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The Australian Anthropological Society was formed in 1973 to "promote the advancement of anthropology as a professional discipline". Its membership of approximately 300 includes most practising anthropologists in Australia, with some membership in overseas areas such as New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and Fiji. It also includes a broad representation of people working in related fields.

The AAS NEWSLETTER is published four times a year and provides a forum for the discussion of current matters relevant to anthropology and anthropologists. Contributions from all quarters are welcome. Such submissions should not normally exceed three thousand and should be typed on A4 and single spaced.

The NEWSLETTER also publishes contents of current Australian journals, notices of other publications, conference notices, notices of positions vacant or sought, and a 'co-operation' notices. The last mentioned publishes notices of information, materials or equipment sought or offered, and is free for members.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

CHAIR OF ORIENTAL STUDIES

Reference No. 13/03

Applications are invited for a Chair of Oriental Studies in the Department of Oriental Studies. There is also a Chair of Japanese Studies in the Department of Oriental Studies which is currently being filled.


Salary will be at the rate of \$52,026 per annum.

The University reserves the right not to proceed with any appointment for financial or other reasons.

Applications in duplicate, quoting Reference No., including curriculum vitae, list of publications, and the names and addresses of three referees, by 21 June, 1985, to the Registrar, University of Sydney, NSW, 2006, from whom further information should be obtained.

Equal Employment Opportunity is University Policy

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICERS

The Australian Security Intelligence Organization has a number of vacancies for males and females to be employed as Intelligence Officers.

Successful applicants will be expected to undertake duties related to the satisfaction of the Organization's responsibilities as prescribed by the Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979.

Requirements

- Willingness to make a career in Government service.
- An approved degree in any discipline, preferably in the Social Sciences.
- Age over 21 years but preference will be given to people over 25 years with work experience.
- Be prepared to be located in Melbourne until early 1986 when the Headquarters of ASIO will move to Canberra. ASIO is a national organization with offices in all Australian capital cities and postings to various States may be expected in the course of a career.
- Australian citizenship.

Salary

Negotiable according to qualifications and experience, from a base of \$19,142.

Conditions

Employment will be under the provisions of the Australian Security Intelligence Organization Act 1979. Mobility provisions of Part IV of the Public Service Act will apply to successful applicants who are permanent officers of the Australian Public Service. Conditions equate to those pertaining in the APS.

Training

During and after a six month probation period, recruits will receive formal and on the job training involving most aspects of ASIO work. Officers are expected to complete specialist training courses from time to time during their careers.

Applications

Applications should be sent to the Director of Personnel, Box 2542W, GPO Melbourne, 3001 stating full personal particulars, qualifications and experience.

Applications close three weeks from the date of advertisement.

Please note: Persons who replied to previous advertisements should not re-apply.

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ROSEWORTHY AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

CO-ORDINATOR - ABORIGINAL PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

(Limited Term Appointment)

During 1985 Roseworthy Agricultural College will implement a programme to increase the participation of Aboriginal students in its courses, with particular reference to its three-year degree course in Natural Resources Management.

The College will appoint a Co-ordinator of the programme for about eight months at about three-quarters time.

DUTIES: Research interest and demand from potential students Australia-wide; identify any special needs of potential applicants; develop and present a special tertiary studies orientation programme for about 3 months towards the end of 1985 in preparation for continued enrolments in February 1986; evaluate and report on the 1985 programme as the basis for future developments; work closely with local, state and national Aboriginal education committees, and draw on the experience of Aboriginal tertiary education programmes elsewhere.

QUALIFICATIONS: Qualifications and experience in Sociology or Psychology and experience in working with Aboriginal people from a range of different backgrounds.

SALARY: Pre-rated appropriately to a full time equivalent of up to \$25,000 per annum according to qualifications and experience. Further information available from the Director, Dr B. Thistlethwaite, (085) 24 8057.

Applications close: 22 April 1985.

Applications, including full name, address, date of birth, experience, and providing the names of at least two referees to whom confidential enquiries may be made, should be marked 'Confidential' and reach the Manager General Services, Roseworthy Agricultural College, Roseworthy, S.A. 5371, by the respective closing dates shown above.

Roseworthy Agricultural College is an equal opportunity employer.

