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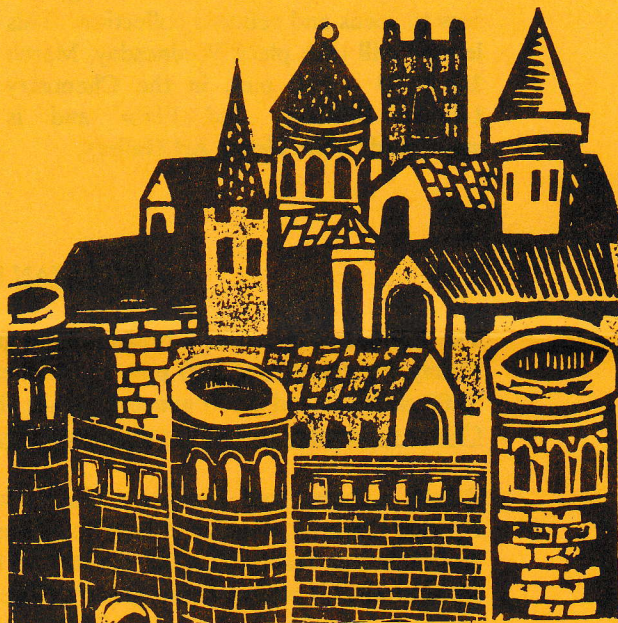
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CITIES IN THE WORLD SYSTEM

The University of Washington will be hosting a conference on "Cities in the World System" to take place March 29-31, 1990. This event is an annual conference on the Political Economy of the World-System sponsored by the American Sociological Association. Papers and panels for this conference will focus on the historical relationship between port cities and the world-economy, industrial cities, hegemonic cities, and city states. There will be several papers on the cities of the Middle East by scholars such as Janet Abu-Lughod, New School for Social Research; Daniel Goffman, Ball State University, who will talk about Izmir; and Michael Reinier, University of Connecticut, who will speak about Alexandria.

University of Washington co-sponsors for this event are the Jackson School of International Studies, the Department of Sociology, and the Graduate School. To register to attend this event, contact Resat Kasaba (see end of paragraph). There is NO registration fee. The conference will take place in Room 200, Student Union Building (HUB), UW campus. For additional information, please contact Resat Kasaba, International Studies, DR-05, UW, Seattle, WA 98195. Tel. (206) 543-6890.



KERIME SENYÜCEL TO LECTURE AT UW

Kerime Senyücel, who works for Turkish Radio Television (TRT) in Ankara, Turkey, and who has produced several documentaries about Turkish history and culture, will be in Seattle in January. We hope to have her lecture about her work on Thursday, January 4, at 3:30 p.m. If you would like to attend this lecture, please call 543-4227 to find out where the lecture will take place.

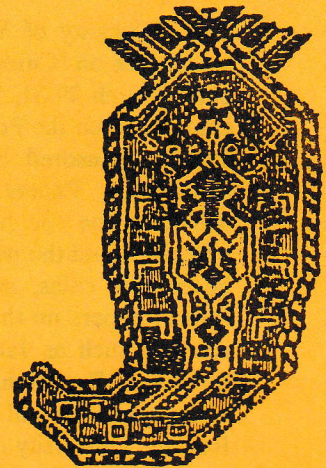
SYRIAN TEXTILES ON DISPLAY IN UW TEXTILE COLLECTION

Village dresses from Syria will be on display in the Textile Collection, located in the Chemistry Building Library, 2nd Floor, from January 9 to March 16, 1990. These garments, from the Henry Art Gallery and the private collection of Don and Corinna Cioeta, reflect the traditional embroidery patterns, colors, and styles that are being replaced by Western machine-made apparel. Syria has been a major center for textile production since ancient times and a major textile exporter.

Exhibition talk: In connection with this exhibit, Dr. Don Cioeta will discuss the regional differences in women's dress with slides of the regions he visited between 1972 and 1984. He will tell how the costumes were acquired and the relationship of the costumes to cloth and garment construction in Syria. This lecture will take place Thursday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chemistry Library Building, 2nd Floor, and is sponsored by the Henry Art Gallery.

JAMES D. BURNS TO LECTURE ON COLLECTING

James Burns, Seattle trial lawyer, member of the Hajji Baba Rug Society and collector, will talk about the process of collecting art, sources for collecting, and how to focus and refine a collection. This lecture will take place Wednesday, March 14, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Chemistry Library Building, 2nd Floor and is sponsored by the Henry Art Gallery.



