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### NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The formation of the Middle Asian Studies Association and the appearance of its *Communique* have provoked an impressive and extremely positive response from a wide variety of individuals and groups interested in upgrading and cross-fertilizing research on Middle Asia. In the words of one respondent, MASA "is an idea whose time has come." We agree entirely, hoping that this enlightened thinking will rub off on those who might be in a position to assist in the funding of MASA next year.

The first issue of the *Communique* apparently has circulated widely, ending up in the hands of colleagues in many parts of the world. If MASA is to be truly effective, the *Communique* must be distributed as broadly as possible. Many respondents to the first issue included names and addresses of other individuals and groups who are interested in this endeavor. We encourage this trend; for one of the important goals of MASA is to identify specialists and non-specialists with an interest in Middle Asia who currently are unknown to others. Therefore, please pass the *Communique* to our colleagues and encourage them to write to MASA--in any language. When I receive a request from or on behalf of a new subscriber, I shall immediately dispatch copies of the *Communique* to him.

In this issue, we shall introduce a short book review in addition to our regular features. Our readers are encouraged to submit short reviews (300-500 words) of relevant books--again, in any language--on Middle Asia.

We prefer the reviews to be in English, but will make an attempt to publish translated or untranslated reviews in other languages.

We seek information about the following:

- New books (including those published over the last three or four years) in all languages. Mention should include a brief (one or two paragraph) description of the book or a short review
- Conferences and workshops on topics of interest to the readership, preferably before they are held, if possible, or afterward. Include a summary of what was discussed and mention any papers that were delivered and whether they are available;
- Articles and books dealing with historical, cultural, economic, political, sociological, or ethnographic aspects of Middle Asian life;
- Travel and research opportunities;
- Academic research in progress, including theses and dissertations;
- Nonacademic research in progress. We view this information to be especially important, as we seek to acknowledge the efforts of those individuals whose research efforts are independent of formal institutions and who often possess rich archives and extensive personal experience;
- Official and unofficial exchanges with Middle Asia, including faculty exchanges, students, and delegations;

- Language training. Mention where it is available, the cost, and dates;
- Descriptions of travel to Middle Asia;
- Societies, clubs, gatherings. Include the name of the organization, the names of its leadership, where and when it meets.

This is far from an exclusive list. When in doubt about the significance of any particular information, please send it along.

#### NEW RESEARCH MATERIALS

*Journal of Central Asia.* This new journal is published under the auspices of the International Association for the Study of the Cultures of Central Asia (IASCCA) and is supported by UNESCO. It is sponsored by the Centre for the Study of Civilizations of Central Asia at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, Pakistan. The *Journal's* Editor-in-Chief, Professor Ahmad Hasan Dani, notes in Vol. 1, No. 1 (July 1978), that "the primary purpose of the *Journal* is to bring together in one place the researches of individual scholars, institutions and universities so that they may be readily available to others working in the same field." Four issues of the *Journal* have appeared with the following contents:

#### Volume 1, Number 1 (July 1978), \$3.00 U.S.:

- M.S. Asimov--*Ethnic History of Central Asia in the 2nd Millennium B.C.--Soviet Studies*;
- Ahmad Hasan Dani--*Movements of Peoples in Inner Asia in the Pre-Achaemenid Period*;
- B.B. Lal--*The Indo-Aryan Hypothesis vis-a-vis Indian Archaeology*;
- Ahmad Hasan Dani--*Gandhara Grave Culture and the Aryan Problem*;
- \*\*\*--*Abstracts of Papers Presented by Soviet Scholars at the International Symposium on Ethnic Problems of the Ancient History of Central Asia, Dushanbe, October 17-22, 1977*;
- K. Walton Dobbins--*Vonones, Maues and Hermaios: The Imperial Coinage of Mithradates II*;
- Abdur Rahman--*Kamalu's Invasion of Ghazna.*

