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FROM THE EDITOR

Our mailing list continues to expand rapidly, thanks largely to the efforts of our readers to pass the *Communique* to interested parties and to send me the names of those who should receive it. As is obvious from this issue, the amount of material we are receiving that merits inclusion in the *Communique* is growing also. In the near future, we may be faced with having to investigate other forms of presentation. Already what began as a few pages is defying our attempts to enclose it in an envelope.

I am in need of reviewers for the *Communique Reviews* section. In particular, I would welcome invitations to review new books and articles from those who command Turkish, Chinese, and Russian, in addition to modern European languages.

We have begun to search for an institution to provide space for a permanent archive of materials dealing with Middle Asia. I hope to be able to report more about this in the next issue.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to include in this issue information about the Chinese Society for Central Asian Studies. Those seeking more information about this group should write directly to them or to me.

NEW RESEARCH MATERIALS

- *Tian Shan* (天山)
Six issues of this journal are currently available. Published in Uighur and Chinese, the journal is available from Yaqub Yolbars, Publisher, 31, Lane 52, Szu Wei Road, Taipei, Taiwan, Republic of China.

- *Afghanistan Times*. Published by the Afghanistan Freedom Organization, this monthly newspaper is available for \$20 per annum from: *Afghanistan Times*, P.O. Box 1216, Pacific Palisades, California 90272 (U.S.A.)

- *Doğu Türkistan* (Eastern Turkestan). A monthly magazine devoted to the history and current events of Eastern Turkestan (Sinjiang). Each issue contains articles in Turkish, Uighur, and English. The magazine is available from Ismail Cengiz, Editor, P.O. Box 46, Beyazit-Istanbul, Turkey.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Soviet Scientific Conference on "The Actual Problems of Soviet Uighur Studies." This conference, which is reported on in *Sovetskaia Etnografiia*, No. 6, 1980, pp. 143-147, was held on 29-31 May 1979. The conferees dealt primarily with the language, literature, and history of the Uighurs. The Vice President of the Kazakhstan Academy of Science, N. A. Baskakov, set forth the following objectives for future Soviet Uighur studies: publishing a scientific normative grammar of the contemporary Uighur language; compiling a dialectological atlas and a defining dictionary; creation of a general work on the history of Uighur literature, publication of the classics of Uighur literature; collection, publication, and analysis of all genres of Uighur folklore; creation of a general, fundamental history of the Uighur people, studying the problem of the national liberation movement in Eastern Turkestan.

- The Russian and East European Research Center at Tel-Aviv University held a symposium entitled "The Soviet Union and the

Muslim World," held on 28-30 December, 1980. The following lectures were delivered. (For further information, contact Dr. Yaacov Ro'i, Russian and East European Research Center, Tel-Aviv University, Ramat-Aviv, Tel-Aviv, Israel.)

