces of Viti Levu Island.
Stephen Eyre  The Kristen Revival and its Opponents in the East Sepik Province, PNG.
John Barker  The 'Mission Station' in Modern Maisin Society: An Indigenous Adaptation of a Missionary Outpost in Papua.
Michael Smith  Catholicism, Incorporation, and Resistance in Kragur Village.

The group has agreed to comment on the present set of papers and to circulate revised drafts of their papers by mid-October in preparation for a formal symposium next year. John Barker intends to get in touch with some others who have expressed interest in the topic. He will be happy to hear from other possible new participants, but they should get in contact with him as soon as possible at the address given above.

A full description of the 1986 Working Session appears in the Spring issue of the Newsletter.

B: Symposium: PRIMOGENITURE IN PACIFIC SOCIETIES
Organizer: NAOMI SCALETTA
#403-268 Superior St., Victoria, B.C., Canada V8V 1T3.

This symposium also met at the working session level at New Harmony where two broad themes were the focus of discussion; the elaboration of customs and beliefs pertaining to the firstborn child; the ideology of primogeniture as a key structural and organizational feature of the societies represented.

Participants at the working session included Fitz John Poole (Bimin-Kuskusmin), Naomi Scaletta (Kabana, W.N.B.), Ali Pomponio (Mandok, Siassi), Ward Goodenough (Truk), Kathleen Barlow (Murik, East Sepik), David Lipset (Murik), Rhoda Metraux (Iatmul), Jill Nash (Bougainville), Ann Chowning (Kove, Lakalaf), and Karen Sinclair (Maori). New additions to our session are Bill Davenport (Hawaii), Mark Mosko (Mekeo), and Marty Zeleneitz (Kilenge). The participants agreed to pursue the topic at the formal symposium level for the 1987 meetings. Peter Lawrence will act as discussant for the formal symposium. First drafts of all papers should be circulated to all members of the session by September 1, 1986 and final revised papers must be pre-circulated to all participants by January 31, 1987.

Anyone wishing to join the session is welcome to do so and should contact Naomi Scaletta at the address given above.

A complete description of the 1986 Working session appears in the Spring Newsletter.
C: Working Session: ETHNOETHNOGRAPHY IN THE PACIFIC  
Organizer: JOHN KIRKPATRICK  
2340 Kuahena St., Honolulu, HI 96816.  
This session met as an Informal Session at the New Harmony meetings. Brief reports on problems of intercultural understanding were given by M. Dominy, J. Armstrong, K. Sinclair, J. Kirkpatrick, S. Montague, M. Mosko, and J. White. 

Participants at the working session will present accounts of understandings of cultural differences and cultural strategies for dealing with and learning about Others. We hope to sample a) Pacific Islander - White relations; b) relations among geographically and culturally close peoples; c) relations with culturally distinctive persons admitted into local communities (e.g., in-marrying spouses, specialists such as paramedics, policemen). Comparisons among these cases will help identify commonalities in the ways cultural differences are defined and negotiated in the Pacific. 

Anyone wishing to join this session should contact John Kirkpatrick at the address given above.

D: Working Session: HEALTH RELATED ISSUES IN THE PACIFIC  
Organizer: LESLIE MARSHALL  
University of Iowa College of Nursing, Iowa City, Iowa 52242 

Approximately 15 people met at the Informal level in New Harmony to share their interests in health related topics. The proposed working session will focus on a number of significant issues including, the interaction between indigenous and Western therapeutic systems, reproductive health-related behaviors, health consequences of diet or drug use, interactions between health problems and social organization, epidemiology of some "diseases of modernization," and implementation of appropriate public health measures. Leslie is particularly anxious that participants address issues of current concern for planners.

Anyone who wishes to participate in the 1987 working session must send a one-page abstract to Leslie Marshall at the address given above before October 15, 1986. Participants will prepare rough drafts of their papers to be shared with the rest of the group either at the ASAO meeting or by mail prior to the meeting. Only those who meet the abstract deadline will remain on the mailing list to receive materials circulated by group members.

