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## CENTER VISITORS

While doing research for a book on US and the Asia-Pacific Region with focus on security and strategic interests, Dr Wolfgang H. LEIDHALD, University of Erlangen—Nürnberg, Institute for Political Science, Federal Republic of Germany, stopped in to discuss his work with Center Director Dr Robert KISTE on 3 May.

Mr. John M. TUHAIKA, Clerk of the National Parliament of the Solomon Islands visited the Center on 4 May while on a US Information Agency International Visitor Program grant.

On 7 May, Mr Rowan CALLICK, Senior writer for *TIME Australia* and correspondent for *Islands Business*, with prior journalism experience in Papua New Guinea and now homebased in Melbourne, Australia, called at the Center. Mr Callick was also on a US Information Agency International Visitor Program grant.

Visiting American publishers and authors interested in Pacific Islands, Mr Robert HOLDING of the Polynesian Bookshop and Polynesian Press in Auckland, New Zealand, was in Honolulu from 6-11 May consulting with the UH Press, BYU Press, Bishop Museum, and of course our Center!

Dr James OSBORN, Assistant Director of the US Agency for International Development's Regional Development Office for the South Pacific in Suva, Fiji stopped by the Center on 13 May along with Ms Amy Nolan OSBORN, Chief Business Development Officer for the same organization who gave a seminar at the Bank of Hawai'i outlining USAID's projects and mission in the South Pacific.

Trust Territory Archivist and Coordinator for International Organizations, Mr Sam McPHETRES, stopped by on 14 May

en route from the United Nations Trusteeship Council meeting in New York on his way back to Saipan.

On 15 May, Dr C.A. "Tony" ADAMS, Dean of the Office of International Programs at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology (RMIT) in Melbourne, Australia, and Dr Bernard T. CRONIN, Managing Director of Technisearch, a private research corporation associated with RMIT, visited the Center en route to the mainland. The purpose of their visit was to explore possibilities for student exchange and study abroad programs.

Ms Vivienne A. BARNETT, Director of the American Center, US Information Service in Auckland, New Zealand visited on 16 May to discuss opportunities for Western Samoans, Cook Islanders, and Niue Islanders to study in the US.

Visiting on 17 May to explore opportunities for publishing their collaborative work in Micronesia through the Center's publishing program were Dr Laurence CARUCCI from the Department of Anthropology at Montana State University, Dr Suzanne FALGOUT from the Department of Anthropology at Colby College, and Dr Lin POYER from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Cincinnati (see *Occasional Seminar* this issue).

Dr Doris BYER, an independent researcher from Vienna interested in history, ethnography, and oral history, visited the Center on 22 May en route to the Solomon Islands to conduct research on a grant from Austria's Ministry of Science and Research.

Also visiting the Center on 22 May, en route to Tuvalu for fieldwork during the summer, was Dr Niko BESNIER from the Department of Anthropology at Yale University. Dr Besnier is one of the Center's incoming Rockefeller Fellows for 1991-92.

Mr Gus COMSTOCK, former aide to the Governor of Ohio, visited on 23 May en route to the Solomon Islands where he is taking up a posting as the new Peace Corps Country Director.

On 24 May, Dr Vladimir I. IVANOV, Chairman of the Pacific Region Studies Department, Center for Japanese and

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Pacific Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Moscow, USSR, visited the Center. Dr Ivanov will be at Harvard for the 1991-92 academic year and plans to visit the University of Hawai'i in March 1992.

The Hon. Charles LEPANI, Papua New Guinea's new Ambassador to the European Community, until recently the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, visited en route to Brussels, Belgium, to take up his post.

During the week after the Pacific Science Congress, 3-7 June, the Center had a flood of visitors. They were: Dr Epeli HAU'OFA, School of Social and Economic Development, University of the South Pacific; Dr Kerry JAMES, one of the Center's incoming Rockefeller Fellows for 1991-92, en route for fieldwork in Tonga for the Summer; Dr Fay ALA'ILIMA, author of the classic autobiographical book, *My Samoan Chief*, and more recently a biography of *Aggie Grey: A Samoan Saga*; Dr Malama MELEISEA, Director, and Dr Penelope SCHOEFFEL, both at the MacMillan Brown Centre for Pacific Studies, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand; Dr Cros WALSH, Department of Geography, Massey University, New Zealand; Dr Barbara MOIR, from the College of the Northern Marianas in Saipan; Dr Robert TONKINSON, Department of Anthropology, University of Western Australia, Perth; and Dr Allan THOMAS, School of Music at the University of Victoria, Wellington, New Zealand, who will be in residence at the Center for the first half of June doing ethnomusicological research.

