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CENTER NEWS

Teachers' Workshop: The Center for Pacific Islands Studies, Hawaii Loa College, and the UH College of Education are co-sponsoring a comprehensive two-day Pacific Islands Teachers' Workshop to be held March 23 and 24, 1988 at Hawaii Loa College. The workshop topic is Issues in the Contemporary Pacific and the presentations will focus on the geography, economic development and current political issues of the region.

Visiting Lecturers were at the Center in December and January from Aotearoa, also known as New Zealand. Between January 21 and February 4 Godfrey H. and Ema Te Toroa Tangiariki Pohatu from the Maori Studies Program, Dunedin University, gave a series of public lectures on social change, literature, language, and the relationship of Maori society with the larger community. They were co-hosted by CPIS and Center for Hawaiian Studies.

On December 14, 1987, Dr. Cluny Macpherson from the Department of Sociology, University of Auckland, gave a seminar on "Pacific Islands Studies in New Zealand and Traditional Medicine in Western Samoa."

Attention Master's Degree Candidates who plan to complete their requirements during Summer 1988. The following deadlines will be observed. Plan A (Thesis) Deadline for submission of degree application to the Manoa Cashier's office, Building #37: **June 1, 1988**. Deadline for final examination: **June 27, 1988**. Deadline for deposit of thesis: **July 11, 1988**.

Plan B (Nonthesis): Deadline for submission of degree application to the Manoa Cashier's Office, Building #37: **June 1, 1988**. Deadline for final examination: **July 18, 1988**. (Student must notify Graduate Division two weeks prior to date of examination since the announcement must appear in the University Bulletin.

Commencement exercises will be held on **August 14, 1988**. For further information on thesis completion and graduation fee see your advisor or the Graduate Division Office in Spalding Hall.

New Center Staff Member: Letitia Hickson has joined the Center as its new Outreach Coordinator. She has a Ph.D. degree in Social Anthropology from Harvard University and has done research in the Pacific.

Departure: Jully Makini, poet and journalist from the Solomon Islands, concluded her studies here and returned home in January. She was a recipient of the Center's Mid-Career Award which allowed her to receive further training in creative writing and journalism.

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS

May Conference: The Center is co-sponsoring a conference with the Institute of Culture and Communication, East West Center entitled *Cultural Encounters in the Pacific War* which is open to the public. It will explore the Pacific Islanders' perceptions of World War II experiences. There will be a keynote speaker, and three days of presentations by humanities scholars and resource persons in anthropology, history, and Pacific Studies. Documentary films will be shown for two evenings. The Center will publish the proceedings.

The 18th Waigani Seminar will be held September 4th-11th, 1988 at the University of Papua New Guinea. The theme will be *The State of the Arts in the Pacific*. Exhibitions will include Museum displays, painting, sculpture, photography, arts & crafts. Demonstrations will include music forms, carving skills, pottery craft, body art, and traditional skills. There will be music, dance, theatre, and film. Workshops will be offered on Culture Centres Management, Impact Study Evaluation, and Cultural Research.

Seminars subjects will include Cultural Heritage, Literary Arts, Fine and Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Legislation, Tourism and the Commercial Arts, and Environmental Design, Architecture and Technology in the Pacific.

For more information write The Organizing Committee, 18th Waigani Seminar 1988, P.O. Box 320, University, PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

The 10th annual **Pacific Telecommunications Conference** will take place February 15-18 in Honolulu at the Sheraton-Waikiki Hotel. Topics will include Fiber Optic Links, VSAT Applications, ISDN, Mobile Communication, Radio Telephony, Information Services, Emerging Application in Health, Education, Banking, Videoconferencing Applications, Role of the Consultant, Future of Teleports, Space WARC, Future of International Carriers, International Trade Issues, Future of Video Formats and Standards, and Users and Providers of Satellite Services.

For more information write P.T.C., 1110 University Avenue, Suite 308, Honolulu, Hawaii 96826. Or call (808) 941-3789 or 949-5752.

PUBLICATIONS, FILMS, VIDEO

FROM THE CENTER

BOOKS: Our latest South Sea Books publication received a review in the "National Times" of Sydney on November 29, 1987. Reviewer, Peter Mares, says Stewart Firth "has written a book which is easy, enjoyable reading *Nuclear Playground* brings the history of the French, British and United States nuclear tests together in one reasonably priced paperback [It] directs our attention from the fear of nuclear war in Europe to focus on the rapid militarization of our own back yard." It is available through the University of Hawaii Press for \$14.95.

SPECIAL OFFER: Two new publications from the Center's Pacific Islands Monograph Series will soon be appearing. *Nan'yo: The Rise and Fall of the Japanese in Micronesia, 1885-1945*, by Mark R. Peattie, is the little known story of Japan's imperial presence in Micronesia. A narrative history dealing with the appearance, activities, and ultimate expulsion of the Japanese in Micronesia, the book fills a historical gap and in the process opens a unique perspective on the Pacific War.

