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San Francisco in Your Future?

The Burma Studies Group will meet in conjunction with the annual Association for Asian Studies meetings at the Hilton Hotel on either Friday or Saturday, March 25 or 26, 1988. Time and room will be in AAS printed program. After the meeting the Burma Studies Foundation will meet.

Not only will we have a back-to-back panel on Burma, Forty Years after independence was regained, but also we understand that the Emerald Queen will be flying in from Hong Kong and will take up again her rightful role of royal maker of decisions as to where the Group shall hold its annual raucous feast. We are all weary of democratic consensus and yearn for royal edicts once again.

News:

Just arrived under your editors' umbrella at the bazaar: Burma and Japan: Basic Studies on their Social Structure, Burma Research Group, Tokyo: Toyo Pub. & Printing Co., n.d. Also Mandalay and Other Cities of the Past in Burma, V.C. O'Connor, Bangkok: White Lotus, 1987 (reprint of 1907 original by London: Hutchinson). Bob Taylor's The State in Burma is due in April from U. of Hawaii Press. The Toyota Foundation Occasional Rept. 10/87 summarizes Thaw Ta Swe's short story, "A Time to Love, a Time to Part" and Kye Nyi's short stories entitled "The Fisher." Jan Becka sent us from Czechoslovakia a copy of "The Ideology of the Dou Bama Asij Ayoun A Study of the Evolution of Burmese Nationalism," Archiv orientalni 4, Vol.54, 1986:336-358. We also received her review of Taylor's Wartime Traveler transl., Archiv orientalni 3, Vol.55, 1987:284-287. Mika Rolly's Pa-Oh People can be obtained for \$3.00 made out to Edith T. Mirante, c/o Project Maje, 14 Dartmouth Rd., Cranford, NJ 07016.

Review by editor Hugh MacDougall:

Terence George Abreu, Under the Third Roof. NY: Vantage Press. 23 pp., photos. \$7.95.

"A brief, impressionistic account of the meeting between U Thant and U Nu at a meditation center in Rangoon in 1967, when U Thant was paying one of his rare visits to Burma and U Nu, recently released from detention, was a monk. The author believes that U Nu gave the UN Secretary General personal encouragement to seek reelection to his post. Mr. Abreu, a former Assistant Secretary in the Burmese Government, immigrated to the United States in 1968 and now lives in California."

Write D. Ande, Manager, White Lotus Co., 16 Soi Sukhumvit Rd., PO Box 1141, Bangkok, Thailand, if you would like to suggest some Burmese out-of-print titles that you would like to see him republish. (Editors' note: Really fine work. See Mandalay above.)

Elementary and Intermediate Burmese will be taught at the U. of Hawaii this summer at the SEASSI, 6/6-8/12.

U Pannadipa, the Venerable Kaba-Aye Sayadaw, can be reached at the Burma-America Buddhist Assoc., 1708 Powder Mill Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20903.

Five Burmese chinlone players carved out of wood were for sale at Marshall Field's -- price \$2,000. Any donors out there?

Kris Lehman will be going to Burma in early March and hopes to be ordained for a while in Mandalay. Richard Cooler has returned from a successful trip to Burma, as has Sarah Bekker, who will be giving a lecture on Burma at the Inst. for Asian Studies in NYC on 5/25/88. Tsing Yuan will be Chairman of the History Dept. at Wright State U. and was planning a trip to Burma last Dec.

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No need to be. To stay a member in good standing of the Burma Studies Group, you have to send \$15.00 US payable to the Center for Burma Studies, 140 Carroll Avenue, Northern Illinois U., De Kalb, IL 60115-2854. Those who paid money recently have received a note of credit from John Ferguson. All the rest pay \$15.00, even if your name is Bodawpaya or Queen of the South. Members will receive this wonderful publication, Maureen's Newsletter, News and Announcements fr. the Center, and any other treasures Cooler has lying about.

For the paltry sum of an additional \$25.00 payable to Hugh C. MacDougall, 32 Elm St., Cooperstown, NY 13326, you will also be sent Hugh's fascinating monthly summary of Rangoon's Working People's Daily.

Still confused? Come to San Francisco !

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