Weekend Advt. 30-31 Mar. '85

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

W. H. AND ELIZABETH M. DEANE ARCHAEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are invited from graduates of the University of Sydney for the W. H. and Elizabeth M. Deane Archaeology Scholarship in 1985.

The object of the scholarship is to assist in the establishment at the University of Sydney of the study of Archaeology, especially of relevant languages, by providing limited support for graduates who are unable to continue their advanced study or research without financial assistance. In 1985, the value of the scholarship will be up to \$2500. The scholarship is tenable for one year only.

Application forms and further information may be obtained from the Scholarships Office, University of Sydney, NSW 2006.

Applications close on 15th May, 1985

Husdon, Advt. 27 May '85

ANGA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Applications are invited for the positions of

PROJECT MANAGERS

(two positions)

of the ANGA Nutrition Project

As the Project deals mainly with women, the ideal applicants would be a married couple.

The Project aims to improve the quality of life of the ANGA people in the MENYAMYA District of the MOROBE Province, PAPUA NEW GUINEA, and will have special emphasis on health, nutrition and food production. The Project will be a joint effort of the ANGA Development Authority and the WAU Ecology Institute.

The main duties of the Project Managers will be—

1. To develop the project site as a resource centre and demonstration site for small livestock, fisheries, forestry, improved subsistence gardening, water supplies, improved food preparation and other appropriate techniques.

2. To establish the project base as a training centre for village people, public servants, and staff of Non-Government organisations, particularly those in related work areas.

Project Staff will be based near Menyama on the road connecting Menyama and Asalo/Bulolo/Lae.

Salary for each position is NGK 12,500 (AUS\$ approx 16,000) plus 24% gratuity. Other conditions are similar to those of the PNG Public Service.

Applicants must be highly motivated and committed persons with extensive experience in nutrition, rural development, appropriate technology and related fields.

Applications/enquiries should be directed to—

The Chairman,
ANGA Development Authority,
P.O. Box 61,
MENYAMA, via LAE,
PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

Weekend Advt. 9-10 Mar. '85



South Australian College of Advanced Education

The Council of the South Australian College invites applications for the position of

PRINCIPAL

The College was established by Act of Parliament in 1982 by incorporating the former Adelaide College of the Arts and Education and Hartley, Salisbury and Sturt Colleges of Advanced Education. The College operates a six-Faculty structure on five sites in metropolitan Adelaide. The Office of the Principal, the Directorates and the Administrative Secretariats are located on the City Site.

The College offers degrees in Art, Design, Business, Aboriginal Studies, Education, Communication, Journalism, Health Sciences, Home Economics, Recreation, Interpreting and Translating, Music and Dance and Early Childhood as well as a number of undergraduate and postgraduate diplomas. In 1985 over 10,000 people are enrolled as full time, part time or external students.

The Principal is responsible to the Council for the development and operation of the College and for establishing and maintaining effective links with Federal and State authorities, with other institutions and with the professions for which students are being prepared.

The position will be offered initially as a limited term contract for seven years at Director level 7 of the Academic Salaries Tribunal scales, currently \$61,606. It is expected that this salary will increase by approximately 7% in April 1985.

The South Australian College of Advanced Education is an equal opportunity employer.

Documents containing further information about the College may be requested from the Secretary Staffing (08) 228 1639. Applications, including the names and addresses of three persons from whom confidential references may be sought, should be marked CONFIDENTIAL and addressed to

The President of Council
The South Australian College of Advanced Education
48 Rintore Avenue, Adelaide, South Australia 5000
Closing Date: 8 May 1985.

EDITORIAL

This issue of the newsletter is slim, for want of material. At least it is not quite as late in appearing as the last, and - I add in hope before going to press - more legible than the last issue.

Several conferences which members may be interested in are due to occur within the next few months. All available details are included in this issue. Plans for our own AAS conference in Darwin are progressing well. What we need as soon as possible are offers of papers, and indications of intentions to attend. Please read the relevant pages within.

