



# The Viewpoints

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## ANMA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN CHICAGO

The executive committee of the Association of Nepalese in Midwest America met in Dr. and Mrs. Padam Paudel's residence in Chicago on August 13, 1988. The meeting was presided by Sharda Thapa (President) and attended by Padam Paudel (Past President), Ram Bashyal (Past President), Surya K. Sharma (Vice President), Jagdishvar Devkota (Treasurer), Raj Rathi (Secretary), Prahlad Pant (Member), and Vijaya Paudel (Member). In addition, Mohan and Vijaya Shrestha from Bowling Green, Ohio, Nirakar and Pat Thakur from Toledo, Ohio, and Sohan Khativada from Chicago attended the meeting. Several important decisions were made at the meeting which are briefly reported below.

ANMA will organize the annual Dasain (Vijaya Dashami) celebration in Bowling Green, Ohio on Saturday, October 22, 1988. Mohan and Vijaya Shrestha, and Nirakar and Pat Thakur will be the local hosts for the celebrations. The festivities will begin at 5:00 P.M. All Nepalese and their friends and families are cordially invited to join the celebrations. (Please see page 6 for more information about the Dasain celebrations.)

ANMA will donate \$200 to an education project in Nepal. This amount will be distributed in Nepal through Mr. Michael Rojak, a prominent social worker from Canada, to partially support the school project that was initiated by him in previous years. The contribution will be made from the ANMA Education Trust Fund that currently has \$773 in its collection.

The executive committee agreed to the concept of the creation of a proposed umbrella organization to coordinate the activities of Nepalese associations and societies in North America. The proposal was presented by Dr. Prahlad Pant in the form of a position paper authored by him and distributed to all executive committee members earlier last month. ANMA will evaluate the details of the proposal in the coming months and has agreed to send their representatives to the proposed meeting of all Nepalese associations and societies in North America to be held at a mutually convenient place and time in the future.

Mr. Sharda Thapa reported that Dr. Dinesh Koirala is preparing a draft of revised by-laws for ANMA. Dr. Koirala will present the draft to the executive committee at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in Bowling Green, Ohio in October, 1988.

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This issue of "The Viewpoints" has been sponsored by Drs. Dilli and Meena Thapa of Troy, Michigan, both long-time friends of ANMA. They have become the first sponsors of "The Viewpoints" since we established "The Viewpoints Fund" in June, 1988. Dilli and Meena live in Troy, Michigan with their two children - Deepak (5 years old) and Geeta (3 years old) - and sister Anju. ANMA appreciates their contribution to "The Viewpoints Fund" and hopes for their continued support in the future.

### Welcome to the United States, Dr. Sainju

Dr. Mohanman Sainju, Vice-Chairman of the National Planning Commission (NPC) for the last six years, was appointed as the new Nepali Ambassador to the U.S.A.

Prior to this, he was member of the NPC. Before entering the NPC in 1976, Dr. Sainju was with the Tribhuvan University.

Dr. Sainju, 48, was born in Palpa. He did his M.A. in Economics from Tribhuvan University and completed Ph.D. from the U.S.

Dr. Sainju has participated in a number of international meetings and conferences.

(Rising Nepal, July 17 and 19)

ANMA cordially welcomes Dr. Sainju to the United States and wishes him success and happiness. ANMA hopes to have a pleasant and mutually rewarding relationship with Dr. Sainju and the embassy staffs during his tenure in this country.

### News From America-Nepal Society

We have learned that the following persons have been recently elected officers of the America-Nepal Society based in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Pramila Poudel - President  
 Steve Allen - 1st Vice President  
 Swayambhu Tuladhar - 2nd Vice President

Saroj Prajapati - Treasurer

Nancy Chhetry - Secretary

Our congratulations and best wishes for a successful year.

The America-Nepal Society, established 26 years ago, is the oldest Nepali organization in America.

### Important Dates to Remember

Sept. 3 (Bhadra 18) - Janmastami  
 Sept. 14 (Bhadra 29) - Haritalika Tij  
 Oct. 11 (Asvin 25) - Navaratri begins  
 Oct. 20 (Kartik 4) - Vijaya Dashami  
 Nov. 9 (Kartik 24) - Deepavali, Laxmi Puja  
 Nov. 11 (Kartik 26) - Bhai Tika

### Thank You:

Our sincere thanks to the following families for becoming life members of ANMA:

Mr. and Mrs. Krishna Nirola of Potomac, Maryland

Dr. and Mrs. Bishnu Poudel of Vienna, Virginia

Dr. and Mrs. Mohan Shrestha of Bowling Green, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. Nirakar Thakur of Toledo, Ohio

### Congratulations:

Our sincere congratulations to Ravi Tripathi and his proud parents, Laxman and Sulochana Tripathi of Winnipeg, Canada on Ravi's receiving sacred thread during the Bratabandha ceremony held on July 4, 1988.

