

# ORISSA SOCIETY OF AMERICAS

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Now the winter is behind us and even the spring blossoms have started to fade, yielding fast to a dynamic summer - a summer full of activities by various OSA chapters across this continent. This spring's charm was greatly enhanced by the visiting dancer, Mrs. Sanjukta Panigrahi and her group of six including her husband, the famous vocalist of Orissa, Mr. Raghunath Panigrahi. This issue of our newsletter pays a glowing tribute to their performance, on behalf of all Oriyas in U.S.A. and Canada.

It is annual convention time again in July and Minneapolis is the host city this time. You will find details of the convention inside. Make your plans to attend it, since it is progressively becoming more popular every year. It is heartening to know that the convention-site has been moving around the midwest for the last two years (Detroit-80, Chicago-81), thus providing many of us an opportunity to know our midwest Oriya friends and their families well. Besides the convention, many local groups have annual picnics or other outings scheduled.

This is our second issue of 1982, the first one was dispatched in my absence in January. I must thank the people who took the trouble of bringing out a timely issue. Some friends commented that the newsletter should not cover regular private gatherings which do not have organizational importance. They said, '...there are hundreds of such gatherings all over...why cover some if you can't cover all..publish only significant ones such as local picnics, kumar purnima function, etc'. Another commented that in addition to cosmetic uplift, the newsletter should enhance its contents to focus on topics relevant to Orissa & Oriyas. We will try to incorporate these suggestions to make the newsletter more interesting and meaningful.

In this issue, I have taken the liberty to project some of my impressions of Orissa, based on my recent two-month stay. It was a pleasant surprise that key items of our newsletter of Nov. 1981 (last one I did) was given a front page coverage in the 'Samaj'. It was not sent for that purpose - we mail a copy to editor 'Samaj' regularly for information purpose. Consequent to its coverage, many people in Orissa are inquisitive about various activities of OSA and its members. The chief minister Janaki B. Patnaik, on one occasion asked me if any Oriya residing here would like to invest in new industrial venture in Orissa, to which the government is providing lot of assistance these days. My reply was that I did not know who specifically is interested, however the government can start informing us timely about such facilities for publication in the newsletter. He agreed and asked Sudhansu Misra, his secretary to inform the chairman, IPICOL, to correspond via me to the North American Oriyas. Let us hope he means what he says!

Many friends have moved and new ones have arrived. But without proper intimation, such movements are difficult to keep track of. I am in the process of computerizing our directory, so that future updating and getting a quick listing will be made easy. Write to me if you have moved or have recently arrived.

## PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

- Sumanta Acharya is moving to Baton Rouge, Louisiana to join the faculty of Mechanical engineering at the Louisiana State University. He completed his Ph.D. at the U. of Minnesota on Numerical Heat Transfer and Fluid Flow.
- Suresh Baral joined U. of California at Berkely on a doctoral program last year after completing his M.S. in the east coast.