No further correspondence was received by late March concerning the debate on anthropological imperialism printed in the last issue. Presumably this indicates that members are marshalling their thoughts, rather than lapsing into a disinterested fuddle. The matters raised by Michael Roberts, Malcolm Crick and their respondents are clearly of profound significance to the development of anthropology in Australia and elsewhere. The "rights" and conditions of access to communities by foreign researchers have been hotly debated issues in several of the traditional preserves of Australian anthropological enquiry. For instance, many of the arguments raised by Roberts and Crick have been dealt with by Papua New Guineans and others in the journal Man in New Guinea and its successor, Research in Melanesia. Further contributions on the issue are invited.

You will find a brochure concerning the AAS conference enclosed as a supplement. Please fill out the brochure form and return it as soon as possible, to enable us to finalise conference plans.

As official carrier for the conference, T.A.A. has offered the Society two free air fares. We have decided to make these tickets available by simple ballot to unemployed post-graduate students to deliver papers at the conference. See the announcement within for details of eligibility and how to apply for the ballot.

According to our records, about two thirds of members have not yet paid their subscription for 1984-85. This places the Society finances in jeopardy, as we cannot continue to produce the Newsletter, still less, mail it without the support of a substantial membership. If you have not yet paid subscriptions for this year, PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to avoid being struck off from the membership list.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

If you have not already paid your dues for 1984-85 please return the form below. Normally, the December issue of the Newsletter is the last to be sent to unfinancial members. However, in the transfer of AAS records to Darwin we have had some difficulty in locating a computer that can handle the software forwarded to us from last year's Society headquarters in Sydney, and in putting Society records into order. That task is now complete.

Members who have not paid 1984-85 dues will have their membership terminated from the end of April 1985. This Newsletter will be the last they receive. See box below for an indication of your membership status.

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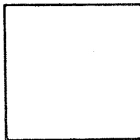
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Local anthropologists have a bone to pick

MELBOURNE University has set up its first chair of anthropology - but some anthropologists believe the decision to name it after one of the pioneers of Aboriginal anthropology in this country, the late Professor Walter Baldwin Spencer, is less than appropriate.

They are upset, not because the university is honouring one of its leading former scholars, but because Aboriginal anthropology will not be taught by the professor, nor for that matter by anyone else at the university.

Instead, the chair, which has been set up within the new School of Asian Studies in the Faculty of Arts, will concentrate on Asian anthropology.

The irony of naming the chair after Professor Spencer, whose works on the Aborigines of central and northern Australia are classics in the field, has not been lost on Dr Les Hiatt, reader in anthropology at Sydney University, and past president of the Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies.

In a letter to Melbourne's vice-chancellor, Professor David Caro, he says:

"The absence of anthropology in any full-fledged form at Melbourne University has long been a source of disappointment and frustration to the anthropological fraternity within Australia. Naturally we welcome the news that at last a chair has been established.

"Against that background it may seem churlish to remark that the decision to confine the chair to Asian Studies and simultaneously to name it after Baldwin Spencer seems somewhat less than felicitous.

"While I applaud the desire of the University of Melbourne to pay tribute to one of its most famous scholars, I find it difficult to reconcile the honorific purpose of the gesture with the disjunction between Spencer's intellectual heritage and the purpose of the chair his name now graces. Insofar as it is designed to promote a field of study from which Australian Aboriginal culture is excluded, the symbolism may strike Australianists and the Australian Aborigines alike as thoroughly inappropriate."

Dr Hiatt told the Higher Education Supplement: "It is not that we think Spencer's name should only be associated with Aboriginal studies, but that we believe it is inappropriate to bestow his name on a chair that actually excludes Aboriginal Studies."

In reply, Professor Caro told Dr Hiatt by letter that the university wanted to honour Professor Spencer as an eminent anthropologist.

"It did not occur to us that some would believe his name should only be associated with his one immediate area of study," he said. "I do see your point. However, legislation for the chair is in place and we are committed to it."

Dr Hiatt said that Professor John Mulvaney, of the Australian National University, but at present visiting professor in Australian Studies at Harvard, had written a similar letter to the vice-chancellor.

Professor Mulvaney is now completing a biography of Spencer.

The acting dean of Melbourne's faculty of arts, Professor Michael Osborne, said the holder of the chair would concentrate on Asian studies.

He was not sure why anthropology had not been taught at Melbourne in the past but believed it may have been simply that it had not been developed early on. It had not been introduced more recently because La Trobe University in Melbourne had a strong stream of anthropology.

