

## Editor's Introduction

These proceedings of the 4th annual Pacific Islands Studies Conference, "The Emerging Pacific Island States," held on April 6 and 7, 1979, at the University of Hawaii, document one event in the on-going effort of the Pacific Islands Studies Program and the federally-funded Pacific Islands Studies Center which supports it, to provide faculty, students and Pacific-interested community members with an update on the implications of the rapid political, social and economic changes taking place today in the Pacific Islands region.

Nearly a score more than the 138 who registered attended portions of the two-day conference which featured 18 speakers from the academic community, government and the press.

This volume includes papers prepared by the conference speakers. The papers presented Friday evening, those of Dr. Daeufer and Mr. Kono, concern Hawaii's role in the future of the changing Pacific horizon.

The Saturday morning remarks of Drs. Finney, Severance and Hamnett offer perspectives on the concept of dependency in terms of their observations on the experience of four Pacific societies.

The participation of Mr. William Bodde of the U.S. Department of State was through the courtesy of an arrangement between his agency's Public Affairs Division and the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council (PAAC). His speech reflects U.S. policy in the Pacific much as that of Fred Rohlfing, Director of the Amerika Samoa Liaison Office in Hawaii, describes American Samoa's assessment of its role in the Pacific's future.

In the afternoon a panel of media specialists related their experiences as journalists in the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Guam, Fiji, the Gilbert Islands and here in Hawaii. A summary of their roundtable, "Media's Role in Pacific Islands Politics," has been written by Dr. Thomas Brislin.

Consideration of the changing patterns of Pacific development surely must include discussion of the politics of fisheries in the region. In his paper, "South Pacific Fisheries Politics," originally written for publication in the Summer, 1979 issue of Impulse, the magazine of East-West Center participants, Dr. George Kent presents issues pertaining to jurisdictional rights in Pacific waters. Dr. Scott Allen's paper, "The Pacific and the Law of the Sea," considers the international politics of the Law of the Sea.

Finally, Dr. Donald Topping provides participants and readers alike a thoughtful analysis of the topics that were discussed--and those left untouched--during the conference.

Among those who contributed to the success of the conference were Ms. Brenda Foster and her PAAC staff, who cooperated in the organization of the conference, particularly Ms. Larke Golaski who spent many hours working on this manuscript and Ms. Jan Hiranaka who typed and proofread this manuscript. Ms. Karen Knudsen shared with me the responsibility and effort of putting together both the conference and these proceedings and deserves untold thanks. Any errors in this manuscript are ours.

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