

NEWS OF ASIAN PROGRAMS

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"News of Asian Programs" ceases to exist as a regular department of Asian Perspectives with the publication of this issue. FEPA members who wish to publicize Asia-oriented teaching programs at their respective institutions are urged to contribute their news to the Newsletter of the Association for Asian Studies, with which FEPA is now associated. Asian Perspectives will, however, welcome contributions of news about those aspects of teaching programs that relate directly to the primary interests of FEPA and will print such news whenever it is available.

One on-going research operation of interest to many FEPA members is the Tri-Institutional Pacific Program (TRIPP), in which Yale University, the University of Hawaii, and Bishop Museum are cooperating, with support from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, in the study of the Malayo-Polynesian speaking peoples of Oceania. Chairman of the executive committee directing the program is Alexander Spoehr of Bishop Museum. Inaugurated in 1953, the program has already lent its support in varying degrees to linguistic studies by George W. Grace of Columbia University among the peoples of Melanesia, by Isidore Dyen of Yale University among the western Malayo-Polynesian peoples, and by Samuel H. Elbert of the University of Hawaii among the Rennell Islanders and related peoples; to archaeological work by Douglas Osborne of Yale University in the Palau Islands and by J. Golson of Auckland, University College in Tonga and Western Samoa; and to studies of culture change among various Malayo-Polynesian groups by Roland Force of the Chicago Natural History Museum (Palau), Melvin Embree of Yale University (American Samoa), Norman Meller of the University of Hawaii (Guam, Palau, the Marshalls, Samoa), Saul Reisenberg of the U.S. National Museum (American Samoa), Marion Saunders of the U.S. Trust Territory (Micronesian students in Hawaii), Leonard Mason of the University of Hawaii (relocated Bikini islanders in the Marshalls), George P. Murdock of Yale University (Fiji), Ward Goodenough of the University of Pennsylvania (New Britain), Douglas Oliver of Harvard University (Tahiti), and Robert B. and Barbara Lane of

the University of Hawaii (New Hebrides). Recently scheduled projects include culture change studies by Jean Guiart of the Sorbonne in New Hebrides, by Cyril Belshaw of the University of British Columbia in Fiji, and by William Davenport of Yale University in the Santa Cruz Islands; and archaeological work in Tahiti planned for 1959 by Kenneth P. Emory of Bishop Museum. Publication of research results is expected to begin in 1958.

Widespread interest among Asian specialists of all sorts has attended the recent formation of a new non-profit organization devoted to fostering mutual understanding between Asians and Americans, the Asia Society, Inc. Now located at 18 East 50th Street, New York 22, N. Y., its headquarters will eventually be moved to 112 East 64th Street, New York, where an Asia House is now under construction as a gift to the Asia Society from John D. Rockefeller III. The Society strives to stimulate American education relating to Asia, to render service to Asians coming to the United States, and to encourage cultural interchange. It is specially concerned with South and Southeast Asia but cooperates with existing organizations interested in other Asian areas, such as the China Institute and the Japan Society. It publishes a quarterly Asia Society Letter of news and comment relating to American-Asian cultural relations and plans the publication of bibliographies for non-specialists and similar aids to Asian understanding among the American public. Paul C. Sherbert is Executive Director, and Ward Morehouse is Educational Director.

The Asia Foundation, the Japan Society, the China Institute, and the Asia Society are jointly or individually assisting 1958 summer workshops or institutes on Asia for in-service teachers and other community leaders at the following sixteen institutions: Brooklyn College, Bucknell University, University of California, Duke University, University of Florida, Harvard University, University of Kansas, Michigan State University, University of Michigan, New Jersey State Teachers College at Montclair, New York State University Teachers College at Cortland, New York State University Teachers College at New Paltz, New York State University Teachers College at Plattsburgh, Syracuse University, Temple University, and University of Washington.