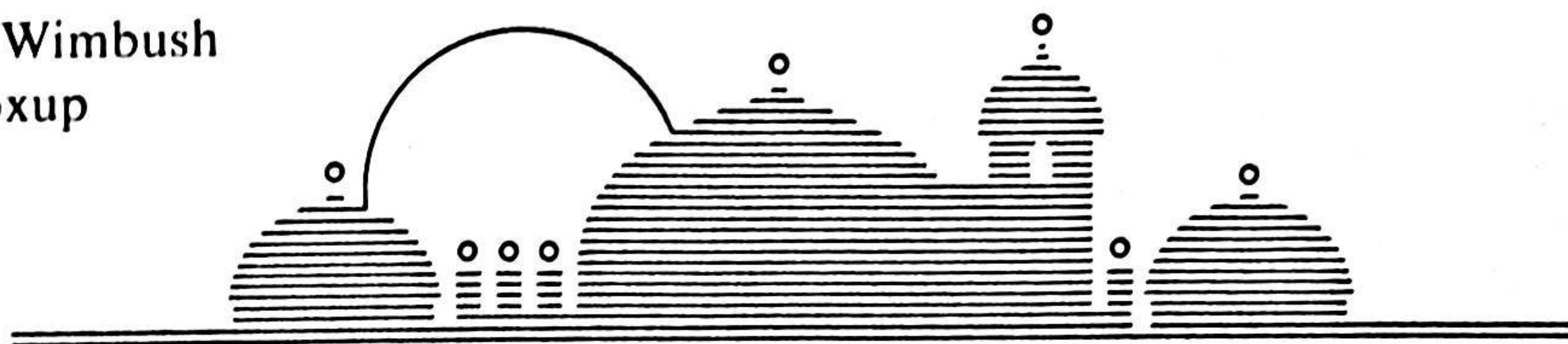


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## RECENT SOVIET PUBLICATIONS

Afganistan: Bor'ba i Sozdanie (Afghanistan: Struggle and Creation), edited by O.G. Cherneta, Moscow, Voenizdat, 1984, 40,000 copies. For the general public. The book covers the following subjects: culture, tastes and habits of the Afghans, Afghan armed forces, activity of the PDPA - special attention is given to the "noble mission of the limited contingent of Soviet forces doing their international duty on the territory of the DRA", and to the "enemies of the April revolution."

M.A. Daniialov, Sovetskii Dagestan v Zarabehznoi Istoriografii (Soviet Dagestan in Foreign Historiography), Nauch-Popul. Dag. Izd., 1984, 2,000 copies.

Vostochnyi Krasnoznamennyi (Oriental Bearer of the Red Flag), edited by P.D. Mashkovets and V.A. Solod, Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, 1984, 10,000 copies. The book is devoted to the activity of the KGB Border Guards units in Kazakhstan, Kirghizia and Gorno-Badakhshan in the 1920-1930s.

D.I. Dulatova, Istoriografiia Dorevoliutsionnogo Kazakhstana, 1861-1917gg (Historiography of Pre-Revolutionary Kazakhstan, 1861-1917), Nauka, 1984, 1,500 copies.

Iu.N. Aleskerov, G. Abdusattarov, I.G. Popov, Serdtsa, Otdannye za Schast'e Naroda (Hearts Given for the Happiness of the People), Uzbekistan, 1984, 10,000 copies. Basmachi war in Samarkand area.

I.Ia. Zlatkin, Istoriia Dzhungarskogo Khanstva, 1635-1758 (History of the Jungar Khanate, 1635-1758), Moscow, Nauka, 1983, 2nd edition, 332p., 3,000 copies, bibliography pp 314-319.

K. Kalilov, Novye Obriady i Traditsii u Kirgizov (New Rites and Traditions of the Kirghiz), Frunze, Ilim, 1983, 85p., 6f. copies.

K.Sh. Shulembaev, Obraz Zhizni, Religii, Ateizm: Obshchee i Osobennoe v Obraze Zhizni i Relig. Verovanniakh Kazakhov i Vopr. Ateist. Vospitaniia (Way of Life, Religion, Atheism: General and Specific Points in the Way of Life and Religious Beliefs of the Kazakhs and Problems of Atheistic Education), Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, 1983, 263p., 13,000 copies.

