I.  IN THIS ISSUE
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II. FROM THE EDITOR

As of the current issue I am assuming editorship of the Newsletter. On behalf of the association, I would like to thank Jim Flanagan for the yeoman service he has performed during the past three years. I hope that you will bear with me as I learn the job over the next several months.

Let me remind you that I am entirely dependent on you, the membership, for information. If you don't send it to me, I can't print it. Therefore, I would like to urge all of you to keep me informed of anything that might be of interest to the rest of the association. Deadlines for items to be included in the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer issues are October 15, January 15, April 15, and July 15, respectively.

A further matter on which I would appreciate your input is the possibility of reducing the number of Newsletters from four to three per annum. It appears to me that a spring issue is necessary to report the results of the Annual Meeting; a Fall issue to provide notice of arrangements for the upcoming Meeting; and a Winter issue to deal with last-minute changes or to provide details on the Meeting that were not included earlier. The summer issue, however, strikes me as perhaps unnecessary and largely redundant. If my assessment is correct, we could cut the summer issue without loss of effectiveness to the association; it would reduce the demand on the Newsletter editor's time; and it would save the association a significant amount of money that could then be devoted to other purposes.
I anticipate that this question will be discussed at next year's Board Meeting; but before such discussion takes place, I would like your advice. Please look over your collection of past Newsletters and determine for yourselves the usefulness of the summer issue. Then, be sure to let me or one of the Board Members know your feelings prior to the next meeting so that we may consider them in our deliberations.

III. ELECTION RESULTS

Our new Board Members are Jim Boutilier and Jim Flanagan. They will take office at the association's 1988 Meeting.

IV. 1988 ANNUAL MEETING SITE

As noted in the Spring Newsletter, the 1988 Annual Meeting of the ASAO will be held at the Mulberry Inn, Savannah, Georgia, from February 17-22. This promises to be an exceptionally attractive site. Suzy Pflanz-Cook, our Annual Meetings Coordinator, writes:

... the hotel will have the best of both the formal and informal worlds.

The Mulberry Inn is a small, four star plus—full service hotel located on the eastern edge of Savannah's historic district across the street from the River Walk area. It has 125 rooms including 25 two-room suites. In mid-February, we will certainly dominate the facility. There is one large meeting room which can be divided into smaller rooms or used for plenary sessions. There is a second, smaller meeting room which can be divided into three small conference rooms. In addition, the staff said that they would set up a larger meeting room in the bar if we needed more space. Surely this will make Dorothy's job easier!

The hotel has a formal dining room, a quiet little bar, a central sheltered courtyard, a nice heated swimming pool area, and an outstanding roof deck with a giant hot tub and a three-mile view of the river from all angles. The hotel has full room service, a very friendly and cooperative staff, and should provide us with all the amenities regardless of the weather. The rates are $60 single, $70 double with suites only $75. (The latter have a separate bedroom with queen-sized bed, a wet bar area, and a couch in the living room which also makes into a queen-sized bed.) The hotel will provide a roll-away bed free for anyone who wants to share further. They will also provide free van service to the airport (worth $25 round trip if we paid for it.) There is a free room for every 50 booked, so Marilyn Strathern's room is
covered. We will need to charge a small fee for coffee (approximately $5 per head.)

The Savannah area has a lot of interesting places to explore--like a more informal version of Charleston. It's a walker's paradise with dozens of small cafes, restaurants, and shops throughout the area within walking distance of the hotel. The airport is served by five major airlines and there is also free parking for guests. Best of all: at that time of year it will be our hotel. . . . The Mulberry has a lot to offer and I'm looking forward to being there for several days next February.

