oblique slip. A more theoretical paper by Rodgers shows how double pull-apart basin systems develop where offstepping strike-slip faults overlap by more than the width of offstep. Howell et al. usefully summarize the sedimentological effects of the California transition from a subduction to a strike-slip regime during the late Tertiary.

The volume does not provide, as its title implies it will, a thorough view of sedimentation in oblique-slip zones. Of 13 papers only four address themselves specifically to clear examples of obliqueslip-related basins, and there is a preponderance of papers on compressional regimes in New Zealand, although the latter are geometrically related to the Alpine Fault System. Nevertheless, for those, like the reviewer, who are interested in regional tectonics, this is a most important reference volume.

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Waste Disposal

Ocean Dumping of Industrial Wastes. Papers from a symposium, West Greenwich, R.I., Oct. 1978. BOSTWICK H. KETCHUM, DANA R. KESTER, and P. KILHO PARK, Eds. Plenum, 1981. x, 526 pp., illus. \$59.50. Marine Science, vol. 12.

The Report on Ocean Dumping issued in 1970 by the U.S. Council on Environmental Quality concluded that there was a need for a national policy regarding ocean dumping. The conclusion was based on ocean dumping activity in the United States, which had increased rapidly since the end of World War II. Since 1970 a series of laws passed by the U.S. Congress has reversed that trend. At the same time, it has become apparent that there are many real, or perceived, problems with waste disposal on land. During the past three years, several marine scientists have argued that the oceans can be used in some cases for disposal of waste with few ill effects on other desired uses of the oceans. At the very least, they argue, we should reexamine the scientific basis for a ban on ocean dumping within the context of all wastedisposal options: land, sea, air, and recycling. The present situation has been summarized and a series of recommendations set forth in a Special Report to the President of the United States and the Congress ("The Role of the Ocean in a Waste Management Strategy," January 1981) by the National Advisory Committee on Oceans and Atmosphere (NA-COA).

Thus Ocean Dumping of Industrial Wastes has been published at a propitious time. Even though the content mainly reflects the state of research and policy as of 1978, the volume provides a good reference for much of the background of present approaches to ocean dumping of wastes. The focus of the discussion and the source of most of the examples are experience in the United States, with some comments pertaining to the United Kingdom and international policy. Prospective readers should realize that the volume was not intended as, nor is it, a comprehensive review of the subject.

The book has five main sections. The introductory section, which contains four papers, begins with a concise, wellwritten account by P. K. Park and T. P. O'Connor of historical and international developments as they relate to the perspective of the United States. The essence of the main issues is presented in an 18-line introductory poem by Momiji.

The second section, Physical Aspects of Ocean Dumping, contains four very good papers describing applications of physical oceanography to ocean dumping of barged wastes and two papers about remote sensing. I found this section to have the best balance between theory and practice.

The third section, Chemical Aspects of Ocean Dumping, contains a mixture of good papers, for instance one on transition and heavy metals associated with acid-iron waste disposal by D. R. Kester et al., and a few cursory papers containing data with little interpretation. A paper by K. S. Kamlet on disposal of organochlorine wastes by incineration at sea is an interesting, lucid description of its topic from a legal and policy viewpoint but does not contain any chemistry as such.

The fourth section, Biological Aspects of Ocean Dumping, is a conglomerate, with papers about aspects of microbiology, phytoplankton, zooplankton, fish, and histology and physiology. It would have been helpful to have an overview that related these studies and placed them in the broader context of response of marine organisms, populations, communities, and ecosystems to stress.

The final section, Future Prospects of Ocean Dumping, consists of a paper by Kester, Ketchum, and Park that relates the physical, chemical, and biological aspects dealt with in the preceding sections and provides an assessment of

present knowledge and future needs. The authors anticipate the issues set forth in the NACOA report.

I recommend selective reading of appropriate sections of this useful volume for all those enmeshed in the how, where, and for-how-long hassles of waste disposal-whether their current interest is land, sea, or air.

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