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**ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY KOREA BRANCH GENERAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL 1964**

**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS**

There were eleven regular monthly meetings during 1964. All of them, with the exception of the September meeting, were held in the auditorium of the National Medical Center. We are most appreciative to the Administrative Office of the Medical Center for making available to the Society its auditorium.

The dates of the meetings, the speakers, and their subjects were as follows:

January 15 ： Mr. Robert A. Kinney gave “A Pictorial Journey Through Korea Prior to the Korean War.” His lecture was illustrated with slides taken during this period.

February 16 : Mr. Michael Pike, British Embassy, read a paper entitled “Policy on Chinese Characters in Korea.” prepared by Professor Lee Eung- baek of the College of Education, Seoul National University.

March 14 ： Mr. John N. Somerville, Presbyterian minister, spoke on “The Hansong Sunbo: The First Chapter in the Development of Korean Press Freedom.”

April 15 : Professor Hahm Pyong-choon of Yonsei University spoke on “The Legal Status of Concubines and Their Descendants during the Yi Dynasty.”

May 27 : Mr. Yi Ku, son of the former Crown Prince of Korea, Yi Eun, spoke on “Korean Architecture.” [page83**]**

June 10 ： Dr. Paul Ryu, Dean of the Law School of Seoul National University, spoke on “Legal Education in Korea.”

July 8 : Dr. Felix Moos, in Korea with the Department of Defense of the United States, spoke on “Acculturation in Korea Since 1945.”

In August no regular monthly meeting was held.

September 16 : Professer Han Pae-ho of Chungang Univ-ersity spoke on “A Study of Political Decision Making in Korea, with Special Reference to the Case of the Kyonghyang Shinmun.”

October 21 ： Mr. G.St. G. M. Gompertz, compiler of the Society’s Transactions, Volume 40, and noted author of several books on Korean ceramics, spoke on “Ceramic History of the Yi Period.”

November 18 :Dr. Felix Moos again spoke to the Society, this time on “Elder Pak’s Church in Korea.”

December 16 : For the final monthly meeting of 1964, Mr. Yun Tae-rim, Professor at Seoul National University, spoke on “Korean Character.” At this meeting, the election of officers for the coming year was held and the report of the treasurer was given.

**SPECIAL MEETINGS**

In 1964, the Society instituted a new type of lecture, by which we could take advantage of the presence in our midst of persons with wide knowledge in other areas and countries of Asia. These lectures were held in the Seoul Club.

February 25 : Dr. Chester Bain, Cultural Affairs Officer of the United States Informaton Service, spoke on “Korea and Vietnam, A Cultural Com- parison.” [page85**]**

March 10 ： Reverend Ladislaus Ladanyi, S.J., Editor of the China News Analysis in Hong Kong, spoke on “Chinese Cultural Life.”

April 22 ： The Honorable Waldemar Gallman, former American Ambassador to Iraq, Poland, and South Africa, spoke on “Iraq.”

June 16 : Mr. Lionel Landry, Deputy Director of the Asia Society in New York, spoke on “Roots of the Current Political Unrest in Burma.”

June 24: Mr. Holbrook Bradley of the United States Information Service spoke on “Indonesia—A Non-Political Review.”

August 5: Dr. David M. Earl, Assistant Director of the University of Maryland, spoke on “Political Thinking in Tokugawa Japan.” In addition to these six special lectures on Asia, there were three slide showings:

August 12 : Dr. and Mrs. John Lewis, United States Operations Mission, showed slides taken in Nepal, on the roof of the Naeja Hotel.

September 9 : Miss Marion Steele, librarian at the Eighth Army Main Library, showed slides taken during a recent trip along the east coast of India. This showing was also on the roof of the Naeja Hotel.

November 24: Mr. Gleason Rohlf s, United States Operations Mission, showed slides taken in the Soviet Union during a recent trip to that country. This meeting was held at the Seoul Club.

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

The Society’s annual garden party for members and [page 86**]** their families was held on Saturday, May 23, in the garden of the residence of the American Ambassador and Mrs. Samuel D. Bergen At the party, we had a special performance by a male mudang (sorcerer), who had been brought, at the expense of the Society, from the village of Shinhyo-ri, in Cheju-do.

