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FROM THE EDITORS

We still await final incorporation of the proposed Institute of Central Asian Affairs by the British Registrar of Companies, who is the appropriate authority in matters of this kind. The next Newsletter, we hope, will convey the good news.

Our gratitude knows no bounds for the support received from many quarters for the appearance of the Newsletter and for our more ambitious plans to publish in the near future a journal devoted to Central Asian studies. We encourage readers to spread the word of our existence and to submit the names of others who might benefit from receiving our publications. In this way we shall be able to attract the support necessary to ensure our survival.

The first issue of Central Asian Survey is now in preparation. As you will notice, we have changed the title slightly to distance ourselves from other publications with proximate titles with whom Central Asian Affairs might easily be confused. If all goes according to plan, we intend to publish two issues of the journal in 1982, the first to appear in early summer, the second in the fall. Currently we are searching for good manuscripts and book reviews to complete the second issue. Readers are encouraged to submit manuscripts for consideration and to inform the Editors of their desire to write reviews. Readers are encouraged further to inform the Editors of the kinds of features they wish to see in the Newsletter, as well as of ways in which we can make the existing product better.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Haver Aslan, "Azerbaycan Matbuatında Atatürk Sevgisi," Türk Dünyası Araştırmaları, No. 13, August 1981.

Cev: Huseyn Zamantılı, "İslâm'ın ve Komünizm'in İstiklâl Harbindeki Rolü," Türk Dünyası Araştırmaları, No. 13, August 1981.

Audrey Shalinsky, Central Asian Emigres in Afghanistan: Problems of Religious and Ethnic Identity. Afghanistan Council, Occasional Paper #19, December 1979.

Murray Feshbach, "The Soviet Future: A Different Crisis," The Wilson Quarterly, Vol. 1, No. 1, Winter 1981.

Patricia Polansky, "The Soviets in Asia: bibliographies, collections, publishing," International Association of Orientalist Librarians, Bulletin 17, 1980.

Gunnar Jarring, Some Notes On Eastern Turki (New Uighur) Munazara Literature. Publication of the Royal Society of Letters at Lund, Sweden (Publisher: LiberLaromedel, POB 1205, S-22105 Lund-Sweden), 1981.

John Besemeres, Socialist Population Politics: The Political Implications of Demographic Trends in the USSR and Eastern Europe. White Plains, NY: M.E. Sharp, Inc., 1980.

Helen Desfosses, ed., Soviet Population Policy. New York: Pergamon Press, 1981.

Jeffrey W. Hahn, "Soviet Demographic Dilemmas," Problems of Communism, September-October 1981.

Gregory Walker, ed. Resources for Soviet, East European and Slavonic Studies in British Libraries. Birmingham: University of Birmingham, Centre for Russian and East European Studies, 1981.

Mehmet Saray, Rusya'nın Türk İllerinde Yayılması. Istanbul: Boğazici Yayınları, 1975.

Mehmet Saray, Dünden Bugüne Afghanistan. Istanbul: Boğazici Yayınları, 1981.

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Garron Lee Elders, "China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region: Cornucopia or Achilles Heel?" Masters Thesis, U.S. Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, June 1981.

Nancy Lubin, "Women in Soviet Central Asia: Progress and Contradictions," Soviet Studies, vol. XXXIII, no. 2, April 1981.

Ann Sheehy, "North Ossetian First Secretary Fired," Radio Liberty Research Bulletin 25/82, January 18, 1982.

SOVIET ANTI-ISLAMIC PUBLICATIONS

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According to the first 47 weeks of Kniznaia Letopis' for 1981, 190 anti-religious books and pamphlets were published in the USSR for that year. Of these, 45 titles, or nearly 24 percent, were devoted to Islam. By comparison, in 1980, out of a total of 154 anti-religious publications for the entire year, only 27 (17.5 percent) were directed against Islam. The place of publication and the language of the 1981 titles are as follows:

Moscow (10 titles in Russian)
Tashkent (8 titles in Uzbek)
Alma Ata (7 titles; 5 in Russian
1 in Kazakh, 1 in
Uighur)
Frunze (5 titles; 3 in Kirghiz,
2 in Russian)
Ashkhabad (4 titles; 3 in Turkmen,
1 in Russian)
Dushanbe (2 titles in Russian)
Samarkand (1 title in Russian)

Nukus (1 title in Karakalpak)
Cherkesk (1 title in Russian)
Baku (5 titles; 3 in Azeri, 2 in
Russian)
Kazan (1 title in Russian)

For whatever reasons, the number of books of this kind in Russian would appear to be an increase over recent years.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

o Western (USA) Slavic Association Meeting, 18-20 March 1982, Honolulu, Hawaii. The following papers are planned:

"Regional Change in the Soviet Population, 1969-1979." Theodore Shabad (New York Times)

"Recent Demographic Trends Among Soviet Muslims." Ronald Wixman (University of Oregon)

"Creation of Party Leadership Among Soviet Muslims." Paul Goble (Central Intelligence Agency)

"The Creation of National Territories and Languages Among Soviet Muslims: How and Why?" Ronald Wixman (University of Oregon)

