

CHARLES DUNFORD ROWLEY
1906–1985

As this volume went to press we learned with deep regret of the death in Canberra on 18 September 1985 of C.D. Rowley, a member of the Editorial Board 1977-81. Among his many achievements was a virtual transformation of Australian historical writing about Aborigines following publication in 1970-71 of his *The destruction of Aboriginal society*, *Outcasts in white Australia*, and *The remote Aborigines*. In his books, and scores of journal articles, letters to newspapers, reports to government and public lectures, C.D. Rowley demolished prejudice and suggested practical ways to improve the political and economic opportunities of Aborigines. What he fought for was summed up in the title of his 1978 book: *A matter of justice*. In his last weeks he was able to correct the proofs of his final book: *De-colonising Australia: the politics of Aboriginal recovery*. In Papua-New Guinea and in Australia Charles Rowley fought injustice with honest anger and gentle humour for over forty years. He will be remembered.

A fuller appreciation of his contribution to Aboriginal studies will be presented in a later issue.