

## Preface to the First Edition

This report results from fieldwork conducted between September 1966 and May 1968. It focuses on the development of the fishing industry in Estancia, Iloilo, and represents the "first fruits" of a broad research effort aimed at delineating the processes and problems of social and economic changes in the rural lowland Philippines. It has already been complemented with a more detailed analysis of entrepreneurship in that community, written as a doctoral dissertation in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago. Additional papers on other aspects of this question are currently in preparation.

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