CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

This has been a busy Autumn Quarter for the faculty and students of the University of Washington South Asia Program. During the first week of the quarter the program hosted a reception in the Music Room of the University Faculty Club for students, faculty and friends. It provided an opportunity to welcome our new faculty and student colleagues as well as to greet those returning from leaves and research trips.

During the autumn term, the South Asia Center has welcomed several distinguished visitors including Ambassador Phillips Talbot, former President of the Asia Society; the eminent musician Ustad Vilayat Khan; Dr. Rahul Peter Das of the Near Eastern Seminar at Hamburg University who presented a colloquium on "Sexual Metaphors in the Songs of the Bauls of Bengal"; Mr. Selig Harrison, Senior Fellow for the Carnegie Endowment for Peace who spoke on "The Soviet Role in South Asia"; Mr. Vivek Sen Gupta, Assistant Editor of The Telegraph of Calcutta; and Dr. Peter C. Dodd, Executive Secretary, U. S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan.

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Mention of our visitors calls to mind that many of our colleagues have been visitors elsewhere as well: Harold Schiffman was an invited participant in the International Tamil Studies conference in Malaysia; Paul Brass is a fellow in Paris at the Centre Nationale de Recherche Scientifique (and is also associated with the Centre d'Etudes de l'Inde et de l'Asie du Sud); and two colleagues are conducting research in South Asia, Lorraine Sakata in Pakistan and Linda IIitis in Nepal. In the past few months, Frank Conlon and Alan Entwistle attended the Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies in Tucson. Val Daniel, Alan Entwistle, Pat Emerson, Akhil Gupta, Irene Joshi, George Stoner and Frank Conlon were all participants in the Wisconsin South Asian Conference in Madison, while Daniel, Gupta and Charles Keyes took part in the American Anthropological Association's convention at Chicago. Daniel Neuman and Ter Ellingson attended the Society for Ethnomusicology meetings in Ann Arbor in early November. In addition, a number of our faculty and student colleagues were able to accept the wonderful hospitality of our Canadian colleagues at the autumn SACPAN meeting, details of which are reported elsewhere. The winter SACPAN will be held in Seattle on March 4-5, 1988.
Looking forward to Winter Quarter, the South Asia program anticipates a number of significant activities. Again our faculty will be offering a wide range of high quality graduate and undergraduate courses in a variety of departments. We are looking forward to visits by a number of scholars including, provisionally, Professors Hamza Alavi of the University of Manchester, Bimal Matilal of Oxford, Nicholas Dirks of the University of Michigan and Dr. Rosalind O’Hanlon from Cambridge University.

The South Asia office is a busy place these days. Having completed the Performance Report for our federally-funded Foreign Language and Area Studies National Resource Center, we turned to completion of an extensive self-study document for the first round of a decennial external evaluation and review of graduate programs in the Jackson School of International Studies. We are now turning our attention to completion of our application for renewal in the new competitive round of our National Resource Center and Fellowships grant, an important source of supplementation to our regular State of Washington budget for support of language instruction, curricular and public educational enhancements and, yes, the Washington South Asia Report.

Mention of funding sources brings to mind the South Asia Program Discretionary Fund which has been used to provide stipends or tuition for students, arrangements for program visitors, faculty or student travel, student books, etc. We expect to send our distinguished Ph.D. student Allen Kornmesser (Political Science) to the Association for Asian Studies where he has been chosen as one of a very select group of recent- or about-to-be—Ph.D. students to read a paper. Several generous individuals have become donors to the Fund during the past quarter. We are grateful to all who contribute to strengthening our program. This autumn we were particularly pleased when one of our alumni, Ms. Miranda Jordan Pirzada, of Asian Sky Travel Service in Seattle, presented us with a contribution which was welcome both for its generosity and for its symbolic turn, for I believe this is the first donation of any of our alumni toward the furtherance of our South Asia program objectives. Thank you, Miranda, very much.

Frank F. Conlon

SOUTH ASIA COLLOQUIA

Preliminary Schedule of Winter Quarter 1988
South Asia Colloquium series:

Friday, Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m., Thomson Hall 317.
Hamza Alavi, University of Manchester,
on "Ethnicity and Politics in Pakistan."
[Professor Alavi will also speak on Thursday, Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m., Thomson Hall 134, on "State, Society, and the Puzzled President: Retrieval of Marxist Theory of the State."]