- **Baliochan Behera** moved to Wayne State University, Detroit to do his M.S. in computer engineering last fall. Previously he was doing M.S. in electrical engineering at U. of Mississippi.
- **Saroj Behera** moved to San Diego from Los Angeles on a new job with TRW as process engineering manager.
- **Madan Biswal** moved from Minneapolis to Florida on a new job assignment. He was with Univac computer company.
- **Bimal Mahanty** moved to Paris from Brussels where he was on assignment at the International Education Center of IBM. He will stay in Paris for a year before coming back to the US.
- **Sanjeev Mohanty** moved to Sunnyvale from San Francisco after joining Four-Phase Systems in their computer group.
- **Chandra S. Mohanty** came to the University of California at Davis as a research fellow for a year. He will return to East Africa in June to resume his work with the I.C.T.A. and to assume his work with the I.C.T.A. and to assume his work with the I.C.T.A.
- **Ajit Mohanty** joined University of Wisconsin at Madison as a post-doctoral fellow in the Psychology department.
- **Sri Gopal Mohanty** and family will be returning to Hamilton, Ontario after one year stay in Newark, California. Gopal Babu was spending his sabbatical year at Stanford in the Statistics department.
- **Ajoy Mishra** completed his Ph.D. in material sciences at the Univ. of California at Berkeley and is moving to Cleveland to do post-doctoral research at NASA's Lewis Laboratory.
- **Bijoy Mishra** moved to Chicago from Robinson, Illinois on a new job with Exxon Corporation.
- **Hara Mishra** and family are moving to Oklahoma from Davis, California in July.
- **Niranjan Mishra** has arrived in Toronto from Rourkela. He was in U.S. before in South Dakota and Austin.
- **Sangeeta Mohapatra** will be joining her husband Kishor Kar of Canton, Ohio soon. She is a well-known singer of Orissa and has a few records to her credit.
- **Krushna Padhi** arrived in San Diego to join his sister Manju & brother-in-law Nabin Panda. He will start his post-grad program at the University of California at San Diego. He is a graduate of Regional Eng. College, Rourkela - class of 1980.
- **Cheta Patel** moved to Richland, Washington state from San Jose on a new job with Washington Power & Electric.
- **Uttam Pati** completed his Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of New Brunswick, Fredericton, Canada and joined Max Plank institute in Germany as a post-doctoral fellow. Last January, he came to M.I.T., Cambridge as a research associate.
- **Avoy Pati** joined U. of San Francisco on a Ph. D. program on Ayurvedic medicines last year.
- **Krushna C. Patnaik** joined Alabama A & M University at Huntsville to do MBA. He works for Hindusthan Steel Co. at Rourkela.
- **Gyana R. Patnaik** joined Alabama A & M University at Huntsville to do MBA. He is from Kamakhyanagar, Bankanhal.
- **Surya Pattanaik** joined IBM's General Products Division at San Jose and moved to Milpitas from Santa Clara.
- **Nrusingha Panda** moved to Los Angeles from New Jersey last year to join Hughes Aircraft.
- **Narayan Rath** moved to Los Angeles from Buffalo, N.Y. last May, after accepting a new job with a firm on genetic engineering. Narayan Babu and wife Sipra are known to the Washington Oriyas, since his days at N.I.H. in Bethesda.
- **Nirmal Rath** has joined the Computer Science Department in the U. of Alabama as a graduate student.
- **Pradeep Rath** moved to Houston from Robinson, Illinois after completing his temporary assignment there. He works for the Petroleum and Chemicals division of Bechtel company.
- **Saumya Sahu** moved to McGill University, Montreal after completing his Ph.D. in chemistry from Univ of New Brunswick.
- **Amiya Samantrai** joined Alabama A & M University at Huntsville to do MBA. He is lecturer at Ravenshaw College in chemistry.

## GLIMPSES OF ORISSA - DEC-81, JAN-82

Following are some of the subtle observations across Orissa.

- Bhubaneswar looked crowded. Streets are ornamented with stray cows and bulls, an exported phenomena from Cuttack. Still this town has a certain charm that is unique. The I.T.D.C. (Indian Tourist Development Corp.) has set up a hotel 'Kalinga Ashoka'. Someone said a number of new hotels will be built. Saw 'Suchana Bhavan', a popular place for large cultural meetings. The arrangements are excellent as per local standards. Signs of 'Xerox Copy Center' seem to abound all over. The airport looks tiny soon after you arrive, then it gets decent as you get used. When the plane - a Boeing 737 from/to Delhi and another from/to Calcutta - lands or takes off, there is a sizeable crowd. Many come to see a few. No one in any hurry to go back. If a dignitary is flying like the Chief minister, then the airport is loaded with government jeeps and cars with flags in front and there is an air of anxiety all over. Officers rush about, appearing concerned for nothing. Anyway, I guess that's Bhubaneswar, the capital.

- Berhampur looked quiet and open on an early morning arrival. The university campus is pretty, amidst tall casuarinas and palm trees whispering the sea-breeze. On the other direction towards Aska, near Kukudakhandi, a new college called Sanjay Memorial College of Business is coming up. One Narayan Mohanty, formerly resident of Alabama, teaches there. Struggling to get university recognition it needs government grants to survive. The students are enthusiastic and they say...Orissa needs lots of managers..for the NALCO project (aluminum plant) and for the proposed Steel Plant.. If we do not get trained as managers, these posts will be taken away by other non-Orissa people'. Gopalpur is still enchanting with its smooth sea-beach.

