

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS

A new professional organization for area specialists has been formed. The MIDDLE EAST LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION (MELA) was established in November 1972, by librarians attending the sixth annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Binghamton, N.Y. Bylaws drafted by a committee selected the previous year were adopted and the following officers elected: President--Bruce Craig (University of Minnesota), Vice President--George Atiyah (Library of Congress), Secretary-Treasurer--Martha Dukas (Harvard University), and Editor--James Pollock (Indiana University). The new Association plans to meet at least annually, in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association. It also intends to publish a journal with articles, reviews, and news items of interest to area specialist librarians.

MELA aims to increase communication and cooperation among members, especially in acquisitions and in development of bibliographic controls. The group plans to compile and disseminate information about Middle East library collections. Another goal is to improve the quality of area librarianship through the development of standards for the profession and education of Middle East librarians. MELA hopes to promote research in indexing and the application of automated techniques to Middle Eastern material.

Membership in MELA is open to librarians and others interested in library activities which support the study and dissemination of information about the Middle East and North Africa since the rise of Islam. For further information write to the Secretary-Treasurer of MELA, c/o the Middle Eastern Division, Harvard College Library, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

An AFGHANISTAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION has been established to "promote, extend, and advance the study of Afghanistan and to encourage cultural and scholarly cooperation among scholars interested in Afghanistan." The ASA is arranging for a survey of research opportunities in Afghanistan and hopes to establish a presence there in 1973. The ASA is also looking for ways of locating Afghans in the U.S. in order to help them in terms of orientation, housing, advice, whatever is necessary. The ASA will meet annually. This year's meeting will be in Chicago in March, 1973. At that time the first official executive committee will be elected, and the constitution will be modified. Anyone interested in joining should write to Professor Richard S. Newell, Department of History, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa 50613.

I have recently learned through attending meetings of the Committee on Research and Publication of the Council for the Study of Religion that the National Endowment for the Humanities in the U.S. is to receive a greatly increased sum of money to be expended in the year beginning July 1st. It seems to be the one program that the Nixon administration is bolstering. The amount available will be more than double what has been given in the past amounting, as I understand it, to some \$78 million. I think that this fact alone will be of interest to many people in the Middle East Studies Association since individuals may wish to propose projects to NEH. Of more long-range significance, however, is the fact that NEH has made certain decisions in response to approaches from ACLS on behalf of the American Academy of Religion and the Council for the Study of Religion that open doors to cooperative projects in our field. ACLS proposed and got approval in principle that NEH would devote a major part of this increased sum of money to the development of basic research tools. The ACLS proposition concerned the field of religious studies, but the response of NEH would seem to indicate that they might be receptive to such requests in other areas as well. One of the kinds of basic research tools that NEH has said it would support is efforts to make basic textual materials more readily available in both their original and translated forms. The American Academy of Religion is now working on a variety of proposals for the assembly and translation of basic texts for research and teaching in non-Western religions. As part of this effort, it is quite important that MESA know of this increased amount of money that will be available and that it give its attention to developing some broad projects, especially in the area of basic research tools, that might be of long-range significance to the Society.

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The latest issue of CURRENT TURKISH THOUGHT issued in December 1972 is devoted to "Tourism Perspective" and is written by Dr. Tunca Toskay, of Istanbul University's Faculty of Economics. It is buttressed with data and tables of statistics, in order to provide an overview of the topic. A year's subscription to CURRENT TURKISH THOUGH costs \$2.50. Send your check to the Treasury Department, United Church Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N.Y. 10027 with a carbon of the letter to the Redhouse Press, P.K. 142, Istanbul, Turkey. Back issues of most of the previous volumes are still available from William A. Edmonds of the Redhouse Press. Previous issues concerned "Political Perspectives", "Economic Perspectives", "Literary Perspectives", "Religious and Secular Perspectives", "The Turkish Educational Outlook", "Religious Problems and Developments", "Insights into Religious Attitudes and the Question of Freedom of Religion", and "Problems of Fanaticism, Religious Leadership and Attitudes toward Christianity".

