

### 3. Human Geography<sup>1</sup>

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#### NOTES ON RESEARCH, ETC.

In the current research programme of the Humid Tropics Commission of the International Geographical Union is the compilation of a gazetteer of the humid tropics, including the tropical countries of Asia, by Dr J. B. Ooi in collaboration with Prof. L. Peeters. The delimitation and mapping of the boundaries of the humid tropics is to be done by Prof. B. J. Garnier. This last project is now well in hand, and the preliminary results were presented at the International Geographical Union Congress held at Stockholm in 1960.

A regional conference of Southeast Asian geographers, sponsored by the International Geographical Union and the University of Malaya, meet in Malaya and Singapore in April 1962. The papers and discussions cover the following aspects of Southeast Asian geography: rural development; agricultural potentials; settlement patterns and planning; mineral and power resources; industrialization; population movements; economic facilities; cultural and religious backgrounds; cartography; teaching of geography; physical and regional studies.

#### CURRENT AND NEW FAR EASTERN PERIODICALS IN GEOGRAPHY

A recent inventory of C. D. Harris and J. D. Fellman, International List of Geographical Serials, University of Chicago, Department of Geography, *Research Paper*, 63, 1960, lists a total of 599 geographical serials current at the beginning of 1960. In the decade 1950-1960, a total of 190 new geographical serials appeared and were still current in the summer of 1960. According to the inventory, a total of 94 geographical serials are currently being published in the countries of the Far East—48 in the U.S.S.R. (40 in Russian, 4 in Ukrainian, 3 in Lithuanian and 1 in Georgian), 17 in Japan (11 in Japanese and 6 in English), 13 in India (12 in English and 1 in Hindi), 4 in China (all in Chinese), 4 in Formosa (3 in Chinese and English and 1 in Chinese), 3 in Indonesia (2 in Indonesian and English and 1 in Indonesian), 2 in Pakistan (both in English) and 1 each (in English) in Ceylon, Malaya and the Philippines.

The latest periodicals to appear are the *National Geographer*, published by the Department of Geography, University of Allahabad under the direction of Dr M. N. Khan, and the *Indonesian Journal of Geography (Madjalah Geografi Indonesia)*, of which Vol. 1 (1) was published in September 1960 by the Department of Geography in Gadjah Mada University in Jogjakarta under the editorship of Dr M. Halam Khan. This Journal has for its object the publication of articles and reports

with a 'particular emphasis on the geographical problems of Indonesia and South-east Asia'.

The American Geographical Society, which publishes the *Geographical Review* and *Focus*, is undertaking to translate into English from the Russian articles culled from three main sources: the Journal of the Institute of Geography of the Academy of the Sciences of the U.S.S.R., the Journal of the Geographical Society of the U.S.S.R., and the Serial Publication of the Moscow branch of the Geographical Society of the U.S.S.R. The articles translated will appear in *Soviet Geography: Review and Translation*, published monthly by the American Geographical Society. This new periodical will also contain news notes on Soviet political and economic developments of interest to geographers, and a survey of Soviet geographic literature. The first issue, dated Jan.-Feb. 1960, has articles by Soviet geographers on the present status and aims of Soviet geography; the work of the Institute of Geography of the Academy of Sciences of the U.S.S.R. in 1957; the results and aims of physical regional geography in the U.S.S.R.; next tasks of geomorphology; the results and tasks of studies in regional economic geography at the Institute of Geography; the zonal character of the Cold Pole; the economic geographical study of the cities of the U.S.S.R.; the major economic regions of Brazil, a review of the forests map of the U.S.S.R.; and news notes and current literature.

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