

EDITORIAL

Several changes are in process for Asian Perspectives and for the American Branch of the Far-Eastern Prehistory Association. At the meeting of the Council of the FEPA held in Bangkok during the meetings of the Ninth Pacific Science Congress, it was decided that AP would be edited by the American Branch as the official publication of FEPA. This will result in more complete coverage for some areas as arrangements are made for Associate Area Editors from outside the United States. The Editor of AP is to be in Sarawak for the coming year and will make the necessary arrangements in countries that he visits.

The American Branch of FEPA has become an organization within the Association for Asian Studies. A "Standing Committee on Asian Prehistory" has been selected but not yet officially appointed; all members of this committee are members of FEPA. The exact relationship between our organization and the AAS, and the function of the committee, is in the process of formation. In "The First Ten Years of the Association for Asian Studies, 1948-58" from The Journal of Asian Studies (1958: 657-68), the committee is mentioned as follows: "The Asian Prehistory Committee is also still in a formative stage, but represents an attempt by a section of the membership with relatively specialized professional interests to establish closer contacts within the Association" (JAS 1958: 663).

Our president, Dr. Richard K. Beardsley, is in Spain for a year's research. In his absence Dr. Chester S. Chard, the Area Editor for Northeast Asia, will be the acting chairman of the American Branch. Dr. Chard's address for this coming year is: Department of Anthropology, University of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin.

Before Beardsley left for Spain he prepared a "Program and Proposal for Financial Support." This was presented to the Committee on Research and Development of the AAS for their consideration as to how it should be fitted into its over-all fund raising approach to foundations in September.

Finances are our major problem. As of Sept. 3, 1958 our balance is \$445.72, not including \$36.40 due on invoice. Two welcome gifts totaling \$100.00 are included in this sum. About forty of last year's paid members have not yet paid their dues for this year. This issue of AP will cost between \$300 and \$400. This will leave a balance of about \$100 to pay for the Winter issue, which will cost about twice as much as this number.

The two possibilities to help cover this deficit are the fund proposal presented by Beardsley and attempts being made by Bernard Groslier, Chairman of FEPA, to raise money to support the publication of AP. Beardsley's proposal does not include funds for publication, but does include money for a part time secretary who could type the stencils for offsetting.

Until funds are available for a part time secretary, it is probable that the two yearly issues of AP will continue to appear as late as the last two issues. Unless funds for the secretary are found in the immediate future, replies to correspondence will be considerably slower than before due to the time required for the mail to make a round trip to Sarawak. We do have a new Circulation Manager, Mrs. Arthur Grunwald, who is donating her time. However, her time is extremely limited and she will be able to handle only routine subscriptions.

Several areas are not represented in this issue as will continue to be the case in subsequent issues. Troubled conditions in Indonesia and lack of reports from other areas is the cause. With the local contacts which will be made by the editor in some of the countries, particularly in Southeast Asia, the areas missing from future issues should be kept to a minimum. The lack of information for Malaya is the result of a misunderstanding by the Editor, and no fault of Dr. Michael Sullivan. The considerable work going on in that area will be amply covered in next year's news issue.

We have two new Area Editors. The pressure of existing work on Dr. Kenneth Emory led to his suggesting Mr. Robert C. Suggs for the editor of the Polynesian section, and Suggs has accepted. Mr. Suggs did not have the time to prepare a complete section for this year's issue. Dr. Allan Smith, turned the Formosa editorship over to Mr. Quang-chih Chang, who has done archaeological work in Formosa and who will be returning to Formosa at a later date. At Smith's suggestion we have separated the Ryukyu Islands from Micronesia and made them an area of their own.

In this issue there are two original articles: one by Chester S. Chard on the Mesolithic of Siberia, and the other by Howard A. MacCord on an Iron Age site in Korea. We would like to thank Richard B. Woodbury, then Editor of American Antiquity, for calling our attention to MacCord's manuscript.

NINTH PACIFIC SCIENCE CONGRESS

From Bernard Groslier, Chairman of FEPA, we have the following report of events at the Ninth Pacific Science Congress, held in Bangkok, Thailand:

"Organization

For the Anthropology Division, the Thai Organizing Committee was directed by Phya Anuman Rajadhon, President, the Royal Institute of Thailand; assisted by Mr. Chin Yu-Di, Director, National Museum, Bangkok; and advised by H. H. Prince Dhani Nivat.

"The President of the Congress was Air-Marshall Muni Vejyant Rangsit, Rector of the Chulalongkorn University, and President of the Science Society of Thailand. The Secretary-General was Dr. Chagn Ratanarat, Director of the Department of Sciences, Ministry of Industry, Secretary General of the Science Society of Thailand.

"The chairman for the Anthropology Division, Standing Committee, P.S.C., was Professor George P. Murdock, Yale University.

"Amongst the congressists for Prehistory and Archaeology were: Professor Robert von Heine-Geldern, Institut für Volkerkunde, Vienna; Professor Ralph von Koenigswald, Director, Institute of Geology, University of Utrecht; Professor Francis Drake, Director of the Chinese Department, University of Hong Kong; Mr. R. A. Gibson-Hill, Curator, Raffles Museum, Singapore; Mr. Tom Harrisson, Director Sarawak Museum, Borneo; Dr. R. P. Maringer, Director, Archaeological Institute, Ichikawa, and Professor of Archaeology, Nanzan University, Nagoya; Mr. Shih Chang-ju, Academia Sinica, Formosa; and Professor Nobuhiro Matsumoto, Department of History, Keio University, Tokyo.

