This is to announce that there will be a business meeting of the Burma Studies Group at the forthcoming meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, in New York City. The business meeting will be held Friday, March 25
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Belmont Plaza Hotel, Crystal Room B.

At that time there will be election of new officers and discussion of future activities, in particular of the the possibility of a second annual colloquium on Burma studies for next year.

I attach, herewith, the report on the first colloquium of this past November, by the Editor of the Newsletter, Dr. LaRaw Maran together with miscellaneous announcements from the headquarters of the Southeast Asia Council (SEAC) of the Association for Asian Studies.

Remember that the meetings of the Association will mostly take place at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, on 25-27 March.

Please note: Hereafter, the Editor of the newsletter will be
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THE FIRST BURMA STUDIES GROUP COLLOQUIUM, DENISON UNIVERSITY, OHIO,

The Burma Studies Group, a unit of the Southeast Asia Group, held its first colloquium at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, November 12-13, 1976. This effort was very much a trial at the outset as the organizers were unaware that any country-level group has had a colloquium, and thus, there was no experience to learn from. There was more than the understandable amount of uncertainty in planning the meeting; the real point bearing crucial message to all interested in the proposed colloquium was none other than the realization that in the wake of disappearing funds to support this sort of activities, it was entirely up to us to see that scholarly interest in Burma remained as an organizational sub-unit within the AAS. It was gratifying therefore, that what transpired at the Colloquium could be termed with complete justification, an outstanding success. An effort expanded to see if a meeting was possible had produced an event that would surely generate confidence and would serve as a model to learn from in the years to come.

The ultimate worth of a colloquium must depend upon the quality displayed in the presentations and the ideas transacted. The proceedings of the Burma Studies Colloquium were moment after surprising moment of papers being presented where the issues were clearly conceived, the documentations adequate and the arguments carefully done – the general quality was unexpectedly high. This spelled, without a doubt, success, when one considers that the meeting had been, for lack of precedence to draw from, exceedingly tentative in the minds of everyone.

These papers were presented and discussed at the Colloquium: (in order of presentation). (1). Dr. Michael Aung Thwin (University of Michigan) On the Political and Economic Consequences of Sasana Reform. (2). Dr. Oliver Pollak (University of Nebraska) On the Second Anglo-Burmese War. (3). Dr. Won Z. Yoon (Siena College) Military Expediency – A Determining Factor for Establishing the Military Administration in Burma (1942) and Granting Burmese Independence (1943). (4). Daw Mi Mi Khang (University of Michigan) reported on behalf of Sao Saimong Mangrai on work in progress on the Khun Chronicles of Kengtung. (5). Mr. William T. Scully (New York University) On the Forthcoming Translations of Sittan. (6). Professor John Cady (Ohio University) Burma in Early 1946. (7). Professor Richard Butwell (SUNY College, Fredonia) Burma and the Region (Southeast Asia). (8). Dr. L.E. Bagshawe (Hampton, N.H.) The Burma Herald Press. (9). Panel on Minority Language Policy in Burma with Dr. LaRaw Maran.
Dr. F.K. Lehman and Mr. Siamkima Khawlhtring (University of Illinois). (10).
Professor Jane Terry Bailey (Denison University) A Glimpse of Some Late Burmese
Painting. (11). Mr. Forrest McGill (University of Michigan) Kaunghmudaw,
Sagaing, and Wat Chaivatthanaram, Ayuttaya: Burmese and Thai Royal Monasteries
of the 1630's. (12). Professor Joseph Withey (Hanover College) The Burmese
Pwe: British Newspaper Accounts, 1899-1921. (13). Professor Richard Cooler
(Northern Illinois University) The Frog Drums of Burma. (14). Professor John P.
Ferguson (SUNY A & T College) Symbolic Dimensions of the Relationship between
the Monarchy and the Sangha in Burma.

In addition to these presentations, brief "progress" reports were given by
several, including Mr. A Kohar Rony who reported that the Library of Congress
is now receiving material from Burma again (the chair has a copy of recent lists);
and Suzie Lapai (Indiana University) who reported on her work to identify the
patterns of ethnic group movements and distribution on the basis of place names
preserved in the folk literature.

