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I. NSA NEWS AND BUSINESS

1.1 NSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS PENDING

IMPORTANT ELECTION NOTICE!

Under normal circumstances (when the NSA was well-financed), a national Nepal Studies Conference would have been held in the Fall at which nominations would have been received to replace the three departing members of the Executive Committee. Unfortunately no conference was held in 1975 and nominations and elections have been delayed. (Election results for the 1976-1979 terms should have been announced in this issue.) Instead, we are now taking nominations, until May 1. We will publish the list of nominees, and pertinent information about each one, in the next issue of the NSA Bulletin (Spring, 1976), along with a printed ballot. Election results will be announced thereafter.

In the future, nominations will be sought at an annual meeting and/or in the Fall issue of the Bulletin. Names and information about nominees will then be published, with a ballot, in the Winter issue, and results will be announced immediately thereafter.

Election procedures for the Executive Committee read as follows (from the NSA Constitution):

The Executive Committee of the NSA is responsible for general management of Association affairs. It will consist of nine persons chosen by mail ballot sent to all NSA members. Term of office is three years, and a year must elapse before reeligibility. The Executive Committee will annually submit a list of nominees for election to the opening seats on the Committee, taking into account availability and the need for representation according to geographical region, academic discipline, age, and sex. Any eligible member supported by signatures of five members submitted to the Executive Committee will be included on the list of nominees. The Executive Committee will elect its own Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

Outgoing Executive Committee members this time are John T. Hitchcock, Merrill Goodall, and Prakash Upreti.

USE THE NOMINATION FORM ENCLOSED. SUBMIT NOMINATIONS TO THE EDITOR BY MAY 1, 1976.

1.2 TWO-YEAR REPORT: NEPAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Merrill Goodall, of the Executive Committee, has sent in the following report which was recently submitted to our past sponsor, the Ford Foundation. The report was prepared by John Hitchcock, the NSA's outgoing Chairman. It should be of interest to the membership.

"The Nepal Studies Association came into existence when an organizational meeting was held during the annual Association for Asian Studies meeting, March 29, 1971. A Temporary Executive Committee was elected by the 44 who were present and was asked to draw up a constitution and take steps to establish the Association."
In subsequent action the Temporary Executive Committee established a dues-paying membership roster, sent questionnaires to all members, and arranged for an election by mail ballot of an Executive Committee. With support from the South Asia Regional Council of the Association for Asian Studies, the nine-member Executive Committee met in Des Plaines, Illinois, December 18-19, 1971. Merrill R. Goodall was elected Chairman and John Hitchcock, Secretary-Treasurer. A major aim was to find agreement on how best to develop Nepal Studies in the United States, while at the same time seeking not only support and encouragement for Nepali scholars but viable forms of true mutuality between them and American counterparts. The Committee, which requested that this Committee and subsequent elected Executive Committees of the Nepal Studies Association be accorded status as the Nepal Country Committee of the South Asia Regional Council, drew up a constitution and a budget proposal for submission through channels of the Association for Asian Studies to the Ford Foundation.

In March 1972 a 26-page Newsletter [now the Bulletin] was circulated to a membership of 111 and by July 1972, when the second Newsletter was circulated, the membership had passed 130. For the first two Newsletters, devoted mainly to organizational reports and membership biographies, John Hitchcock, University of Wisconsin, assisted by Patricia Hitchcock, was editor.

On September 21, 1972, the Ford Foundation approved a grant to the Association for Asian Studies on behalf of the Nepal Studies Association. The grant for $46,800 covered the two-year period 1972/73 and 1973/74.

With a portion of the grant, Krishna Pradhan was brought to the University of Wisconsin as lecturer in the Department of South Asian Studies. Because the allocation was not available until after the semester had been underway for a month, the enrollment was only seven students, four of whom were graduate students planning research in Nepal.

Newsletter No.3, which appeared in February 1973 under the editorship of Ruth Schmidt, University of California, was devoted mainly to a bibliography of dissertations written from 1959 to 1973 on subjects relating to Nepal. On April 27-29, 1973, under the direction of Robert Norman, the NSA First Regional Conference was held at the University of Pittsburgh. It brought together 80 Nepalis and 45 Americans who attended from points as far away as Canada, N.C., Col., Mass., Mass., Minn., and Kentucky. The four major workshops were on Optimum Development, New Educational Plans, Research in Nepal, and Politics in Nepal.

The seminar for Nepali social scientists in Nepal took place on October 15, 16, and 17, 1973, at Tribhuvan University. It was sponsored by the Institute of Nepal and Asian Studies (INAS), Tribhuvan University and was organized by the INAS Director, Dean Prayag Raj Sharma. The seminar was designed to assess the state of the social sciences in Nepal in the context of Nepali development. An invited American observer wrote: 'Discussions got down to hard, fundamental questions. I think the decision to fund it was wise, and I for one cannot but conclude that it was an excellent investment.' The seminar produced a large and attractive volume entitled Social Science in Nepal, which is being distributed to all members of our association.

Newsletter No.4, appearing in May 1973, was sent to a membership of 206, and issue No.5, which in January 1974, was the first to be edited by John Scholtz, of the University of California.

The NSA Second Regional Conference was held under the direction of Merrill R. Goodall at Claremont Graduate School, February 22, 23, and 24, 1974, and attracted over 100 participants. There was an art exhibition and an address by Ambassador Yudanath Khanal. Slides were shown of murals from the ancient royal palace. They had never before been photographed. Many scholarly papers were presented and summaries of them, as well as a catalogue of the art exhibition, were made available to the NSA membership.

The NSA First National Conference, attended and addressed by Ambassador Khanal, was held at the University of Southern Illinois on October 31, November 1, 2, and 3, 1974. Over 90 from all parts of the U.S. participated. Arrangements were under the direction of John Anderson, which was organized by John Hitchcock, included panels and presentations on indigenous religion, school abroad programs, high altitude peoples, intermediate technology, education, agricultural development, contemporary art, ethnmosicology, ethnology, population, international relations, pagoda architecture, and a number of universities preparing to do fieldwork in Nepal. During this conference an open meeting was held to discuss the future course of the NSA.

"If The Ford Foundation agrees to an extension of time on the NSA grant, the final Nepal seminar for Nepali scholars in Nepal will begin [1975] following the coronation [See Below]. It will be a seminar for scholars in the humanities. Plans have been underway since the early spring of 1974 and the seminar would have been in the fall of 1974 if the man in charge, Dean U. M. Malla, Institute of Humanities, Tribhuvan University, had not been given an opportunity during the fall semester to come to the United States.

Krishna Pradhan's presence on the University of Wisconsin campus has made possible a Wisconsin Semester in Nepal. John Hitchcock initiated the program with 16 students during the spring semester in 1975 [See Hitchcock's report in Newsletter No.4, below]. Krishna Pradhan also provided language training for the Associated Colleges of the Midwest program directed by James Fishe, in which 17 students participated at Carleton College and later in December 1973 in Nepal. In addition, Pradhan, during the summer, has tutored graduate students from a number of universities preparing to do fieldwork in Nepal. The Wisconsin administration has supported Nepali language teaching during the academic year 1974-75. Since so much student interest has been generated, it seems reasonable to hope Semester funds and money provided by The Ford Foundation will continue to have such good results.

The money allocated to the Berkeley Resource Center has been employed to hire two part time staff to organize the unique book and non-book material housed in the South/Southeast Asia Library Service. The project has begun to establish full bibliographical control over the material. The resources being processed include Regmi Research Foundation series dating from the early 1950's, the Nepal Government Gazette series, a large pamphlet collection and 32 monographic titles. The work suggested by Leo Rose, was done under Kenneth Logan, South Asian Librarian. Money provided for the Regmi Research Project was used to continue and expand the translation program in Nepali language materials.

Throughout its period of existence the NSA has held annual elections to replace three retiring members of the Executive Committee. The Committee has been chaired by Merrill R. Goodall and John T. Hitchcock, who was replaced as Secretary-Treasurer by Robert Norman. Members of the Executive Committee have held open meetings of the Nepal Studies Association at each annual meeting of the Association for Asian Studies and the Chairman has participated in meetings of the South Asia Regional Council. The membership has balloted on more than one occasion to make amendments to the Constitution.

