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SECOND SATURDAYS

It is not too late to register for the last two Second Saturday for 1993. Both will take place in Savery Hall, Room 239. Time is 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You need to pre-register by calling 206-543-2310 or 1-800-543-2320. The cost for the two seminars is \$75 for which you earn one UW credit.



April 17 NATIONALISM AND ETHNIC IDENTITY

These days it often seems as though issues of nationalism and ethnic identity are close behind the day's headlines. Join this group of distinguished scholars as we take a look at this subject applied to the former Soviet Union, the former Yugoslavia, and parts of Africa.

Professor Emeritus Peter Sugar, History, UW. "Nationalism and Ethnic Identity: Concepts and Issues." Some of Professor Sugar's examples for this lecture will come from the former Yugoslavia.

Peter Mentzel, Ph.D. candidate, History, UW. "Central Asia and the Caucasus Muslim post-Soviet Republics"

Professor Carol Eastman, Anthropology, UW. "Nationalism and Ethnic Identity: Examples from Africa"

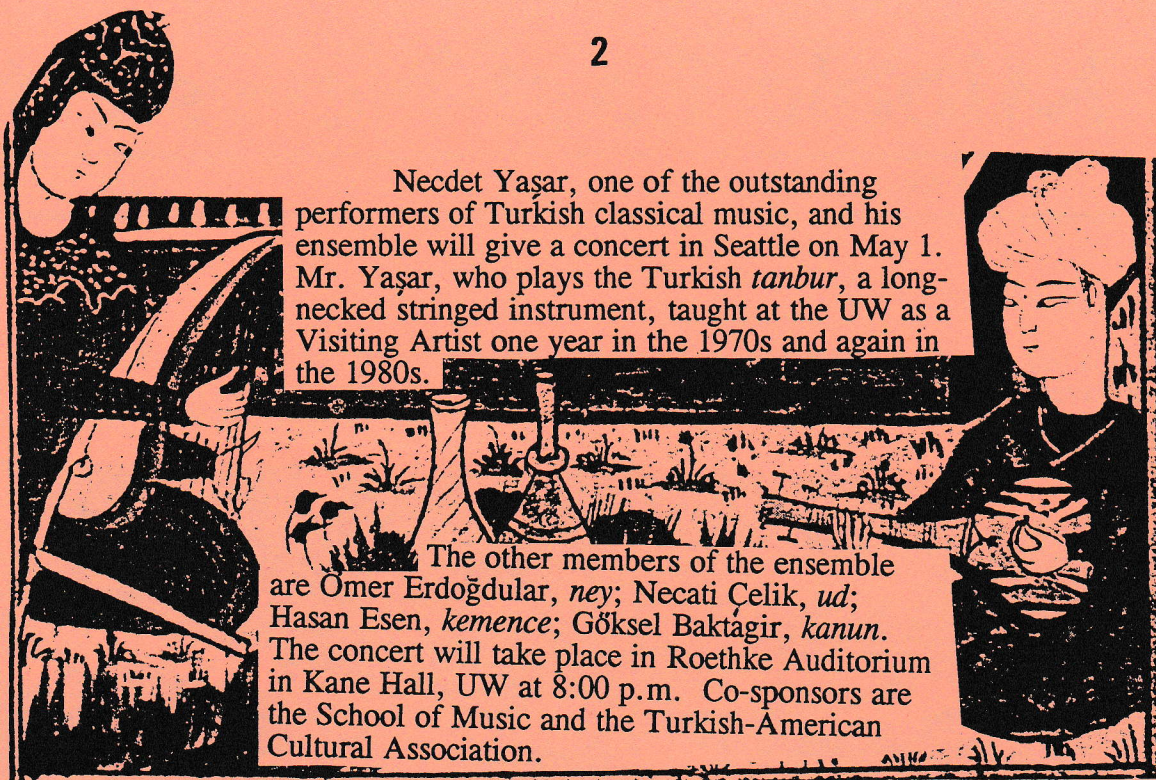
Professor Stephen Hanson, Political Science, UW. "The Collapse of the Soviet System and Its Effect on the Slavic Republics"

For additional information contact Charlotte Albright, 206-543-4227.

May 8 WORLD MUSIC: NEW PERFORMERS, NEW LISTENERS For program and other information, contact Maureen Terada, 2-6-543-4800.

REGIONAL MIDDLE EAST SEMINAR

The Annual Regional Middle East Seminar will take place at Portland State University on May 1, 1993. For information and a registration packet, contact Charlotte Albright 206-543-4227.



Necdet Yaşar, one of the outstanding performers of Turkish classical music, and his ensemble will give a concert in Seattle on May 1. Mr. Yaşar, who plays the Turkish *tanbur*, a long-necked stringed instrument, taught at the UW as a Visiting Artist one year in the 1970s and again in the 1980s.

