

ANNUAL REPORT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting March 26, 1970

The Annual General Meeting, terminating the Council Year 1969 was held on Thursday, March 26, 1970, at 8.15 p.m. at the Society's Home, 131 Asoke Road, Sukhumvit 21, Bangkok.

The Meeting was attended by about one hundred members and guests and the following members of the Council were present :

1. H.R.H. Prince Naradhip Bongsprabandh President
2. M.R. Patanachai Jayant Honorary Treasurer
3. Mr. Michael Smithies Honorary Editor of the Siam Society Journal
4. Dr. Tej Bunnag Honorary Librarian
5. Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul Assistant Honorary Secretary
6. H.E. Mr. L. Unger
7. Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac
8. Mr. William J. Klausner
9. Mr. Edward C. Dickinson
10. Dr. Prasert na Nagara
11. Mr. Sirichai Narumitr
12. Mr. Patya Saihoo
13. Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa
14. Mr. Chalerm Thongsriphong

The President opened the meeting at 8.15 p.m., the Assistant Honorary Secretary having noted that a quorum was present.

1. The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, held on March 12, 1969, were approved as read.
2. The Minutes of the Special General Meeting, held on August 29, 1969, (at which certain changes in the English version of the rules were approved) were approved as read.
3. The Thai version of the Rules of the Society was formally approved.
4. The Report for the year 1969, presented by the Council, was approved.

5. The President called upon M.R. Patanachai Jayant to present the Financial Statement. It was duly approved.
6. The Council's proposal to elevate

Dr. Gunnar Seidenfaden and Mr. E.W. Hutchinson from Corresponding Membership to Honorary Membership was approved. In addition, H.S.H. Prince Sidhiporn Kritakara was elected Honorary Member of the Society, as proposed by the Council.

7. The Council's proposal for election of Dr. Edward H. Taylor and Dr. Lawrence Sternstein as Corresponding Members was approved.
8. The President called upon Mr. Edward C. Dickinson to serve as Chairman protempore for Agenda Item 8: Election of Council for 1970.

Mr. Dickinson disqualified himself from voting in the election of Council. Mr. F.W.C. Martin and Mr. Patya Saihoo were selected as scrutineers for the balloting. They also disqualified themselves from voting in the election.

As the wives of a number of members were present, the members themselves being absent, the question of proxy voting was raised from the floor. Mr. Dickinson cited Rule 28., whereby voting is limited to Ordinary Member in good standing; i.e. only those whose name appears on the membership card are entitled to vote.

As the question of proxy voting had not been foreseen, the Chairman referred the matter to members of the Council present. The motion: "An Ordinary Member in good standing can delegate his vote" was considered. The motion lost: 3 in favour and 10 against.

The Chairman remarked that the new Council should further consider this question of proxy voting, making the Rule more explicit in this respect.

8. a. H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakorn, Kromamun Naradhip was re-elected President, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.

8. b. H.E. Mr. Sukich Nimmanhaeminda and H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul were re-elected Vice-Presidents, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.

8. c. M.R. Pimsai Amranand was re-elected Honorary Secretary, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.

8. d. M.R. Patanachai Jayant was re-elected Honorary Treasurer, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.

8. e. Dr. Tej Bunnag was elected Honorary Librarian, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.

8. f. Dr. Michael Smithies was re-elected Honorary Editor of the Journal, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.

8. g. Dr. Tem Smitinand who was elected Leader of the Natural History Section for the Year 1970, at the Sectional Annual Meeting held on February 26, 1970 became an *ex officio* Member of Council as provided for by Rule 15.

8. h. The outgoing Council proposed the re-election of

Mr. Patya Saihoo

Dr. Prasert na Nagara

Mr. Sirichai Narumitr

Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa

Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul

Dr. Laurence Stifel

and the election of

Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac

H.E. Mr. L. Unger

H.E. Mr. A.W. Kønigsfeldt

Mr. Chalerm Thongsriphong

Dr. Sood Saengvichien

Mr. William J. Klausner

Mr. Edward C. Dickinson

The Chairman called for additional nominations.

1. Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac proposed Mr. Konrad Bekker. This was seconded by Mr. William J. Klausner.

2. Mr. Robert Golden proposed Mr. F.W.C. Martin. This was seconded by Mr. Michael Smithies.

3. Dr. Lloyd Onsen proposed Mr. Victor Kennedy. This was seconded by Miss S. Thompson.

At this point Mr. Konrad Bekker withdrew, as he was the spouse of a member.

4. Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa proposed Mr. James Young. This was seconded by Mr. Sirichai Narumitr.

There being no other nominations, the Chairman declared the nominations closed.

Mrs. S. Stillman moved that as 15 of the 16 nominees were to be elected, balloting should be conducted by members indicating which nominee they wish not to serve on the Council. The motion was duly seconded; and a vote by show of hands was called for by the Chairman. The motion carried: 47 in favour, 6 against.

Election of the Council was then conducted by written ballot.

Dr. Robert Exell requested that the Chairman read only the final result of the 15 members elected to serve on the Council, omitting the numerical tally.

The result of the election was as follows;—

1. Mr. Patya Saihoo
 2. Dr. Prasert na Nagara
 3. Mr. Sirichai Narumitr
 4. Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa
 5. Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul
 6. Dr. Laurence Stifel
 7. Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac
 8. H.E. Mr. L. Unger
 9. H.E. Mr. A.W. Kønigsfeldt
 10. Mr. Chalerm Thongsriphong
 11. Dr. Sood Saengvichien
 12. Mr. William J. Klausner
 13. Mr. Edward C. Dickinson
 14. Mr. F.W.E. Martin
 15. Mr. P.J.S. Young
9. Mr. Yukta Na Thalang was re-elected Honorary Auditor, as proposed by the Council, there being no other nominations.
10. Mr. Dickinson relinquished the Chair to the President.

No other business was brought before the Annual General Meeting.

Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa invited H.R.H. Prince Wan Waithayakorn to deliver a talk on: The Coining of Siamese Words.

H.E. Mr. L. Unger proposed a vote of thanks to the Speaker.

The President declared the Meeting adjourned at 9.30 p.m.

Nisa Sheanakul

Assistant Honorary Secretary

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

A. EDITORIAL AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

1. Journal of the Siam Society

The two issues published in the year were the largest ever (pp 296+ pp. 12 illus., July 1970, and pp. 308+pp. 36 illus., January 1971), and revenue from advertisements helped offset the increased expenditure. The broadening of the scope of the articles and the greatly increased number of reviews of recent publications has drawn appreciative comment from members all over the world.

2. Publication of books during the year

1. Mom Rachawong Pimsai Amranand—*Gardening in Bangkok*

Two thousand copies were printed and the volume officially released with a garden party on 16 June 1970. The volume has 165 pages, 20 line drawings by M.R. Smarnsnid Svasti, 18 black-and-white and 18 colour photographs, a tri-lingual list of plant names and a full index. It is priced at 100 baht.

2. *In Memoriam Phya Anuman Rajadhon* (ed. Tej Bunnag and Michael Smithies)

One thousand copies were printed and the volume officially put on sale on 1st July 1970, one year after Phya Anuman's death. The volume contains 23 articles by 28 authors and consists of 367 pages, with another 94 pages of plates. It sells at 100 baht paperback, 120 baht bound. The Asia Foundation and the Breezewood Foundation generously contributed towards the printing costs.

3. Dr. Vichin Panupong—*Intersentence relations in modern conversational Thai*

The volume was published in September and edited by Dr. Udom Warotamasikkkhadit. It is substantially Dr. Vichin's Ph.D. thesis and publication was made possible through the generosity of the Ford Foundation. It consists of 269 pages and sells at 100 baht. One thousand copies were printed.

4. Richard Davis—*Northern Thai Reader*

Again thanks to generous support from the Ford Foundation, the Society was able to publish this introduction to Northern Thai script and texts. It appeared in October, consists of 91 pages and sells for 40 baht. One thousand copies were printed.

5. Jacqueline Butler—*Yao Design*

Many printing problems have been encountered in the production of this volume, which consists of 14 pages of text, 16 pages of line colour of the actual Yao embroidery designs, and 14 full colour photographic illustrations. Originally scheduled to appear in August 1970, it appeared in February 1971 and sells for 80 baht. The cover is cloth bound with a Yao design picked out on the front. One thousand copies have been printed.

6. Charles Nelson Spinks—*The Ceramic Wares of Siam* (reprint)
This ever-popular volume went out of print during the year, and a slightly revised edition has been prepared by the author. It appeared in March 1971 with a newly designed cover, and sells for 100 baht.

