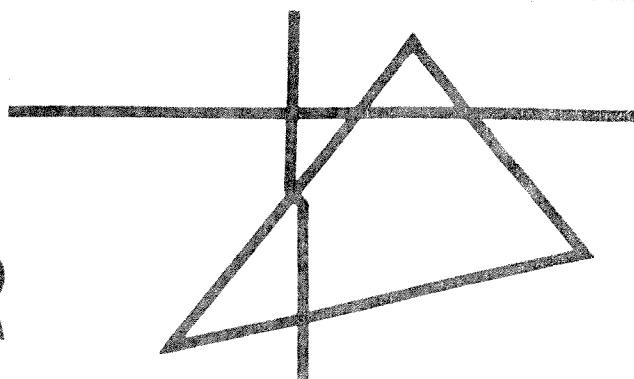


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The First Taint of Civilization

A History of the Caroline and Marshall Islands in Pre-Colonial Days, 1521-1885

Francis X. Hezel, S.J.

384 pages, maps, November, \$25.00s

ISBN 0 8748 0840 1

Pacific Islands Monograph Series, No. 1

Culture contact is the most important theme in island history and this book is a masterfully written work of impeccable scholarship that uses this theme to present the first standard history of the Caroline and Marshall islands. The author charts the mainstream of Micronesian history from the first European discoverers to the advent of colonial political domination.

This is the story of the Micronesian people engulfed by tides of change during the turbulent centuries prior to colonial rule. Guns and rum, disease and death, bibles and hymns were the legacy of Europeans and Americans during this troubled period. But no less important was the taste for Western ways and even Western law that the islanders acquired during these years, a fact that finally culminated in foreign rule.

Today, as the people of the Caroline and Marshall islands stand on the threshold of political autonomy for the first time in a century, the story of their colonization is finally told in a one-volume history. The author's intimate knowledge of the places and peoples he writes about keeps his study essentially island-oriented rather than Eurocentric. More than a distinguished history, this work is also a major contribution to our knowledge of the dynamics of culture change.

Francis X. Hezel is a Jesuit priest who has been working as a missionary in the Caroline and Marshall islands for fifteen years, serving as teacher, principal, and director of Xavier High School, Truk. Since 1972 he has also served as director of the Micronesian Seminar, a pastoral-research institute sponsored by the Catholic Church of the Caroline-Marshall Islands. In this capacity, he has convened several major conferences on contemporary issues in Micronesia and has written widely on political and economic development, education, and a host of other social issues. He is the author of *Foreign Ships in Micronesia*, co-editor with Mark Berg of *Winds of Change*, and co-author with Charles Realsnyder of two social studies courses, *Micronesia: A Changing Society* and *Micronesia through the Years*.



"In this work Francis Hezel has shown himself to be an historian second to none among island specialists. He must have known his sources almost by heart, and pondered their relation and significance over months, before he could have integrated his thousand and one discrete accounts of seemingly unrelated events into a coherent narrative; one which runs, furthermore, so smoothly and with apparent inevitability from start to finish that few readers will realize the patience and intellectual effort that must have gone into its preparation."

—H. E. Maude, DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY, AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY



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PIP GRADUATES

During the Spring 1983 semester, two students finished their Master's degree in Pacific Islands Studies. One is WILLIAM LOBBAN of Adelaide, South Australia. His thesis is entitled "Singing Games of Papua New Guinea and Tuvalu: A Classification and Analysis of Music and Movement." The other graduate is RODNEY HENNING of Honolulu, whose Plan B paper is entitled "German Colonial Policy in the Pacific Islands: Origin, Determinants and Implementation". This brings the total number of PIP graduates to fifty-six.

FLOYD TAKEUCHI'S THESIS PUBLISHED

Mr. FLOYD TAKEUCHI, who graduated from PIP in 1977, has had an abbreviated version of his thesis published recently. It appears in the current issue of Pacific Perspective (Vol. 10, No. 1), published in Suva by South Pacific Social Sciences Association and is entitled "Screen Power: Cinema in the Pacific Islands." Mr. Takeuchi is an editorial writer for the Honolulu Advertiser.

PAAC REPORT

The following was submitted by KAREN KNUDSEN, Outreach Coordinator for the Pacific Islands Studies Program and the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council.