- Driving thru Sambalpur, we noticed darkness all over. Power outage is common everyday event. The road from Ashoka talkies towards Gol Bazar is dug up for repair and we bounce around in the car uncomfortably. Sambalpur looks the same. Hirakud power station is running below capacity and there is power shortage all over. Scheduled outages in most cities happen now

(e.g. Cuttack has no power between 5 & 7 am).

- Rourkela looked matured. Ring road is still the best drivable road in Orissa. The Regional Engineering College looks grown up with adorable-sized trees. It is entering the computer era by acquiring a Digital Equipment VAX computer. There is a statue of Utkalmani Gopabandhu at Ambagan circle. We were told that culturally, Rourkela is getting very active and many Oriya functions are being held around the year, most elaborate is the Boita Vandaana program. Naresh Chandra Nayak, long time employee and avid Rotarian is the first Oriya to become General Manager - Works, second rank in Hindusthan Steel.
- Cuttack is crowded - nothing new! But it still has some form of nostalgia that is hard to wipe out. Cinema halls have grown in number and size. There are nine now, with one 'Samrat' as far away as OMP circle. Decent-size hotels like 'Bishram' have come up, so have many places for boozing! An indoor market place is completing construction at Buxibazar. There was a soccer game between India and Russia at Barabati Stadium. The euphoria associated with such an event was something worth witnessing. I guess nothing has changed, only we and our perspective have!
- Simlipal is a forest in Mayurbhanj. We drove past Bhadrak, Balasore, past Baripada to reach Joshipur, from where we climbed the rough roads towards Chahala. The tropical forest with early sunrays piping through the green leaves was a heavenly sight. Then there are deers freely roaming around. A couple from New Zealand reached there on bike. The bungalow had no electricity, however a fireplace with ample firewood helped us from the December cold. A new hotel by I.T.D.C. is being constructed at Lulung near Simlipal for 30 air-conditioned rooms and is expected to open in 1984.
- Looking back, there are so many beautiful places to see in Orissa like Chandipur near the sea beach, Nandan Kanan (they have added white cubs to the tiger inventory, a children's train, etc), Chandrabhaga, Puri, Gopalpur, Kalinga Ghati, etc. Make it a point to explore some part of Orissa you have never been.

## OSA ANNUAL CONVENTION - 1982

The thirteenth Annual convention of the Orissa Society of Americas Inc. will be held at Minneapolis, Minnesota on July 2nd and 3rd. Siti Kantha Dash sends the following details from Minneapolis.

'Camp Tanadoona' has been selected as the site for this convention. This camp is located on lake Minnewasha near Excelsior and the address of the camp is 3300 Tanadoona Boulevard, Excelsior, MN 55343. The camp is reserved for July 2-3 and everyone is requested to leave the campground by 10 A.M. on July 4th. Everyone attending the convention must carry own linens, pillow, sleeping bags, towels and flash lights. The camp has beds. This camp apparently is very attractive, since the attendees will have access to private beach and boats.

The cost of camping including two days of lodging and food is \$45.00 per family and \$30.00 per single. You should have got separate package from Siti Kantha Dash giving details of the site & registration formalities. If not, call him at 612-888-9644 (home) or 612-631-8555 (work) to inform that you are planning to attend.

### AGENDA

#### JULY 2, 1982

7:30 am - Dinner  
8:30 pm - Welcome  
9:30 pm - Entertainment Program

#### JULY 3, 1982

8:00 am - Breakfast  
10:00 am - Seminars,  
Youth Programs,  
Essay Contest  
12-2 pm - Picnic  
2-5 pm - Sightseeing/Boating  
6:00 pm - Business Meeting  
6:30 pm - Our contribution to OSA  
7:00 pm - Banquet, Awards

#### JULY 4, 1982

8:00 pm - Breakfast  
9-10 am - Depart

Camp Tanadoona is close to the Chanhassen Diner Theater, Valley Fair, Minnesota Zoological Gardens, Lake Minnetonka, and many other places of interest. July 4th and 5th are holidays. If you have time to stretch, you could drive to mount Rushmore in South Dakota or else you could head back on 4th. July.

It is rumored that Prafulla Kar, the noted singer, will be at the camp to entertain the attendees along with Dhira Biswal. Here are the names and telephone numbers of the reception com-

mittee members. Note that everyone will be at the camp Friday evening. If you need assistance, call the camp directly at 612-474-8085.