Spencer, who died in 1929, was foundation professor of biology at Melbourne, honorary director of the National Museum of Victoria as well as a part-time anthropologist, artist, photographer and film maker. He was also president of the Victorian Football League.

Between 1894 and 1927 he made a number of expeditions to central and northern Australia.

Professor Mulvaney has described him as possibly the last of the great Victorian anthropologists, although his fieldwork and analysis of data were filtered through "the preconceptions and value systems" of both evolution and Empire.

(From: The Australian, Wed. 6 March, 1985).

The cover of our first issue shows a young man pirating electricity in the shanty town of Guayaquil, Ecuador, there is little domestic electricity in this area, and people are electrified by accident from time to time. The picture comes from an ethnographic film made by Brian and Caroline Moser for Central Television called People of the Rain. In the first issue of ANTHROPOLOGY TODAY, Paul Henley contributes a comprehensive study of recent developments in British ethnographic film.

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IN THE FIRST FEW ISSUES:

- Jonathan Benthall: exchange with a British cabinet minister on the utility of social anthropology.
- Frances D'Souza on disaster relief.
- Roy Ellen on the Polish view of Malinowski.
- Rosemary Firth on the short career of Bernard Deacon.
- G. Ainsworth Harrison on the British contribution to human biology.
- Paul Henley on recent British ethnographic film.
- Polly Hill on the gullibility of development economists.
- Mike Hitchcock analyses some Indonesian images of one of its ethnic minorities.

- Lucy Mair on development anthropology.
- Daniel Miller and Mike Rowlands on historical consciousness and the nation-state.
- M.G. Whisson on social anthropology as training for careers.
- Roy Willis on male urination in the United States.

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The conference organizers have determined that both tickets should be made available to unemployed post-graduate student who might otherwise be unable to attend the conference. We have decided that the most equitable way of allocating free tickets is to draw two names out of a hat.

To qualify to draw, nominees must be:

1. Financial members of A.A.S. at the time of nomination.
2. Committed to present a paper in any session of their choice.
3. Be currently enrolled as a post-graduate student at a university in any Australian city. (Students resident outside capital cities must bear costs of travel to a capital).
4. Be not gainfully employed. (This does not exclude students on scholarships or those doing limited part-time teaching).
5. Have nominations endorsed by a supervisor of studies or head of department.

Eligible students may nominate themselves. Successful nominees will be expected to bear any costs of accommodation and maintenance.

The ballot will be drawn by Darwin-based members of the A.A.S. executive in the presence of an independent witness, at a date to be determined.

To ensure your nomination goes into the hat for the draw, return the form below within one month of receipt of this Newsletter.

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P.O. Box 40146,
Casuarina. N.T. 5792.

I nominate.....for the draw for one free air-fare to Darwin to attend the 1985 A.A.S. annual

Conference, to deliver a paper titled.....
.....in the Session on.....

Signed.....Date.....

I certify that the above nominee is eligible for the ballot as outlined in the conditions above.

Name:.....(Supervisor/Head of Dept.)

Signed.....Date.....

O B I T U A R Y

MICHAEL SWIFT

Michael Godfrey Swift, Professor of Anthropology and Sociology at Monash University, died in Malaysia on Saturday 5th May 1984, aged 54. He had been ill for some time.

Michael was born and grew up in London and to a large extent remained a Londoner. War-torn London, post-war scarcity and national service all contributed to the radicalisation of his social thought. His marginality, expressed in his unwillingness to embrace fully the dominant values of his own society and in particular to change class loyalties, as well as in his leaning towards societies other than his own, had its roots in the circumstances of his youth.

Michael studied economics and then anthropology at the London School of Economics. His teachers were among the intellectual elite of British anthropology and they always regarded him as one of the most gifted of their students. His links with the late Maurice Freedman and with Sir Raymond Firth remained particularly strong. In 1954 Michael went to Malaya to carry out research for his doctorate. So began a long and intense relationship with the country, the culture and, most importantly, the people of Malaysia. He shared their joys and their sorrows first as an anthropologist and then as an academic at the University of Malaya from 1957 until 1960. Their suffering during times of political unrest and violence hurt him deeply, so much so that he could not lecture on these events without clearly showing his emotion. In the classic anthropological tradition of field work he was the true participant-observer. He was one with the people he studied, fluent in their language and deeply immersed in their culture, yet he could still stand back and interpret what he had learned. But he could not analyse their suffering without feeling pain.