#### Volume 1, Number 2 (December 1978), \$3.00 U.S.:

- Ahmad Nabi Khan--*The Mausoleum of Shaikh Rukn al-Din Rukn-i-'Alam*;
- J.J. Mangalam--*Study of Migration: A Theoretical Approach and some Implications for Research and Planning*;
- Ahmad Hasan Dani--*The Pathan Society: A Case Study of a Traditional Society, Its Disintegration and the Process of Modernization*;
- Masood Ghaznavi--*Interaction of Islam and Socialism in the Religious Thought of the Muslims of British India*;
- Ahmad Hasan Dani--*Alberuni and the City of Lahore*;
- Helmut Humbach--*The Aramaic Asoka Inscription from Taxila.*

#### Volume 2, Number 1 (July 1979), \$7.50 U.S.:

- F.A. Shamsi--*Section on World's Finitude and Non-Eternity in Al-Kindi's Kitab al-Falsafah Al-ula*;
- Ahmad Hasan Dani--*Buddhists in Sind as Given in the Chachnamah*;
- Karl Jettmar--*Bolor--A Contribution to the Political and Ethnic Geography of North Pakistan*;
- Abdul Rahman--*Hund Slab Inscription of the Time of Jayapaladeva*;
- M. Satoodeh--*Two Monuments in Guilan*;
- Sayedul Abrar--*An Appraisal of the Work of Pashto Academy in Peshawar*;
- B.K. Thapar--*The Archaeological Remains of the Aryans in North-Western India*;
- Satya Swarup Misra--*Bearing of the Indo-European Comparative Grammar on the Aryan Problem*;
- Muhammad Aslam Syed--*Marx on Social and Economic Change in India*;
- Muhammad Yusuf Abbasi--*Muhammad bin Qasim's Conquest of Sind (A Military Appraisal).*

Volume 2, Number 2 (December 1979), \$7.50 U.S.:

- B.G. Gafurov and L.I. Miroshnikov--*The Study of the Civilizations of Central Asia*;
- M. Raziuddin Siddiqi--*Reports of the UNESCO Symposium on the Contribution of Peoples of Central Asia to the Development of Science During the 9th-13th Centuries, Held under the Auspices of University of Islamabad (Pakistan) 20-30 September 1970*;
- Saifur Rahman Dar--*Toilet Trays from Gandhara and Beginning of Hellenism in Pakistan*;
- M. Salim--*Khodzakent I and its Relationship with Some of the Mousterian Sites of Central Asia*.

Uzbek-English Dictionary. Prepared by Mrs. Natalie Waterson of the School of Oriental and African Studies (University of London, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HP, England) and published by Oxford University Press, this dictionary currently is in proof. A date for public release cannot be specified at this time, but probably the dictionary will appear in spring or early summer 1980.

CENTRAL ASIAN RESEARCH CENTRE, 8 Wakley Street, London E.C.1, England; Mr. David Morison, Director.

The Central Asian Research Centre was set up in 1953, for the study of current developments in the four Central Asian SSRs--Uzbek, Tadzhik, Kirgiz and Turkmen--and also in the Kazakh SSR.

However, in addition to Soviet books and publications primarily relevant to this research, the Centre started with, and has since greatly added to, a range of both general and specialized works on Central Asia in the wider sense. Currently, the Central Asian Research Centre assembles and studies material on Central Asia, and in particular Soviet Central Asia and on the USSR's relations with Third World countries.

A reorganization of the Centre's Library has been carried out, and in this the Centre is much indebted to advice and encouragement from the School of Oriental and African Studies and its Librarian. The Library contains the following:

#### A. Central Asia

Bibliography: The Central Asian part of this section comprises some 50 items. They include the 1936 *Bibliografiya bibliografii Sredney Azii* of A.G. Bisnek and K.I. Shafranovskiy.

Reference: As well as the new and now almost complete *Bol'shaya Sovetskaya Entsiklopediya*, the Centre is subscribing to the Kazakh-language and Uzbek-language Encyclopedias which are now also in course of publication. It is receiving the *Turkmen Soviet Entsiklopediyasy* through an exchange arrangement with the publishers, the Turkmenistan SSR Academy of Sciences.

Languages: The Centre has acquired books in, and dictionaries and philological works on, the main languages of the regions studied. Its Uzbek-language books number about 40; Kazakh-language, about 50. Books in Turkmen, Kirgiz and Tadzhik are fewer. There are some works in or on Uighur, and on other C. Asian languages. The Centre has an Uzbek language course on tape, with type-written text.

