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Dover Publications has issued a paperback reprint of A.L. Kroeber's 1925 classic *Handbook of the Indians of California* (\$10.00). The type is slightly smaller than that of the original and all large fold-out maps have been reduced in size and placed on single pages or on two-page spreads. The illustrations are slightly better than those of the two California Book Company's reprints of recent years. This book is certainly a bargain as it is, but the paperback format on such a large work will surely call for rebinding before too many months of hard usage.

The *Journal of New World Archaeology* from the Institute of Archaeology, UCLA, though not expressly devoted to California studies, has some papers which should be of interest to our readers. In Vol. 1, No. 2 (1975), are the following titles: "Typology, Trade, and Trace Analysis: A Test of Local Manufacture of Sacramento Valley Obsidian Tools," by T.J. Jackson and P.D. Schulz; "Baked Clay Figurines of Marin County," by E.B. Goerke and F.A. Davidson; and "The Unusual Burial of a Bear and Child from the Sacramento Delta," by R.A. Cowan et al. Vol. 1, No. 4 (1976) contains "Villa Pacifica (CA-LAN-271)—Theory and Method Applied to the Salvage Excavation of a Site in Long Beach, California," by E.G. Stickel (In "The Archaeological Potential of SYMAP," by P. Langford and E.G. Stickel). Finally, Vol. 1, No. 7 (1976), contains "Two Views of the Manix Lake Lithic Industry," by W.S. Glennan and R.D. Simp-

son; and "The Vandenberg Air Force Base Project," by P. Martz.

J.C. and Sherilee von Werlhof have submitted (1976) "Archaeological Examination of the Sundesert Nuclear Plant Site," a publication (limited in print run) from the Imperial Valley College Museum, El Centro. The area surveyed, near Blythe, California, produced a variety of lithic artifacts from San Dieguito ("early man") through Late Yuman.

While going to press, I learned that Hansjakob Seiler's long-awaited *Cahuilla Grammar*, a product of twenty years research, has just been published by Malki Museum Press. A scientific grammar, primarily of interest to the linguist, the work is paperbound, selling for \$12.00.

Finally, Malki Museum Press has again reprinted David Prescott Barrows' *Ethnobotany of the Coahuilla Indians of Southern California* (\$5.95). This classic (originally published in 1900) should be in the library of all serious California anthropologists.

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Holocene Environmental Change in the Great Basin. Robert Elston, ed. Reno: Nevada Archeological Survey *Research Paper* No. 6. 1976.

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This collection of papers is largely derived from a symposium held at the 1973 meeting of