The proceedings were divided into four separate sessions with Prof. F.K.
Lehman at the chair for the first session, Dr. Oliver Pollak the second session,
Prof. Jane Terry Bailey the third and fourth sessions. The first two sessions
covered those papers on Burmese history and politics, and the third and fourth
sessions dealt with papers on Art, Literature, the Humanities and others.

This Colloquium owes its tremendous success to two things: the careful
planning by those who assisted the chairman; and the excellence of local arrange-
ments and hospitality provided by Denison through the tireless devotion of Prof.
Jane Terry Bailey, Mr. Steven Rosen, the Director of the Museum at Denison, and
Dr. Rose Marie Porter Davis. The setting provided by Dension's excellent Burmese
museum collection could not have been more fitting to the occasion. Denison's
hospitality included not only the Museum facilities and the services of Prof.
Bailey and her associates, but it also included a cocktail reception at Dean
Andrew Sterrett's house, and a specially arranged dinner at the Banquet Hall of
the Granville Inn. Here, following a pleasant and congenial dinner, the Group
reminded along with Clarence Hendershot's films of Burma on the day before
Independence.

On the strength of this achievement, the Burma Studies Group can look ahead
into the future with optimism that the interest and tradition which the Group
represents need not be imperilled by the disappearance of outside support. The
potential seems to lie in the commitment of the members and the leadership of
the Group and not in how much was appropriated to the Group by the SEAG. The
first colloquium had cost the Group not a single penny.

For their parts in ushering a new reality to country-level groups within
the SEAG, the members of the Burma Studies Group have every reason to thank
Prof. F.K. Lehman for his leadership, Prof. Bailey and her associates at Denison
for the facilities and for their generous hearts, and to Marta Nicholas,
Coordinator of SEAG, whose presence was much appreciated by those who had a
hand in bringing out this Colloquium. For here was the official seal of ap-
proval from the SEAG Headquarters!

Reported by La Raw Maran
Burma Studies News
Indiana University-Bloomington

Those attending (who signed in) were:
George Deligania, Andrea Parker, Konrad and Sarah Bekker, William Tuchrello,
A. Kohar Rony, Muriel C. Williamson, LaRaw Maran, Kay Tynan, Edith Lamm Piness,
Oliver B. Pollak, L.E. Bagshawe, Richard M. Cooler, Minar T. Rony, Mr. and Mrs.
F.K. Lehman, A. Siamkima Khawlhtring, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Cady, Won Z. Yoon,
A. Wilber Stevens, Michael Aung Thwin, Mya Thanda Poe, James D. Poe, Mr. and
Mrs. Clarence Hendershot, Forrest McGill, Daw Mi Mi Khaiing, Nina Kammerer,
Maureen Aung Thwin, William T. Scully, Mr. and Mrs. John Musgrave, Richard
Bertram, Daw Than, Marta Nicholas, Joseph Withey, Suzie Lapai, Mr. and Mrs.
John P. Ferguson, John A. Want, Christina Johannsen, Robert T. Cripins, Paul
Bixler, Norma Bixler, Rosmarie Porter Davis, Jane Terry Bailey (together with
children of several of the above and some persons who did not sign in).
Burma studies news
From John Okell, SOAS, London

TRAVEL

1 Oct 76: News from Burma that Anna Allott's visa application for 2 months in Burma (Dec 76-Jan 77) has been approved. She plans to get up to date with contemporary literature and developments in literary studies.

Jly-Aug Sep 76: Harvey Demaine, of SOAS geography Dept, in Burma studying land use and agriculture around Yame-thin. Due back in UK in Dec 76.

Jly-Aug Sep 76: Miranda Bruce-Mitford and Susanne Vangnoo, SOAS students of Burmese and anthropology, in Burma for undergraduate study. Focus on Buddhist nuns in Moulmein (SV) and Burmese music (MBM).

Aug 76: Helen Cordell of SOAS library visits Burma for one week.

Jly 76: Bob Setterfield finishes 6 months' work on Burmese at SOAS and goes (Aug) to Rangoon to take up post in British embassy.

Aug 76: Lian Tie Kho of Yale, chairman of CORMOSEA subcommittee on technical processes (including Burmese romanization for libraries) visits London. Long lunch with Pat Herbert, of British Library, and JO. JO undertakes to send some comments on points still under discussion.

