

3. Human Geography

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NEW FAR EASTERN PERIODICALS

The Journal of Tropical Geography was first published in October 1953, as *The Malayan Journal of Tropical Geography* by the Department of Geography, University of Malaya, Singapore. Thirteen volumes have so far been published, the journal taking on its present name with Volume 11. While the scope of the journal covers the geography of all tropical regions, special attention is given to Malaya, and a number of volumes are devoted entirely to aspects of the geography of Malaya. There are also articles on the human geography of other parts of tropical Asia.

In 1956 the Association of Indian Geographers in New Delhi launched two new journals, *The Indian Geographer* and the *Bulletin*. The first issue of *The Indian Geographer* appeared in August 1956, the frequency of issue being twice yearly. The *Bulletin* will be issued periodically.

The Department of Geography of Bihar University, Ranchi, started publication of *Geographical Outlook* in January 1956. The journal appears in January and July each year.

The *Oriental Geographer*, organ of the East Pakistan Geographical Society, Dacca, was first published in January 1957, and will appear semi-annually.

In Taiwan a new periodical entitled *Geography and Industries* was published in July 1956. The frequency of issue is not given, and most of the text is in Chinese.

A new periodical which specializes on significant problems of the geography of the Far East and the Pacific is *Pacific Viewpoint*, published by the Department of Geography, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, and edited by Professor K. Buchanan. The first number appeared in March 1960, and contained articles on the effect of European-introduced plants on the economy of the South Pacific Islands, the changing rural landscape of China, the political geography of Southeast Asia, and a review of recent literature on shifting cultivation. Two issues are published annually.

Notes on Research

The Humid Tropics Commission of the International Geographical Union (Chairman: Professor G. H. T. Kimble) has published its select, annotated bibliography on the humid tropics. The mimeographed volume is the result of several years' work involving individual contributions from a number of corresponding members of the Commission working under the direction of Professor Theo L. Hills of McGill University, who is also Secretary of the Commission. The bibliography has sections on the territories of tropical Asia.

The results of the land use survey of the rural areas of Singapore Island conducted by members of the Department of Geography, University of Malaya, Singapore, are to appear soon as a series of ten inches to a mile maps.

Professor J. E. Spencer, University of California, Los Angeles, has completed his work on shifting cultivation in Southeast Asia. Part of the research was conducted while he was visiting professor of geography in the University of Malaya.

Professor J. M. Blaut of Yale University will be spending a year in Indonesia applying micro-geographic techniques to a study of the geography of a part of Indonesia.

A land use survey of the Klang Valley, Malaya, similar to that of the rural areas of Singapore Island, was completed by the Department of Geography, University of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur. The results are not expected to appear for some time yet.

An area of some 12,000 sq.km. was surveyed by field workers from the physiographic and land use aspects by the newly established Department of Geography, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia. A new journal to be entitled *Indonesian Journal of Geography* is to be started by the Department.

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