E: Working Session: FOOD AND THE EXCHANGE OF POWER  
Organizers: JANE FAJANS AND ANNA MEIGS 
Jane Fajans, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Chicago, 1126 E. 59th St., Chicago, IL 60637 
Anna Meigs, Dept. of Anthropology, Macalester College, 1600 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minnesota 55105. 

Food, through its incorporation in eating, is often basic to the idea of "shared substance" which is used to create and extend kin relations. Food is also an important ingredient in the production of certain valued aspects of human substance, e.g., semen, beauty, life forces, or power. Food is also a key agent in the transformation and/or creation of a social person. Because food is so important in the creation of social ties, it is also an apt medium for the expression of the alteration or negation of those ties. One reason for
this is the fact that food rots. Food taboos are often used to symbolize the severance of social ties, or the transformation of a person from one status to another. Because food has the power to create substance, it is also manipulated negatively through sorcery.

While food is important as an agent of both social and corporeal transformation, it is also an important metaphor for the people themselves. There is often a conflation of the processes of production and reproduction - at least metaphorically - particularly in horticultural societies. Thus people may identify pigs or taro as analogous to themselves or their children and use them as substitutes in exchange or sacrifice. People do not only derive life forces from food, but may also imbue their food with life force. In yam cults, etc. food cults are infused with aspects of human power. These products may then be used in competition or exchange to inflate or extend people's influence, power and social boundaries.

Prospective participants include, Ali Pomponio, Paul Dahlquist, Edward Lipuma, Bill Wormsley, Mary McCutcheon, Mary Ayres, Mimi Kahn, Dan Jorgensen, Robert Foster, James B. Watson, Mark Mosko, Fitz Poole, Stephen Eyre, Susan Montague and David Lipset.

Those interested in addressing these issues should submit a 1-2 page abstract of their proposed paper to either Anna Meigs or Jane Fajans at the addresses given above as soon as possible. All papers are to be circulated by January 1, 1987. This will facilitate discussion at the working session where papers will be briefly summarized, not read.

F. Working Session: MARRIAGE IN TRANSITION IN OCEANIA
Organizer: RICK MARKSBURY
125 Gibson Hall, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA 70118

Several members attended the informal session in New Harmony and made a commitment to participate in a Working Session at the 1987 Annual Meeting. Participants included Laura Zimmer, Ed Lipuma, Susan Pflanz-Cook, Mac Marshall, Dorothy Counts, David Counts, Naomi Scaletta, Dan Jorgensen, William Davenport, and Martha Ward (discussant).

The following themes will be stressed in the upcoming working session: growing cash economy, male absenteeism (due to migration to the urban centers), and the resultant expanding role of women as emerging social players in marriage arrangements. Some participants at the informal session expressed the idea that marriage ceremonies in Oceania appear to be changing from public to more private acts. Both individual and group strategies directed to marriage seem to be changing. For example, what are considered to be the rewards for marrying or not marrying? What are the penalties for marrying or not marrying? How have these strategies been influenced by modern forms of education, urbanization, nationalism, and economic expansion? Finally, have these new strategies been accepted into the existing social norms with little or no upheaval or outcry?

Anyone with an interest in this topic who would like to participate in next year's session should contact Rick Marksbury at the address given above. Those
having data from either urban centers in Oceania and/or Polynesia generally are especially encouraged.

G. Working Session: "FEMALE INITIATION" IN THE PACIFIC
Organizers: Nancy Lutkehaus and Paul Roscoe
Nancy Lutkehaus, Dept. of Anthropology, USC, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0661
Jim Roscoe, Dept of Anthropology, University of Maine at Orono, Orono, ME 04469

Participants in the informal session on "female initiation" held at New Harmony have indicated their interest in continuing with a working session on this topic at the 1987 ASAO meetings. As a result of our discussion in New Harmony, it appears that the central issues people are interested in include the definition of what is meant by the term "female initiation" and the comparative analysis of male and female initiation ceremonies, both within a single society and cross-culturally.

The following members participated in the informal session in New Harmony: Mary Ayres, Robert Foster, Philip Guddemi, Terry Hays, Barbara Jones, Nancy Lutkehaus (by proxy), Mark Mosko, Fitz Poole, Paul (Jim) Roscoe, Richard Scaglion, and Lorraine Sexton.

