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RESEARCH SCHOOL OF PACIFIC STUDIES

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The structural plan of the Research School of Pacific Studies laid down in 1949 after much discussion, envisaged development of research in six major academic branches: anthropology, demography, economics, geography, history and political science. As part of this whole plan the School was expected to make a definite provision for work in Oriental Studies. (To cover these fields Departments have been set up in Anthropology, International Relations, Pacific History and Geography.)

In the period January, 1950, to June, 1951, the foundations for such research were solidly laid under the guidance of the Adviser (Professor Raymond Firth, F.B.A.). A few members of the School had been appointed even before that date, but in almost every case they were not able to assume duties earlier than 1950. During the eighteen months under review professors assumed appointment in Anthropology (S. F. Nadel), Geography (O. H. K. Spate), Pacific History (J. W. Davidson), and International Relations (W. R. Crocker)—representing the field of Political Science. Likewise there were appointed a Reader in Comparative Social Institutions (W. E. H. Stanner), attached to the Department of Anthropology, and a Visiting Reader in Oriental Studies (C. P. FitzGerald, the title now made more permanent and more precise as Reader in Far Eastern History), attached to the Department of Pacific History. Towards the end of the period a Senior Research Fellow was also appointed in International Relations (M. F. M. Lindsay). The setting up of these Departments attracted immediate attention in the academic world and almost at once enquiries were received from junior research workers wishing to be associated with the School. Certain appointments in the categories of Research Fellow and Research Assistant were made. But this was done sparingly to maintain the high standards originally set in the plan for the School—standards which were re-emphasized by the senior staff as soon as they began to assemble as a corporate academic body.

By the end of June, 1951, the Research School of Pacific Studies comprised four professors, two readers, one senior research fellow, two research fellows and two research assistants. There were also eight junior research workers holding scholarships and receiving training on behalf of the School, mainly at universities in England and the United States. Four of these were working in Anthropology, three

in History and one in Political Science. In addition there was also one Research Fellow in the Social Sciences (T. G. H. Strehlow) who, because of his work in the Social Anthropology of the Australian Aborigines, was closely associated with the Adviser to the Research School of Pacific Studies.

During this period the work of establishing the School was continued by the Adviser in England in consultation with his colleagues of the Academic Advisory Committee, by recommendation to the Vice-Chancellor and Interim Council. But as the months went by and staff began to assemble, a most significant change took place—the growing embodiment of the School in Canberra. Members of staff could now take an active part in University affairs and for the School a Faculty organisation was initiated.

This most welcome development was not accomplished without physical strain. Deficiencies in accommodation and work facilities were at first acute. Much time of academic members of the School as well as of administrators of the University was necessarily taken up in attempts to improve these conditions, which, in some cases, were well below the minimum need for effective academic effort. Recognition is due to the members of the School who arrived early on the scene and suffered and laboured on behalf of the rest. But by June, 1951, members of the School were at work in their quarters in the Old Hospital Building on the site.

Much of the work of the members of the Research School in the period under review has been of an exploratory and organisational character. Apart from setting up their various departments, advising on library needs and (in the case of Anthropology and Geography) accumulating a minimum of equipment, each of the professors took opportunity to examine his subject abroad. The Professor of International Relations investigated widely the manner in which his subject was treated, especially at the post-graduate level in American, Canadian, English and Continental universities. The Professors of Anthropology and History made brief tours through the United States before taking up residence in Canberra. The Professor of Geography paid brief visits to Paris and Amsterdam. In addition, members of the senior staff have developed good working relations with their colleagues in Canberra University College and in other Australian universities. In Anthropology and International Relations, for example, various lectures and departmental

courses have been given at various universities. The Research School of Pacific Studies has thus done its share in maintaining the general co-operation which has become established between the Australian National University and its sister institutions in this country.

A considerable amount of work done at this period is really the completion of research begun earlier under other auspices than that of the Australian National University. Such unearned increments cannot be claimed as a product of the Research School of Pacific Studies in the same way as work wholly completed under the School's aegis. But the completion of such work at the School in itself is an indication that the institution had begun to serve its proper function.