Siti Kantha Dash - 612-888-9644  
Rabi Dash - 612-537-1012  
Pranab Chatterjee - 612-535-1299  
Sarat Mohapatra - 612-739-1236  
Durga Panda - 612-631-8555  
Amitabh Sahu - 612-944-1156  
Sudhansu Misra - 612-631-9579  
Sakti Mohanty - 612-738-1655  
Pramila Chetty - 612-559-1217

A souvenir and reference directory is being planned to be published for distribution at the annual convention. Attendees are requested to send their personal data and other articles of interest and any ads to Kalpana Dash, 10201 Wentworth Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55420 as soon as possible.

### SANJUKTA PANIGRAHI

This was her first trip to the U.S.A. and Canada. But she and her troupe have been coming to Europe every year since long time. She has been a favorite of the elite art and dance-lovers of Paris. This year, she was the first dance-performer on stage at the India festival in London, that was inaugurated by Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and that saw such luminaries like Zubin Mehta and Ravi Shankar in the opening concert.

Sanjukta is a phenomenon and watching her perform is indeed an ecstatic experience! One is time-machined to fourteenth century Orissa into one of the Natyamandiras, where such languid movements and rhythmic stepping resounded through the carved ceilings! Till today, these dance postures (bhangis) are recorded through the exotically proportioned figurines, frozen in Orissa's temple walls.

Sanjukta moves gracefully on stage, displaying Orissi's sensuous and lyrical style in combination with the undulations of the torso with precise footwork. The intricate bends of the body, she does with such ease, the tri-bhangi (triple-S bend) being the hallmark in Orissi. For an audience comprising mainly of foreigners, she is adept in explaining the essence of the lyrics to follow along with the Abhinaya (expressions) and the audience (including most of us from Orissa who know so little about this art-form!) really appreciated that. Apart from the acclaim she has received for her masterful technique and interpretations, Sanjukta is renowned for incorporating her own choreography

into the classical dance form.

She presented her dance in many cities across US and Canada, starting out with 6 concerts in California. The most notable was the one she gave in San Rafael at the invitation of Chitresh Das, the well-known Kathak dancer and teacher at the Ali Akbar College of Music. Ustad Ali Akbar Khan was present in the audience and he generously showed his appreciation! Sanjukta presented a solid 4-hour program that also included a dance-performance by the inimitable guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra. She performed in Houston, L.A., Davis, Phoenix, Minneapolis, Detroit, Chicago, Providence, Boston, New York, Nashville, Toronto, Montreal and Ottawa.

Accompanying her was husband Raghunath Panigrahi, a vocalist of super caliber. Raghunath Babu is an accomplished singer of Oriya songs. Guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra vocalized the 'tala' while playing the Mardala. He participated in first 8 programs, after which he had to go back to Bombay for other engagements & was replaced by guru Gangadhar Pradhan of Bhubaneswar. On the violin was the top player of Orissa, Sunakar Sahu (employee of All India Radio, Cuttack). Hemanta Das was the young sitarist. Ratikanta Mohapatra, son of guru Kelu Charan Mohapatra played the mridang.

All her programs were very well-received. The series was organized on behalf of the Hearts and Hand for the Handicapped (HHH), a non-profit charitable organization. Air India honored her by donating four free tickets from India to New York and back. The Los Angeles County Museum of Art provided the group with tickets for internal flights (unlimited flights via Eastern Airlines).

We would like to wish her continued success in future and hope that she comes to U.S.A. and Canada every year; thus spreading the beauties of this most ancient dance form - Orissi - to the North American audience.

## REGIONAL NEWS

### NEW YORK

The New Yorkers had many meetings towards end of last year. There was Kumar Purnima celebration last October in St. Andrews church in Westwood, N.J. Sujit Mohanty came from Buffalo and entertained the audience with many songs. Accompanying him were Pratap Das (Washington) on tabla and Rabi Patnaik (Baltimore) on harmonium. Lata Misra,

Kavita Patnaik, Ashok Das and Sukanti Sahu participated in a chorus 'Kuanra Punhai Janha go'. The program was well-attended and very well liked by all.

Jagat Subudhi stepped down from the presidency of OSA - NY chapter. In his place, Saradindu Misra was unanimously elected as the president. Mihir Das got elected as the V.P., Rabi Ray as the secretary-treasurer, Santosh Das as editor-OSANY. Lata Misra, Prafulla Panigrahi and Mamata Patnaik were elected as executive members.