### Condolences:

Our condolences to Mrs. Purna Dibyashwori Pradhan, Subarna and Cecilia Pradhan and their families in Nepal and the United States on the untimely and sudden passing away of Mr. Tripurbar Singh Pradhan in Chicago on July 1, 1988. He was 66.



Mr. Pradhan was our honorary guest speaker at the ANMA Annual Meeting in Carbondale and none who were there will forget his inspiring speech on freedom and his concluding comments on how the torch was being passed on to a new generation.

Mr. Pradhan was a political worker and social reformer who firmly believed in the Gandhian principle of

non-violence. In his quest for democracy and personal freedom he sacrificed nearly nine years of his life to imprisonment of which nearly three years were during the Rana regime. He was for sometime the general secretary of the Nepali Congress Party and also was a Minister (Education, Health, and Transport) in 1954. In recent years, he was actively involved in the Gandhi Memorial Trust of which he had held the posts of vice-chairman and secretary.

Since January, Mr. and Mrs. Pradhan had been visiting their son Dr. Subarna Pradhan and his wife Cecilia in Chicago. His sister Rami was also on the visit. Mr. Pradhan's other children (three sons and two daughters) were in Nepal at this sorrowful occasion.

We, ANMA and all the Nepalese in the U.S., extend to Mrs. Pradhan and the family our most heartfelt condolences and pray for the departed Mr. Pradhan who was first and foremost a Nepali patriot.

### A Sudden Death In A Family

By Ram Bashyal

Life does not always treat us the way we like.

Recently, we came face to face with a problem on which we had no previous experience in this country -- a sudden death in a family.

The grief ridden family needs a lot of support from the people around. Somebody has to make necessary arrangements for removing the body from the hospital or home and for cremating it. Hindus like the body to be cremated as early as possible. After cremation, what do we want to do with the remains? It is illegal in this country to dispose off the remains in a river or similar place without prior authorization.

We like to have a small ceremony before the cremation. We need a Pandit (priest). But where do we find him? Ask your friends or ask Ramakrishna Mission, Hare Krishna

Temple or any Hindu organization in the area.

After talking to different funeral homes in the area, I found that it is difficult to make all arrangements at a reasonable price. The price ranged from \$1,000 to \$10,000.

There is a organization called "United Cremation Society of America" which promises to cremate the body within 24 hours. In addition, they will do the following:

1. Remove body from the place of death;
2. Body placed in a suitable container as required by the law and crematory;
3. Secure permit from medical examiners;
4. Pay medical examiner's fee;
5. Secure state permits;
6. Transfer body to crematory;
7. Cremate;
8. Deliver remains to the family.

The cost quoted to me was \$1095.

If you do not want the remains to be delivered to your family, they will make arrangements to store it for \$25 for one year. Other arrangements also can be made at a reasonable price.

If the family wants to perform the last rites before the cremation, the priest has to be provided by the family.

Their toll free number to call for finding out what can be done in a particular area is 1-800-252-8272. The service is available in 50 states of the United States.

### Test Your General Knowledge

Compiled by:

Vijaya Paudel and Raj Rathi

Here is a "quiz" for you. There are 10 questions in this quiz to test your general knowledge. Answers are printed somewhere in this newsletter. Try your answers and score one point for each correct answer. If you answered all questions correctly, consider yourself a "genius". If you scored between 7 and 9, you are an "above average". If you answered

between 4 and 6 questions correctly, you are an "average". Less than 4 on your score board, well, we leave it to you. No, don't turn to the answers before you tried them all. Here are the questions:

1. Where was the first Hindu Conference held and when?
2. What is Nepal's national flower?
3. What zone in Nepal is Jumla located?
4. What is the height of Mt. Everest?
5. How many stars and stripes are there in the U.S. flag?
6. What is the smallest (in area) member country in the U.N.
7. What is the total land area of Nepal?
8. When did King Birendra take over as King of Nepal?
9. How many administrative districts are there in Nepal?
10. When was ANMA founded and who was its first president?

## NEWS FROM NEPAL

Two sensational news have come out of Nepal since the publication of the June, 1988 issue of "The Viewpoints": (1) The arrest of Ex-Minister and National Panchayat Member (NPM) Hem Bahadur Malla on charges of corruption and (2) attempts of no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Marich Man Singh Shrestha in the National Panchayat. Press excerpts of the two events are provided below in chronological order.