Professor Nadel published a book on the basic theoretical framework of social anthropology ("Foundations of Social Anthropology") and Professor Spate completed a massive work on the human and regional geography of India and Pakistan ("The Changing Map of Asia"). Dr. Stanner revised the manuscript of a work on the "Changing Economic and Political Structure of Pacific Island Communities." Professor Crocker completed a work on "International Organisations." Mr. FitzGerald worked on a book on the "History of the Chinese Revolution," and Mr. Lindsay a book on the "History of the Chinese Communist Party."

Substantial work was also done in the field. Scholars contributed to ethnographic and historical knowledge of the Pacific as part of their research training. P. Lawrence, studying among the Garia of Madang, investigated the social structure of the people, and the interesting "Cargo Cults" of the region. Miss D. F. Crozier in Tonga studied the history of the Kingdom with special reference to the development of the social services. In this research she was greatly assisted by the interest of H. M. Queen Salote. As part of her task, Miss Crozier examined archives in Tonga and in the Offices of the High Commission of the Western Pacific in Suva. Her work here was of such interest to the authorities that she has been invited by them to classify and study the Commission's archives in detail. A. Mayer, accompanied by his wife, undertook intensive first-hand analysis of the structure of an Indian community in Fiji, thus making the first study of this kind in the Pacific. H. A. Powell, who also held a Horniman grant from the Royal Anthropological Institute, conducted a field study in the Trobriand islands with special reference to changes that had taken place in the structure of the society since it was described by B. Malinowski thirty years before. G. R. Storry has been several months in Japan in pursuance of his research into the nature and conditions of Japanese nationalist societies.

Dr. C. S. Belshaw had, first as a scholar and then a research fellow, accompanied by his wife, made a study of the differential response of various southern New Guinea communities, especially in Milne Bay and near Port Moresby, to changing economic conditions. He was also able to be of assistance to the New Guinea Administration in putting some of the results of this research at their disposal. Dr. K. E. Read, formerly also a scholar, conducted research in the Central Highlands of New Guinea near Goroka, thus

making a beginning on the systematic study of highland types of social structure planned by Professor Nadel.

The chief event of the period July-December, 1951, was the arrival from England of the Adviser, Professor Firth, to take up duty as Acting Director of the Research School. The period was essentially one of consolidation. A few junior appointments were made to the staff, a number of Research Fellowships in the Departments of Geography and Pacific History were created and an additional scholar was appointed in the Department of Anthropology.

By the end of 1951 most of the academic staff were in Canberra and the number of scholars working at overseas Universities was markedly reduced. Four were overseas and five were either studying in Canberra or had set out from Canberra to undertake field work.

Members of staff were gaining first hand knowledge of fields of research—the Acting Director, and the Professors of Anthropology, Geography and Pacific History, paid a brief visit to New Guinea, one of the main areas of future research. A conference on problems of research in the Pacific was organised by the School in August. Experts from Australia and overseas attended the discussion which covered a variety of fields including anthropology, history, economics, demography and current political problems. The conference was an outstanding success and it is hoped to organise similar conferences at frequent intervals.

The Research School of Pacific Studies has two important functions to fulfil: it is a unique organisation for regional study; and also as experts in theoretical disciplines as well as in their regional application the members of the staff have a responsibility in the development of post-graduate teaching and research. This being the case, as members of the staff of the School began to assemble in Canberra, they sought closer relations with the Research School of Social Sciences, several of the branches of which are germane to the disciplines in the Research School of Pacific Studies. Ways of establishing such relations were explored during this period, including the setting up of a Joint Faculty Committee of Departmental Heads. In the fields of demography and economics, which have not yet been developed in the Research School of Pacific Studies, co-operation has been established with the Research School of Social Sciences.

The work done by the Research School of Pacific Studies during the period under review has thus indicated already what great potentialities have been created by the formation of the School and the University's indebtedness to the authorities of the University of London, who so readily made Professor Firth's assistance available, is great.

