[page 121] **Annual Report of The Korea Branch of the Royal Asiatic Society for 1980**

The Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain and Ireland was established by King George IV in 1824 for:

“The purpose of investigation of subjects connected with or for the encouragement of science, literature and arts in relation to Asia.”

The Korea branch of the Royal Asiatic Society was founded on June 16, 1900 by a small group of foreigners who were concerned with the scholarly investigation of Korea and her neighbors.

The activity of the society has been strongly influenced by the historical events which took place in this country. The size of the membership of the Korea branch of the Royal Asiatic Society grew quickly from its initial 17 members in 1900 to almost 1,400 members in 1980, meeting regularly in Seoul as well as in our Taegu and Taejon chapters.

*Memberships*—The membership increased very rapidly this year from a total of 1,193 members in January 1980 to a total of 1,373 as of the end of last month. This total amount of members comprises 54 life members, 442 overseas members and 877 regular members residing in Korea.

*Programs*—As of today we have sponsored 20 meetings in Seoul this year including this meeting which is the last one for this calendar year. The attendance at these meetings totaled 1,995,with the largest turnout of about 400 members at the Kangnyong Mask Dance performance. This was the first meeting of the fall season and brought in many new members.

*Tours*—We took 1,452 tourgoers on 32 tours including 5 overnight tours. A new feature this year was the “Kut Tour”held at the residence of the Netherlands Ambassador. It had the highest turnout of any tour, with 135 people gathering for the afternoon. The Garden Party, also held at the Royal Netherlands Embassy, had about 250 people in attendance.

*Publications*— This year we published:

Royal Asiatic Society Transaction vol. 54,1979

Wind and Bone by Dr. Ruth Stewart

Royal Asiatic Society Ttok Sal desk calendar for 1981

Korean Patterns (reprint)

*Douglas Fund*—The Douglas scholarship was awarded to Mr. Yoo Han- GOJII of the Graduate School of Dongkuk University for the entire semester.

[page 122] Seoul Programs

Date Event A ttendance

January 9 Discovering the Art of Korea (Film) 160

January 23 A Motion Picture from the 1920’ (Fr. Egon Berger) 120

February 13 Preservation of Birds in the PRC and the USSR 110

(Dr. George Archibald)

February 27 The Confucianization of the Korean Social Order: 130

a look at 17th Century Korea (Mr. Mark Peterson)

March 12 History of Korean Typography before the time 90

of Gutenberg (Dr. Canolyn K. Koh (Choo)

March 26 SOKJON-JAE, Confucian Ceremony at the 95

Sung Kyun Kwan University

(Ms. Barbara Mintz)

April 9 Yi Dynasty Court Costumes 75

(Mrs, Audrey Grant)

April 23 The Life and Thought of Won Hyo 65

(Dr. Shin Ok-Ki)

May 14 Equalization Society of of the 1920’s: 50

Hyong-pyong-sa

(Dr. William Shaw)

May 38 Cuvellier Collection Slides: Korea 1900-1905 80

(Dr. Horace G. Underwood)

June 11 Visual Impressions of Tan/Chong (Red/Blue) 95

Painting (Mr. Thomas B. Kass)

June 25 Korea’s Cultural Roots 105

(Dr. Jon C. Covell)

August 27 Kangnyong Mask Dance Drama (Performance) 400

September 10 Characteristics of Shamanism in Korea 110

(Prof. Taegon Kim)

September 24 Korea’s Modern Art Song 65

(Prof. Dorothy Underwood)

October 8 Early Korean Writing Systems 80

(Mr. Adrian Buzo)

October 22 America Comes to Korea: The Early Contacts 105

(Dr. Harold F. Cook)

November 12 King Sejong’s Life of the Buddha 60

(Mr. Allard M. Olof)

November 26 Introduction to Buddhist Iconography 75

(Ms. Greta Sibley)

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December 10 A Survey of Korean Prehistoric Archaeology 85

(Dr. Peter Kunkel)

**1980 Tours**

Date Place Participants

March 29 Churches of Seoul 19

April 12 East Gate Market 15

April 19 Kingdom of Paikjae 73

April 26 Artists in Their Studios 42

April 27 Kangwha-Do 67

May 3 North Han River Valley 74

May 10 Kingdom of Paikjae 80

May 11 Emille Museum 34

May 17 Yoju Area 55

May 24-25-26 Chejudo 32

May 31 Gandcn Party, Dutch Ambassador’s Residence 250

June 7 Sudoksa, Haemi & Hongsong 57

June 14 Bulgogi on the Han River 75

June 15 Through the West Gate 9

June 21 Yong Wol 36

Aug. 23-25 Taechon Beach 20

Aug. 30 National Museum & Folk Museum 30

Aug. 30 Daewongak Restaurant 44

September 6 Ch’ong P’yong Boat Tour 52

September 13 Kiln Tour 35

September 20 Silk Tour 71

September 27 Taedunsan 27

September 28 Women Artists at Work 39

October 4-5 Nam won, Hwaurn-Sa & Songkwang-Sa 21

October 11 Popjusa & Songnisan 31

October 11-13 Chejudo 21

October 18 Inchon 58

October 19 Korea Mini Tour 38

October 25 Magoksa 63

November 1 Kut Tour 135

November 8-9 Andong, Pusoksa, & Hahoe 37

November 15 University Museum Tour 35

November 22 Kimjang Tour 25

[page 124] Taegu Chapter Committee Members

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**Taegu Programs**

January 16 Mark Peterson (Fulbright Commission),The Con fucianization of Korea.

February 20 Film, Discovering the A rts of Korea

March 19 Samuel Moffett, Presbyterian Mission, The Sam-il Independence Movement and Missionaries.

April 20 James Huntley Grayson, Kyemyong University, Early Korean Buddhism.

May 31 Ronald Post (American Cultural Center), Communication Between Koreans and Americans.

June 17 Mrs. Audrey Grant, Yi Dynasty Costumes (slide lecture).

September 30 Ch’oe Kil-song, Kyemyong University, Shamanism in Kyongbuk Province (with video tape).

October 15 Edward Lewinson (Fulbright, Kyemyong University), A New Perspective on the Korean War.

November 19 Chong Yong-hwa, Yongnam University, New Discoveries in the Korean Paleolithic Period (with slides).

December 17 James Huntley Grayson, Kyemyong University, The Introduction of Buddhism to Korea.