The last open meeting of the membership, held at the
University of Southern Illinois
November 1, 1974,
addressed itself to the future of the NSA. With the grant terminating it was clear that of all our activities, the Newsletter [i.e. this Bulletin] was most essential. With this in mind we are now only movements designed to amend the constitution in such a way that the subscription fee can be increased as necessary. We are working on this but not the Executive Committee shall have authority to incorporate the organization -- a step that might be desirable if sufficient financial support became available. [Both ballot measures were passed by the membership in 1975; see NSA bulletin No.8, June 1975.] In line with emphasis on the news, we are as a number of foreign countries, including Nepal, to act as assistant editors. The new editor is Don Messerschmidt of Abt Associates, Inc. [and Case Western Reserve University].

A number of our members are actively seeking sources of support for further regional or national meetings. We are encouraged at the number of young scholars who are taking a very active interest in the organization and are assuming positions of leadership.

"It has been impossible in this report to convey adequately the stimulus provided Nepal Studies by Association for Asian Studies and the Ford Foundation support. It is hoped an interested reader will glance through our last six Newsletters reading there a more complete account of our activities and noting the increase in our membership as well as the growth in kinds of information brought to our readers. The final complete report on our National Conference is not yet in, but will be forwarded as soon as possible [it has been]. It will contain transcriptions of taped summaries of most of the reports and panel discussions and will help underline the fact that Nepal Studies indeed have benefitted from this help. We are grateful and trust that our attempts to use the money will have been successful."

[Sign by John T. Hitchcock, NSA Chairman, and submitted to The Ford Foundation.]

Since this report was written, the NSA business has been concentrated primarily on producing this Bulletin. As an organization, we are now short on funds. Support of the Bulletin comes primarily from membership subscriptions (See Section V. below). We have not been able to hold any regional or national NSA conferences during 1975, but hope to again soon. Our outgoing Chairman, John Hitchcock, and members of the Executive Committee are actively seeking financial support to continue the good works of the NSA. We hope to be able to report on these activities in the near future. Meanwhile, interested members who have suggestions concerning possible financial backing are encouraged to write to Dr. John T. Hitchcock, Dept. of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, 53706.

1.3 NSA ACTIVITIES IN NEPAL: HUMANITIES SEMINAR

John Scholz, an Executive Committee man now in Nepal, reports that an advance of Rs 1600/- has been deposited in the name of the "Nepal Studies Association - Nepal Country Committee." Thetemporary officers of this group are at present organizing an introductory open meeting and seeking opinions from various Nepalese scholars about the kinds of seminars most desired and alternative sources of revenue to finance them. Although the introductory meeting was scheduled twice, it had to be cancelled because of the student strikes at the University. The repercussions this caused for University faculty and administration. The same cause has delayed plans for the Humanities Seminar. Plans have been completed for the past six months, and the Humanities Seminar is now slated for the week of April 27 in Kathmandu, under the directorship of U.W. Walla, Dean of the Institute of Humanities at Tribhuvan University.

Nepal Country Committee Budget

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II. GENERAL INFORMATION

USEFN: U.S. Educational Foundation in Nepal

A Brief Introduction. The United States Educational Foundation in Nepal was established by an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of Nepal for financing certain educational exchange programs, signed on June 9, 1961. The Foundation is a bi-national organization with a Board of Directors consisting of ten members; five Americans appointed by the United States Ambassador to Nepal, who is Honorary Chairman, and five Nepalese appointed by His Majesty's Government of Nepal.

The Board of Foreign Scholarships, a statutory body of educators public men appointed by the President of the United States, has overall responsibility for the Fulbright-Hays Grants which constitute the Foundation's principal program. Acting under the Board's guidance, the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (CEA) manages and finances the Fulbright program, both through bi-national commissions such as the Foundation in Nepal, and by contracting with private institutions in the U.S. These institutions include the Committee on International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) which handles senior scholars, and the Institute of International Education (IIE) which is responsible for students.

Objectives. The Foundation's overall objective is to increase mutual understanding between the people of Nepal and the United States of America through mutually beneficial educational exchanges of the highest quality. Its specific long term objectives are to:

- improve the caliber of higher education in Nepal and thereby the quality of education imparted to Nepal's future leaders;
- expose American scholars and Nepalese to extended periods of fruitful living in each other's cultures;
- promote the scholarly exchange of intercultural knowledge through support of Nepalese Studies and American Studies;
- support independent educational exchanges wherever they are beneficial towards the achievement of the overall objective.

Projects Incorporating Fulbright-Hays Grants.

1. Academic Development of Tribhuvan University.

This project, the Foundation's highest priority since the inception of the program, involves the exchange of American and Nepalese lecturers. On the average, two to three American professors a year have been placed in selected graduate departments in Tribhuvan University. In addition to teaching selected courses, they have participated in the development of curricula and research programs. At the same time, senior Nepalese scholars...
have gone to the U.S. on travel grants for individual programs of research, teaching and advanced study, and a large number of junior faculty have received Fulbright grants enabling them to obtain advanced degrees from U.S. universities [see Section 2.4, below, for a list of 1975-76 Fulbright-Hays and East-West Center grantees].


Until its inclusion in the above project in 1974, this project was designed to send Nepalese students and junior faculty to the U.S. for advanced graduate study.


Under this project American research scholars and advanced graduate students have come to Nepal to conduct research in various aspects of Nepalese Studies. In 1975-76, the Foundation is inaugurating a new program of providing a teaching assistant (assistant lecturer) to work with Nepalese colleagues at the University.

4. International Educational Development Program.

Until 1973, two to five Nepalese educators (headmasters and teachers) were sent to the U.S. each year under this program sponsored jointly by CU [U.S. Dept. of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs] and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education (OE).

DHEW-OE Fulbright-Hays Grants. In addition to the Fulbright-Hays Grants directly administered by the Foundation and financed by CU, the Foundation provides support facilities for the Department of Health, Education and Welfare's Office of Education financed Fulbright-Hays grantees. These include Doctoral Dissertation Abroad grants as well as Faculty Research Abroad grants.

East-West Center Grants. The Foundation has also served as the Field Representative for the East-West Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. As such, it assists the Center in publicizing its programs and selecting its grantees, both for the graduate degree study program and the short term professional development and research fellow programs. This contractual arrangement will be formalized under a currently pending Memorandum of Agreement between the East-West Center and Tribhuvan University.

Support for Non-Sponsored Individuals and Programs

The Foundation has attempted to promote independent educational exchanges wherever beneficial and possible. This has included counseling services for individual Nepalese interested in pursuing higher education in the U.S., as well as assisting individual American scholars and students coming to Nepal. In addition, the Foundation has assisted both formally by contract and informally through consultations, the relatively large number of American educational groups which have had programs in Nepal. These include among others, the Experiment in International Living, Pitt College, Associated Colleges of the Midwest, University of Wisconsin, International 4-H Youth Exchange, Evergreen State College, University of Puget Sound, and research teams from Johns Hopkins University, The Smithsonian Institution, University of California at Berkeley, et cetera.

Other Program Activities. In addition to the above, the Foundation also sponsors various alumni activities, seminars, and lectures.

Board of Directors 1974-1975:

The Honorable William I. Cargo United States Ambassador to Nepal Honorary Chairman/USEFN

Mr. Kent Obee, Public Affairs Officer (Director), U.S.I.S. Chairman/USEFN

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J. Gabriel Campbell, Executive Secretary and Special Projects Officer

Suk Bahadur Subba, Program Assistant

Dipak B. Mathema, Administrative Assistant and Accountant.

Summary of Programs as of July 1975:

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Number of U.S.-Nepalese Students & Scholars

Approximate total number of American and Nepalese students and scholars in U.S. and Nepal on Fulbright and on private programs of at least one semester's duration:

Nepalese students in the U.S., 1973-74: 84

American college students who studied in Nepal, 1974-75: 50

American students conducting Ph.D. research in Nepal, 1974-75: 20

American faculty who conducted research in Nepal, 1974-75: 5

Total: 159

[Above information on USEFN programs courtesy of J. Gabriel Campbell, Kathmandu, Nepal.]

2.2 STUDY PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

WISCONSIN SEMESTER IN NEPAL, 1975:

SUMMARY AND SUGGESTIONS

The University of Wisconsin Semester in Nepal, with an enrollment of 18 students, was initiated on January 1, 1975, under the direction of Professor John T. Hitchcock, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Wisconsin/Madison. Student housing, classroom space, language instructors and lecturers were arranged by New ERA (New Educational Reform Associates) of Kathmandu. Course work, for
university credit, consisted of intensive language instruction, lectures on Nepali culture and development, and guided tours with emphasis on Nepali history. In addition, each student carried out an individual project. These projects reflected diverse interests, and guided tours with emphasis on Nepali history. Classical music while learning to play the sitar (classically by a concert by two students and their instructor). In a number of cases, projects have laid a basis for professional careers. Two students, one in anthropology and one in music, have remained in Nepal to continue their research, and a number of returnees are studying advanced Nepali. The final month of the semester was set aside for optional use. Whenever away from Kathmandu, each student boarded with a Nepali family.