3. Books accepted for publication

1. François Joyaux—*Etude du règne de Rama II*

We optimistically expected this to appear in 1970, but progress has been slow as the final revisions to the manuscript have not yet been completed. The French Embassy is partially subsidising, with the Breezewood Foundation, the publication of the volume.

2. Gordon Young—*The Hill Tribes of Northern Thailand* (reprint)

This popular volume is approaching the end of its fourth edition, and the author has kindly agreed to another edition with new illustrations, both colour and black-and white.

3. *Index to JSS Vols. I-XXV, XXVI-L*

These have been out of print for some time. The Librarian, Miss Marasri, has checked and revised the text, and the index will be published as a single volume as soon as the printer can complete the work.

4. Other publishing matters

1. *Rules*

During the year 500 copies of the revised Rules (30 pages) were published and are available on request.

2. *Membership brochures*

A new membership brochure was designed and printed during the year.

5. Composition and work of the Committee

Early in the year under review, Mr. Aswin Kongsiri resigned because of pressure of work and later so did Mr. Sulak Sivaraksa. Mr. James Young's death in May was a substantial loss to the committee. Mr. Michael Smithies served throughout the year as Honorary Editor and committee chairman, and Dr. Tej Bunnag as committee member. Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay, Administrative Secretary, offered to take over as Advertising Manager, Mrs. Nancie Eskey was co-opted as Honorary Editorial Assistant, and Dr. Yongyuth Yuthavong also joined the committee. The committee will have burdened people's bookshelves with 8 volumes during the year (two in-series and one a reprint) and the world with some 2,000 extra pages (or more than two million, if the number of copies is taken into account). The effort in producing the *Journal* alone is considerable and every member of the committee has worked hard to maintain the flow of publications. If the publishing programme of the Society is to expand, and it manifestly has done so recently (for example, in 1968 only one volume, a reprint, was produced), the Council should consider either separating the responsibility for the publications programme from the Editorial Committee, or establishing salaried staff to deal with the production of books on a scale which one overseas publisher has remarked is now equal to the annual output of many smaller publishing houses and obtained with no staff.

B. LIBRARY COMMITTEE

1. Librarian: The Council of the Siam Society accepted the resignation of Khun Chucheep T. Boyle as Librarian in April, 1970. The Council thereupon granted her four months salary as gratuity for her ten years of service to the Society. Khun Chucheep's successor is Khun Marasri Ladpli who had formerly worked for the Marine Fisheries Laboratory.
2. Implementation of the UNESCO-USIS/AUA-British Council Report on the Library: some progress has been made in the implementation of the Report's recommendations.
 - a. *Miscellaneous books* Items not directly relevant to the aims of the Society have now been discarded in accordance with the wishes of the Council. They were given to such institutions as the Maha Makut Buddhist Academy, Thammasat University, Silpakorn University, Kasetsart University and the College of Education at Prasarnmitr.
 - b. *Inventory* The Librarian has been working on a new inventory of the Library's holdings. Progress has been impeded by such incidents as the absence of rare books and the presence of a number of uncatalogued books. The missing rare books have now been located and the other books are being gradually catalogued.
 - c. *Air-conditioning* One small room is now air-conditioned and has been designated as the Rare Books Room. The room will also have thick curtains so that it can be darkened for the use of the small microfilm reading machine already in the Library's possession.
3. The James Young Collection: The Society gratefully received from the Executor of the James Young Estate the bulk of his book collection on Asian and Southeast Asian religions, history and the arts together with a number of his early European maps of Southeast Asia. The rare items in this collection will join the Library's own rare books in the new Rare Books Room while the rest will fill the gaps in the main collection of the Library. All the books will be appropriately stamped to signify that they had belonged to the late James Young and a bookcase will be dedicated to his memory in the Rare Books Room.

4. Other Presentations: The Society also gratefully received presentations of books from Mr. Victor Sassoon of Chulalongkorn University, Thai Watana Panich, the Social Science Association, Thammasat University and Suksit Siam bookshop.
5. The Edwin F. Stanton Fund: This now stands at 27,929 baht. It is used for the purchase of especially expensive books which have included, for instance, Gordon Luce's three volumes on *Old Burma-Early Pagan* which was published last year at \$120. The books obtained with this special fund are stamped "Purchased with the assistance of the Edwin F. Staton Fund".
6. Committee Members: Dr. Tej Bunnag, Honorary Librarian, was the Chairman. The Members were Mr. Edward Dickinson, Mr. John Davies and Khun Chun Prabhavivadhna.

