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FROM THE EDITOR

An unexpectedly large response to the *Communique* has rapidly depleted the stock of extra copies of Vol. 1, No. 1. Henceforth, only Xerox copies of this issue will be sent to requesters. In the future, we plan to increase the number printed to accommodate new demand.

Apologies are in order for the delay in producing and sending the current issue. Unfortunately, MASA's small initial grant from the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies expired, and no new sources of funding could be found immediately. AAASS graciously has agreed to carry us for a few more issues. In the meantime, other funding alternatives are being explored.

Judging from the variety of responses to *Communique* No. 2, it reached many individuals in parts of the world previously not on our mailing list. Apparently, the *Communique* is being passed from hand to hand, a practice we encourage. However, if you pass your copy to someone who has never seen it or would like to receive it, please forward his name and address (or ask him to do it) to the Editor.

We continue to seek new information about:

- o New books and articles (any language);
- o Conferences, workshops, gatherings;
- o Travel and research opportunities;
- o Descriptions of research under way or planned;
- o Language training opportunities;
- o National communities (location, names of leaders, publications, etc.).

NEW RESEARCH MATERIALS

• *Central Asia* [Journal of the Area Study Centre (Central Asia) of the University of Peshawar, Pakistan]. Five issues of this journal currently are available. *Central Asia* is edited by Dr. Mohammad Anwar Khan (Chief Editor) and members of the Faculty of the Centre. Tables of Contents follow:

Winter 1978:

Dr. Mrs. Saleem Khan, "The New Soviet Constitution of 1977"

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Mr. Khatir Ghaznavi, "Constitutional Development in China"

Mr. Imdad Hussain Chughtai, "'Al-Atqan' - an Uighur Commentary on Quran"

Spring 1979:

Dr. Mirza Hakim Khan and Mr. Shahid Farooq, "Vegetation of Central Asia"

Dr. Mohammad Anwar Khan, "The Second Constitution of Afghanistan (1931-1943), Part I"

Dr. Hussain Khan, "The Evolution of a Theory of Khalifa in Medieval Central Asia"

Dr. Abdur Rehman, "The Expansion of Arab Rule into Sistan and Kabul from A.D. 650 to 666"

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Mr. Abdul Ahad Bahar, "Jami--A Summary of His Philosophy"

*Mr. Imdad Hussain Chughtai, "Bridge of Friendship--I"

Mr. Wasil Noor, Mr. Iftikhar Hussain, "Afghanistan and Its Provinces--I"

Summer 1979:

Dr. Saeeful Hassan, "The System of Education in USSR"

Dr. Mohammad Anwar Khan, "The Second Constitution of Afghanistan, Part II (1943-1953)"

*Mr. Imdad Hussain Chughtai, "Bridge of Friendship II"

Mr. Wasil Noor, "Newspapers and Journals of Afghanistan--Bibliog."

S. Iftikhar Hussain, "A Bibliographical Survey of Pashto Literature of Afghanistan"

Winter 1979:

Dr. Mohammad Anwar Khan, "The Second Constitution of Afghanistan (1953-1963)"

Dr. Asrar Hussain, "The Sino-Soviet Confrontation: Its Ideological Perspective"

Prof. Israrud Din, "Chitral--A Historical Sketch"

Dr. Syed Mustafa, "The Cultural Heritage of Central Asia"

Prof. Ghufranullah, "Karl Marx's Growth Model--An Analysis"

Mr. Azmat Hayat Khan, "A Khokandi Family: In Peshawar"

Mr. Abdullah Jan Khalil, "Events: In Afghanistan"

Spring 1980:

Dr. M. Anwar Khan, "The Third Afghan Constitution Part-I (1964-65)"

Dr. Abdur Rehman, "Mirand or Mimand"

Ghufranullah, "The Impact of New Developments on Afghan Currency Transaction"

Sayedul Abrar, "Some Customs and Superstitions Among the Pathans"

Dr. Mirza Hakim Khah, "Kirghizia--A Glance at Its Features"

Wasil Noor, "Cronology of Dari Books published in Afghanistan"

Abdullah Jan Khalil, "Events in Afghanistan"

- *Journal of the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs.* Created at King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, this new journal "is a bi-annual publication devoted to an investigation of the Politics, Economics, Education, History, Literature and Sociology of Muslim Minorities around the World." (Vol.1, No. 1, Summer 1979). Requests for copies should be sent to the Managing Editor, *Journal*, Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs, King Abdulaziz University, Jeddah.