From 1961 to 1967 Michael Swift taught in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Sydney. With scholars such as Chandra Jayawardena, Mervyn Meggitt and Michael Allen and under the watchful eye of the doyen of Australian anthropology, Ian Hogbin, he helped to create an environment of intensely dynamic scholarship. Those of us who passed through Sydney's Department of Anthropology at that time share a special bond, a bond which focusses in particular on Hogbin, Jayawardena and Swift. We revelled in the environment, in the intellectual curiosity of our mentors, in their arguments and their wit. They were characters, and self-consciously so, constantly throwing down the gauntlet for intellectual combat. At the centre at all times were Swift and Jayawardena, a formidable duo to put it mildly, both capable of taking an argument apart with devastating display of logic and understanding. Levi-Strauss wrote of his own mentor Marcel Mauss: 'his fabulous memory, his untiring intellectual curiosity have allowed him to build up a world-wide, if one may say so a time-wide erudition. "Mauss sait tout", his students used to say half humourously, half admiringly but always respectfully'. The same could be said of Michael and Chandra.

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In the mid 1960s this incredibly vital collection of scholars began to break up: Mervyn Meggitt went to a chair at the University of Michigan, Chandra Jayawardena to the Foundation Chair of Anthropology at Macquarie University, and Michael to the Chair of Anthropology and Sociology here at Monash. Michael was suddenly isolated intellectually and the protective coating of sarcasm that so often hid his sensitive and emotional nature became more prominent than ever. Here at Monash he quickly emerged as an individual who was not about to fit into any of the accepted stereotypes of the professor. He treated the formalized rituals of academic life with scepticism and frequently with disdain. He found it hard to pretend, to participate in the joviality and formal politeness of board and committee without feeling the intensely political reality beneath the facade, an activity in which he did not revel for he was disturbed by open confrontation. He was therefore a poor diplomat for he found it difficult to hide his dislikes, his scepticism, his cynicism, or his tears. His alienation, apparent to many, was an alienation only from those aspects of his world which he felt to be insincere or inhuman. A dedicated father and husband for whom his family took first priority, Michael Swift was a particularly sensitive human being, perhaps too sensitive.

Above all Michael Swift was a scholar. What he wrote was poignant and very highly regarded but his high standards for himself, as for others, often prevented him from putting pen to paper, over-conscious of the inadequacies of his own knowledge. He felt a need to read widely to achieve what he regarded as a truly anthropological perspective. History, philosophy, economics, law, politics, religion and literature were all read avidly. He read because he wanted to, not because he had to or because by doing so he would advance his career. His knowledge was broad and deep, ethnographically and theoretically. He always stood back from the latest intellectual fad, providing younger and more impressionable colleagues with clear and reasoned criticism. Few of these sudden enthusiasms that came on colleagues and students caught him off-balance but rather demonstrated the breadth and subtlety of his theoretical knowledge. He was an excellent supervisor and in a very important sense he expressed himself through his research students. His influence is particularly felt in Malaysia and the many Malaysians who passed through Monash have impressed people throughout the world with the high standard of their scholarship. Here at Monash, not only in the Department of Anthropology and Sociology but in the Centre for Southeast Asian Studies, to which he made a long and vital contribution, the forcefulness and creativity of his knowledge and critical scholarship was felt.

Don Miller
(Monash University)

AUSTRALIAN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE
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With option of extending to the morning of Friday
30 August.