Thurs. Feb. 4, 3:30 p.m., Thomson 317, TBA.

Wed. Feb. 10, 3:30 p.m., Dr. Bimal Matilal,
Spaulding Professor of Religion and Ethics, Oxford University, will be speaking on a topic to be announced, location TBA.

Thur. Feb. 18, 3:30 p.m., Thomson Hall 317.
Professor Atul Kohli of Princeton University will speak on "The Politics of Economic Liberalization in India" in a colloquium jointly sponsored with the colloquium in International Political Economy.
Ms. Sangwan has a Bachelor of Law Degree from Delhi University Law Center and an M.A. Degree in Economics from the Delhi School of Economics, Delhi University. She has been working in India as Deputy Collector of Customs and Central Excise for the Delhi Collectorate. During her stay here, Ms. Sangwan hopes to strengthen her knowledge of financial management, management information systems, corporate finance and organizational behavior. She is working with Professor Richard Zerbe, an Economist in the Graduate School of Public Affairs.

Mr. Khosa has a B.A. degree in Economics and Political Science from the University of Punjab, an M.A. in English Literature, also from the University of Punjab, and an LLB degree from the University of Baluchistan. His present position is that of Principal, Federal Investigation Agency Training School. He brought to his current position thirteen years' experience in the Pakistan Civil Service. While in Seattle he would like to study American urban management systems through an internship experience with local government. He is working with Dr. Hubert Locke.

**HUMPHREY FELLOWS AT UW**

The Hubert H. Humphrey North-South Fellowship Program, a program funded by Congress and initiated in 1978, is designed to bring mid-career professionals from developing countries to the United States for a year of academic study and related professional development activities. Approximately 150 fellowships are awarded annually to outstanding candidates. 15 American universities now participate in the program, the UW among them, thanks to the efforts of Dr. Hubert Locke, Dean of the Graduate School of Public Affairs, who was instrumental in bringing the Humphrey program to the UW last year. The Graduate School of Public Affairs is the UW's host school for the program.

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We are happy to welcome to campus all nine of the 1987-88 Humphrey Fellows, but feature here two in particular: Ms. Sheila Sangwan and Mr. Tariq Masood Khosa.

**AUTUMN SACPAN IN VANCOUVER**

On November 13-14, 1987, the twenty-second session of the South Asia Colloquium of the Pacific Northwest [SACPAN] was held in Vancouver under the auspices of the Centre for Asian Studies of the University of British Columbia. On Friday evening, visitors were welcomed warmly at the home of Barrie and Nancy Morrison and thereafter we enjoyed a distinctive dinner at Da Tandoor restaurant.
In Saturday morning's session, Dr. Michael Willis (Asian Studies, UBC) spoke on "Patronage of Art During the Gupta Period." Dr. Willis questioned the identification of architecture and sculpture from the period of Gupta rule as being necessarily patronized by the Gupta dynasty. By reference to the contents of historical inscriptions rather than visual evidence, Dr. Willis provided a thought-provoking reinterpretation of the significance of pious individuals as donors and patrons of artistic creativity in the Gupta period. Next, Professor E. Valentine Daniel (Anthropology, UW) spoke on "Talking of Tea: The Semiotics of Agricultural Terminology" which drew together analysis of the language of violence and the language of measures among Tamil tea plantation workers in Sri Lanka. He drew attention to the stark differences of the terminological universe of modern British plantation economy and administration which turned upon "fairness" and "precision" with that of Tamil workers' agrarian world, brought with them from South India, which epitomized inequalities through "the approximate--and a little extra".

