

THE OSA NEWS LETTER

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***** THE ORISSA SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAS...NEWS LETTER *****

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

Editorial Comments:

1. New Year's Eve: Beginning of a new year is always a momentous and festive occasion! The old year has just been historised leaving us for reflections and reminiscences & the new year stretches ahead with precious promises & high hopes. Behind everyone's mind, lurks the charmless realisation of advancing age. Like other years, this time, you all must have greeted the new year with pomp and grandeur, with lotsa food and fun! This editor along with our vice-president of OSA from Michigan, speeded on interstate 69 to catch the new year's eve at Indianapolis with Oriya friends. A mere example of many such happy Oriya congregations across the continent. Such meetings have their uniqueness & we so much look forward to them!

2. Reflections, 1975 :

1975 was quite a year! Backhome, notable steps were initiated in the industrial sector. General Tires Corpn. selected Orissa amongst nine other places to set up tire and accessorial plants. Through the satellite SR-6, Orissa will be one of the regions to recieve educational television soon and throughout 1975, All India Radio & TV, Cuttack videotaped hundreds of programs for later showing in rural areas. A TV named "KONARAK" was manufactured in Orissa and it ranked as one of the bests in product quality & exterior design in India. One Oriya actor from Bombay got a national award Another Oriya poet got the Sahitya Academy award. A well-known Industrialis. decided to take a historic step to set up an industry in Canada.

Over here, the lucky ones made their cyclic sojourn to Orissa. Many bachelors decided for matrimony and the ones, left, kept on planning for it all year. Others, in their pleasure trip, came back with optimistic

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impressions that things are looking bright economically. Ladies decided to stay back to consume all four months of the ticket and after coming back, they wished they had stayed longer !

OSA had its annual convention for the first time in Canada during the labour day weekend with very positive outcomes. Regional chapters kept busy in having many social get-togethers. In summary, 1975 was a dynamic year !!

3. This Issue of The News Letter:

A few new inclusions in this issue. OSA president conveys his new year's message to talk on the basic objective and scope of our organisation, plus he comments on couple other topics. We honour Oriya poet Radha Mohan Gadnayak on the occasion of his receiving the coveted Sahitya Academy award, by publishing one of his poems. Feedback from friends after last newsletter's publication is captioned 'Boquets and Brickbats'. We hope this issue will cater to the varied interests of our membership.

Plans are ahead to include a section for children. Ideas regarding this and other possible additions will be cordially welcome by this editor. Finally the editor wishes, on behalf of OSA executive committee, a very happy and prosperous 1976 for all its members and their families.

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LOCATE A FRIEND

A number of newsletters came back due to wrong addresses last time. Sincere friends like Rabindra P. Ray, Saradindu Mishra and Bijoy Mohapatra (all from New York) are currently working towards making an updated directory of Oriyas in U.S. and Canada. Also, they are asking a friendly computer to remember all these addresses, so that we can directly print them on address labels at the time of need. This is a very enthusiastic & systematic approach. But they need co-operation from all. If you take some of your time and make a list of all addresses, you know, and send it to R.P.Ray(62-07 - 84th street, E28, Middle Village, N.Y., 11379) then it would be of great help. Help us to locate our friends and help OSA's growth.

FROM THE PRESIDENT, OSA

My Concept of the Orissa Society of the Americas :

--In a land foreign to us we need the love, advice, help and co-operation of all to exist. While making each other's life more palatable by our association, we need to establish our roots along with other ethnic groups.

--Coming from a different but rich and established religious, cultural and social background, we have to find ways to adopt to the present circumstances. At the same time, we have to keep our religious, social and cultural status as intact as possible and help guide our children to retain and spread the essence of that background.

--Being born in a society where helping others is part of our duty, we have to look back and plan certain socially beneficial and charitable activities at home.

--IN putting these concepts into practice, we have to make others in our new society aware of our religion, our culture and our social values and attempt to bring their active support for these.

To put these concepts into practice, hundreds of means could be proposed, some feasible, others impossible ones to act on at the moment. But we must plan to act on the feasible ones with an eye towards future betterment always. The plans and actions will not come from any single individual, but from all. We all will be proud of our achievements which might be built on some failures as well. With the aim of proceeding in that direction we have done the following.

--We have collected the opinions and ideas of many of our friends via a questionnaire.

--We have a more functional and more involved working committee now than before.

--We have raised the membership fee to meet the expanding cost and activities.

--We have planned to reach each and every friend in a membership drive.

--We have made an attempt to collect up-to-date addresses for everyone.

--We have planned to improve the newsletter so that it becomes the mouthpiece of the organisation and its members.

--We have taken preliminary steps to get the tax deductible status for the organisation in U.S.A.

In the coming months we plan the following:

--Organise and publish an up-to-date directory of Oriyas in N.America.

--Computerise the addresses for ease in mailing.

--Collect data of all individual members to prepare a Who's Who-type publication.

--Take steps to amend the present constitution to meet the I.R.S. requirements (in the U.S.) for tax-deductible status, make eligible all adult members to vote in the election of office bearers, increase the period of officers (not the present ones) from one year to more than a year, so that they can get sufficient time to implement the planned programs and to make other changes to meet the functional demands of the organisation.

--We will organise more active and functional chapters and co-ordinate their activities.

--We will respond to the suggestions of the members in compiling the newsletter for content and look.

--We are planning to get more news from Orissa for our members here.

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--We will also plan to extend our activities to Orissa in the fields of education and charity.

--We will plan on requesting our members to contribute their ideas, that are constructive and feasible with respect to the scope of OSA.

