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## I. NEWS

### **\*NEPAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION MEETING IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE 13th ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON SOUTH ASIA, NOV. 2-4, MADISON, WISCONSIN**

Once again the Nepal Studies Association will be held in Madison, Wisconsin in conjunction with the Annual Conference on South Asia. The meetings begin on the morning of November 2, 1984 and continue through November 4, 1984. The annual business meeting will be at 12:00 noon on Friday, November 3. There will be five organized panels on the Himalayas:

November 2, 3:15 - 5:00 p.m.

Approaches to Nepali Cultural History (A.W. Hanson-Barber)

November 3, 8:15 - 10:00 a.m.

The Outlook for Education in Nepal (Hugh Wood)

November 3, 8:15 - 12:00 a.m.

Tibetan Scholars on Tibetan Culture, Part I and Part II (Paljor Tsarong)

November 3, 4:00 - 5:45 p.m.

Ritual, Symbol, and Society in Nepal (David Holmberg)

November 4, 10:15 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Investment for Water Resources in Nepal (Edward Martin)

There will also be one panel of volunteered papers at 10:15 on November 3:

"Limits of Economic Growth: The Case of Nepal"

Shankar Sharma, East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii

"The Role of Construction Industry in Economic Development: The Case of Nepal"

Ramesh Vaidya, University of Minnesota-Duluth

"The Interfacing of Forestry Into Nepal's Development Planning"

W.A. Leuschner & R.E. Adams, Virginia Polytechnic Institution & State University, & M.E. Stevens, U.S. Forest Service

Once again, the Madison Nepali community will host a bhoj on Saturday November 3. Krishna Pradhan is also organizing a Gyana-Goshthi, time and place to be announced.

We look forward to seeing you all there.

### **\*NEWS FROM LADAKH (COURTESY OF NAWANG TSEHING SHAKSPO)**

Ladakhis to participate in the Bi-Centenary Csoma de Koros celebration:

During the current year, Indologists/Tibetologists from the world over celebrate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Alexander Csoma de Koros, the great Hungarian traveller and pioneer of Ladakhi/Tibetan studies in the west.

Csoma de Koros started his career as a Tibetologist in Ladakh, after learning the language and culture of Ladakh in the sleeping valley of Zanskar between 1813-1823. Due to that reason many western scholars visit Leh and Zanskar, including some Hungarians. During this year more native and foreign scholars are scheduled to visit Zanskar and places like Fuktal and Zangla, where Csoma de Koros lived during his studentship.

Jamma and Kashmir Academy of Art, Culture and Languages, Leh, to publish its bi-annual journal in Ladakhi/Tibetan on quarterly basis:

From the year 1984, the Cultural Academy (Leh) will bring out its present bi-annual journal in Ladakhi on a quarterly basis. This became possible because of readers demand.

## **\*THE FOURTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF NEPAL**

The Fourth Annual Conference of the Linguistic Society of Nepal was held at the CEDA Hall, Kirtipur, on December 23-24, 1983 to mark the fourth anniversary of the founding of the Society. The conference was inaugurated by Right Honourable Prime Minister, Mr. Lokendra Bahadur Chand. Sixty-five participants registered including delegates from West Germany, Japan, Australia, India and various campuses of Tribhuvan University. A total of 16 papers on Phonology, Morphology and Syntax, Sociolinguistics and Stylistics, and Language, Culture and Communication were presented and discussed during the four sessions of the conference. The details of the sessions are summed up as follows:

### Session I: Phonology, Morphology and Syntax I

Chairman: Dr. R.K. Sprigg

Dr. Kamal P Malla, "Suppletive Causatives in Newari"

Dr. Alfons Weidert, "Indeterminacy in Phonology (or: Consonant Voicing in Limbu)"

Dr. Jadrank Grozdanovic, "Numeral Decay in Bantawa Rai"

Mr. A.G. Khan, "Plosives in Manipuri (Meiteilon) Loan Words: A Study"

### Session II: Phonology, Morphology and Syntax II

Chairman: Dr. Jadrank Grozdanovic

Dr. R.K. Sprigg, "The Limbu Syllable Final s-cluster and t-cluster verb roots"