A recent communication from a member of the South Asia Regional Council described an American academic year abroad program in India which ended early when the hosting Indian university asked all students to leave at the end of the first semester. On both sides disenchantment was fully shared, and the Indian side included many residents of the town. Without claiming perfection, the Wisconsin Semester in Nepal nevertheless had markedly better success and it might be useful to suggest what seems to be a few reasons.

For the Indian program, students had some orientation but it apparently did not include language instruction. This is a notable and very crucial difference. Under the instruction of Krishna Pradhan at Wisconsin, our students had a semester of excellent preparation in the Nepali language. Another factor was emphasis from the outset on the academic dimension of the Wisconsin Semester. This was made clear in John Hitchcock's orientation course and many who had enrolled with other expectations dropped out. The Indian program made family living optional and provided a central residence with Western-style food. As noted above, all Wisconsin students lived with Nepali families, an arrangement that was made by New ERA with outstanding success. Eating with a family and being able to talk with the members led students to identify strongly with their Nepali "relatives." A few students made exploratory forays into the Kathmandu drug scene, but on the whole the group attitude was summed up in the comment: "They (the spaced-out set) haven't learned any Nepali or much of else about the country." Some of the girls felt constrained because their "parents" worried when they stayed out late. However, they were able to discuss the problem and it was a tribute to Nepali tolerance as well as student tact that the issue never became serious. Finally, judging by the Indian experience and an earlier Nepali program that ran into difficulties, it is desirable to have someone with in-country experience and of stature in the originating university on the scene to handle academic and other problems as they arise.

If the Wisconsin Semester were to be done again, an attempt would be made to arrange facilities for a longer period outside of Kathmandu. The University policy that discouraged this is open to question in a country as predominantly rural as Nepal. Among the benefits would be a much more rapid acquisition of language facility.

1976 STUDY-TRAVEL PROGRAM: PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

For the Summer of 1976, Portland State University is offering study-travel seminars to Ecuador, Peru, and India/Nepal/Sri Lanka. The latter runs from July 3 to August 15, and is worth nine (9) university credits. Cost estimates, from New York: $2272 ($1063 + $329 tuition); from West Coast: $2065 ($1283 + $329 tuition).

The first Nepal/India seminar with Portland State University was held in 1975. It was an exciting experience for the 35 participants. This year Sri Lanka (Ceylon) will be visited, and the emphasis is on education and the religions of these countries. Participants may sign up for 9 graduate or undergraduate credits from Portland State Univ. An additional 3 credits of Reading and Conference is also available by special arrangement.

For further information, write to Jennelle Moorhead, c/o Portland State University, Office of International Education, P. O. Box 751, Portland, Oregon 97207.

NEPALI STUDENTS & NEPAL STUDIES AT CLAREMONT


2. Govind Chipalu, a Fulbright Scholar at Claremont in business economics, expects to complete course work for the MBA degree in June 1976.

3. Jyoti Kumar Sharma has been advanced to candidacy for the Ph.D. degree in Government. Sharma is teaching Nepali in the course of the New Education Plan, and his research is on education and the religions of these countries. Sharma's prior degrees were at the London School of Economics and Political Science.

4. The undergraduate course on Nepal is being taught by Don Bremnels, Susan Seymour-Graham, and Alan Greenberger (all of Pitzer College in Claremont), and by Jyoti Sharma.

5. Gautam Vajra Varacharya, a Nepali historian, has begun graduate studies at Claremont in 1976.
During 1975, Mr. Vajracharya was at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art with the Heeramanek collection of Nepalese art under the auspices of a Rockefeller Foundation grant. Mr. Vajracharya's special fields of expertise are the interpretation of inscriptions and historical documents (many of which he has discovered himself) from the medieval period of Nepal, art history, and the history of folk festivals. His most recent work is a book-length study of the Hanuman Dhoka Palace in Kathmandu. For many years, Mr. Vajracharya was co-editor of the journal Purima, which is an indispensable source of precisely documented information on Nepalese history and culture.

[Information courtesy of Merrill Goodall of Claremont Graduate School, and (Item 5) of Boyd Michailovsky of the University of California at Berkeley.]

2.3 SEMINARS AND CONFERENCES

HUMANITIES SEMINAR IN KATHMANDU

The long-awaited Humanities Seminar in Nepal Studies under the directorship of U.M. Malla, Dean of the Institute of Humanities at Tribhuvan University, is now scheduled for the week of April 27, 1976. We expect to have a report of the seminar in the next issue of this Bulletin.

ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES MEETING

The Association for Asian Studies (AAS) annual meeting will be held in Toronto, Canada, March 19-21, 1976, at the Royal York Hotel. No formal Nepal meeting has been scheduled, hence no meeting room is reserved, but persons wishing to meet with others who have Nepal-specific interests are advised to leave a message on the main bulletin board indicating a time and a place to get together (perhaps in a nearby pub).

MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE (MAB) CONFERENCE IN NEPAL

A large seminar sponsored by the United Nations on Man and the Biosphere was held in Kathmandu September 26 to October 2, 1975. The meeting in Nepal was chaired by Dr. Ratna Rana, and was entitled "Regional Meeting on Integrated Ecological Research and Training Needs in the Southern Asia Mountain Systems, in Particular the Hindu Kush-Himalayas." Delegates attended from all South Asian countries, including China and Mongolia. We expect to print a full report in the next issue of the Bulletin.

SEMINARS OF THE RESEARCH DIVISION, TRIBHUVAN UNIV.

"The Research Division [of Tribhuvan University, Nepal], has a program of sponsoring a series of seminars on education of Nepal and the research activities of the foreign scholars affiliated with the University, and of others. The main purpose of this program is to discuss the education problems of Nepal and the findings of research works, especially of the foreigners, which would be beneficial both for the Nepalese and the foreigners.

"On September 17, 18, and 19, 1974, a three-day seminar was held in Setrithi Bhat, Kirtipur. The main objective of this seminar was to discuss the education problems of Nepal and to take suggestions from Dr. Coladacci, an education expert and Dean of Stanford University School of Education, who came to Nepal during the period. The discussions were on 'Entrance Examination,' 'Evaluating Techniques,' and 'Processes of Curriculum Change in Higher Education.' Papers were presented by Mr. Ratna Man Pradhan and Mr. Sushil Shrestha, Mr. Bajrja Raj Shalaya, and Mr. Ananda Dev Bhatta, respectively. Assistant Deans of different institutes, Campus Chiefs, and Chief of the Division of the University and the higher level staff from the Education Ministry participated in the seminar.

The Division of Research also sponsored a lecture program on the 'Education Systems of China and North Korea' by Vice-Chancellor Surya Bahadur Shalaya on 16th Aswin, 2033, after his visit to North Korea.

"The first seminar on the research activities of foreign scholars was held in the office of the Research Division at Tripureswor on May 27, 1975. The speakers in the seminar were Miss Linda Stone and Miss Nancy Levine. Miss Stone presented her paper on 'Aspects of Educational Development in Rural Nepal.' Miss Levine's paper was on 'Social Change in Class and Clan Organization among Tibetan Speaking Populations in Humla.'"

[Research Bulletin, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, Volume 1, Number 1, July 1975, p.12.]

CONFERENCE ON "FAMILY PLANNING, POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN NEPAL" HELD AT BERKELEY

A major activity of the Nepal-University of California Family Planning/Maternal & Child Health (FP/MCH) Project in 1975 was the organization and conduct of a large Workshop-Conference held on the University of California campus at Berkeley, August 24-29.

The major objectives of the Conference were:
- To highlight critical issues and develop possible alternative approaches to the problems of family planning, population, and socio-economic development in Nepal.
- To provide an interdisciplinary forum for exploring the interrelationships among, and divergent perspectives on, these issues.

Noteworthy aspects of the Conference were:
- Large scale and significant Nepalese involvement was achieved in all aspects of the Workshop-Conference, helping to solidify and extend the Project's working relationships with HMG staff and other Nepalese scholars and students. Of the total of 70 participants, 31 were Nepalese; the presentations and the leadership of the conference were equally divided between Nepalese and non-Nepalese participants. This pattern received frequent and favorable comment by both American and Nepalese participants and contributed greatly to the success of the Conference.