After a luncheon at the Faculty Club graciously hosted by the Dean of Arts, UBC, the colloquium reconvened for a paper, "Battle as Banquet: A Theme in Indian Literature", by Dr. Vidyut Aklujkar (Asian Studies, UBC). Dr. Aklujkar provided an analysis of a remarkable example of an extended metaphor found in a poem from the Sursagar of Surdas, tracing other examples of the banquet metaphor in Sanskrit and vernacular language texts on the Rama theme. The concluding presentation was by Professor Robert Anderson (Communications, Simon Fraser University), "Hundred Dollar Misunderstandings: Can Bureaucratic Credit Delivery Succeed Among the Poorest People in Bangladesh?", which described the "Rural Poor Program", a World Bank and Canadian International Development Agency project intended to provide $100 loans to the "bitta hean" (people without resources) of Bangladesh to enable them to obtain capital goods for new economic activities. Apart from noting the failure of those in charge to have knowledge of local details, Anderson also provided a quick reconnaissance of the remarkable bureaucracy which had been put in place to channel aid to the poor. (Of the program total of CAN $23 million, CAN $13 million was for the credits while CAN $10 million had been allocated for training of bureaucrats!) The most successful implementation of the program had been in those districts where Non Government Organizations had played a role, particularly the co-operative Grameen Banks.

Had SACPAN participants reached Vancouver earlier on Friday, they would have had an unexpected additional South Asian scholarly paper. Professor Fritz Lehmann (History, UBC, on leave this year at Dalhousie University, Halifax) spoke on "Muslim Dynasties of North India, 1193-1707 A.D." at the Seventeenth Workshop for Medieval Studies at UBC, which was centered upon the theme, "Dynasty in the Middle Ages." Although he was involved in the Medieval Studies conference during the SACPAN sessions, Fritz was able to give us a short darshan during the morning session--brief but as reassuring to us as that which the Muslim monarchs of his paper granted to their subjects.

**UW STUDENT ABROAD**

Jeff Schoening is spending the 1987-88 school year in India, in the Benares region, on a Fulbright Hayes Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad grant. He is a student of Professor Collett Cox and is working on his dissertation on a Buddhist sutra. While in India he will be affiliated with Delhi University.
SALA ROUNDTABLE - X  
July 10-13, 1988  

The Tenth South Asian Languages Analysis Roundtable will be held in Seattle from Sunday, July 10 through Wednesday, July 13, 1988. The conference will be hosted by the South Asian Studies Program and Department of Asian Languages and Literature. Sessions will be held on the University of Washington campus with accommodations provided by the Office of Conference Services. Most sessions of the conference will take place between the 10th and 12th of July, although a supplemental workshop on the topic "Improving Academic Standards in Hindi and Urdu Language Instruction" will be held on the 13th.

Panels are planned on the following topics: South Asian Writing Systems; Lexicography; Linguistic Analysis of Early New Indo-Aryan Texts; Sanskrit Syntax; Hindi Syntax; Computer-generated Fonts for South Asian Languages; Historiography of South Asian Linguistics; and Social Dialectology.

Individuals wishing to propose panels for SALA - X should submit a description of the panel to one of the conference coordinators, stating who will participate in the proposed panel. It will be the responsibility of the organizers of such panels to secure the participation of desired panel members.

In addition, papers on any other topics clearly relevant to South Asian languages and linguistics are welcome. Abstracts of papers on the featured topics or for the general sessions should be sent to one of the coordinators. The maximum time available for presentation of papers will be 20 minutes.

For more information, or to propose a panel or paper, contact either Professor Michael Shapiro or Professor Harold Schiffman, Department of Asian Languages, DO-21, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195.

A COLLEAGUE HONORED

Many friends and colleagues of the South Asian program will be interested to learn of the publication of a new collection of essays in honor of our deceased colleague Richard Emerson. Social Exchange Theory, edited by Karen S. Cook, (Sage Publications, 1987). Dick's field work and research interests in northern Pakistan had been a by-product of his interest in mountain societies and his experiences in the Everest and other mountaineering expeditions.

This book explores the sociological theoretical concerns of Social Exchange Theory wherein Dick had made major contributions and with which he approached his South Asia field work. The collection includes a survey of Dick's scholarly career and contributions, a completed version of his final essay and significant chapters by major figures in the field of social exchange theory including Peter Blau and James Coleman.

