Annual Meeting

Our group will meet on Friday, March 21, from 4:30 to 6:00 P.M. in the Thoroughbred Room of the Washington Hilton Hotel as part of the AAS Annual Meeting. Please try to be there as we want to have the benefit of your opinions as to how we can plan the best possible colloquium next fall.

As usual we shall descend en masse upon some hapless eating establishment at the close of the meeting. If you have a car to help us get there, please consider using it, as what we save on taxi fare can be lavished upon exotic dinners.

Forthcoming Denison Colloquium

Planning for an exciting colloquium is moving along nicely. With the enthusiastic help of Terry Bailey, we will be welcome at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, on November 7, 8, and 9, 1980. We hope to be able to use the Theater Room again and to eat evening meals at the University. Kris and I have written a letter of appreciation to Dr. Robert C. Good, president of Denison. Terry is planning an exhibit of 18 of Moore's engravings, 9 canvases based upon akhik silks, plus perhaps a month-long Burmese exhibit in the main gallery, with a reception planned to coincide with our meetings.

Reservations should be made now for November 6, 7, and 8 at the Granville Inn, Granville, Ohio 43023. Terry has kindly already reserved a block of rooms for us, and you should note in your letter that you are part of the Burma Studies Group.

Our major challenge at this point is to create an exciting and worthwhile program that will match the efforts that our hosts are making. Come to our meeting in Washington and help with your suggestions and offers of contributions you personally can make by giving a paper or an informal talk on your activities; present a slide show, movie, musical program, or an exhibit; or offer to sing a song or do a dance. If you cannot be with us at Washington this month but are planning to come to the colloquium, please write me with your suggestions. We must begin now.

Burmese Bibliography

Enclosed is the first of what we hope will be a useful and essential reference tool for all Burma scholars — a listing of known current works dealing with Burma. The listing represents basically the efforts of Kris Lehman, with a contribution here and there by some of his friends. If you like it and can add items, please send them to Dr. F. K. Lehman, Department of Anthropology, 109 Davenport Hall, Urbana, IL 61801. We will try to include updated lists in future mailings.

News Items

We are all saddened by news during the past few months of the deaths of GORDON H. LUDE and D. C. R. HALL. Hopefully at the forthcoming colloquium a proper tribute can be made to their magnificent, life-long contributions to Burma studies. Both men will be sorely missed for their scholarship and their capacity for friendship.
The following is a far from comprehensive bibliography of works on Burma and peoples of Burma that we think may be of interest to our readers and may not have been known to many of them, as yet. They have been selected according to the following considerations: The Association for Asian Studies publishes a fairly complete annual bibliography on Asia, including Burma. The most recent issue covers the year 1976. In general, then, if this bibliography is not readable to the scholar whose institutions have even quite modest libraries, I have, in general, chosen to list those whose dates of publication (or of writing, in the case of not published things like theses) are 1977 or later. If there is something else of interest here and there, listed something with somewhat earlier publication date, where I have ascertained that it has not appeared in the AAS Annual Bibliography, yet (theses, especially ones not done not in the United States, are the main instances). I have also included a small number of items that technically deal with Thailand, just in case the subject matter has to do with peoples that are a significant element, also, of the population of Burma: this mainly concerns works on languages, such as Shan (on the east) and Chin or Kachin (having to do with India, on the west). I have drawn all this from my own bibliographical files, which accounts for the incompleteness of the listing; and I urge my readers to apprise me of items of importance I have missed; I shall list them in a supplement, when occasion arises. Some of what is listed here is drawn, of course, from the monthly acquisition list put out by the Cornell University Library (The Wason Collection, now the John M. Echols Collection on Southeast Asia, since the end of 1977); this periodic acquisition list is not quite so readily accessible in smaller college libraries, which has led me to include items from it, here, but I have systematically excluded the very extensive list of Burmese language holdings they publish from time to time (large literary and technical-scientific). On occasion, also, I have drawn from lists put out by the Library of Congress, but these come to me only irregularly.

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