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Your reporter noted the complete series of Churchward's 'Mu' books on sale in paperback in an Auckland book store. The number of impressions they have run to is amazing. They were displayed with science fiction paperbacks. Perhaps we should still complain. Readers of current Anthropology will be familiar with a recent article claiming S.F. is very with it anthropologically.

In the book trade any book with 'Polynesian' in the title and a dustjacket complete with blue lagoon, palm trees and dusky maidens is reckoned to be worth several reprintings, irrespective of the contents. There is no truth in the rumour that such a cover has been printed for back issues of the Newsletter with the title 'Confessions of Polynesian Archaeologists'. Avoid disappointment, order some before they all go.

Many NZAA members spent a weekend as guests on Tutereinga Marae at Te Puna, near Tauranga in September. It was part of a continuing programme to exchange views and information with Maori communities. The Association is fortunate in having many members who can give a good account of themselves in Maori on a Marae. Roger Green and Dave Simmons did much to ensure the success of the weekend, as did the hospitality of the Ngaterangi and Ngaiteranginui people.

A recently founded Society has suggested some of our members may be interested in joining. It is the New Zealand Demographic Society. Its aims are:

- promoting the study of human populations;
- providing a forum for the discussion, and promotion of understanding of demographic matters;
- encouraging the dissemination of information on population research and policy;
- maintaining liaison with kindred organisations and making appropriate recommendations on population matters.

In order to carry out these aims the Society will be publishing a regular Newsletter. The Society's address is P.O. Box 225, Wellington.

Denis Byrne (ex-Auckland), who was a site-recording officer in the State Government's Archaeological and Aboriginal Relics Office, has left to take up an appointment as Senior Tutor in the Anthropology Department, University of Western Australia, in Perth.

The Archaeological Society of Victoria is currently up-grading its Newsletter, The Artefact, into a professional journal specializing in Pacific area archaeology (prehistory, ethno-archaeology, and historical archaeology) and ethno-history. Volume 1 in the new series will appear in 1976, and will feature (amongst other contributions) some of the papers from the November Conference on "Recent Developments in Victorian Prehistory". Each Volume of The Artefact (n.s.) will contain two numbers, and the annual subscription for overseas subscribers is \$7.00, forwarded in Australian currency. Any enquiries or offers of manuscripts should be directed to Wayne Orchiston, at the History Department, University of Melbourne, Parkville, Victoria 3052, Australia.