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BURMA STUDIES GROUP - SAN FRANCISCO AAS MEETING

On Friday, March 25, from 4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the San Francisco Hilton, Shasta Room (Fourth Floor), our fearless leader, Kris Lehman, will preside over a meeting of the faithful, followed by the usual feast somewhere mysteriously exotic. All invited.

NEWS

Many of you have kindly enclosed notes with your contribution to our mailing costs, and your grateful secretary presents the following cullings, plus other choice items from his worldwide news net:

SARAH BEKKER will be teaching a course, "On the Road to Mandalay: Monuments and Mysticism," at the Institute for Asian Studies, April 25 to May 16, New York City. HUGH MAC DOUGALL is Counselor of Embassy for Political and Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Rangoon. DONALD CRIDER, Associate Professor of Rural Sociology at Penn State, wrote of six Burmese scholars in the U.S. since last September: KYI MAY KAUNG (economics) and KHIN AYE THAN (commerce) at the U. of Penn.; U NGWE SOE (statistics) at Rutgers; U MYO MYINT (history) at Cornell; U KYIN SOE (engineering) at Wisconsin; and U MAUNG WIN (geography) at Penn State. Don also mentioned Burmese activity on the maize/oil seed and forestry projects. ELIZABETH MANAK, Program Coordinator, Center for Southeast Asian Studies, 4113 Helen C. White, 600 N. Park St., Madison, WI 53706, puts out an urgent call for Burmese recipes and would appreciate favorites from our members. FRANK TRAGER returned from his trip to Burma in November, thinking back over twenty-five years of "persistent concern for the 'Golden Land.'" JANE HANKS wrote to say that CHRISTOPHER MYINT OUNG and his wife (Noreen) NWE NWE THWIN are now residing at 10634 Waverly St., Apt. 2, Montreal, Quebec H3L 2W6 (tel. 514-336-5609) and would be happy to hear from old friends. Jane and Lucien are at 216 N.E. 43rd St., Seattle, WA 98105. FRANK HUFFMAN welcomes bibliographic information for his Bibliography of Main land Southeast Asian Linguistics. U KHIN has retired from the Department of State after 30 years of service in the Burmese Language and Culture Department. He still does some translation work for State, and he can help now with other translation work also. Contact him, if you are interested. MICHAEL CULLIANE, Program Coordinator, Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, U. of Mich., 130 Lane Hall, Ann Arbor, MI 48109, seeks potential students for the upcoming summer course in intensive elementary Burmese. Contact him with suggestions. JERRY BENNETT is back in Washington after three delightful years in Chiang Mai. CHUCK SMITH will be at the Consulate in Krakow, Poland, as of 8/83, address c/o Am. Con. Gen. (KRK) APO, NY 09757. He still would like to hear more reactions to his Elmira paper.

BILL SOLHEIM will be on sabbatical all of 1983, "in the Philippines, Vietnam, and probably Korea and Japan." FRED WETZEL has earned his M.A. in linguistics and now is working on a Ph.D. in biological psychology (specifically neurolinguistics). MEL SPIRO kindly reviewed Essays on Burma in the recent issue of the Journal of Asian Studies, p.211-13. MARAN LA RAW's address, for those who have asked, is 617 W. Shite St., Champaign, IL 61820. I have a call for any information on HTUN MYAINT, former secretary of the Fulbright office in Rangoon. KRIS LEHMAN and MIKE AUNG THWIN will be participating in LUCIEN HANKS'

forthcoming AAS panel on social organization in pre-colonial Southeast Asia. Mike has been busy speaking at the U. of Penn. on the classical Burmese state, writing an article on Pagan for the Encyclopedia of Asian History, and acting as consultant for the National Geographic Society on Pagan for their People and Places of the World. For those who have asked, Essays on Burma (Contributions to Asian Studies 16) can sometimes be found at the bookstore of the Asia Society, 725 Park Ave., NY, NY 10026, attention Nick Mencher. Otherwise contact E. J. Brill, c/o Expeditors of the Printed Word Ltd., P.O. Box 1305, Long Island City, NY 11101 (Sorry about that price! Ed.). JULIANNE SCHOEBER and MARK WOODWARD, after 15 months in Mandalay, are back at U. of Illinois, writing up research on the relationship between Theravada Buddhism and the organization of the old court and the capital at Mandalay. Your secretary's review of MAUNG MAUNG's book From Sangha to Laity appeared in the recent JAS issue. The same secretary and wife CATHERINE FERGUSON will also be aboard the Lindblad Explorer when it docks at Rangoon for a four day visit April 18-21. John will be the cruise's lecturer on Burma, thanks to Sarah Bekker, who could not make the trip.

For the purposes of promoting communication among our scattered members, I list the names and addresses of our present paid subscribers (omitting all institutions). Some of the more illustrious members of our group are not yet lettered in gold in heaven, but as they earn merit by giving, I will list them in other issues as they reply to my latest and last harangue for money before their names are writ large on dog skin.

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