CURRENT INVENTORY

The inventory of Soviet specialists of Islam, begun in Vol. 1, No. 1, is based on a rare book entitled *Materialy nauchnoi konferentsii: Modernizatsiia Islama i aktual'nye voprosy teorii nauchnogo ateizma--dokladov.* The inventory concludes in this issue.

VII - Kazakh SSR

Shulembaev, Katurshat Shapagatovich, senior teacher, Chair of Philosophy, Kazakh Pedagogical Institute "Alay", Alma-Ata.

Paper: "Islamic Survivals in Kazakhstan and How to Overcome Them"

Author of, *Magi, Bogi i deistvitel'nost' - obshchee i osobennoe v religioznykh verovaniakh Kazakhov (Magicians, Gods and Reality - The General and the Specific in the Religious Beliefs of the Kazakhs)*, Alma-Ata, 1975.

VIII - Kirghiz SSR

Petrash, Iu.G, candidate of Philosophical Sciences, dotsent at the Pedagogical Institute of Osh.

VIII (cont'd)

Paper: "Islam and the Moral Progress"

Author of numerous books on the Sufism in Kirghizia: *Sviatye mesta obmana* (Holy Places of Fraud), Frunze, 1961. *O kharaktere sviazi Islama s doislamskimi kul'tami* (The Relationship Between Islam and the Pre-Islamic Cults), Osh, 1966.

IX - Stavropol Krai

Avksent'ev, A.V., candidate of the Philosophical Sciences, dotsent at the Stavropol Pedagogical Institute.

Paper: "The Muslim Survivals in North Caucasus"

One of the few specialists of Islam in northwestern Caucasus, author of: *Proizkhozhdenie i sushchnost' musul'manstva* (Origin and Essence of Islam), Cherkesk, 1960.

O preodolenii perezhitkov Islama (How to Overcome the Survivals of Islam), Moscow, 1967.

Islam na Severnom Kavkaze (Islam in North Caucasus), Stavropol, 1973.

X - Tadzhik SSR

Bazarov, A., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, dotsent, chairman of the chair of Scientific Atheism, at the State University of Tadzhikistan, Dushanbe.

Paper: "How to Overcome the Religious Beliefs Among the Rural Population of Tadzhikistan"

Author of: *Nekotorye osobennosti i puti formirovaniia ateisticheskogo mirovozreniia Tadzhikskogo dehkansva* (Some Peculiarities and the Ways to Create an Atheistic Outlook Among the Tadzhik Peasants), Dushanbe, 1971.

Dadabaeva, S.D., collaborator of the Department of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences, Tadzhik SSR, Dushanbe.

Paper: "The Position of Women in Islam"

Jabarova, M.K., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, senior teacher at the chair of Scientific Atheism of the State University of Tadzhikistan, Dushanbe.

Paper: "How to Overcome the Religious Survivals in Tadzhikistan"

Majifov, Rahim Majidovich, candidate of Philosophical Sciences, senior collaborator of the Section of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences, Tadzhik SSR.

Paper: "Some Aspects of the Struggle Against Religious Survivals in Contemporary Tadzhikistan"

Author of: *Preodolenie religioznosti v usloviakh perekhoda k sotsializmu minuia kapitalizm na materialakh Tadzhikistana* (How to Overcome the Religious Beliefs in the Conditions of the Socialism, Bypassing Capitalism, on the Materials of Tadzhikistan), Dushanbe, 1973.

Rakhimov, M.R., candidate of Historical Sciences, head of the Section of Scientific Atheism of the Department of Philosophy, Academy of Sciences, Tadzhik SSR.