EURASIAN ENSEMBLE TO PERFORM AT UW

The Eurasian Ensemble, a Boston-based group which performs Turkish classical music, plans to perform here Friday, February 2, at 8:00 p.m. in Brechemin Auditorium (School of Music on UW campus). Admission is \$3.00 students and \$8.00 general. Since the performance is not 100% finalized, please call the Middle East Center in January to confirm the group's appearance here.

Robert Labaree and Frederick Stubbs founded the Eurasian Ensemble at Wesleyan University in 1979. Feridun Özgören, a native of Istanbul, joined them in 1982. Since then, the group has performed in universities and museums throughout the country. The Ensemble also provided music for the PBS film "Süleyman the Magnificent." Labaree is the group's singer and *çeng* (harp) player; Stubbs plays the *ney* (flute), and Özgören performs on the *rebab* (spike fiddle) and *tanbur* (long-necked lute). Both Stubbs and Özgören build instruments and have made most of the group's instruments.

PACIFIC LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY TO HOST MODEL ARAB LEAGUE

The Third Annual Northwest Model of the League of Arab States will be hosted by Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma. The dates have been set for March 28-31, 1990. Last year seven colleges and universities participated in the Model Arab League. The student teams performed admirably and by the end of the event had really started to see the world from the point of view of the country they represented.



This year we would like more teams to participate. We are aiming to involve students from 17 colleges and universities in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Each institution needs to have a faculty advisor willing to work with the team and at least five students to a team. The aim of this event is to increase knowledge of the Arab world and its culture among college-age students and to have them understand how the Arab League operates. The League committees will be addressing such problems as bringing peace to Lebanon, implementation of UN Resolution 242, discussing chemical weapons issues as they relate to international agreements, devising strategies to increase global understanding of Arab culture and perspectives, and so on.

If you would like your institution to participate in this event, please contact Charlotte Albright (206) 543-4227 or Ann Kelleher at PLU (206) 535-7687.

PACKETS ON NEAR EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY AVAILABLE

Both speakers and audience members expressed pleasure at the "Interconnections in the Ancient Near East" seminar we sponsored September, 1989. All the speakers gave outstanding lectures and our keynote speaker, Professor David Stronach, University of California at Berkeley, scooped TIME magazine (Oct. 30 issue) by showing slides of a recent excavation of Assyrian tombs in Iraq where many beautiful gold objects were found.

If you were unable to attend the seminar, but would still like the seminar packet, which contains 20 slides with notes, maps, etc., please send a check for \$8.00 made out to the University of Washington to Charlotte Albright at the address on page one.

BUSINESS SEMINAR A SUCCESS

The business seminar, "Doing Business with the Gulf Cooperation Council Countries and Iraq," which the Middle East Center co-sponsored in November, 1989, was very informative. Local and out-of-town speakers with many years combined experience in the Middle East shared their knowledge on how to and how not to go about doing business in the Persian Gulf region. Among the most interesting presentations was a panel discussion. The speakers, Mark Ghaly of Super Valu International, Tacoma; Mark Haley of Brown and Haley, Tacoma; Ross Jennings, Edmonds Community College, Lynnwood; and Ken Malloch, International Trade Consultant each spent fifteen minutes telling about his company's business experience in the Middle East. What came through in this discussion was that business people who had concluded successful business deals in the Middle East had (1) done careful market research, (2) dealt fairly with their Middle Eastern counterparts, and (3) been willing to work very hard.

There are a few seminar books and packets left from this event. If you are interested in obtaining these, call Charlotte Albright for ordering information.

OTHER MIDDLE EAST PROGRAMS AND EVENTS AROUND THE U.S.

- Fordham University is seeking participants for a residential institute on the Cultural History of the Modern Middle East. The institute, which will take place from July 9 to August 3, 1990, is sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), which will pay a stipend of \$1,000 plus full costs of travel, food, housing, and textbooks to successful applicants. People eligible to apply are full-time teachers in accredited high schools throughout the U.S. and its territories. Applicants must also be teaching or designated to teach about the Middle East in their school.

Deadline for applications is April 6, 1990. For an application or information about this program, contact Ralph Valente, Institute Administrator, Middle East Studies Program, Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street, Room 924H, New York, NY 10023-7475. Tel. (212) 841-5375, 5373.