### Hem Bahadur Malla's Detention

The Commission for Prevention of Abuse of Authority (CPAA) initiated action against NPM hem Bahadur Malla on the charge of having allotted timber in an irregular manner at the time when he was Minister of Forest and Soil Conservation. It demanded a security deposit of Rs. 75,806,788 in consideration of the value of the timber, as well as fines and penalties. Malla was unable to furnish the deposit. He was,

therefore, taken into custody. (Gorkhapatra, May 26)

In an interview to the Deshantar Weekly, Basudev Sharma, Chief Commissioner of CPAA, denied any political motive behind the recent action against former Minister Hem Bahadur malla. He claimed that investigations had started at the time when Malla was still a minister, and that CPAA had actually directed the Ministry of Forest and Soil Conservation not to obey his orders. Malla had challenged the validity of rules restricting the Minister's powers in that manner. (Deshantar Weekly, May 29)

In an interview at the Dilli Bazar jail, Hem Bahadur Malla denied that he had acted in contravention of the law in any way, or indulged in corruption. He maintained that orders signed by a Secretary could not be binding on a Minister. He blamed commissioner Basudev Sharma for taking "action of a vindictive nature against a loyal and patriotic citizen like me." Malla also said that the sole purpose of the action was to enable the Prime Minister to forestall a censure motion at the upcoming session of the National Panchayat. (Arati Weekly, June 2)

Former Minister Hem Bahadur Malla was reported to have filed a writ petition at the Supreme court claiming that the CPAA action in placing him in detention was unjustified, irregular, and unlawful. At the National panchayat, several NPMs raised objections to the manner in which NMP Hem Bahadur Malla had been placed in detention. (Gorkhapatra, July 5)

The Supreme Court had issued a show-cause notice to CPAA in connection with a writ petition filed by NPM Hem Bahadur Malla who is currently in detention. The Chief Commissioner of CPAA, Basudev Sharma, sent a reply to the Supreme court stating that there was no provision under which CPAA could be questioned by any court in connection with any action taken by it. He also made it clear that the concerned files could not be sent to

the Supreme Court since CPAA activities were confidential. (Daily Diary Weekly, July 11)  
Stay tuned .....

#### No-Confidence Motion Against P.M.

A no-confidence motion against Prime Minister Marich Man Singh Shrestha was registered at the National Panchayat on June 28. It was proposed by NPM Sri Prasad Budhathoki and seconded by 52 NPMs. (Naya Nepal, June 29). It contained the following five charges against the Prime Minister: (1) Corruption and financial irregularities; (2) Undermining the morale of Panchas and formenting dissensions among them; (3) Neglect of royal directives; (4) Formenting social dissensions and undermining national unity; and (5) Failure to give proper momentum to the basic needs program. (Saptahik Nepali Awaj, July 1)

On June 26, NPM Rajeshwar Devkota declared that he would resign his membership of the National Panchayat if any elected NPM, other than members of the Council of Ministers, expressed support for the Council of Ministers. Not a single NPM took up the challenge on that day. The next day, only two elected NPMs did so. (Matribhumi Weekly, June 28; Saptahik Awaj, July 1)

The National Panchayat held a meeting in camera for about 45 minutes on July 6 at which the Chairman Navaraj Subedi reportedly told the NPMs that he was not in a position to permit a debate on the no-confidence motion against P.M. Shrestha which had been registered at the National Panchayat. (Samaj, July 7) Later, the Chairman sent a letter to the proposer of the motion, NPM Budhathoki, maintaining that the motion was "more subjective than objective." (Naya Nepal, July 7). He also told a correspondent of the Samaj (July 7) that the motion had failed to state the grounds on which it had been registered.

On July 11, the Samaj published the names of 32 NPMs who were said to have withdrawn their support for the no-confidence motion against the

Prime Minister. The report raised a furor in the National Panchayat. Several NPMs who had been named by the Samaj denied that they had withdrawn their support for the no-confidence motion. (Gorkhapatra, July 12)

According to the Arati Weekly (July 14), Chairman Navaraj Subedi had cancelled the no-confidence motion because 30 or 32 among the 53 signatories had submitted petitions to His Majesty pleading that there should be no debate on the motion in the interest of Pancha unity. According to the Weekly, the Prime Minister had leaked the names of these NPMs to a local daily through the Minister of Communications with the intention of "exposing them in their true colors."

