

# News of the Profession

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## The Association for Asian Studies: Summary of the Year 1956-57

*Membership and circulation of the Journal of Asian Studies.* In March of 1957 the membership of the Association for Asian Studies stood at 970, an increase of 67 over the previous year. Memberships may be classified as follows: 1 Patron, 4 life, 51 supporting, 886 regular, 23 associate, and 5 honorary. Geographical distribution, not including associate members, was as follows: New England, 107; Middle Atlantic, 234; East North Central, 120; West North Central, 30; South Atlantic, 120; East South Central, 5; West South Central, 7; Mountain, 13; Pacific, 202; Hawaii, 13; and Puerto Rico, 1. Foreign membership totaled 95, of whom 29 were in Japan, 9 in Canada, 8 in England, and 8 in the Philippines. There were also foreign members in 18 other countries.

The following figures reflect the field, status, and geographical area of primary interest of the membership minus associate members.

Professional Field		Professional Status	
History	221	Faculty	435
Political Science	194	Student	178
Lang., Lit., and Linguistics	91	Government	87
Anthropology	81	Other	151
Far Eastern Studies	27	Unknown	96
Economics	50		
Fine Arts	35	Total	947
Geography	36	Geographical Area of Primary Interest	
Library Work	24	General Far East	166
Philosophy and Religion	25	China	205
Sociology	30	Japan	145
Education	9	Southeast Asia	135
Psychology	7	South Asia	118
Indology	2	Central Asia	18
Unknown	115	Korea	13
	—	Soviet Asia	16
Total	947	East Asia	33
		Northeast Asia	11
		Unknown	87

Total circulation of the *Journal* was 2,011 copies in March 1957, as compared with 1,788 the previous year. Domestic nonmember subscriptions totaled 520 (an increase of 25 over the previous year) and were distributed geographically as follows: New England, 44; Middle Atlantic, 151; East North Central, 65; West North Central, 39; South Atlantic, 76; East South Central, 14; West South Central, 27; Mountain, 15; Pacific, 86; Hawaii, 2; and Alaska, 1. A total of 490 foreign nonmember subscriptions were divided among 39 countries, of which Japan had 136, India 49, China 30, Indonesia 30, and England 28.

*Treasurer's Report.* The following is a summary of the Treasurer's Report for the calendar year 1956.

**A. SUMMARY OF CASH CHANGES**

	On Hand January 1 1956	Receipts	Disbursements	On Hand December 31 1956
<i>General Fund</i> .....	\$5,044.87	\$20,097.59	\$11,974.22	\$13,168.24
<i>Special Funds</i> .....				
General Expansion (Ford).....	38,500.00	116.45	6,245.45	32,371.00
Expansion and Improvement of Journal (Ford).....	12,500.00	—	2,451.03	10,048.97
Monograph Series (Rockefeller)	10,016.47	342.35	96.00	10,262.82
South Asia Committee (Rocke- feller).....	11.97	2,683.33	1,798.08	897.22
Asia Foundation Lectureship... Committee on Chinese Thought (Rockefeller).....	—	8,000.00	7,217.99	782.01
	—	306.00	807.04	(501.04)
	<u>\$61,028.44</u>	<u>\$11,448.13</u>	<u>\$18,615.59</u>	<u>\$53,860.98</u>
	<u>\$66,073.31</u>	<u>\$31,545.72</u>	<u>\$30,589.81</u>	<u>\$67,029.22</u>

**B. CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, GENERAL FUND**

<i>Receipts:</i>		
Journal Subscriptions.....		\$7,190.10
Membership Dues.....		6,111.52
Journal Advertising.....		2,152.92
Other Sales.....		938.98
Interest Revenue.....		1,461.22
Miscellaneous.....		2,242.85
		<u>\$20,097.59</u>
<i>Disbursements:</i>		
Regular Publications Costs.....	\$8,801.27	
Editorial Costs.....	241.95	
Special Services.....	556.51	
Other.....	2,379.25	11,974.22
		<u>11,974.22</u>
<i>Current Balance</i> .....		<u>\$8,123.37</u>

**C. CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, SPECIAL FUNDS**

<i>Receipts:</i>		
Asia Foundation Lectureship.....		\$8,000.00
South Asia Committee (Rockefeller).....		2,683.33
Other (including Chinese thought).....		764.80
		<u>\$11,448.13</u>
<i>Disbursements:</i>		
Asia Foundation Lectureship.....	\$7,217.99	
General Expansion (Ford).....	6,245.05	
Improvement of Journal (Ford).....	2,451.03	
South Asia Committee (Rockefeller).....	1,798.08	
Committee on Chinese Thought (Rockefeller).....	807.04	
Other.....	96.00	18,615.59
		<u>18,615.59</u>
<i>Current Overdraft</i> .....		<u>\$7,167.46</u>

*Report of the Editor of the Journal of Asian Studies.* During the past year the title of the periodical of the Association was changed from the *Far Eastern Quarterly* to the *Journal of Asian Studies*, effective with the beginning of Volume XVI in November 1956. The other major development was in the Bibliography number, which was substantially increased in size and included South Asia for the first time. The year was marked by another substantial increase in circulation, from 1,788 copies in March of 1956 to 2,011 copies in March 1957.

