BIENNIAL BURMA STUDIES COLLOQUIUM AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY, OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 1992:

The Biennial Burma Studies colloquium was organized by the Center for Burma Studies at NIU. Our appreciation goes to Richard Cooler, CBS Director, and his staff for hosting the group so warmly. The group met in the new Burma Gallery which featured an exhibit from the William Bennett Collection. The Colloquium was well attended by both 'old' and 'new' scholars of Burma.

The colloquium's program is reprinted below. Please contact the speakers directly if you wish to obtain copies of papers of particular interest to you. The Center for Southeast Asian Studies plans to publish papers presented at the Colloquium in a forthcoming special issue of Crossroads.

COLLOQUIUM MEETING:
Saturday, October 31, 1992

Richard M. Cooler (director, CBS). Opening remarks.
Anna Allott (The Britain-Burma Society, London) "Writing, Publishing and Censorship in Burma Since 1988"
Julian Wheatley (Cornell) "Languages in Contact: The Case of English and Burmese"
A. Wilber Stevens (U. of Nevada) Poetry from "The World is Going to End Up in Burma"
Saw Tun (NIU) "Minthuwun’s Poems: Development of Political Themes"
L. Euan Bagshawe (North Carolina) "Kingship in U Tin’s Myanma Min Ok-Chok Pon Sa-Dan"
Elaine Koretsky (U. of Massachusetts) "Through Central Burma by Oxcart--1991"
Jack Daulton (NIU) "The Kaba Aye Pagoda & the Relics of Sariputta and Mogallana"
Bruce Matthews (Acadia U, Nova Scotia) "The Iron Heel: Buddhism Under a Military Regime in Burma"
Grant A. Olson (NIU) "Burmese Leip-pya and Thai Khwan: The Stuff of Which Souls are Made"
Juliane Schober (Arizona State University) "Rituals, Myths, and History of the Mandalay Mahamuni Image"
Anna Allott (The Britain-Burma Society, London) "The Mandalay Flower Calendar"

Sunday, November 1
Jean-Narc Rastorfer (Switzerland) "By Rail to Loikaw?"
Paul Sarno (New York) Book Reviews of Three Recent Titles Concerning Burma
Catherine Zimmer (Ohio) "Does Weber's Interpretation of Religion and Society Hold under Militaristic Rule in Burma?" (A Question for Debate)

"The Structuring of Early Modern Southeast Asian History" was the title of a lecture presented by Victor Lieberman (History, U. of Michigan) during the Friday lunch hour.

BURMA STUDIES FOUNDATION:

Trustees of the Burma Studies Foundation met on Friday, November 30 to discuss diverse issues including avenues for increasing support for scholarship on Burma. New trustees include Anna Allott, Ward Keeler, Melford Spiro, Charles Keyes, Paul Sarno, and Juliane Schober.

OTHER CONFERENCES ON BURMA:

The Center for the Study of Australia-Asia Relations in conjunction with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade held a conference on "The State, Order, and Prospects for Change in Burma" at the Nathan Campus of Griffith University (Nathan, Brisbane 4111, Australia) on December 3-4 1992. Papers will deal with internal political developments, the economy, ethnic minorities, Burma's international relations, and the potential for conflict resolution. Speakers included Senator Gareth Evans (Australia's Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade), Prof. David Steinberg (Georgetown University), Bertil Lintner (Far Eastern Economic Review), Prof. Chai-Anan Sumudavaniya (Chulalongkorn University), Dr. Martin Stuart-Fox (Univ. of Queensland), and Dr. Connie Peck, Institute for Peace Research, La Trobe University.

This above was written by Paul Kratoska for SEANET, a listserv network, from which I took the announcement.

Annemarie Esche sent information on another international conference planned for May 7 to 9, 1993 at Humboldt University, Berlin and entitled "Tradition and Modernity in Myanmar." Potential participants will include an international array of scholars and other persons concerned with studies in Myanmar. Papers are invited and will be delivered in English. They should be no longer than 20 minutes to allow for discussion and the maximum number of presentations. Subsequent publication of conference papers as a special volume is envisioned. Board and lodging expenses will amount to about DM 100 per day. In the event that the organizers' efforts to raise funds are successful, expenses may be reduced respectively. Otherwise, they are to be paid fully by the participants themselves. As a rule, travelling
expenses cannot be met by the conveners. A few exceptions may be considered as far as they can dispose of the necessary funds. For further information, please contact the conference organizers, i.e. Annemarie Esche and her colleagues at: Humboldt Universitaet zu Berlin, Fachbereich Asien - und Afrikawissenschaften, Suedostasien-Institut, August-Bebel-Platz 2, 0-1086 Berlin, Germany.

E-MAIL DIRECTORY FOR BSG MEMBERS:
Several of you responded to my call for information to compile a directory of Burma scholars using E-Mail. The following listings have reached me to date, others will appear in future issues.

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EDITOR’S NOTE:
Thank you to Daw May Kyi Win for the extensive bibliographic compilation in this issue of the BSG Bulletin. Other contributors include Paul Kratoska and Annemarie Esche.

The continued publication of the Bulletin depends on the input of its readership and all of you are cordially invited to share information about any germane topic, e.g. scholarship on Burma in the U.S. and abroad; conferences and public lectures; submissions on research notes; reports on recent developments in Burma or about Burmese communities abroad; and brief substantive articles on special topics or points of interest explored in your research.

Please send your contributions, preferably on disk in Word Perfect 5.1 format, to me at the Department of Religious Studies, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-0402 or by E-mail to IFJSS@ASUACAD.Bitnet.

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