

NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS

MIDDLE EASTERN SERIES ON CBS

This fall the CBS Television Network's 'Sunrise Semester' series will offer forty-eight half-hour programs on the 'Anthropology of the Middle East and North Africa,' by Dale F. Eickelman of New York University. The course will be a comprehensive survey of recent significant developments in the anthropological study of the region. Other Middle Eastern specialists will appear as guests and discuss their work on several of the shows: Professors Robert Fernea and Elizabeth J. Fernea of the University of Texas at Austin; Suad Joseph, Hofstra University; Amal Rassam, Queens College, CUNY; Ross Dunn, California State University, San Diego; Alan Dubetsky, New York University; and Abdul Hamid el-Zein, Temple University. The last course in the series of interest to MESA members was 'The Near East in Modern Times,' by Leon Carl Brown of Princeton University (spring 1975).

Even at the early hour the series is aired, 6:30 A.M. in most regions, CBS estimates that it reaches an audience of 1.6-2 million people. It is also available for credit at many US and Canadian schools. The course will be aired from September 22 until January 9, 1976, on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Further information can be obtained by writing to Sunrise Semester, 19 University Place, Room 500, New York, NY 10003.

EVALUATION OF ASIAN CONTENT IN US TEXTBOOKS

The Educational Resources/Asian Literature Program of the Asia Society is conducting an evaluation of 306 elementary and secondary social studies texts with Asian content under a grant from the Ford Foundation. Results should be available in the fall of 1975. For further information, write The Asia Society, 112 East 64th Street, New York, NY 10021.

EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR ON BAHRAIN

The Bahrain School and the Bahrain Ministry of Information is sponsoring a year-long educational seminar on Bahrain and the Gulf area in an attempt to focus on the important topic of intercultural education in a systematic way. The seminar will be divided into three parts:

- 1) A two-day session in October 1975 on the history and society of Bahrain.
- 2) A series of field trips throughout the year related to the topics discussed in October.
- 3) A program of lectures throughout the year on Bahrain and the Arab world.

The Bahrain School is interested in learning of Middle East experts who may be studying or travelling in the Gulf region during the school year 1975-1976 so that they can participate in the seminar by giving a lecture. For further information, write to Dr. F.R. Wannebo, Bahrain School, FPO N.Y. 09526.

The Near East Seminar in the "SCHOLAR-DIPLOMAT SEMINAR PROGRAM" of the Department of State will be held this year on 1-5 December. Applications are now being accepted and there is currently no waiting list for qualified applicants. Requests for application forms and further information should be addressed to Scholar-Diplomat Seminar, Division of Conferences and Seminars, Office of Public Programs, Bureau of Public Affairs, Room 5331A, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520. (202) 632-3340.

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