V. PROPOSED SESSIONS FOR 1988 MEETING

SYMPOSIA

A. HEALTH-RELATED RESEARCH IN THE PACIFIC (Organizer: Leslie Marshall, University of Iowa)
B. MARRIAGE IN TRANSITION IN OCEANIA (Organizer: Rick Marksbury, Tulane)
C. SCHOOLING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PACIFIC SOCIETIES (Organizers: Suzanne Falgout, Idaho State University and Paula Levin, 1850 Makuakane St., Honolulu)
D. FEMALE "INITIATION" IN THE PACIFIC (Organizers: Nancy Lutkehaus, USC and Jim Roscoe, University of Maine)
E. Beyond Hierarchy (Organizer: Jim Flanagan, University of Southern Mississippi)

WORKING SESSIONS

A. CLOWNING IN OCEANIA: SECULAR AND RITUAL COMEDY IN A PERFORMANCE CONTEXT (Organizer: William E. Mitchell, University of Vermont)
B. TEACHING PACIFIC ISLANDS' ANTHROPOLOGY (Organizer: Bob Franco, Kapiolani Community College)
C. THE UNITED STATES IN OCEANIA (Organizer: Larry Mayo, University of Kansas)
D. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN THE PACIFIC (Organizer: Dorothy Counts, University of Waterloo)
E. LINGUA FRANCA AND VERNACULAR: LANGUAGE CHANGE IN OCEANIA (Organizers: Karen Watson-Gegeo, University of Hawaii and Bill Donner, c/o Solomon Islands National Museum)
F. SEAMANSHIP IN MODERN OCEANIA (Organizer: Rick Feinberg, Kent State)
G. MELANESIAN ETHNOGRAPHY: METHOD AND INTERPRETATION (Organizers: Warilea Iamo, UPNG and Laura Zimmer, UPNG)
H. RETHINKING REGIONAL ANALYSIS IN MELANESIA
   (Organizers: Eytan Bercovitch, Stanford and Mark Busse, UCSD)

I. A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SEPIK RIVER REGION
   SOCIETIES (Organizer: Ross Bowden, La Trobe University)

J. SORCERY OBSERVED? (Organizers: Paula Brown, SUNY-Stony Brook and Carol Jenkins, PNG Institute of Medical Research)

Most of these sessions are described in the Spring Newsletter, and interested parties should consult issue LXII or contact the organizers for further information. The following descriptions have not heretofore been published.

WORKING SESSION: A comparative analysis of Sepik River region societies.

Organizer: Ross Bowden

The report on the Informal Session on the comparative analysis of Sepik River social organization held at Monterey in 1987 appears not to have reached the Newsletter editor in time for inclusion in the last (Spring) issue. Readers are nevertheless advised that the Informal Session was a considerable success and that sufficient interest was shown to warrant a Working Session on the same topic at the 1988 Meeting. The organizer now calls for interested participants to contact him with the titles of their papers. The organizer will also require a two-page summary of their presentations by late Fall, in time for forwarding to the Program Chair by December 1.

The object of this session will be to explore systematically the structural similarities and differences between the social organization of societies in the two Sepik provinces. This will be done by individual participants presenting oral summaries of written analyses of the organization of the society (or societies) in which they have worked. Comparative issues will be drawn out in general discussions. In keeping with the conclusions of the Informal Session, analyses should focus on (but are not limited to): 1. the structure and composition of local/exogamous groups (if any); 2. the alliances, often multi-generational, which individual marriages establish; and 3. the structure of marriage rules and, if relevant, how they are related to #2.

Participants are requested to send the title of their paper and a two-page synopsis as soon as possible to Dr. Ross Bowden, Dept. of Sociology, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Vic. 3083, Australia.
WORKING SESSION: Teaching Pacific Islands Anthropology

Organizer: Robert W. Franco

We intend to advance our discussion to the working session level with some emphasis on the discovery or development of a good mid-level textbook. I have received a few more course syllabi, mostly from those who participated in the Monterey informal session, but a larger sample of syllabi would make for more significant generalizations. Again, we encourage all of you who grapple with the problems of teaching about the Pacific to join in our discussion.