There was a gala new years gathering of all New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Philadelphia residents and the number exceeded well over a hundred. The unkind winter did not help in terms of many group festivities. However, this summer promises some outing programs. Sanjukta Panigrahi's dance concert on the 22nd. of May was well attended by local Oriya friends.

### TORONTO

Our friends in Toronto and Quebec are looking forward to the annual picnic near Rice Lake during the labor day weekend in September. Sradhananda Mishra is the convener for this year. Sanjukta Panigrahi and troupe performed here on the 12th. of June. This program was sponsored by Prabasi and the Gujarati Association. Local Oriyas gave a reception to the group on the 11th. June at the auditorium in North York Library. Her Canadian programs also included one in Montreal on June 1st. and another in Ottawa on June 5th.

### SOUTH

Almost 600 people turned out to see Sanjukta Panigrahi's dance program in Nashville. Many Oriyas from nearby cities and states did come. The world fair at Knoxville is becoming a big attraction this year and this excuse is alluring many Oriyas to visit the south this summer.

### CALIFORNIA

The annual picnic happened during the memorial weekend in Sequoia National Park near the township of Three Rivers, midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco. Eighty Five (85) people including children attended it (30 families). A local school auditorium was booked for two night's of entertainment.

On Saturday night, the entire program was presented by the young ones. Besides piano play by Sarina Behera, there was tap dance by Sarina, Sahana Behera (daughters of Kirttan/Mamata Behera) and Lisa Mohanty (daughter of Nirod/Dolly Mohanty). A drama titled 'Bharati' was presented by the young ones. This was written by Nirod Mohanty of Huntington Beach and it depicted some glorious historical events in Orissa (that of Dharmapada). Through slides and synchronous song-playing, the events leading to the completion of Konark temple were presented nicely. Meera Mohanty (daughter of Deba/Mamata Mohanty) presented Bharat Natyam. Bunu and Tunu (sons of Hara/Bijoo Misra, Davis) provided skits including Das Kathia. Ramayan's episode of 'Sita Harana' was presented by the children of the Bay area (Atasi and Anup Gantayat, Arati Misro, Lita Mohanty, Mukta Mohapatra, Meera Mohanty), written and directed by Sri Gopal Mohanty.

On Sunday, the entire group went to visit the Sequoia forest which has 3000 year-old trees like the Sherman tree. In the evening, the adult entertainment program was presented for 3 hours. Group songs were presented by both north and south. There was the comedy drama 'Sahitya Chasa', originally written by Phaturananda and dramatized by Deba Mohapatra, who also acted in it. Besides him, Jnana Dash, Om Prakash Agrawal, Prafulla Padhi (visiting from Connecticut) and Sarat Misro acted, providing hilarious entertainment. The family of Deba Ranjan Mohanty presented a song with Babu, the son, playing flute. Rini Mohanty presented Orissi dance. Gopa Patnaik and Rini presented folk dance to the tune of 'Rangabati lo Rangabati'.

The highlight of the evening was a bridal fashion show in which ladies appeared as brides from various states in India. Pre-taped music and voice accompanied them during the walk on stage. The quality of presentation was superb. Participants were, Sweta Padma Dash (Oriya bride), Madhumita Mitra (Bengali), Bijoya Misro (Tamilian), Mamata Mohanty (Rajasthani), Gopa Patnaik (Gujurati), Kasturi Mohapatra (Muslim) and Hema Agrawal (Marwarhi).

The program ended with a group song 'Taapoi', presented by the Bay area Oriyas with Deba Ranjan Mohanty in the lead. Jnana Dash was the master of ceremonies. The programs for both nights were videotaped by Habin Panda. One idea is to circulate it to other centers like New York, Toronto, Washington, etc, so that these groups can feel close to the California group. Similarly other centers can do the same.

This year's picnic was the most-attended and most elaborate. The presence of Mr. and Mrs. Hara Krushna Dash (parents of Jnana Dash) and Mr. and Mrs. Dandapani Patnaik (parents of Surya Pattanaik) made the environment feel more Orissa-like. For next year, Sarat Misro (San Jose) and Kirttan Behera (Los Angeles) were unanimously elected as conveners.