The following set of questions are suggestive of several possible directions participants' papers for the working session might pursue.

1. Definition: What do we mean by the term "female initiation"? What, if anything, are females being initiated into? Are all female puberty ceremonies examples of "initiation"? If not, why not? If we are not talking about "female initiation," what then are we describing?

2. The Diversity and Distribution of Female-Centered Rites: Where is "female initiation" practiced in the Pacific and where is it absent? How does this distribution compare to male initiation? Are there common types among the diverse forms of "female-centered" rites?

3. Comparison of Male and Female Initiation Ceremonies: Is "female initiation" generally a more individual process than its male counterpart? If not structurally similar to male initiation ceremonies, do female puberty rites play a functionally equivalent or complementary role within a given society? What is the relationship between the organization of "female initiation" and other aspects of social structure? To what extent are women in control of these ceremonies themselves? Are there matrilineal versus patrilineal differences?

4. Gender, "Personhood" and Symbolism: What is the relationship between cultural concepts of gender and person and gender-specific initiation rites? What do such ceremonies tell us about a particular culture's social construction of gender roles? about its conception of the transition from childhood to adulthood? about the nature of male and female sexuality and reproduction? and about the cultural "logic" of male/female relations?

5. Cross-Cultural Themes: In his cross-cultural work-in-progress on the study of female ceremonies in the New Guinea Highlands, Terry Hays (Rhode Island College) has determined that in this region, at least, female ceremonies
contravene some of the generalizations formed from world-wide comparisons. Female ceremonies are not more common than male, and men are involved in female puberty ceremonies. It also appears that menstrual taboos are closely related to the question of whether there are ceremonies and what their character is. More data from other regions in Melanesia and the wider Pacific addressing these issues is welcomed.

6. The Historical Context of "Female Initiation:" Where "female initiation" is no longer practiced, what are the factors that contributed to its cessation? Where "female initiation" is still practiced, what changes have occurred? How do these changes compare with changes in male initiation?

All individuals, both past participants and new, who are interested in participating in the 1987 Working Session should send a brief (1-2 page) abstract of their proposed paper to either of the session organizers at the addresses given above.

[I would like to apologise to Nancy and Jim for the omission of their summary report from New Harmony from the Spring Newsletter - ed.]

H. Working Session: Beyond Hierarchy
Organizer: JAMES G. FLANAGAN
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Southern Station Box 5074,
University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, MS 39406.

This session focuses on the strategies employed in the generation and maintenance of interpersonal equality in Pacific Islands societies with a broader theoretical goal of contributing to a general discussion on the nature and definition of equality. The session met at the informal level at New Harmony. Jill Grant, Mark Mosko, John Barker, Barbara Jones, Jiliana Flinn, Nancy McDowell, Jane Fajans, Michael Smith, Ed Lipuma, Rick Feinberg, Bill Donner, Terry Hays, and Jim Flanagan participated. A number of members who expressed interest were unable to attend this informal session. These include, Lin Poyer, Jim Roscoe, Bill Mitchell, John Kirkpatrick, Jean-Marc Philibert, and Maria Lepowsky.

Papers for the proposed working session will focus on the following themes: the contrast between "individualizing" and "collectivizing" strategies and how these relate to autonomy and control, the problems inherent in notions of "fictive kinship", the importation of hierarchical organization and the creation of structural inequalities, the obvious dangers involved in the neglect of systematic gender inequalities, age, sex, and the distribution of knowledge as inequality markers in traditional societies, and the segregation of various inequalities by domain.

Anyone wishing to join this session should send a 1-2 page abstract of their proposed paper to Jim Flanagan at the address given above by September 30, 1986. Only those who meet the abstract deadline will remain on the mailing list for the proposed session.
I. Working Session: SCHOOLING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PACIFIC SOCIETIES  
Organizers: Paula Levin and Suzanne Falgout  
Dept. of Anthropology, University of Hawaii - Hilo, Hilo, Hawaii 96720.

Papers presented in this session will explore the impact of formal schooling on cultural change in Oceania. Problems to be addressed include the following:  
1) What are the various models of schooling that have been employed in the area? What are the local modifications that they have undergone?  
2) What areas of the culture have been most affected?  
3) In what manner have cultural transformations occurred (e.g. conflict, exaggeration, replacement)?  
4) Why, and to what degree, have these education models been embraced? What are the intended and unintended consequences?

