

NEWS OF THE ASSOCIATION

MESA Annual Meeting - 1981

MESA's 15th annual meeting will be held from Thursday, November 5th through Saturday, November 7th, 1981, in Seattle, Washington. In an attempt to coordinate transcontinental airline schedules with the realities of the Pacific time zone, the local arrangements committee has decided that formal paper presentations should commence on Thursday afternoon and continue through Saturday.

Associated organizations should plan to hold their meetings from late Wednesday afternoon through Thursday morning.

Information for submitting abstracts for papers is based on the procedures followed the past few years and will be outlined in a separate announcement. The deadline for submission is: May 15, 1981. All submissions and inquiries regarding the 1981 program should be addressed to: William L. Cleveland, Chairman, MESA Program Committee, Department of History, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C., Canada V5A-1S6. Phone: (604) 291-3770.

International Journal of Middle East Studies

The moratorium on manuscripts for the *IJMES* has been lifted. Manuscripts must be in English, not to exceed 35 typed pages, and double-spaced throughout (notes and references included). Send manuscripts to: Afaf Marsot, Editor-in-Chief, Gustave E. von Grunebaum Center for Near Eastern Studies, University of California, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Middle East Outreach Council

The Middle East Outreach Council's Executive Committee—composed of Barbro Ek (Harvard), Jonathan Friedlander (UCLA), and Sheila Scoville (see *MESA Bulletin* XIV, No. 1 [July 1980], p. 78, for the formation of this Council)—met in San Francisco last May and set some priorities for the next general meeting of MESA, as well as for outreach as a whole. Briefly, these include:

- 1) Preparation of a list of 10 recommended books (in print) for elementary and high school teachers (to be compiled by Barbro Ek).
- 2) Compilation of a handbook for people who are new to outreach, or for departments interested in beginning an outreach program.
- 3) Preparation of an article for the *National Education Association Journal* (but also geared for publication in a number of educational journals/newsletters) on the outreach facilities available in this country and the expertise of each Center (to be done by Sheila Scoville).
- 4) The mass publication of these materials for distribution on a nationwide basis, either through the various Centers or through a clearing house committee.
- 5) A discussion of Jonathan Friedlander's educational packets—which include a film, curriculum handbook, and various articles and evaluations—and distribution of the packets for evaluation through the Centers.
- 6) Discussion and production of Mr. Friedlander's "On-Line" computerized retrieval network for Middle East source material, and our role in providing him with the input we think most important.
- 7) Discussion of the proposed Middle East Outreach Conference at the Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, WI, which would provide us with a three-day forum for preparing and planning our various programs.