The following publications, by members of staff, have appeared during the period up to December, 1951:—

Dr. C. S. Belshaw

"Social Consequences of the Mount Lamington Eruption," *Oceania*, (June, 1951).

"Recent History of Mekeo Society," *Oceania*, (September, 1951).

"Changes in Heirloom Jewellery in the Central Solomons," *Oceania*, (March, 1950).

"The significance of Modern Cults in Melanesian Development," *Australian Outlook*, (June, 1950).

"Native Administration in South-Eastern Papua," op. cit., (June 1951).

Professor W. R. Crocker

"The System of Voting in International Institutions," *Australian Outlook*, (October, 1951).

"The South Pacific Commission," *International Organization*, (November, 1951).

"The International Secretariat," *International Organization*, (November, 1950).

Professor Crocker delivered the 1951 Roy Milne Lecture (on the United Nations).

Professor J. W. Davidson

"The Changing Political Role of the Pacific Islands Peoples," *New Zealand Journal of Public Administration*, (September, 1951).

"Colonial Government," in *Chambers' Encyclopaedia*, (London, 1950).

Mr. C. P. FitzGerald

"China, A Short Cultural History," (Revised Edition, London, 1950).

Professor S. F. S. Nadel

"Foundations of Social Anthropology," (London, 1951).

"Dual Descent in the Nuba Hills," in *African Systems of Kinship and Marriage*, (London, 1951).

"Work in Early Societies," *Question*, (London, Spring, 1951).

Dr. K. E. Read

"The Political System of Ngarawapum," *Oceania*, (March, 1950).

Professor O. H. K. Spate

Contributions to "The Changing Map of Asia" (London, 1950), (edited jointly with Professor W. G. East).

COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE

The Council met on 28th April and the Standing Committee on 28th March.

Membership of Council

The Council has accepted the resignation of Dr. G. A. Currie who has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of the University of New Zealand. The Council recorded its appreciation of Dr. Currie's services and assistance to the University both as a member of Council and in his capacity as Vice-Chancellor of the University of Western Australia.

The Council also accepted the resignation of Professor W. R. Crocker who has been granted two years' leave of absence from the University to take up duty as High Commissioner for Australia in India.

Professor A. H. Ennor has been granted leave of absence from Council until October whilst abroad on study leave.

Elections are being held (reported elsewhere in this issue) to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of Dr. Currie and Professor Crocker.

Installation of the Chancellor

The Installation of the Right Honourable Viscount Bruce of Melbourne as first Chancellor of the University will take place on 23rd October. The Vice-Chancellor reported to Council that the Chancellor plans to arrive in Australia on 20th October, 1952.

Appointment of Director

A Committee has been set up to advise the Council on the appointment of a Director for the Research School of Pacific Studies. Professor Raymond Firth, who is Acting Director of the Research School, had declined an invitation to take up this post.

Air Travel Insurance

The Council has agreed to provide insurance cover for members of staff travelling on University business in the following amounts:—

Outside Australia: £A7000 (inclusive of any cover provided by the air line).

Within Australia: £5000 (regardless of any separate provision by the air line).

Scholars in Australia—Fares and Expenses

Scholars studying in Australia will receive the equivalent of second class fares to Canberra on commencement of the scholarship and a like amount at the conclusion of the scholarship. Scholars may also be allowed a reasonable amount towards the cost of transporting text books and equipment associated with research projects.

Visits to Research Schools

After each meeting, members of the Council now visit Departments of the Research Schools and the Library to meet members of staff and to discuss research activities informally.

BOARD OF GRADUATE STUDIES

The Board of Graduate Studies met on 21st March and 9th May.

Part-time Students

The Board has been considering the question of part-time students and their place in the structure of the University. Arising out of a Committee report the Board has resolved:—

- (i) to accept in principle the admission of part-time candidates for M.Sc. degrees and to ask the Committee on Part-time Students to draft appropriate rules for submission to the Board;
- (ii) to take no action for the time being on the question of enrolment of part-time students for the Ph.D. degree.