Geography. Some 450 works. Maps include sections of the Russian 1911 40 versts (c.27 miles to inch) map of the frontier region, incl. W. Sinkiang. These were a bequest of Brigadier General Sir Robert Pigot, D.S.O., M.C., 1978. The Centre also has three-volume 1911 *Aziatskaya Rossiya*, with its accompanying *Atlas*.

History. Some 650 works. Books on post-1917 Soviet Central Asian history predominate, but there are many works on the history of earlier periods and other regions. Other sections are ETHNOLOGY: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL, AND LITERATURE, DRAMA AND ART.

#### B. Soviet Relations with Asian and African Countries

The Centre's Library has over 1,000 titles relevant to this other field of its studies. More than half of these relate to Soviet thinking and policies on the economic and political issues of the Third World in general.

The Centre's Library is open for study and consultation on weekdays, preferably with prior notice by telephone. Books may be borrowed on Inter-Library Loan.

Central Asian Review. The *Review*, launched in London in 1953, had three issues that year and four issues per year thereafter. In 1969-71 it was incorporated in *Mizan*. *Mizan*, incorporating the *Central Asian Review*, had six issues in 1969, three in 1970 and three in 1971, after which it was discontinued. Many *Central Asian Review* issues, particularly before 1960, are out of print.

The *Central Asian Review* is now available on microform. Unlike most routine microform issues of journals, the microform of *Central Asian Review* is prefaced by a special consolidated Contents List of all 19 volumes of the journal, in two sections: (a) Central Asia (by subjects) and (b) Borderlands (by countries: Afghanistan, Indian sub-continent, Mongolia, Nepal, Persia, Sikkim, Sinkiang, Tibet). The Complete Contents appears in Reel 1 of the present microform edition of the complete journal. It is also issued as a lithographed booklet, which is supplied free of charge to purchasers of the complete set of six reels and is available separately for a charge of £2. Every page of the complete serial is numbered and is also specially impressed with its volume number and issue number. Article listings in the Complete Contents booklet include reel numbers, as well as volume, issue and page numbers. Price: Per reel, 35mm positive £15 or \$35 U.S.; Per complete set of six reels £85.50 or \$200 U.S. Orders should be sent to: Central Asian Research Centre, 8 Wakley St., London E.C.1, England.

#### OTHER NEWSLETTERS

Afghanistan Council Newsletter. Issued by the Asia Society, 112 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10021. This newsletter is the Asia Society's oldest and best organized (the Society also produces similar--although smaller--newsletters for Iran, the Himalayas, and Indonesia), with approximately 300 subscribers, including institutional subscribers who receive in addition to the *Newsletter* occasional and special papers.

News of Muslims in Europe. Published by the Centre for the Study of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations, Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham B29 6LE, England; Editor, Jørgen S. Nielsen. From No. 1 (7 March 1980): "*News of Muslims in Europe* appears every two months and aims to provide a regular summary of developments in the Muslim communities and in the field of Christian-Muslim relations in Europe. *News of Muslims in Europe* is specifically prepared for administrators, journalists and others who wish to keep in touch with general developments and need to be able to do so quickly and conveniently." The Centre also publishes a quarterly *Research Paper* and a semiannual *Abstracts: European Muslims and Christian-Muslim Relations*, which includes annotated references to relevant periodical and newspaper materials from Western and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, and the USSR.

#### CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- Language Mixing & Language Change in Turcophone Areas. A symposium held at the Lecture Theatre, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, 14 March 1980:
  - "Linguistic Engineering in Modern Turkey"  
--G.L. Lewis (Oxford);
  - "On the Study of Loan-Words in Turkish"  
--V.L. Ménage (SOAS);
  - "Loan Words Versus Native Syntax: Conjunctions in the Spoken Turkish of Turkey"  
--M.H. Bainbridge (SOAS);
  - "The Rise and Development of Written Turkish in Persia"  
--T. Gandjei (SOAS);
  - "Lexical Interaction Between Russian and Uzbek"  
--S. Akiner (PCL).
- Nationalism and Social Change in Transcaucasia. A conference held at the Kennan Institute of Advanced Russian Studies, Wilson Center, Smithsonian Institution Bldg. Washington, D.C. 20560, 24-25 April 1980:

## PREREVOLUTIONARY TRANSCAUCASIA:

The Roots of Caucasian Civilization:

"The Origins of Caucasian Civilization:  
The Christian Component"

--Robert Thomson (Harvard);

"Iran and Caucasia"

--Nina Garsoian (Columbia);

"Turkic Peoples and Caucasia"

--Peter Golden (Rutgers);

Russian Rule and Caucasian Society:

"The Population of Persian Armenia  
Prior to and Immediately Following  
its Annexation to the Russian Empire:  
1826-1832"

--George Bournoutian (Columbia);

"The Administration of Transcaucasia  
during the Viceroyalty of Vorontsov"

--L. Hamilton Rhineland  
(St. Thomas);

Nationalism and Socialism among the Christian Caucasians:

"The Emergence of Political Society in  
Georgia"

--Ronald G. Suny (Oberlin);

"Nationalism and Socialism in the  
Armenian Revolutionary Movement,  
1887-1912"

--Anahide Ter Minassian (Paris);

"Revolution and Liberation in the Pro-  
grams of the Dashnaktsutiune, 1892  
and 1907"

--Gerard J. Libaridian (AAIC);

Nationalism and Socialism among the Muslim Peoples

"External Influences on Azeri Political  
Life" -- Chantal Lemercier-  
Quelquejay (Paris);

"Modernization and Azerbaijani  
Political Life"

--Audrey Altstadt (Chicago);

"National Consciousness and Political  
Orientation in Azerbaijan, 1905-1920"

--Tadeusz Swietochowski.

## REVOLUTIONARY AND SOVIET TRANSCAUCASIA:

Revolution and the Quest for Independence:

"The Experiment in Armenian Independ-  
ence, 1918-1920"

--Richard Hovannisian (UCLA);

"Britain and Transcaucasian Nationalism  
during the Russian Civil War"

--Artin Arslanian (St. Olaf Coll.);

"Class and Nationality in the Russian  
Revolution: The Cases of Baku and  
Tiflis"

--Ronald G. Suny (Oberlin);

Transcaucasia and Stalinism:

"The Transformation of Armenian Society"

--Mary Matossian (Maryland);

"Mikoyan, Stalin, and the Struggle for  
Power in Transcaucasia, 1919-1922"

--Stephen Blank (U.C., Riverside);

"Beria and his Transcaucasian Clientele"

--Charles Fairbanks, Jr. (Yale);

Transcaucasia Since Stalin: Papers and Panel Discussion:

"Transcaucasia: The Economic Dimension"

--Gertrude Schroeder (Virginia);

"Transcaucasia: The Demographic  
Dimension"

--Brian Silver (Michigan State);

Panelists: Robert Tucker (Princeton);  
Alexandre Bennigsen (Paris);  
Theodore Shabad (New York).

- Inner Asian Studies. A panel held at the San Francisco meeting of the American Oriental Society, 15 April 1980:

"Jen Huang: The Emperor Who Ceded his  
Country"

--Janet Novey (Indiana Univ.);

"The Inhospitable Land of the Barbarian"

--Ruth Meserve (Indiana Univ.);

"Lenin and Stalin in the Writings of  
the Uzbek Poet Hamid Alimjan"

--David C. Montgomery (Brigham  
Young University);

"Khubilai and the Problem of Sinicization"

--Morris Rossabi (Case Western)

"Karma-sGa 'bris of the Sixteenth through the Eighteenth Centuries"

--John C. Huntington (Ohio State)

#### CURRENT INVENTORY

The inventory of Soviet specialists of Islam, which was begun in Volume 1, Number 1 of the *Communique* and is based on a rare book entitled *Materialy nauchnoi konferentsii: Modernizatsiia Islama i aktual'nye voprosy teorii nauchnogo ateizma--tezisy dokladov*, continues by region:

#### I - Adyghe A.R.

Azamatova, M.Z., candidate of Historical Sciences, senior collaborator of the Adyghe Scientific Research Institute, Maikop. Paper on "The Pagan Survivals in Islam," based on the historical traditions of the Adyghes.

