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**General Report of the Council for 1965**

The year 1965 was a busy one for the Royal Asiatic Society and its members, with 19 lecture meetings, 5 restaurant tours, and 35 trips to Korean temples and other points of cultural and historial interest―some of them favorite scenes revisited, others being scheduled for the first time. We were happy to welcome 158 new members during the year, for a new increase of 66 members as compared to the total for the preceding year. The inevitable departure of some of our members leaves current local membership at 322. In addition, there are 70 overseas members. During this year we settled down to holding our lecture meetings regularly at the National Medical Center, and on the occasion of our annual meeting it would seem appropriate to express our appreciation for the hospitality which the Center extends us.

The lectures in 1965 were on a variety of topics, ranging from “An Anthropologist’s View on Modernization with Special Reference to Korea,” and “Some Traits of the Korean People as Expressed in their Literature” to the Korean Alphabet, “Fundamental Problems of Societies in Transition with Special Reference to Korea,” public opinion and the normalization of relations between Korea and Japan, reform movements in Korean journalism, Korean music and Korean birds. These were supplemented by lectures on several southeastern Asian countries including Burma, Ceylon, Laos, Thailand and Bali and Java—and a little further afield India, mainland China and the Soviet Union.

Our trips included one one-day trip, and six over weekends, in addition to treks to such old favorites as Mt. Sorak and Cheju-do, each of which we visited five times, the annual cherry blossom viewing at Chinhae which this time turned out to be almost the right weekend (and no rain), pulgogi on the Han once more, two trips to Mallipo, one to Pulguksa, and one island-hopping junket to the beautiful but remote Hong-do, Mal-do and Oechong-do. In addition the more hardy went on [page 115**]** a skiing weekend; there was moon-viewing and vegetarian Bud- dhist food at Pogwang Temple, the annual garden party for members featuring selections by the Court Orchestra, held at the residence of His Excellency the French Ambassador, a reception for delegates and participants of the Modernization in Korea Conference sponsored by Korea University, and in early December the annual kimchi-making at Carl Miller’s. One overseas tour was conducted ... Taiwan over Thanksgiving.

This year saw the inaugaration of what we hope will be a regular program of showing Korean movies with English subtitles. Twice during the year the RAS presented Korean full- length and documentary films which had been award winners at the Asian Film Festival. On both occasions the movies were shown on two successive evenings, with enthusiatic audience, contributing to our feeling that there is a genuine need for programs of this nature.

Since there are very few Korean films available with English sub-titles and, alas, altogether too few of us are able to follow the Korean dialogue, we plan to use the proceeds from the admission charged for these evenings to subsidize the titling of other outstanding Korean movies.

1965 RAS Meetings

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

February 10 Mr. Marshall R Pihl,

“Certain Aspects on the Creation and Development of the Korean Alphabet”

February 24 Mr. David Steinberg

“Some Problems of Buddhism in Burma”

March 10 Dr. Felix Moos

“An Anthropologist’s Views on Modernization with Special Reference to Korea”

[page116**]** March 31 Mr. William McDougall

“Ceylon, Past and Present” (illustrated by color slides)

April 14 Dr. David Gnanaprasam Moses

“The Nature and Characteristics of Indian Culture”

April 21 Mrs Virginia Thurman

“Where Lie the Seeds of Self-Destruction” (about the Soviet Union—illustrated by color slides)

May 5 Dr. John L. Withers

“The Significance of Laos in the World Today” (illustrated by color slides)

May 26 Dr. Bruno Seidel

“Fundamental Problems of Societies in Transition with Special Reference to Korea”

June 2 Dr. William Skillend

“Tears of Blood” (the first Korean novel in the modern sense—read by Father Richard Rutt)

June 23 Prof. Hahm Pyong-choon

“Muwonnok” (A Yi Dynasty handbook for coroners)

July 21 Mr. Chester Fennell

“Korean Birds” (illustrated by color -slides and preserved specimens)

 August 25 Mr. Harry Hudson

“The China I Knew” (illustrated by slides)

September 15 Dr. J. Mark Mobius

“Korean Public Opinion and Normalization of Relations with Japan”

[page 117**]** September 29 Mr. Harrison Parker

“An Introduction to the Music and Performing Arts of Java and Bali”

(illustrated by musical instruments and phonograph recordings of Javanese music)

October 20 Mr. James Wade

“Reform Movements in Korean Journalism from the Yi Dynasty to 1945”

November 3 Mr. Chu Yo-sop

“Some Traits of the Korean People as Expressed in Their Literature”

November 10 Mr. George Chalmers

“Thailand: A Temporary Resident’s Impressions”

December 1 Mr. Alan Heyman

“An Introduction to Korean Music and Dance” (supplemented with live performances of instrumental and vocal music and dance)

December 8 Dr. Spencer John Palmer

“Korea and Christianity: The Problem of Identification with Tradition.”