- . "The Collective Identity of Soviet Central Asians: Patterns, Potentialities and Limits," Prof. Gregory Massell, Hunter College, City University of New York
- . "The Nationalist Symbiosis: Vitality, Religion, Allegiances," Prof. Michael Rywkin, City College, City University of New York
- . "The Modern Uzbek Intelligentsia," Mr. Gideon Braude, The University of Chicago
- . "The USSR and the Muslim World Outside--Historical Perspective and Future Prospects," Prof. Hélène Carrère d'Encausse, Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris
- . "First Steps in Soviet Diplomacy Toward Afghanistan, 1917-1921," Dr. Michael Volodarsky, Tel-Aviv University
- . "Soviet Policy and Domestic Political Constraints in Iran, Afghanistan, and Pakistan," Prof. Marvin Weinbaum, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- . "Saudi Arabia's Attitude Toward the USSR--Between Saudi Pragmatism and Islamic Conservatism," Dr. Jacob Goldberg, Tel-Aviv University
- . "Dilemmas of Arab Communism: The Syrian Communist Party Between Arab Nationalism and the USSR," Ms. Dina Kehat, Tel-Aviv University
- . "Islamic Disobedience in Khiva, 1911-1919," Dr. Dov B. Yaroshevski, Tel-Aviv University
- . "Soviet-Afghan Inter-Party Relations on the Eve of the Soviet Invasion of Afghanistan," Dr. Wolfgang Berner, Bundesinstitut für Ostwissenschaftliche und Internationale Studien, Köln
- . "Soviet Central Asia: A Model of Scientific Socialism," Prof. Teresa Rakowska Harmstone, Carleton University, Ottawa
- . "The Cultural Impact of the Encounter Between the Soviet Union and Islam," Prof. Alastair McAuley, University of Essex
- . "The CPSU's Language Policy and the National Idioms of the Muslim Population of the Central Asian Soviet Republics," Dr. Michael Bruchis, Tel-Aviv University
- . "A Muslim Literature Sovietized: Tadzhik Literature During the First Three Decades of Soviet Rule," Prof. Michael Zand, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- . "Soviet Experience of Muslim Guerrilla Warfare and the War in Afghanistan," Dr. Chantal Lemercier-Quellejey, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
- . "The Central Asian Military Districts in Soviet Strategy," Dr. Amnon Sella, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- . "Changes in the Soviet View of Islam in the Wake of the Islamic Fundamentalist Revival of the Late 1970s," Dr. Yaacov Ro'i, Tel-Aviv University
- . "Trends in the Soviet Muslim Population Political Aspects," Prof. Jeremy Azrael, U.S. Central Intelligence Agency
- . "Trends in the Soviet Muslim Population Demographic Aspects," Dr. Murray Feshbach, Foreign Demography Analysis Div., Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C.

"The Significance of Bilingualism Among Muslims in the Soviet Union," Dr. Paul Henze, National Security Council, Washington, D.C.

"Russian and Soviet Military Experiences in Muslim Territories," Prof. Alexandre Bennigsen, The University of Chicago and Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

"National Attitudes in the Armed Forces," Prof. Teresa Rakowska-Harmstone, Carleton University, Ottawa

The First International Exhibition of Books Islam and the Muslim World was held 23-25 September 1980 at the School for Oriental and African Studies, University of London. The exhibition included 2,000 current titles on the subject, in English, from more than 200 Eastern and Western publishers. Programs may still be available from Islamic Council of Europe, Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1, England.

The Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Middle East Studies Association will be held in Seattle, Washington, at the Park Hilton Hotel, November 7, 1981. Abstracts of papers should be sent to Prof. William Cleveland, Dept. of History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC, V5A 1S6, Canada. Inquiries about local arrangements and the book display should be addressed to Prof. Jere Bacharach, Dept. of History, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Registration forms can be obtained from the Secretariat. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MESA'S ADDRESS IS CHANGING ON JUNE 1, 1981, to:

Middle East Studies Association
Department of Oriental Studies
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721
U.S.A.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Theodore Shabad, "Ethnic Results of the 1979 Soviet Census," *Soviet Geography* (September 1980).

S. Kes', "The Present Stage in the Evolution of the Sarykamysch Depression," *Geomorfologiya*, 1979, No. 1, translated in *Soviet Geography* (October 1980).

V. A. Skornayakov and I. Ye. Timashev, "The Possible Environmental Impact of the Anti-Irtysh and Problems of Rational Nature Management," *Vestnik Moskovskogo Universiteta, geografiya*, 1979, No. 3, translated in *Soviet Geography* (December 1980).

Zhou Enlai, "Some Questions on Policy Towards Nationalities," *Beijing Review*, No. 9 (March 3, 1980).

Francis Fukuyama, *The Future of the Soviet Role in Afghanistan: A Trip Report* (Santa Monica, California: The Rand Corporation, N-1579-RC, September 1980).

Francis Fukuyama, *The Security of Pakistan: A Trip Report* (Santa Monica, California: The Rand Corporation, N-1584-RC, September 1980).

Ram Rahul, "Struggle for Central Asia," *International Studies*, Vol. 18, No. 1 (Jan.-Mar. 1979).

Ann Sheehy, "Demographic Trends Moving in Uzbeks' Favor," *Radio Liberty Research*, RL 442/80 (November 20, 1980).

"The 'Problem' of Islamic Survival," *Impact International*, Vol. II, No. 1 (January 9-22, 1981).