The increases in advertising income made by the Advertising Manager, Mr. Edwin L. Neville, Jr. during 1955–56 have been held during the current year. Gross income from advertising in 1956–57 totaled \$1,681.30 as compared with \$1,524.25 in the previous year. The net cost of publishing the five numbers which appeared during 1956 was \$10,207.80. There were, however, other costs—clerical and managerial—covered by indirect subsidies provided by several universities. The Association provided \$365 to the Editor of the Bibliography.

In the numbers issued between August 1956 and May 1957 there were a total of 844 pages as contrasted with the 749 pages in the previous year. The total of 844 pages included 324 pages of articles, 282 pages of reviews, and 154 pages of bibliography. A total of 23 articles were published, of which 8 were concerned with China, 7 with South Asia, and 4 with Japan and Korea. The bulk of the articles were in the fields of history, sociology and anthropology, and languages and literature.

The Book Review section, under the editorship of Professor Joseph R. Levenson, contained 35 per cent more reviews and shorter notices than in any previous year. There were a total of 156 contributions to the review section, which included 6 review articles, 114 reviews, and 36 shorter notices, dealing with a total of 182 books. Thirty-five of the reviews dealt with China, 35 with Japan and Korea, and 33 with South Asia.

Professor Robert I. Crane of the University of Michigan has succeeded Professor George M. Beckmann as editor of the News of the Profession and will serve concurrently as an editor of the *Association of Asian Studies Newsletter* and as the editor of the *South Asia Studies Newsletter*, both issued by the Secretariat.

Mr. Howard P. Linton has continued to serve as General Editor of the *Far Eastern Bibliography*, issued in September for the second year as a fifth number of the *Journal*. The September 1956 Number was 39 per cent larger than the *Bibliography* of the preceding year, and 53 per cent larger in number of entries. In the September 1956 Number South Asia was included for the first time, accounting for 63 per cent of the increase in size. The September 1957 Number will be issued under the title *Bibliography of Asian Studies*.

It should be noted that, effective with the May 1957 Number of the *Journal*, there will be a rise in printing costs of approximately 7 per cent. The per page cost of the four regular numbers during 1956 was \$13.43, substantially lower than the \$14.71 per page for the last two numbers published by varitype-offset in 1955.

*Report of the Editor of the Monographs of the Association for Asian Studies.* The Monograph Board has recently concluded a promising arrangement for the long-

term publication of the Monographs with the firm of J. J. Augustin, Inc. Two monographs are now in press and will appear shortly. These are Walter F. Vella, *Siam under Rama III, 1834-1851*, announced for appearance in May, and G. W. Skinner, *Leadership and Power in the Chinese Community in Thailand*.

The Board has considered a number of manuscripts during 1956 but has not found any that were immediately acceptable for publication. Additional manuscripts are, however, currently being read. The Board has also agreed to give serious consideration to the possibility of publishing first-class doctoral dissertations after necessary editing.

Professor E. A. Kracke relinquishes his post as Editor of Monographs during July of 1957 and will be replaced as Editor by L. Carrington Goodrich.

*The Ninth Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies* was held at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel in Boston, April 2-4, 1957. Local arrangements were made by Glen W. Baxter of the Harvard-Yenching Institute and his committee. The program was arranged by a committee under the direction of Professor John A. Harrison of the University of Florida. L. Carrington Goodrich, President of the Association, presented his address, "Archaeology in China, the First Decades," at the Annual Luncheon. Harvard University generously provided an unusually well-attended cocktail party at the Fogg Museum.

Association business was conducted at the meeting of the Officers and Directors, April 1, of the Advisory Editorial Board and Editors of the *Journal*, April 2, of the Monograph Editorial Board the same evening, and at the general business session, April 3. At the latter new officers, directors, and committee members were announced as follows:

*Officers:* President, Hugh Borton; Vice-President, John K. Fairbank.

*Directors:* Y. R. Chao, Richard L. Park, Alexander Soper, and Frank N. Trager.

