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## VIII. NOTICES

### THE HIMALAYAN CIRCLE

The Himalayan Circle is an interdisciplinary group of scholars, in the New York Metropolitan area, interested in the societies and cultures of highland Pakistan, India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Tibet. This year it has continued to present lectures on recent research in the Himalayan region. The lectures during Fall 1986 included:

Maureen Durkin: "Ayurveda in Kathmandu."

Todd Lewis: "The Newar Month of Gunla."

Theodore Riccardi, Jr.: "Dolakha"

Richard Tucker and Lia Fredde: "Gaddi Shepherds in Himachal Pradesh."

M.T. Cooke: "Horse Festivals in Manang."

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### THE NEPAL-AMERICA FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY

The Nepal-America Friendship Society of New York City promotes cross-cultural understanding between Nepal and America, and supports traditional Nepali cultural activities such as festivals, rituals and social gatherings. It gives Nepalis living in New York, and Americans interested in Nepal, the opportunity to continue their participation in the rich cultural life of Nepal. The Society, by participating in many New York community events, and by publishing a newsletter and articles in various newspapers, has publicized the cultural vitality of the Nepali community in New York, and their continued support of, and dedication to, Nepal, and its rich cultural traditions. Membership fees are ten dollars a year for single members and twenty-five dollars for families. Fees entitle members to participate in all society activities and to receive newsletters and other publications. People interested in joining the Society should contact Diby Hada (the President of the Society) at (718) 591-2377. The address is Nepal-America Friendship Society, 165-03 81st Avenue, Jamaica, New York 11432.

### AMERICA-NEPAL SOCIETY

The last America-Nepal Society meeting took place on November 1, 1986 at The American University, Washington, DC, during which Desain and Dewali were celebrated. On September 11, 1986, the Executive Committee met to discuss events for the following year. Suggestions under consideration are a Nepalese bazaar at which people could rent table space from ANS and sell handicrafts, food, and other Nepalese items. Also the Executive Committee set up a special committee to plan for the twentieth anniversary celebration of ANS.

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## HIMALAYAN ARTS COUNCIL

A Himalayan Arts Council has been formed under the aegis of the Pacific Asia Museum in Pasadena, California. The purpose of the Council is to promote and foster the arts and cultures of the Himalayan regions through artistic exchanges and other cultural activities.

The richness of traditions which the Himalayan arts and cultures reflect has fascinated Westerners for centuries. In the past, for political reasons, many Himalayan countries closed their doors to outsiders and knowledge of Himalayan arts and cultures was limited. But fortunately with the passage of time, these countries are now willing to share their cultural heritage with the outside world. The Himalayan Arts Council, which is one of a kind in Southern California, is a timely arrival for promoting and fostering the arts and cultures of the Himalayan regions.

Deepak Shimkhada is the President of the Council. Associate membership for individuals and institutions is available for \$20.00 a year. For further information, please write to:

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## ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE HIMALAYAS

Starting January 14, 1987 the Asia Society in New York will present a new series of lectures entitled Environment and Development in the Himalayas.

Monday, January 12-19: "Photographs of Ladakh" by Jaroslav Poncar.

Wednesday, January 14, 6-8 pm: "Tradition and Development in Ladakh: An Ecological Perspective." An illustrated lecture by Helen Norberg-Hodge, Director of The Ladakh Project. Ms. Norberg-Hodge will describe the Project's efforts to preserve traditional cultural values while improving livelihoods through small-scale benign technology.

Tuesday, February 3, 6-8 pm: "Herders of the Himalayas: The Role of Yak-Herding in Sherpa and Langtang Tibetan Culture." Illustrated lecture by Thomas Cox, New York University. Mr. Cox will examine the cultural symbolism of yak-herding, the sociopolitical organization of the herdmen, and the effects on these traditional cultures of such modern changes as commercial cheese production, mountaineering, tourism, and ecological degradation.

Wednesday, February 11, 6-8 pm: "Forests and Villagers in the Himalayas." Lecture by Dr. Ramachandra Guha, Yale University. Deforestation poses a severe threat to the fragile environment of the Himalayas. Professor Guha will discuss the socioeconomic pressures that have led villagers to denude their forests, government-sponsored attempts at reforestation, and the growth of environmental protection movements in the region.

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## **VICE CHANCELLOR OF TRIBHUVAN UNIVERSITY VISITS THE USA**

Mahesh Kumar Upadhyay, Vice Chancellor of Tribhuvan University, visited colleges and other educational agencies during October under the auspices of the US Information Agency. His tour took him to Washington, DC (mostly government agencies), New York (Columbia University and the United Nations), Carbondale (Southern Illinois University), San Francisco (San Francisco State University and University of California--Berkeley), Portland, and Honolulu (East-West Center). While in Oregon, Mr. Upadhyay visited the Chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education, the President of the University of Oregon, the President of the Oregon State University, the President of Linfield College (a small private college), and the President of Portland Community College (only community college visited). He also visited the Journalism programs at these institutions. During the weekend, as a guest of Hugh Wood at the Pacific beach in Tillamook, he was briefed on the community college movement in the US by Amo deBernardis (President Emeritus of Portland Community College). The American Nepal Education Foundation sponsored Mr. Upadhyay's travel during the five days he was in Oregon.

## **HELEN L. WOOD MEMORIALIZED IN NEPAL**

A bronze plaque was erected last October on the Tribhuvan University campus at Kirtipur, Kathmandu, to memorialize Helen L. Wood for her long interest and many contributions to the education of the handicapped children of Nepal. President of the American Nepal Education Foundation for nearly thirty years (until her death in 1984), Mrs. Wood sponsored, through ANEF, a program to train eight members of a staff for a Department of Special Education in the Institute of Education of Tribhuvan University. A perpetual memorial fund has also been established in her name to provide prizes and awards for handicapped children in Nepal who excel in their school work.

## **FREE BROCHURES FROM THE AMERICAN NEPAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Persons interested in the services and activities of the American Nepal Education Foundation may obtain any or all of the following brochures FREE by sending a self addressed envelope to the Foundation (No. 10 size for one publication; 6"x9" size for more than one):

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Brief History of ANEF  
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### **NEW SERIAL: CHÖ-YANG**

The Council for Religious and Cultural Affairs of H.H. the Dalai Lama is proud to present a new journal "Chö-Yang" published for the first time in Fall'86. Chö-Yang is a collection of articles, photographs, and essays describing the rich heritage of Tibet. Breaking new ground in the field of Tibetan publications, Chö-Yang has authoritative articles in all areas of culture including religion, art, history, and drama. It is rich in photographic features, new translations, and teachings as well as essays that throw light on less known aspects of Tibetan culture.

Subscription for 1 year (2 issues) is US\$20.00 For further subscription and membership information contact:

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Dhramsala, Distt. Kangra  
Himachal Pradesh, India

### **CHRISTMAS HUMPHREYS BOOK AWARD**

The Eternal Legacy by Ven. Maha Sthavira Sangharakshita has been awarded the Buddhist Society's 1986 Christmas Humphreys Memorial Book Prize. There were 26 contenders for this award and the decision for The Eternal Legacy was unanimous. This is an important reflection of the significance attached by the Buddhist Society to this work in making an 'outstanding contribution to the literature of basic Buddhism.'

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