Indian and Japanese Studies

The Board has had discussions about the development of Indian and Japanese Studies. There has been some initial concentration on sinological studies and there are now one Research Fellow and two scholars assigned to Japanese projects.

The Faculty of the Research School of Pacific Studies has been asked to examine and report on plans for the development of Indian Studies.

Department of Anthropology and Sociology

The Board has recommended to the Council that the Department of Anthropology be renamed Department of Anthropology and Sociology. The Board has taken this decision to provide for immediate needs in sociological studies but hopes that a separate Department of Sociology may be established in the future.

Examination Regulations

The Board is at present considering proposals for examinations regulations. It has also recommended the publishing of a Calendar for 1953 setting out entrance requirements.

Outside Work by Students

The Board has considered the principles involved in

students being permitted to undertake lecturing or other work outside the University. It has now agreed that in special circumstances students might be permitted to undertake a limited amount of lecturing or other work on the recommendation of the Head of the Department, each case to be reported to the Board.

GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS

Council Elections

Nominations were invited, and have now closed, for the election of a representative of Convocation and a representative of the staff on the University Council to replace Dr. G. A. Currie and Professor W. R. Crocker who have resigned.

Convocation

The following nominations have been received for election as the representative of Convocation:—

Mr. C. S. Daley,
Professor J. W. Davidson,
Hon. J. J. Dedman,
Professor J. G. Wood.

Ballot papers will be distributed to all members of Convocation on 23rd June. The poll will close at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, 31st July.

The successful candidate will hold office until 30th June, 1955.

Staff

The following nominations have been received for election as the representative of the staff:—

Mr. H. P. Brown,
Professor G. Sawyer,
Professor T. W. Swan,
Mr. L. C. Webb.

Ballot papers have been distributed to members of staff and the poll will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, 30th June.

The successful candidate will hold office until 30th June, 1955.

Students

Nominations were invited during May for two Student representatives on Council. The following nominations were received:—

N. Barnard,
E. C. Fry.

The Returning Officer declared Messrs. Barnard and Fry elected and, by lot, decided that Mr. Barnard would hold office until 30th June, 1952, and that Mr. Fry would hold office until 30th June, 1953.

Danish-Australian Cultural Fund

At the University on 1st May, Mr. F. Henning Hergel, Charge d'Affaires for Denmark, and other representatives of the Australian-Danish community handed a cheque for two thousand guineas to the Vice-Chancellor for the promotion of cultural and scientific relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and Denmark.

The donation was a Jubilee token of goodwill by Danes and Danish-Australians to the University as a representative Federal institution. In making the presentation Mr. Hergel said that it was particularly appropriate that the donation should be handed over during the month of

May, marking as it did the seventh anniversary of the liberation of Europe. Members of the Danish community, Mr. Hergel said, remembered with deep gratitude the courageous part played by the Australian forces in the magnificent Allied effort and sacrifice.

Receiving the donation on behalf of the University the Vice-Chancellor said that the University was deeply honoured in being selected to be the recipient of the Danish Jubilee gift. He said that the fund would be used to promote and maintain scientific and cultural contacts with Denmark and priority would be given to promoting the exchange of scholars.

Present at the ceremony there were representative citizens of the Australian Danish community, members of the University, and official representatives of the Department of External Affairs, the Prime Minister's Department, and the National Librarian.

Australian Automobile Association Lecture

Sir John Kemp, Co-ordinator-General of Public Works in Queensland, delivered the first of a series of annual lectures arranged by the University in conjunction with the Australian Automobile Association. The lecture, entitled "Some aspects of Modern Transport and their Relation to Road Construction" was given in the Institute of Anatomy on Thursday, 20th March.

Printed copies of this lecture will be available later in the year.

Visiting Scholar

Professor W. E. Le Gros Clark who is to visit Australia under the auspices of the University during July, August and September, will be in Canberra late in July. Professor Clark will visit each of the Universities in Australia.

Sir John Cockcroft

Sir John Cockcroft, F.R.S., of the Atomic Energy Research Establishment at Harwell, who is visiting Australia at the invitation of the Commonwealth Government, will spend from 3rd to 5th September as the University's guest in Canberra.

