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## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

FOR SOME TIME a number of scholars interested in the Far East, including the editors of *THE QUARTERLY*, have been considering the desirability of the formation of an active professional Far Eastern Association which would do for the Far Eastern field what the national professional associations, such as the American Historical Association, do for their disciplines. Discussions along these lines have been going on for some time, and on January 3, 1948, at a meeting in Washington, D.C., of the Committee on Far Eastern Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies, which was attended by a majority of the Directors of the present Far Eastern Association and by some of the other editors, either as members of the Committee or as guests, it was unanimously voted that an active professional Far Eastern Association should be established.

Its proposed objectives are (1) to unite all those interested in the study of the Far East, (2) to promote Far Eastern studies, (3) to provide means for the publication of scholarly research, (4) to promote co-operative activities and exchange of information within the field of Far Eastern studies in the United States, and (5) to promote contact and exchange of information between American scholars and organizations interested in the Far East and those in foreign countries. It is also proposed to make *THE FAR EASTERN QUARTERLY* and the annual *Far Eastern bibliography* official publications of the new Association, to hold annual meetings with scholarly papers and discussions, to endeavor to raise money for the publication of Far Eastern monographs, and if possible to establish a central executive office to promote the activities of the Association and facilitate the exchange of information.

Plans are well advanced for the holding of an organizational meeting in New York on April 2, 1948. Information concerning the proposed Association and invitations to attend the meeting will be mailed as soon as possible to all persons known to be interested in Far Eastern studies. Persons presently subscribing to *THE QUARTERLY* will receive the invitations and announcements, and they will, of course, continue to receive *THE QUARTERLY*, and if they are unable to attend the organizational meeting, they will have opportunity to become members of the new Association as soon as it is organized.

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