1. FATHER FRAN HEZEL discussed "Mental Disorders in Micronesian Youth" at a PIP Occasional Seminar held on February 15, at the SSRI conference room. Father Hezel commented at length on schizophrenia and discussed different cultural responses to the disorder.
2. On Wednesday, March 30, Mr. Muliufi Hannemann, administrative assistant to the Governor and specialist on Pacific affairs, addressed "Hawaii's Role in the New Pacific" at a PIP Occasional seminar. Approximately 45 people attended the seminar which was video-taped for an educational exchange with Guam.
3. Mr. William N. Fisher, the Australian Consul General in Honolulu, spoke on "The Changing Pacific" at a Pacific Islands Luncheon Seminar held Thursday, March 31 at the Kahala Hilton. There were 105 people at the luncheon which was co-sponsored by PIP and PAAC.
4. Mr. John C. Dorrance, Director for Australia and New Zealand Affairs, U.S. Department of State, discussed the United States' relations with Australia and New Zealand as they relate to the Pacific Islands, on Wednesday, April 20. The seminar was co-sponsored by the UH Pacific Islands Studies Program, the Pacific and Asian Affairs Council, and the Pacific Islands Development Program, East West Center.
5. A PAAC student PEACESAT Exchange has been scheduled for Monday, April 25 at 5:15 p.m. "Sports and Recreation" is the topic of the exchange, and New Zealand will chair the session.

6. Four 10th and 11th grade Pacific History classes and one 9th grade World History class at Waipahu High School attended a 90 minute presentation on American and Western Samoa by Karen Knudsen in March. The presentation included a discussion on Samoan culture, history and politics; slides, and a Samoan language mini-lesson. Presentations of this nature are an integral part of the PIP/PAAC Outreach effort.

MACU SALATO: INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR AT EWC'S PIDP

On March 1, 1983, Dr. MACU SALATO was appointed Interim Administrator of the East West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program. Dr. Salato, who for the past year has been a diplomat-in-residence at East West Center, was appointed to fill the PIDP administrator's position vacated by JAMES MAKASIALE. Mr. Makasiale had been called back to his native Fiji to take up the position of Permanent Secretary for Agriculture.

PTC '84: CALL FOR PAPERS

The Pacific Telecommunications Council has issued a call for papers for PTC '84, the sixth annual Pacific Telecommunications Conference.

The conference will be held January 9-11, 1984, at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel in Honolulu. Proposals for conference papers should be submitted by May 15, 1983. Proposals should be two pages in length, addressed at PTC '84, 1110 University Avenue, #303, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826, USA.

PTC '84 program chairman, University of Hawaii Communication Professor L.S. HARMS, said the conference would continue its long-term theme of "Telecommunications for Pacific Development." Basic telecommunications needs will be emphasized, Harms said: "What they are, how they can be met, the resources we have available. We're also looking for input on the implications of telecommunications technology for the individual and society and some of the problems related to the development of an information-rich Pacific Hemisphere."

Harms said the conference will give special attention to the broadcast sector of the Pacific, in addition to an ongoing interest in telephony, data communications, computers, satellites, and cable communications.

For information call FRED SMITH: 949-5752.

SPRING GET-TOGETHER OF FRIENDS OF THE COLLEGE OF MICRONESIA

On Thursday, April 21, 1983, a dinner was held at the Hale Koa Hotel in Waikiki to renew friendships, form networks and to solicit support for the growing College of Micronesia. Notables present at the get together were Reverend BILLY KUARTEI, Rector of the College of Micronesia, Mr. LOREN PETERSON, Acting Chancellor and Executive Director of the College of Micronesia, Dr. CATALINO CANTERO, President of the Community College of Micronesia, and Mr. WILHELM RENGIL, President of the Micronesian Occupational College.

EWC POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS IN ASIAN/PACIFIC AREA STUDIES

The East-West Center offers fellowship support for recent recipients of the doctorate with extensive academic preparation and experience in an Asian/Pacific country or culture area, including the United States. As area specialists, post-doctoral fellows will contribute their knowledge, language skills, and perspectives to established Center programs organized around problem areas and policy concerns. The post-doctoral fellowship program is designed to strengthen area studies scholarship on the Asian/Pacific region by offering opportunities to young scholars to extend their research and prepare their dissertation for publication. At the same time, the Center will benefit by involving area studies scholars who can complement its research and education programs.

Qualifications:

- a) Applicants must be from Asia/Pacific countries or the U.S. and have received a Ph.D. (or Ed.D. or J.D.) no more than three years before the proposed date of appointment.
- b) U.S. candidates should have completed a formal program of study related to a country or area within the Asia/Pacific region and have a working competence in an Asian or Pacific language. Asia/Pacific candidates must have an effective verbal and written command of English and have completed doctoral studies focusing on an Asia/Pacific/North American country or cultural area other than their own.
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Award Provisions:

Fellows will receive round-trip air travel to Hawaii and US \$1,500 per month for nine to twelve months. They may live in an East-West Center residence hall if unaccompanied by children under 18 years of age. EWC housing costs will be deducted from the stipend. Alternatively, fellows may find their own off-campus domicile. A health plan is also available through the Center at the fellow's cost.

Area Studies Fellows will be expected to (1) collaborate with a research project in an appropriate Institute or Centerwide Program that is working in his or her area of specialization, (2) pursue independent research, such as turning a dissertation into a book, and (3) participate in conferences, seminars and educational activities at the East-West Center. They will meet as a group to discuss issues of common interest.