Mazhar Ali Khan Malik, "The Conflict in Afghanistan: Delhi Forecasting and Pakistan's Options," *Strategic Studies*, Vol. III, No. 4 (Summer 1980).

Tahir Amin, *The Tashkent Declaration: Third Party's Role in Resolution of the Conflict* (Islamabad: Islamabad Papers No. 8, Institute of Strategic Studies, March 1980).

I. A. Ozdoev, *Russko-Ingushskii Slovar'*, Moscow, "Russkii Iazyk" (1980).

Hsiao-tung Fei, "Ethnic Identification in China," *Social Sciences in China*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (1980).

John Erickson, "The Soviet Strategic Emplacement in Asia," *Asian Affairs*, Vol. XII, Part I (February 1981).

Violet Conolly, "The Soviet Far East and Eastern Siberia: Impressions from a Recent Visit," *Asian Affairs*, Vol. XII, Part I (February 1981).

"Statement of Ayshe Seytmuratova," Hearings before the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe, *Soviet Treatment of Ethnic Groups*, U.S. Government Printing Office (April 29, 1980).

THE CHINESE SOCIETY FOR CENTRAL ASIAN STUDIES

This Society, which the Editor visited in 1980, promises to be an important participant in Middle Asian studies for the foreseeable future. Professor Chen Han-seng, Chairman of the Society, kindly provides the following information:

This Society is a national organization of learning. It was organized at a conference which took place in Tianjin in October 1979, attended by more than 70 people. Burhan Shahidi was elected as the honorary Chairman; Chen Han-seng as the Chairman of its executive committee; and Sun Yutang, Zhu Jieqin, and Ma Yong as deputies. Ma Yong is concurrently secretary-general of this committee. Well-known scholars, including Professors Xia Nai, Ji Xianlin, Weng Dujian, Han Rulin and Chang Shuhong were chosen as members of the honorary committee.

The aim of this Society is to promote the studies of history, archaeology, nationalities, literature, religion, and art of Central Asia. At present, it has more than 100 members. Some members of this Society are compiling a general history of Central Asia, with Prof. Han Rulin as its chief editor. A series of publications as well as a journal dealing with the studies of Central Asia are under preparation.

One of our scholars, Weng Dujian, in November 1979, participated in a special conference held in Paris organized by the UNESCO-supported International Association for the Study of the Cultures of Central Asia. He was elected as one of the deputy Chairmen of that international association.

Three important publications projects have been initiated:

The first item is the *Brief History of Xinjiang* in 4 volumes; the first two volumes have already been published. The first volume was edited by Prof. Chen Hua, with chapters by Guo Pingliang and Wang Zhilai of the Xinjiang Academy of Social Sciences, Nationalities Research Institute; it was published by Xinjiang People's Publishers, Urumqi, 1980, and contains 354 pp. Volume I contains 10 chapters, dealing with the transition from the Stone Age to a class society, unified slave society, transition to feudalism, development of feudal civilization, the Uighur nationality, further development of civilization, the Mongol conquest, rule by the descendants of Chaghatai, the rise and fall of Oirates and Xinjiang's unification by the Manchu rulers, political and economic development under the Manchu rulers, and decline and disunity. This volume also contains a chronological table.

The second volume, now printed, was also edited by Chen Hua, and has contributions by Ji Dacun, Cai Jingsong, Cheng Huisheng, He Ma, and Liang Keming. It has 407 pp. and a table of contents containing 10 chapters, dealing with Russian aggression after the Opium War, rebellion led by Khojom and supported by Kokhand, Sino-Russian diplomatic relations in 1860 and 1864, peasant uprisings during the 19th century, the Yakub Beg and Russian invasions and Uighur resistance, reconquest by the Manchu Dynasty, administration under the Manchu rule, the Anglo-Russian struggle over the Pamir region, an attempted revolution, the reactionary rule of Yang Zhenxin, and a chronological table. Volumes III and IV are to be published in the near future.

A second publication is entitled *A History of Central Asia*, in 3 volumes. The first volume, written by Wang Zhilai, was published in 1980 by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences Publishing House, Beijing, and includes 278 pp.