As we know, each of us have very little spare time in our struggle for existence in this country. Things may get delayed, but I am sure, we will at least make sincere attempts to get them done in time. For this, I need the help and co-operation of our friends all over U.S. and Canada.

I am open to healthy criticism and constructive suggestions. Again I wish you all a very happy and prosperous 1976.

Amiya K. Patnaik
President, OSA.

A PLAN FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING (From President, OSA)

As you know, we have an annual meeting every year in summer, usually during the July 4th weekend. These meetings are regional because of the scattered membership. The decisions taken in these meetings are not final as they have to go thro' the general membership.

Suggestions have been made to have the annual meeting organised in different regions on a particular day (in both U.S. and Canada). Regions where no such meetings are possible for lack of sufficient membership, should participate in a nearby meeting. In other words, few chapters should unite to conduct this meeting. One suggestion for the name of this day is 'Utkal Dibasa', but other suggestions as to the name and date are welcome from members. I am outlining a brief plan as to how these meetings can be organised.

--Once we decide to have such meetings, I will contact all local chapters to select a 'host' chapter. Officials of this 'host' chapter will arrange and co-ordinate the regional meetings.

--Prior to the convention day, OSA will send all its member-chapters, the details regarding finance and other activities. Annual report and president's message will also be sent to these co-ordinators in the 'host' chapters, for onward presentation to members in the meeting.

--OSA will send an agenda on subjects in which the opinions and decisions of members are essential. Proposals and agenda submitted by individuals and the chapters will be discussed and resolutions will be passed.

--Resolutions passed on all the subjects will be sent to the president of OSA. The co-ordinators or designated persons present at the meetings will have the responsibility to write the proceedings and to transmit them to OSA president.

--At these meetings, participants will choose next year's 'host' chapter and the co-ordinators.

--The president and the secretary or designated persons will consolidate these resolutions, put them before the executive committee and if needed before the general membership for final decisions. Final decisions will be brought out in the newsletter. Attempts will be made to implement these decisions into actions.

I personally feel that we can arrange such regional meetings and they would serve a better purpose than the single meeting. These meetings will get good feedback from a larger spectrum of the membership. I will like the individual members, officials of different chapters to respond right away, so that the final decisions, date and places could be announced in time for this year's meetings. I will request all to respond to me directly on these points. 1. Approval or disapproval and reasons, 2. Other suggestions on any aspect, 3. Date, name of the day and place, 4. Areas to be included in any region, 5. Who should be approached for this year's meeting.

Amiya K. Patnaik
President, OSA

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

1. *Sudhansu Sekhar Mishra* has moved to Minneapolis, Minn from Clearwater, Florida on a job transfer to Honeywell Inc's headquarters. He helped organise the India Cultural Club in Tampa, Clearwater and St. Petersburg area during the six years of his stay and was its president.
2. *Nirod Chandra Mohanty* has left the State University of New York at Buffalo and joined 'Systems Control' at Palo Alto, California.
3. *Bijoy Kumar Nanda* has arrived in Montreal and joined 'Black, Lawson & Kennedy' as a Mechanical Engineer. Formerly he was at Bangalore, India.
4. *Sirish Chandra Mishra* has left Detroit for Marion, Indiana on a new job with 'General Tires Corporation'.
5. *Pradipta Kumar Dash* has come to the University of Calgary at Calgary, Alberta as a research fellow in Electrical Engineering from Regional Engineering College, Rourkela.
6. *Satyabrata Shaw* has joined 'Supreme Mortgage & Realty Company, Inc.' at Memphis, Tennessee as an accountant after completing his M.B.A. at Eastern Kentucky Univ.
7. *Biswanath Shaw* is now the Dean of Daniel Payne College at Birmingham, Alabama.
8. *Ashok Kumar Mishra* has joined 'Clinton Engineering' at Maquoketa, Iowa after completing his doctoral work in Metallurgy at Brooklyn Polytechnic.
9. *Mahendra Kumar Mishra*, from Bureau of Statistics, Orissa has come to McMaster University at Hamilton, Ontario for post-doctoral research work.
10. *Sribatsa Kumar Nanda*, from Regional Engineering College, Rourkela has come to the University of Calgary, Alberta as a visiting professor in Math Dept.
11. *Rabindra Kumar Rout* has come to the University of Cincinnati on a Ph.D. program in aerospace science, after doing his Master's at the Indian Institute of Science at Bangalore.
12. *Rajani Kanta Mohanty* of Ravenshaw College, Cuttack has come to the Univ. of Calgary, Alberta for research in Chemistry.
13. *Satyabrata Mishra* has joined UCLA at Los Angeles to do post-grad studies in Business since last January.
14. *Shadhananda Mishra* has joined Bell Canada in Toronto, Ontario as a Computer Systems Specialist since October.
15. *Bijoy Kumar Mishra* has moved to Sarnia, Ontario from Burlington, Ont. on a new job with Bechtel Canada.
16. *Surya Narayan Pattanayak* from Indian Space Research Centre, Thumba, has come to University of Moncton at Moncton, New Brunswick (Canada) as a post-doctoral research fellow. He did his Ph.D. from Case Research Inst. Cleveland in 1971.
17. *Sarat Kumar Tripathy* from Delhi I.I.T. has joined Univ. of Calgary as a post-doctoral fellow in Electrical Engineering.