The application will include a curriculum vitae, a short proposal, three letters of reference (including the candidate's dissertation advisor and at least one person from the country or region of specialization), and a brief writing sample from the dissertation (e.g. the abstract, prospectus, or first or last chapter).

The deadline for applying for fellowships beginning in January 1984 is July 1, 1983; awards will be announced by October 1, 1983. For fellowships beginning in September of 1984, applications must be received by March 1, 1984 and awards will be announced in June of 1984.

How to Apply:

If you are interested, please write for further information and application materials to:

Post-Doctoral Fellowships
Award Services Office
East-West Center
1777 East-West Road
Honolulu, Hawaii 96848
U.S.A.

NEW BOOKS ABOUT THE PACIFIC

The description of the following new books are taken from the publishers' brochures. If you would like further information on any of these books, **please** write directly to the publisher.

1. La Terre est le Sang des Morts, (Soil is Made From the Blood of the Dead) by Jean Guiart.

Will be published in May, 1983. (Text in French)
Price: 100 Francs (US \$15.00)
Publisher: Editions Anthropos
15, rue Lacépède
75005 PARIS, France

The confrontation between white and black in the French South Pacific: This study deals with the multiple and changing behaviors of Melanesians during a century and a half of resistance to colonial rule, and especially during the lesser known period of the last three decades.

2. The Management of Pacific Marine Resources, by John P. Craven

September, 1983
Price: US \$12.00
Publisher: Westview Special Studies in Ocean Science and Policy,
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis Minnesota 55455

As a senior advisor to the U.S. delegation at UNCLOS III (Third Annual Conference on Law of the Sea) Dr. Craven provides an expert look at the full range of ocean resources and an insider's view of UN negotiations on common areas of the Pacific Ocean. His book is essential reading for those interested in the future uses of the oceans and who will benefit from the bounty.

3. Land and Politics in New Caledonia, by Alan W. Ward

Price: A\$6.00

Publisher: Department of Political Science and Social Change,
Australian National University, P.O. Box 4, Canberra,
ACT 2600, Australia

From the late 1960s radical groups among Melanesians of New Caledonia began to campaign for independence. The French government has recently sought to meet the pressures with a wide-ranging program of economic and social development. Alan Ward's monograph examines the reform program in relation to New Caledonia's society and politics.

4. To Live Among the Stars, by John Garrett

Price: Paperback US \$12.95, hardcover US \$17.95

Publishers: Institute of Pacific Studies, USP, Suva and the World
Council of Churches, Geneva.

Agents in US and Canada: Friendship Press, New York

This first comprehensive history of Catholic and Protestant arrival in the Pacific Islands takes full account of the setting in island life, the role of Islander missionaries, and the complex social and political backgrounds.

5. New Guinea Under the Germans, by Stewart Firth

Recommended price: A\$25.00

Publisher: Melbourne University Press, Melbourne, Australia

This is the first general history of German rule in New Guinea. The author leaves no doubt that the German regime was much harsher than its British and Australian counterparts in southeast New Guinea. But the Germans did more to bring Western health services and education to the islanders and they made a more significant contribution to scientific knowledge in the area.

The following four titles are all recent publications of Australian National University Press, P.O. Box 4, Canberra ACT 2600, Australia.

1. A Thousand Graduates: conflict in university development in Papua New Guinea, by Ian Howie-Willis

Price: \$A8.00

University institutions in Papua New Guinea are a late product of the country's protracted development towards nationhood. Since their foundation in the middle and late 1960s they have undertaken ambitious programs of teaching and research. There have been costs, however.

2. Viceroy of the Pacific: Volume 2 of The Majesty of Colour: A Life of Sir John Bates Thurston, by Deryck Scarr

Price: \$A9.00

This volume, covering the years 1875-1897, takes up where I, the Very Bayonet, Volume I of The Majesty of Colour, published in 1973, left the life of Sir John Thurston. In 1875 he became Colonial Secretary in Fiji and later died as Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner for the Western Pacific, the most influential individual wherever British rule touched the South Seas.

3. Brown or White? A history of the Fiji sugar industry, 1873-1973, by Michael Moynagh

Price: A\$9.00

This book provides the first comprehensive history of Fiji's sugar industry, which has been the mainstay of the country's economy for the past hundred years. It examines the circumstances in which the industry was set up and takes the history to the withdrawal in 1973 of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company which had dominated the industry since the 1880s.

4. Education in Fiji: problems and progress in primary and secondary education 1939-1973, by Clive Whitehead

Price: A\$9.00

This study analyzes government education policy in Fiji since 1939, within the context of the development of primary and secondary schooling.

RECENT VISITORS

The following people involved in Pacific Islands affairs have visited PIP during February and March, 1983:

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Director of Education
Peabody Museum of Salem

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