FACULTY/ASSOCIATE NEWS

- COLLETT COX attended a Conference of the American Academy of Religion in Boston in early December. She is the co-chair of the Buddhism section of the Academy and while at the conference served as chair and respondent for a panel on Current Research in Buddhist Studies.
• VAL DANIEL attended the 16th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison in November where he participated in a panel, Inverting Modern South Asian History, Labor and Resistance in the Making of Social Order, by delivering a paper "From Statelessness to Bondage". In early December he attended the meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago, participating in the panel Culture as Illusory Order with his paper "Mimic Man and the Ontology of Discordance". He spent the summer in India on an AIIS Fellowship doing further research for his book in progress, Anthropologizing Violence: The Indo-Sri Lankan Manuscripts. On his way back to Seattle he spent September in London on an American Philosophical Society grant working on research in the India Office of the British Museum as well as in the Public Records Office.

• TER ELLINGSON was recently elected to the Executive Council of the Nepal Studies Association. He attended the meetings of the Society for Ethnomusicology in Ann Arbor in early November. He spent the summer doing fieldwork on Newar music in Nepal with his wife LINDA ILTIS who is still there on an NEH grant to continue her research on Newar dance. Professor Ellingson plans to resume his research in Nepal during the Winter Quarter when he will be on sabbatical leave. Both he and Dr. Iltis gave papers at the International Conference-Seminar of Nepalese Studies in Stockholm in June. It was on "Women, Pilgrimage and the Concept of Place in the Swasthani Vrata" and Ellingson on "The Mathematics of Newar Buddhist Music." Both were also guest lecturers for the University of Wisconsin's Year in Nepal program in Bhaktapur, Nepal.

• ALAN ENTWISTLE’s new book, Braj Centre of Krishna Pilgrimage, was published by Egbert Forsten in Groningen, The Netherlands in August. The book presents a comprehensive study of the region in India where Krishna, one of the most popular gods of devotional Hinduism, is believed to have spent his early years as a cowherd boy. The area of Braj, lying between Delhi and Agra, is visited annually by hundreds of thousands of pilgrims, many of whom travel 300 km for as long as eight weeks in order to visit the sacred sites associated with the romantic legends of Krishna’s youth.

• A Clash of Cultures: Awadh, The British, and the Mughals (New Delhi: Manohar Publications and Riverdale, Md.: The Riverdale Company, 1987) by MICHAEL H. FISHER (Western Washington University) has just been released. This handsomely produced volume offers a perceptive analysis of the princely state of Awadh (Oudh) from the mid-18th century until its annexation and upheaval in 1856-58.

• EDWIN GEROW (Reed College) has been named Editor of the Journal of the American Oriental Society.

• AKHIL GUPTA attended the 16th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison in early November where he presented a paper, "Opportunities and Strategies: Ideology and the Relations of Production in a Green Revolution Area." In mid-November he attended the meetings of the American Anthropological Association in Chicago where he participated in a panel on Local Politics Through History and Culture by presenting a paper "Local Politics, Agrarian Capitalism, and the State: Factions in
Rural North India." Most recently, Professor Gupta successfully defended his dissertation, "Power, the State, and Decision-Making in a Complex Agricultural Society: A Study of Technical Change in a North Indian Village," at Stanford University. Congratulations, Dr. Gupta!

IRENE JOSHI, South Asian Bibliographer, attended a special meeting of the Committee on South Asian Libraries and Documentation in Madison, Wisconsin November 6 & 7, held as part of the 16th Annual Wisconsin Conference on South Asia. Among the topics discussed were problems relating to the Library of Congress acquisitions programs for South Asia and new directions in research, teaching and librarianship.

FRITZ LEHMANN (History, UBC) is on leave this year, teaching at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

DANIEL NEUMAN attended the early November meetings of the Society for Ethnomusicology in Ann Arbor where he presented a paper entitled "An Overview of Instrumental Gharanas."

KARL POTTER was recently appointed for 1987-88 to a Joint Advisory Committee on International Programs of the Social Science Research Council and the ACLS.

Dr. Peter Dodd, Executive Secretary, U. S. Educational Foundation in Pakistan, reports that H. LORRAINE SAKATA has been "making a wonderful contribution" during her field research trip to Pakistan this Autumn Quarter. He noted that she had taken time from her work on music of the Quetta region to contribute to a conference on techniques of Ethnomusicology organized by Lok Virsa, the Pakistan government department with responsibility for study and encouragement of folklore and folk culture.

