

# News

## UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND

1983, the centenary year of the University of Auckland, was a busy and exciting one for the History Department. Keith Sinclair, awarded the C.B.E. for services to literature, published his *History of the University*. Nicholas Tarling was chairman of the organizing committee.

The year was also, however, a sad one, particularly with the death of Dr L. J. Holt, shortly after he had resigned to take up the post of Chief Historian with the Department of Internal Affairs.

Professor Sinclair, Dr Dalziel, Dr Leonard Andaya, Dr Barbara Andaya, and Dr Stagg were on leave in the latter part of 1983. Dr B. Moss has been promoted to Senior Lecturer. Dr R. G. Phillips resigned.

Mrs C. T. Orange has been appointed to the editorial staff of the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*. Miss Linda Bryder, currently enrolled for an Oxford doctorate, has been appointed to a Junior Research Fellowship at Queen's College.

## UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO

Professor Jensen was on leave during 1983, but has now returned to head the Department.

Dr Miller is on leave until May; Dr Simes will be on leave during the second semester.

## MASSEY UNIVERSITY

Professor W. H. Oliver resigned as Professor of History in August 1983 in order to edit the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography*. Dr J. M. R. Owens is acting head of department.

Mrs Charlotte Macdonald resigned as Junior Lecturer at the end of February 1984 in order to take up a short-term consultancy on computing arrangements with the *Dictionary of New Zealand Biography* before returning to Auckland to complete her Ph.D. thesis.

Dr Robin Gwynn left in November 1983 for two years' leave, mainly in London. He will be involved in 'Huguenot Heritage', a commemoration of the Huguenot contribution to England, which is planned for 1985 (the tercentenary of the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes). He will participate in and organize lecture tours, museum displays, conferences, broadcasts and publications.

Dr Barrie Macdonald, who was promoted to Reader from the beginning of

1984, has recently paid two visits to Australia in connection with his research on the Phosphate Commissioners.

Dr Margaret Tennant had short leave in London to undertake research into nineteenth- and early twentieth-century rescue and maternity homes.

Professor Oliver's *James K. Baxter, A Portrait* was published in 1983, and Dr Kerry Howe's history of the South Sea islands, *Where the Waves Fall*, was published at the beginning of 1984.

#### VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON

Dr P. B. McPhee is absent on leave in the south of France, researching the history of a town in that area since the French Revolution.

Professor P. Munz has returned from a short leave spent in Europe and in the United States.

Mr M. Fairburn has returned from a leave spent partly in Australia and partly in New Zealand.

Dr James Belich, who held a temporary lectureship in the department in 1983, has been appointed Deputy Editor of the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography.

Professor D. A. Hamer has been appointed Convener of the Wellington Regional Working Party for the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography project, while Mrs B. Hughes has been appointed to the Policy Committee.

The Victoria University Council has decided to establish the Stout Research Centre for the study of society, history and culture in New Zealand. The first idea for this Centre came from Dr J. O. C. Phillips, who has worked very hard to bring it into being.

#### UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

Professor G. W. O. Woodward will be on leave from 1 August 1984 to 1 February 1985. During his absence Professor McIntyre will be acting head of department.

Dr Trainor and Dr Parsonson will be on leave for the whole of 1984. Dr Bennett will be away from June.

Professor Elizabeth Isichei of the University of Joss, Nigeria, has been offered a Canterbury Visiting Fellowship from June to October.

#### UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO

Associate Professor Erik Olssen has been promoted to a personal chair.

Dr Ralph Hayburn is on leave throughout 1984. He has been awarded a Hocken Fellowship and will be spending much of the year in Dunedin. Professor Omer-Cooper is on leave during the first term of 1984.

Associate Professor Gordon Parsonson retires at the end of 1984.

#### HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS BRANCH

Ms Philippa M. Smith has completed a six-month attachment to the Branch

and taken up a scholarship at the Australian National University. While with the Branch she revised for publication her M.A. thesis on the State and Maternity in New Zealand in the inter-war years.

Mr Richard Hill has completed the drafting of the first volume of the history of policing in New Zealand. It is scheduled for publication in 1985.

Two publications are now with the printers: a third volume of *Documents on New Zealand's External Relations*, covering the conclusion of the Japanese peace treaty and the origins of the ANZUS treaty, and the last of the official histories of the Second World War — *The Home Front* by Mrs Nan Taylor.

Mr Ian McGibbon has been appointed Chief Historian in succession to the late Dr L. J. Holt.

## DICTIONARY OF NEW ZEALAND BIOGRAPHY

The first meeting of the Policy Committee of the Dictionary of New Zealand Biography took place on 16 March. Its members are Dr R. M. Williams (Chairman), Mrs Beryl Hughes, Professor E. N. Olssen, Professor Keith Sinclair, Mr I. C. McGibbon, Mr John Rangihau and Mr J. E. Traue.

## The Historical Journal

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