*Nominating Committee:* Earl H. Pritchard (Chairman), Theodore de Bary, Karl Pelzer, and Milton Singer.

*Journal of Asian Studies Advisory Editorial Board:* Harold C. Conklin, Marion Levy, Jr., Lucian W. Pye, and Hellmut Wilhelm.

*Monographs of the Association for Asian Studies Editorial Board:* L. Carrington Goodrich (Editor), Marius Jansen, Holden Furber, Alexander Soper, and Joseph E. Spencer.

*Program Committee for 1958:* Robert I. Crane (Chairman), John F. Cady (Vice-Chairman).

President Goodrich announced the results of the proxy vote on change of name of the Association, in which a total of 479 ayes and 2 nays were recorded. The change of name was registered in the Department of State, State of New York, on February 6, 1957. It was also announced that Mr. Ronald Anderson had agreed to accept a new term as Secretary of the Association for the period 1957-60, and Mr. Hyman Kublin a new term as Treasurer for the same period.

Announcement was made of the appointment of the second U Nu Lecturer. Dr. Htin Aung, Rector of Rangoon University, will hold the post and will be in this country September 1957 through February 1958. It was also reported that the Rockefeller Foundation has made a grant in the sum of \$57,400 for a four-

year period for the work of the Committee on Chinese Thought, under the chairmanship of Arthur F. Wright. The theme of the four-year program is "Confucianism in Action."

Professor W. Norman Brown, Chairman of the Committee on South Asia, reported that a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation in the amount of \$10,100 has been received to finance meetings of the Committee for the next three years. Approval was given to the selection of Richard L. Park as the new Chairman of the Committee, and to the appointment of Richard Lambert and Murray Fowler as members of the Committee.

Dr. Charles Ferguson outlined the work of his Committee on South Asian Languages, involving the training and research of Indian and American linguists in connection with the Deccan College Program supported by a Rockefeller grant. It was stated that a request is being made to the Rockefeller Foundation for a grant to train Indian linguists in this country, and for the administration and work of the Committee.

The following papers were presented at the annual meeting:

Tuesday morning, April 2

*The Relations of Language and Culture.* James Crump (Michigan), Chairman; Donald Holzman (Michigan), "Dialogues and Philosophy"; Donald Shively (California), "Japanese Drama As 'Licentious Music'"; James Robert Hightower (Harvard), "Some Criteria of Literary Style in Chinese"; George A. Kennedy (Yale), "The Relation of Speech to Writing in Chinese."

*South Asia—Studies in Communications.* Ithiel deSola Pool (MIT), Chairman; Harold Isaacs (MIT), "Scratches on Our Mind"; Edward Shils (Chicago), "The Indian Intellectual." Discussion: G. K. Reddy (*Times of India*, Bombay).

*Emperorism and Conservatism.* Richard Beardsley (Michigan), Chairman; Barbara Teters (Montana), "The Conservative Opposition in Meiji Japan 1877-1894"; Joseph Levenson (California), "The Hung-hsien Emperor As a Comic Type"; Delmer Brown (California), "Emperorism in Meiji Japan"; Herbert F. Schurmann (California), "Monarchism in China and Japan."

Tuesday afternoon, April 2

*Studies in the Ch'ing Period.* C. Martin Wilbur (Columbia), Chairman; Robert M. Marsh (Columbia), "The Determinants of Bureaucratic Advancement in the Ch'ing Period"; Eugene P. Boardman (Wisconsin), "Hung Jen-kan, Taiping Prime Minister, 1859-1864"; John L. Rawlinson (Hofstra), "The Sino-Japanese War, 1894-1895: The Training of China's New Navy Men."

*Class and Cultural Traditions in India.* Milton Singer (Chicago), Chairman; Daniel H. H. Ingalls (Harvard), "The Brahmin"; John Hitchcock (Cornell), "The Warrior"; Stella Kramrisch (Pennsylvania), "The Craftsman"; Helen Lamb (MIT), "The Merchant." Discussion: W. Norman Brown (Pennsylvania).

*The Japanese Economy—Its Problems and Prospects.* Jerome B. Cohen (CCNY), Chairman; Shigeto Tsuru (Hitotsubashi University), "Employment in Japan: Present Problems and Prospects for the Coming Decade"; Warren Hunsberger

(Rochester), "Exports from Japan: Problems and Possibilities with Reference to the American Market." Discussion: Alexander Eckstein (Harvard), Charles P. Kindleberger (MIT), and Ryutaro Komiya (Tokyo University).

