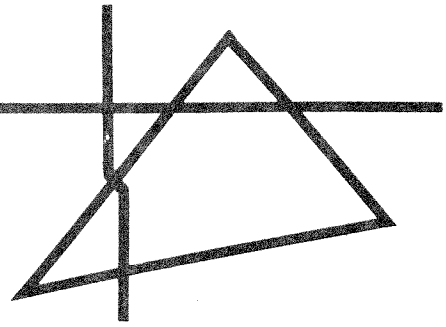


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VISITORS AND TRAVELERS

Dr. KAVALIKU LANGI has returned to Oahu. See PIP Newsletter X:2 for details of the EWC program he is involved with.

Mr. HARLAN Y.M. LEE, formerly of the U.S. Consular Office in Suva is now working with the Hawaii State Department of Planning and Economic Development on a limited term contract. He is working as a consultant on the question of how Hawaii can best fit into Pacific region activities. He can be reached at P.O. Box 2359, Honolulu, 96804 or the Kamamalu Bldg. (548-3931).

DOUGLAS YEN of the Bishop Museum will be leaving for the Solomon Islands at the end of April to work at least six months on the Southeast Solomon Culture History Program.

OTA JOSEPH of the Cook Islands will be on Oahu from April 5 to 26 to participate in an EWC Culture Learning Inst. program entitled "Conserving Cultural Values."

PATSY LAYNE of the Pacific Area Languages Materials Development Center (SSRI) will be visiting the Univ. of the South Pacific at Suva and making stops at Pago Pago and W. Samoa on a trip lasting from March 17 to April 1. She will be working on the use of the ATS-6 satellite as a medium of educational instruction.

Dr. TONY PFANKUCHE of the Center for Applied Linguistics is visiting American Samoa to explore the possibilities of assisting the Dept. of Ed. there through the support of the federal Teacher Corps program. He will return through Honolulu soon and can be contacted through Don Topping at x8930.

DON TOPPING will be making a trip through the Trust Territory to visit the district Bilingual Education Programs. Tentative dates are April 4 through 25.

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PACIFIC ISLANDS STUDIES PROGRAM DIRECTOR VACANCY: The following is taken from the February 13, Position Vacancies supplement to the Manoa Campus Bulletin: Associate Professor (Director), Pacific Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Manoa Campus, half-time, general funds, to begin approximately July 1, 1978, for one year initially. Duties: Program administration; chairman graduate Pacific Program; directing PP graduate seminar and Pacific Islands Study Center; teach research coordination. Minimum qualifications: Ph.D.; academic expertise, including research in some parts of the Pacific area (Pacific Islands, Australia, New Zealand). Desirable: Disciplinary focus on social sciences, additional experience in humanities and natural sciences. Minimum monthly salary: \$817.00. Send resume and list of references to Dr. C. S. Ramage, Department of Meteorology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2525 Correa Road, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. Closing date: March 31, 1978.

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PALM Participants: the Pacific Area Languages Materials Development Center announces the addition of the following curriculum writers to the staff: TRINIDAD AOALIN (Ilokano), VERONICA BARBER (Samoan), ALAISEA IOSEFA (Samoan) and FLORA LIZARO (Ilokano). They will be working on bilingual materials for the Hawaii public school system.

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TOURISM DISCUSSIONS: The University of the South Pacific in Fiji is initiating a series of discussions on "The Impact of Tourism Development in the Pacific." Nine conferences will be held over the PEACESAT radio satellite communications system. Each session will begin with a summary of a paper written on the session topic, and all interested persons may participate in the following discussion. The intent of the discussions is to formulate general policy recommendations regarding the shape of future tourism development throughout the Pacific.

Participation is open to all, and attendance at one session does not require attendance at any other. The dates for the sessions are March 7 and 21, April 4 and 18, May 2, 16, and 30 (all on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Honolulu time). For further information call Carol Misko at PEACESAT (948-8848) or John Knox at the Tourism Research Project (948-6669)

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A symposium on THE ROLE OF ANTHROPOLOGY IN CONTEMPORARY MICRONESIA was held at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Social Anthropology in Oceania, Feb. 15-19. The following is a condensation of introductory remarks from Leonard Mason's summary of the symposium:

"For two and a half days a group of 30 to 40 American anthropologists and representatives from Micronesia debated the changing role of anthropology in modern Micronesia, and reached the conclusion that researchers must become more involved in seeking solutions to current problems of the island region in collaboration with Micronesians and their leaders....

"During the past thirty years, approximately 100 anthropologists have undertaken fieldwork in Micronesia with considerable freedom as to the subjects studied and the methods employed. The changing social and political climate, however, calls for reexamination of the role of anthropological research (as it does for all social and natural science research) concerning the relevance and conduct of independent studies at a time when other South Pacific governments are restricting fieldwork by expatriates and when Micronesians themselves are raising questions that deserve to be answered.

"With this in mind, a symposium was organized by Leonard Mason, Emeritus Professor of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii and for thirty years an observer of the Micronesian scene both as researcher and consultant, to explore the issues involved and to formulate guidelines for achieving a closer relationship with Micronesians in attacking contemporary problems of mutual concern."

"During the 15-hour course of the symposium, a multitude of ideas were presented and considered from various angles. They ranged widely from the privacy demanded and the power derived from specialized knowledge in Micronesian cultures, to the feasibility of interpretive mediation by anthropologists in political status talks currently underway between American and Micronesian negotiators.

"The evident willingness to invite criticism and the candor of personally expressed prejudices, set in a mood of congenial cooperation, produced a rare experience for the group of academics, as they probed ways and means to make their skills and knowledge of Micronesia more applicable to the contemporary island scene and still retain the integrity of their discipline as an objective search for truth about humanity."

There is the preliminary summary of the symposium from which the above passages were taken and there is also a publication to come out of the sessions which will be free to interested persons through a grant from the Wenner-Gren Foundation. Dr. Mason should be contacted to obtain a complete copy of the former or to be put on the list for the latter.