There will be a table set up at the Savannah meetings for the display of course materials, and this should help stimulate discussion about specific gaps in our curriculum. At the Monterey session Bill Rodman pointed out that we should all have slides of the various ecosystems in the Pacific Islands. Following up on this, we will be pursuing further the development of an ASAO slide bank. Also, anyone who uses computer simulations/tutorials in teaching about the Pacific is encouraged to join our session and discuss their effectiveness. I hope to bring a "Pacific Island Exploration and Settlement" simulation I've been working on for the last year or so.

Anyone interested in this session should contact Bob Franco at:

Social Science Department
Kapiolani Community College
4303 Diamond Head Road
Honolulu, HI 96816

WORKING SESSION: Sorcery Observed?

Organizers: Paula Brown and Carol Jenkins

Sorcery in Melanesia has often been discussed in the context of belief: attribution, accusation, threat, fear, divination. Techniques, spells, paraphernalia, retaliation for and even confession of sorcery have been reported.

We ask: is all sorcery imaginary? How many anthropologists have witnessed the practice of sorcery? Who has elicited eye-witness accounts, statements of technique by admitted sorcerers, or seen sorcery paraphernalia?

We invite observers to tell us about the spells, to show or describe the paraphernalia, and to present evidence of practice in Pacific societies.
An ASAO symposium on Sorcery and Social Change in 1979 and 1980 was published in Social Analysis in 1981; a symposium edited by Michelle Stephen has just been published by Melbourne University Press.

It may be over-optimistic, but we would like to plan for a working session in 1986, in which papers describing observations and considering the question of sorcery practice will be presented. Please send your comments and possible participation as soon as possible, and plan to prepare an abstract by October. Write first to:

Paula Brown  
Department of Anthropology  
State University of New York, Stony Brook  
Stony Brook, N.Y. 11794-4364

Carol Jenkins' address is:

Papua New Guinea Institute of Medical Research  
Goroka, Eastern Highlands Province  
Papua New Guinea

VI. GUIDELINES FOR ASAO SESSION ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS

These have been reprinted periodically in the Newsletter. All members should be aware of the dates relevant to their respective sessions (see section VII). Anyone needing a copy of the guidelines should consult the spring issue or write to:

Dorothy Counts  
2 Flamboro Court  
Dundas, Ontario, Canada, L9H 4Z3  
Telephone: (416) 627-0959

VII. ASAO DEADLINES FOR FALL 1987 AND WINTER 1988

October 15, 1987: Deadline for receipt by Newsletter editor and Program Chair of Informal Session announcements. Deadline for all items for inclusion in the Winter Newsletter.

December 1, 1987: Deadline for receipt by Program Chair of all lists of session participants, paper titles, abstracts, discussants, etc.

January 15, 1988: Deadline for receipt by Newsletter editor of all items for inclusion on the Winter Newsletter.
VIII. ACADEMIC COOPERATION

A. Jim Boutilier has requested information from anyone who has heard of a Dr. Kultur(?) in Frankfurt. Jim received a money order from him without any covering letter, return address, etc. The amount was for $US12.00, the normal annual fee for the Newsletter rather than for annual dues. We need to be able to contact him to know how to proceed.

B. Nancy Pollock writes from Wellington, New Zealand:

The International Commission for the Anthropology of Food (ICAF) as a sub-section of the International Union of Anthropological and Ethnological Sciences (IUAES) is organizing a session at the next IUAES meetings in Yugoslavia in July 1988. As Commissioner for the South Pacific, I would like there to be a good representation of the Pacific at those meetings to share in the discussion. If anyone is interested in discussion topics and arrangements, or letting me know about their work, please write or call me C/- Anthropology Dept., Victoria University (721-000 x 8889).

C. Peter Guss, of 143 Wood Dale Drive, Ballston Lake, NY 12019, is interested in Oceanic slit gongs, particularly from Ambrim (Ambrym?), Vanuatu. Any members of the association with information to share on this subject are urged to contact Mr. Guss at the above address.

D. ASAO Honorary Fellow, Douglas Oliver, writes that he is in the process of disposing of some of the periodicals that he has accumulated during his lengthy career. These include the following:

4. Journal of the Polynesian Society (Wellington). Volumes 1 through 95. (4 numbers per volume). For missing numbers see following list.