Sh.T. Tashliev, Grazhdanskaia Voina i Angliskaia Voennaia Interventsiia v Turkmenistane (Civil War and British Military Intervention in Turkmenistan), Ashkhabad, Ylym, 2 Vol, Vol 1, 1983, 322p.

Vospityvaem Ateistov (Educating Atheists) Collected articles, Kazan, Tatar Kn. Izd., 1983, 80p., 3,000 copies, in Tatar.

Iu.A. Poliakov and A.I. Chugunov, Bor'ba s Basmachestvom v Sredneaziatskikh Respublikakh SSSR (Fight Against the Basmachi in the Central Asian Republics of USSR), Moscow, Progress, 1983, 279p., 14,044 copies.

S. Said-Galiev, Pobornik Druzhy Narodov: St., Rechi i Dokumenty S. Said-Galieva i Vospominaniia o Nem (S. Said Galiev, Champion of the Friendship of Nations. Articles, Speeches and Documents by S. Said Galiev and Reminiscences About Him), Kazan, 1983, 175p., 8,300 copies. Sahibgiray Said Galiev, a Tatar, was commissar for nationality problems of the Kazan Soviet in 1818, Chairman of the Central Bureau of the Communist Organisation of the Peoples of the East (1919), Chairman of the Tatar



Revkom and President of the Sovnarkom of Tatarstan and of the Crimean Tatar Republic (1920 and 1921 onwards). He belonged to the orthodox pro-Russian wing of Tatar Communism. He was arrested in 1938 and executed in 1939.

Islam, Kratkii Sprav (Islam, Small Handbook), edited by E.M. Primakov; authors include: M.B. Piotrovskii, S.M. Aliev, Afsakhzod and others, Moscow, Nauka, 1983, 159p., 50,000 copies.

A.A. Altmyshbaev, Obshchestvennaia Mysl' Kirgizov Domarksova Perioda (Social Attitudes of the Kirghiz in the Pre-Marxist Period), Frunze, Ilim, 1984. The book covers a span of ten centuries - aimed at a large public.

Kirgizy Pri Karakhanidakh (The Kirghiz under the Karakhanids), collected articles, Frunze, Ilim, 1983, 235p., 750 copies.

M. Ismailov, Sotsial'no-Ekonomicheskaiia Struktura Azerbaidzhana v Epokhu Imperializma (Socio-Economic Structure of Azerbaijan under Imperialism), Baku, Elm, 1982, 165p., 900 copies, bibliography pp 146-164.

Iu.N. Nuraliev, Uraza i Zdorov'e (Uraza [fasting] and Health), Dushanbe, Irfon, 1983, 47p., 4,000 copies.

A.G. Mirzoev, Prazdniki, Obriady, Traditsii (Holidays, Rites, Traditions), Baku, 1983, 12p., 10,000 copies, in Azeri.

Aktual'nye Problemy Kritiki Religii i Formirovaniia Ateisticheskogo Mirovozzreniia (Contemporary Problems of Religious Criticism and Creation of an Atheistic Outlook), editor M.V. Vagabov, Makhach-Qala, Dag. Gos. Univ., 1982, 160p., 3000 copies.

O. Pal'vanova, Rol' Trudovogo Kollektiva v Preodolenii Religioznykh Perezhitkov Sredi Zhenshchin (Role of the Labour Organisations in Overcoming Religious Survivals Among Women), Ashkhabad, Ylym, 1983, 53p., 900 copies.

Narody SSS: Tsifry i Fakty, 1922-1982. Nekotorye Dannye Ekon., Sotsial. i Kul't.

Razvitie Narodov SSSR za 60 Let. (Peoples of USSR. Facts and Figures. Some Data on the Economic, Social and Cultural Development of the Peoples of USSR in the last 60 years.), M. Novosti, 1983, 39p., 5,000 copies.