Persons who wish to join the session should contact Suzanne Falgout at the address given above.

NEW SESSIONS FOR THE 1987 MONTEREY MEETINGS

J: Informal Session: TEACHING PACIFIC ISLANDS ANTHROPOLOGY  
ORGANIZER: ROBERT FRANCO  
Dept of Social Sciences, Kapiolani Community College, 4303 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, HI 96816.

The session will focus on curriculum (texts, videos, software) and instructional strategies that ASAO can develop for improving public awareness and understanding of Pacific peoples and cultures. As an initial expression of interest in the session, members are asked to submit their "Pacific Islands" syllabi or their "Melanesia", "Micronesia," and/or "Polynesia," syllabi and ideas about teaching such courses. If a large number of syllabi are received, it will give Bob a better idea of the concepts currently being emphasized in our teaching about the Pacific. Hopefully, this will allow for some generalizations of course concepts and structure.

Anyone wishing to participate should contact Bob.

K: Informal Session: ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STRATIFICATION IN MICRONESIA AND POLYNESIA  
Organizers: JIM PEOPLES AND PAUL ROSCOE  
Jim Peoples, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Tulsa, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74104.

The organizers wish to know if there is any interest in an informal session for the 1987 meetings on the subject of economic and political stratification in Micronesia and Polynesia. They are most interested in work on the control of resources in aboriginal times by chiefs and nobles, and on how such control was maintained. Any related topics, however, are welcome, including the symbolic bases of inequality, changes in stratification due to colonialism, inequality in modern times, and so on.

Those interested should write to Jim Peoples.
L. Informal Session: LINGUA FRANCA AND VERNACULAR: LANGUAGE CHANGE IN OCEANIA
Organizer: BILL DONNER
Dept. of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA 19104.

In many communities vernacular languages are being changed and replaced as the result of contact with regional (Pidgins) and colonial (English and French) languages. I am interested in examining these processes of language change and replacement at an informal session. Issues for discussion include: 1) the domains or contexts (domestic, religious, political, jural, etc.) for speaking different languages, 2) the manner in which vernaculars are changing in phonology, morphology, grammar, and lexicon, 3) the extent to which meanings in regional languages correspond to those in local vernaculars, and 4) the extent to which the use of lingua franca reflect the development of regional cultures (or acceptance of exogenous cultural influences). I am open to suggestions for other topics. This session is not limited to Pidgin speaking areas of Oceania; similar processes may be occurring in the use of English or French and indigenous languages in Micronesia, Tonga, Samoa, New Zealand and elsewhere.

Those interested in pursuing this topic should contact Bill Donner.

M. Informal Session: THE UNITED STATES IN OCEANIA
Organizer: LARRY MAYO
Dept. of Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045-2110

At the New Harmony meeting, several members of the association and I met to consider organizing an informal session on "The United States in Oceania" for the 1987 annual meeting. We decided not to develop a theme for the session in order to include all topics participants would like to consider. For those who wish to participate in the session, please prepare a brief presentation describing the most salient aspects of the American colonial presence in the island or community of your research. Following the presentations, we can discuss the common themes that emerge and perhaps narrow the focus for a working session the following year. Please send a title for you paper to Larry Mayo at the address given above.

[Note - the proposed session has a broader focus than the announcement, carried over from Winter, which I included in the Spring Newsletter - ed.]

N. Informal Session: SEAMANSHIP IN MODERN OCEANIA
Organizer: RICK FEINBERG
Dept. of Sociology and Anthropology, Kent State University, Kent, OH 44242.

Studies of seamanship, canoes, and navigation in the Pacific Islands have centered on those areas where traditional techniques have remained relatively unmolested. The atolls of the Central and Western Carolines come particularly to mind. Yet, in many cases, the incorporation of outboard motors, diesel-powered commercial ships, hydrographic charts, compasses, and sextants into islanders' cultural and social lives has not diminished the people's reliance on or attachment to their marine environment. Moreover, despite substantial diffusion of Western marine technology, Pacific Islanders'
feelings about and use of the sea continues to be informed, in varying
degrees by earlier traditions.

