

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS

TEACHERS OF PERSIAN IN NORTH AMERICA -- A directory of teachers of Persian, prepared by M.A. Jazayery, for the Committee on Persian Language Instruction, was published in the MESA Bulletin Vol. 7, No. 3 (Oct. 15, 1973). This directory is now being brought up to date. Since many changes are bound to have occurred since then, all persons teaching Persian language, literature, and linguistics are requested to send their names, departments (or centers), institutions, and mailing addresses as well as their fields of specialty, i.e. literary period, author(s) or poet(s), linguistics, etc., to M.A. Jazayery, Department of Oriental and African Languages and Literatures, the University of Texas, Austin, Texas 78712, as soon as possible. (Please note that the directory is to list only those involved in teaching Persian language, literature, and linguistics, not in other fields of Iranian studies. A person teaching language, literature, or linguistics whose field of graduate study was in some other field will be included.)

ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY ARCHEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL SEMINAR TO JORDAN AND ISRAEL -- January 1977 -- Approximate cost will be \$1,295, dependant upon any rise in airline rates or sudden raises in hotel rates. This figure includes airline tickets to and from New York, hotel reservations, a private bus for 17 in Jordan and Israel, tips, entrance fees and airport taxis. The cost does not include lunches, laundry or personal items. Students from accredited colleges are welcome to participate. A course in the Old Testament is very helpful for background and historical information. Up to five adults may be included, if they have a background in Old Testament or will complete a list of readings. For further information please contact Daniel Wm. O'Connor, at St. Lawrence University, Canton, New York.

Political Participation in Turkey: Historical Background and Present Problems, edited by Engin Akarlı with Garbiel Ben-Dor, which was reviewed in MESA Bulletin Vol. X, No. 1. In the review it was stated that the book would be inaccessible to the American reader because it was published in Turkey. The Bogazici Universitesi informs us that they will take prepaid orders by sending a \$5 check to: Tuncay Caglayan, Caglayan Kitabevi, Tokatliyan Üst Pasaji, No. 7-8-9-21, Beyoglu, Istanbul, Turkey.

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN, CENTER FOR ENERGY STUDIES, with the cooperation of the Oil Ministry of Kuwait, are sponsoring a six-month project to develop a world oil computer model for the Middle Eastern nation. The project will be conducted in two parts. Three employees of the Kuwait Oil Ministry will train at UT Austin and then Michael Kennedy and two graduate students will travel to Kuwait to assist in installing the model on computers and assisting in the initial simulations of the world energy picture. Following the second phase, the model will be completely in the hands of Kuwait.

A SKETCH MAP OF SOUTH WEST ARABIA showing Pre-Islamic Archeological Sites is available from: Publications Office, Royal Geographical Society, 1, Kensington Gore, London, SW 7 2 AR.

TURKISH HISTORIAN'S LIBRARY AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE -- Word has been received from Istanbul that the library of the late Çagatay Uluçay, a well-known writer on Turkish history, is for sale. The volumes, acquired by him before his death in 1970, number slightly over 1,000. Of these, approximately 80 volumes are in Osmanli, and the remainder in the modern alphabet. About half the volumes are bound, about half in paper covers. Included are some sets, such as the Turk Tarih Kurumu Belletin up to 1970, and the volumes published up to that year of the Islam Ansiklopedisi, Türk Ansiklopedisi, and Sanat Ansiklopedisi. Almost all Türk Tarih Kurumu publications are included, as well as a number from the Turk Dil Kurumu, and 60 or 70 issues of the Türk Arkeologi, Etnografya, Türkiyat Dergisi. The Osmanli books include the histories of Naima, Aşıkpaşazade, Cevdet, Ahmed Refik, Ahmed Rasim, and a four volume Düstur of 1293. There are also a few western-language books; one is Voyage pittoresque de Constantinople et des rives du Bosphore, d'apres les dessins de M. Melling. Inquiries should be addressed to Mr. Toros Uluçay, Klod Farrer Caddesi, Sümer Apt. 40-6, Divanyolu, Istanbul, Turkey. A list of the Osmanli titles is available from R.H. Davison, History Department, George Washington University, Washington, DC 20052.

A background paper, MIDDLE EAST OIL, has been prepared by the Public Affairs Department of Exxon Corporation and is available from them at no cost. The booklet provides information on development of the oil industry of the Middle East and the process of oil pricing, with a number of charts and tables. Write to: Public Affairs Department of Exxon Corporation, 1251 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10020.

Applications are now being accepted for the SCHOLAR DIPLOMAT SEMINARS that are sponsored by the State Department. The program allows university faculty members to spend a week in the Department observing the foreign policy process and discussing current policy issues. There will be a seminar on the Middle East and North Africa, December 6-10. For applications and further information, contact: Scholar Diplomat Seminars, Division of Conferences and Seminars, Office of Public Programs, Bureau of Public Affairs, Room 5829, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520.

Ms. Christine Eickelman who served as Assistant to the Executive Secretary, 1971-72 and 1974-76, has resigned to accompany her husband, Professor Dale Eickelman of New York University, for a year's invitation to the Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton University. The Association owes much of its smooth functioning to Ms. Eickelman and the Secretariat as well as all the members will miss her.

We are happy to announce that Judith Quinn will serve as Assistant to the Executive Secretary.