Mr. Yogendra P. Yadav, "A More Promising Rule for Nominative Case Assignment"

Mr. Sueyoshi Toba, "Ergativity in Khaling-Rai"

### Session III: Sociolinguistics and Stylistics

Chairman: Dr. Kamal P. Malla

Dr. Rajesh Sachdev, "Sociolinguistic Aspect of P.H. Bilingualism"

Dr. Subhadra Subba Dahal, "Census and the Linguistic Survey of Nepal: Perspectives in Language Use"

Dr. R.K. Sprigg, "The Lepcha Language and Three Hundred Years of Tibetan Influence in Sikkim"

Mr. Ananda Dev Bhatta, "Language Policy in Higher Education"

Mr. Madhusudan Thakur, "On Verbs and Adverbs in Nirala: A Stylistic Study"

### Session IV: Language, Culture and Communication - A Symposium

Chairman: Mr. Sueyoshi Toba

Mr. Abhi Subedi, "Chyali: A Creative Embedding of Linguistic Change into the Matrix of Limbu Culture"

Dr. M.P. Regmi, "A Psychological Study of Gurung Language"

Dr. R.C. Caughley, "Whodunit?: Problems of Identification"

## **\*CALL FOR PAPERS ON WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT**

Working Papers on Women in International Development invites manuscript submissions that concern development issues affecting women in relation to social, political, and economic change. The series features papers at a relatively late stage of formulation, encouraging comments to facilitate communication of knowledge about the situation and needs of women in developing countries. Submit manuscripts or write for a descriptive editorial brochure to: Rita Gallin, Editor; WID Publication Series; Office of WID; 202 International Center; Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI 48824-1035.

## **\*TENTH TEXTILE MUSEUM RUG CONVENTION**

The Textile Museum announces its tenth annual Rug Convention November 9-11, 1984. The Convention begins Friday evening with a reception and registration. Saturday morning speakers focus on Tibetan rugs — in conjunction with the exhibition "Temple, Household, Horseback: Tibetan Rugs of the Himalayas." The first portion of the afternoon features discussions of small rugs and rug-related textiles; later, topics on carpet conservation and textiles in context conclude the day's lecture roster.

Saturday evening features cocktails and a catered buffet dinner. The traditional champagne brunch opens Sunday's activities, followed by the ever popular "Show & Tell." Participants are invited to bring pieces for discussion.

Pre-Convention Seminar: Master Pieces

Carol Bier, Curator for Eastern Hemisphere rugs and textiles, discusses celebrated carpet fragments from the Museum's collections in relation to well-known great works of art. Drawing upon extensive travel experiences in the Middle East and her own research and teaching of Islamic art, her presentation will focus on classical carpets considered within cultural contexts. At the conclusion, Harold Keshishian and Hunter Morin show fragments from their own collections.

This optional, pre-convention seminar is offered at 3-4:30 pm on Friday, November 9. An additional fee of US \$35 is charged and enrollment is limited to 35 participants.

All events take place at The Textile Museum.

Friday, November 9th.

3-4:30 pm: Optional Seminar: "Master Pieces"

6-8 pm: Registration and Reception to view "Temple, Household, Horseback: Tibetan Rugs of the Himalayas"

Saturday, November 10th

8 am: Light Breakfast/Late Registration

9 am: Patricia L. Fiske, Director, The Textile Museum

9:10 am: LECTURES: TIBETAN RUGS

Patrons and Prestige: Rug Making in Tibet From 1870 to 1950

Diana K. Myers, Tibetan Rug Association Co-Founder and Curatorial Consultant for the exhibition.

Reconstructing the History of Tibetan Rugs Through Archaeology, Oral and Written Records: Problems and Promises of These Tools

Arthur A. Leeper, specialist in ethnographic Tibetan art, writer and collector.

Origins of the Tibetan Rug Tradition: Design and Technique

Murray L. Eiland, Jr., Berkeley, California; author of Oriental Rugs A Comprehensive Guide (1982) Chinese and Exotic Rugs (1979).