His Majesty's Government of Nepal (HMG), the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID), and the University of California (UC) all sent high level representatives to the Conference. This provided an opportunity for serious dialogue and a sharing of perspectives expected to prove beneficial to all concerned.

Representing HMG were:
- Mr. G. P. Lahani, Member of the National Planning Commission and Chairman of the Population Coordination Board of Nepal
- Dr. Mohan Man Sainju, Rector, Tribhuvan University
- Dr. Badri Raj Pande, Acting Director, FP/MCH
- Dr. G.S.L. Das, Chief Planning Officer, Min. of Health

Representing AID were:
- Dr. Ray Ravenholt, Chief, Office of Population and Humanitarian Assistance
- Mr. Henry Hendler, Deputy Assistant Administrator
- Mr. Carter Ide, Deputy Director of the Office of Public Affairs, and formerly U.S.AID Mission Director/Nepal
- Mr. William Trayford, Chief, Population and Health Division
- Mr. Marvin Cernik, Population Officer/AID and FP/MCH Project Liaison

Representing UC Project Staff were:
- Dr. H. C. Gustafson, Chief of Party
- Dr. John Stoeckel, Demographic Research Specialist
- Dr. William Griffiths, Principal Investigator

Additional UC staff were:
- Dr. Kingsley Davis, Professor of Sociology and Director of the International Population and Urban Research Center. He gave the keynote address.
The Royal Nepal Academy has offered this year altogether six scholarships for study and research on Nepali language, literature, art, culture, philosophy, and science. These are one-year scholarships, but may be extended. Interested candidates, Nepali and foreign, were invited to apply for the scholarships by September 16, 1975. Applications were to include a short plan of work, qualifications, experience, name, and address.

The scholarships were for Rs 700/- per month, with no extra monies available for other purposes. Persons receiving the scholarships are expected to devote full time to the research work undertaken.

We have not yet received the names and research subjects of the 1975-76 scholarship winners, but the Bulletin will publish them when they arrive. For further information, contact the Royal Nepal Academy, Kamaladi, Kathmandu, Nepal.

1975-1976 FULBRIGHT-HAYS & EAST-WEST CENTER GRANTEES

Fulbright-Hays Grantees/Nepal

Mr. Pitambhar Sharma Upadhya, Lecturer, Geography Department, Tribhuvan University (Regional Planning, Ph.D. program, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York)

Mr. Prem Raj Pant, Lecturer, Institute of Business Administration, Commerce, and Public Administration, Shanker Dev Campus (Business Administration, MBA program, Bar. State University, Muncie, Indiana, University of New York)

Mr. Bharati P. Sharma, Lecturer, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Civil Engineering, MS program, Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, New York)

Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Shrestha, Acting Assistant Dean, Inst. of Humanities and Social Sciences, Tribhuvan Univ. (Archaeology, MA program, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

Mr. Mitra Prasad Upadhyay, Lecturer, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Civil Engineering, Ph.D. program, Washington State University, Pullman, Washington)

East-West Center Grantees/Nepal

Mr. Manik Ratna Tuladhar, Lecturer, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Civil Engineering, M.Eng. program, Technology & Development Inst., University of Hawaii)

Mr. Kiran Kumar Bhattarai, Lecturer, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Civil Engineering, M. Eng. program, Technology & Development Inst., University of Hawaii)

Mr. Bishnu Bahadur Gurung, Acting Assistant Dean, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Civil Engineering, M. Eng. program, Technology & Development Inst., University of Hawaii)

Mr. Kiran Raj Joshi, Asst. Lecturer, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Electrical Engineering, M. Eng. program, Technology & Development Inst., University of Hawaii)

Mr. Prakash Pandey, Asst. Lecturer, Inst. of Engineering, Pulchowk (Architecture, M.A. program, Culture Learning Institute, University of Hawaii)

Mr. Sudarshan Raj Tiwari, Lecturer, Institute of Engineering, Pulchowk (Architecture, M.A. program, Technology & Development Inst., Univ. of Hawaii)

III. RECENT AND CURRENT RESEARCH

3.1 TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY AND NEPAL RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Despite proclaimed emphasis upon research as a vital programme, we have introduced it at the postgraduate level rather late. We confess that it is still a very new phenomenon for us. There has been very little work towards institutionalizing research works except in CEDA (Centre for Economic Development and Administration) and INAS (Inst. of Nepal and Asian Studies) at the University. There is a proposal to set up three research centres, including CEDA, in the University, but it is still a long way to go ahead.

"Research Council: A Research Council at the central level of the University was set up in 2023-2024. But the council did little more than register the research projects for the Ph.D. degrees in different subjects. In keeping with our goal, the research Council under the new administrative setup of the University is to promote the research in study and teaching systems by developing the field of research within the University. The Rector, who is Chairman of the Council, appoints four members among the Deans and two other experts. The Council deals mainly with the policy matters on research at the University level. The main functions of the Council are as follows:
1. To plan the research programme and to determine the priorities in the field of research at the central level.
2. To formulate and administer guidelines, priorities, standards, and rules to implement the research goals and policy.
3. To coordinate and evaluate the research programme and activities of the various research organizations of the University in the institutes, centres, and campuses.
4. To scrutinize the research proposals recommended by the Research Committee at the institute level.
5. To sponsor research activities within the University acting as a source of research information about Nepal.

"Research Committee: At the institute level there are the Research Committees to promote research within its campuses. The Research Committee of each institute consists of about four members under the chairmanship of the Dean. The chief responsibility of the committee is to recommend and forward the research proposals prepared by the scholars for the scrutiny of the Research Committee.

"Research Division: At the centre under the Rector's office the Research Division coordinates the research activities of the different institutes, foreign scholars, and other agencies of His Majesty's Government. The work programme of the Division includes publications, research studies, seminars and financial sanction for research activities of different institutions. The research studies on "Examination and Enrollment" and "Semester Examination and Impact on Qualitative Development" are already completed and the research studies undertaken by the Division on "Impact of Semester System" and "Physical and Educational Facilities in the Campuses" are in process. The Division has conducted seminars on "Education" participated in by Dr. Coladarci of Stanford Univ. and on "Tantric Texts" by Dr. Wiesel. A research Directory is soon to be published.

"Research Faculty: With the goal of promoting research activities, the research policy of the University provides some facilities to the researchers in order to encourage them in participating in the research works. The University staff engaged in the research projects are given the facility of working in their particular areas with lesser teaching load. They are also given extra remuneration and allowance up to 50% of their salary for being involved in the research activities. With this provision the University invites project proposals from interested teachers as well as the administrative staff of the University to proceed with their research to be financed by the University.

"At present the following staff are involved in Research Projects under this Research Division:

Mr. Krishna Raj Pandey, Chief
Mrs. Bina Pradhan, Deputy Registrar
Mrs. Sushila Jonche, Asst. Research Officer
Mr. Rohit Nepal, Asst. Research Officer
Mrs. Kapil Joshi, Asst. Research Officer
Mr. Bhakta Lal Shrestha, Asst. Research Officer
Mr. Binod Devkota, Asst. Research Officer

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17. GRAHAM, Clarke. People of Mugu. Mugu, Jumla, Dolpa, and adjacent areas, 1974-75.
19. WORCESTER, Edward (Ted) H. The Role of Ethnicity in the Adaptation of Tibetan Immigrants at Boudha, Kathmandu, Nepal. Ted writes that his research is in progress, and that she expects to continue it until 1977 after which she will return to complete his Ph.D. degree at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

IV. BIBLIOGRAPHY

4.1 BOOKS, ARTICLES, PERIODICALS, COLLECTIONS...

CAPLAN, Lionel
1975 Administration and Politics in a Nepalese Town: The Study of a District and its Environ... Oxford University Press. 804pp., 5 maps.

Describes and analyses the effects of social change and political development within a Nepalese town in the far western mountains, and on the traditional links between townpeople and villagers who live in the surrounding countryside. (A book review will be printed later.)

GABORIEAU, Marc

Expected out in late 1976. Covers the whole of the Muslim communities of Nepal, with special attention to the bangle-makers of the western hills, as well as to the Muslims of Kathmandu Valley and the Tarai. Discusses origins and history since the beginning of the 16th century, the present situation, and the position of the Muslim family in relation to the Hindus.
Excellent coverage of the Tarai region of Nepal, particularly its political-economy and including detailed discussions of demography and migration, ethnicity, education and various relations between the Tarai, the Hills, and Northern India. There are many detailed tables of statistics which should prove valuable for future comparative studies. The publisher's comment: "Mr. Gaige provides the first systematic study of the economically important plains, the Tarai, the Hills, and Northern India. There are detailed discussions of demography and migration, purchased directly from Ratna Pustak Bhandar, Bhotahity, Kathmandu, Nepal."