1965 RA5 Tours and Special events:

The Society, during 1965, sponsored tours ranging from one-day to five-day trips. The dates, places visited, and number of participants (in parentheses) follow.

February 22-24 Ski tour to Taegwallyong (25)

March 20 One-day tour to Sonun-gak and Toson-sa (98)

March 20-29 Four-day tour to Cheju Island(26)

April 3-4 Annual Spring Cherry Blossom tour to Chinhae and Chinju (92)

April 11 One-day tour to Sujong Temple (65)

[page 118**]** April 18 One-day tour to North Mountain Fortress (66)

April 24-25 Weekend tour to Haein-sa (46)

May 7-9 First tour to Mt. Sorak (25)

May 14 Vegetarian Dinner and moonwatching tour Pogwang Temple(58)

May 21 Garden Party at French Embassy (400)

May 16 One-day tour to Hoeam Temple(79)

May 28-1 Tour to Cheju Island (79)

June 3-6 Four-day tour to Mt. Sorak(25)

June 12 Exhibit of paintings of Ha Man-Jin at Miss Polly Spofford’s(150)

June 7-8 “Samyong the Mute” movie at Studio B(350)

June 14 Pulgogi on the Han (140)

June 20 One day tour by boat to Tokchok Island (132)

June 29 Train trip on the loop line in evening(104)

July 16-18 Three-day tour to Mallipo Beach (42)

July 2-5 Four-day tour to Cheju Island(25)

July 5 Reception at Kyongbok Palace (200)

August 6-9 Tour to Cheju Island(ll)

August 27-29 Weekend tour to Kyongju, Pulguksa(52)

August 30-31 “Heartlessness” movie at MPI Studio B(310)

September 4-6 Three-day tour to Mallipo Beach (48)

September 10-12 3-day tour to Mt. Sorak(20)

September 18-19 Weekend tour to Mudung-san and Songgwang Temple (26)

September 25-26 Weekend tour to Ha hoe, Andong and Pusok Temple (22)

October 2-3 Three-day island-hopping tour to Hongdo, Mal-do, Oechong-do(36)

October 9 One-day tour to Mt. Kwannak(90)

October 10 One-day tour to Hungguk Temple (45)

October 16-17 Weekend tour to Green Crane mountains (25)

October 19 Restaurant tour (Kyongbok) (42)

October 22-24 Fall tour to Mt. Sorak 23)

October 26 Restaurant tour and showing of Mr. Dieter Sasseis movies (Diplomatic Club) (67)

[page 119**]** October 30-31 Weekend tour to Naejang mountains

and temples of Paegyang, Naejang and Sonnun (20)

November 9 Restaurant tour (Tongil-jang) (31)

November 11-14 4-day tour to Cheju Island(24)

November 20-28 9-day overseas tour to Taiwan(34)

December 4 Kimchi-making party at home of Carl Miller (250)

December 6 Restaurant tour (Hyang-won) (30)

Report of RAS Activities for 1966

The year 1966 marked a definite turning point in the expansion of the operations and program of the Royal Asiatic Society, Korea Branch.

The usual semi-monthly meetings continued, with outstanding speakers on pertinent Korean and Asian subjects drawing capacity audiences at meeting after meeting. (See accompanying list of meetings). The traditional RAS weekly tours to various points in the Republic of Korea of historic, cultural and scenic interest were also unusually successful, with more people making most of the tours in 1966 than in previous years. (See list of tours attached.)

The innovation in 1966 for the Royal Asiatic Society, however, was in making plans for a greatly expanded publications program. Plans for a new RAS Monograph Series, written by able scholars on Korea and published in hardcover books, were completed, and work on the publication of the first two monographs was undertaken- These books, subsequently published in the first part of 1967, include: Professor Hahm Pyong-choon’s “Korean Political Tradition and Law,” and Dr. Spencer Palmer’s “Korea and Christianity.”

Planning for a second new series of RAS hard-cover books, its popular hand-book series, was also started and culminated with the publishing in August 1967 of the first book in this series. It is Dr. Paul S. Crane’s “Korean Patterns,” a comprehensive discussion of Korean thonght patterns and at- titudes, which is expected to prove extremely valuable in [page 120**]** orienting foreigners living in Korea to a better understanding of the Korean people and their culture.