"Afghanistan and Iran--1979." Zalmay Khalizad (Columbia University)

"Ethnic Relations and Political Integration." Gail W. Lapidus (University of California at Berkeley)

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

o The British International Studies Association and the School of European Studies of the University of Sussex, 16-18 December 1981. Among others, the following papers were presented:

"Factors Affecting Soviet Relations with Countries of the Northern Tier." Malcolm Yapp (School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London)

"Economic Strategy and the Prospects of Central Asia: Reflections on Transferability to a Middle East Periphery." Alastair McAuley (University of Essex)

"Domestic and International Implications that Derive from Islam in the Soviet Union." Helene Carrere d'Encausse (Foundation Nationale des Sciences Politiques)

o The Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales jointly with the Institut Francais de Relations Internationales organised a seminar, "Les formes de l'expansionnisme communiste continue et diversite," Paris, 4-6 January 1982. The following papers were among those presented:

"Le Revolution importee: le precedent d'Asie Centrale." Alexandre Bennigsen (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales)

"Coup d'Etat suivi d'intervention militaire en Afghanistan." Jean-Jose Puig

"Les dimensions (ideologiques, militaires, etc,) de l'expansionnisme sovietique." Annie Kriegel (Universite de Paris X-Nanterre)

o The Societas Uralo-Altaica in conjunction with the University of Hamburg presented a symposium, "Neue Ergebnisse der Zentralasienforschung," Hamburg, 2-5 July 1981. The following papers were included:

"Das Sanskrit-Worterbuch der Turfanfunde als Hilfsmittel fur die Zentralasienforschung." Heinz Bechert (Gottingen)

"Sanskrit und Gandhari in Zentralasien." Oskar V. Hinuber (Mainz)

"Einige-neue Aspekte zur Entwicklung der Brahim in Gilgit und Bamiyan." Lore Sander (Gottingen)

X "Some Notes on Recent Archaeological Finds Along the Silk Roads in Xinjiang." Gunnar Jarring (Stockholm)

X "Recent Chinese Research in Turkish Studies." Geng Shimin (Peking/Gottingen)

"Bemerkungen zu einigen Problemen der Tungusischen Sprachen im Rahmen der Sprachgeographischen und Areal-linguistischen Forschungen der Altaischen und Zentralasiatischen Sprachen." Jiro Ikegami (Sapporo)

X "On the Uigur Fragments of Madhyamagama-Sutra." Masahiro Shogaito (Kobe)

X "On the Uigur Translations of the Names of the Eight Cases and the Six Compounds of Sanskrit Grammar." Kogi Kudara (Kyoto)

X "Zur Uigurischen Varietat der Brahmi." Dieter Maue (Giessen)

"Zum Forschungsprojekt: Altindisches Lehnwort im Altturkischen." Jens Peter Laut (Giessen)

"Zum Syntaktischen Verhalten der Altindischen Lehnworter im Alt-turkischen." Klaus Rohrborn (Giessen)

"Ein Bericht uber zwei Projekte zur Alt-turkischen Grammatik." Marcel Erdal (Jerusalem/Gottingen)

"Chaladsch, Alt-turkisch, Urturkisch." Gerhard Doerfer (Gottingen)

X "Sino-Uigurische Worterklarungen." Gyorgy Kara (Budapest)

"Alt-turkische Etymologien." Semih Tezcan (Ankara)

"Zentralasiatische Bezuge in der Turkischen Religiösen Ikonographie." Barbara Flemming (Leiden)

"Ein Uigurischer Monch im Serail Sultan Mehmeds II., des Eroberers-seyh-Zade 'Abdurrezzak Bahsi." Osman Fikri Sertkaya (Istanbul)

"Neuere Turkologische Forschungen
in Afghanistan." Wolfram
Hesche (Göttingen)

"Die Bedeutung des Altuigurischen
für die Turkologische Forschung."
Nikolaj Baskakov (Moscow)

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES

The RFE/RL Fund Inc. has notified the Newsletter of its hopes to renew and expand the Central Asian Fellowship Program which it sponsored last year. In addition to projects involving individual study of the languages and culture of Soviet Central Asia, the Fund is this year soliciting applications which seek: support for Central Asian research projects leading to publication; institutional support which will help promote research, teaching or outreach activities in the field of Central Asian studies; (and) support for projects involving translations, dictionaries or other linguistic aids, acquisition of research materials, or, in general, expanded development and exchange of knowledge in the field.

The Fund is a nonprofit private organisation which raises funds to support the activities of Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty. Radio Liberty broadcasts in the six major Turkic languages of the Soviet Union and Tadzhik. According to the Fund, acceptance of an award under this program does not imply a commitment to employment or any other formal connection with RFE/RL.

Applications should be addressed to the Fund at:

1201 Connecticut Avenue NW
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They should spell out the rationale, method and objectives of the proposed project. Applications should be

accompanied by appropriate biographic data and two letters of support specific to the project.