On 11 June, Ms Barbara ASH, Foreign Service Officer, visited the Center en route to a new assignment as Political and Economic Officer at the US Embassy in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. She is joining her husband, Charles Ash, who is the Administrative Officer at the US Embassy in Majuro. Ambassador William BODDE and Mr and Ms Ash are the American diplomatic presence in the Marshall Islands.

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## OCCASIONAL PAPER SERIES

Over the last two years the Center has been upgrading the Occasional Paper series, formerly the Working Papers, by improving the cover and the interior layout. The first example of the new format was Occasional paper 34, *Moving Images of the Pacific Islands: A Catalogue of Films and Videos*, edited by Melissa C. MILLER.

Occasional Paper 35, *Lost in the Weeds: Theme and Variation in Pohnpei Political Mythology*, by Glenn PETERSEN, Professor of Anthropology at the City University of New York's Graduate Center and Baruch College, is now available. As Petersen demonstrates, questions of political centralization run throughout the various historical and mythological texts, from the earliest days to the present. They remain crucial to any understanding of contemporary Pohnpei relations with the modern Micronesian nation-state of the Federated States of Micronesia.

Requests for this title, or a list of previous titles, should be directed to: Occasional Paper Series, Center for Pacific Islands Studies, University of Hawai'i at Manoa, 1890 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96822-1890 USA; Phone (808) 956-7700, Fax (808) 956-7053. A nominal fee of US\$5 is charged for each title.

## PACIFIC ISLANDS TRAINING INITIATIVE

The Pacific Islands Training Initiative (PITI), which was mentioned in the last issue of *Pacific News from Manoa* (No. 2, March-April 1991), was inaugurated to address the training needs of Micronesian and Samoan government employees. The International Institute for Development of the Graduate School, US Department of Agriculture was selected by the Department of the Interior to assess the training needs and to provide instruction adapted to those specific sites. The primary area of concern is government operations. A principle part of the PITI project is the training of trainers component which is designed to develop a locally based training capability. Disciplines involved in the PITI training program are those that currently reflect local and national government needs in areas such as accounting, auditing, financial management, budgeting, and human resource management.

During March-April 1991 a PITI project team traveled to American Samoa and Micronesia to further assess training needs and provided introductory training courses in accounting, auditing and financial management.

For more information contact Ms Anne C. WOODS, International Institute for Development, Room 140,

Graduate School, USDA, 600 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20024 USA, Phone (202) 447-7476, Fax (202) 382-8403.

## OCCASIONAL SEMINARS

On 3 May 1991, Dr Cluny MACPHERSON, senior lecturer in sociology at the University of Auckland and a Rockefeller Fellow in the Humanities at the Center, gave a seminar entitled, *The Future of Remittance Income: A Case Study*. This seminar looked at some of the economic and social factors that might influence future levels of remittance income. Dr Macpherson, with his wife La'avasa, has published material on Samoan migration to New Zealand, youth suicide in Western Samoa, development in Western Samoa, and, most recently, *Samoan Medical Belief and Practice*. His current research focuses on Samoan kinship and the development of a model that can be used to examine changes in the role that kinship plays in the social organization of Polynesian migrant communities.

*Tribes in Agony: Land, Development, and Politics in Kwara'ae (Solomon Islands)* was the title of a presentation cosponsored with the East-West Center's Institute of Culture and Communication given by David GEGEO on 10 May 1991. Mr Gegeo's presentation was based on recent field research conducted for his dissertation in political science at the University of Hawaii at Manoa. His dissertation is entitled, *Kastom and Bisnis: Toward Holistic Rural Development in the Solomon Islands*. Mr Gegeo's professional interests include alternative forms of development, particularly as based on indigenous epistemology; political economy; and socio-political change in the Pacific Islands as the outcome of capitalist transformation.

On 20 May 1991, the Center cosponsored a "work in progress" seminar with the East-West Center's Institute of Culture and Communication entitled *Micronesian Memories of the Pacific War*. The three presenters were Dr Laurence CARUCCI from the Department of Anthropology at Montana State University, Dr Suzanne FALGOUT from the Department of Anthropology at Colby College, and Dr Lin POYER from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Cincinnati. The presenters had recently completed fieldwork in several Micronesian locales and presented the aims and direction of their work during the seminar as well as encouraged audience comments, suggestions, and discussion of some of their recent findings.

## NEW PUBLICATIONS

In April 1991, the Micronesian area Research Center (MARC) inaugurated its distinguished Lecturer Series with

a talk by Hon. John Haglelgam, former president of the Federated States of Micronesia. Copies of his talk entitled *Problems of National Unity and Economic Development in the Federated States of Micronesia*, are available from MARC for US\$4.00 each. Requests for copies should be directed to Dr Donald H. RUBINSTEIN, MARC, University of Guam, UOG Station, Mangilao, Guam 96923, Phone (671) 734-4473, Fax (671) 734-7403.