#### ORISSA NEWS

The proposed steel plant at Paradip, most likely, is not going to see the light of the day, despite all the hyperbole showered on the present government by Orissa's public such as, 'leading Orissa in the path of industrial renaissance', etc. Not long ago, the site for the steel plant got changed to Daitari from Paradip. Then, the construction company from U.K., that had the contract to build it, decided not to be involved. They would have obtained a significant loan from European banks while helping another 200 million dollars to flow from other sources towards the steel plant. The reasoning behind this abortion was bureaucratic delays, inconsistent business relationship and above all, decisions taken without consulting the U.K. company (like shifting the location).

This is rather unfortunate and let us hope the government can save face by turning it around! It should be reminded that Biju Patnaik, not the current ministry, was responsible for starting this project.

Here is the opening paragraph of an article titled 'Ministers on the Make', in India Today of January 31st, 1982.

"A young minister is convicted in a theft case. Another is involved in a rape case. A third is chased away from a women's hostel when he is found trying to pick up a girl. Another is allegedly a 'black-listed-contractor', a fifth faces a contempt of court charge, while the sixth faces trial for an election offense of corrupt practices. Yet another is known to have four wives - two legal & two illegal. The litany is unending. This is the chemistry of the Orissa ministry headed by Janaki B. Patnaik who once promised to turn the state into a paradise with a thousand industries in an equal number of days. Instead, in just a year and half, corruption and scandals have mushroomed in the state,

involving ministers, members of their families and henchmen." The article goes on and on, giving details of various ministerial activities.

The article was refuted by the Orissa ministry, as expected. However, India Abroad of New York carried an article by Kuldip Nayar, the famous Indian journalist during March of this year. He lashed out on the extreme corruption, nepotism and lack of moral integrity in Orissa's ministry. Recently, many politicians from Janaki Patnaik's own party have approached Indira Gandhi to take some action against such nefarious activities. Based on what happened to Antulay (Maharashtra), Anjeya (Andhra P.), etc., it seems Orissa's leaders may be approaching the front of the guillotine-queue!

- Recent obituaries - Prof Shibaram Mohanty, Vice Chancellor of Berhampur University; Saroj Chowdhury, chief of the Tiger project at Simlipal and godfather of the late Khairi (tiger); Mahendra Mishra, well-known eye doctor of Cuttack; Krishna Ch. Parida, ex chief engineer of Bhubaneswar, in Ph.D.
- Two movie studios are going up near Barang, between Cuttack and Bhubaneswar. One is government-sponsored and the other one is private.

## LETTER TO EDITOR

### A PROPOSED PURPOSE TO OUR ANNUAL MEETING

It has become customary for the Oriyas in America to meet formally once a year in some city of the United States. A great amount of organization, effort and coordination goes into these meetings with the ultimate aim to get our Oriya friends together for a week-end of fun and food. I am sure a great many derive pleasure and confidence in meeting friends, sharing the food and speaking in Oriya.

As an observer in last year's Oriya convention at Chicago, I found that it was well organized and served the purpose of a good social gathering. The food was good and many got the opportunity to meet the old friends and got a glimpse of Chicago. The usefulness of the meeting pretty much stops here. There was a general body meeting prior to the main dinner, but nothing constructive emerged out of the meeting. I found, although most of us were anxious

to do something good for Orissa, nothing really materialized except the support to bring Oriya movies to U.S.A., a resolution to increase the membership dues and to hold the next Oriya convention in Minneapolis and a resolution to promote scholarships in Orissa. Then we all had our dinner and entertainment. The next day we left Chicago to our respective homes.

I think a convention of so many Oriyas can be utilized in doing something that is more worthwhile. Although we can always go to Orissa or meet Oriyas in this country on a social basis, we should take the opportunity of meeting so many Oriyas at one time by promoting a good cause for Orissa. Such a cause can be the undertaking of a small to medium scale project that can be financed and technically subsidized by the Oriyas in U.S.A. and Canada. Examples of such projects are:

- Excavation of flood causing river beds,
- Establishments of free clinics, patients with leprosy,
- Setting up of a cooperative farm
- Small scale plant for processing cashew nuts which grows well in Orissa.