Paper: "How to Use the Popular Traditions in the New Soviet Festivals and Rituals"

XI - Tatar ASSR

Baltanov, R.G. [a Russian], candidate of Philosophical Sciences, dotsent, Director of the Laboratory of Sociology of Kazan University.

Paper: "The Level of Religiosity of the Tatar Population of the City of Kazan"

Faseev, K.F. [a Russian], candidate of Philosophical Sciences, dotsent at the Kazan University.

Paper: "The National Relations and Islam"

Shaidullina, L.I. [a Tatar], candidate of Historical Sciences, senior teacher at the Chair of History of USSR, Kazan University.

Paper: "The Atheistic Work Among the Tatar Women"

XII - Turkmen SSR

Bairamsakhatov, N., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, First Deputy-Chairman of the *Znanie* Association of the Turkmen SSR.

XII (cont'd)

Paper: "How to Overcome Islamic Survivals Among the Rural Population of Turkmenistan"

Leading anti-religious specialist of the Turkmen SSR, author of:

Novyi byt vytesniaet religiiu (New Life Chases the Religion), Ashkabad, 1972.

Boiarov, T. [a Russian], collaborator of the Section of Practical Sociological Research at the Department of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Turkmen SSR.

Paper: "Some Results of Sociological Research Concerning Islam in Northern Turkmenistan"

Kuliev, Nedir, candidate of Philosophical Sciences, senior collaborator of the Department of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Turkmen SSR.

Paper: "The Reasons of the Vitality of Religious Survivals under Socialism"

Author of: *Antinauchnaia sushchnost' Islama i zadachi ateisticheskogo vospitaniia trudiashchikhsia v usloviakh Sovetskogo Turkmenistana (The Anti-Scientific Character of Islam and the Task of the Atheistic Education of the Toilers in the Conditions of Soviet Turkmenistan)*, Ashkabad, 1960.

Ovezov, K., candidate of Historical Sciences, collaborator of the Department of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Turkmen SSR.

Paper: "Sociological Research Concerning Religion in Turkmenistan"

Pal'vanova, B., member-correspondent of the Academy of Sciences of the Turkmen SSR, Doctor of Philosophy, professor, Minister of Education of the Turkmen SSR.

Paper: "The Atheistic Work Among Turkmen Women"

XIII - Uzbek SSR

Artykov, A., Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, chairman of the chair of Philosophy, Tashkent Polyclinical Institute.

Paper: "The Main Trends of the Modernization of Islam in USSR"

Jabbarov, Isa M., candidate of Historical Sciences, head of the group of lecturers of the C.C. of the C.P. of Uzbek SSR.

Paper: "Research Concerning the Survival of Islam in Uzbekistan"

Leading specialist of Islam in the Uzbek SSR, author of: *Obshchestvennyi progress, byt i religia (Social Progress, Customs and Religion)*, Tashkent, 1973.

STUDY AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

- Columbia University's Department of Middle East Languages and Cultures offers an unusually rich menu of degree and non-degree programs. Language courses include study in Akkadian, Arabic, Aramaic, Armenian, Avestan, Bengali, Chagatay, Hebrew, Hindi, Middle Iranian, Nepali, Ottoman, Pali, Persian, Sanskrit, Syriac, Tibetan, Turkish, Ugaritic, Urdu, Uzbek, and Western Armenian. The Department offers full-time programs leading to the Ph.D. and part-time programs leading to the M.A. in eight related divisions including Central Asian languages and (a) literature or (b) cultural history. Study in these fields may be combined with work in a special interdisciplinary Program on Soviet Nationality Problems in the School of International Affairs. For information, write or visit the Department at 609 Kent Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027; telephone (212) 280-2556 or 280-2560. For information on the Program on Soviet Nationality Problems, contact directly Prof. Edward Allworth, Professor of Turco-Soviet Studies, in the Department.
- Professor Ayşe Rorlich, Department of History, University of Southern California offers a course on the economic, social, political, and cultural traditions of the national minorities of Russia. The course focuses on the impact of Russian/Soviet policies on these traditions, as well as on the role that sociopolitical and cultural traditions of non-Russians have played in the preservation of their national identities. Professor Rorlich pays special attention to Soviet Central Asia and the Tatar-

Bashkir populations of the Upper Volga. Interested parties should contact Professor Rorlich directly.