***** OSA welcomes you, all newcomers!!

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18. *Vidya Sagar Pani* from Burla Engineering College has joined Concordia Univ. Montreal for research in Civil Eng. Dept. He had spent 3 years in Univ. of Alberta at Edmonton before.
19. *Rabindra Kumar Patnaik and Ramendra Kumar Bose*, have completed their Ph.D's in Mathematics at State University Of New York at Stonybrook and returned to India to take up faculty positions at Birla Institute of Technology, Pilani.
20. *Deepak Misra* returned to New Delhi after serving as attache to the Indian High Commissioner to Canada (Ottawa) for 3 years. In a letter to this editor *Deepak Babu* has thanked all Oriya friends who had made his stay so pleasant in Ontario.
21. *Hara Prasad Mishra* has moved from University of Alabama to Duke University, Durham, N.C.
22. *Prativa Mohanty* has joined M.I. College, Hollyspring, Mississippi as a reference librarian.

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BOQUETS & BRICKBATS

Antarjyami Nayak (Cambridge, Ont) liked the last newsletter and in a letter to the editor, he has thanked him for mentioning about him and his new precision-grinding industry.

Menaka Thakkar (Toronto, Ontario) communicated via telephone, her appreciation of the newsletter, its visual as well as contextual looks. She has asked to be included in our regular mailing list from now on. *Menaka* is an exponent in Orissi dance (she is from Bombay, but spent 5 years in Cuttack learning Orissi from Guru Kelucharan Mohapatra) and she gave an excellent dance-performance in our annual convention in Toronto.

Bijoy Chandra Das (Charleston, N.C.), in a letter to the editor has commented about the lack of sufficient notice for the convention. He did take a minor issue of an editorial comment in the last newsletter, regarding the origination of OSA by a certain group of Oriyas. (Editor: Besides the people who conceived of OSA, it is certainly a fact that OSA has survived by the interest and keenness of many other Oriyas including *Bijoy Babu*. OSA-type organisations can not thrive on singular efforts at all!)

Pramode Kumar Patnaik (Birmingham, Ala), our ex-editor, wrote in a letter that the overall composition of the news-letter was good and praise-worthy. He liked the inclusion of a poem and suggested to have more of these in future. He also suggested to include a children's section and to have a wider coverage of regional news.

Nityananda Mishra (Boston) wrote to the editor, commending him on the editorial comments in the last newsletter.

In the North-Carolina meeting, the present members (according to *Subas Mohapatra's* letter to the editor) commented on the timeliness of this newsletter's publication. (Editor: The frequency of this newsletter is quarterly. This is the second newsletter under this editor and difficulties have been felt in getting enough news to compile the newsletter in time. If this newsletter is packed with motherhood talks, then its readability will be drastically reduced. Hence timely publication is contingent upon more participation of members in updating news. Let's make an effort then!!)

Boquets and brickbats are nothing but essential feedback from our readers and they are very important in helping this newsletter to meet its objectives. Feel free to send your views on stuffs that are included in these pages. Choose one, whether it be a shining petal or a seasoned pebble!!

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Douglas Schneider of Grand Haven, Michigan has written a new book titled 'Deep The Roots Of Hope', published by Creative Design Books(1697 West Sherman Blvd.,Muskegon,Mich,49441).In Douglas schneider's own words, 'This book is a very positive account of my community development work in Orissa and I believe will be of special interest to the members of OSA.' The author spent many years in Bhawanipatna(Kalahandi) and other places in Orissa and this book relates many experiences, some sad, some happy, some harrowing. Always he was close to the people and 'had a genuine affection for village India'. The author has plans to send autographed copies of the book to OSA members, if they desire to purchase it post paid. For ordering the book, please write in the address given below.

Mr.Douglas Schneider (Price of the book: \$5.95)
428 Clinton
Grand Haven, Mich., 49417

Rabindra Nath Kanungo(Montreal) has written a book on child psychology titled 'Sisu Manara Parichaya' in Oriya. Co-author is Pratima Mishra .This book talks about the mental growth of a child right from birth and it is written in a very lucid style, very appropriate and useful for parents. We have plans to publish portions from the book in this newsletter if possible in future. However, OSA members can contact Rabi Babu for more info.

Also, Rabi Babu has written another book in 1975 along with his Ph.D. student Satrajit Dutta. This book is titled 'Affect and Memory', published by Peragoman press in their experimental psychology monograph series.This book is the result of years of research at McGill University, where Rabi Babu is a professor in the Faculty of Management since 1970. Before coming to Montreal, he was at Ravenshaw College, Indian Inst. of Management(Calcutta), Bombay I.I.T. and at Nova Scotia.

Bansidhar Panda, managing director of Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys at Koraput, is considering to set up a ferro-alloy manufacturing plant in Quebec, Canada in 1976. This proposed plant will be very similar to the one at Koraput. A feasibility study was done by Mr Panda himself and he had talks with Quebec's premier Robert Bourassa and other state officials, who have expressed great interest and encouragement for the project. Rimouski, a small town near the south coast of St. Lawrence river has been selected as the site with excellant port facilities.OSA expresses its congratulations to Bansi Babu in undertaking such a historic step and wishes for great success in this endeavour.

Sadhu Meher, an actor in Hindi movies in Bombay (from Sambalpur, Orissa) has been honoured by a national award recently. He came to hindi films via the president award-winner movie 'Bhuvan Shome', an art film directed by Mrinal Sen (of 'Matira Manisha' fame) and financed by the Film Finance Corporation. Mr Meher did the role of a railway conductor under charges for taking bribes from passengers and he did his role with extreme sensitivity and naturalness.

Radha Mohan Gadanayak, a well-known poet of Orissa has been honoured by the Sahitya Academy in 1975.