MICHAEL SHAPIRO recently attended a meeting of a committee, of which he is a member, which has been assigned the task of constructing specific proficiency standards for Hindi. The group met in early December in Philadelphia where the initial groundwork for preparing these guidelines was laid.

We are always pleased to be able to report on the arrival in our region of another South Asian scholar with whom we expect to maintain significant ties. The University of Oregon has appointed DR. ANITA WEISS as Assistant Professor of International Studies. She is to take up the appointment in January 1988. Professor Weiss, a sociologist by training, has published significant research on modern Pakistani society. She is editor of Islamic Reassertion in Pakistan: The Application of Islamic Laws in a Modern State (Syracuse, 1986). She will be teaching various courses on social change in South Asia, on Women and Development and on World Value Systems. We welcome Anita Weiss to the Pacific Northwest.
UPCOMING EVENTS FOR TEACHERS (watch for further publicity):

- "Second Saturdays" Workshops:
The South Asia Resource Center has scheduled another in the on-going series of workshops on World Issues in the News, co-sponsored with UW Extension.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16: (Note! this is actually the third Saturday in April)

How can it be that only a few short years ago the small island of Sri Lanka, or "Resplendent", was ranked first by economists in the physical quality of life—higher than the United States? How can it be that this jewel, this paradise which has captivated the world since the time of Alexander, has become the scene of another complex and brutal religious/political conflict. What happened? The April 16 workshop will provide participants with historical background and a discussion of contemporary issues in the context of South Asian and global politics.

During Spring Quarter 1988 the UW's College of Education will offer a South Asia course: EDC&I 494--Perspectives on South Asia. 3 credits. Pat Emerson, Instructor. (Time and place to be announced).

This course will emphasize (1) the improvement of the quality of teaching about South Asia; and (2) the development of appropriate curriculum materials. By the end of the course, students will have increased their understanding of the history and culture of the countries of South Asia: Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. They will have gained knowledge of resources available for use in their classrooms and they will be able to create curriculum units on South Asia for class use.

For further information, call Pat Emerson, (206) 543-4800.

"Religious Revivalism and Political Conflict in South Asia Continued: The Agony of Sri Lanka" with:

- Dr. E. Valentine Daniel, Anthropology and South Asia, UW.
- Dr. Tissa Fernandez, Asian Studies, University of British Columbia.
- Pat Emerson, Outreach Coordinator, South Asia, UW.

The program will include presentations of background material by Drs. Daniel and Fernandez in the morning and, in the afternoon, presentation and discussion of appropriate classroom resources by Pat Emerson.
- **Second Annual Intensive Summer Courses:**
  **Teaching About South Asia**

In cooperation with Academic Programs for Teachers of UW Extension, the Resource Centers at the Jackson School of International Studies are sponsoring another three-week intensive credit course in the first session (A) of the Summer Quarter, 1988. The exact schedule for "Teaching about China, the Middle East and South Asia" is not firm. However, the 'South Asia Week' will feature substantive lectures by the instructor and guest experts; visual presentations; discussion; resource lists; etc. Publicity will be mailed, but information will also be available within the next two months at the South Asia Resource Center, (206) 543-4800.

- **Committee on the Teaching about Asia (C.T.A.) Workshop to Precede the A.A.S. Meeting March 24, 1988**

In conjunction with the Association for Asian Studies' Annual Meeting in San Francisco, March 25-27, 1988, the Committee on the Teaching about Asia will sponsor a full day of teaching workshops.

The Outreach Committee of the South Asia Council will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the AAS in San Francisco. Committee members are assembling a collection of South Asia outreach materials which will be on display at the meetings. Outreach Coordinators from the programs at the Universities of California at Berkeley, Chicago, Kansas State, Cornell, Syracuse, and Washington will be available to discuss the materials.