Publisher's comment: "This anthology is the result of a relatively new field has drawn an ever-increasing international body of anthropologists attracted by the complexity and variety of the phenomenon. An increasing number of articles have been published significantly, and now it is amply demonstrated that the social, religious, psychic and therapeutic aspects of spirit possession are dealt with on a broadly regional and ethnic basis and the collection is completed with contributions on lamaist spirit possession and historical observations. This volume may be viewed as a summary of the current state of research, an attempt to resolve some of the theoretical, classification and definition problems and to set the direction for future investigations."

Huntington, John C.
1975
The Phur-Pa, Tibetan Ritual Daggers.
Ascona, Switzerland: Artibus Asiae. 90pp., 103 plates on 64 plate pages. $30.00

Publisher's Comment: "The ‘far-reaching’ arrow or bolt as a means of controlling negative factors in one’s life is a phenomenon occurring in many circumpacific cultures. But nowhere has it reached the importance and complex development that the phur-pa achieved in association with Buddhism in the Nepal-Tibetan regions. This study is an attempt to survey the iconography of the manifold types of phur-pa and to set up broad categories of classification based on iconographic elements. A considerable variety of implements is examined and analysed in order to determine their relationship to underlying principles. In each case it will be seen that nothing less than the force of the Universal itself is brought to bear on the subject of concern."

Bennett-Campbell, Lynn.
A Study of the Social and Symbolic Role of Brahman and Chetri Women in Nepal.
Forthcoming.

(Coastal this presents a processual analysis of women's roles in Hindu kinship and family. Because of its strong patrilineal organization and ideology, women's position in the Hindu Family, though recognized as vital, is also politically problematic and conceptually ambiguous. Some of these ambiguities are further probed through analysis of the symbolic meaning attached to women in Hindu mythology and ritual.)

Borgstrom, Bengt-Erik Per Gustaf.

(Coastal this study deals with a local area in the Kathmandu Valley. It focuses on the way the formal Panchayat structure and attempt at economic development from above are transformed in accordance with personalized relations inherent in the traditional social organization.)

CAMPBELL, James Gabriel.

Corlin, Caes Gustav J.
The Nation in Your Mind: Continuity and Change Among Tibetan Refugees in Nepal.

(A study of the social and cultural processes by which Tibetan refugees in Nepal attempt to maintain their cultural identity.)

Goldschmidt, Donald A.
The Gurungs of Nepal: Conflict and Change in a Village Society.
Arts & Phillips, Ltd. 166pp., 33 photos.

Publisher's Comment: "This book has been written with two purposes in mind: as an ethno-geographic description of the Gurungs of the Nepal Himalaya, paying particular attention to their social groupings, and secondarily, as a discussion of conflict and the effects of change upon a particular Gurung village. As an ethnic group, Gurungs show remarkable internal cohesion and unity despite obvious differences in economic and political status between individuals. However, an underlying tension and conflict within the life of the village was detected and seen to reflect a built-in tribal-wide pattern of conflict between two sub-tribes called the Sora Jat and the Char Jat. This conflict, which is rooted in historical precedent and exacerbated by contemporary economic and political change, is thoroughly described.

"Throng the author focused attention on Gurung life and culture in one highland village, analysing the historical factors and legends supporting the disparity between social groups, the wider environment is also described. Centres of trade and government, though at great distance, have radiated changes in the national economy and polity throughout the isolated hill villages. The struggle to accommodate to the inroads of modernity reflected in an intensification of conflict at the village level, is finally ameliorated by the development of new leadership."

Williams, Rushbrook (Editor)

4.2 Dissertations: Recent and Forthcoming.

Information on dissertations from Nepal is generously supplied by Frank Joseph Shulman, editor of Doctoral Dissertations on Asia: An Annotated Bibliographical Journal of Current International Research in Univer-
sity Microfilms. Shulman encourages scholars engaged in dissertation research to submit such information to him. Write to him for proper forms.

Note Shulman's new address:
Frank Joseph Shulman
East Asia Collection/McKeldin Library
University of Maryland
College Park, Maryland 20742 U.S.A.


(Translation from Sanskrit of Prajnâpâramitâ-svāttvadhâraṇa by Bhavavâna, which is an exposition of the Prâsaântika-Mâdhyamika viewpoint, accompanied by annotations based on the major Tibetan commentaries. Introduction to deal with philosophical and theological issues in the text, and with Tibetan controversies on various points. A complete translation of Rgyaltshab’s Spod is also in the works. An appendix on the Rgyal-tshab will be included in an appendix.)


(A study of a system of multi-ethnic multi-caste villages, dispersed over four ecological zones with focus on the local community rather than the social organization of its constituent groups. The growth and decline of the area over the last 100 years will be analyzed, taking up such factors as land tenure, ecological changes, systems of land tenure, and external economic and political factors.)


(This dissertation will be confined to problems of ontology and epistemology raised by the author as interpreted by both Indian and Tibetan commentators. Dharmakirti’s theories will be related to those of Dignâga as well as to those of his own contemporary non-Buddhist adversaries. The main focus will be on apsaka (negation).)

4.5 FILMS AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

LEARNING MATERIALS ON THE HIMALAYAS

The first in a series of six Asian Studies slide/learning packets produced by The Workshop: Photography and Education, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, is now available. Slide Packet #1 (below), entitled “The Himalayan Environment: Landforms in Nepal,” is complete and for sale on a 10-day money back guarantee if not satisfied basis. It is designed for secondary through college earth sciences and ecology subject content classes. Slide packets #2-#5 are in production and/or field testing, and will be available in April 1976. Listings of other material are available on request. All materials are packaged for protection and convenient storage. Transparencies are duplicated to the highest standards. Additional slide/learning packets are in preparation. Send your name and address to be included on the next mailing list for information, to:

Workshop: Photography & Education
2822 East Hartford Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53211

Learning Materials on the Himalayas include:

1. “The Himalayan Environment: Landforms in Nepal” 57 transparencies, individual geologic and environmental descriptions, 1 diagram, 2 maps, and bibliography. $70.00

2. “The Himalayan Environment: People and Environment From the Arun River Valley, Biratnagar to Makalu” 80 transparencies, cultural & environmental descriptions, 1 map, 1 diagram, bibliography. $85.00

3. “The Himalayan Environment: Photography from Kathmandu” 80 transparencies, cultural & environmental descriptions, 1 map, bibliography. $85.00

4. “The Himalayan Environment: International Expedition to Makalu, Autumn 1974” 80 transparencies, individual descriptions, 1 map. $85.00

5. “Nepal: The People, the Himalayas” (slide/tape program), 11 minutes, narration and field recordings from the International Expedition to Makalu, 1974; packaged in Kodak 140 Carousel tray with cassette tape. Audio tape sound pulsed for auto advance tape units connected to auto advance slide projectors. It is designed to be used with dissolve unit and two projectors if desired.

4.4 JOURNALS, SERIES, REVIEWS, & OTHER INFORMATION

TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY’S NEW RESEARCH BULLETIN

In July 1975 Tribhuvan University published the first edition of its new Research Bulletin, from the Rector’s Office, Research Division, Tribhuvan University. The issue begins with this comment on its purpose and scope:

“Though there was the provision of establishing a Research Division at Tribhuvan University in the New Education Plan, the setup as an entity was started only a year back. One of the functions of the Research Division is to disseminate information on research activities. For that purpose we are publishing the research bulletin which will consist of research news, feature articles on research methodology, techniques, style, etc. The news will cover information primarily regarding research activities of the University, HMG, and of the scholars doing research on Nepal. We are to carry the information supplied by the agency doing research. We humbly ask for the cooperation of all concerned because the frequency of publication is going to depend on the materials we receive....

The first issue covers among other things, the synopsis of research done by foreign scholars in Nepal from 1972 to the present. This is our first endeavour. We sincerely apologise for any shortcomings and mistakes on our part. We will be obliged to get valuable suggestions from our readers to improve the standard of the bulletin.”

Further information about the Research Division may be secured by writing to the Rector’s Office, Tribhuvan University, Tripureswor, Kathmandu, Nepal.