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 ବହୁତ, ଗୋପ୍ତିରାଜ୍ୟ, ଏଇ ଶିଶୁ, ଏଇ ଗାନ୍ଧୀଆନ,
 ଏଇ ଝାଡ଼ି, କୃଷ୍ଣଚୂଡ଼ା, ଏ ତରଙ୍ଗ, ଏ ଆନନ୍ଦ ବନାନ,
 ଲୀଳାବତୀ ମହାଶ୍ଵେତା ଗତି
 ଖୋଲା ଦିହେ, ଖୋଲାମନେ କରୁଛନ୍ତି ତହିଁ କା ସ୍ଵାହାସ ।
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 ବିହୁଳ ବକୋର ପରି
 ମଫେନ ଆସବ ପିଇ
 ମୁହୁମୁହୁ ଉଠେ ମୁହିଁ ମାତି ।

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 ଝଡ଼ ଯେବେ ଅକସ୍ମାତ୍ ଆସେ,
 ଅନ୍ଧାରେ ଆଜ୍ଞାନକରି ଏଇ ମୋର ଘର ଚାରିପାଖ
 ବିକଳି ତମକ ମାଗେ, ବହୁ, ତେ ଲେ ପ୍ରଳୟର ଡାକ
 ହୋଉ ହୋଉ, ଘୋଉ ଘୋଉ ବରଷାର ତାଣ୍ଡବ ନୃତ୍ୟରେ
 ଧରି ଉଠେ, ଧରି ଉଠେ ଛାତି,
 ଆମାନିଆ ମନ କିନ୍ତୁ ତାହା ବନ୍ଧ କିଛିମାନେ ନାହିଁ,
 ବରି ନିଏ ଜୀବନର କ୍ରାନ୍ତି ।
 ବିହୁଳ ଉତ୍ତର ପରି
 ଝଡ଼ର ଆସବ ପିଇ
 ମୁହୁମୁହୁ ଉଠେ ମୁହିଁ ମାତି ।

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 ଜ୍ୟୋତ୍ସ୍ନା ଆଉ ଝଡ଼,
 ଆସୁଅଛି, ଆସୁଅଛି
 ପ୍ରୀତି ଆଉ ଭାବିର ମର୍ମର ।
 ପୁଞ୍ଜ ଦୁଃଖ ଅଧ୍ୟାୟର ଜୁଆର ଓ ଭଙ୍ଗା,
 ହସ ଅଶ୍ରୁ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟାୟର କୁସୁମ ଓ କଣ୍ଠା ।
 ସେ ସବୁର ସମ୍ମୁଖରେ ଅଦ୍ଵିଶ୍ରୀମ୍
 ମୁହିଁ ଯୁସୁଧାନ,
 କୁଣ୍ଡାହାନ କଣ ତୋଳି ଗାଏ ମୋର
 ଭାରତୀୟ ଗାନ ।

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 କାଲିକି ସେ ମାମୁଖ୍ୟର ମୁନୁରୀ ଆମୁଡ଼ି
 ସେଥିପାଇଁ ତିର ମୋର ମୁହେଁ ବିଚ୍ଛିନ୍ନ ।
 ନୂତନ ପଥରେ ମୋର କେତେ କା'ଣ କଣ୍ଠିକ ସାମନ,
 ନୂତନ ମୋ ବଗାନରେ ଝଲସଇ ଫୁଲର ଉନ୍ମେଷ
 ନୂତନ ମାଟିରେ ମୋର ମୁଞ୍ଚିତେ ମୁହୁଳ ବଜୁଳ,
 ନୂତନ ଜମିରେ ମୋର ଶିହରଲ ସବୁଜ ବିପୁଳ ।

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 ଶିକୁଡ଼ଳା
 କଥା ହୁଏ ନାହିଁ ତା'ର ଉନଳତା ବନ ଡେହାଣୁ ମହ ।
 ପ୍ରକୃତିର କୋଳେ ଏଠି
 ତକ୍ଷଣାତ୍
 ତାଳି ଆଣିପାରେ ନାହିଁ ମୋର ଆନନ୍ଦ ।

ମୁଁ ଦେଖିବି ଏଠି ବସି
 ସେଇ ଚିତ୍ର
 ଆଗରୁ ଯା ଦେଇନାହିଁ ଦେଖା,
 ମୁଁ ଲେଖିବି ଏଠି ବସି
 ସେଇ କାବ୍ୟ
 ଆଗରୁ ଯା ହୋଇନାହିଁ ଲେଖା ।

**Poet Radha Mohan Gadnayak has been honoured by the Govt. of India's Sahitya Academy Award in 1975. He has written many books in the past two decades, notable amongst them are: Meghaduta (An Oriya translation of the original sanskrit epic of Kalidasa), Gadnayak Sanchayana (a few collection of poems), Kalidasa (a lyrical dramatisation of Kalidasa's love life), Pasu Pakhira Kabya (Poems on well-known legendary animals) and many others. Above poem was written by the author in 1974.

1975..ANNUAL OSA CONVENTION..IN RETROSPECT

The 5th annual convention of OSA was held in Toronto on 31st, August, as scheduled. About 100 people attended this, coming all the way from cities like New York, Boston, Providence (Rhode Island), Harrisburg (Pennsylvania), Dayton (Ohio), Detroit (Mich), Buffalo (New York), Kingston (Ontario), London (Ont), Guelph (Ont.), Hamilton (Ont) etc. Following OSA executive members were present.