An annual publication for Islamic Studies and the Humanities, HUMANIORA ISLAMICA, is forthcoming. Its purpose is to establish within Islamic Studies a recognized place for the humanities (history, literature, folklore, philosophy and religion) as distinct from the natural, political and social sciences. It is the hope of the editors (C.J. Heywood, H.W. Mason, R.L. Nettler, and J.D.J. Waardenburg) that Humaniora Islamica will contribute toward the renewal of Islamic Studies by promoting greater mutual sharing among Islamists and by encouraging serious dialogue between Islamists and scholars in other humanistic disciplines.

Volume I (Mouton, 1973) will include the following articles:
M. Plancke, Islamic Education in Tunisia (ca. 800-1574)
John Damis, Early Moroccan Reactions to the French Protectorate:
The Cultural Dimension
Abdallah Laroui, Cultural Problems and Social Structure: The
Campaign for Arabization in Morocco
Peter von Sivers, The Realm of Justice: Apocalyptic Revolts in
Algeria (1849-1879)
Elizabeth R. Hayford, The Libyan Revolution According to Meredith
O. Ansell and Ibrahim Massoud al-Arif
Herbert Mason, Arab Algerian Literature Revisited
Merlin Swartz, A Seventh-Century (A.H.) Sunnī Creed: The ^CAqīda
Wāsitiya of Ibn Taymīya
Ronald Nettler, A Controversy on the Problem of Perception: Two
Religious Outlooks in Islām
J.Ch. Bürgel, Psychosomatic Methods of Cures in the Islamic Middle
Ages
R.P. Scheindlin, Poetic Structure in Arabic: Three Poems by
al-Mu^Ctamid Ibn ^CAbbād
Laura Mavis Gordon, A Young Croat's Encounter with an Exotic
Muslim Culture: A Serbo-Croatian Travel Epic of
the Nineteenth Century
Robert Dankoff, The Alexander Romance in the Dīwān Lughāt Al-Turk
Alan W. Fisher, Muscovite-Ottoman Relations in the Sixteenth and
Seventeenth Centuries
Thomas Brosnahan, Orhan Veli Kanik and the Beginning of Modern
Turkish Poetry
Jacques Waardenburg, Changes of Perspective in Islamic Studies
Over the Last Decade
Sheila McDonough, On Teaching Islam to Undergraduates

For further information, write to Humaniora Islamica, 270
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P.O. Box 4399, Station E, Ottawa, Ontario K1S5B4 (in Canada), or
to 72 Stadhouderslaan, Utrecht, the Netherlands (outside North
America).

Arno Press is reprinting 39 important works that deal with economic, cultural, political, social, geographic, and military aspects of Middle Eastern history. Also included are biographies and memoirs of leading figures. The series represents more than 200 years of scholarship and observation of life in the area: Krusinski's History of the Late Revolution in Persia (1740) is the earliest work reprinted and the most recent is Abbott's Aishah: The Beloved of Mohammed (1942). Books were selected for the series because of their significance and because they are generally unavailable to scholars and students of the Middle East. Editor of the Middle East Collection is John E. Woods of the University of Chicago. Members of the Editorial Board are William R. Polk of the Adlai Stevenson Institute; Speros Vryonis, Jr., UCLA; John C. Campbell, the Council on Foreign Affairs; and Mostafa Ansari, University of Chicago. For a descriptive prospectus of the Middle East Collection, write to H. McConnell, Arno Press, 330 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10017.