Visitors to the University

Recent visitors to the University have included Mr. Henry Chauncey (President, Education Testing Service, U.S.A.), Sir John Kemp (Co-ordinator-General of Public Works in Queensland), Sir Charles Lowe, Professor Paton and Dr. Rogers (of the University of Melbourne), G. L. McCauley (N.S.W. University of Technology), Dr. Currie (Vice-Chancellor elect, University of New Zealand), Professor Roberts (Vice-Chancellor, Sydney), Charles B. Fahs (Director of Humanities, Rockefeller Foundation), E. H. Behymer (Librarian, Bethany College, West Virginia), and Lady Knowles. A party of 130 students from the Bendigo Teachers' College visited the University on 18th April.

Convocation

Since the December issue of the "News" the following names have been added to the Roll of Convocation:—

Ballingall, Carol, B.A. (Wayne), M.A. (Chicago).
Barnard, Noel, B.A. (N.Z.).
Bromley, John Edward, B.A. (Syd.).
Brown, Maurice, LL.B. (Melb.).
Burridge, Kenelm Oswald Lancelot, B.A. (Oxon), B.Litt. (Oxon)
Craig, Jean Isobel, M.A. (Syd.).

Crawcour, Edwin Sydney, B.A. (Melb. and Camb.).
 Fazekas de St. Groth, Stephen Nicholas Emery Egon, M. B.,
 Ch.B., M.D. (Budapest), Sc.M. (Sorbonne).
 Fry, Eric Charles, B.Ec., B.A., Dip.Ed. (Syd.).
 Hall, Alan Ross, B.Ec. (Syd.), Ph.D. (Lond.).
 Jaeger, John Conrad, D.Sc. (Syd.), M.Sc. (Camb.).
 King, Herbert William Henry, M.A. (Syd.).
 MacKirdy, Kenneth Alexander, M.A. (B'tsh Col.).
 Martin, Alan William, B.A., Dip.Ed. (Syd.).
 Moran, Patrick Alfred Pierce, D.Sc. (Syd.), M.Sc. (Camb. and
 Oxon).
 Oxnam, Desmond Walter, M.A. (N.Z.).
 Packer, David Reginald Griffiths, B.A. (Melb.).
 Penny, Ronald Edgar Cooper, B.A. (Melb.).
 Price, Charles Archibald, B.A. (Adel.).
 Scarrow, Howard Albert, B.A. (Duke), M.A. (Wayne).
 Soper, Charles Samuel, B.Com. (Melb.).
 Storry, George Richard, M.A. (Oxon).
 Whitten, Wesley Kingston, B.Sc., B.V.Sc. (Syd.).
 Wilson, Robert Kent, B.A. (N.Z.), M.A. (Lond.).
 Worsley, Peter Maurice, B.A. (Camb.), M.A. (Econ.) (Manch.).

SCHOLARS AND STUDENTS

Mr. R. W. Parsons, who is at present working in Edinburgh, has been awarded a Carnegie Grant to study the law of delict in Louisiana and Quebec and the teaching of Comparative Law. Mr. Parsons will visit North America for three months in October and return to Australia via the United Kingdom.

Mr. R. B. Joyce, a scholar of the University at present working in Cambridge, has been awarded a Bartle Frere Exhibition for 1952-53.

Arrivals

The following scholars will arrive in Canberra on the dates indicated to take up their scholarships:—

A. E. Beck (Geophysics), 22nd July,
 E. Kondaiah (Nuclear Physics), June,
 R. F. Salisbury-Rowswell (Anthropology), 24th June.

Extensions

The following extensions of scholarships have been approved:—

D. G. Benjafield, 5 months
 J. H. Bennett, 12 months
 R. D. Brown, 3 months
 M. J. Buckingham, 12 months
 L. F. Dodson, 12 months
 A. C. Mayer, 7 months
 I. F. Wright, 12 months.