1. OSA President: Amiya K. Patnaik (New Jersey)
2. Vice-President: Samar K. Bhuyan (Detroit)
3. Secretary: Rabindra P. Ray (New York)
4. Treasurer: Prasanna K. Samantray (Boston)
5. Editor, Newsletter: Jnana R. Dash (Toronto)
6. Member, Exec. Comm. Menaka Subudhi (New York)
7. Ex-president & Member, Exec. Comm. Gouri C. Das (Boston)

A caucus meeting of the executive members was held before the start of the convention to prepare the agenda for the floor meeting later on.

After the welcome address by convenor Jnana R. Dash, Arjun Purohit was requested to chair the meeting. Then followed a formally informal way of self-introduction of all ladies and gents (Thanks to Rajendra Sarangi's microphone arrangements). President Amiya Patnaik addressed the group and elaborated on the role of OSA and its possible scope in future to serve the Oriyas in North America. Gouri Das gave his views. In this issue of the newsletter, we do include our President's views, same as he partially expressed during the convention. Discussions were touching on issues like membership fee, OSA budget plans, control and tracking of membership, more participation by members in OSA's activities, getting Oriya artists to North America etc. By a floor vote, it was decided that the membership fees would be fixed at \$5.00 for single & at \$10.00 for family. Jagat Subudhi, Arjun Purohit gave their views on organisational restructuring of OSA. Beside the membership issue, all other topics were at a discussion level without an attempt to have final resolutions, mainly because of the fact that the convention did not have a majority of the OSA members.

After the meeting, there was food, a phenomenon we must include. Then the entertainment program started with an old familiar bhajan by Bijoy Misra (Sarnia), accompanied in tabla by Pramod Patnaik (Oakville). Jini Mohanty (Hamilton) gave a short Orissi dance number. Menaka Thakkar, who is a professional dancer resident in Toronto, was the main attraction of the evening. She danced splendidly to the rhythm-recitals of guru Kelucharan Mohapatra, to the expert violin melody of Bhubaneswar Mishra and to the mellifluous vocals of Rakhal Mohanty. All these, mingled with Menaka's footwork and exquisite facial expression, made the Orissi dance numbers, an unforgettable episode.

* ANNUAL CONVENTION..(Contd.)

Jay Mohanty(Dayton,Ohio) did a skit about different accents in U.S.A. taking place in a base-ball game situation. Shaila Panigrahi(Buffalo) sang a Orissi song. The last song was a modern oriya song by Jnana Dash.

This was the first time that an OSA annual convention was held in Canada. It had a very positive outcome. Most of the Canadian Oriyas learnt a bit more about OSA as an organisation and got a chance to meet many other Oriyas from the other side of the border. One could see small groups trying to remember their common friends, many refer-backs and links, and above all it brought back a few hours of nostalgia of a marriage-like get-together of backhome. By the time everyone thought of departing, outside was having a shower by a late-August downpour.

Pramode Patnaik(Alabama) wrote to the editor to propose Raleigh, N.C. as the site for next year's convention.

A MEETING AT CARY,N.CAROLINA..

On the same day of the annual convention in Toronto, there was a meeting of some OSA members at Cary, North Carolina. The present members(Vice-president: Manindra Mohapatra, Exec. Member: Sudhansu Mohanty, Ex-editor: Pramode Patnaik, Subas Mohapatra,N.C.; Mahendra Mohanty,Tenn; Purna Mohanty,Ga;Haraprasad Misra,N.C.; Dwarikanath Nayak,Va; Krushna Satapathy, N.C.; Satyabrata Shaw,Ala; Pradeep Patnaik,N.C.; and Digambar Misra, Ala) called this day 'Utkal Dibas' of 1975. Following were its main features.

. A proposal was accepted to decentralize the annual meeting of OSA, so that the meeting can be held simultaneously at various places in U.S.A. and Canada. This would enable more members to participate without having to travel enormous distances.The new name for the annual meeting is proposed to be 'Utkal Dibas'.

. It was proposed to explore if the general fund of OSA can be used equitably in various regional chapters to carry out various programs.

. It was felt that nobody other than the elected treasurer of the OSA should accept contributions from the members.

. Proposed that the newsletter be published at regular expected intervals. Following other topics were discussed.

. The OSA should build or rent a house in a suitable city in USA for use by Oriyas visiting that city upon payment of a reasonable fee. The house should be named 'Utkal Bhavan'.

. The OSA should build a temple in New York City.

. The OSA should order for Oriya records and books for its members.

The proposals have been forwarded to OSA president Amiya Patnaik for the response of the Executive committee.

Response of OSA President (To the Cary Meeting)

Following is the response of OSA president to the issues proposed at the Cary meeting, outlined in the same order as in the previous page.

1. Decentralization of the annual meeting: Appears elsewhere in this issue.
2. Chapters and Financing : The fees collected by the central organisation are limited at the moment and they are spent on items where all members are involved, such as the publication of this Newsletter, mailings etc. The current aim is that regional chapters should meet their own financial needs. In the next executive committee meeting, we shall discuss and plan the account keeping system for all the branches.
3. The Collection of Membership fee: From a questionnaire survey of members, it was confirmed that the general consensus was to increase the annual membership dues to \$5.00 for single members and \$10.00 for family members. This was discussed at the annual convention also. Hence the present fees are fixed at this level. Henceforth, only the treasurer, OSA will receive all the membership fees. We have also planned a membership drive to get all our friends become members and pay their fees.
4. News letter in time : All efforts are being made to publish the news letter in time, but greater co-operation of all members can only help us do it. In the questionnaire, a number of friends have come forward to function as reporters and this will be useful in the future. I feel members should input their views on general topics of interest, topics for children, chapter news etc at a regular pace. Only with a combined effort, we can have timely publication.
5. House and Temple: We had some discussion in last OSA New York meeting regarding the feasibility of maintaining a house and having a temple. At the present time, we did not find it feasible for both.
6. Books and Records : It is a feasible proposition, but difficult to handle, mainly due to lack of time. With volunteers coming forward to help in this regard, this could be carried out. We should explore this idea further.