At the 1987 annual meeting, I would like to explore contemporary use of the
sea by Pacific Islanders. In particular, I am interested in examining the
juxtaposition of traditional and Western knowledge and technique. Among the
questions I propose to address are: The extent to which members of the
different islands and island groups continue to utilize the sea, and for what
purposes (e.g. to what extent has commercial exploitation replaced subsistence
uses?). The extent to which Western knowledge and technique have made
themselves felt in the types of vessel now in use and the manner in which they
are used. The extent to which traditional technology has been maintained in
boat and canoe design, for navigational purposes etc. (Do people remember
navigational constellations? Do they remember how to navigate by wave
configurations? Have such devices as the compass been incorporated into the
navigational repertoire? When are motors used in preference to sails and vice
versa? Perhaps most importantly, what is the symbolic significance of the
sea, boats and canoes, and ocean travel to contemporary Pacific Islanders?

Anyone who would like to participate in the proposed session should contact
Rick Feinberg at the address given above.

O: Informal Session: BEYOND THE VILLAGE
Organizer: ANTON PLOEG
Sociological Institute, State University of Utrecht, Centrumgebouw Zuid, P.O.
Box 80.108, 3508 TC, Utrecht, Netherlands.

Anton wants to reconvene this session which originally met in Salem. The
session is to deal with social organization going beyond the traditional
social boundaries and the ways in which this organization is taking shape.
The term 'social' is used in a broad sense, incorporating also economic
and political links.
In the earlier session, held in 1985, participants attempted to find a
common theoretical starting point. As a result of those discussions,
Anton now stresses the need to come to terms with the empirical situation
in all its diversity. Hence, members interested in taking part in the
session should prepare papers. The interrelationships of these papers will
be discussed at the session.

All those interested in participating in the session should send a
statement of interest to Anton at the address given above.

P: Informal Session: THE CULTURAL DETERMINANTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF INJURY IN
THE PACIFIC
Organizer: Georgeda Buchbinder
Department of Community Health Development, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 1960
East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96822.

Injury is the major cause of death between the ages of 1 and 45 in the Pacific
and was high on the agenda of the South Pacific Commission meeting involving
the heads of ministries of health in the Pacific. Injury may be intentional
(homicide and suicide), or unintentional (due to motor vehicles or coconuts or
fire or anything else).
Injury, and response to injury are culturally patterned, and even in our own society the response has been largely prescientific. The CDC has recently established a center for injury control and could conceivably fund injury research.

Anyone interested in participating in a session on injury at the Monterey meetings should contact Georgeda at the address given above.

Q: Informal Session: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE PACIFIC
Organizer: DOROTHY COUNTS
2 Flamboro Courts, Dundas, Ontario, Canada. L9H 4Z3

Dorothy is proposing an Informal Session for the 1987 meetings on the topic of domestic violence with an emphasis on the assault of wives. The following information is deemed particularly helpful:

1. General background information focusing on violence in the community (including warfare, treatment of children, homicide/suicide) Are men assaulted by their wives?
   b) condition of women in the community, including input they have in political/economic/domestic decisions (have they a say in their own marriages?); whether a wife is her husband's "property"; whether a woman can divorce without losing her children, her livelihood, her prestige; Are their roles other than wife-mother available to women, and are these roles valued in the society? Are there institutionalized forms of violence against females, e.g. gang rape, female infanticide, etc.? If so, who does it (father-brother? Mother-in-law? Someone in an 'official' capacity?)

2. Does Wife Beating Occur in the Society? If yes, look at the following questions. If no, we are interested in your data too. Go to 4.
   a) Is violence mutual (e.g. brawling) or one-sided? If mutual, is it equal (e.g. a kick in the shin is not equal to multiple kicks in the belly or face)? Is it self-defense?
   b) What is the general attitude toward violence (e.g. all men do it - that's the way men are; women need to be controlled; it's allright under certain circumstances)? Is it shameful for the woman if she's beaten? For her husband?
   c) What kinds of physical punishment are acceptable? Unacceptable? When does physical punishment cease to be acceptable? How do you know? What recourse does a beaten/abused woman have? Will her kin give her support if she leaves her husband? (Information on residence is important - do women ordinarily move away from their own kin or remain close to home?)
   d) Has there been a change in the frequency or severity of wife beating? If yes, how do you explain it?
   e) How would you account for ideosyncratic versus structural aspects of wife beating? E.g. if only couple X do it, why them? If a man is particularly abusive, how is his behavior explained? If it never occurs among some couples in a society where it is otherwise common, how is their behavior explained?

