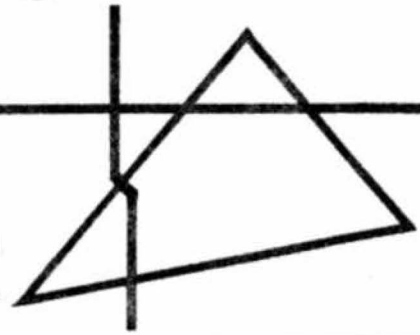


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### WHO'S GOING INTO THE PACIFIC

Dr. Philip Helfrich (Associate Director, HIMB), Enewetok, Nov. 20-27, 1974.

Dr. Norman Meller (Director, PISP), Saipan, T.T., Nov. 17-20, 1974.

Dr. Stephen Smith (HIMB), Enewetok, Nov. 20-27, 1974.

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### Pacific Science Congress - 1975

The 13th Pacific Science Congress will be held in Vancouver, British Columbia, over the period August 18-30, 1975. The general theme is to be "Mankind's Future in the Pacific," and various facets of this broad topic will be developed through attention to population, aquatic resources energy resources, land-based resources, nutrition, science and social science policy, and man's future condition. The scientific committees of the Association are scheduling sessions of contributed papers and specialized symposia. December 31, 1974, is the deadline for submitting titles and abstracts of proposed papers.

### Food Legislation Survey, Health Education, and Nutrition in the Pacific

A survey of food legislation in effect in the various island areas of the Pacific has been undertaken by the SPC. Covered are the manufacture, retailing, import and analysis of food-stuffs, as well as the labelling and nutritional standard requirements for foodstuffs.

A pilot project based on Malekula island in the New Hebrides proposes an intensive inquiry into the clinical aspects of nutrition, with particular reference to risk groups such as pregnant and nursing women, and young children. In-built is coverage of custom and beliefs relating to food, and a food intake data survey. Also included is the developing of techniques for health education suitable for the special needs of Pacific territories.

### South Pacific Regional Development Bank

At the recently concluded South Pacific Conference in the Cook Islands, it was voted that further investigation be made into the possible structure, operating costs, and capitilization of regional development bank for the South Pacific. Availability of funding is a principal element holding up implementation.

### Miscellaneous - New Names for Old Bodies

The South Pacific Conference has directed the SPC secretariate to organize a competition to find a new name for the South Pacific Commission which will more realistically reflect the geographical scope of the area serviced. The change is designed to "make the brothers in the north feel more welcome."

Reflecting its enlarged membership, which now includes a number of Pacific polities, the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE) has taken a new name: Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP). (Ed. note: this is coming perilously close to "escape")