*Art and Archeology.* Max Loehr (Michigan), Chairman; R. C. Rudolph (UCLA), "Kuo Pi, a Yuan Artist"; Benjamin Rowland (Harvard), "The Vine Motif in Gandhara"; Alexander C. Soper (Bryn Mawr), "The Twin Mandarins: a Bourgeois-Rationalist Analysis"; James F. Cahill (Freer Gallery), "Kano Tessai."

Wednesday morning, April 3

*New Views of Nineteenth-Century Chinese Foreign Relations.* Knight Biggerstaff (Cornell), Chairman; Hsin-pao Chang (Harvard), "Lin Tse-hsü at Canton"; Masataka Banno (Toyo Bunko), "The Origin of the Tsungli Yamen"; John K. Fairbank, "The Tientsin Massacre"; Mary Wright (Hoover Library, Stanford), "The Adaptability of Ch'ing Diplomacy."

*Contemporary Attitudes in Japan.* Arthur Tiedemann (CCNY), Chairman; Marius Jansen (Washington), "The Teaching of History in the Japanese Lower Schools"; Chitoshi Yanaga (Yale), "Japan and the United Nations"; Hyman Kublin, "Progress and Prospects in Japanese Rearmament." Discussion: Edwin Reischauer (Harvard).

*Socio-Geographic Analysis of Urban and Agrarian Problems.* Herold Wiens (Yale), Chairman; John E. Brush (Rutgers), "Growth and Distribution of Large Cities in Asia"; David H. Kornhauser (New Paltz State Teachers College), "A Possible Effect of Urban Growth on the Population Problem of Japan"; Robert Jay and Clifford Geerts (Harvard), "Patterns of Land Tenure and Labor Relations in the Javanese Village"; Karl Pelzer (Yale), "The Agrarian Conflict in East Sumatra"; David Firman (Towson State Teachers College), "The Development of Regional Irrigation Facilities in India."

*Koryo—Culture and Foreign Relations.* Shannon McCune (Massachusetts), Chairman; Michael Rogers (California), "Koryo-Sung Relations"; Warren Smith (Caracas, Venezuela), "The Causes and Influence of the Uprising of Ching Chung-Bu in Koryo"; Benjamin H. Hazard, Jr. (California), "Koryo-Japanese Relations."

Wednesday afternoon, April 3

*A Retrospect of Christianity and Christian Missions in Modern China.* Kenneth S. Latourette (Yale), Chairman; Panel Discussion: Creighton Lacy (Duke), Frank W. Price (The Missionary Research Library, New York), M. Searle Bates (Union Theological Seminary), Fr. Thomas Bauer, MM. (Catholic Foreign Missionary Society of America).

*The Politics of Economic Development in South Asia.* Max Millikan (MIT), Chairman; Wilfred Malenbaum (MIT), "Some Political Aspects of Economic Development in India"; Benjamin Higgins, "Some Obstacles to Development in Indonesia and the Philippines." Discussion: Charles Wolf, Jr. (RAND).

*Contemporary Problems in Japanese Foreign Relations.* Ardath Burks (Rutgers), Chairman; Douglas H. Mendel, Jr. (UCLA), "Dilemmas of the American Alli-

ance"; Claude A. Buss (Stanford), "Japan and Korea Today"; James W. Morley (Columbia), "Japanese-Soviet Relations at a Crossroads." Discussion: Eugene H. Dooman (Litchfield, Conn.), Lt. Col. Amos A. Jordan, USA (United States Military Academy).

*The Making, Distribution, and Use of Books.* G. Raymond Nunn (Michigan), Chairman; "Bunka no izumi" (a documentary film of the Japanese book trade); A. Kaiming Chiu (Harvard), "The Use of Color and Illustrations in Chinese Wood Block Printing"; Eugene Wu (Hoover Library, Stanford), "Special Problems in Subject Cataloging in Materials on Modern China"; Edwin G. Beal (Library of Congress), "Cataloging of Far Eastern Materials in the Library of Congress"; Horace Poleman (Library of Congress), "Cataloging of South Asia Vernacular Materials in American Libraries."

Thursday morning, April 4

*The United States and Eastern Asia, 1908-24: Notes on Root, Lansing, and Hughes.* Nathaniel Peffer (Columbia), Chairman; Raymond A. Esthus (Houston) "Elihu Root on the Open Door and the Integrity of China"; Burton F. Beers (North Carolina State College), "Robert Lansing's Proposed Bargain with Japan"; J. Chal Vinson (Georgia), "Hughes and the Annulment of the Lansing-Ishii Notes." Discussion: Ruhl Bartlett (Tufts).