VENUE: NORTHERN TERRITORY MUSEUM

Several sessions have been proposed. Those interested in contributing papers should contact the appropriate convenors as soon as possible. Anyone interested in convening additional sessions should advise the Secretary, AAS immediately. Sessions so far suggested, and their convenors, are:

1. Anthropological Approaches to Art.
Convenor: Mike Gunn,
N.T. Museum,
Bullocky Point,
Darwin. N.T. 5790.
2. The Ethnography of Complex Societies.
Convenor: Peter Mewett,
North Australia Research Unit,
P.O. Box 41321,
Casuarina. N.T. 5792.
3. Anthropology of Aboriginal Australia.
Convenor: Frank McKeown,
Bureau of the Northern Land Council,
G.P.O. Box 3046,
Darwin. N.T. 5794.
4. Anthropology of South East Asia.
Convenor: David Mearns,
Dept. Humanities & Social Sciences,
Darwin Institute of Technology,
P.O. Box 40146,
Casuarina. N.T. 5792.
5. Contemporary and Historical Approaches to Trade and Markets
in South East Asia.
Convenor: Fiona Jack-Hinton,
N.T. Museum,
Bullocky Point,
Darwin. N.T. 5790.
6. Development and Underdevelopment in the Pacific.
7. Miscellaneous Papers.
Convenor for both sessions:
Chris Healey,
Dept. Humanities & Social Sciences,
Darwin Institute of Technology,
P.O. Box 40146,
Casuarina. N.T. 5792.

We hope to be able to provide a list of contributors and paper titles in the June issue of the Newsletter, but this depends upon the early offer of papers.

OFFPRINTS AVAILABLE

The following offprints are available gratis (one copy each) to bona fide scholars.

Please write to:

Dr. P. Sutton, Head, Division of Anthropology
South Australian Museum
North Terrace
ADELAIDE, S.A. 5000

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SAANZ Conference 1985

The SAANZ Annual Conference is being organized by a committee drawn from the University of Queensland, Griffith University, and the Brisbane College of Advanced Education. It will be held at the University of Queensland from Friday, 30 August to Monday, 2 September, 1985.

The Conference will be organized into symposia, papers and panel discussions. Papers will be arranged in thematic streams by the convenors of the academic sessions. Sessions will focus on contemporary theory and research including the following areas —

- class • feminist theory • industrial sociology
 - education • the state • medical sociology
 - media and popular culture • ageing
 - urban and regional development • ethnicity and race
 - deviance and social control • welfare and social policy
- Tentative titles for symposia are *Sociology as a Profession*, *Educational Policy and the Recession*

Papers are invited on any aspect of current sociological work. Intending paper givers should contact —

Conference Organizer
SAANZ 85
Department of Anthropology and Sociology
University of Queensland
ST. LUCIA, Qld. 4067.

or phone **Paul Boreham (07) 377 3886**
Mike Emmlison (07) 377 4030

Social Activities

In addition to the formal programme, the Conference will offer a range of other formal and informal opportunities for people to meet. These will include section meetings, welcoming drinks, a disco, a Conference dinner/boat trip, a Sunday picnic lunch, a book launch and Sunday theatre evening.



Sociological Association of Australia and New Zealand

SAANZ 85 Conference

University of Queensland
 30 August - 2 September

Programme

Friday — 30 August, 1985

Registration 10.00 - 12.30
 Lunch 12.30 - 2.00
 Papers 2.00 - 3.30
 Afternoon Tea 3.30 - 4.00
 Papers 4.00 - 5.30
 Welcoming Drinks 7.30 - 9.00
 Disco 9.00 - 11.30

Saturday — 31 August, 1985

Papers 9.00 - 10.30
 Morning Tea 10.30 - 11.00
 Papers 11.00 - 12.30
 Lunch 12.30 - 2.00
 Papers 2.00 - 3.30
 Afternoon Tea 3.30 - 4.00
 Plenary Session 4.00 - 5.30
 Conference Dinner/Boat Trip 7.30 - 11.30

Sunday — 1 September, 1985

Papers 9.00 - 10.30
 Morning Tea 10.30 - 11.00
 Papers 11.00 - 12.30
 Picnic Lunch 12.30 - 2.00
 Papers 2.00 - 3.30
 Afternoon Tea 3.30 - 4.00
 Plenary Session 4.00 - 5.30
 Annual General Meeting 5.30
 Book Launch and Theatre 8.00