In November Mr. Carl Miller again invited members of the Society to visit his home and watch the preparation of winter kimch’i In addition to the kimch’i making, there was an exhibition of Oriental paintings by Min Kyong-kap.

Pulgogi on the Han River on the evening of Tuesday, May 26, brought out about 120 persons. A full moon and a program of Korean music added to the pleasant atmosphere.

Members of the Society were invited to Chogye-sa, in Seoul, on Buddha’s Birthday on May 19 (April 8 by the Lunar Calendar), to watch the colorful lantern procession.

**RAS TOURS**

The Society, during 1964, sponsored tours ranging from one-day to five-day trips. The dates, number of participants and places visited, follow:

Feb 21-23 ： Week-end trip to Taegwallyong Ski Slope. This trip was the first trip during 1964 and took advantage of Washington’s Birthday. 30

March 26-29 : First tour to Cheju-do. 30

April 4-5 ： Annual Cherry Blossom tour to Chinhae and Chinju. 60

April 9-11 ： Second tour to Cheju-do 25

April 24 ： Moon-watching tour to Pogwang-sa, located on a heavily wooded mountainside in Yangju County, near Seoul 50

April 26 ： Tour to Sudok-sa， Yesan County，Chung-chong Namdo 80

May 1-3 ： Three-day trip to Sorak-san. 25

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May 16-17 : Weekend tour to Popchu-sa, in Songni Mountain, Chungchong Pukto. 50

May 24 ： Train trip to YongwoJ and the tomb of King Tanjong. 45

June 14 ： One-day trip to Tokchok Island, in the Yellow Sea, South of Inch’on. 80

June 18ᅳ21 : Third trip to Cheju-do 25

July 2-5 ： First tour to Malli-po, a beach resort on the Yellow Sea 25

August 8 ： One-day trip to Chongpyong Lake, north-east of Seoul. 90

August 29 : Boat trip to Tokchok Island in the Yellow Sea. 80

August 30 ： Bus tour to Chaein Waterfall, in Yonchon County, near the Demilitarized Zone. 70 September 5-7 ： Second tour to Malli-po 35

September 12-14 ： Tour to Mudung-san, near Kwangju, and Songgwang-sa in Cholla Namdo. 25

September 20 ： One-day tour to Tanyang, famous for its Eight Views, on the Han River. 80

October 4 : Sunday bus tour to Mangwol-sa, on Tobong-san, north of Seoul. 35

October 9-11 ： Tour to Sorak-san, at the height of the season for autumn foliage. 27

October 17-18 : Tour to Kyongju and Pulguk-sa 20

October 23-25 ： Repeat tour to Sorak-san, for foliage viewing. 25

November 1 : One-day tour to Yongmun-sa 60

November 7-11 ： Fourth trip to Cheju-do 24

November 27-29 : Excursion to Cheju-do, sponsored jointly with the Korean Tourist Bureau. 40

November 14 ： One-day trip to Puram-sa, the Korean Military Academy, and Handok Pharmaceutical Company, all near Seoul 50 December 13 : Sunday tour to Hanyang Country Club, recently opened north of Seoul near the Three Tombs area. 40

December 23―

January 6 ： Tour to India and Nepal 40

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

During 1964, the Society published two volumes of Transactions, Volumes 40 and 41.

The Society granted David Allison Douglas Memorial Fund Scholarships to eight students of Seoul National University. The names of the grantees are as follows:

Mr. Kim Chong-sok， Veterinary course, College of Agriculture.

Mr. Ryoo Pang-chang, Economics course, College of Commerce

Mr. Kang Nak-won, Economics course, College of Commerce

Mr. Lee Kap-hyun, Economics course, College of Commerce

Mr. Kim Jung-bae, Economics course, College of Commerce

Mr. Yun Yong-han, Commerce course, College of Commerce

Mr. Yim Ho-bin. College of Engineering

Mr. Oh Sai-whan, Medical College