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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ROYAL ASIATIC SOCIETY KOREA BRANCH FOR 1971**

**(As adopted at the Annual General Meeting on December 8, 1971)**

The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society experienced an extremely active year of progress in 1971, the seventy-first year of its existence. From its new office in the modern Han Kook Ilbo (Korea Times) Building, and with the assistance of an American as part-time executive secretary,1971 proved to be one of the most profitable and worthwhile years in the Society’s long history.

**Membership:** As of December 1, 1971 the total was 925, an alltime high. Of this total, 28 were life members, 237 were overseas, and 660 were in Korea.

**Meetings:** During 1971 we held 18 meetings which were attended by a total of 2,400 persons. Included in our offerings were 2 movies, 1 puppet show, 1 panel discussion, and 14 lectures. Our speakers presented a variety of topics, from “Korean Studies in the Soviet Union,” to “Korea’s International Children: A Study of Mixed-race Children, Adoptions Incountry and Abroad, and Institutional Services.” A detailed listing follows.

**Tours:** During 1971 we took 1,670 persons on 36 tours,including 2 overseas tours,one to Taipei and Hong Kong and one to Southeast Asia. Tours in Korea included Cheju Island (twice), Kyongju, Haeinsa, Soraksan, Chirisan, and Chinhae. We conducted 12 weekend tours of 2 or 3 days duration. The remainder were half-day and one-day tours, including 6 evening tours to restaurants. A detailed listing follows.

**Publications:** The year 1971 was a tremendously active one for the publication of RAS Transactions and books,highlighted by the publication of two new, long-awaited volumes: “The Birds of Korea,” a bilingual profusely illustrated text of 450 pages, co-authored by Michael E. J. Gore and Won Pyong-Oh; and “The Dutch Come to Korea” by Gari [page 146] Ledyard. We also put out Volume 46 in our Transactions series, namely, “Life in Urban Korea.” Half of the copies were published in standard paperback form; half were bound in hard covers. 1971 also saw the reprinting of an additional 1,000 copies of Richard Rutt’s extremely popular “Korean Works and Days” plus the publication of a second edition of Hahm Pyong-Choon’s scholarly “Korean Political Tradition and Law.” RAS books scheduled for publication in the next 12 months include: James Hoyt’s translation of King Sejong’s epic “Songs of the Dragons Flying to Heaven,” our joint venture publication with the Korean National Commission of UNESCO, which is scheduled for publication in early 1972; “Three Clan Villages,” by Pak Kihyuk and the late Sidney D. Gamble ; “Contemporary Korean Politics,” edited by Edward R. Wright, Jr. ; James Gale’s “History of the Korean People,” edited and with commentary by Richard Rutt; and Volume 47 in our Transactions series.

The officers and councilors of the RAS wish to thank the membership for making 1971 such an eventful year. We look forward to your continued interest and cooperation during the year ahead.

**1971 MEETINGS**

Date Event Attendance

January 13 Korean Studies in the Soviet Union 200

(Staffan Rosen)

January 27 Tradition Korean Short Story 95

(Marshall Pihl)

February 10 Atmosphere and Content: 28th International 34

Congress of Orientalists (Panel Discussion)

March 10 Two Images of Korean History 105

(Hugh Kang)

March 24 With the Korean Envoy to Peking,1712 270

(Richard Rutt)

April 14 Film “Six Daughters” with English Subtitles 150

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May 12 Korea’s International Children: A Study

of Mixed-race Children,Adoptions Incountry

and Abroad,and Institutional Services (Helen Miller) 96

May 26 Wildlife Conservation in Korea

(Michael Gore) 120

June 9 Life in Urban Korea (Lee Hyo-jae) 55

June 23 The Peace Corps and Korea (Donald Hess) 90

July 21 Puppet Show 110

August 25 Film “Around the World” with English Subtitles 110

September 15 Origins of the Korean Language

(Lee Ki-mun) 115

September 29 Introduction to Korean Music

(Alan Heyman) 170

October 13 Flowers and Plants of Korea

(Lee Yong-ro) 95

October 27 Glimpse at Contemporary Korean Poetry

(Park Tu-jin and Edward Poitras) 70

November 8 Korean Patterns in Perspective (Paul Crane) 350

November 24 Shamanism and Korean Culture

(Zozayong) 150

December 8 Annual General Meeting

Political Problems Confronting Korea

(Hahm Pyong-Choon) 130

**1971 TOURS**

Date Place Participants

January 15 Restaurant (Hosung) 41

February 24 Restaurant & films (Seoul Club) 120

March 27 Inchon 58

March 28 Chong-dong 74

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April 3-5 Chinhae 21

April 10 Sujongsa 55

April 23-25 Chejudo 30

April 24 National Museum & Restaurant (Poonglim) 35

April 25 Namhansansung 100

April 30- May 2 Kyongju 17

May 2-15 Overseas tour (Southeast Asia) 14

May 5 Vegetarian meal (Pogwangsa) 77

May 9 Churches of Seoul 46

May 15-16 Pusoksa & Suanbo 20

May 2? Soyosan & Kwangnung 49

May 28-31 Chirisan 24

June 5 Heangjusansung 33

June 11-13 Soraksan 19

June 27 Boating on the Han River 73

July 3-5 Chollipo 14

September 4-6 Chejudo 40

September 12 Yoju 75

September 19 Chongmyo 100

September 25-26 Yongmunsa 33

October 3 Suwon 65

October 9-11 Kanghwado 26

October 15 Restaurant (Odumak) 47

October 17 Kyongbok Palace 43

October 23-25 Haeinsa 32

October 31 North Han Valley 93

November 6-7 Popchusa 28

November 12 Restaurant (Uchongak) 45

November 14 Pibong 43

November 21-27 Overseas tour (Taipei & Hong Kong) 26

November 26 Restaurant (Hosung) 32

December 12 Restaurant (Aram) 20