There were few other items on which Comments were given. Interested members may contact me for details.

Amiya K. Patnaik
President, OSA

PROUD PARENTS

- Mr and Mrs Sirish Ch. Mishra (Marion, Indiana) have a daughter SONALI MISHRA.
- Mr and Mrs Ashok K. Mishra (IOWA) are proud parents of their newborn daughter.
- Mr and Mrs Pramod K. Patnaik (Oakville, Ontario) are proud parents of a son named 'DEVRAJ'.
- Mr and Mrs Pramode K. Patnaik (Alabama) have a daughter in last May, named Aradhana, nicknamed RIPA.

LIFE MEMBERS IN OSA

Following are the names of the life members of OSA.

1. Bhabagrahi Misra
2. Bimal K. Mohanty, Dayton(ohio)
3. Krushna M. Das, New York
4. Pramod K. Mohanty, Richmond(virginia)
5. Amiya K. Patnaik, New Jersey

Besides the above names, following members have promised to become life-members.

1. Jagat M. Subudhi, New York
2. Pradeep K. Patnaik, North Carolina
3. Subhas C. Mohapatra, North Carolina

President OSA has thanked the above members who have taken(will be taking) this initiative in becoming life-members of the society. Others are welcome to join. The money paid by the life members will be kept in fixed deposits, so that a source of constant income is established thro' interests.

Next issue of the newsletter will carry a list of all who have paid their annual membership fees for the current year. General views regarding this should be directed to the president, OSA in the following address.

Amiya K. Patnaik
503 Bryant Place,
Rivervale, New Jersey, 07675 or call 201-664-5259.

THE ONTARIO ORIYA PICNIC

For the Ontario Oriyas, it was picnic time again in September, 75. This was the 4th. year in succession that this picnic was held in grandeur and this time's rendezvous was the picturesque rice lake with its panoramic greenery all around. About 50 people from places like Toronto, Oakville, Guelph, Hamilton, London, Cambridge, Burlington, Buffalo(N.Y.), Kingston and Montreal, attended this.

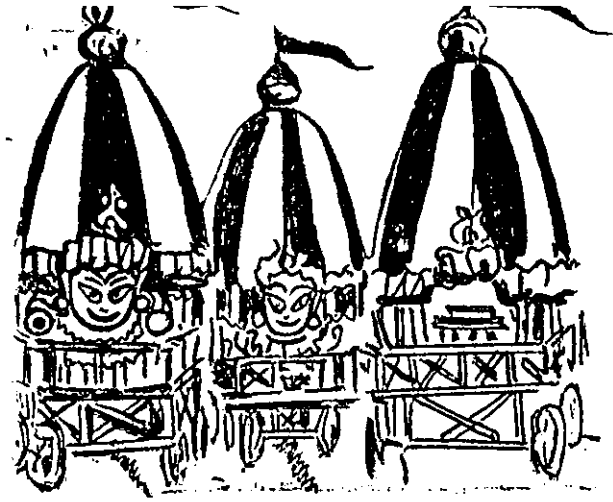
There were children's programs, musical extravaganza around a night-long bonfire, adult games and many indoor and outdoor activities over a period of 2 days. The managing director of Indian Metals and Ferro Alloys, Koraput, Mr Bansi Dhar Panda and wife Mrs Ila Panda were guests from Montreal.

The executive committee for the coming year was selected with these members.

1. Hara Narayan Padhi, 2. Deba Narayan Pattanayak, 3. Om Prakash Mohapatra,
4. Suratha Rao, 5. Dula Mishra and 6. Minati Pattanayak.

PEOPLE ON THE MOVE (Addendum)

23. Rabi Narayan Dash, from R. Engineering College, Rourkela, has joined Univ. of South Dakota at Brookings on a Ph.D. program.
24. Amitabh Sahu, from Phillips India Ltd., has joined Univ. of Minnesota on an MBA program
25. Bharat C. Nayak, from R. Engineering College, Rourkela, has come to Univ. of Texas at Austin, Texas for Ph.D. in Civil Eng..
26. Prabhat K. Kar has joined Ontario Hydro at Toronto after completing his Ph.D. in Electrical Eng. at the University of Waterloo, Ontario.



THE OSA NEWS LETTER

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***** THE ORISSA SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAS...NEWS LETTER *****

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C A N A D A

Editor's Say:

1. HOW MANY ARE WE?: *Very often we keep asking each other this question and the numbers quoted range from 50 to about 1000 depending on where the conversation is taking place. We do have some facts now, thanks to the remarkable efforts of our friends in New York city to assemble an up-to-date directory. We have close to 300 addresses now, of which about 65 are from Canada and the rest from the U.S.. But these are only the addresses as obtained through the efforts of O.S.A. officials by writing to many friends in various regions. It is believed that there are at least 100 more, whose addresses have not been communicated to us. We request our friends to help us in telling us about new arrivals and about friends, yet unexplored by our organisation.*

This directory has been found very useful for visiting folks from Orissa and for our members during their trips. The benefits to O.S.A. need not be over-emphasized!!