Enrolments

Since the last issue of the "News," the following students have been admitted to the University:—

Carol E. Ballingall, Anthropology,
 N. Barnard, Far Eastern History,
 J. E. Bromley, Anthropology,
 E. S. Crawcour, Pacific History,
 E. C. Fry, Economic History,
 A. W. Martin, History,
 H. A. Scarrow, Political Science,
 C. S. Soper, Economics.

STAFF MEMBERS

New Appointments

Mr. J. N. Jennings, 46, has been appointed Reader in the Department of Geography. Mr. Jennings graduated

B.A. from the University of Cambridge in 1938 with first-class honours in the Geographical Tripos and in 1944 he was awarded his M.A. In 1939 he was appointed Assistant Lecturer in Geography at Manchester University. From 1940-1946 Mr. Jennings served with the Royal Artillery. On discharge he was appointed to his present position of Lecturer in Geography at the University College, Leicester. Mr. Jennings has specialised in physical geography, geomorphology and map work. His research work, particularly on the Norfolk Broads, is well known.

Mr. Jennings is married with three children and will take up his appointment towards the end of the year.

Dr. Germaine A. Joplin has been appointed a Fellow in the Department of Geophysics. Dr. Joplin is employed in the Bureau of Mineral Resources in the Geological section. Dr. Joplin graduated from the University of Sydney in 1930 with the University Medal in Geology. In 1933 she proceeded to Cambridge on a Junior International Fellowship and in 1935 was awarded the Doctorate of Philosophy. Since her return to Australia in 1935, Dr. Joplin has held various teaching positions in the Department of Geology at the University of Sydney. In 1949 Dr. Joplin was awarded her B.A. degree and the following year the Doctorate of Science from the University of Sydney.

Dr. Joplin has an extensive list of publications to her credit and she is recognised as one of the leading petrologists in Australia.

Dr. Joyce Ackroyd has been appointed a Research Fellow in Far Eastern History. Dr. Ackroyd graduated B.A. with honours in English and History from the University of Sydney in 1939. In 1940 she commenced to study Japanese at the University of Sydney and was awarded a High Distinction in second and third years. In 1944 Dr. Ackroyd was appointed Assistant Lecturer in the R.A.A.F. Language School and from 1946-48 she was Lecturer in Japanese at the University of Sydney. In 1947 Dr. Ackroyd was awarded a Wentworth Travelling Fellowship to enable her to study Japanese at Cambridge. In 1951 Dr. Ackroyd received her Doctorate of Philosophy in the Faculty of Oriental Languages at Cambridge.

Dr. Ackroyd will take up her new duties in July.

Mr. R. McD. Chapman, 29, has been appointed a Research Fellow in the Department of Political Science. Mr. Chapman completed his B.A. degree at Auckland University College in 1946 after serving three years with the New Zealand Army and Air Force. In 1948 he was awarded the Master's degree with first-class honours and the Fowlds Memorial Prize for 1948. Since 1948 Mr. Chapman has been a lecturer in History at Auckland University College.

Mr. R. P. Gilson, 26, has been awarded a Research Fellowship in the Department of Pacific History. Mr. Gilson graduated B.A. from the University of Southern California in 1947 and in 1949 was awarded his Master's degree. Mr. Gilson spent the year 1949-1950 at Victoria University College, New Zealand, under a Fulbright award and, since then, he has been working at the London School of Economics for the M.Sc. (Econ.) degree. Mr. Gilson will continue his work on colonial administration in the

South Pacific when he takes up the Research Fellowship at the end of the year.

Mr. W. K. Joklik, 25, has been awarded a Research Fellowship in the Department of Microbiology. Mr. Joklik, who was awarded a National University scholarship in 1949, is a graduate of the University of Sydney. He was awarded his B.Sc. in 1947 with first-class honours in Biochemistry, and his M.Sc. in 1949. Mr. Joklik is at present working on bacterial viruses for the D.Phil. degree at the Sir William Dunn School of Pathology at Oxford.

