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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (Gene R. Garthwaite)

Membership. The Society has continued modest growth in the last year. It now has 288 members, 28 individual subscribers to its Journal, and 166 institutional subscribers. The following figures show the academic discipline of the members:

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Number</u>
History	53
Near East Languages & Literature	29
Political Science	29
Economics	28
Anthropology	21
Sociology	15
Art, Architecture, & Music	10
Education	9
Psychology	4
Journalism	3
Philosophy	4
Archaeology	2
Geography	2
Unspecified	62
Other	17

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ELECTIONS TO THE COUNCIL

At the Annual Business Meeting (New York, 9 November 1977) Lois Beck, Massud Farzan, Eric Hooglund, Muhammad Jazayery, and Guity Nashat were nominated for the three vacant seats on the Society's Council. John Perry, Chair of the Election Committee, reported the elections of the following three for the period of 1978-1980: Lois Beck, Muhammad Jazayery, and Eric Hooglund.

COMPARATIVE CONFERENCE ON THE OTTOMAN TURKEY AND PERSIA IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

An interdisciplinary conference comparing the historical experiences of Ottoman Turkey and Qajar Iran in the nineteenth century was held recently (June 17-22) in Bobolsar, Iran. The four-day meeting was co-sponsored by the Joint Committee on the Near and the Middle East of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social

Science Research Council and Reza Shah Kabir University. Papers dealing specifically with Iran at the conference included:

- "The Shi'ite Hierocracy and the State Under the Early Qajars," Said Amir Arjomand
- "The Emerging Class Structure of Iran in the Late Nineteenth and Early Twentieth Centuries," Ahmad Ashraf
- "The Relationship Between the Centre and Provincial Power Structures in Nineteenth Century Iran," Shaul Bakhash
- "The Religiopolitical Thought in Iran During the Constitutional Revolution," Hamid Enayat
- "The Changing Economic Involvement of Iran with the West, 1800-1914," Gad Gilbar
- "Qajar Social Movements in Comparative Perspective," Nikki R. Keddie
- "Foreign Trade and Economic Development in Nineteenth Century Iran," Guity Nashat
- "The Social and Political Uses of Literature and Journalism in 19th and Early 20th Century Iran," Fereshieh Mouraie
- "Aspects of the Commercialization of Agriculture in Nineteenth Century Iran," Vahid F. Nowshirvani

The proceedings of the conference will be prepared for publication in a single volume under the supervision of an editorial committee, including S. Bakhash, G. Gilbar and S. Mardin. Publication of the volume, however, is not anticipated before 1980, at the earliest.

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA COLLOQUIUM

The Department of Oriental Studies, University of Arizona, hosted its Second Iran Colloquium, 12-14 May, in Tucson. Fifteen papers were presented on the theme: "Systems in Contact: Continuity and Change in Modern Iran." The conference was organized by Michael Bonine, and he and Nikki Keddie are editing the papers for publication.

The following papers were presented:

- "Education as a Channel of Western Impact on 19th Century Iran," John H. Lorentz
- "The Social Transformation of Medicine in Modern Iranian History," Byron Good
- "Western Chairs in Qajar Iran: A Manifestation of Western Influence on the Elite," Samuel Peterson
- "The Transformation of Fars Rural Economy: 1700-1850," Thomas Ricks
- "Economic Transformation of the Qashqai Nomads of Fars," Lois Beck
- "Tribes Reconsidered," Gene R. Garthwaite
- "Iranian Provincial Elites: Shiraz, A Case Study," William Royce
- "Continuities and Changes in the Structure of Iranian Provincial Elites: Examples from Maragheh," Mary-Jo Good
- "Social Mobility in Qajar Iran," Constance Cronin
- "Continuity and Change in the Contact of Systems: The Consonantal Systems of the Languages of Azerbaijan and Transcaucasia," Donald Stilo
- "Continuity and Change in the Social Organization of Iranian Agriculture," Eric Hooglund
- "The Strengths and Weaknesses of the Labor Movement in Iran, 1941-1953," Ervand Abrahamian
- "Petty Traders in Iran: The Peasants of the Marketplace," Thomas Thompson
- "Marketing Structures in Yazd Province: Traditional Patterns in a Contemporary System," Michael Bonine
- "Effects of Modernization on an Iranian Urban Minority: The Jews of Shiraz," Laurence Loeb

ANNUAL MEETING

The Society's Thirteenth Annual Meeting will be held in Ann Arbor in conjunction with the Middle East Studies Association, 8-11 November. The Council will meet at noon on Wednesday, 8 November, and the Society's Business Meeting is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on that same day. Additional information will follow in the October Newsletter.

SHAMLU TRANSLATIONS AND INTERVIEW

Of special interest to Society members is the Spring 1978 issue of the Nassau Literary Review (Princeton University, Room 401, 48 University Place, Princeton, N.J. 08540). The journal's lead article is an interview with Ahmad Shamlu by Naomi B. Schalit on his own poetry, on modern Persian literature, and the role of the poet in contemporary society. In addition, English translations of three Shamlu poems are included: "Lyric: The Greatest Desire," "I Remember One Crow," and "Fog." (Thanks to Jerome Clinton, who was the guiding spirit behind this project.)

TRANSLATION NOTES

New Writings from the Middle East, edited by Leo Hamalian and John Yohannan (Mentor, 1978), contains a large selection of translations of contemporary Iranian writers, including: Bozorg Alavi, Saedi, Baraheni, Farsan, Golshiri, Hedayat, Foroughzad, and Shamlu.

Ghulam Hosein Saedi toured the United States in July in regard to translation and publication of his work.

SECRETARY'S NOTE

What with inflationary postage and printing increases for the Journal, and the Society's dependence on membership dues, it is of utmost importance that you keep them up to date!

Two important and exciting issues of the Journal are being readied for publication: "State and Society in Islamic Iran" (the joint UCLA and Sis conference) and "Studies in the Economic History of Nineteenth Century Iran."

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