2. Sadhu Meher: *He is the first Oriya to be acting in major roles in Hindi movies from Bombay and that's not all. He has, in a short span of time, reached the pinnacles of his career by receiving the 'Bharat' award for best acting by an actor from the President of India. This award was based on his sensitive portrayal of a handicapped person in the film 'ANKUR', with Shabna Azmi as the lead actress. Incidentally, both Mr. Meher and Shabna Azmi were graduates from the film institute at Poona. Mr. Meher is from Sambalpur town. His success in the national scene has prompted Oriya movie-makers to land him with an ambitious role in the near future.*

Mr. Meher is acting in a Bengali film 'Mrigayaa', written by an Oriya author Bhagabati Panigrahi and directed by Mrinal Sen (of Matira Manisha fame). We wish Mr Sadhu Meher more success in his acting career.

- *Sarada Prasad Mishra* has moved from Nashville, Tennessee to Knoxville, Tennessee to start his private practice as a medical doctor.
- *Debendra Nath Behera*, who was at Hamilton, Ontario, has moved to Ottawa after spending a year in West Germany.
- *Subhendra Deb Mohanty* from the Michigan State University at East Lansing, Mich. will be going to the Institute of Physics at Bhubaneswar, for 4 months starting September of this year.
- *Nalini Kanta Hota*, has moved from Toronto to St. Jean, Quebec on a new faculty job with the Royal Military College.
- *Dhiren Das*, a medical doctor, has arrived in New York from London, England to start his residency program.

Visiting Oriyas this Summer

- Mr. and Mrs. *Laxmi Narayan Patnaik*, in-laws of Prof. Rabi Kanungo visited during last winter for 4 months, and have gone back to Cuttack now.
- Mr. and Mrs. *Gati Krushna Mishra*, former chief justice of Orissa High Court, are visiting North America now. Their eldest son *Debi Prasad Mishra* is a doctor at Washington D.C. and younger son *Biraja Mishra* is at Montreal, Canada.
- Mr. *Sradhakar Supkar*, Member of Parliament from Sambalpur, Orissa is visiting the U.S. and Canada now. He is staying with his son *Rajendra Supkar* at Chicago.
- Dr. *Surya Kanta Dash*, a professor at Utkal University at Vani Vihar is visiting now the U.S. and Canada.
- Dr. *Sadasiv Mishra*, former vice-chancellor of Utkal University and professor of Economics, will be visiting the U.S.A. this summer on behalf of the Rotary Club.

**** The O.S.A. welcomes all of you, newcomers as well as visitors for a pleasant and memorable stay in this continent. ****

MATRIMONIALS

- *Om Prakash Mohapatra* (Toronto) got married to *Jaya Mishra* of Puri on March 8th.
- *Surya Narayan Patnaik* (Los Angeles) married *Anjali Mohanty* of Bhubaneswar.
- *Prafulla Kumar Padhi* (Boston) married *Rajalaxmi Padhi* of Bhubaneswar.
- *Deb Narayan Pattanayak* (Toronto) got married to *Anuradha Rout*, daughter of Ravenshaw College principal *Mahendra Rout*, on May 2nd.

**** Congrats, all you newly weds, from O.S.A. ****

LIST of MEMBERSHIP (Contd.)

54.	Ray, Rabindra P.	New York	Family
55.	Rath, Ranjit K.	Cincinnati	"
56.	Rath, Sura Prasad	New Orleans	Single
57.	Rath, Girija Shankar	Maryland	Family
58.	Sahoo, Maheswar	Kingston, Ont	"
59.	Sahu, Rama Saran	New Jersey	"
60.	Samal, Prasanna	Columbia, Md.	"
61.	Samantaray, Prasanna K.	Boston	"
62.	Sarangi, Sunil K.	Pasadena, CA	Single
63.	Shaw, Satyabrata	Memphis	"
64.	Satpathy, P.	Washington D.C.	Family
65.	Satapathy, Krushna Mohan	Burlington, N.C.	"
66.	Subudhi, Jagat M.	New York	****PATRON****
67.	Dash, Bibhuti	Toronto	Single

It is a pleasure to announce that Dr. Jagat Subudhi from New York has taken the lead in becoming the first 'PATRON' of O.S.A. Also, Dr and Mrs. Subudhi have promised to donate a Oriya Type-writer to O.S.A. and they have offered to pay half the cost of a 'Loud Speaker System' for the New York chapter of OSA. The other half will be paid by Dr and Mrs Krushna Mohan Das of New York. O.S.A. is proud of these generoud offers from Dr. Subudhi and Dr. Das.

We also like to welcome our new life members Mr. and Mrs. Prakash Patnaik from Washington and Dr. and Mrs. Rabi Kanungo from Montreal.

It is certainly hoped that more of our members will come forward to become life members and patrons of the society in the coming months. Its only the continued interest of our members that will make our organisation a healthy one in this continent.

REMEMBER YOUR FESTIVALS ?

Car Festival (Rathayatra)	- June 29th.
Deva Snana Poornima	- June 12th.
Jhulana Poornima	- 9th. August
Janmastami	- 17th. August
Bali Trutiya	- 23rd. August
Ganesh Pooja	- 28th. August
Radhastami	- 1st. Sept.
Ananta Brata	- 7th. Sept.
Mahalaya	- 23rd. Sept.
Dasahara Puja	- 29th. Sept. to 2nd. Oct.
Kumar Poornima	- 7th. Oct.
Kali Puja	- 22nd, Oct.
Prathamastami	- 15th, Nov.