Nan'yo will be available in March, 1988 at \$30.00. To take advantage of the special pre-publication discount price of \$24.00 send your check and order by April 15 to the University of Hawai'i Press.

Upon a Stone Altar: A History of the Island of Pohnpei to 1890, by David Hanlon is No. 5 in the Monograph Series. It tells the history of a remarkable people who inhabit this island in the

Eastern Caroline Islands of Micronesia. Since the beginnings of intensive foreign contact, Pohnpei has endured numerous disruptive conflicts as well as attempts at colonial domination. Pohnpeians creatively adapted to change and today live successfully in a modern world not totally of their making.

Hanlon uses the vast body of oral tradition to relate the early history of Pohnpei, including the story of the building of a huge complex of artificial stone islets, Nan Madol.

Upon a Stone Altar, which will sell for \$32.00 is available until April 15 at the pre-publication special discount price of \$25.60.

Send check or money order for either book to University of Hawaii Press, 2840 Kolowalu Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822.

The latest in The Center's Working Paper Series, *Ni'ihau: A Brief History* by Edward Stepien, will be available soon. It covers pre- and early western contact, the arrival of Christianity to Ni'ihau, changes of ownership and its effects on the islanders, the effects of World War II, education, health, the environment, and more. It is available upon request at no cost.

MAPS: Four handsome 8 1/2 X 11" maps of the Pacific Islands have recently been published by the Center for Pacific Islands Studies. They include *Political Entities of the Pacific Islands*, *Cultural Areas of the Pacific Islands*, *200 Mile Exclusive Economic zones of the Pacific Islands*, and a base map of *The Pacific Islands*. They are available from the Center for fifty cents each.

FILMS: The new addition to the University of Hawaii's film collection about the Pacific Islands is the *Human Face of the Pacific Series* produced by Filmaus and available on VHS. The series details the rich variety of lifestyles found in the islands while also examining the significance of each community's cultural identity and the effects of foreign influence upon each island.

Films include: *Human Face of the Pacific* (96 min.), *Atoll Life on Kiribati* (29 min.), *Marshall Islands - Living With the bomb* (26 min.), *New Caledonia - a Land in Search of Itself* (29 min.), *Place of Power in French Polynesia* (30 min.), *Western Samoa - I Can Get Another Wife But I Can't Get Parents* (30 min.), *Fiji - Legacies of Empire* (27 min.). They can be borrowed from the Wong Audiovisual Center at Sinclair Library.

FROM OTHER SOURCES

(Not available through the Center)

Just off the press is *Contemporary Issues in Mental Health Research in the Pacific Islands*, edited by Albert B. Robillard and Anthony J. Marsella. A collection of papers read at the Pacific Islander Mental Health Research Conference in 1985, its focus is on the former U.S. territories in Micronesia and indigenous Hawaiians. Contributors include Francis X. Hezel, Gene Kassebaum, Robert Kiste, Leonard Kwan, Jr., Mac Marshall, Donald H. Rubinstein, and others. It is available for \$12 from UH Press.

USP announces several new publications. *The Fijian Ethos* by Dr. Asesela Ravuvu which should help in understanding Fijian affairs. It sells for F\$6 in the islands and US\$9 elsewhere. *Politics of Land in Vanuatu* by Dr. Howard Van Trease, former Director of the USP Centre in Vanuatu looks at land issues from precontact to the present. It is 300 pages and sells for F\$7 in the islands and \$US10 elsewhere. *In Search of A Home* includes the works of 23 authors on the plight of islanders who have left their islands of origin due to overpopulation, volcanic eruption, or labor trade who are now living as squatters and in squalid conditions in various Pacific countries. It sells for F\$6 and US\$9. *Land Tenure in the Atolls* is the work of 16 authors on studies in the Cook Islands, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Tokelau and Tuvalu. It sells for F\$6 and US\$9. In *Land Rights of Pacific Women*, chapters are written by women of Vanuatu, Fiji, Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands who conducted studies of land tenure in their home islands. F\$4 and US\$6.

Chemistry for the Pacific Islands contains case studies on the uses of chemistry in agriculture, industry and government service in the Pacific Islands. F\$7 and US\$9. The newly published *Modern Communication in the South Pacific* is Volume 16, No. 1 of the Pacific Islands Communication Journal. This issue deals with television and radio in various Pacific Islands countries, telecommunications in education, and discussion of issues of press freedom and media dependency. Subscription rates (for two issues) is F\$4 and US\$6. Reprints of Ron Crocombe's paper "Productive Potentials of the Pacific Islands" published in the Journal of the Pacific Society in 1987 are available upon request.

Samoan Oratory by Tatupu Faafetai Tui sells for F\$5 and US\$8. *Dreams of the Rainbow* in

English and Cook Islands Maori by Kauraka Kauraka is available for F\$4 and US\$5. *Te Aso Fifia* by Tito Islaa and Doug Munro in Tuvalu language is available for F\$1 and US\$5. *Hingano* is an 88 page collection of poems by Tongan, Konai Helu Thaman. It sells for F\$4 in the islands and US\$5 elsewhere.