The Committee deeply regretted the departure of Edward Dickinson for Switzerland in August, 1970. His valuable contributions will long be remembered.

C. PROGRAMME AND TRAVEL COMMITTEE

It was decided at the first Council meeting in April 1970 to amalgamate the Programme and Travel Committees. The committee abandoned the experiment of Thai lectures initiated in the previous year for reason of insufficient attendance, due to either a lack of interest or to the inconvenience of the lecture hours for the Thai audience.

During the year, the committee was fortunate to receive co-operation from a good number of speakers on a variety of subjects. Resident scholars numbered more than half of the speakers. Towards the end of the year there was an effort to form a special study group on linguistics which would have its own regular meetings as part of the Society's programme.

Considering the large number of meetings throughout the year, and on occasions the specialized nature of the subjects, it was gratifying to note the regular response and attendance, which showed a corresponding diversity of interest among the Society's members.

In addition to lectures, a few seminars and exhibitions were also organized and were well attended. Excursions, not only of an artistic and archaeological nature, proved to be consistently popular. A special performance of *Manohra* dance-drama of the South was presented by a travelling troupe from Nakorn Sri Thammarat and another of *Likay* by a Bangkok troupe.

List of lectures, seminars, exhibitions and excursions:—

April

Tuesday 21 Mr. P.A. Reaves, Lecturer at the International School, Bangkok—*Thai Butterflies* and Dr. Tem Smitinand, Member of the Council on *Botany of Thailand*.

Tuesday 28 A visit to the Collection of H.R.H. Prince Naris and Thai dance at Plainern Palace.

May

Sunday 3 H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Silpakorn University and Vice-President of the Siam Society—*A tour of the National Museum*.

Thursday 7 Dr. Walter F. Vella, Professor of History, University of Hawaii—*King Vajiravuth and Siamese Theatre*.

Thursday

7-21 *Photographic Exhibition of Historical Monuments in Sukhothai* by Mr. R. Bunnag.

Thursday 14 Mrs. Margaret Sanders, Lecturer in Public Administration at the National Institute of Development Administration—*The Urban Problems of Bangkok*.

Thursday 21 A film showing of *Life of the Buddha* by Mr. R. Bunnag and Mr. V. Siri-ath.

June

Thursday 11 Dr. Roger Smith of the Ford Foundation, Bangkok—*Developments in Cambodia*.

Thursday 18 Dr. Gunnar Seidenfaden, of Denmark—*Orchid Collecting in Thailand*.

Thursday 25 Mr. Kennon Breazeale, Research Student from the University of Hawaii—*H.R.H. Prince Damrong and Thai Historiography*.

Sunday 28 H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Silpakorn University and Vice-President of the Siam Society—*A tour of the Picture Galleries of the Temple of the Emerald Buddha* (Series 1).

July

Tuesday 7 Professor Wilhelm G. Solheim, Department of Anthropology, University of Hawaii—*Northern and Northeastern Siam and World Prehistory*—with colour slides.

Sunday 12 H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, and Vice-President of the Siam Society—*A tour of the Picture Galleries of the Temple of the Emerald Buddha* (Series 2).

Tuesday 21 Dr. Tem Smitinand, Member of the Council. *Common Fruit Trees of Siam*.

Sunday 26 H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, and Vice-President of the Siam Society—*A tour of the Picture Galleries of the Temple of the Emerald Buddha* (Series 3).

August

Thursday 6 Slide showing of *Eight Buddhist Fables*—with commentary by Bhikkhu Buddhadasa.

Thursday 20 Professor Michael Mezey, University of Virginia, Visiting Professor of Political Science, Thammasat University—*Role of the Legislature in Thailand*.

Tuesday 25 Professor Yoneo Ishii of the South-East Asia Research Center, Kyoto University, Japan *Seventeenth Century Japanese Documents Concerning Siam*.

Sunday 30 H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Silpakorn University and Vice-President of the Siam Society—*Tour of Suan Pakkad Palace*.

September

Thursday 10 Mr. E. Childers, Director, United Nations' Development Support Communication Service, and Miss Mallikha Vajrathorn, Co-ordinator, UNDSOS, and United Nations Children's Fund Regional Information Officer, Bangkok—*Burma's Youth in Development Work*—with colour slides.

