

## NEWS FOR THE ASSOCIATION

A SHORT NOTE ON THE  
STATUS OF STUDY OF NON-RUSSIAN NATIONALITIES  
OF THE USSR IN INDIA

Study of non-Russian nationalities of the USSR in India has started only recently. There are two universities which have facilities for teaching and advanced research on Soviet affairs. These are Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi and the University of Bombay, Bombay, Maharashtra. While the Centre for Soviet and East European Studies, School of International Studies of Jawaharlal Nehru University is well equipped, with a strength of eight faculty members, the Centre for Soviet Studies at Bombay University is in the initial stages of expansion and development. At present, it constitutes a division of the Department of Civics and Politics and has two faculty members on its staff. However, it is planning to recruit five more faculty members during the current academic year.

Three of the eight faculty members of the Centre for Soviet and East European Studies, Jawaharlal Nehru University wrote their doctoral theses, published books and research articles on Soviet Central Asian history, society and political culture. A number of research scholars in the Centre are also doing research on non-Russian nationalities, mostly on the Central Asian peoples.

The Centre offers a course on "Government and Politics in Soviet Central Asia" for graduate students working for their Master's degree. From the current semester (July 1980) a new course on 'Nationalities in the USSR' is being introduced for pre-Ph.D. students. It is designed to acquaint the students of broad areas and themes of research on socio-cultural and political aspects of Ukrainians, Caucasians and Baltic peoples. School of Languages of the Jawaharlal Nehru University also offers a course in Uzbek language.

Besides, there are a number of other institutions both academic and non-academic including journalists and private citizens who exhibit keen interest in the study of non-Russian nationalities of the USSR. Every year a number of booklets, monographs and articles are published by them as well.

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During 1980 the Association for the Study of the Nationalities (USSR and East Europe) sponsored three sessions:

1. "A Decade of Dissent in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe: Patterns, Forms, and Meaning of the 1970s" at the Second World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, September 30 — October 4.
2. "Peoples between the Baltic and Black Seas: Present and Future," and "National Minorities in Contemporary Eastern Europe" at the Twelfth national convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Philadelphia, Pa., November 5-8, 1980.

The Editors of *Nationalities Papers* accept manuscripts in English, French, and German in order to make the journal available to scholars from other countries. As of 1980 it is distributed in fourteen countries.

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The Shevchenko Scientific Society in America, a Ukrainian scholarly institution, affiliated with the ASN, participated in the Second World Congress for Soviet and East European Studies with two sessions. The Society also sponsored two sessions at the convention of the AAASS.

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