The other members of the ensemble are Omer Erdoğan, *ney*; Necati Çelik, *ud*; Hasan Esen, *kemençe*; Göksel Baktıgır, *kanun*. The concert will take place in Roethke Auditorium in Kane Hall, UW at 8:00 p.m. Co-sponsors are the School of Music and the Turkish-American Cultural Association.

MAXIM GHILAN VISIT PLANNED

Maxim Ghilan, well-known Israeli journalist who has published the magazine *Israel and Palestine* from Paris since 1969, will be in Seattle in May. He is tentatively scheduled to speak at the UW in the afternoon of Thursday, May 13. Please contact Professor Martin Gouterman at 543-1645 to confirm the day and for time and location. The lecture will be co-sponsored by the International Jewish Peace Union and the Middle East Center.

EGYPTOLOGIST TO SPEAK IN MAY

Dr. Emily Teeter, Assistant Curator, Oriental Institute Museum, University of Chicago, will give a talk illustrated with slides on "Popular Religion in Ancient Egypt." The lecture will take place Thursday, May 13 at 7:30 p.m., 210 Kane Hall, at the UW, and is co-sponsored by Seattle Society of the Archaeological Institute of America, Department of Classics and the Middle East Center at the UW. Admission complementary.

Dr. Teeter was the keynote speaker at the Mosaic on Egypt sponsored by the UW Outreach Program earlier this year. Her presentation was uniformly praised as being lucid and intellectually stimulating. In addition to being a popular lecturer, she has found time to write over 36 articles and reviews and oversee the installation of six museum exhibits.

UW SUMMER INTENSIVE LANGUAGE PROGRAM

The Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization at the UW will offer intensive language classes (nine weeks equivalent to one regular academic year's study) June 21-August 20 this summer. Courses are available for Elementary Arabic, Elementary Hebrew, Elementary and Intermediate Kazakh, Elementary Kirghiz, Elementary Tajik, and Elementary and Intermediate Uzbek. All the language classes meet 8:30-11:50 a.m. daily, Monday-Friday. The Near East department is also offering a lecture series on "Environmental Issues of Central Asia."

If you are interested in studying any of the Central Asian languages, check with the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilization (206-543-6033). There may be some fellowships available.

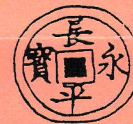
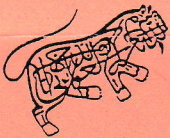
To receive a Summer Quarter Bulletin which includes a registration coupon, call 206-543-3230 or 1-800-543-2320. Cost for summer quarter is approximately \$775 plus a \$35 application fee. Summer quarter registration is open to all qualified applicants (that is, you do not have to be a regular academic year student to attend summer quarter).

TEACHERS NOTE: SUMMER COURSE ON SOUTHWEST ASIA (i.e. MIDDLE EAST) AND EAST ASIA AVAILABLE

Mary Hammond Berson and Charlotte Albright will join forces to offer a summer quarter course "A" term only (1st half of summer quarter) called "Perspectives on Teaching about East Asia & the Middle East." The course number is SIS490A, for 2 credits, meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:10-3:20 p.m. For information contact Mary Hammond Berson at 543-1921 or Charlotte Albright at 542-4227.

LIMITED NUMBER OF OUTREACH POSTERS AVAILABLE

Last fall, Michael Bittner, Outreach Coordinator for Canadian Studies at the Jackson School of International Studies (JSIS) oversaw the production of a beautiful poster for the Outreach Programs at JSIS. The poster features symbols from all the world regions which our centers represent. A limited number of these posters are available free. Please contact Michael Bittner, Canada Center Outreach Coordinator, 206-543-6269.



NEWS FROM THE PORTLAND AREA

The Islamic Trust of Oregon is sponsoring its First Annual Islamic Educational Conference April 9-10 in the School of Business Administration, Room 190 and Smith Memorial Center, Room 327-9 at Portland State University. The event will include a panel discussion on "The Benefits of *Awquaf* (Endowments)," and other topics concerned with Islam and Education. For more information about this conference, contact the Islamic Trust of Oregon: tel. 503-274-1830.

The First Congregational Church, 1126 S.W. Park, Portland, OR, will host a poster exhibit entitled "Children's Art from Givat Haviva." The posters will be on view May 27th-June 27th. The exhibition is the product of "The Youngsters Make Art Project," which brought seventy seventh and eighth grade Israeli Jewish and Palestinian children together to learn about one another. This exhibit has travelled internationally for the past two years and is being brought to Portland in conjunction with the National Conference for Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution Sixth National Conference to be held in Portland May 27th to June 1st.

OTHER MIDDLE EAST-RELATED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

The United States Institute of Peace will convene a summer institute on "International Peace, Security, and Conflict Management" for high school social studies teachers this summer, August 14-21. The institute will take place in Washington, D.C. For information, or to register, call (202) 429-3844 or (202) 429-6063 or write:

U.S. Institute of Peace
Education and Training Program
1550 M Street, N.W., Suite 700
Washington, D.C. 2000-1708

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS APRIL 16.