22 Oct 76: Annual conference of Sino-Tibetan language and linguistics to take place in Copenhagen. Visiting scholars from USA, SEA and the continent will be around. Prof. E. J. A. Henderson from SOAS is attending.

smr 76: Arrival in London of Daw Hkin Su and U Maung Ei of Burma Historical Commission. They are filming historical records from libraries here.

Oct 76: U Win Maung (Min Yu Wei) of Ngwei-ta-yi and Mya-wadi Nafs passes through London on way to a month in USA as part of bicentennial exchange programme.

Sep 76: Visit to London by Hartmut Feistel from Berlin library. Due back here again in Dec for librarians' group meeting.
CALL FOR PAPERS AND PANELS FOR THE 1978 AAS MEETINGS

Because the annual meetings of the Association for Asian Studies take place in the spring, it is necessary to impose an early August deadline on the submission of proposals for panels and papers. The call for proposals for next year's meetings is being issued before this year's meetings to allow more time for thought by and consultation among those who might be interested in presenting papers or panels.

It is especially hoped that proposals will be received from younger scholars, from persons prepared to report on current research projects, and from specialists in the fine arts and humanities. Guidelines and forms for proposing papers and panels are available from Ms. Carol Jean Johnson, Annual Meetings Coordinator, AAS. One Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 48109.

RESEARCH MATERIALS

Problems of availability and accessibility of printed materials from and about SE Asia are currently being aggravated by budgetary cutbacks. Many items are already available only in micro-reproductions, necessitating new work techniques. And devastating difficulties await the unwary in the very near future, with computerization of catalogs and references.

SEAC's Committee on Research Materials on Southeast Asia (CORMOSEA), composed of specialist SE Asia librarians and scholars, is keeping track of these and other such situations, trying to figure out and get implemented library practices that will be the most beneficial to those who need and want to use these important materials. Everyone should be aware of and concerned about what is going on in the library scene; by 1980 you may find yourself totally unable to locate and retrieve articles, documents, and books you want.

CORMOSEA publishes a triennial bulletin with articles on topics such as those mentioned above, bibliographic items, and other useful information. You can subscribe for $3 (individual) or $5 (institution); all copies are sent surface mail unless the subscriber includes an additional $3 for Air Mail postage. Send checks payable to ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES to: CORMOSEA BULLETIN, AAS, One Lane Hall, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor MI 48109 USA.

Whether you subscribe or not, if you have knowledge of interesting research materials, special items of collections, sources, etc., send a notice or an article about it to the CORMOSEA BULLETIN Editor, Miss Joyce Bright, Asia Collection, University of Hawai'i Library, 2425 Campus Road, Honolulu HI 96822. You will be cited as supplying the information. SE Asia studies can greatly profit from such exchange of information.

NOTE Please keep us up to date on your current address! If it has changed, or is going to, let us know it and the date from which to use the new address. Send this information and any corrections to be made on the address label on this Bulletin (mentioning Burma Studies Group) to
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Chicago, Illinois 60637

NOTE I have included here a copy of information relative to Burmese Studies in Europe and U.K. from John Okell of London. He will from time to time send us this sort of thing in exchange for similar information from us, so please keep this office informed of what you are doing—or others you know are doing—in the way of Burmese scholarship and travel.
PROJECTS AND PUBLICATIONS

4 Oct 76: Music: editing under way for the forthcoming edition of Groves Dictionary of music and musicians of a composite article, c.30 type-written pages, by Judith Becker (Michigan), Robert Garfias (Washington), and Muriel Williamson (Florida). JO consulted about romanization.

Sep-Oct 76: Sound recording at SOAS of reminiscences of the British administration in Burma by surviving members of the ICS: Vernon Donnison, Philip Nash, Ian Wallace.


Sep 76: Plans for a Burmese contribution to The ELEK book of oriental verse: an anthology of translations to be made by linguists and English-language poets working in collaboration. JO approached by Keith Bosley of BBC.

1977: Pat Herbert's bibliography of bibliographies of Burma to appear in Handbook of S. Asian bibliographies, editor J. Peerson, SOAS.


smr 76: JO receives copy of A Japanese translation of the Hmman Yazawin (the 12th part); and List of microfilms deposited in the Centre for East Asian Cultural Studies (Tokyo), Part 8: Burma. Both from Prof Hiroaki Ogiwara.