The following is a list of the works that have been reprinted:

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- Addison, Charles G., Damascus and Palmyra: A Journey to the East, Philadelphia, 1838.
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- Baddeley, John F., The Rugged Flanks of Caucasus, London, 1940.
- Barker, E.B.B., ed., Syria and Egypt Under the Last Five Sultans of Turkey, London, 1876.
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- Brydges, Hartford Jones, The Dynasty of the Kajars, London, 1833.
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- Millspaugh, A[rthur] C[hester], The American Task in Persia, NY & London, 1925.
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- Pasho, Djemal, Memoirs of a Turkish Statesman, 1913-1919, NY, 1922.
- Pears, Edwin, Life of Abdul Hamid, London, 1917.
- Philby, H[arry] St. J[ohn Bridger], Arabia of the Wahhabis, London, 1928.
- St. John, Bayle, Village Life in Egypt, London, 1852.
- Sheil, Lady [Mary], Glimpses of Life and Manners in Persia, London, 1856.
- Skrine, Francis Henry & Edward Denison Ross, The Heart of Asia: A History of Russian Turkestan and the Central Asian Khanates from the Earliest Times, London, 1899.
- Sykes, Mark, The Caliphs' Last Heritage: A Short History of the Turkish Empire, London, 1915.
- Sykes, P[ercy] M., ed., The Glory of the Shia World: The Tale of a Pilgrimage, London, 1910.
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- Ubicini, M.A., Letters of Turkey, trans. from the French by Lady Easthope, London, 1856.
- Vambery, Arminius, Arminius Vambery: His Life and Adventures Written by Himself, New York [1914].
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THE ASIAN-AMERICAN INTERCOLLEGIATE PLACEMENT SERVICE was founded in 1971 to cooperate in seeking and sharing work opportunities in Asian and Middle Eastern countries for students and young graduates. Candidates seek jobs for summer, a year, or longer. They are screened by their own institutions; they usually pay their own travel to work and live and learn in Asia and the Middle East. For further information, write to: Director, Robert C. Atmore (Princeton-in-Asia), Palmer Hall 229, Princeton, N.J. 08540.

UNITED NATIONS SPEECHES BY HEADS OF STATE, 1945-1971: 81 English language speeches, complete and unaltered, made before the United Nations by presidents, prime ministers, and other heads of state and government, and the installation speeches of the Secretaries-General from 1945 to 1971 are now available on audio cassettes. Some of the topics covered are the Six-Day War, the India/Pakistan Dispute and the Crisis in Jordan and Lebanon. Non-English speeches for that same period will be available late in 1973. The cassettes may be ordered from Mass Communications, Inc., 25 Sylvan Road South, Westport, Conn. 06880.

WHO'S WHO IN LEBANON, 1973-74, 5th edition, is now available from Publitec Publications, Gedeon House, 21-23 Syria Street, P.O. Box 5936, Beirut, Lebanon. A separate section includes biographies of prominent personalities of Lebanese origin living abroad, particularly in the US and Canada.

THE ARABIC STUDIES RESEARCH PROGRAM AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY IN CAIRO: The American University is currently embarking upon a modest program of institutionally supported research in the Arabic Studies field. The new program is headed by Professor Marsden Jones, assisted by Dr. Hamdi Sakkut, with Professor Soheir al-Qalamawi as resident consultant. In establishing priorities for the program, it was decided that a firm base in bio-bibliographical research would be an appropriate step towards a more diversified research program in the future. The first project, entitled "Twentieth Century Egyptian Writing", is nearing completion and the first in a monograph series, entitled "Najib Mahfuz: a Bio-bibliographical Study", is to be published shortly. Enquiries as to this and future publications in the series should be addressed to Professor Marsden Jones, Center for Arabic Studies, 113 Sharia Kasr el-Aini, Cairo.

THE CANADIAN REVIEW OF STUDIES IN NATIONALISM, a new journal to appear in about one year, solicits manuscripts and inquiries from scholars interested in the problem of nationalism as an historical phenomenon. The journal will be trilingual, published twice yearly, and dedicated to the comparative study of nationalism as a force in any area of the world. Please direct any inquiries to: Dr. Thomas Spira, Editor, Department of History, University of Prince Edward Island, Charlottetown, P.E.I., Canada.