In addition to these two new series of books, plans were made for publication of two new Transactions each year, begining in 1967. These Transactions are distributed free to RAS members, while the books in the Monograph and Handbook Series are offered to members at greatly reduced prices.

The Council also reorganized its administrative sturcture to increase the efficiency of its operations and enhance the effectiveness of the Council by delegation of responsibilities for various RAS activities to Committees within the Council. The following list of RAS Council members for 1966 also presents the structural organization.

1966 Meetings of Royal Asiatic Society

The dates of meetings and special programs, the speakers, their subjects and places of meeting were as follows:

January 12 Mr. Lee Ku

“Korean Architecture” National Medical Center (Illustrated by phootgraphs taken by Mr. Lee Kyong-mo)

January 26 Dr. Kenneth Bunce

“India-Pakistan: The Nature of their Differences,” National Medical Center.

February 9 Dr. Allen Clark

“Historic Seoul,” National Medical Center. (Illustrated by Color Slides).

March 23 Dr. Richard L. Walker

“Communist China Today,” YWCA

April 13 Dr. Edward R. Wright, Jr.

“The Current situation in Vietnam,” YWCA

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April 27 Mrs. Choi Syn-duk

“The Tong-il Sect—Korean Religious Group,” National Medical Center.

June 1 Dr. Paik Nak-chun

“Korean National Ideals,” YWCA.

June 11 Chinese Feature Films-Winners of Asian Film Festival YWCA

August 10 Dr. Soh Nam-won

“North Korean Economic Policy,” National Medical Center

August 24 Mr. Leslie Rusher

“Indonesia—People and Places,” National Medical Center

September 14 Dr. Paul S. Crane

“The Traditional Chinese Medicine Han Yak,” National Medical Center

September 24 RAS Fall Garden Party

Mr. Allan Heyman, master of ceremonies of program of Buddhist singing and dancing, American Embassy Garden

September 28 Mr. Robert Humphrey

“The Basic Issues in the War of Ideas,” National Medical Center

October 5 Prof. Cho Kyu-tong and Dr. Samuel Moffett

“Korean Temple Bells,” National Medical Center (with recordings of Korean temple bells)

October 12 Mr. Allan Heyman, master of ceremonies

“Traditional Korean Puppet Show,” YWCA

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October 26 Dr. Kim Hon-kyu

“The Proposed National Parks of Korea,” (Illustrated with Color Slides) National Medical Center

November 7 Professor Wu Ping-chung

“The Influence of the Chinese Language in the Far East,” National Medical Center.

December 3 Demonstration of Kimchi Making,

Mr. Carl Miller’s Home

December 7 Mr. Vincent Brandt

“Korean Village Life” National Medical Center (Illustrated with Color Slides)

December 14 Dr. Shannon B. McCune

“Korean Geography,” National Medical Center.

1966 Royal Asiatic Society Tours and Special Events.

The Society during 1966 sponsored 27 tours and special events, ranging from one-day to five-day trips. The dates, places visited, and number of participants in parentheses follow:

April 2-5 RAS First Spring Tour to Cheju Island (25)

April 6 Restaurant Tour to Sujong (20)

April 9-10 Cherry Blossom Tour to Chin-hae (60)

April 15-18 RAS Second Tour to Cheju Island (65)

May 20-22 RAS Third Tour to Cheju Island (30)

May 27-30 Yellow Sea Island-hopping Tour (25)

June 3 Pulgogi on the Han River (230)

June 19 Tour to Tok-chok Island (30)

June 23-26 Tour to Mt. Sorak (30)

Juen 29 Restaurant Tour to Sin-jong Mongolian Restaurant (30)

July 1-4 Four-day Tour to Cheju Island (25)

[page 123**]** July 6 Vegetarian Dinier and Moon-watching Tour to Pogwang Temple (60)

 August 6-8 Malipo Beach Tour (26)

September 11One-day Guided Tour to Chong Myo (200)

September 13 All-day Guided Tour of Chang Duk Palace (150)

September 24 RAS Fall Garden Party at American Embassy

including Buddhist ceremonial singing and dancing (300)

September 25 RAS Railroad Loop Line Trip around Seoul (160)

October 2 One-day Guided Tour to Nam Han San Song (60)

October 9 One-day RAS Guided Tour to the Royal Tombs (40)

October 15 All-day Trip to Kanghwa Island (50)

October 21-24 Trip to East Coast, Mt. Sorak (25)

October 29-30 Trip to Kyongju (30)

November 5 Trip to North Mountain Fortress (30)

November 11-14 Repeat Trip to Mt. Sorak (25)

November 24-27 Tour to Cheju Island (20)

December 3 Kimchi Making Party (250)

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