And so on. We are roughly 500 Oriyas in this country. If all of us make a pledge to contribute 3% of our income, then we can make a tremendous contribution to such projects. To do something for Orissa of a magnitude that will be beneficial to all of Orissa, is more meaningful than to make occasional donations that is temporary and is forgotten in course of time. Such programs can be worked out in coordination with the present administration in Orissa. I urge my Oriya friends to give this idea some thought and discuss it in our next general body meeting in Minneapolis. When we get together with a purpose, we will be more productive and have a satisfied feeling of accomplishment. It does not matter how often we meet, but it is what we do when we meet, that matters.

Sincerely Yours,  
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### VISITORS FROM ORISSA

- Mr. Bishnu Das - to New York, Toronto, etc in June, via London, where he attended a conference. Bishnu babu is a Supdt. engineer at Hirakud and he did his Ph.D. from

U. of Alberta, Canada.

- Mr. Lalit Mohan Das and wife - to San Diego, California to visit their daughter Gopa and son-in-law Purna Patnaik and the two grand-daughters (Jan - April).
- Mr. Hare Krushna Dash and wife - to Morgan Hill, California to visit their son Jnana Ranjan (editor - newsletter), daughter-in-law Sweta Padma and grandson Somesh (January to June).
- Mr. Bijoy Dash - visiting L.A., Minneapolis, Houston, etc. in May-June. He is from Bombay where he works with Damodar Rath, a young Oriya industrialist, promoting export of electronic hardware from India. They have manufacturing facilities at SEEPZ (Santa Cruz Electronics Export Promotions Zone). Both Mr. Rath and Mr. Dash are frequent visitors to USA.
- Mr. Kulamani Mishra and wife - to New Jersey to visit their daughter and son-in-law Sarat Dash (April - August).
- Mr. Biraja Misra visiting USA and staying with brother Debi Misra of Huntsville, Alabama.
- Mr. Danda Pani Pattanaik and wife - to San Jose to visit their son Surya Pattanaik and daughter-in-law Anjalika (May - ).
- Mrs. Golap Patnaik, sister-in-law of Mana Ranjan Pattnayak of Falsington (near Trenton), Pennsylvania is visiting from Rourkela (Feb - July).

#### MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

- Durga Prasad Panda of Minneapolis has been awarded the Harold Sweatt award for technical achievement at Honeywell Corporation for the year 1981. This award is the highest recognition in technical accomplishment by individuals. He is currently a staff research scientist in the signal and image processing area at Honeywell's systems and research center.
- Prafulla Kar, the singer is likely to arrive in the USA in June. along with Dhira Biswal, the Oriya filmi comedian. The grapevine suggested that he will entertain the attendees of the annual convention at Minneapolis. It is further rumored that his programs in various cities will follow the same pattern as those of Akhyaya Mohanty in the summer of 1979. Whoever has this

responsibility is requested to inform (via this newsletter or special dispatch) the details to everyone ahead of time.

- While travelling through Germany in April, this editor met an Oriya doctor Birendra Kumar Das, a long time resident of W. Germany who even did his medical degree there. His wife Gouri is a doctor and graduated from SCB medical college in 1970. They have 2 sons. Recently Birendra Babu decided to go back to India for good, after 21 years in Germany. He will be stationed at Srinagar, Kashmir to become the head of the department of nuclear medicines at the new All India Inst. of Medical Sciences, apparently more advanced than the one in Delhi. Another Oriya in Srinagar is Gour Kishor Das, professor English at Delhi University who was at Harvard U. for six months last year.
- Germany - Krushna Ch. Mohanty lives in Bergish Gladbach, a small town near Cologne with his wife and son Amar. Going to Cologne from Frankfurt is exciting by train, since one moves along the Rhine river, watching the wine country and the castles.  
Then south of Frankfurt, near Boeblingen lives another Oriya Harish Patnaik, an IBMer with his family. Few kilo meters south, near Karlsruhe, lives D. R. Patnaik (Lulu), a metallurgist with wife Lisa and 3 sons. The famous black forest is not far away and is worth a visit.
- Saura Sahu of Washington DC has been nominated for membership in the New York Academy of Sciences. He also received an invitation to send his biography for inclusion in "Who's Who in Frontier Science and Technology" and is a member of the American Association of Biological Chemists.