3. Give specific cases of wife beating incidents. Include information on the participants (age, number of children, length of marriage) and on the circumstances under which the beating occurred (what was the precipitating factor?). Also include a description of how you got the data (witness? hearsay? gossip?) and on the response of others to the event.
4. If wife beating does not occur, you have an unusual society.
   a) How do you know it does not happen? If you never witnessed it, how long
   were you in the field? Do people not talk about it, or do they say it doesn't
   occur? Are there specific reasons (e.g., supernatural power of women) which
   mitigate against wife-beating.
   b) When there is marital conflict, what form does it take? Are there
   sanctions that are applied specifically to women who "misbehave"? What is the
   husband's response when his wife commits adultery, publicly shames him, fails
   to perform her sexual or domestic duties, or behaves in an unacceptable way?
   Give examples of the settlement of specific cases of serious marital
   disagreement without violence.

Anyone interested in this topic should contact Dorothy at the address given
above.

V. POSITIONS OPEN

The Micronesian Area Research Center (MARC) is seeking qualified candidates for
the position of Director. The director works within the University of Guam and
with the general community in developing resources and promotion of research
activities in the Micronesian region. A doctoral degree and a recent record of
successful research and publication relevant to Micronesia are required. The
applicant must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. The appointee will be
given an initial three year contract renewable upon review. The salary scale
is $38,957.00 - $49,491.00.

Requests for official forms and other information may be directed to the
Personnel Office, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923.
Completed application forms, curriculum vitae, all undergraduate and graduate
transcripts and three (3) recent letters of recommendation to be sent to Dr.
Harley Manner - Co-Chair, MARC Search Committee, c/o College of Arts and
Sciences, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923. These must be
postmarked no later than October 1, 1986.

VI. Notes and News

a. Melanesian Studies Resource Center (MSRC): MSRC is dedicated to making
unpublished materials available to a worldwide audience. MSRC is particularly
interested in soliciting the types of materials which do not regularly appear
in print - additional case histories, long or additional native texts with
translations, etc. These materials which are invaluable to other scholars are
frequently cut from published works. While the primary focus of MSRC is on
Melanesian materials, they will not exclude materials from other areas if they
are part of a set (for example from an ASAO session) with a considerable
Melanesian content.

Members of ASAO who are not on the center's mailing list can be placed on
that list by writing to Barbara Jones, The Melanesian Archives, Department of
Anthropology - C-001, UCSD, La Jolla, CA 92093.

A significant portion of the center's funding comes from the sale of fiche
sets to member libraries. These purchases offset the costs of free
distribution of materials to libraries in Melanesia. Is your library a member?
Barbara can supply a list of fiche sets available for purchase and can provide
any further information you may need about the center.
b. Margy Rodman, ASAO Series Editor, has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at York University in Toronto. She begins in September.

c. Bill Wormsley has accepted a tenure-track assistant professorship at the University of Wyoming. He begins this fall.

d. Aletta Biersack, University of Oregon, spent this spring in Nuku'alofa, Tonga where she was conducting research on matters of structure and history as these pertain to the Tupou dynasty.

e. Ali Pomponio has recently embarked on a round the world trip which will include stops in Egypt, Kenya, Italy, Australia, Papua New Guinea, and Vanuatu. Anyone wishing to contact her over the next six months may do so C/O Jane Goodale, Dept. of Anth., Institute of Technology, P.O. Box 40146, Casuarina NT 5792, Australia (Sept. 1-15) or c/o Catholic Mission Mandok, P.M.B. Lae, Morobe Province, PNG. (November '86 - April '87).