In April 1990, a conference was held at the Australian National University, bringing together a number of people with close associations with Bougainville, to discuss the Bougainville crisis and its broader implications for Papua New Guinea and the rest of the Pacific. Out of this conference was published *The Bougainville Crisis*, edited by RJ May and Matthew Spriggs (Crawford House Press Pty, Ltd., 138 pages, maps, A\$14.00 plus postage and packaging, ISBN 1-86333-013-5). This volume brings together papers presented at the conference with some additional papers and a postscript which covers events up to the August 1990 cease-fire agreement.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### PTC Telecom Seminar in Tahiti

The Pacific Telecommunications Council (PTC), in collaboration with the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, French Polynesia, will hold a three-day seminar in Papeete, Tahiti, 3-5 September 1991. The seminar entitled *Pacific Island Advanced Digital Communications: Changing Human Resource and Finance Requirements*, will feature two days of presentations and discussions. A series of site visits to telecommunication facilities will be held the following day. There is no charge for the seminar, though an optional tour to Rangiroa will be available 6 September for an additional US\$100. The keynote address will be given by Rene LORIDAN, director general, Department of Post & Telecommunications, French Polynesia. Topics covered by the seminar will focus on the installation and application of advanced digital technology in the Pacific Islands. The focus will be on both satellite and the local loop; an Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) demonstration will be included. The twin problems of money and personnel will be addressed in the sessions: Human Resource Requirements and Availability; Training Needs and Solutions; and Finance Requirements and Approaches. Experienced and knowledgeable speakers from the region and from appropriate organizations are being invited. PTC has special accommodations for seminar attendees at the Tahiti Beachcomber Parkroyal. For additional information, please fax (808) 944-4874, call (808) 941-3789, or write 1110 University Avenue, Suite 308, Honolulu, HI 96826 USA.

**Joining Hands for Quality Tourism**

Registration packets for the Heritage Interpretation International (HII) Third Global Congress are now available from its office in Hawai`i. The Congress will be held in Honolulu at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel 3-8 November 1991. Sponsored by the East-West Center, Eastern Michigan University, and the University of Hawai`i, the Congress theme is *Joining Hands for Quality Tourism—Preservation, Interpretation, and the Travel Industry*. The Congress will explore how parks, museums, historic areas and other visitor attractions can help preserve cultural and natural heritage while providing meaningful and memorable experiences for residents and visitors. The registration packet includes details on the presenters and their topics, Congress schedule, special activities, field trips, registration procedures and travel/housing arrangements. The early registration rate for non-HII members is US\$400 if postmarked before 1 July 1991; HII members, US\$375. Spouses or accompanying guests may register at US\$250. The registration fee includes two banquets, four lunches, and all programs and evening activities. To obtain a registration packet, or to obtain more information, send your name, affiliation, address, and phone/fax number to: HII Congress, UH Sea Grant Extension Service, 1000 Pope Road, MSB 226, Honolulu, HI 96822 USA; or fax (808) 956-2858. Deadline for early registration is 1 July 1991; a late registration fee will be assessed after 22 September 1991.

**Pacific Islands History Workshop II**

In the last two decades, Pacific historians have witnessed many significant developments and attention to novel issues, a proliferation of specialties and a vigorous debate about the politics of scholarship. The organizers of the

workshop entitled, *Pacific Islands History: Practice and Practitioners*, to be held 4-6 December 1991 in Canberra, Australia, believe the time is ripe for Pacific historians to take stock of their field, to reevaluate the ground covered, engage in conversation on the "state of the art" in various sub-specialities of Pacific history, and reflect on the direction in which they are, or should be, moving. The participants will be expected to provide an assessment of the nature and direction of research in their particular areas of interest and expertise, and through their discussion, highlight the range of interests, problems and achievements in their particular field. Apart from stimulating discussion and exchange of views among the participants, the proceedings of the Workshop will result in a significant publication. For further information, prospective participants should write to Dr Brij LAL at: Division of Pacific & Asian History, Research School of Pacific Studies, The Australian National University, GPO Box 4, Canberra, ACT 2601, Australia, Phone (06) 249-4189, or Fax (06) 257-1893.

**PIPSA Third Annual Conference**

*Legitimacy and Sovereignty in the Pacific Islands* is the theme of the third annual conference of the Pacific Island Political Studies Association to be held at Mannix College of Monash University in Australia. The dates for the conference are 16-18 December 1991. Paper abstracts are due 1 August 1991 with the final paper due 30 October 1991. Anyone wishing to present a paper on a topic related to the conference theme or attend the conference, please contact Dr John Dalton, 3rd PIPSA Convener, Department of Politics, Monash University, Clayton, Victoria 3168, Australia.

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