WHO's WHO

According to the president of O.S.A., there are plans to publish a Who's Who for all Oriyas in the U.S. and Canada. In the near future, a letter asking for your bio-data and other pertinent informations will be mailed out. This will cover only those, who are in our mailing list now. It will be nice if our members can help us to update our directory, by sending us addresses that we do not have. To help them do this, a copy of the latest directory will be sent to all members in the near future from New York.

Our president would appreciate if members will send their bio-data promptly after receiving the letter. It is generally believed to be a very useful publication, for OSA and its members.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER: (FROM PRESIDENT OF O.S.A.)

From now on, I shall be communicating to our members through this section of the newsletter. I shall be writing the current affairs of O.S.A. to inform our membership as well as to solicit their comments and reactions. I shall appreciate if our members like this idea and please let me know any other suggestions in this regard.

1. ANNUAL MEETING: *In the last newsletter, we proposed to hold this year's annual meeting in different regions on a particular day. Accordingly, we have planned the following regional meetings.*

1. Southern Region: comprising of the southern states. Contact: Mr. Pramode K. Patnaik.

2. New York Region: comprising of areas from Washington D.C. to Maine.

Contact: Dr. Amiya K. Patnaik.

3. Chicago Region : comprising of Illinois and states around it.

Contact: Dr. Surya K. Mishra

I request and hope that our friends in other regions will plan similar regional meetings. It is not the number of regions that matters, but it is important to have the maximum participation of our members.

I have fixed the 'LABOUR DAY' week end (Sept. 4-6th.) for this purpose, since other weekends do not seem suitable this year.

An annual report including a financial statement and a general agenda concerning OSA will be sent to the organisers, for discussions in their respective meetings. Besides these, each region will be discussing matters more pertinent to them and they should send any recommendations to the president for follow-up action. Please plan the meetings on Labour Day week end now and advise me accordingly.

2. Membership Dues: No organisation can exist without the support of its patrons. We have assumed and correctly so, that all Oriyas and people with an interest in Orissa, are the patrons of the Orissa Society of the Americas, and will become its paying members. But the list published in this issue of the newsletter does not bear testimony to our assumed theory. I do not believe that so many of us do not wish to become members, but we seem to have neglected or we have not been properly reminded to send in the dues.

As an organisation, we may not be doing enough to encourage our friends to pay their dues. But, we, the organisers are also hardpressed for time and consequently do not have enough time to do so. We certainly need the co-operation of all our members. About 300 of us, share the benefit from the news letter, the directory of our friends and the medium that OSA creates to know each other better. It is only fair that we also share the cost and acquire better benefits.

I have written to some of my personal friends all over U.S. and Canada. I am also sending out individual requests to our friends, who have not paid their dues for the current year. Please send in your dues promptly and also send your suggestions for future activities, that O.S.A. should undertake.

(Membership dues: Single- \$5.00, Family - \$10.00, Life - \$100.0, Patron - \$200.00, to be sent to Treasurer, O.S.A. Mr. P.K. Samantaray, 47 Royal St., Allston, Boston, Mass. 02134)

3. Expenses in the Annual Meeting

It appears to be the belief of some of our friends that we spend from the general fund of O.S.A., for meeting the expenses of our general meetings. Fortunately, I have been associated with all the meetings held so far and I wish to clarify that except the last one (1975 at Toronto), all other meetings met their own expenses without touching the general fund. In some meetings in the past, we even had a surplus which went to the general fund of O.S.A.. Last year, we had a shortage of \$50.00, which was paid by the general fund. We hope that, regional meetings will raise their expenses this year.

BITS AND PIECES

- Our friends from New York city did a remarkable thing recently. They got half-an-hour time-slot in a local radio station and played few Oriya records by wellknown oriya singers.

- A Buddhist Vihar has been found to be existing near Konarak temple, in a village in Puri district, by the Archeological society. Initial estimates date this back to the 11th. century A.D..

- Orissa is without a governor now after the resignation of Ali Akbar Khan. The chief justice of India is the functional governor until a replacement.

- Early retirement has been given to the well known political science prof. of Utkal University, Dr. Sriram Chandra Dash.

- First Oriya film was produced in 1936, in the wake of making sound films in regional languages. Movies in languages like Punjabi, Sindhi, Rajasthani etc were done after 1936.

- 1975 saw only 3 oriya movies released compared to much larger numbers in Bengali, Telugu, Tamil etc. Main hindrances are, lack of studio facilities in Orissa, lack of adequate government support to finance new productions since private parties are very much limited. An increase in the rate of production is projected.

***** Do you have any bits and pieces?? Fire them to the Editor. *****

TALCHER THERMAL POWER PROJECT (an overview)

On June 9th. of this year, the chief minister of Orissa Mrs Nandini Satpathy laid the foundation stone of the Talcher thermal power station expansion project, which envisages addition of two more 110 MW units. Existing four units of the power station has an installed capacity of 250 MW.

Highlights: Planning Commission cleared the expansion project in 1972.
Present Approved Cost: Rs. 72.26 crores.
First unit scheduled to be commissioned in 1978.
Second unit will be commissioned 6 months later.

After Completion in January, 1979

Total Installed capacity of Power generation in Orissa: 1014 MW.
This is the new output compared to the present output of 7.94 MW.

Coal Supply: 0.72 million tons/year from Talcher Coal mines.

Additional high tension transmission lines under construction between Talcher & Rourkela, Chainpal & Choudwar, Jajpur & Paradip, will provide extra outlets for transmission of power.