A.A. Chernobaev, S Vintovkoi i Perom (With a Rifle and a Pen), Moscow, 1984, 39,000 copies. (Biography of Todorskii, who commanded the Russian armies fighting the North Caucasian uprising in 1920-1922).

A.A. Alimbaev, Ateizm Sovetskogo Rabochevo Klassa (Atheism of the Soviet Working Class), Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, 1984, 10,000 copies.

Sh.B. Amanturlin, Predrassudki i Sueverii, ikh Preodolenie (Prejudices and Superstitions - How to Overcome them), Alm-Ata, Kazakhstan, 1984, 15,000 copies. (Findings of surveys and studies among students and school children).

I.N. Zhivogliad, Selo, Religii i Ateizm (The Village, Religion and Atheism), Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, 1984, 10,000 copies.

Turar Ryskulov, Izbrannye Trudy (Collected Works), Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, to be published in the 3rd quarter of 1984, 7,000 copies.

V.M. Ustinov, Sluzhenie Narodu. Partiinaia i Gosudarstvennaia Deiatel'nost' T.Ryskulova (Service to the People. Party and Government Activity of Turar Ryskulov), Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, 1984, 7,000 copies. The list of the works published in Turar Ryskulov, "Izbrannye Trudy", is not available yet, but it is to be presumed that this work as well as his biography will be carefully censored. Turar Ryskulov, a Kazakh political leader and historian, Chairman of the CEC of the Turkestan Republic in 1920, was one of the most important Muslim Communist figures of the time and one of the most outspoken pan-Turkic nationalists. Ryskulov was executed in February 1938 and posthumously rehabilitated after the 20th Party Congress.

#### NEW RESEARCH CENTRE ON AFGHANISTAN

Centre de Recherches Documentaires sur L'Afghanistan (CEREDAF), 17 rue Pascal,



Paris 5, France, tel: 336 75 25. The organisers of this new research centre are: Mr and Mrs Centlivres, Bernard Dupaigne, Jean-Jose Puig, and Olivier Roy; the

Chairman is Gilles Rossignol, former French cultural attache in Kabul. The following can be found in the centre:

- o Works in French, German, English and Persian on Afghanistan and Central Asia;
- o Subject files including some thousand articles and documents covering events since 1979;
- o Bibliographies on Afghanistan and Central Asia;
- o A card index on major Afghan personalities;
- o Recent dispatches on Afghanistan, filed chronologically.

Specific research can also be undertaken by the centre on request.

The collaborators of the centre offer their work on a purely voluntary basis. A yearly membership card is issued for 50 French francs (or 30 fr. for members of AFRANE). Sponsorships of 100 fr. or more are also welcomed. The centre would also welcome people sending them copies of old or recent documents and articles for their files.

#### MUSLIM RELIGIOUS BOARDS - USSR

##### Foreign Muslim Delegations in 1983

- o Dr Abdusalam Madjali, rector of Jordan University, led a delegation of professors to Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan. The delegation was also received by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the Uzbek SSR while in Tashkent.
- o An Afghan delegation led by Abdul Wali Hodjat, Chairman of the "Chief Directorate on Islamic Matters," visited Tashkent, Baku, Samarkand, Dushanbe, Moscow and Leningrad. The delegation was received by the Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the Uzbek SSR N.D. Hudaiberdiiev and witnessed the construction of a new mosque

at Kattakurgan near Samarkand.

( Muslims of the Soviet East, 1983, no 3)

- o Dr Mohammad Azizullah, Director of the Islamic Cultural Centre of Hyderabad, India, was a guest of the Muslim Religious Board of Central Asia and Kazakhstan, as was a delegation from Bangladesh which included Nurill Islam, Secretary General of the Council of Islamic Societies and Cultural Organisations; Abu Fazl Mohammad, a member of the Executive Committee of the World Islamic Mission and Professor at Dacca University; and Mavlyan Aminul Islam, imam of the Lambag Jami mosque of Dacca.
- ( Muslims of the Soviet East, 1983, no 4)

