

# Communications

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The annual "Bibliography of Asian Studies" for 1967 published in *JAS* XXVII-5, Sept. 1968, lists under "South Asia periodicals," (pp. 242-46), 14 serial publications from Pakistan. Of these, nine—together with twenty other Pakistani serials not mentioned in the Bibliography—are in about 350 American libraries by virtue of the Library of Congress PL-480 Foreign Acquisitions Program, English Language Section. The nine are: *Geographia*, *Journal of the Pakistan Historical Society*, *NIPA Journal*, and *Pakistan Horizon*, from Karachi; *Journal of the Asiatic Society of Pakistan*, and *Oriental Geographer*, from Dacca; *Pakistan Administrative Staff Quarterly*, *Pakistan Geographical Review*, and *Pakistan Review*, from Lahore.

The other five are in twenty American libraries by virtue of the same Program. All of these materials are in English.

But the twenty American libraries participant in the full Program also receive several hundred other Pakistani serials, many in English, but even more in Urdu, Bengali, Persian, Arabic, and Pushto. None of this material gets into the Bibliography.

About the same picture emerges—on an even greater scale—when we measure our bibliographical coverage against the mass of material from India, Ceylon, Nepal, and Indonesia now available in so many American libraries through the same Library of Congress operation.

This note is not, of course, to be interpreted as adverse criticism of the Bibliography. Its only purpose is to call attention to a bibliographical problem which those of us concerned with understanding Asia ought to be thinking about.

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I am compiling for publication a comprehensive hand-list of the published writings of *Ananda K. Coomaraswamy* (1877-1947), and should be most grateful for any bibliographic information or assistance your readers might be kind enough to give me.

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