- The American Expedition to Petra (AEP) has announced its fourteenth season of research and excavations at the "Temple of the Winged Lions," Petra, Jordan, June 14 to August 13, 1990. Interested person, male or female, graduate or undergraduate, faculty and others are invited to apply. Participation will be accepted by application only and is limited to 25 persons. Participants will have a rotating schedule of excavation, laboratory, survey, and other archaeological assignments. The cost is \$1,500 plus round-trip air fare. Deadline for applications is March 1, 1990. For further information or application, contact Philip Hammond, Director, Anthropology, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT 84112.
- The Bade Institute of Biblical Archaeology has loan exhibits and slide sets which they will rent to any interested party. One of their exhibits is entitled "Daily life in a Judean Town" and includes 10 artifacts from 1,000 to 500 B.C., 4 cards with artifacts attached, 8 display panels with photographs and labels, an oil lamp which you may light, information folder, and story book. This exhibit rents for \$20.00. For information about this and other rentable programs, contact the Bade Institute, 1798 Scenic Ave., Berkeley, CA 94709.
- For the past eighteen years the Afro-Asian Center has promoted international friendship and cultural understanding through a classroom program of correspondence between students in Africa/Asia and the U.S. If you are interested in learning more about this classroom penfriend program, contact Robert Carroll, Director, Afro-Asian Center, P.O. Box 337, Saugerties, NY 12477. Tel. (914) 246-7828.
- The U.S. Institute of Peace is running a National Peace Essay Contest. Contestants should be U.S. high school students (grades 9-12). The topic: Discuss an instance when the United States made a significant contribution to the prevention or resolution of an international conflict, as a party or potential party or as a peacemaker. Comment on the principal circumstances and the lessons which might be learned for future peacemaking. To qualify, the essay must first be published in an official school publication and then postmarked by February 16, 1990 to: National Peace Essay Contest, P.O. Box 27720 Central Station, Washington, D.C. 20038-7720. For an application or more information, write to the above address or telephone (202) 457-1700.

NEW MATERIALS AT THE MERC

All the materials except the first two listed below are available at the Middle East Center, address on p. 1, on a free loan basis. You may also request a complete list of *Teaching Materials on the Middle East* and *General Books on the Middle East* from the MERC.

Audiovisuals:

Arab and Jew: Wounded Spirits in a Promised Land. 1988 color 120 min. VHS. This documentary is based on David Shieler's book of the same name and concerns the complex relations between the Arabs and Jews in Israel. Rental: \$18.00. Contact Instructional Media Services, DG-10, UW, Seattle, WA 98195. Tel. (206) 543-9909.

The Middle East Today: An Atlas of Reproducible Pages. World Eagle, Inc. 64 Washburn Ave., Wellesley, MA 02181. Cost \$31.62. This notebook contains 150+ reproducible pages containing all kinds of information for teachers to use in teaching about the Middle East. In addition to maps of Middle Eastern countries, there are charts, graphs, and diagrams showing population, resources, languages, religions, food and agriculture, jobs, energy, numbers of people making the pilgrimage to Mecca each year, where Palestinians live, and so on. All may be reproduced for classroom use.

Printed Materials:

Arab World Almanac. Published by AMIDEAST, 1100-17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

AMIDEAST has just begun publishing this magazine. Volume 1, Number 1 contains ideas for teachers who wish to teach about the Arab world, including lesson plans, and articles: "Who Are the Arabs," "On Being Arab," and statistical information about the Arab world, and suggested reading. Subscription cost is \$20.00 for four issues a year.

YES, YOU CAN HELP!

Many times over the years people have expressed their appreciation for the kind and quality of programming that our Middle East Center has provided to the general public. People have even sent us unsolicited donations! This programming, as many of you know, has consisted of all kinds of public seminars, workshops, concerts, film series, aid to art exhibits, lectures, and, neither last nor least, the publication of this newsletter. Because we know many of you appreciate the work our Center has done in public programming, and because it does cost a lot of money to do, we are including the coupon below for you to make a financial contribution to the ongoing work of the Middle East Center. Your contribution is tax deductible. Please make checks payable to the University of Washington and send them to the Middle East Center, 225 Thomson Hall, DR-05, UW, Seattle, WA 98195.

Please find enclosed my contribution to the ongoing public programming of the Middle East Center, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington.

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