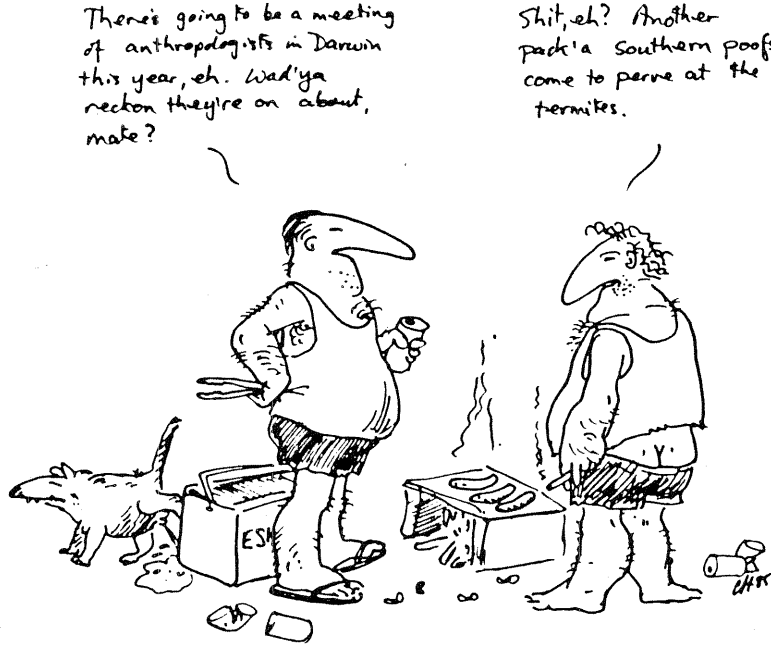
Monday — 2 September, 1985

Papers 9.00 - 10.30
 Morning Tea 10.30 - 11.00
 Papers 11.00 - 12.30
 Lunch 12.30 - 2.00
 Papers 2.00 - 3.30
 Conference Closes 3.30

The Secretary has booked accommodation at a motel with modest tariffs conveniently close to the conference venue.

A brochure giving further details of the provisional programme, accommodation, and registration. PLEASE ENSURE AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THE BROCHURE IF YOU INTEND TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE.

Members are reminded that Apex fares are cheaper, but must be booked well in advance. The conference falls within the peak tourist season in the Top End, so that Apex fares and accommodation are at a premium.



HIGHLAND AND SEABOARD MELANESIA: CONTRAST
OR CONTINUITY?

Dates: 13 - 15 May 1985

Venue: University of Adelaide.

In order to explore the issues fully, we would be expecting a maximum of twelve papers to be presented. Contributions might take the form of theoretical discussions or might equally be specific ethnographic studies which bear on the validity of an assumed highland/seaboard dichotomy.

If you are interested in taking part in the conference, could you please let us know as soon as possible. Unfortunately we cannot contribute towards travel expenses, but we are hopeful that we shall be able to obtain inexpensive accommodation.

We plan to have pre-circulated papers and would want a 1000 - 1200 word abstract by 1 February and the completed paper by 31 March.

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Clayton. VIC. 3168.

MALAYSIA SOCIETY COLLOQUIUM : MALAYSIAN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY

This will be held in Seminar Room A, Coombs Building, Australian National University, Canberra, from 8-10 June 1985 (Queen's Birthday Weekend).

It will deal with Malaysian social and economic history, particularly from the late 19th century to the present, concentrating on the experiences of particular individuals or groups (e.g. lepers, plantation workers, prostitutes, small farmers, merchants, artisans, administrators).

Indications of intent to attend the Colloquium and expressions of interest in presenting papers are invited from interested scholars, who are asked to fill in the attached form and send it by 30 September 1984 to either Lenore Manderson or Colin Barlow, Research School of Pacific Studies, Australian National University, PO Box 4, Canberra 2601, Australia (Telephone: 062-492122 or 062-492188 respectively).

WOMEN IN ASIA WORKSHOP, 3RD, CANBERRA, JULY 1985.

The Third Women in Asia Workshop, organized by the Women's Caucus of the Asian Studies Association of Australia, is to be held at Burgmann College, Australian National University, Canberra, July 12-14, 1985.

The theme of this third Workshop is Ideology and Economics, and will focus on contemporary social issues. The work will include the presentation of papers, panel discussions, informal workshops, round table discussions and film sessions.

For further information please contact Dorothy Davis, Louise Sylvan, or Pamela Montgomery at:

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