JOURNALS FROM TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY

The various Institutes, Centres, and Divisions of Tribhuvan University publish a total of nine journals, bulletins, quarterlies, and newsletters. The following list has been compiled courtesy of Dr. Mohan Man Sainju, Rector of Tribhuvan University, and Mrs. Bina Pradhan of the University’s Research Division:
NOTICE OF EXCHANGE OF BULLETINS

The Research Division of Tribhuvan University has requested the names and addresses of institutions outside of Nepal with which to exchange bulletins. Interested parties should contact Mr. Krishna Raj Pande, Head, Research Division, Rector’s Office, Tribhuvan University, Tripureswor, Kathmandu, Nepal.

SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE FOR NEPALESE JOURNALS

The above-mentioned journals of Tribhuvan University, and others from Nepal, may be secured by annual subscription through the various institutes, etc., or through the private subscription services of Ratna Pustak Bhandar, Booksellers, Box 98, Kathmandu.

RESOURCE CENTER FOR HIMALAYAN SCHOLARS

RATNA PUSTAK BHANDAR

Ted Worcester, who is employed by Ratna Pustak Bhandar of Kathmandu, has sent the following announcement:

"Ratna Pustak Bhandar, publisher and bookseller in Kathmandu, is endeavoring to put together a resource center for Himalayan scholars and other interested people. Through the center all possible Himalayan-related materials would be made easily accessible, at competitive prices. Although mail costs will be high, it is hoped that volume, low overhead, and elimination of several middlemen, and a large inventory will make final totals lower than rates charged by existing importers of Oriental books. A preliminary catalog of 16 pages and 496 items has already been printed. All listings in the catalog are in stock and may be ordered immediately, with no delay other than mailing time. There will be no reordering to the publisher, and thus no months of delay attempting to find out if the book is still in print. In the future any items going out of stock will be marked out, and Ratna hopes to continually update its stock from both Western and Asian sources.

"Unfortunately, the catalog was printed on heavy Nepali paper and, for the present, $1 must be charged to cover the airmail charge. After a new edition is published on light-weight paper, however, it will be available for free. Personal checks (by registered post) are acceptable. For further details, catalogs, mail rates, discount schedules, and order forms please write: Ratna Pustak Bhandar, Box 98, Bhotahity Tole, Kathmandu, Nepal.

U.S. SOURCE FOR SOUTH ASIAN PUBLICATIONS

South Asia Books of P.O. Box 502, Columbia, Missouri, 65201, USA, is another good source of current and out-of-print publications on South Asia, particularly India but also frequently including Nepal. They publish a regular catalog, generally in the fall of each academic year, and have recently begun issuing monthly or bi-monthly fliers of very recent acquisitions. In their first flier, they write:

"...Our goal is to circulate information within four to six weeks after release of titles... South Asia Books will continue to issue cumulative catalogues each fall, but this new [flier] service is designed to keep faculty and librarians up to date on publications of most major Indic publishers without the time delay occasioned by LC [Library of Congress] Accessions Lists or other forms of communication such as reviews. The prices on the monthly or bi-monthly lists will be approximately the same level as our regular catalog prices. However, since we now buy 25-50 copies of the titles mentioned, and wish to encourage sales as quickly as possible, we will be extending a 20% library discount on each title on the lists, and a 40% faculty/student discount. This pricing makes the Volumes quite competitive with Rupee prices if secured directly from India, generally the Rupee price plus an additional one to three dollars depending on the cost of the volume.

"We anticipate sending the special fliers only to those individuals or institutions that potentially are interested in such a service, and hopefully that will buy at least some of the listed publications during a year.... (continued)
"Suggestions about our service, or the names of persons who might wish to receive our catalogues, would be appreciated..."

Speaking from personal experience, the NSA Editor has had excellent and fast service from South Asia Books in the past, and recommends them to the South Asian scholar. If you wish to receive their regular catalog and their special fliers, write directly to the address above.

INFORMATION ON THE JOURNAL KAILASH

Ted Worcester, an Assistant Editor of the journal Kailash, writes:

"We would like to announce that Kailash, a relatively new interdisciplinary journal concerned with Himalayan studies, is alive and well. Three volumes (1973-1975) have now been published and the editing for Vol.IV (1976) has begun. Despite some delays, the response to initial volumes has been gratifying and the future looks bright.

'The last number of Vol.III is now available (Dec.75).

Articles and translations published in it include:

5. S.Toba: Plant Names in Kaling-A Study in Ethno-Botany and Village Economy.
7. T.Chakrabarty: A Note on "Chi" of the Rong or Lepcha of Sikkim.
8. B.Kiatsu: On a Small Dragonfly Collection from Nepal.
9. O.Skjerven: A Demographic and Nutritional Survey of Two Villages in the Upper Rolawing Valley.

"From the beginning, Kailash has been designed to be a broad-spectrum journal, encompassing the entire Himalayan range, including Tibet, and presenting work from a wide variety of disciplines. Manuscripts are being encouraged from all quarters, with a special emphasis (where little has been received in the fields) on the physical sciences and on the Eastern and Western Himalayan regions. All interested persons are requested to send manuscripts to The Editor, Kailash, P.O.Box 1188, Kathmandu, Nepal."
"The editors, publisher and printer are to be commended for bringing out such a well produced publication in pioneering conditions. The numerous photographic plates, although not of the highest standard yet, are in the second issue already of reasonable quality (except perhaps for purposes of epigraphy), and much better than those in the first issue. This valuable new interdisciplinary journal will fill a real need since it promises to provide a much needed forum for persons concerned with the Himalayan area either as professional scholars or as laymen interested in the history and culture of the places they are living in or visiting. In particular, it is destined to bring together in one place studies by scholars from the area with those of their Western colleagues, and to make available there as well as in the West work which has hitherto all too often remained either difficult to obtain or simply unpublished."

"D. Seyfort Ruegg, University of Washington"

**NEW GEOGRAPHY OF NEPAL FORTHCOMING**

The geographers, Dr. Pradyumna Karan (of the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky) and Dr. Mohan N. Shrestha (Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio) have informed the Editor that they are working jointly on a new geography of Nepal, to be forthcoming. This new work will not be a revision of Karan's earlier and invaluable Nepal: A Cultural and Physical Geography (University of Kentucky Press, 1960; now out-of-print), but will be an entirely new work dealing with the spatial organization of Nepal.

Furthermore, Dr. Shrestha has volunteered to prepare an extensive geographical bibliography of Nepal for the next edition of the NSA Bulletin.

**BIRDS OF NEPAL: FORTHCOMING**

The long-awaited book, Birds of Nepal, by Robert L. Fleming and his son Robert Fleming, Jr., of Kathmandu, is expected to be available in the United States by March, 1976. The Flemings write that it is being published by Vakil Press in Bombay. Specialists in color printing have been assigned to guide the 150 color plates through the press. A terminal date of March, 1976, has been given, so 3,000 copies will be in the U.S.A. by mid-year, only a year later than they originally anticipated. Birds of Nepal will be distributed for Fleming's daughter, Mrs. Vern Beiler, of 1028 Crestwood, Wenatchee, Washington 98801.

**FRENCH PUBLICATIONS ON NEPAL: CAHIERS NEPALAIS**

L. Boulnois of the Centre d'études himalayennes, Musée de l'Homme, Paris, sends the following list of recent and forthcoming publications on Nepal in the Cahiers Nepalaïs series:

- **BISTA, Thew Bahadur**

- **BOULNOIS, Lucette**

- **BOULNOIS, L. and H. MILLOT**

- **DOBREMEZ, J. F. and C. JEST**

**ARTIBUS ASIAE PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST TO NEPAL**

Artibus Asiae is a quarterly journal of Asian art and archaeology, for scholars and connoisseurs, covering the Near East, India, the Himalaya, Southeast Asia, and the Far East. Its editorial board includes Alexander C. Soper, Editor-in-chief, Richard Ettinghausen, Alexandra B. Griswold, Stella Kramrisch, and Edith Porada. The journal, now in its 38th volume (1976), publishes illustrations of previously unpublished art objects and documents recent discoveries, new studies of other material, and book reviews. Each volume has four issues of about 350 pages, richly illustrated. Subscription rates: US $30 or Swiss franc 75.00 annually.

Artibus Asiae Supplements is a series of full-length books dealing with similar subjects. Among those of interest to Himalayan area specialists are:

- **HUNTINGTON, John C.**
  1975 The Phur-pa, Tibetan Ritual Daggers, Supplementa No. XXIII.

