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Dear Sir:

We believe that you will be interested to know that we have just published *AFRICAN HOMICIDE AND SUICIDE*, an unusual work in the neglected field of comparative criminology, edited by Paul Bohannan. Dr. Bohannan, presently Associate Professor of Anthropology, Northwestern University, is a former Rhodes Scholar who has carried out extensive field research in British Africa.

For this pioneering study, the contributors (all of whom have lived in one or more of the seven tribes examined) have studied the official local records for each unnatural death. After presenting the pertinent facts, they relate these acts of violence to the tribal customs and beliefs. Illustrative cases are given in detail, demonstrating the importance of the relationship between killer and victim, the role situation of the suicide and how the strains in relationships in marital, family, and community structures can lead to friction and end in death.

With the data for the entire sample presented at the end of the book, these materials provide a rich documentation for the examination of strains in social relationships in different societies.

While making use of psychological, demographic, and legal approaches to the study of homicide and suicide, Dr. Bohannan points out their theoretical inadequacies. He tests this new empirical data against Durkheim's theoretical analysis of suicide and shows why the anthropologist cannot use it as a working tool in comparative criminology. He also provides a brief review of the theoretical points made in the literature on homicide and suicide and, in the concluding chapter, analyzes the changes in these points made necessary by this new African material.

In addition to the introduction, report on two of the tribes, and concluding summary presented by Dr. Bohannan, contributions on separate tribes are made by L. A. Fallers and M. C. Fallers, Jean La Fontaine, F. H. M. Beattie, G. M. Wilson, and A. W. Southall.

The cost of *AFRICAN HOMICIDE AND SUICIDE* is \$6.00. If you would like a copy, please fill in and return the enclosed reply-paid card. We will be glad to send your book immediately.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert S. Bailey Jr.

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Paris, le 10 juillet 1962

Nous avons le plaisir de vous annoncer la parution d'un ouvrage qui vous intéressera particulièrement : L'Anthologie de la Poésie hongroise, établie sous la direction de Ladislas Gara.

Une édition de luxe sur velin beige, reliée pleine soie a été tirée à 200 exemplaires. Elle constitue l'édition originale et est mise en vente au prix de 50 NF.

Nous vous invitons à adresser votre commande aujourd'hui même à notre correspondant.

L'anthologie de la poésie hongroise est le cadeau de grande classe qui vous permettra d'offrir ce que vous aimez à ceux que vous aimez.

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Dear Reader:

All who are concerned with primitive or evolving cultures will find books of outstanding values described in the enclosed folder.

Peoples portrayed range from the Modoc Indians of California and the Papagos of Arizona to the Eskimo villagers of Point Hope, Alaska. Subjects include the blending of mixed races in the Caribbean, evolving patterns in Malaya, ancient temple rites in Bali, and the until-now changeless culture of Tibet.

Social considerations are uppermost:

A Guatemalan highlands village holding fast to its own ways for 400 years after the traumatic impact of the Spanish conquest.

Family and community relationships among the Nunivak Islanders in the Bering Straits.

Self help in a Peruvian village.

A comparison of social structures in nine American Indian tribes depicted through the words each uses to describe its own society.

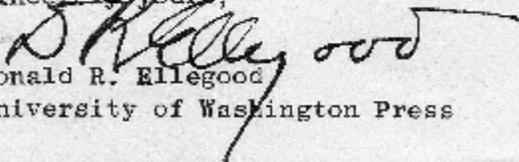
Ancient cultures of North and South America are shown rapidly disappearing with the westernization of indigenous peoples. Some accounts are based on interviews with the last survivors of the old days. In other cases the accent is upon newly emerging societies as smaller groups coalesce--as in the West Indies and Asian countries.

The oldest anthropological organization in existence and one of the oldest scientific societies in any field, the American Ethnological Society was founded in 1842 by the noted anthropologist Albert Gallatin, who was also Secretary of the Treasury of the United States. The Articles of Incorporation provide that the Society shall be devoted to "the study of man in all his varieties and under all his aspects and relations." Today this is expressed as furthering the understanding of the cultures of the world.

American Ethnological Society authors include both distinguished anthropologists who have helped to define and set patterns for the study of this new social science, and talented younger men and women in the field.

The University of Washington Press has been publisher for the Society since 1956. We commend these books to your attention.

Sincerely yours,


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