Area Study Centre (Central Asia), University of Peshawar. "The Centre is functioning since April 1978 as a unit academically attached to the University of Peshawar and financially linked to the University Grants Commission...The Centre with grant from the University Grants Commission is gradually equipping itself in teaching and research facilities and is assuming a shape befitting it. It is publishing a four-monthly journal (*Central Asia*) since winter 1978 and has enrolled 10 students in its M.Phil courses." [From the *Guide Book*, Area Study Centre (Central Asia) University of Peshawar, p. 1]. Work at the Centre leads to the M.Phil degree. Subjects include history, geology, art, and literature of the areas studied. In addition, students will be required to develop an advanced knowledge of at least one of the languages of Central Asia, to be chosen from Uzbek, Turkmen, Uighur, Tadzhik, Kazakh, Qandhari, Kirghiz, Dari, Chinese, and Russian. Further information may be obtained from the Centre, University of Peshawar, Peshawar, Pakistan.

The RFE/RL Fund, Inc., a private, non-profit entity which receives individual and foundation contributions in support of the work of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty, is currently exploring the possibility of establishing a limited number of grants for the study of the cultures and languages of Soviet Central Asia. The special focus of this grant program would be to extend the competence of scholars now studying or working in the Soviet, Near-Eastern or Islamic fields by adding the Central Asian dimension to their academic profiles. The grants would provide one academic year of concentration on a Turkic language or Tadzhik; the Turkic languages involved are Tatar, Uzbek, Kirghiz, Turkmen, Azeri and Kazakh. Language study would be supplemented by directed study in those elements of Central Asian culture needed to complete the scholar's profile. By way of

example, depending on the scholar's original field, this might include study of the Soviet system, or study of Islamic culture. The place of study would be, in large part, determined by the individual scholar's academic needs. Subsequent employment by Radio Liberty would be neither required nor guaranteed, but outstanding participants would be offered internships in the Radio's Research and Program Divisions. RFE/RL is interested in assessing the degree of interest which might be generated by such a grant program. Qualified individuals interested in participating as grantees and institutions qualified and interested in being hosts for this kind of training are encouraged to address their comments informally to RFE/RL, Inc., Att: David Nalle, 1201 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036: telephone (202) 457-6910.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

- Abdurachman Avtorchanov, "Der Islam und die mohammedanischen Volder der Sowjetunion." *Glaube in der 2. Welt*, August 1980.
- Smail Balic, "Sowjet-Moslems suchen Anschluss an de Welt," *Der Gerade Weg*, New Series 15/16 (November 1979).
- Alexandre Bennigsen and Chantal Lemerrier-Quelquejay, "L' 'Islam parallèl' en Union Soviétique. Les organisations soufies dans la République tchéchéno-ingouche." *Cahiers du Monde Russe et Sovietique*, Vol. XXI, No. 1 (January-March 1980).
- Marie-Claire Bergere, "L'influence du Modele Soviétique sur la Politique des Minorites Nationales en Chine: La cas du Sinkiang (1949-1962)." *Revue Francaise de Science Politique*, Vol. 29, No. 3 (June 1979).
- Yuri Bregel, "The Role of Central Asia in the History of the Muslim East." Occasional Paper #20, The Afghanistan Council, The Asia Society, New York, NY (February 1980).

Helen Carrere D'Encausse, "Le renouveau de l'islam en U.R.S.S.," *Le Monde* (January 4, 1980).

Nadir Devlet, "Dis Türklere Büyük Nüfus Artisi," *Türk Dünyası: Arastirmalari Dergisi*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (June 1980).

Geng Shimin, "On the Fusion of Nationalities in the Tarim Basin and the Forming of Modern Uighur Nationality," Central Institute for Nationalities, Beijing, People's Republic of China, 1979 (in Chinese).