SOVIET CRITICISM OF WESTERN SCHOLARS

O. S. Redzhepova, the author of an article entitled, "Nationalizm - Orudie ideologicheskikh diversii Imperializma" which appeared in Izvestia Akademii Nauk Turkmenskoi SSR - Seria Obshchestvennykh Nauk (No. 4, 1981, pp. 10-17), has denounced a number of Western specialists for what she insists is a falsification of Soviet reality. H. Seton-Watson, E. Allworth, T. Rakowska-Harmstone, L. Snyder, G. Simon, G. Wheeler, A. Bennigsen, and S. E. Wimbush are all criticized by Redzhepova. She writes:

An army of important, well-trained ideological diversionists, possessing the most modern techniques, has been thrown on the propaganda front of the Cold War led by Imperialism against the USSR. We must in no way underestimate this reactionary power and its ability to influence the minds and hearts of our people. Our intelligentsia has a special responsibility in the struggle against hostile ideology and propaganda not only because its duty to the people and to the Party is to denounce the falsifying character of bourgeois propaganda but also because the intelligentsia itself is one of the main targets of the manoeuvres of Imperialism. It is among the intellectuals that our adversaries are looking for potential dissidents.

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USSR: ACTIVITIES OF THE MUSLIM
SPIRITUAL BOARDS

o Recent publications of the Muslim Spiritual Board of Central Asia and Kazakhstan in Tashkent:

o Imam al-Bukhari, Al-Adab al-Mufrad (containing 1322 hadiths)

o Ibn ben al-Tirmizi, Al-Chamail al-nabawiya (a biography of the prophet; the author died in the 279th year of the Hejira)

o Delegations

o 23 December 1980--4 January 1981; Mahmud Gekhiyev, Mufti for the North Caucasus and Daghestan, led a delegation to the Arab Republic of Yemen; the delegation included Kadi Abdullah Kalanov of the Tadzhik SSR, Kadi Ratbek Nissanbaev of the Kazakh SSR, and the imam-Khatib of the Khoja Alambardor mosque of Tashkent, the Shiekh Fayzurakhman Erkabaev.

o The Presidium of the Muslim Spiritual Board of Central Asia and Kazakhstan, meeting in Tashkent in March 1981, decided to invite delegations from the Peoples Democratic Republic of South Yemen, Algeria, Jordan, and Kuwait. The Board also decided to send delegations to Libya, Turkey, and Saudi Arabia and to take part in international Muslim conferences in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Saudi Arabia, and some Western European countries.

o Social Activities

o The Uzbek Society for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries held its Fourth Conference in Tashkent on 31 March 1981. Mufti Ziautdin Babakhan was elected a member of the Executive Council and his

deputies Abdullah and Shakirov were elected members of the Uzbek-Arab section of the Society.

o Teaching

o A fetwa of Imam Ziautdin Khan Bin Ichan Babakhan, published in Muslims of the Soviet East (No. 2, 1981) warned that pilgrimage to holy places and the tombs of saints (ziakat) is incompatible with the teachings of Islam; such pilgrimages are "contradictory to the Shariyat." According to the Mufti Babakhan, the tombs Pir of Osh and Charki Mardan, known as strongholds of Sufism, are not authentic.

NEWS IN BRIEF

o Following riots in Ordzhonikidze last October, the first secretary of the North Ossetian Communist Party, V. B. Kaboliev, was found guilty of "serious inadequacies" and dismissed from office. (TASS, 16 January 1982)

o Many Western media recently carried stories of a new recruitment drive by the Afghan army. According to the reports, thousands of men between the ages of 14 and 50 were apprehended at roadblocks set up by Soviet and Afghan soldiers in Kabul during the second week of January 1982. Those apprehended were then driven to recruitment centres in the area or flown immediately to training bases away from Kabul. This procedure was necessitated, according to Afghan spokesmen, because the draft term for another group of soldiers recruited earlier was coming to an end, thereby creating unacceptable vacancies in the Afghan army. (The Daily Telegraph, 22 January 1982, among others)

o According to Reuters, a major purge of the judiciary and police forces has begun in the Kirghiz SSR following the discovery there of widespread corruption. (International Herald Tribune, 16 December 1981)

o According to a reporter from the Washington Post, Chinese authorities are encountering difficulties in Xinjiang Province due to Uighur demands for self-rule. The conflict recently has been marked by violence. (Washington Post, 12 September 1981)

o Uzbek and other Central Asian "trusts" continue to work in the RSFSR "non-black earth zone." A number of articles in the Central Asian Russian language press have discussed the Central Asian contribution to this redevelopment scheme in issues within the last year. See, for example, Z. Smuglov, "Druzhba s Znaet Rasstoianii," Pravda Vostoka, 11 June 1981.

SIR OLAF KIRKPATRICK CAROE, 1892-1981

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Sir Olaf Caroe on 23 November 1981. A giant among Central Asianists, the author of a number of important books and definitive translations, Sir Olaf will be greatly missed. A Memorial Service for the great man will be held on 16 March 1982 in St. James Church, Piccadilly, London, at 11:30 in the morning. Sir Olaf's life and work will be discussed by his close friend for many years, Mr. George Chowdharayest, in the first issue of Central Asian Survey.