*The Chinese Bureaucracy in the Sung and Ming Periods.* W. T. de Bary (Columbia), Chairman; James T. C. Liu (Pittsburgh), "Some Classification of Chinese Bureaucrats with Reference to the Northern Sung Period"; James Parsons (University of California at Riverside), "Office Holders in the Ming Grand Secretariat and Six Boards with Emphasis on Geographical Origin"; Charles MacSherry (Smith), "Expediency Triumphant: The Overseas Trade of Hai-ch'eng in Late Ming"; Charles Hucker (Arizona), "Politics at the Late Ming Court." Discussion: Edward A. Kracke, Jr. (Chicago).

*Influences and Values in Modern Asian Literature.* Horace Poleman (Library of Congress), Chairman; Joseph K. Yamagiwa (Michigan), "The Prize Stories of the Akutagawa Competition Since World War Two"; Harold Shadick (Cornell), "The Influence of Western Literary Forms on Chinese Literature"; Ernest Bender (Pennsylvania), "The Influence of Western Literary Forms on Contemporary Indian Literature"; Cecil Hobbs (Library of Congress), "Postwar Trends in the Literature of Southeast Asia." Discussion: Donald Keene (Columbia).

Thursday afternoon, April 4

*Contemporary Chinese Communism.* Earl Pritchard (Chicago), Chairman; Chao Kuo-chun (Harvard), "Significant Political Developments of the Eighth Chinese Communist Party Congress"; H. Arthur Steiner (UCLA), "Social and Political Implications of the First Five Year Plan"; Allen S. Whiting (Michigan State), "Chinese Relations With the Soviet Union since the Death of Stalin."

*Contemporary Attitudes and Forces in Southern Asia.* Robert Crane (Michigan), Chairman; Robert L. Gill (Morgan State), "Aspects of Indonesian Foreign Policy"; Stanley Maron (HRAF), "The Pakistan Movement as a Cultural

Crisis"; Leslie Palmier (Yale), "The Comparative Study of Elites in Southeast Asia."

*Three Dimensions of Japanese Social Democracy.* George O. Totten (Fletcher), Chairman; Cecil E. Uyehara (Fletcher), "Socialist Patterns of Party Organization"; Allen B. Cole (Fletcher), "Socialist Party Relations With Small and Medium Enterprise"; Michio Royama (Fletcher), "Socialist Views of Japan's Role in World Affairs." Discussion: Solomon B. Levine (Illinois).

### James Mellon Menzies, 1885–1957

Mr. Menzies, a man of many parts, but known to most of us primarily as a leading authority on the Shang period, was born at Clinton, Ontario, on February 23, 1885. As a young man, following his graduation from the University of Toronto in 1907, he practiced land surveying for a time before studying for the Christian ministry. In 1910 he was ordained and commissioned by the Presbyterian Church in Canada to serve in northern Honan, first at Wu-an and then at Chang-te (or An-yang). It was here, in 1914, after seeing a number of broken pieces of oracle bone found by the small boys living around the bend of Huan river nearby, that he concluded that An-yang must be the site of the ancient seat of the Kingdom of Shang.<sup>1</sup> (Earlier scholars, such as Frank H. Chalfant and Samuel Couling, had suggested Wei-hui as a possible site.) Mr. Menzies' first book, *Oracle Records from the Waste of Yin* (1919), proclaimed this as a fact, and contributed to the number of known oracular inscriptions. Years later he informed me that subsequent study had demonstrated that only one of the inscriptions published in this book had proved to be a fake—a notable achievement for a pioneer work.

During the years 1917–20 he served with the Chinese Labor Corps as a Staff Captain in the British Army in France, and then returned to his missionary work at Chang-te. In the disturbed years 1927–29, unable to resume evangelical work in Honan, he taught at the College of Chinese Studies in Peking. Traveling home on furlough in 1929, he visited India, Mesopotamia, and Palestine, inspecting archaeological excavations, and being permitted to share to some extent in the work. Here his training in land surveying stood him in good stead. It was at the end of 1929 that I first met him and persuaded him to give a lecture on the Shang. My recollection of it is still a vivid one. Master of his subject he made it live, interspersing his talk with many valuable comments on comparable societies drawn from his first-hand knowledge of finds in the Near East.

From 1930 to 1932 he was again at Chang-te, but was called from there to be professor of archaeology and sinological research at Cheeloo (formerly Shantung Christian) University, a post he held until his furlough in 1937. Here he labored to interest the Chinese in their own culture, writing largely in Chinese and organizing an archaeological museum, built mainly on his own collections. Unable, because of the outbreak of hostilities with Japan, to return, he remained in

<sup>1</sup> It is reported that Lo Chen-yü (1866–1940) and Langdon Warner (1881–1955) too identified the site the selfsame year.