

Introduction

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More than a year ago Father Jean Trudeau suggested the preparation of a Special Issue surveying anthropological research in Oceania. Father Trudeau proposed the editorship of this to Professor Leonard Mason of the University of Hawaii but due to Professor Mason's heavy research commitments he felt that he might not be able to give it the attention it deserved. He suggested that I assume this responsibility; and as a neophyte in the "editing and surveying" business, I agreed. Out of the eight who originally agreed to contribute, only one was unable to meet the (what appeared to be perpetually receding) deadline.

The issue leads off with surveys of Oceanic archaeology (Pearson) and Polynesian social anthropology (Howard) followed by the archaeology of Southeast Asia (Solheim), social anthropology of Borneo (Appell), Philippines (Davis and Hollnsteiner), Micronesia (Mason), and Melanesia (Cook). The status of the controversy raging in Austronesian linguistic research is summarized by Kleiber. Of the eight contributors, six (Pearson, Howard, Solheim, Davis, Mason, and Cook) have been or are members of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Hawaii. Each of the contributors was permitted the utmost freedom to structure his article as he thought best since the wealth of Oceanic literature obviously precludes total coverage.

Oceanic anthropology continues to draw workers interested in all facets of anthropological research. The Pacific paradise of North American travel agencies is rapidly disappearing as complex urban centers and independant nations emerge in Oceania.

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