Wednesday 23 Dr. Rapee Sakarik of Kasetsart University—*Orchids of Thailand*.

Thursday 24 Professor Laurence Stifel, Rockefeller Foundation, Visiting Professor of Economics, Thammasat University—*Rubber and the Economy of Southern Siam*.

October

Thursday 1 M.R. Akin Rabibadana, Lecturer at the Faculty of Liberal Arts, Thammasat University—*Patron-Kinship Relations in the Early Bangkok Period*.

Thursday 8 M.L. Boonlua Thepyasuwan, authoress and educationalist—*The Contribution of Dok Mai Sod's Novels to Modern Siamese Literature*.

Sunday 11 Mr. Sulaksana Sivaraksa, Member of the Council and Mr. Euayporn Kerdechouay, Administrative Secretary—*A Tour to Klong Bangkok Noi, Chao Phya River and the Wats of the Early Bangkok Period on a rice barge*.

Tuesday 13 Dr. McClure of SEATO, Bangkok—*Birds in South-East Asia*.

Thursday 15 M.R. Pimsai Amranand, Honorary Secretary, The Siam Society—*Gardening in Bangkok*—with colour slides.

Sunday 20 H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Silpakorn University and Vice-President of the Siam Society—*A tour to Wat Suthat and the Hindu Temple*.

Thursday 22 M.L. Manich Jumsai, formerly of UNESCO Secretariat, Paris—*Historical Records on Siam in Europe*.

November

Friday 13 A tour to observe the Royal Kathin Ceremony, a Wat Fair and Loy Krathong at Wat Rakang, Dhonburi.

Saturday 14 Professor Kai Larsen, University of Aarhus—*Botanical Explorations of Thailand*—with a film.

Thursday 19 Mr. Gordon Washburn, Director of the Art Gallery, the Asia Society, New York—*Asian Arts: Selections from the Collection of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller III*—with colour slides.

Sunday 22 Mr. John Blofeld of ECAFE—*A tour of Chinese Temples in Bangkok*.

Wednesday 25 *Manohra Performance and a Punch Party* A group of 13 wellknown performers and a master of Manohra from the South demonstrated the typical traditional dance of the southern region; introduction by Mr. Pluang na Nakorn.

December

Thursday 3 Dr. Harold See, Ford Foundation, National Education Council, Bangkok—*Liberal Education in Southeast Asia*.

Tuesday 8 Dr. Boonsong Lekakul, Secretary General, The Association for the Conservation of Wildlife, Thailand: Film Show on *National Parks in India*.

Saturday 12 Mr. Sulaksana Sivaraksa, Member of the Council—*Tour of Klong Phrakhanong by rice barge*.

Tuesday 15 Mr. Sulaksana Sivaraksa, Member of the Council—An explanation of *A Royal Cremation Ceremony*—with a film on the cremation of the late Phya Anuman Rajadhon.

Thursday 17 Dr. Franklin E. Huffman, Southeast Asian Languages Department, Yale University—*Thai and Cambodian: a case of syntactic borrowing*.

January

Thursday 14 Mr. John Blofeld of ECAFE, Bangkok—*Chinese Temples and aspects of Mahayana Buddhism in Siam*.

Sunday 24 Mr. Nij Hinjirananda, of the Town and Country Planning Office—*A Tour to Supanburi* visiting Song Phi Nong Village and various temples in the town, Don Chedi, the monument to King Naresuan the Great, U-Thong Museum, and a Lao Song Village.

February

- Friday 5-7* Seminar (in Thai) on the Future of the Siamese Identity and an exhibition illustrating the Future of the Siamese Identity (Seminar and exhibition organized by the Fine Arts Commission)
- Thursday 18* Mr. Michael Smithies, Honorary Editor of the Siam Society and English Language Adviser, Kasetsart University, introduced a programme of *Likay*, Siamese folk opera.
- Sunday 21* Mr. Sulaksana Sivaraksa, Member of the Council—*A tour to Maeklong* by train and bus.
- Thursday 25* Mr. Hiram Woodward of Yale University and formerly of Silpakorn University—*The Arts of Central Siam in the Thirteenth Century*—with colour slides.

