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the Faculty of the R. S. Pacific Studies, held on ..... 17 December 1973  
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10. Annual Report

The Director drew the Board's attention to the University's changed requirements in relation to Annual Reports. Whereas in past years the full, lengthy reports from departments to Council formed the basis of the University's Annual Report to Parliament, it was intended that henceforth the report to Parliament should be in a briefer format, but that departments should nevertheless continue to provide the usual kind of report to Council.

The Director recalled that this School, unlike others, had not sought in the past to reproduce the relevant section of the University's Annual Report as a School Report, but he saw a good purpose being served by adopting this practice. The Board agreed that the School should produce such a report in 1974, replacing the present "Structure and Activities" annual brochure and that it should review the position for 1975 in the light of this experience.

It was agreed further that departments should be provided with a number of copies of the School Report and of offprints of their individual contributions to it.

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THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITYRESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIESDIRECTOR'S SECTIONANNUAL REPORT 1973Staff:

Director: D. A. Low, M.A., D.Phil. (Oxon)

Research Fellow: R. B. Jeffrey, B.A. (Br.Col.), D.Phil.(Sus.)  
(from July)

Research Assistant: Margaret Carron, (from June)

The Director's Section has been instituted to pursue work in the modern social, political and economic history of South Asia. Mrs M. E. Carron was appointed Research Assistant, and from a very strong field of applicants Dr Robin Jeffrey, B.A. (Br.Col.) D.Phil. (Sus.) was appointed Research Fellow. He continued his work on the history of Kerala in the 19th and 20th Century. A manuscript on 'The Decline of Nayar Dominance' which takes the story to 1908 is being considered by publishers, and work preliminary to a second volume taking the story to 1957, and the advent in Kerala of the first elected Communist government in the world is now in hand. During the second half of the year Dr Jeffrey organised a series of seminars on South Asia as follows:

- 12 September: Prof. D. A. Low: 'Combating Congress: The Government of India and the Indian Nationalist Movement, 19-5-1945'.
- 19 " Prof. B.L.C. Johnson (Geography, SGS): 'Bangladesh: Development and Prospect'.
- 26 " Dr Robin Jeffrey: 'Society and Politics in Travancore, South India, 1847-1908: the decline of Nayar dominance'.
- 3 October: Dr C. A. Price (Demography, RSSS): 'South Asian Migrants to Australia'.
- 10 " Dr J. T. F. Jordens (Asian Civilizations, SGS): 'A Kathiawari Cannot Ignore the Jains: Dayananda Saraswati and Jainism'.
- 17 October: Mr Bonaventure Swai (Director's Section, RSPaS): 'The British in Malabar, 1792-1805'.
- 31 " Mr Oliver Mendelsohn (Politics, California): 'Legal Processes in Village Rajasthan'.
- 7 November: Dr Elizabeth Whitcombe (Economics, RSPaS): 'The United Provinces, 1900-1947: Some Comments on the Imperial Inheritance'.

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14 November: Mrs S. Ray (Political Science, SGS)  
'Coalition and Conflict: The United Front  
Governments of West Bengal, 1967 and 1969-70

The Director has continued to work on some of his remaining African material. He has also been organising a conference for August 1974 which will lead to a published symposium on the Indian National Congress c. 1920-45. He gave a public lecture at ANZAAS in Perth in August on 'Development in an Historical Perspective', and spoke to the History Section on 'Congress and the Raj, 1920-45'. He gave lectures at the Canberra College of Advanced Education; in the Faculties of Arts and Asian Studies; at the University of Papua New Guinea; and to the Canberra branch of the Australian Institute of International Affairs. He was elected an Honorary Fellow of the (British) Institute of Development Studies, and a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities. In August he represented the School at the inaugural general meeting of the Asian Association of Development Research and Training Institutes in Bangkok. In September-October he led the party from the School which visited China. Subsequently he wrote a report on this and was one of the speakers at an open meeting in the University that reported more generally on 'A Visit to China'. He visited Papua New Guinea on four occasions during the year, on the latter two to participate in the Committee of Enquiry into University Development to which he was appointed by the PNG Minister of Education. Three research students of the University of Sussex, from which the Director came at the beginning of the year, have been completing their theses on modern Indian history under his supervision.

#### PUBLICATIONS

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