耿世民, "新疆塔里木盆地民族融合和现代维吾尔族形成"

V. Kayum-Khan, "As History Begins to Speak: The Application in Afghanistan of the Identical Tactics of 60 Years Ago in Turkestan," *ABN Correspondence*, Vol. XXXI, No. 4 (July-August 1980).

Firuz Kazemzadeh, "Hints of the Future Hidden in the Past," *Far Eastern Economic Review* (September 5, 1980).

Bernd Knabe, "Erste Ergebnisse der Volszahlung 1979 in der UdSSR," *Osteuropa* (September 1979).

Eden Naby, "The Ethnic Factor in Soviet-Afghan Relations," *Asian Survey*, Vol. XX, No. 3 (March 1980).

Ruan Xihu et al., *The Nationality Problem in the Soviet Union: A History and the Present Situation*, Beijing, People's Republic of China: San Lien Publishers (1979) (in Chinese).

阮世胡等, "苏联民族问题的历史与现状"

M. Nazif Shahrani, *The Kirghiz and Wakhi of Afghanistan: Adaptation to Closed Frontiers*, Seattle: University of Washington Press (1979).

Shamsuddin, "Problems of Modernisation of Politics in Russian Central Asia Before the October Revolution," *Indian Journal of Politics*, Vol. III, Nos. 1&2 (April-August 1979).

Derek Spring, "Russian Imperialism in Asia in 1914," *Cahiers du Monde Russe et Sovietique*, Vol. XX, Nos. 3-4 (July-December 1979).

Derek Spring, "The Trans-Persian Railway Project and Anglo-Russian Relations, 1909-1914," *The Slavonic and East European Review*, Vol. LIV, No. 1 (January 1976).

N. A. Tomilov, *Sovremennye Etnicheskie Protsessy Sredi Sibirskikh Tatarov*, Tomsk: Izdatel'stvo Tomskogo Universiteta (1978).

Geoffrey Wheeler, "Islam and the Soviet Union," *Asian Affairs*, Vol. X (Old Series Vol. 66), Part III (October 1979).

S. Enders Wimbush and Dmitry Ponomareff, *Alternatives for Mobilizing Soviet Central Asian Labor: Outmigration and Regional Development*, Santa Monica, California: The Rand Corporation, R-2476-AF (November 1979).

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- On 24-25 April 1980, the Kennan Institute of Advanced Russian Studies (Wilson Center, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560) hosted a conference entitled, "Nationalism and Social Change in Transcaucasia" (see Vol. 1, No. 2 of the *Communique*). The following *Occasional Papers* currently are available (by number) from Kennan:
 - "The Emergence of Political Society in Georgia," Ronald G. Suny (#90)
 - "The Population of Persian Armenia Prior to and Immediately Following Its Annexation to the Russian Empire: 1826-1832," George A. Bournoutian (#91)
 - "The Turkic Peoples and Caucasia," Peter B. Golden (#92)
 - "Nationalism and Social Class in the Russian Revolution: The Cases of Baku and Tiflis," Ronald G. Suny (#93)
 - "Economic Development and Political Reform in Baku: The Response of the Azerbaidzhani Bourgeoisie," Audrey Altstadt (#94)

- . "Mikolai, Stalin, and the Struggle for Power in Transcaucasia, 1919-1922," Stephen Blank (#95)
- . "National Consciousness and Political Orientations in Azerbaijan, 1905-1920," Tadeusz Swietochowski (#96)
- . "The Origins of Caucasian Civilization: The Christian Component," R. W. Thomson (#97)
- . "Viceroy Vorontsov's Administration of the Caucasus," L. H. Rhineland (#98)
- . "Caucasian Armenia Between Imperial and Soviet Rule: The Interlude of National Independence," Richard G. Hovannisian (#99)
- . "The Transformation of Armenian Society Under Stalin," Mary Kilbourne Matossian (#100)
- . "Transcaucasia Since Stalin--The Economic Dimension," Gertrude Schroeder Greenslade (#101)
- . "Population Redistribution and the Ethnic Balance in Transcaucasia," Brian D. Silver (#102)
- . "Azerbaijan--the Foreign Influences," Chantal Lemercier-Quellejay (#103)
- . "Britain and the Transcaucasian Nationalities During the Russian Civil War," Artin H. Arslanian (#104)
- . "Iran and Caucasia," Nina G. Garsoian (#105)
- . "Revolution and Liberation in the Programs of the Dashnaktsutiune, 1892 and 1907," Gerard J. Libaridian (#106)
- . "Beria, His Enemies, and Their Georgian Clienteles, 1949-1953," Charles H. Fairbanks, Jr. (#107)

