



Fig. 32. Map of the area investigated during the eighth and ninth cruises of the Deep Sea Drilling Project, in the eastern Pacific. The small numbers give the thicknesses of sediments, in hundreds of meters, outlined by the enclosing isopach lines. Note that the buildup of these (carbonate) sediments is thickest near to the equator, where floating, sediment-producing organisms grow the most rapidly. J. D. Hays, et al., Initial Reports of the Deep Sea Drilling Project, v. 9, 1972, p. 210.