f. Dr. Bruce Karolle of the Micronesian Area Research Center, University of Guam, is currently on sabatical and is preparing an Atlas of Micronesia. His work will 1) identify the geographic position and major connections of the region to East Asia and the Pacific Ocean, 2) illustrate the national characteristics of the entire region as well as regional topics including population, economics, geology, climate, and 3) show a variety of individual islands and states, capital towns and significant physiographic differences.

g. During March and April of this year, the University of Hawaii, with grants from NEA and the Hawaii Committee for the Humanities, presented the "Art of Micronesia" in the university Art Gallery. This exhibition featured the most comprehensive selection of Micronesian art ever exhibited anywhere in the world. Many of the important works, including some from the Bishop Museum, have never before been displayed. The exhibition included, fiber armor from Kiribati, spirit canoes, a Dilukai image from a men's house on Belau, storyboards, Mortlock Islands' masks, unusual articles of adornment, and excellent examples of fiber arts. Curators of the exhibition were Jerome Feldman, Professor of Art History, Hawaii Loa College, Donald Rubenstein, Research Fellow, East-West Center, and Deborah Waite, Professor of Art History, UHM.

[I would like to thank the Hawaiian Anthropological Association and Katharine Luomala for their support in sending me the HA'A Newsletter from which so many news items have been gleaned over the past months - ed.]

h. Thomas Bagaratzky, University of Munchen, is currently completing a book on the problems of cognatic descent groups/ramages in which he will "try to show that the application of this concept to Samoan traditional organization is problematical." He would like to come to ASAO next year to present a paper on the topic. If anyone is working towards a session in which this paper would fit, please contact Thomas at the Institut fur Volkerkunde und Afrikanistik, Ludwigstrasse 27/1, D-8000 Munchen 22.
VII. Bibliographic

a. A recent issue of the *Papua New Guinea Medical Journal* (28:3, September, 1985) contained a number of articles of anthropological interest, many of them by members of ASAO.

"Issues in Social Science and Medicine in Papua New Guinea" - Carol Jenkins
"Childbirth on Kiriwina, Trobriand Islands..." - R. and U. Poschl
"Midwifery Services in Madang Province, PNG: A Proposal" - M. M. Wells
"Social and Cultural Aspects of Family Planning Programmes" - S. Frankel
"Reproductive Decision Making in the Upper Ramu District..." - L. Conton
"Infant Mortality in the Saniyo-Hiyowe Population, Ambunti District..." - P.K. Townsend

"Substance Use in Pregnancy among Two Groups of Urban Women in PNG" - L. Marshall

"The Distribution of Therapeutic Knowledge in Ningerum" - R.L. Welsch

b. The University of British Columbia Press has just announced the publication of Masters of Tradition by Margaret C. Rodman. (1986, $U.S. 17.95). The work, subtitled *Consequences of Customary Land Tenure in Longana, Vanuatu*, describes the flexibility of traditional land tenure systems and the implications for an emerging capitalist economy.

c. Poly-Concepts Publishing Co. of Wichita, Kansas, has announced the publication of the *Samoan Islands Bibliography* ($85.00) compiled and edited by Lowell D. Holmes. The Bibliography is the first of its kind on this island group and includes in its 335 pages items on the natural and social sciences as well as the humanities and arts.

d. Child Henry and Plumb Pty Ltd. have recently issued the second edition of Dame Rachel Cleland's *Pathways to Independence* ($A24.95, paper $A14.95). The work covers the personal story of Dame Rachel (whose husband was an administrator in New Guinea) from the post-war period to independence. As such it is a valuable addition to the official documentation of this period.

e. Routledge and Kegan Paul have announced the publication of *Circulation in Population Movement* edited by Murray Chapman and R. Mansell Prothero ($59.95). This work is an important addition to our knowledge of Melanesian demography and in particular to the study of Melanesian migration patterns.

f. A number of interesting items have recently appeared in *Islands* magazine. These include (in 1985):

The Marquesas (Aug., 5(4):40-57) by Tim Cahill
The Kanakas. [New Caledonia] (Mar./Apr., 5(2):70-77) by Stirling Silliphant
Maui. (Mar./Apr., 5(2):20-31) by Herbert Gold
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"The Fiji Labor Trade in Comparative Perspective, 1864-1914," Ralph Shlomowitz
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