March

- Thursday 4* Dr. Ernest E. Boesch, Director of Socio-Psychological Research Centre on Development Planning, University of the Saar, Germany *Relationship between "Superiors" ผู้เหนือ and "Inferiors" ผู้ต่ำ in Thailand.*
- Thursday 11* Linguistic Evening—Dr. William A. Smalley, Linguist, Thailand Bible House. *Is Thai really the language of Thailand?—Observations on the roles languages and dialects play.*
- Saturday 20* At 2.00 p.m. H.S.H. Prince Subhadradis Diskul, Dean of the Faculty of Archaeology, Silpakorn University and Vice-President of the Siam Society—visit to the Collection of the Honorary Vice-President, Mr. A.B. Griswold and a few temples along the Chao Phya River by rice barge.
- Thursday 25* Annual General Meeting, followed by an Australian film on the hill tribes in Thailand.

The chairman of the committee was Mr. Patya Saihoo, and the chairman of the former travel committee, Mr. Sulaksana Sivaraksa, was secretary. Mr. Nij Hinjirananda served as a member of the committee, and so did Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay who proved to be invaluable to the committee in arranging trips in and out of Bangkok. Mr. Victor Kennedy was elected by the Natural History Section to serve as a liaison officer with the committee.

D. KAMTHIENG HOUSE COMMITTEE

1. Completion of Card Cataloguing :

Since its opening in 1966, none of the objects belonging to the House had been catalogued. The committee requested Mrs. Chira Chongkol of the National Museum, to work on a part-time basis. Every object, over one thousand pieces, is now properly catalogued according to international museum standards. The objects are divided into:

- 1.1 The Kamthieng House Collection.
- 1.2 The Hill Tribes Collection.
- 1.3 The Wood Carvings Collection.
- 1.4 Miscellaneous.

The cards are stored in tray-cabinets, ready for research references.

The Committee wishes to record here its gratitude to Mrs. Chira for her painstaking effort in attempting the work, thereby making the Kamthieng House and its collection a truly ethnological museum as was originally intended.

2. Volunteer Guides: On the three days a week when the Kamthieng House is opened to the public, guides are provided. For this, the Committee has been most fortunate in receiving the kind co-operation and keen interest of some members of the Society and the Museum Study Group, who have volunteered and taken turns to show visitors around the House.

3. Visitors : More visitors have come to visit the House, including groups of school and university students. Contributions from non-member visitors have amounted to over a hundred baht per month.

4. New Acquisitions :

4.1 Six skirt-borders from Hard Siew have been acquired and added to the collection.

4.2 Display Cabinets : eight glass cabinets have been fixed on the wall of the granary for displaying hill tribe costumes, thanks to the generosity of the Rotary Club of Bangkok. Four more are being made; two of which are to be put in the main house, the other two in the granary.

5. Chemical treatment for hill tribe costumes : Negotiations have been made with the authorities at the National Museum to have the costumes treated in their laboratory. The Committee has started sending a few pieces to be treated. It should take a few months before the whole collection of hill tribe costumes is treated.

6. Future Plans :

6.1 *Exhibition* : now that there are more display cabinets, exhibitions should be organized in and around the Kamthieng House.

6.2 *Publicity* : there should be more publicity to attract more visitors, especially tourists, to the House.

6.3 *New Acquisitions* : as the cataloguing of all previously acquired objects has been completed, more objects should be collected for the House and the museum before they are too difficult to come by.

7. Composition of the committee :

Mr. Nisa Sheanakul served as chairman of the committee, with Prince Subhadradis Diskul, M.R. Pimsai Amranand, Mr. Sirichai Narumit and Mr. Kenneth J. MacCormac as members.

E. NATURAL HISTORY SECTION

1. Organization : The expansion of the Committee to a total of 10 members was approved by the Council, and 4 sub-committees were appointed :

- 1.1 Publication & Library, Chairman : (Prof. Jinda placed by Mr. E.C. Dickinson as interim chairman)
- 1.2 Meetings Chairman : H.E. Mons. A.W. Kønigsfeldt
- 1.3 Conservation, Chairman : Dr. Sanga Sabhasri
- 1.4 Finance, Chairman : Mrs. Catherine Buri

As Mr. E.C. Dickinson, Member of the Council, Co-editor of the Natural History Bulletin and Secretary of the Committee left Thailand in August 1970, Mr. Kenneth Johnson was co-opted to act in his stead as Secretary of the Natural History Section. Mr. Dickinson wished to carry on to the completion of Volume 23 of the Natural History Bulletin.