- *Music and Epic in Central Asia Today.* Live and recorded instrumental performances and slides from rural and urban Uzbekistan, by Walter Feldman, Columbia University Central Asian Studies, and Theodore Levin, Society of Fellows, Columbia University. This program, sponsored by the Central Asian Circle (Department of Middle East Languages and Cultures and the Program on Soviet Nationalities Problems) of Columbia University was held on October 28, 1980 in 403 Kent Hall, 16th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, New York City.

SOVIET CENSAL DATA ON MIDDLE ASIA

Interested parties who have been unable to obtain the preliminary results of the 1979 Soviet census, published in *Naselenie SSSR po dannym vsesoiuznoi perepisi naselenia 1979 goda* (Moscow: Politizdat, 1980), will find the following Radio Liberty Research bulletins exceptionally useful. These reports are available from Mr. Keith Bush, RFE/RL, Oettingenstrasse 67, Am Englischen Garten, D-8000 Munich 22, West Germany. ✕

Ann Sheehy:

"Data from the Soviet Census of 1979 on the Tatars and the Bashkirs," Radio Liberty Research (RL 247/80), July 15, 1980.

"Data from the Soviet Census of 1979 on the Azeris and the Azerbaidzhan SSR," Radio Liberty Research (RL 170/80), May 1980.

"Data from the Soviet Census of 1979 on the Georgians and the Georgian SSR," Radio Liberty Research (RL 162/80), May 2, 1980.

"Tatars Lose Some Ground in Population of the Tatar ASSR," Radio Liberty Research (RL 378/80), October 17, 1980.

Elizabeth Fuller and Ann Sheehy:

"Armenia and Armenians in the USSR: Nationality and Language Aspects of the Census of 1979," Radio Liberty Research (RL 162/80), May 2, 1980.

Bess Brown:

"Muslim and Turkic Peoples of the USSR in the 1979 Census Data," Radio Liberty Research (RL 107/80), March 18, 1980.

"Turkmenistan and Turkmen in the USSR: Nationality and Language Aspects of the Census of 1979," Radio Liberty Research (RL 163/80), May 5, 1980.

"Uzbekistan and Uzbeks in the USSR: Nationality and Language Aspects of the Census of 1979," Radio Liberty Research (RL 134/80), April 8, 1980.

"Tajikistan and the Tajiks in the USSR: Nationality and Language Aspects of the Census of 1979," Radio Liberty Research (RL 178/80), May 15, 1980.

"Kirghizia and the Kirghiz in the USSR: Data from the Census of 1979," Radio Liberty Research (RL 215/80), June 16, 1980.

"Kazakstan and the Kazaks in the USSR: Data from the Census of 1979," Radio Liberty Research (RL 195/80), June 2, 1980.

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MISCELLANEOUS VISITS AND CONTACTS

Mr. S. Enders Wimbush, Editor of the *Communique*, recently returned from a two-week visit to the People's Republic of China, where he was the guest of the Institute for Central Nationalities and the Institute for Nationality Studies of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Mr. Wimbush gave several lectures in Beijing and Urumqi on Soviet nationality problems, conferred with PRC specialists of nationality and religion, and spent one week studying Uighur communities and culture in Urumqi and Turfan.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

The Editor of the *Communique* is seeking information about the Islamic Conference that recently concluded in Tashkent. Reports in the press are incomplete regarding the number and names of participants and their countries of origin, as well as nature of the substantive and procedural issues discussed at the conference. Anyone in possession of information of this kind is requested to send it to the Editor for possible inclusion in a future issue of the *Communique*.

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