#### IV - Azerbaijan SSR

Efendieva, N.Z., candidate of Historical Sciences, senior collaborator of the Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Peoples, Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan SSR, Baku. Paper on "The Antireligious Activity of Some Womens' Organizations in Turkey."

Gasanova, E.Iu., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, senior collaborator of the Institute of Near and Middle Eastern Peoples, Academy of Sciences, Azer.SSR, Baku. Paper on "Islamic Socialism in Contemporary Turkey."

Mamedov, M.D., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, Chairman of the Department of Atheism, Institute of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Azer. SSR, Baku. Paper on "The Survival of Shariat Law in Azerbaijan."

Mahmudov, P.G., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, *dotsent* at the chair of Esthetics, Ethics and Scientific Atheism of the Azerbaijan State University, Baku. Paper on "The Survival of the Cult of Saints in Azerbaijan."

Rustamov, Iu.I., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, senior collaborator at the Institute of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Azer.SSR, Baku. Paper on "The Modernization of Islam in Contemporary Turkey."

Rzakulizade, S.D., candidate of Philosophical Sciences, senior collaborator at the Institute of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Azer.SSR, Baku. Paper on the "History of Freethinking in Azerbaijan before the XIIIth Century."

Sattarov, Marsag Mamed oglu, Doctor of Philosophical Sciences, chairman of a department at the Institute of Philosophy and Law, Academy of Sciences, Azer.SSR, Baku. Paper on "The Modernization of Shiism in Azerbaijan."

Sattarov is perhaps the best Soviet specialist of the Shia Islam, author of several excellent works, among them:

*Islam dini galyglary haggynnda* ("Concerning Islamic religious survivals"), Baku, 1967 (in Azeri);

*Modernizatsiia v religii Islama* ("Modernization in the religion of Islam"), Baku, 1971.

#### V - Bashkir ASSR

Shigaev, D., senior teacher, chair of Philosophy, Ufa Aviation Institute. Paper on "The Social Ideals of Islam and the Contemporary World."

#### VI - Daghestan ASSR

Makatov, Irshad Agarzaevich, candidate of Philosophical Sciences *dotsent* at the Daghestan State Pedagogical Institute, Makhach-Kala. Paper on "The Weakening of Religiosity among the Muslims of Daghestan and the Checheno-Ingush ASSR."

Makatov is a specialist of Islam in the North-Eastern Caucasus, especially of Sufism. He is the author of many books, among which the most significant are:

*Kul't sviatykh - perezhitok proshlogo* ("Cult of the Saints, a Survival of the Past"), Makhach-Kala, 1962;

*Religioznye gruppy Amaya i Kunta Haji* ("The Religious Groups of Amaya and Kunta-Haji"), Makhach-Kala, 1965;

*Islam, veruiushchii, sovremennost'* ("Islam, the Believer and the Contemporary World"), Makhach-Kala, 1974;

"Kul't sviatykh v Islame" ("Cult of the saints in Islam") in *Voprosy Nauchnogo Ateizma*, Moscow, 1967, pp. 164-185.

Vagabov, Mikhail Vagabovich, candidate of Philosophical Sciences, *dotsent* of the Daghestan State University. Paper on "The Special Character of the Islamic Survivals in Daghestan."

Vagabov is the author of several works on Islam in Daghestan which include:

*Islam i semia* ("Islam and the Family"), Makhach-Kala, 1973;

*Modernistskie tendentsii v sovremennom Islame* ("Modernist Trends in Contemporary Islam"), Moscow, 1976.

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#### STUDY AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Professor David C. Montgomery, Near Eastern Studies, 118 FOB, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84602, currently is teaching an undergraduate course entitled "Asiatic Russia." The course is divided into three parts:

Part one - early nomadic peoples of Central Eurasia: The land, peoples, languages. The nomadic life-style. The Scytho-Samatian peoples and Europe. The Hsiung-nu and China. The Huns and the West. Period covered, approx. 600 BC - 500 AD.

Part two - the Turkic and Mongolian states and the peripheral areas: The rise of the Turks. China and the northern barbarians. Early Turkic peoples in the Black Sea steppes. Chinghis Khan and the Mongol empire. Time covered, approx. 500 - 1500.