The International Institute of Islamic Thought is offering to donate materials on the Middle East to any school requesting them. To receive these materials, please contact:
International Institute of Islamic Thought

P.O. Box 669
Herndon, VA 22070
ATT: Dr. Sayyid Muhammad Syeed
tel: 703-471-1133

WHEN DISASTER STRIKES

Joanne Dufour, who as NCSS Alternate NGO Representative to the United Nations, has been very interested in the UN and other agencies' responses to the earthquake which struck Cairo in October, 1992, and compiled the information in this article.

At a recent "Mosaic" on Ancient Egypt (UW, Jan. 31, 1993), speakers noted the recent earthquake that devastated parts of Egypt. The following update is offered to help create those "teachable moments" that tie together information across time and space. Teachers may wish to compare the Egyptian earthquake with other recent earthquakes worldwide:

1976 China 250,000 dead
1976 Guatemala 24,000 dead
1978 Iran 25,000 dead
1985 Mexico 10,000 dead
1988 Soviet Union 25,000 dead
1989 USA 100 dead
1990 Iran 37,000
1992 Egypt 561 dead

In Egypt the effects of the earthquake were felt in Cairo, Giza, Kaliubiya, and Fayyum. Aside from those killed, 40,000 households were left without shelter. Thousands of buildings were damaged, at least 10,000 of which had to be destroyed. Thirteen hundred schools were irreparably damaged. Hundreds of mosques and other historical monuments were partially damaged. The total cost of reconstruction and repair of damaged buildings is estimated to be 4 billion Egyptian pounds.

The Egyptian Red Crescent (the Egyptian branch of the International Red Cross) was given the role of coordinating all voluntary relief by governmental and non-governmental organizations. The Egyptian military also contributed to the rescue and relief effort. Thirty other countries also made donations of money and supplies.

Temporary camps were established in 90 locations to accommodate families whose homes had been destroyed. A blood bank was set up, and 6000 individuals contributed blood within the first twenty-four hours. Since the earthquake, top priority has been assigned to providing clean water and sanitation facilities to affected neighborhoods as well as rebuilding housing or relocating families whose homes were destroyed.

NEW MATERIALS FROM THE MIDDLE EAST RESOURCE CENTER (MERC)

The following materials are available on a free loan basis from the MERC by contacting Charlotte Albright at 206-543-4227 or by writing care of the return address.

Audiovisual materials:

Egypt: Quest for Eternity. VHS 60 min. color. Produced by The Christian Science Monitor. A look at monuments of Pharaonic Egypt through the eyes of some of the leading Egyptologists of our time. Recommended by teachers for secondary classroom use.

Islam in America. VHS 60 min. color. Produced by The Christian Science Monitor. Balanced, easy-to-follow discussion of Islam and, in particular, the lives of Muslims in America. Sections include "Faith" in Cedar Rapids, "Prayer" in Los Angeles, etc. Many segments include pictures of young people engaged in the study and practice of Islam. The video is designed for classroom use: each section ends with a video quiz and fun facts, and a small study guide comes with the program.

The Power of the Word. The Arabs: A Living History Series. VHS 50 min. color. Arab scholars in Lebanon describe the origins of Arab theater and the pre-eminent position of poetry in Arabic society. Could be used in secondary school classroom or college classroom.

Printed Teaching Materials:

Bahrain. by Mary Virginia Fox. Chicago: Children's Press, 1992. Beautifully illustrated book of the history and contemporary life in the Sheikdom of Bahrain. Fourth through ninth grade level.

"Central Asia, Past and Present," *Arab World Almanac*, Vol. 4, #2, Winter, 1993. The usual well-prepared set of information ready for secondary classroom use. Provides lesson plans, article on Central Asia, comparison of Cyrillic and Arabic alphabets, map (just think! a map that shows Central Asian republics not labeled "Soviet Union!"), article "The Aral Sea in Crisis," and classroom activities and exercises.

Women in the Middle East: A Handbook for Secondary Schools. Compiled and Edited by Fatma Müge Göçek, Elizabeth Barlow, and Shiva Balaghi. Ann Arbor: Center for Middle East and North African Studies, University of Michigan, 1992. Secondary level 65 pp. spiral-bound book. Chapters on "Growing Up Female in the Middle East," "Marriage in the Middle East," "Motherhood in the Middle East," "War, Revolution, and Women in the Middle East," and "Middle Eastern Women Poets." All chapters consist of excerpts of other published materials. Each excerpt is followed by study questions.

A CHANCE FOR YOU TO CONTRIBUTE

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If you have appreciated the *Newsletter*, public programming, or if you have used the other services provided by the Center, please consider making a contribution to the outreach work of the Middle East Center. Although our Center is funded by the Department of Education, funding for outreach is always scarce. Your contribution will make it possible for us to do a better job of serving you! Please include the coupon below with your tax deductible donation.

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