Mr. F. J. West, 25 has been awarded a Research Fellowship in the Department of Pacific History. Mr. West graduated from the University of Leeds in 1947 with honours in History. He was subsequently awarded a University Research Scholarship tenable at the Institute of Historical Research, London, where he took his Ph.D. in 1951. Mr. West, who has hitherto worked in the field of mediæval history, will carry out research in Pacific History. He is expected to take up his appointment in the next few months.

NEWS AND MOVEMENTS

Mr. T. G. H. Strehlow, one time University Research Fellow in the Social Sciences, returned from the United Kingdom and Europe late in March after showing his unique films on Australian native customs and folklore at many Universities and learned societies in the United Kingdom and Europe. Mr. Strehlow visited the University on 8th May to show his films.

Dr. E. K. Read, Research Fellow in Anthropology, has left Canberra for the New Guinea Highlands where he will spend six months in field work.

Professor Crocker (International Relations), has been granted two years' leave of absence from the University to take up an appointment as Australian High Commissioner at New Delhi. Professor Crocker left for India by air early in May. Mrs. Crocker and the two children will follow later.

Dr. A. R. Hall, who was recently appointed a Research Fellowship in Economics at the University, has been awarded the Hutchison Medal for 1950-51 by the London School of Economics for his Ph.D. thesis on "The London Capital Market and the Flow of Capital to Australia 1870-1914." Dr. Hall worked at the London School of Economics on a National University Scholarship. The Hutchison Medal has been awarded annually since 1900 for excellence of work in research done by a student of the London School of Economics.

Professors Oliphant and **Nadel** have been appointed to represent the University at the A.N.Z.A.A.S. meeting to be held in Sydney during August.

Professor Oliphant is paying a short visit to the United Kingdom for discussions with manufacturers on research equipment to be used in the Research School of Physical Sciences.

The Right Hon. Dr. H. V. Evatt, Q.C., M.H.R., has accepted an invitation to deliver the next Morrison Oration. The title and date of the lecture will be announced later.

Professor Ennor (Biochemistry) sailed from Adelaide on 20th April to spend some five months in the United

Kingdom and on the Continent on study leave. Professor Ennor will spend most of this period at Oxford but he also intends to visit various biochemical institutes in the United Kingdom. He will also attend at Paris the Second International Congress of Biochemistry, a meeting in Stockholm of the Committee on Nomenclature and will visit biochemical institutes in Copenhagen.

Mr. E. H. Clark, who was formerly an Assistant Registrar, sailed for Singapore early in May to take up his new duties as Librarian at the University of Malaya.

At the first graduation ceremony held by the New South Wales University of Technology on 14th March the honorary degree of D.Sc. was conferred on **Professor Oliphant**.

Professor Nadel (Anthropology) left Canberra on 3rd June for New York where he will attend an International Symposium on Anthropology sponsored by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. Professor Nadel has been invited to act as Chairman of one session devoted to a discussion of the "Theory of Cultural Processes" and to act as principal speaker for the session on "Problems of Application in Anthropology." About thirty prominent scholars in eighteen countries outside the United States have been invited to attend the Symposium. Professor Nadel expects to return to Canberra about the end of June.

Miss D. F. Crozier has been given leave from the Department of Pacific History to carry out a survey of the archives of the Western Pacific High Commission in Suva. Miss Crozier, who sailed for Suva in May, will be absent till early in 1953.

ACADEMIC VACANCIES

Applications are invited for the following positions:—

Senior Research Fellow in Statistics,
Research Fellow in Radiochemistry,
Research Assistant in Demography.

Applications are also invited for scholarships in the Department of Nuclear Physics and in the Department of Radiochemistry.

A copy of the advertisements and a statement of the conditions and other information are available from the Registrar.

PRINCIPAL DATES

JUNE

27.—F. Council.

JULY

4—F. Board of Graduate Studies.
28—M. Standing Committee.
30—W. Finance Committee.

AUGUST

1—F. Board of Graduate Studies.
15—F. Council.
16—S. Second term ends.
25—M. Common university vacation week begins.

The Index for the 1950 series of the "News" is now available. Copies have been forwarded to institutions and libraries with this issue; other readers may obtain copies by writing to the Registrar.