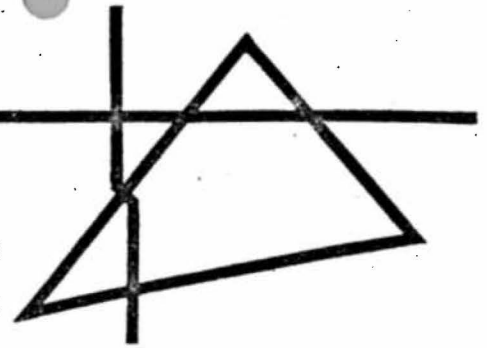


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ALTERNATIVES FOR DEVELOPMENT TAHITIAN RESEARCH PROJECT

Mr. FRANCIS SANFORD, Vice President of the Conseil de Gouvernement of French Polynesia, has asked Dr. JAN NEWHOUSE of the General Science Department to assist the Territory as it makes its transition into political autonomy and decreased economic dependence. Dr. Newhouse is to select an uninhabited atoll in the Tuamotus as a site for research in aquaculture, agriculture, and energy production with local resources. Subsequently, teams will live and work a life style that can possibly reverse the Westernized trends of recent years. Emphasis will be on diversification, appropriate technology, indigenous knowledge, and a melding of ancient knowledge with modern approaches.

Comment, criticism, advice, and participation in this venture are most welcome. Dr. Newhouse can be reached at phone 8305.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Ms. CADE CAMPBELL, Research Assistant, Social Science Research Institute, got the Newsletter off to a good start this fall semester and has edited all issues to this date. Now that the PIP office is well staffed, the Newsletter will be assembled and edited by Ms. Lori Chung and Brenda Yuen in the PIP office. Items for the Newsletter should now be sent directly to the PIP office or be submitted by phone: x8934.

We all owe Ms. Campbell a note of appreciation. In addition to editing the Newsletter, she has completely revised and updated our mailing list.

MEETING WITH THE GILBERT ISLANDS DELEGATION

As announced by a special mailing (November 2), interested faculty and students were able to meet with The Honorable Ieremia Tabai, Chief Minister of the Gilbert Islands, and his visiting delegation on the afternoon of November 9. Chief Minister Tabai's delegation consisted of:

The Honorable Babera Kirata
Minister of Health and Community Affairs

The Honorable Thomas Iute
Minister of Natural Resource Development

Mr. Robert Campbell
Secretary for Natural Resource Development

Chief Minister Tabai and his delegation were en route from the Gilberts to London where negotiations pertaining to the achievement of political independence for the Gilbert Islands took place. (No news about the outcome of those negotiations has been received.) A small meeting was first held with the delegation and representatives from the College of Tropical Agriculture, School of Public Health, Social Science Research Institute, Culture Learning Institute (E-W Center), Joint Institute for Marine and Atmospheric Research, and Pacific Islands Studies Program.

It was pointed out that the Gilberts will be closer in geographical proximity to Hawaii than any other independent nation in the Pacific. The Gilberts currently have a small market for their marine products in Honolulu and desire to have a closer relationship with Hawaii in the future. More specifically, they hope to develop more commercial ties with Hawaii and perhaps draw upon University of Hawaii faculty members with specialties relevant to their development plans. Those plans include development of:

- a) Christmas Island with projects in aquaculture, forestry, agriculture, and small scale tourism for sport fishermen.
- b) tuna fishing industry. The Gilberts have recently acquired one fishing ship and personnel are being trained to manage a fishing industry.
- c) subsistence agriculture for village dwellers throughout the Gilberts.

A larger meeting of faculty and students with the Gilbertese delegation was co-sponsored by the East-West Center's Open Grant's Program. Chief Minister Tabai and his colleagues responded to a wide range of questions regarding the problems faced by a small nation of 56,000 people and their aspirations for the future.

Chief Minister Tabai and his colleagues are expected to stop in Honolulu on their return home early next year. It may be possible to learn about the results of their negotiations in London at that time.

STUDY ABROAD IN TAHITI

Dr. JACK H. WARD, Department of Indo-Pacific Languages, is again offering a Summer Abroad Program for Tahitian Language and Culture Studies. The deadline for registration is May 15, and the program runs from June 10 to July 29. The number of students will be limited to 20; interested parties should contact Dr. Ward for further details.

NEW LECTURE SERIES INSTITUTE FOR POLYNESIAN STUDIES

As reported in the September 29 issue of the Newsletter, Brigham Young Univer-

sity - Hawaii Campus in cooperation with the Institute for Polynesian Studies and the Polynesian Cultural Center began the publication of a new journal, PACIFIC STUDIES. The Institute has also recently launched a new lecture series. The first lecture on "Maori Art Today" was presented by Buck Nin on November 22. The second lecture in the series is tentatively scheduled for sometime in January. Information pertaining to the series may be obtained from:

Institute for Polynesian Studies
Brigham Young University - Hawaii Campus
Laie, Hawaii 96762

HARLAN Y.M. LEE, PIP GRADUATE

Mr. HARLAN Y.M. LEE, PIP graduate 1977, is scheduled to be in Honolulu between December 9 and 15. Mr. Lee is currently with the Office of Pacific Affairs, U.S. State Department. An attempt will be made to schedule an informal seminar with Mr. Lee in order to discuss his work with the Office of Pacific Affairs.

NEW M.A. DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Revisions of the requirements for the M.A. Degree (both Plan A and Plan B) in the Pacific Islands Studies Program have been under consideration since last spring. The revisions were completed during this Fall Semester and have been approved by the Graduate Division. The revised requirements take effect at the beginning of Spring Semester, 1979. Students entering the Program on or after January, 1979 are subject to the new degree requirements. Students enrolled in the Program prior to 1979, may complete their degrees under the old requirements. They also have the option to complete their degrees under the revised requirements.

All PIP faculty members have copies of the new requirements (dated "Final Draft-October, 1978), and copies have been mailed to students currently enrolled and those admitted for Spring Semester, 1979. Additional copies are available from the PIP office.

PEACESAT SCHEDULE FOR DECEMBER

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
1	5-7 p.m.	Jaycees of the Pacific
3	4-5 p.m.	Intercultural Communications
4	5-6 p.m.	Elementary Schools
5	5-7 p.m.	Pacific Migration (Health)
6	11-12 noon	Planning Seminars for International Year of the Child
6	5-6 p.m.	South Pacific News