On Friday 26th February 1971 the elected committee took office for 1971-1972

2. Publications: Five numbers of the Natural History Bulletin Vol. 23 were published in 2 double-numbered issues (1 & 2, 4 & 5); No. 3 was the Deignan Memorial number.

Fifty copies of Seidenfaden & Smitinand: Orchids of Thailand (complete) were bound, for sale at 450 Baht per copy.

3. Meetings: Seven indoor meetings were held and two field trips were made to the Khao Yai National Park jointly with the Museum Study Group. Four short excursions were taken jointly with the Museum Study Group in or around Bangkok.

It is the plan of the Meetings sub-committee to continue to seek enjoyable and educational areas of Thailand to visit. Such future trips may include cave areas, areas of geological interest, areas of natural scenic beauty, and national parks. The Natural History Section feels excursions will play an important role in increasing the membership of the Society and making it more meaningful for students of natural history.

4. Conservation: The Leader of the Natural History Section gave two lectures on nature conservation to graduates of the Teacher's College. The position paper of the Conservation Section was presented to Council and proved acceptable to them.

1971 will find the Conservation sub-committee selecting key programs to which the Natural History Section and the Siam Society can lend their support. Such support may be in conjunction with other conservation organizations.

5. Finance: The Finance sub-committee recognized the Natural History Bulletin publication expenses were a drain on the finances of the Siam Society. The Meetings, Publications and Conservation Sections were all requested to provide suggestions to assist in providing revenue as well as to cut expenses. In the coming year, The Natural History Section hopes to become self-sufficient financially and, in fact, had an income of 3,015 baht for the month of January, the results of an excursion to Khao Yai.

6. Committee Members: Dr. Tem Smitinand, Chairman, Mr. E.C. Dickinson, Secretary (taken over by Mr. Kenneth Johnson), H.E. Mons. A.W. Kønigsfeldt, Dr. Jinda Thiemmedh, Dr. Sanga Sabhasri, Dr. A.C. Cheke, Mrs. Catherine Buri, Mrs. John Edwards, Mrs. Ruth Smith and Mr. Victor Kennedy.

F. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

1. Staff

Mr. Sangvien the Administrative Secretary resigned in April. The Administrative Secretary Appointment Committee was reconstituted under M.R. Patanachai Jayant (Members: Dr. Stifel and Mr. Patya) which gave Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay a temporary appointment and later the Council made this permanent with a 5 year contract.

In the same month the librarian, Mrs. Chuchee, also resigned. The part-time librarian, Mr. Sunthorn Keolai, worked extremely hard until the new librarian, Miss Marasri Ladpli, started work in June.

There has been a frequent turnover in typists but since it was decided to be more realistic over salaries we hope to be able to hire and retain them.

2. Staff room

One of the store rooms was converted into a staff room complete with refrigerator and furniture so that the staff could eat lunch in comfort and make tea and wash up without littering up the office.

3. Airconditioning

Two airconditioners were bought from USIS at a nominal charge by kindness of the American Embassy. These were installed in the office and in the rare books room, which is being fitted with curtains so that microfilms may be read there.

4. General repairs and maintenance

Major repairs were made to the drainage system so that the garden would drain properly since the Kamthieng House was in danger of complete flooding and it was impossible to reach it without wading through water knee-deep.

General repairs to the hall and the grounds were made which were dull but necessary. Extra spotlights are being installed on the stage.

5. Medical scheme for employees

A medical scheme was devised and arrangements were made with Prommit Hospital for the staff to be treated there.

6. Termite and pest control

A new contract was made to have all the buildings and grounds checked for all pests and not just termites.

7. Insurance

A policy against theft of office equipment was taken out in addition to the one against fire.

8. Sale of books

The committee took over this job from the Library Committee. The value of books held by the Society is at present 465, 978. 40 baht.

9. Members of the Committee

M.R. Pimsai Amranand	Chairman
Mr. Michael Smithies	
Mrs. Nisa Sheanakul	
Mr. Sirichai Narumitr	
Mr. Euayporn Kerdchouay	Administrative Secretary

The committee met ten times. Mr. Michael Smithies chaired five of the meetings in the chairman's absences abroad and he valiantly piloted the Society through the stormy period in April when Mr. Sangvien, Administrative Secretary, left very abruptly and we had to find a new Administrative Secretary.

Mr. Francis Martin was co-opted in March while Mrs. Nisa and Mr. Sirichai served throughout the year. Mr. Euayporn has served since his appointment in April.