June 76 - L.E. Bagshawe was awarded M. Phil. for his thesis entitled 'A Literature of school books' - a study of the Burmese books approved for use in schools by the Education Department in 1885, and their place in the developing educational system in Burma. A very interesting thesis; the first half deals in detail with emergence of an educational policy in British Burma.
L.E. Bagshawe left Burma in 1968 after working for I.C.I. and then the British Foreign Service. He has moved to the U.S.A., P.O. Box 651, Hampton, New Hampshire 03842, and is interested to keep up with Burmese studies.
(Anna Allott was the supervisor of the thesis.)

Oct - Nov 76
J.P. Ferguson (who edited E.M. Mendelson's 'Sangha and State in Burma,' Cornell 1975) sent news of a meeting of those interested in Burma Studies at Denison University, Ohio. He has accepted the job of joint secretary of this group and would like news of people, events, publications involving Burma. Address: Warnerville, N.Y. 12187, USA. His thesis, completed August 1975, concerns the 'symbolic dimensions of the Burmese Sangha, particularly with reference to the inter-relationship between monk and king over the length of Burmese history.' A copy is with Professor Hall (as from May 76). For next year he is doing research on Burmese cosmology.

mid 1976 Publication of Märchen der Völker Burmas (Folk-tales of the Peoples of Burma) by Annemarie Esche, Insel-Verlag, Leipzig 1976; 113 tales plus introduction and commentary.

Dec 1975 Publication of Selected Short Stories of Thèin Pe Myint by Patricia M. Milne (a Cornell Data Paper, 1973) in Rangoon, Burma, in an edition of 3000; edition exactly as original data paper, including all end papers!

Feb 1975 Russian translation of Yadana Kyōi-mōn by Shwe-daung Thiha-thu, done by Yuri M. Osipov (Russian title - Chudosnoe Zertsalo; 'Nauka', Moscow, 1975). A scholarly translation, with introduction and footnotes, of an 18th Burmese Palace story, a urgeon tale called by some the first Bse novel. Other translations from Burmese into Russian include the novel Shwe-pyi-zō of Ú Lat, by Yuri M. Osipov (1963); an excellent translation of the entire work including a lot of verse and songs.
The semi-autobiographical novel Ashēi-gā ne-wèn htwel-thi-pamba (As the Sun Rises in the East) of Thèin Pe Myint, by I. Mozheiko, Moscow 1974 - shorter version of the original.
The novel by Aung Lin about a side-car driver (Russian title Riksha) done by G. Minina, foreword by E. Zapadova, Moscow, 1974 (not yet compared with original).
The 1955 prize-winning novel of Gya-ne-gyaw Ma Ma Lāy called Mōn-ywē Mahu (Not that I hate him), done by V.D. Mazo, Nauka, Moscow 1972. A very much shortened version of original, entitled Dve Zhizni (Two Lives).
Two other Russian works on Burmese literature are Burmese Drama of the mid-19th century, by A.D. Burman, and The Life of Thakhin Ko-daw Hmaing, by G.P. Popov, Nauka, Moscow 1973 and 1974 respectively. Also at least three books of short stories. Altogether an impressive list.

to F.K.L. Helen Cordell of SOAS Library is compiling a list of Southeastasianists in 25 Oct 76 in Europe, to be available for distribution.
RICHARD PFEISTER, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia

DISCUSSION: University of Missouri-Kansas City, Kansas City, Missouri

FRIDAY EVENING, MARCH 2, 1979

5:00 P.M. — 6:30 P.M. CATERED DINNER AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS, 1555 CHELSEA STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

6:30 P.M. — 7:30 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

7:30 P.M. — 9:30 P.M. DINNER CONVENIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 1979

9:30 A.M. — 10:30 A.M. CATERED BREAKFAST AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS

10:30 A.M. — 11:30 A.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

11:30 A.M. — 12:45 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

12:45 P.M. — 2:15 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

2:15 P.M. — 3:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

3:00 P.M. — 4:30 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

4:30 P.M. — 5:30 P.M. CATERED BANQUET AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS

5:30 P.M. — 6:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

7:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M. DINNER CONVENIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 1979

9:30 A.M. — 10:30 A.M. CATERED BREAKFAST AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS

10:30 A.M. — 11:30 A.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

11:30 A.M. — 12:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

12:00 P.M. — 1:00 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

1:00 P.M. — 2:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

2:00 P.M. — 3:00 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

3:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

4:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

5:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M. CATERED BANQUET AT THE ASSOCIATION'S HEADQUARTERS

6:00 P.M. — 7:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

7:00 P.M. — 8:00 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION: THE FUTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION IN SOUTHEASTERN AMERICA

8:00 P.M. — 9:00 P.M. DINNER CONVENIONS AND OTHER EVENTS

ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES, ANNUAL MEETINGS, MARCH 2-7, 1979, NEW YORK CITY: ITEMS OF PUBLICATION INTEREST TO SOUTHEAST ASIANS.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 26

1:30 Session 32 Hilton Room (main lobby)
BUREAUCRATIC DECISION-MAKING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Chair: James Guyot, Columbia/CUNY
A Critical Analysis of Research on Thai Politics and Bureaucracy
Clark Neher, Northern Illinois University
The Decision-Making Role of the Singapore Civil Service
Thomas Bellow, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville
Land Schemes and Effecting National Policy Implementation in
Malaysia and Indonesia
Colin McAndrew, The Rockefeller Foundation
Political-Administrative Systems and Bureaucratic Rationality:
Family Planning Programs in Malaysia, Philippines,
Singapore, and Korea
Gay N. Nasa, University of Michigan
Discussant: Ronald Kranich, Old Dominion University

2:00 Session 36 Louis XVI Suite (4th floor)
ASIAN STUDIES IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Part I. Resources and strategies for teaching
Southeast Asia
Jane Ragsdale, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2:00 Session 37 Barron Suite (main lobby)
UNEMPLOYMENT IN ASIAN STUDIES: AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND THE FUTURE
OF THE FIELD

2:00 Session 38 Empire Room (main lobby)
FOOD, CULTURE, AND ASIAN CIVILIZATION

Symbolic & Merit-Making Uses of Food in Burmese Buddhist Culture
Daw M. M. Khane, University of Michigan

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 27

9:30 Session 44 Hilton Room (main lobby)
DEMOCRACY AND MODERNIZATION IN ASIA

Politics in the New Society: Barangay Democracy
Belinda Aquino, University of Hawaii

SUNDAY MORNING (cont.)

9:30 Session 46 West Foyer (3rd floor)
MIGRANTS IN THE CITY: A CROSS-NATIONAL ANALYSIS

The Housing & Employment Situation of Migrants to Greater Bangkok
Penporn Tirasuwat, Chulalongkorn University
Housing & Employment Adjustment of Migrants in Surabaya, Indonesia
Laurie McCutcheon, Brown University/National Institute of
Economic and Social Research, Jakarta
Migrant-Native Differences in Housing Quality in Manila
Gerry Hendershot, Brown University/Univ. of the Philippines

9:30 Session 49 Starlight Room South (18th floor)
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF PRE-MODERN SE ASIA: EPIGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

Chair: Kenneth Hall, Elmira College
Economic Development and the Merit-Path to Salvation in Pagan
Michael Aung-Thwin, University of Michigan
Commerce and the Development of Angkor and Champa
Kenneth Hall, Elmira College
Trade and Marketing in Pre-Islamic Indonesia
Jan Wisseman, SOAS, University of London
Discussants: Bennett Bronson, Field Museum of Natural History
John Whitmore, University of Michigan

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 Session 54 East Foyer (3rd floor)
ASIAN COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Problems of Adaptation of Recent Vietnamese Immigrants to the
American Experience: A Psycho-Cultural Approach
Walter Sloate, Columbia

1:30 Session 55 Starlight Room South (18th floor)
HISTORICAL DEMOGRAPHY IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE
IN THE NINETEENTH AND EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURIES

Chair: Marshall McLennan, Eastern Michigan University
The Population of Thailand, 1824-1886: An "On the Ground" Account
Constance Wilson, Northern Illinois University
Agricultural Commercialization & Population Growth in the Mekong
Delta, 1880-1930
Guy Gran, Washington, D.C.
Agricultural Commercialization & Population Growth in the Central
Luzon Plain, 1800-1940
Marshall McLennan, Eastern Michigan University
Discussants: Michael Adams, Rutgers
Peter C. Smith, The East-West Center