

## NEWS FOR THE MEMBERS

### SECONDARY ARABIC TEXTS

There was interest in the Association developing a project that will evaluate secondary texts in the Middle East from the point of view of general quality and more specifically in order to separate descriptive works from those using cultural stereotypes and biases. If there is sufficient interest this is a service project which the Association could perform. Interested members are invited to contact the Executive Secretary, or Professor Farhat Ziadeh, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Literatures, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

### CORRESPONDENCE COURSES AND TAPES

The Association has been asked for information on language tapes and correspondence courses on Middle East languages. A future article in the Bulletin will give a survey of these resources. To help in the preparation of this survey, anybody who knows of available correspondence courses and language tapes is asked to send information to the Secretariat.

### INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES

International Voluntary Services now is sponsoring a program of English instruction in the Algerian school system, with twelve teachers presently under contract to the Algerian Ministry of Education. English has become the priority foreign language in Algeria and the demand for skilled American teachers is rapidly increasing. Interested persons wishing further information should write to: International Voluntary Services, Inc., 1555 Connecticut Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036.

### ARCHIVE OF TURKISH ORAL NARRATIVE

Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas, will soon open to students of Turkish language and folk literature its Archive of Turkish Oral items: legends, Märchen, picaresque tales, chante-fables, and anecdotes. A majority are in two media: tape recordings (in Turkish) and typescript (in English translation). Supplementing the texts are field notes, ethnological data, and classifications by standard type and motif numbers. The collection, assembled over the past ten years by Ahmet Uysal (Ankara) and Warren Walker (Dept. of English, Texas Tech), required more than 12,000 miles of travel in rural Turkey. Plans call for expansion of the archive as rapidly as facilities will permit.