Dating Tibetan Rugs

Colonel Kirkwood Martin, Trustee, The Textile Museum

12:30-1:30 pm: Box Lunch

1:30 pm: LECTURES: SMALL TEXTILES/LARGE CONCEPTS

Turkish Yastiks

Gayle Garrett, Former Chairman, The Washington Textile Group.

Sampler Rugs

Melissa McGee Keshishian, Professional Oriental Rug Restorer

3:10 pm: Break

3:30 pm: LECTURES: CARPET MISCELLANY

Preservation of the Museum's Carpets

Jane Merritt, Conservator, The Textile Museum

Animal Trappings From Anatolia and 'In Situ' Nomadic Textiles in Sinjiang

Saul Barodofsky, Sun Bow Trading Co.

7-10 pm: Cocktails and dinner

Sunday, November 11th

9:30 am: Champagne brunch

11:30 am: Show & Tell. Participants are invited to bring pieces for discussion.

For further information write:

Rug Convention  
The Textile Museum  
2320 S Street, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20008 USA.

Fees: The registration fee for the convention is US \$225 for members (US \$250 for non-members). Registrations postmarked before October 10 may pay the reduced rate of US \$185 for members (US \$210 for non-members). The registration fee for the pre-convention seminar is US \$35.

#### **\*DEATH OF HELEN LAUNA CROYLE WOOD**

Mrs. Helen Launa Croyle Wood died June 18, 1984 at age 76 in Tillamook, Oregon. Mrs. Wood was a co-founder and past president of the America-Nepal Education Foundation. A dedicated friend of Nepal, she will be missed by us all. Donations in memory of Mrs. Wood may be made to the America-Nepal Education Foundation, Box ANEF, Oceanside, Oregon 97134.

#### **\*CNAS SEMINAR ON THE "ROYAL VISIT TO U.S."**

CNAS held a talk programme on the Royal visit to the United States of America and other countries on January 15, 1984.

Mr. Khadga Bikram Shah, Executive Director, in a welcome speech highlighted the objective of the talk programme. He went on to say that the Centre would attempt to bring about interaction between the academics, policy-makers and members of society by conducting this kind of talk programme so that the various development programmes and aspects of national issues could be analysed and studied in a cordial, objective and unbiased manner in a free academic environment.

The Honourable Foreign Minister Padama Bahadur Khatri in an inaugural address said that the reaction in both countries was most positive and would always be regarded as a historical landmark in Nepal-U.S. relations. He went on to say that the visit showed that Nepal-U.S. relations were alive and had grown to the mutual satisfaction of the two nations.

Prof. Lok Raj Baral, speaking on "Peace Zone Proposal in the Context of the Recent Recognitions," pointed out that U.S. should have endorsed long ago the Zone of Peace proposal because it was a logical extension of Nepal's non-aligned foreign policy.

Mr. Bishwa Pradhan, Foreign Secretary, speaking on "Bilateral Relationships," summed up some main features of Nepal-U.S. bilateral relations and economic co-operation. Mr. Pradhan pointed out that the Royal visit generated a new element in President Reagan's appreciation of Nepal's Zone of Peace proposal. He also reflected on the wealth of goodwill the visit developed and propounded follow-up steps to keep up the momentum.

Mr. Gopal Das Shrestha, Editor of the Commoner, speaking on "Media Response," remarked that the media coverage of the visit was phenomenal abroad, and the home country had also done a good job.

Dr. Bekh Bahadur Thapa, Royal Nepalese Ambassador to U.S., speaking on "Future Economic Cooperation," suggested that the feeling of friendship and goodwill at each level during the visit to the U.S. could be useful in promoting bilateral and multilateral economic ties.

After refreshments, the speakers entertained queries from the participants.

Mr. Govind Bhatta moderated the discussion.

(Courtesy N.M. Tuladhar, CNAS)

### **\*CNAS SEMINAR ON "CHINA"**

A seminar on four different aspects of the Chinese national life was held on March 15, 1984 at CNAS on the occasion of the visit of Mr. Li Xiannian, President of the People's Republic of China, to Nepal from March 19 to March 23, 1984.

Mr. Khadga Bikram Shah, Executive Director, in his welcome speech said that the seminar on China in connection with the visit of Mr. Li Xiannian to Nepal would help the participants understand Nepal's friendly neighbour to the north. He expressed his confidence that this understanding would contribute to an academic appraisal of the recent developments that have taken place in China.