Part three - Russia and China gain domination over Central Eurasia: The decline of the Central Eurasian peoples. Russia expansion across Siberia and into Central Asia.

The formation of Russia's borders with China and the Near East. The peoples of Central Eurasia during the twentieth century.

#### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

S. Balic, "Sowjet-Moslems suchen Anschluss an die Welt," *Salzburger Nachrichten*, 6 October 1979, p. 18.

Alexandre Bennigsen and S. Enders Wimbush, *Muslim National Communism in the Soviet Union: A Revolutionary Strategy for the Colonial World*. University of Chicago Press, 1979.

Alexandre Bennigsen and Chantal Lemerrier-Quelquejay, "Official Islam in the Soviet Union," *Religion in the Communist Lands*, Vol. 7, No. 3 (Autumn 1979), pp. 148-159.

Baymirza Hayit, "Turkestan: A Case for National Independence," *Journal of the Institute of Muslim Minority Affairs*, Vol. 1, No. 1 (May 1979), pp. 38-50.

Baymirza Hayit, "Islam in the Soviet Union," *ABN-CORRESPONDENCE*, Munich, No. 4-5, 1979.

Hans Ruchener, "Turkestan--eine sowjetische Kolonie," *Der Bund*, Bern, 11 March 1979.

Rasma Karklins, "Islam: How Strong is it in the Soviet Union?" *Cahiers du Monde russe et soviétique*, XXI(1), January-March 1980.

*Naselenie SSSR po dannym vsesoiuznoi perpepisi naselenia 1979 goda*. Moscow: Politizdat, 1980.

James Critchlow, "Minarets and Marx," *The Washington Quarterly*, Vol. 3, No. 2, Spring 1980.

Ram Rahul, *Modern Central Asia*. New Delhi: Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., 1979.

Ann Sheehy, *The National Composition of the Population of the USSR According to the Census of 1979*. Radio Liberty Research, RL 123/80, March 27, 1980.

REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, ASSISTANCE,  
AND CONTACTS

Information sought:

It has been reported that an Uzbek language publication entitled "Turkestan Magazi" is being published in Egypt. Anyone possessing information about this publication (where is it published? how can it be obtained? what is the name and address of the editor?), please contact the Editor of the *Communique*.

Information sought:

The Middle Asian Studies Association is attempting to identify scholarly or community groups interested in the affairs of Tatarstan, Central Asia, and Sinkiang located in the Far East (Japan, Taiwan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Australia, India, and other countries) for the purpose of establishing contact through the *Communique*. Readers who know of individuals or groups in the Far East who should receive the *Communique* are requested to contact the Editor of the *Communique*.

Information sought:

The *Communique* would like to publish information about language training for the languages of Middle Asia (where they are taught, when, cost, name of teacher, and any other relevant information). If you teach such a course or know of one being taught anywhere in the world, please notify the Editor of the *Communique*.

Assistance/Contacts sought:

Mr. Leonard Fox, Manager of the Caucasus Department of Radio Liberty (Oettingenstr. 67, Am Englischen Garten, 8000 Munich 22, West Germany) would like to establish contact with other individuals and groups interested in Georgian and North Caucasian languages and literature and Armenian studies. Replies may be directed directly to Mr. Fox or to the Editor, MASA *Communique*.

MISCELLANEOUS VISITS AND CONTACTS

- In August 1979, Imam Hadji Yang Pinsan of the Dongsu Mosque in Peking visited the United States with a Chinese delegation to attend the Third Assembly of the World Conference on Religion and Peace at Princeton University.

- Under the auspices of the ACLS-Academy of Sciences Commission on the Social Sciences and the Humanities, the Second Soviet-American Conference on Asia took place in the capitol of Azerbaidzhan, Baku, in September 1978. The conference series is organized on the U.S. side by Robert Scalapino, Director, Institute of East Asian Studies, University of California at Berkeley, and on the Soviet side by Academician E.M. Primakov, Director, Institute of Oriental Studies. The focus of discussions has been Soviet and American policy in Asia.

- Also under the aegis of the ACLS-Academy of Sciences Commission, plans are going ahead to hold a special series of Soviet-American Symposia on the Archaeology of the Near East and Central Asia.

HOW TO SUBSCRIBE TO THE COMMUNIQUE

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