- **ROL.PAI.RDO.RJE**
  Das Sum. cu.pa und Rege kyo. 'slog.pa (Tibetan Grammar), translated and annotated by Johannes Schubert. Supplementa, No. I.

- **TUCCI, Giuseppe**
  Tibetan Folk Songs from Gyantse and Western Tibet. Second edition, revised and enlarged. Supplementa No. XXII. 220 pp., 18 plates.

**SOUTH ASIA: A JOURNAL FROM AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND**

South Asia is a journal published by the South Asian Studies Association of Australia and New Zealand (SASAANZ) since 1971. New subscription rates, effective since September 1, 1975, are:
the following request:

complete a coverage as possible of the publications of universities and learned societies in South Asia

therefore seeking assistance in the identification

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such material, we have reason to believe that our

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of the sub-continent.

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and in modern area studies (politics, economics,

Library and Records, Foreign and Commonwealth Office,

The work is divided into Districts, and includes infor-

mation on geographic, cultural, economic, and other

aspects of life and landscape.

R. Desmond, Deputy Librarian of the India Office

Library and Records, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 197 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 8NG, England, sends the following request:

"The India Office Library is anxious to achieve as complete a coverage as possible of the publications of universities and learned societies in South Asia in subject fields relevant to its interests, that is, in both traditional Indo-logical subjects (language, literature, religion, philosophy, history, the arts) and in modern area studies (politics, economics, sociology). While we already acquire a great deal of such material, we have reason to believe that our intake is not as complete as it should be and we are therefore seeking assistance in the identification of publishing bodies of whose output we are not yet aware, from persons and groups engaged in the study of the sub-continent.

"We would therefore be grateful if you or a member of your group could find time to let us have a note of any specially fruitful sources in your area of interest whose publications may not reach the bibliographical periodicals and Booksellers lists."

NEPAL GAZETTEER PUBLISHED IN NEPAL

"MECHI DEKHI MAHAKALI"

The book Mechi dekhi Mahakali,(or From the Mechi to the Mahakali), a four-volume gazetteer on Nepal (in Nepali), was published in September 1975, by the Nepal Government, Department of Information, Kathmandu. A number of NSA member scholars authored or assisted with various sections of the book, working in collaboration with editors in the office of the Janch Bujh Kendra. The work is divided into Districts, and includes information on geographic, cultural, economic, and other aspects of life and landscape.

The following is the text of an English-language newspaper account of the publication, datelined Kathmandu, September 17, 1975:

"Understanding of Nation's Situation is Today's Need: Royal Message on Release of the Book Entitled 'Mechi dekhi Mahakali.'"

"Modernisation of Nepali society being the foremost objective today, suggestions of different means and thoughts pertaining to the development of the Kingdom is natural to proliferate. But these can be useful in the process of development only when such suggestions and thoughts correspond themselves to the circumstances and situation obtaining in the Kingdom. Because of the distinguishing features of our Kingdom's geographical position and cultural tradition, solution of our economic and social problems is not possible by the mere imitation of others. Thus, it is essential for us to find out ways and means in our own way by ourselves on the basis of our first-hand knowledge of the real situation prevailing in the Kingdom. Therefore, the need today is to be fully familiar with the Kingdom itself.

"The book entitled 'Mechi dekhi Mahakali' makes an attempt to fill a void by portraying descriptions of the various districts of our Kingdom. We hope readers from all quarters will be benefitted by this attempt and corrections will be made on errors, if any, in this effort with copious improvement in its future publications.

"We thank all those involved in this novel and important effort.

"Carrying the above message from His Majesty the King, the much talked-about and eagerly awaited book... in four volumes with 4362 pages and also with additional 32 introductory pages thrown in between was released admist a function organized by the Director of the Department of Information today. Prestigious by all standards, this book is a landmark in the history of publication in Nepal.

"Priced at Rs 400/-, the book publication is heavily subsidised by His Majesty's Government, it is learnt.

"Each volume of the book covers one particular Development Region with the symbolic picture of the concerned region.

"The Eastern Development Region is symbolically presented by the photocover of Mt.Everest, whereas, the Central Development Region provides the picture of the temple of Lord Pasupatinath. The Western Development Region highlights the photo of Lumbini, the birth place of Lord Buddha and the Far Western Development Region presents the picture of Saraswati (Rara Lake).

"It is also learnt that Eastern, Central, Western, and Far Western Development Regions cover 904, 1272, 1052, and 1154 pages respectively.

"A cheaper student edition is also planned for release in the near future.

"The materials that form the basis of the book were compiled mostly from the district reports prepared by the Janch Bujh Kendra for the tours of His Majesty to different regions.

"It took two years and 30 persons drawn from various walks of life were engaged in the preparation of this prestigious book."

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ANDRAS HOFER

In response to the Editor's call for current bibliographies in the NSA Bulletin, No. 8 (June 1975), Prof. Andras Hófer of the South Asian Institute of Heidelberg University, Germany, has sent the following. Dr. Hófer's work, in great part, deals in part with the Tamangs of central Nepal:

"(1) My book, State, Caste and Minorities in Nepal: 1769-1950 (provisional title), is under preparation and will probably be published by 1977. It is based on field notes and documents such as the Muluki Ain (Civil code) of Jang Bahadur, etc. I am trying to analyse caste hierarchy as a process rather than 'only' structure, regulated by State agencies within a pre-existing cultural framework. Special references will be made to ethnic minorities and their integration in the 'national hierarchy.'

"(2) A small documentation will be compiled by H. Neuberger and A. Hófer on German research in Nepal. All foreign scholars benefitting from German funds will be included.

(continued)
Dr. Hoffer's publications on Nepal include:


1970 - "Zum Gelbgussverfahren in Nepal" (On Bell-Metal Casting in Nepal), Archiv für Völkerkunde, 24. (Vienna, Austria)


1973 - "Ghost Exorcism among the Brahmins of Central Nepal" (with B. P. Shrestha), Central Asiatic Jnl, 17,1.

1974 - "Gold- und Silberschmuck aus Nepal" (Gold and Silver Jewellery from Nepal: A Description of Some Samples in the Museum für Völkerkunde, Vienna), Archiv für Völkerkunde, 27


BIBLIOGRAPHY OF SHERRY B. ORTNER

Dr. Sherry B. Ortner, of Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, New York 10708, has sent the following bibliography of her writings past and forthcoming on the Sherpas of Nepal.

1969 - "Food for Thought: A Key Symbol in Sherpa Culture," unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, Department of Anthropology, University of Chicago. (This work is not available through University Microfilms, Xerox Corp., as the University of Chicago does not subscribe to their microfilm system. Much, though not all, of the data contained in the thesis will be in the monograph, The Burden of Buddhism, listed below.)


Note: Scholars of all disciplines who have published or are preparing works of relevance to Nepal and Himalayan studies are invited to send their bibliography to the Editor for publication in future issues of the Bulletin. We have arranged to publish a selected bibliography of geographical material on Nepal in our next issue, as well as bibliographic material in anthropology, political science and government. If you are interested in contributing, or would like to see a bibliography of a specific topic published, contact the Editor.

V. MEMBERSHIP AND SUBSCRIPTION

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MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE ENCLOSED

A Nepal Studies Association Questionnaire is enclosed with this issue of the Bulletin for NEW MEMBERS who have not yet filled one out and returned one, and for OLD MEMBERS who may wish to update their's. Please send these back with your membership/subscription dues, either to the Editor, or to Prof. Robert T. Norman (NSA Secy-Treas), Graduate School of Public & International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213.

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If you know the current address for any of the following members, please contact the Editor:


VI. MISCELLANEOUS

ABSTRACTS, SUMMARIES OF NEPAL RESEARCH NEEDED

As received, the Bulletin will print short summaries or abstracts of Nepal research which do not appear in other widely circulated sources. They may be of dissertations or M.A. theses, or of other research. Nepalese scholars especially encouraged.

Length: short, approximately one typewritten page.
KATHMANDU—EUGENE, OREGON: SISTER CITIES

Eugene, Oregon is the home of the University of Oregon, and hence has been "home" for a number of Nepalese scholars who have taken degrees there in the past two decades. NSA member, Professor Tom Ballinger, writes that last October, 1975, Eugene and Kathmandu officially became "sister cities," under the resolution below:

"A Resolution Accepting the Invitation of the City of Kathmandu, Nepal, to Become a Sister-City."

