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Group to Meet in Boston

"Boston Tea Party" for the Burma Studies Group will be at 4:30 PM, April 10, Dalton A, Boston Sheraton Hotel. Hope to see you there. If you are not a member of the AAS, you can come by simply registering for the AAS Conference at the Sheraton or evading the sentries. Or you could write AAS, 1 Lane Hall, U. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

We, of course, will be urging the assembled faithful to generate their best presentations for the opening celebration for the Center for Burma Studies at DeKalb, Illinois, on July 29 and 30, 1987.

As a special treat we will hear a short presentation about making paper by hand in Burma from one of our newest members, Elaine Koretsky, who lives in nearby Brookline.

Foundation to Meet in Boston

The Burma Studies Foundation, through which all gifts should flow to the Center for Burma Studies, will meet after the Burma Studies Group has met.

Center for Burma Studies

Quite possibly U Nu will give the opening address at DeKalb in July. He has been invited formally by Director, Richard Cooler.

The first issue of the long-awaited Newsletter has reached DeKalb from our far-flung news editor in Hong Kong. Please be patient, for you will see it "in this kalpa" to use Maureen's phrase. Also forthcoming will be a third publication from the Center called "Announcements." We will combine Bulletin, Newsletter, and "Announcements" in the future, all emanating from the Center. For the moment you will get all three.

The Center for Burma Studies is at 140 Carroll Ave., Northern Illinois U., DeKalb, IL 60115. Tel. 815-753-1771.

Other News

PROF. H. OGIWERE wrote from Japan to say that he will be retiring this March from Kagoshima University. We wish him well. A letter from BILL SOLHEIM notes that the U. of Hawaii will be emphasizing Indo-China and Burma. Going to Rangoon Arts and Science University (RASU) was Anatole Lyovin (English Dept.), followed by Dr. Karl H. Doverman (mathematics). From RASU to Hawaii came U Bo Thin (Burmese Dept.), U Bo Thin taught Burmese literature and Burmese culture, and Haigh Roop is working on publishing some of the materials developed in these efforts. Albert Moscotti will be teaching Modern Burmese History in the fall of 1987 at Hawaii.

The Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute will offer again the study of Burmese language at Northern Illinois U., DeKalb (6/8 - 8/14).

USIS is looking for a Sports and Physical Education specialist who would help to work on a national Burmese sports program. The person to contact is John A. Fredenburg, Counselor for Public Affairs, Embassy of the U.S.A., 518 Merchant St., Rangoon, Burma.

DAVID STEINBERG will be returning to Bethesda, Maryland, after serving as president of the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs. His address is his old address: 6207 Goodview St., Bethesda, MD 20817 (Tel. 301-320-3319).

Your editor sent our mailing list to Ronald H. Brown, American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. He is planning a questionnaire as part of an effort to honor Adoniram Judson (Burma, 1813-1850). International Ministries ABC/USA publishes "Burma News," P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. Cooperate, of course, as you are inclined.

New member MARK SANDY and his wife spent 6 months in Burma at the Mahasi Meditation Center. They have a collection of Buddhist materials, two or three VHS tapes on Burmese dance, monk and nun ordinations, robe offerings, Pagan, and the Shwedagon. Those interested should contact Mark, 73 Samaria Lane, Oakland, CA 94619 (Tel. 415-482-5845). CHUCK SMITH is back in America. His new address is 417 Sternwheeler Ct., Gaithersburg, MD 20877. He will be the Division Chief for East Europe but will retain an "active interest in Burma." He says he will still follow the BCP.

EDITH PINESS presented a paper entitled "The Charm of Civil Employment in the East," in the Symposium on the Colonial Mind, the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She will be co-editing an issue of the Indo-British Review with A. J. Greenbergh, the subject to be religion and nationalism in India and Burma. Contributions from the Burma Studies Group are welcome, writes Edith. ROBERT TAYLOR's new book, The State in Burma, is expected mid-year. Bob has also rewritten "the Burma bits" in the 2nd ed. of In Search of Southeast Asia (Hawaii U). Your editor reviewed Bob's Thein Pe Myint's Wartime Traveler and Vic Lieberman's "Burmese Administrative Cycles" in the Journal of Asian History (20,1). Cornell's Southeast Asia Program has published Religious Cults of the Pai-i Along the Burma-Yunnan Border and Context, Meaning, and Power in Southeast Asia. The latter contains Bob Taylor's "Burmese Concepts of Revolution."

KHIN MAUNG KYI from the National Univ. of Singapore was visiting professor at Cornell and presented a talk, "The Life of a University Don in Southeast Asia." EUAN BAGSHAW has been nominated for a Fulbright grant to do research in Burma. LEE LEFFERTS has a limited supply of the Pagan Newsletter 1986. If interested write Dr. Leedom Lefferts, Dept. of Anthropology, Drew U., Madison, N.J. 07940. SARAH BEKKER will be giving a special program, "The Opening Lotus: Buddhist Art in Thailand" next month in NYC. Contact Institute for Asian Studies, Box 1603, F.D.R. Station, N.Y., N.Y. 10022.

JANICE LEOSKO has been appointed as the Assistant Curator, Indian and Southeast Asian Art, Los Angeles County Museum of Art, 5905 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036. John Randall (47 Moreton St., London SW1V 2NY, England) is selling a book collection on Burma (700-800 vols.). Bill Jones has seen it. Paul Strachan has returned to SOAS from nine months of field work in Upper Burma, doing doctoral research on Buddhist art and architecture. He offers for sale

108 slides and catalog for L195. The slides deal with sculpture, architecture, and paintings, all post-Pagan. He can be reached at Dept. of Southeast Asia and the Islands, School of Oriental & African Studies, Malet St., London WC1E 7HP. BILL JONES writes, "Does anyone want a copy of the Pichard book on restoring Pagan? I have a number." (William B. Jones, 432 Jones, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538).

Thann Tun Oo writes from Western Illinois U.. He is studying there for a M.S. in the Department of Recreation and Park Administration.

Other New Members:

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