Scientific Activities

"During the Congress, several visits were planned by the Organizing Committees, and amongst these, for the Anthropology Division: a visit to the National Museum at Bangkok, with the assistance of Mr. Luang Buribal Buribandh, Director General, and Mr. Chin Yu-Di, Director. A field trip to the ancient archaeological sites of Southern Thailand--Nakorn Pathom, Petburi and Ratburi. A field trip to the village of Bang Chan, under study since 1952 by the Cornell Field Center in Thailand. This visit, under the direction of Professor Lauriston Sharp, Director of the Cornell Center, and of his undergraduate and graduate students and assistants, was an excellent opportunity

for the congressists to make acquaintance with a Thai village, in the neighborhood of Bangkok.

"After Congress tours, included: an extensive tour of the northeastern sites of Thailand--Nakorn Sri Thammarat, with the temples of Phimai and Panom Wan; an extensive tour to the northern sites of Thailand--Sawankalok, Sukhothai, Pitsanulok, including the visit of the various kiln sites and monuments of this area. These tours were directed by Mr. Chin Yu-Di.

Social Activities

Several receptions were held in honour of the congressists: their Majesties, the King and Queen of Thailand held a garden party at their Royal Amphorn Palace; Air-Marshall and Mrs. Vejyant Rangarit gave a dinner party for the congressists at the Chulalongkorn University. Cocktail parties in honour of the National delegates and of the heads of the various delegations were held at various Embassies (in chronological order: French, British, United States, Japan, China-Formosa-, and Russia).

"H.H. Prince Dhani Nivat, President of the Siam Society, in the name of the Society, held a cocktail party for the delegates of the Anthropology Division and the FEPA at his palace."

Publication of Papers

M. R. Chakratong Tongyai, Vice-Chairman of the Publications Committee for the Ninth Pacific Science Congress was kind enough to send a copy of the abstracts of the papers presented at the Congress. Due to the tardy arrival of some of the abstracts, abstracts of all papers read at the Congress are not included. These published abstracts will be noted in the bibliography of the proper area sections.

Mr. Tongyai states that "Most of the papers in the abstract book will be published in abstract form or in full, however, we are still working on these papers and can not give definite information as to which ones will be published in full." He further states that "The papers of the symposium on Cultural Anthropology: Social Structure, will be published by Dr. P. G. Murdock in the Viking Fund Publications in Anthropology as a separate number entitled 'Social Structure in Southeast Asia.'"

Finally, Mr. Tongyai says that "We expect to complete publication of the Proceedings by the early part of 1959. At this time we can not quote a price for the Proceedings."

The Société Des Études Indochinoises is preparing a special number of their publication using some of the Congress papers. According to Mr. Bui Quang Tung of the Société, this publication will include all the anthropological and historical papers on the countries of Southeast Asia which were presented at the Congress.

Besides the abstracts which are included in the bibliographies of this issue, there are a number of papers of general interest to many of our readers in the sections on Botany and on Soils. Rather than putting them in the area sections they are presented by title in this section.

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- Steiner, Mona Lisa: A Preliminary Compilation of Vernacular Names of Foodplants in the Pacific, pp. 50-51.

Tuyama, Takasi: Distribution of Tropical Elements in the Japanese Flora, p. 65.

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Watanabe, Akira: Land Use Survey and Land Classification Survey in Japan, pp. 231-232

Wright, A.C.S.: Land Classification in the Islands of the Southwest Pacific, pp. 226-227.

Zinke, Paul J.: Soil and Vegetation Classification in Wild Land Areas, pp. 230-231.

OBITUARY

Dr. Alfred Salmony, Professor Emeritus of Far Eastern Art at the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University, died of a heart attack on April 29th on board the French steamer Ile de France en route to Europe. Dr. Salmony was sixty-seven years old, and lived at 12 East 97th St., New York.

He was born in Cologne, Germany, and was a cavalry sergeant in the German army in World War I. After receiving his doctorate from the Universities of Bonn and Vienna in 1920 he became Curator of Asiatic Art in the Cologne Museum, and Assistant Director in 1924. His first trip to the United States was in 1926. He subsequently made five journeys to Russia and Siberia, and on into China. The Hitler regime forced him to leave Germany, and he came to the United States in 1934, where he taught at Mills College, California, for four years. He also gave courses at Vassar and Wellesley Colleges. In 1938 he became a member of the Faculty of the Institute of Fine Arts. In 1950 he went to Korea as exchange Professor for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organizations. He had also travelled extensively in Europe, India, and Ceylon.

Dr. Salmony was one of the most distinguished scholars in his field of learning. A man of definite direction and driving purpose, he combined an enormously extensive range of knowledge with German thoroughness and accuracy. Never dry nor pedantic, his knowledge was luminous with his enthusiastic interest. At the Institute he gave courses on the art of China, Korea, Japan, India, Further India, the Eurasian Steppes, and on the art of the Great Migrations. He was the author of several books, among them Carved Jade of Ancient China, and Sino-Siberian Art. His last book was a monograph on Antler and Tongue, inspired by the strange wood-carvings of Chang-sha. He also wrote many articles, lectures, and book-reviews; and since 1936 he had been Editor-in-Chief of Artibus Asiae, a quarterly periodical of Asiatic Art. His extensive library and his enormous collection of photographs he bequeathed to the Institute, where they will be known as the Alfred Salmony Memorial Library for Asiatic Studies.

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