All USP publications are available from The Institute of Pacific Studies, University of the South Pacific, Box 1168, Suva, Fiji. Please add \$2 per book for seamount packing and postage. For a further list of books available ask for their 1987/88 catalogue of publications by IPS, The South Pacific Social Sciences Association, and The South Pacific Creative Arts Society.

Also available from USP (Solomons) is 'O'O: *A Journal of Solomon Islands Studies*. Volume 4, soon to be published, is a special issue, 'Taem belong faet' the result of a major oral history recording exercise which illustrates and explains the impact of World War II on people in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. Available from USP Centre, P.O. Box 460, Honiara, Solomon Islands. Price was not stated.

The Political Economy of the South Pacific to 1945 by Michael C. Howard, No. 26 of the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies Monograph Series is available from: Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, James Cook University, Townsville, Queensland 4811, Australia.

The Institute for Polynesian Studies is pleased to announce *Pacific Island Focus: An Occasional Journal of Student Research*. They are now accepting quality student papers on Pacific Island subjects for possible inclusion in this new journal. Send submissions to: Dr. Dale B. Robertson, Editor of Publications, The Institute for Polynesian Studies, BYU-HC, Box 1979, Laie, HI 96762, USA.

The South Pacific Peoples Foundation of Canada (SPPF) has recently published four fact sheets which give short overviews of health, population, fisheries and tourism issues in the Pacific region. They sell for US\$3.00 per set. Bulk prices are available and are listed in the latest *Tok Blong SPPF*. Write SPPF, 409-620 View Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8W 1J6, Canada.

OTHER NEWS

The Pacific Islands Political Studies Association is offering a 2-year free membership during its current membership drive. Through PIPSA's newsletter, members exchange information about government and political systems of Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia; interlink Pacific Islands teachers, researchers, and government policy makers; and provide a forum for discussion of a variety of political issues affecting the Pacific. To join, send a card stating your name, profession (students welcome), address, and professional interests to Jerry K. Loveland, The Institute for Polynesian Studies, BYU-HC, Box 1979, Laie, HI 96762, USA.

The Bishop Museum is offering a series of lectures in cooperation with the Smithsonian Institution this month. Of interest to our readers is *Hawaiian Treasures Around the World* by Adrienne Kaeppler (February 24, 7 p.m.) which talks about U.S. and European museum artifacts collected by earlier voyagers to the Pacific; and *Lost Birdlife of the Hawaiian Isles* by Jeffrey Post (February 18, 7 p.m.) who is attempting to reconstruct Hawaiian birdlife before human habitation and determine the cause and timing of their extinction. Both will be at the Museum's Atherton Halau.

The Museum is now in the process of preserving 893 hours of audiotapes of oral histories, linguistic data, stories, and legends of Pacific Island peoples. Some of the folklore and histories these tapes contain have been forgotten and the Museum is the only repository in the world to have preserved them in many cases. Most recordings were collected from the Hawaiian islands, the rest from the Caroline, Marshall, and Mariana Islands, Kapingamarangi, and Samoa. Transcriptions and translations are also in progress. When ready, they will be an exciting addition to knowledge of Polynesian and Micronesian cultures.

On February 6 the **South Pacific Commission**, the oldest regional organization in the Pacific, was forty one years old. The Commission was formed in the wake of the destruction of World War II to foster relations amongst governments of the region in a peaceful and stable environment. Designed as a non-political body its goals are to foster development which the island governments consider priorities.

In acknowledgement of SPC's importance to the region and its viability, the Twenty-seventh South Pacific Conference reaffirmed, in October 1987, its commitment and its support to SPC and the vital role it plays in the advancement of the social, economic and cultural needs of the region.

Hawaii Loa College on the island of O'ahu, Hawaii has begun a **Pacific Studies Program** which offers an undergraduate major and minor in Pacific Studies. It is a unique program designed to give students an appreciation for Pacific Island cultures, tropical environments and fragile island/ocean resources, international economies in an island world, the history of the region and its growing influence in the world, and the complex social, political and developmental issues facing the islands. Two years of foreign language used in the region are also required.

The program is interdisciplinary in nature and enhanced by a strong liberal arts foundation. Pacific courses are taught in anthropology, art history, biology, business, economics, history, literature, marine science, and music. For more information write to Hawaii Loa College, 45-045 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe, Hawaii 96744.

The U.S. Training for Trade and Economic Development Conference and Exposition will be held at the Hawaii Regent Hotel in Honolulu on April 5-8. Seminars include: *Training Opportunities in East Asia and the Pacific; Participant-Training Country Profiles; Role of the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank; Procedures and Strategies for Obtaining Business Through Development Banks; Successful Companies Doing Business in East Asia and the Pacific; Organizing Vocational Training Models; and Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development.* For more information write: Conference, c/o University of Hawaii Community Colleges, 2327 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822. Phone: (808) 948-6338 or -7471.