"The Common Council of the City of Eugene recognizes and endorses the Sister-City program, with the hope that it will lead to a lasting friendship between the people of Kathmandu and the people of the City of Eugene; and,

"The Council, on behalf of the citizens of Eugene, wish to enter into a Sister-City relationship for the purpose of creating greater understanding between our two cities and nations,

"Now, Therefore,

"Be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Eugene, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

"Section 1. The Common Council, on behalf of the City of Eugene, hereby accepts the invitation of the City of Kathmandu, Nepal, to become its Sister-City.

"Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to act as the official representative of the City of Eugene to implement and carry out this Sister-City program.

Section 3. The City Recorder is hereby directed to forward copies of this Resolution to the Mayor of Kathmandu, and to the offices of Sister-Cities International in Washington, D.C., and to the American Embassy in Kathmandu.

"The foregoing Resolution adopted the 27th day of October, 1975."

The Mayor's Sister-City Committee from Eugene includes:

Thomas O. Ballinger (Chairperson)
Hon Nath Bhattarai
Francis E. Dart
Robert E. Dodge
Barbara Hasek
Mrs. Harold Hockey
Rudra Shrestha
Norman D. Sundberg
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Deepak Nath Upraity
Hugh B. Wood

DOR BAHADUR BISTA HEADS RESETTLEMENT COMPANY

Dor Bahadur Bista, NSA member and author of People of Nepal, an anthropological study of Nepalese Society and Culture now in its third edition, has recently been appointed Executive Chairman of the Nepal Resettlement Company (NRC). Bista describes NRC:

"NRC resettles those people from the hill areas who are landless and willing to work on the land in different parts of the Terai. We have, at the moment, seven projects -- from Jhapa to Kanchanpur where three bighas of land per family are allotted in a planned settlement."

Bista promises to send more complete information for publication in a future issue of the NSA Bulletin. As Executive Chairman of NRC, Bista comes with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of Nepal's hill, mountain, and Terai peoples. Prior to this appointment, he was Nepal's representative to Lhasa, and before that he headed Nepal's Remote Areas Development Office.

TIBETAN MASTIFF DOG ORGANIZATIONS FORMED

Two organizations concerned with the preservation and propagation of Tibetan Mastiff Dogs have recently been formed in the United States. One is the American Tibetan Mastiff Association (ATMA) and the other is the Tibetan Mastiff Club of America (TMCA). The latter is centered in New York and has 24 dogs registered. Dogs from this club recently won Best in the Show at the Rare Breeds Show in Virginia (April 1975). For information, write to Ann Rohrer, Box 160, Pearblossom, California 93553. Ann is an officer in both organizations.

Interest in Tibetan Mastiffs in the U.S. was preceded by the formation of a Nepal Kennel Club (NKC) in Kathmandu in which Tibetan Mastiffs are a featured part. The NKC, organized in 1973, is a Registered Society of His Majesty's Government and is affiliated with the Federation Cynologique International as an associate member. NKC has an active membership in Kathmandu and publishes a journal entitled Kurkur. For information write:

Nepal Kennel Club
Box 625
Kathmandu, Nepal

Organizations also exist in the United States for Lhasa Apso and Tibetan Terriers within the American Kennel Club. Ann Rohrer (above) has information on these organizations, as well.

TIBETAN MASTIFF DOG PHOTOGRAPHS NEEDED

High quality color or black-and-white (glossy) photos of Tibetan Mastiff dogs are needed for possible use in a forthcoming article in a major U.S. magazine. Only the very highest quality photos can be used, and all contributions which are used in publication will be acknowledged. Contact the Editor, NSA Bulletin.

NSA EDITOR'S COMMENT

This issue of the Bulletin represents a new publication schedule to go into effect this year. We intend to publish three times annually: Winter (January), Spring (May), and Fall (September). This issue is slightly late, but we trust that the delay will be made up by its lengthy and wide-ranging contents.

Contributing Editors have been engaged in three countries: J. Gabriel Campbell (USEPN) in Nepal, Dr. Andreas Rüffer (Heidelberg University) in Germany, and Håkan Wahlquist (University of Stockholm) in Sweden. We are also contacting possible contributors in England and France. An Associate Editor is being considered in the United States to help with final preparations and publication of each issue.

Despite the work of contributing editors, and our own sources, the contributions of individual members internationally are a continuing necessity. News of research, new bibliography, films and tapes, lecture series, art exhibits, and other scholarly information in all disciplines relevant to Nepal and the Himalaya is regularly needed. If you can help, please do! A number of members have contributed to this issue and their names are indicated where appropriate.

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The Nepal Studies Association seeks to foster the study and understanding of Nepal and to improve communications among all who share this interest regardless of nationality. Association members believe in equal scholarly opportunity, open exchange of information, and full disclosure of the purposes and funding of research.

Membership and participation in Association Affairs is open to all who approve its aims and guidelines.

The Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the NSA is responsible for the general management of Association affairs. It will consist of nine persons chosen by mail ballot sent to all NSA members. Term of office is three years, and a year must elapse before reeligibility. In the first election held under this Constitution the three nominees receiving the largest number of votes will serve for three years, the three receiving the second largest for two years, and the three receiving the third largest for one year. The Executive Committee will annually submit a list of nominees for representation according to geographical region, academic discipline, age and sex. Any eligible member supported by signatures of five members submitted to the Executive Committee will be included on the list of nominees. The Executive Committee will elect its own Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

The Association will meet annually.

Executive Committee Functions

The Executive Committee will seek to maintain and improve communications between the NSA and other organizations with similar goals. If approved and appointed by the Association for Asian Studies, it will serve as the Committee for Development of Nepal Studies in the South Asia Regional Council of the AAS.

A foremost responsibility of the Executive Committee is improvement of scholarly opportunity for Nepalese. To further this goal it will seek (a) to establish and strengthen facilities in Nepal for collecting, preserving and making accessible scholarly materials; (b) to enable more apprentice Nepalese scholars to obtain sound training in their discipline; and (c) to enable established Nepali scholars to secure funds for periods of research, writing and related travel. When feasible, it will make acceptance of funds for non-Nepalese scholars contingent on a reasonable matching amount to be used for either a, b, or c.

Other functions of the Executive Committee include:

1. Seeking funds to support an NSA Newsletter [Bulletin] and appointment of Nepalese and American co-editors;
2. Organizing and seeking funds to support training or research seminars and workshops in the U.S., Nepal and other countries; and seeking funds to enable distribution of paper abstracts;
3. Organizing and seeking funds to support summer institutes for training in Nepalese languages and culture;
4. Seeking means to assure that results of research done in Nepal, or dealing with Nepal, are available to Nepalese;
5. Seeking means to support translation of vernacular materials and wider distribution of documentation from Nepal;
6. Seeking funds to assist publication of worthy manuscripts and materials;
7. Seeking to encourage and find funds to support the teaching of Nepali and other Nepalese languages at appropriate institutions;
8. Seeking funds to support resource centers in the U.S.;
9. Encouraging persons who have lived and worked in Nepal and are interested in furthering NSA goals, regardless of whether they are academically affiliated, to participate in NSA affairs, including seminars and workshops;
10. The executive committee will allocate the financial resources of the Association and will report annually to the Association on the sources of its funds and the activities supported by those funds;

Amendments

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at the annual meeting and if passed by a majority will be submitted to the NSA membership by mail ballot, with majority support from those voting required for adoption.

Amendment I: In order to coordinate NSA Bulletin activities with official NSA policies, the Bulletin Editor will sit as an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, finances permitting.

Amendment II: The Executive Committee is empowered to incorporate the Nepal Studies Association (under the title Nepal Studies Association, Inc.) if it seems advisable to the Committee.
NEPAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Executive Committee Nomination Form

I hereby nominate the following member of the Nepal Studies Association for election to the Executive Committee:

(name)

(address)

Nominated by (1)

Endorsed by (2)      Five (5) Signatures Required

(3)

(4)

(5)

Nominees and nominators/endorsers must be members in good standing, with dues paid for 1976. Membership on the Committee is for three years. The three nominees receiving the highest number of votes will be considered the winners.

Nominations must be received by the Editor by May 1, 1976. Names and pertinent information about each nominee will be printed and published, with a ballot, in the Spring 1976 issue of the Bulletin. Announcement of winners will follow.

A statement by or about the nominee, signed by the nominee, must accompany each nomination. Indicate personal information such as full name, age, citizenship, place of residence, institutional affiliation (if applicable), degrees (if applicable), scholarly or academic or professional involvement with Nepal. Nominee may also wish to include a short statement of interests and expectations as a prospective member of the Executive Committee.

Statement of the Nominee:

Signed by nominee: ____________________________

date: ____________________________