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10. *New Guinea, Australia, the Pacific and Southeast Asia*. Complete run except for Volume 10 numbers 1 and 3.
16. *American Ethnologist*. Complete run to present
18. *Current Anthropology*. Complete run to present.

Interested parties should write to:

Dr. Douglas Oliver  
4051 Black Point Road  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96816

IX. NOTES AND NEWS

A. James Turner was appointed as Lecturer in anthropology at the University of Papua New Guinea in January of this year. He received his PhD in 1983 from Michigan State University for social anthropological research conducted in the interior of Viti Levu, the largest of the Fiji Islands.

B. OBITUARY: Robert F. Maher, founding chairman of the Department of Anthropology, Western Michigan University, and Oceanic scholar, died of cancer March 26 at his home.

Maher joined the WMU faculty in 1957. He was chairman of its anthropology department from 1967-71 and 1973-74. Before relocating to Kalamazoo, Maher was a faculty member of the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee (1953-54) and DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana (1956-57). He was to have retired at the end of the 1986-1987 academic year and planned to finish a book on the Philippines--an interest he began to
Maher wrote an award-winning book on Papua New Guinea, "New Men of Papua: A Study in Cultural Change," that was published in 1961 by the University of Wisconsin Press, as well as some 30 articles. His early research in cultural change remained a theme throughout his career. He also studied American Indian cultures.

Contributions may be made to the Robert F. Maher Scholarships in Anthropology Fund, in care of the WMU Foundation.

C. POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT

SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH POSITION, Republic of the Marshall Islands. Marimed Foundation is seeking a Social Science Researcher to work on a Suicide Prevention Project in Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands. This position is contingent upon funding of a grant proposal currently being developed by Marimed Foundation, in collaboration with the Mental Health Services Office of the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The project duration is two to three years. The researcher will work under the supervision of the project's Principle Investigator, Donald H. Rubenstein, Ph.D., and the Marimed Executive Director Robert M. Grossman, Ph.D.

Duties Include: Conducting six months of field work on suicide in the Marshall Islands; maintaining records and transcriptions of interviews; working with a Marshallese project team to develop a video dramatization of suicide for Marshallese community educators; helping to implement a community education program; and conducting a series of post-project interviews for the purpose of evaluation.

Minimum qualifications: Knowledge of Marshall Islands (or other Pacific Islands) language and culture; and B.A. degree in a social science (eg., anthropology, psychology, sociology.)

Desirable qualifications: graduate degree in a social science. Pay: $15,000-$20,000 per annum, plus travel to the Marshall Islands, per diem and housing in the Marshall Islands, miscellaneous field expenses, and health insurance.

Interested candidates please send resume to:

Dr. Robert Grossman, Executive Director
Marimed Foundation
1050 Ala Moana Blvd. Bldg. D.
Honolulu, Hawaii 96814
Telephone: (808) 537-5586

X. BIBLIOGRAPHIC
A propos of Bob Franco's session on the problems of teaching Pacific anthropology, Doug Oliver is about to publish with the University of Hawaii Press a two-volume book entitled *Oceania: the Native Cultures of Australia and the Pacific Islands*, which could serve as a textbook for middle- and advanced-level college students. This book, six years in the writing, deals only with indigenous cultures before they were "radically" changed as result of Western (and Asian) contacts. At the same time, Professor Oliver notes that he is substantially rewriting his much-used and out-of-date *The Pacific Islands*.

In addition, it may interest Bligh aficionados (or haters) to report that the Melbourne University Press will soon be publishing Oliver's *Return to Tahiti: Bligh's Second Breadfruit Voyage*, which will include the Tahiti portion of his *Providence Journal* (along with Oliver's commentary), and with twenty or so of George Tobin's watercolors (in color).


E. Barth, Steve 1987 *Papeete, Capital of Paradise*. *Islands*.


Regarding the last two entries, Terry Hayes comments, "Pictorially and textually=National Geographic (i.e., great for slides!)."