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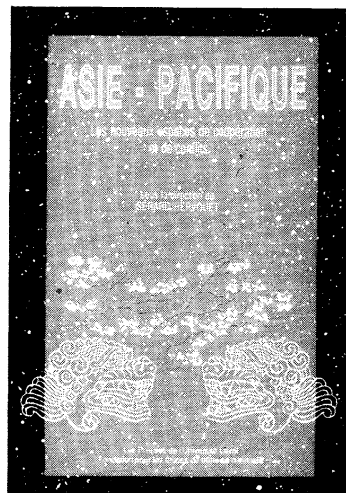
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The collapse of the Soviet empire and the emergence of the «new world order» are presenting many challenges to the practitioners of international relations. This volume presents what the editor describes as a modest effort to measure some of the effects of these changes on the Asian-Pacific region.

The introduction by Hervouet echoing Goh Chok Tong (Singapore's prime minister) challenges the idea of the Asia-Pacific economic importance at a global level and its political readiness for moves to closer unity. It is followed by series of chapters each written by international collaborators who attempt to grapple with regional and national dimensions of the changing world system.

Dobell *et al.* trace the efforts to build regional institutions in the Pacific region which while still incipient are beginning to make progress with such institutions as the APEC (Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation) and many others. This comprehensive essay is followed by essays dealing with the emergence of sub-regional blocs such as ASEAN and a number of essays on individual countries and their Pacific relations including the USA, the Soviet Union (not the Union of Independent States), Japan, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, the Pacific islands, Australia, New Zealand and Canada.

Surprising omissions from this list are China, Taiwan and the Republic of South Korea, which certainly limits the scope of the book, although some of the dimensions of these countries are dealt with in the more general essays. Somewhat peculiarly placed in the centre of the book is an excellent essay on ocean conflicts and possibilities for cooperation which is very challenging.

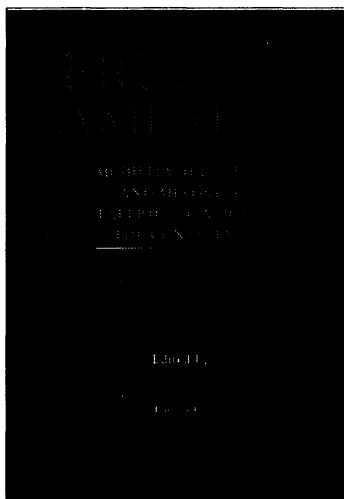
Obviously in such diverse collection it is difficult to focus on any general themes, but I would have liked more discussion of the integrative forces in the Pacific region, tourism, immigration, transport and communications and interregional trade. Underlying many of these essays is the assumption that it is necessary to form closer political unity and the «new world order» will permit this

to occur. In my view the economic forces will continue a process of greater integration and the need to facilitate greater political unity will be a rather vague secondary goal. Of course, the forces of protectionism may win out and the world will be broken into a number of warring trade blocs. If this should happen Canada, USA and perhaps Mexico would be well advised to be wary of the trading might of Asia countries of the Pacific rim. Hervouet's essay on Canada's relationship to the Pacific region perhaps realistically does not speculate too much on these possibilities, but perhaps these speculations may be the basis of another book.

This is a useful collection which adds continuing depth to the proliferating studies of the Asia Pacific region.

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LOUDER, Dean R. et WADDELL, Eric, eds (1993) *French America. Mobility, Identity, and Minority Experience Across the Continent*. Baton Rouge et Londres, Louisiana State University Press, 371 p. [ISBN 0-8071-1669-6 et 0-8071-1776-5 (pbk)]



Publier une traduction anglaise d'un ouvrage conçu et rédigé en français est chose rare en géographie. Le faire aux États-Unis est nettement exceptionnel. Lorsque cet ouvrage traite par surcroît de l'Amérique française, il s'agit d'un véritable exploit, que les *Cahiers* se doivent de souligner: 10 ans après la publication *Du continent perdu à l'archipel retrouvé. Le Québec et l'Amérique française* par les Presses de l'Université Laval (1983), la collection de textes réunis en 1978¹ par Dean Louder et Eric Waddell vient d'être publiée par la Louisiana State University Press, qui a pignon sur rue à Baton Rouge et à Londres.

Le livre contient les quelque 16 contributions de l'ouvrage original. Franklin Philip en a assumé la traduction. Si quelques constats sur le passé récent des communautés francophones de Terre-Neuve et de la Louisiane ont été ajoutés, les textes publiés ici sont pour la plupart identiques à ceux parus en 1978 et en 1983. Il