##### Soviet Muslim Delegations Abroad in 1983

- o On 4-10 May 1983, a delegation including Mufti Tajuddin, Chairman of the Muslim Religious Board for Siberia and European Russia, and Sh. Mirmahmudov, Secretary of the Muslim Religious Board for Central Asia and Kazakhstan, visited Finland.
- o From 28 April to 15 May 1983 the Soviet Union exhibited at the International Commercial and Industrial Fair of Casablanca. A special section of the Soviet exhibition was devoted to the "Life of Muslims in the USSR." Among other things, specimens of religious books published in the USSR were exhibited, including the Quran, "Sahih al-Bukhari", "Al-Adab al-Mufrad", and "Shamail an-Nabaviya". The Soviet pavillion was visited by Prince Maulawi Rashid, Azeddin Hessus, Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism, and by Mr Ahmad Fazizi, Governor of Casablanca.

- o Soviet Sheikh Abdulgani Abdullaev participated at the "Islamic Concept" conference which was held in Algeria in July 1983.

- o Soviet Sheikh Yusufkhan Shakirov participated in the working sessions of the Assembly of the World Council of Churches which was held in Vancouver in July 1983.
- ( Muslims of the Soviet East, 1983, no 4)



Working Mosques in the North Caucasus

According to Muslims of the Soviet East, 1983, no 4, a delegation of the Muslim Religious Board for Central Asia and Kazakhstan, led by the deputy Chairman of the Board, Sheikh Abdulgani Abdullaev, visited the Daghestan ASSR, the Chechen-Ingush ASSR, and the Karachai-Cherkess Autonomous Region.

The visit started with Daghestan, where the delegation visited Jami mosques in Khasavyurt, Buinaxsk and Derbent and delivered sermons in Arabic. The delegates were surprised to notice that quite a large number among the audience could easily follow the sermons and theological discussions in Arabic. The Jami mosque of <sup>in</sup>Derbent is the Omeiad mosque built in 115 of Hijra and serves both the Sunni and Shia communities of Derbent. The Shia imam is Agayev Meshadi Jafar, who finished his religious education in Mashhad.

In the Chechen-Ingush republic the group visited a newly rebuilt mosque in Gudermes, a Jami mosque in the Attaka settlement (also recently repaired), a Jami mosque at the Urusmartan settlement (where nearly 2,000 people gathered to listen to the Uzbek visitors), and a Jami mosque at the Barsuki settlement. The delegation visited a mosque in the populated centre of Uchkeken and of Mirny, near Kislovodsk.

o The Religious Board further reports that 20 large new mosques have been built in recent years in the Stavropol region "while scores of the old ones continue to function."

CONFERENCE VOLUME AVAILABLE

The Kennan Institute of the Woodrow Wilson Centre has available a limited number of copies of the bound volume of papers presented at the Conference on the Study of Central Asia held at the Centre on 10 and 11 March, 1983. Anyone wishing a copy or copies of this volume should write or call Ms Barbara Dash, the Kennan Institute, Smithsonian Institution Building, Washington, DC, USA 20560.

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

o On 16-17 February 1984 a conference

entitled "Soviet Central Asia: The Roots and Change (Culture, Religion, Language, and Regional Development)" was held at the University Centre of South Jutland, Institute of East-West Research, Oksbol/Esbjerg, Denmark. The following papers were presented:

--Anne Grete Oker: The linguistic base in Central Asia

--Helen L. Krag: Language policy and educational system

--Kare Mathiasson: Ethnic groups in Soviet Central Asia. The travels of Olaf Olufsen 1895-97 (lecture with slides)

--Ewa A. Chylinski: Islam in Central Asia - ethnicity and confession

--Jens Qvortrup: Modernisation and standard of living

--Jan Ake Dellenbrant: Regional planning and development

--Andreas Jorgensen: Soviet Central Asia in international context

The conference was launched in relation to the research project sponsored by the Danish Research Council in Humanities, Islam-group, placed at the Institute of East-West Research University Centre of South Jutland. The aim of this interdisciplinary conference was to gather and promote studies within this area in the Nordic countries. The second purpose was the preparation of the group of Scandinavian scholars going to the Soviet Central Asia (Uzbekistan, Turkmenia) in April 8-18, 1984, on the study tour organised by the Institute.

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