Volume I geographically covers Central Asia; that is, such areas as the Soviet Republics of Central Asia, the northern part of Afghanistan, the northeastern part of Iran, etc. Ten chapters cover the following topics: primitive civilization of Central Asia, Scythians tribes and the Persian invasion, the Alexandrian invasion and Persian rule, the rise of the Mongols and contacts with the Chinese, the Mongolians and Da Yur Chi, the decline of Da Yur Chi and the rise of Hephtalites, the rule of the Turks, the period under the Chinese Tang Dynasty, the invasion by the Arabs and the spread of Islam, the end of Arab rule and the rise of local kingdoms. Volumes II and III are to be published soon.

A third publication has been planned under the title of *General History of Central Asia*, in 12 parts, to be bound in 6 volumes. It is expected to be published in full by 1987. Professor Han Rulin of Nanking University, an expert in the history of the Mongols, is the general editor. This work will cover Chinese Turkestan (Xinjiang), the Central Asian Republics of the Soviet Union, the southern part of Kazakstan and Afghanistan, the eastern part of Iran, the northern part of Pakistan, and the northwestern part of India. These 6 volumes will cover the history from the Old Stone Age up to the beginning of the present century, and will contain approximately 2,400,000 words.

The following are the contents planned for this series:

- I. Introduction and Overview of Central Asian History, including geographical background
- II. Prehistoric Civilization
- III. The Achaemenids Dynasty to the Height of Kushan Rule (around 500 B.C. to 170 A.D.)
- IV. The Decline of the Kushan Dynasty to the Rule of the Turks and Khanate (170 to about 620)

- V. Successive Supremacy of Tang, Arabian Caliphate, and Tibetians (620-840)
- VI. The Westward Movement of the Uighurs to the Khara-Khitans Period (840-1206)
- VII. The Mongol Period (1206-1370)
- VIII. The Period from the Timur Conquest to the Formation of Central Asian Kingdoms (1370-1600)
- IX. The Period Before the Invasion of the British and Russians (1600-1800)
- X. The Invasion by the Russians and British; and the Resistance by the Central Asian Nationalities (1800-1900)
- XI. Historical Maps and a Table of Geographical Names in several languages
- XII. Chronological Tables, References, and Bibliography

The Society's address is:

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Beijing, Peoples' Republic
of China

THE STUDY OF SOVIET NATIONALITIES IN INDIA

Professor Shams Ud Din of the Centre for Soviet and East European Studies, School for International Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, kindly provides the following information:

Study of non-Russian nationalities of the USSR in India has started only recently. There are two universities which have facilities for teaching and advanced research on Soviet affairs. These are Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and the University of Bombay, Bombay, Maharashtra. While the Centre for Soviet and East European Studies, School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University is well equipped, with a strength of eight faculty members, the Centre for Soviet Studies at Bombay University is in the

initial stages of expansion and development. At present, it constitutes a division of the Department of Civics and Politics and has two faculty members on its staff. However, it is planning to recruit five more faculty members during the current academic year.

Three of the eight faculty members of the Centre for Soviet and East European Studies wrote their doctoral theses, published books and research articles on Soviet Central Asian history, society and political culture. A number of research scholars in the Centre are also doing research on non-Russian nationalities, mostly on the Central Asian peoples.

The Centre offers a course on Government and Politics in Soviet Central Asia for graduate students working for their Master's degree. In July 1980 a new course on Nationalities in the USSR was introduced for pre-Ph.D. students. The course is designed to acquaint the students of broad areas and themes of research on socio-cultural and political aspects of Central Asian, Ukrainian, Caucasian, and Baltic peoples. School of Languages of the Jawaharlal Nehru University also offers a course in Uzbek language.

Besides the above, there are a number of other institutions both academic and non-academic, including journalists and private citizens, who exhibit keen interest in the study of Central Asian peoples. Every year a number of booklets, monographs, and articles are published by them, as well.