- **Area Teachers in South Asia**

Four teachers from the Seattle area were awarded fellowships in the 1987 Fulbright Summer Seminars for Educators in South Asia: social studies teachers Pat Grant, University Preparatory Academy, Seattle; Nancy Wilkinson, Puyallup High School; and Largo Wales, Auburn High School spent eight weeks in India. Librarian LoAnne Larson, Shorecrest High School, participated in the summer study seminar in Pakistan. Before leaving for South Asia, the teachers met with Pat Emerson in the Outreach Center for briefing.

The Fulbright Seminars Abroad Program provides 4-8 weeks summer study programs in South Asia for educators. Information on eligibility and application materials may be obtained by writing to Mrs. Lungching Chiao, Senior Program Officer, Center for International Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C. 20202, or by contacting the Resource Center.

- **New Resources for Teachers**

**Focus on Asian Studies,** a quarterly publication of the Asia Society, contains articles on Asia including South Asia. These articles cover the arts and literature; model curriculum studies and multimedia teaching resources; graphics and photographs for classroom use; perspectives on Asia by Asians; and a calendar of major cultural events across the country. The Resource Center has obtained four issues with articles on South Asia which are of interest to teachers.

They are:

"Asian Literature", with an excellent section on using books in the classroom. The article which features an Indian example is written by Carol Hansen, former Outreach Coordinator at the University of Wisconsin Resource Center, and now the Secretary to the Association of Asian Studies.
"Modern Asian Leaders--The Nation Builders: Gandhi, A Brief Biography" (Los Angeles: TelEd, Inc.) is of particular interest now that the Attenborough film "Gandhi" is appearing on network television. The Resource Center has a "Traveling Suitcase" on Gandhi which includes resource books, biographies, autobiographies, and audio visual materials. Available on a two-week loan. Call 543-4800.

"Women in Asia" contains two models on South Asian women, as well as an example of how to use a novel about India in the classroom. This issue combines well with the Center's Traveling Suitcase "South Asian Marriage".

"Asian Crafts" is an excellent addition to our Traveling Suitcase on "Textiles". The issue includes a classroom activity, "Aiyanan Terra-Cotta Horses of South India--Making Clay Horses", and resources for teaching about modern Asian crafts.

Subscriptions to Focus on Asian Studies are $5.00 per year from P. O. Box 1308-M, Fort Lee, NJ 07024. Alternately, issues may be borrowed from the Resource Center.

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**South Asia Studies/YMCA Sponsor "YOUTH IN INDIA" Program**

Fifteen Washington State high school and college students departed on December 18 for a three-week exchange program in India. After spending a week in Delhi, the American group and 15 young Indian students will go to Hyderabad. There they will spend the remaining weeks of the program living with Indian families and working on a study project with their Indian counterparts. Members of the South Asia Program, which is co-sponsoring the exchange, were responsible for the pre-trip briefing at a retreat on November 14 & 15. The group leader is South Asianist Robert G Albertson, distinguished professor of religion at the University of Puget Sound.

- **Himalayan Discovery:**

"As I stepped out on my first day's march in the Himalayas, a strange exhilaration thrilled me. I kept squeezing my fists together and saying emphatically to myself and to the universe at large: 'Oh yes! This is really splendid! How splendid! How splendid!'"

- Francis Younghusband, 1924

Sixty-three years after Younghusband's visit to the Himalaya, fourteen travellers from the Seattle area had their chance to experience this same exhilaration. They left on December 5, with Pat Emerson as trip leader, for an 18-day Himalayan adventure. The first adventure was trying to pack trekking gear, river gear, water bottles, cameras, Pepto-bismol, enough film, books, flashlights, sleeping bags, etc., into a 30" x 14" duffle bag and meet the 44-pound weight limit. The result was a motley group at SeaTac boarding the flight to Nepal, wearing their boots and down jackets and festooned with cameras, binoculars, and whatever else they couldn't get into the bag.

As we go to press, Pat and her group are mid-trip. A full report on the adventures of Pat and her band of hardy travellers will appear in the next issue of the Washington South Asia Report.

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**NEWS FOR TEACHERS**

Teachers of secondary area studies, especially those pertaining to Africa and Asia, are welcome to receive a free newsletter produced by the Afro-Asian Center. Send such requests to the center at P.O. Box 337, Saugerties, N.Y. 12477. They will be glad to put you on their mailing list.