On behalf of the Centre, Mr. Shah wished Mr. Li Xiannian a very happy stay in Nepal.

In an opening address Mr. Padma Bahadur Khatri, Minister for Foreign Affairs, expressed his pleasure that CNAS hosted the talk programme on the subject which was as much of academic interest as of political importance to Nepal. He went on to say that the People's Republic of China is the next door neighbour and a close friend of Nepal and that the continued relations have been a matter of great satisfaction. He wound up his speech remarking that the talk programme held on the eve of the state visit to Nepal of President Li Xiannian and Madam Jiami would contribute significantly to the general appreciation not only of Nepal's happy state of bilateral relations but also of the Chinese perception of the world today.

Dr. Prem Uprety presented a paper on "Groundwork of Nepal-China Relations: A Historical Perspective" which evaluated the flow and momentum of the Sino-Nepal's relations and explored the Chinese claim of her suzerainty over Nepal in the historical past.

Mr. Randhir Subba spoke on "Recent Political Developments in China" which was based on his personal observation of people, events, conversations and inferences and surmises during his stay in Peking for eight and a half years. He talked about the basic political decisions made during the Cultural Revolution and even earlier and the Cultural Revolution itself.

Mr. Dhruba Kumar presented a paper on "Perspectives on Chinese Foreign Policy" which dealt with the analysis of the forces to which China's foreign policy was responding in its historical context, the examination of continuity and change in Chinese behavioural persuasion in the world and the general prospect of Chinese foreign policy in the 1980's.

Mr. Yadu Nath Khanal presented a paper on "China's Emerging Foreign Policy: Implications for Neighbours" which focused on the scope and implications of China's emerging foreign policy projecting profound internal changes. Mr. Khanal threw light on China's foreign policy as it is evolving today and its possible implications.

There was a question and answer session following the presentation of the papers.

Mr. Sridhar K. Khatri moderated the discussion.

(Courtesy N.M. Tuladhar, CNAS)

### **\*ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM AT UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH**

The Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich opened on 29th February a large exhibition on Nepal dealing with several aspects of life in this country.

Introductory sections on geography, history and the Nepalese variant of the pan-Indian caste system are followed by four sections, each presenting a single ethnic community. The selected Newar, Gurung, Dangaura-Tharu and Dolpo-pa are introduced as examples of many more related communities living in the classical three ecological zones of Nepal. Each section accounts for the internal social and economic organization, the pervading religious beliefs as well as the communities' specific problems encountered nowadays. A general religious section hopes to communicate the strongly syncretic nature of religion in Nepal where regionally various Hindu and Buddhist influences merge with indigenous religious concepts. The last section critically explores the vast area of development processes in Nepal referring as an example to the Swiss-Nepalese IHDP in the Jiri-region in Central Nepal. The museological concept of "environments" plays an important part in this exhibition. Partial

reconstructions of a Hindu and a North-Nepalese Buddhist temple, a Newar house-yard, a Tharu kitchen and altar room as well as a shop from Pashupatinath displaying devotional objects were designed to strengthen the communication of the uniquely Nepalese atmospheres. The exhibition can be seen until the end of November 1984.

Between the 23rd May and the beginning of June, 1984, there will be organized a film festival in Zurich showing the classical ethnographic productions on Nepal from France, United States and West Germany. Six Nepalese feature films, such as "Ama", "Kumari" and "Sindoor", and recently finished Nepalese ethnographic documentaries will take a favourite place in this film festival. Director Prem Basnyet of "Kumari" will be present at the event.

On the occasion of this exhibition a publication in German language, entitled "Nepal - Leben und Ueberleben", was prepared, including essays from American, British, French, German and Swiss scholars, especially written for this purpose and related to the themes raised in the sections of the exhibition.

The publication "Nepal - Leben und Ueberleben", 1984, Martin Brauen (Ed.), ESZ 2, Zurich can be ordered through:

Ethnographic Museum of the University of Zurich,  
Pelikanstrasse 40,  
8001 ZURICH/Switzerland