SOVIET GEOGRAPHY

Through an oversight, the Editor neglected to mention in the last issue the exceptional reports on the 1979 Soviet census in the September and October 1979 and September 1980 issues of *Soviet Geography*. The latter number, in particular, presents ethnic results in considerable detail with corresponding 1959 and 1970 figures. To make proper amends to Theodore Shabad, Editor of *Soviet Geography*, and his staff, the Editor of

the *Communique* would like to take this opportunity to remind readers of the regular and excellent coverage of Soviet Central Asian issues in *Soviet Geography*, especially the proposed diversion of Siberian water and the drying up of the Aral Sea, developments in irrigation, industry, population, urbanization, and so forth. For more information about *Soviet Geography*, contact Mr. Shabad, 145 East 84th Street, New York, NY 10028.

RFE/RL FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

The Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty Fund, Inc. has announced the completion of its 1981 Central Asian Fellowship competition. Eleven scholars, six women and five men, received awards averaging \$3,600 following a selection panel meeting April 23, 1981. The panel considered 34 study proposals.

All but one of the eleven winners sought financial support for language training, which most coupled with either Islamic or Russian/Soviet studies. The languages to be studied by the successful fellows are Russian, Uzbek, Turkmen, Persian, and Tadzhik.

The Fund raises private money in support of the work of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. In inaugurating the Fellowship program in February, the Fund described its purpose as "helping to create scholars competent to deal with the Central Asian area in the contemporary context."

LANGUAGE TRAINING

- A Course in Spoken and Written Uzbek. Soon to be available from the Central Asian Research Centre, 8 Wakley Street, London EC1, England, this course will include seven microfiches, each with an accompanying cassette recording of spoken sentences. Details of availability and price are available from Mr. David Morison, Director.
- Turkmen Manual, by Oskar Hauser (Vienna, 1977). Published by Beihefte zur Wiener Zietschrift fur Died Kunde des Morgenlandes, this volume is available from PBV GmbH, Postfach 45 09 27, Eupener Strasse 92, 5000 Koln 41, West Germany.

ROYAL SOCIETY FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS

Miss Marinel FitzSimons, Secretary of the Society, wishes to advise members of a forthcoming trip to Pakistan.

"Plans are in preparation for a tour of the North West Frontier Province and Northern Territories of Pakistan from Friday, 11th September to Sunday, 4th October. The group will leave London by Pakistan Airways in the evening of 11th September and the tour has been arranged to include three weekends so that only 15 working days are involved.

The total cost is £983.00. Single room accommodation will be available in Rawalpindi and Peshawar, but cannot be guaranteed elsewhere, and anyone joining the tour must be prepared to share if necessary. The night at Hunza on 18th September will be spent in tents.

This tour will be strenuous and only those physically fit and willing to accept simple living conditions where required, should apply. The highest altitude reached will be roughly 4,500 ft. with the exception of Hunza, 8,000 ft. and Naltar 10,000 ft.

The tour is limited to 30 people. Members wishing to join are asked to send in their names here as soon as possible. If the tour is oversubscribed, a ballot will be held."

For information, contact Miss FitzSimons at the Society, 42 Devonshire Street, London W1, England.

CORRECTION

The correct address of the American Tatar Association, Inc. is 20-09 College Point Boulevard, College Point, NY 11356. An incorrect address for this association was published in Vol. 1, No. 1. The Editor regrets the error.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

The Editor is seeking copies of all papers dealing with Middle Asia delivered at the recent Second World Congress for Soviet and

East European Studies, Garmisch, West Germany. Anyone having access to any of these papers is requested to send information to the Editor of the *Communique*.

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CENTRAL ASIAN ODYSSEY.

Ms. Nancy Lubin and Academic Travel Abroad, Inc. announce the formation of an exclusive trip to Soviet Central Asia:

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CENTRAL ASIAN ODYSSEY (continued)

The cost for 15 people traveling round-trip from New York City (via Helsinki on Finnair into the USSR) is \$1765 and for 10 people \$1800. These prices include: round-trip airfare NYC-USSR-NYC, accommodation in 1st Class Intourist hotels with 3 meals daily while in the USSR and breakfast and student hotels in Finland, all transfers, internal air transportation, portorage and 2 theater performances.

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We would appreciate being notified of your interest and or intention to participate in this program by July 15, 1981. The sooner the better!"

Intourist now informs us that the exact dates for the trip are August 18th through September 7th.