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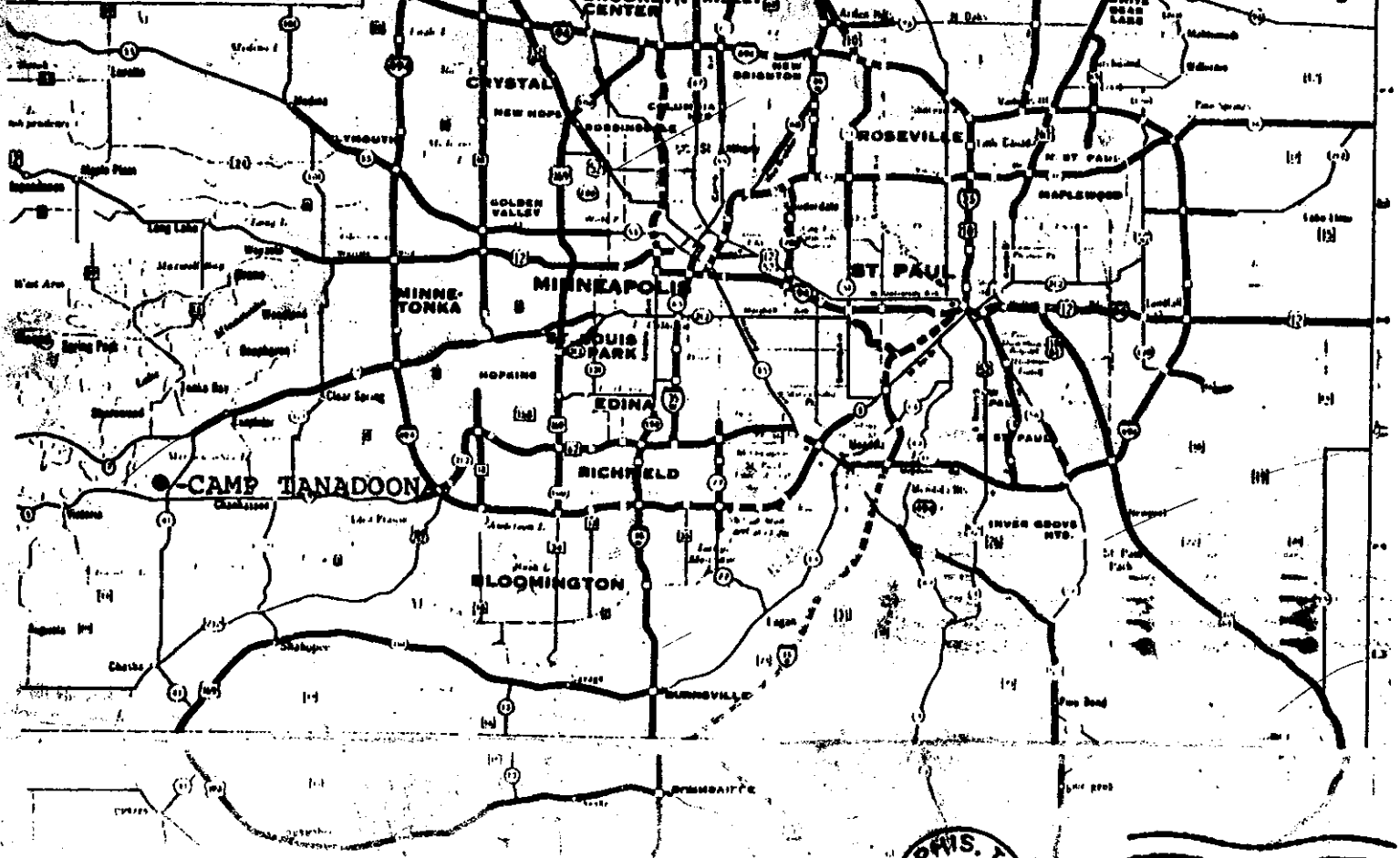
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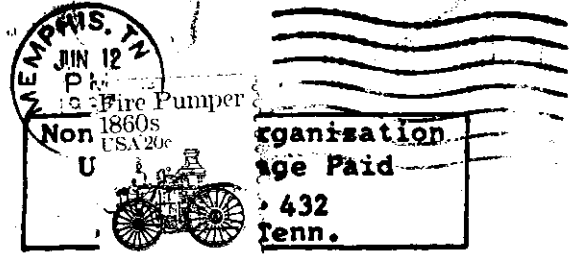


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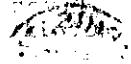
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