G. FINANCIAL COMMITTEE

The financial position of the Society remains stable. Although expenses have been high, due to the heavy cost of repairing and maintaining the hall, library and the Kamthieng House, it is gratifying to report that we have been able to show a small surplus of income over expenditure in the balance-sheet for 1970. This favourable balance, however, would not have been possible without the following contributions to the Society for specific projects:--

Rotary Club of Bangkok	Bht. 15,000.-
Ford Foundation	53,000.-
Asia Foundation	41,000.-

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to express its sincere gratitude and appreciation to our Hon. Auditor, Mr. Yukta Na Thalang and his colleagues at Sycip, Gorres, Velayo, Na Thalang & Co., for their excellent services rendered to the Society.

The Committee members were M.R. Patanachai Jayant, Chairman, Mr. Chalerm Thongsripong, Dr. Laurence D. Stifel, M.R. Kasemsiribhand Kasemsri and Mrs. Katherine Buri,

REPORT OF THE HONORARY AUDITOR

The Council

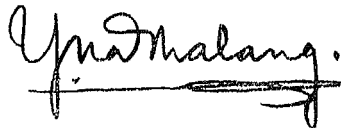
The Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage)

Bangkok, Thailand

We have examined the statement of assets and liabilities of the Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage) as at December 31, 1970 and the related statement of revenues and expenses for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The accounts of the Society are maintained, and the accompanying financial statements have been prepared, on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, with adjustments to give effect to unsold publications and the inclusion of the provision for depreciation.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the assets and liabilities of the Siam Society (Under Royal Patronage) at December 31, 1970 and its revenues and expenses for the year then ended on the basis indicated in the preceding paragraph, which basis is consistent with that of the preceding year.



Yukta Na Thalang C.P.A. (THAILAND)
Honorary Auditor

March 22, 1971
Bangkok, Thailand

THE SIAM SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
as at December 31, 1970

ASSETS

LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash on hand and in banks	Baht 86,388.08
Notes receivable	260,000.00
Publications for sale	401,353.55
Advances to Editorial Committee	18,646.23
Total Current Assets	<u>766,387.86</u>

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Dues collected in advance	Baht 49,549.78
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FUNDS

Life membership fund	321,713.75
Publication fund	14,045.00
Edwin F. Stanton fund	27,929.94
Tamboon account fund	10,090.63
Kamthiang memorial fund	2,035.00

Endowment fund :

Thai Government	2,000,000.00
Members' contribution	323,395.57
Total	<u>2,699,209.89</u>

Accumulated excess of revenues over expenditures

Beginning of year	51,318.38
Excess of revenues over expenditures for the year	30,960.53
End of year	<u>82,278.91</u>
Total Funds	<u>2,781,488.80</u>

INVESTMENT IN SHARES OF STOCK - at cost
(market value approximates cost)

2,000,000.00

PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT - at cost

(Net of accumulated depreciation)

Land (Estimated market value Baht 7,200,000)	1.00
Buildings	3.00
Furniture, fixtures and office equipment	60,646.72
Transportation equipment	4,000.00
Total	<u>64,650.72</u>

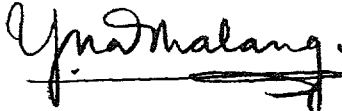
TOTAL ASSETS

Baht 2,831,038.58

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUNDS

Baht 2,831,038.58

M.R. PATANACHAI JAYANT
Honorary Treasurer



YUKTA NA THALANG C.P.A. (THAILAND)
Honorary Auditor

THE SIAM SOCIETY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES
for the year ended December 31, 1970

REVENUES

Members' dues and fees	Baht 147,695.15
Dividends received	100,000.00
Sales of publications (Less related cost of Baht 48,955.83)	96,509.20
Others	62,340.00
Interest income	<u>30,096.72</u>
Total Revenues	<u>436,641.07</u>

EXPENSES

Salaries	217,020.30
Repairs and maintenance	49,319.75
Postage, telephone and telegram	34,229.43
Dues and subscriptions	28,961.39
Stationery and printing	24,201.50
Depreciation	8,738.50
Electricity and water	8,444.18
Travel and transportation	8,256.20
Insurance	8,206.96
Representation and entertainment	5,257.25
Miscellaneous	<u>13,045.08</u>
Total Expenses	<u>405,680.54</u>

EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES Baht 30,960.53

Y. N. Malang.