NPM Fatte Singh Tharu announced at the National Panchayat on July 13 that preparations were underway to register another no-confidence motion against the Prime Minister. (Gorkhapatra, July 14).

Stay tuned .....

#### Other News From Nepal

##### Tourism

The number of foreign tourists visiting Nepal increased from 223,331 in 1986 to 248,080 in 1987. Among the 248,080 tourists who visited Nepal in 1987, as many as 205,604 came by air. They included 83,671 by RNAC, 80,208 by Indian Airlines, and 23,883 by Thai Airways. (Rising Nepal, May 22)

##### Contraband Gold Seized

On June 9, the Tribhuvan International Airport Customs seized 194 kg of gold, worth about Rs 100 million, from a British Gurkha Chartered RNAC flight from Hong Kong. This was said to be the biggest ever gold haul in Nepal, exceeding the 133 kg of gold since July 1987. (Rising Nepal, June 11). According to the Samaj (June 12), four persons have been taken into custody.

##### "Bimarsha" To Resume Publication

The Central Regional Court nullified the decision taken by the Ministry of

Communications on October 9, 1986, to cancel the registration of Bimarsha Weekly. The action had been taken because the Ministry objected to a poem by NPM Rup Chand Bista which had been published in the paper. According to the Editor and Publisher, Keshav Raj Pindali, the Bimarsha Weekly would resume publication soon. (Saptahik Nepali Awaj, June 17)

**Increased Salaries**

The new budget presented by the Finance Minister contains an allocation of Rs 630 million for increasing the basic salaries of employees of the Civil Service, the Royal Nepal Army, and the Police Force by about 25 percent. (Gorkhapatra, July 9). The estimated revenue of Rs 9300 million during 1988-89 includes a sum of Rs 600 million to be raised through new tax measures.

**Miscellaneous**

— His Majesty appointed Major General Bharat Keshari Singh as Nepali Ambassador to the United Kingdom. (Rising Nepal, June 1)  
--Nepal was elected unopposed as a member of the United Nations Commission on Human Settlement (Habitat) at a recent meeting of the U.N. Economic and Social Council held at New York. (Rising Nepal, June 2)  
--Nepal and the United Nations signed an agreement at New York regarding the establishment of the UN Regional Center for Peace and Disarmament in Asia at Kathmandu. (Rising Nepal, June 10)

**Answers To The Quiz on Page 4**

1. Kathmandu, Nepal in 1974
2. Rhododendron
3. Karnali Zone
4. 29,028 feet
5. 50 stars and 13 stripes of white and red
6. Vatican City
7. 54,363 square miles
8. 1972
9. 75
10. 1982, Padam Paudel

**Let Us Celebrate Together**

Vijaya Dashami is coming soon. As we mentioned on page 1, ANMA will celebrate Vijaya Dashami in Bowling Green, Ohio on Saturday, October 22, 1988. We are very fortunate to have Mohan and Vijaya Shrestha, and Nirakar and Pat Thakur host the happy occasion. The program for the day is as follows:

- 5:00 P.M. -- Puja, Dashara Sloka, Tika, and Social Hour  
(Coordinator: Vijaya Shrestha)
- 7:00 P.M. -- Dinner  
(Coordinators: Pat Thakur and Mohan Shrestha)
- 8:30 P.M. -- Cultural Program  
(Coordinator: Dilli Thapa)

Donation:  
\$10 per adult  
Children (12 and under) free

For more information, please contact The Shresthas (419-352-5984) or The Thakurs (419-385-0543). In Detroit, call Sambhu and Sabita Pant (313-534-8598) or Dinesh and Indira Koirala (313-553-9187). In Chicago, call Padam and Usha Paudel (312-3235156) or Sharda and Wendy Thapa (312-935-6481).

To help The Shrestha and The Thakurs organize the occasion, please fill out the following information and mail it by October 10, 1988.

-----Cut along this line-----  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

How many in the party?  
Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Children \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need accomodation?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes", arrival day \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail it to:  
Mohan and Vijaya Shrestha  
625 Lafayette  
Bowling Green, OH 43402

# Nepalese Associations: Where Are We Going?

(Part 6)

About a year ago, "The Viewpoints" initiated a "debate" on the organization, structure, and working of Nepalese associations in the United States. In recent months, Nepalese culture has emerged as an additional item for the "debate". We are very pleased with the enthusiastic responses received from our readers.

"The Viewpoints" will continue to provide a common forum for expression of ideas on important topics concerning the Nepalese community in this continent. Please contact the Editor if you wish to receive a copy of the previous articles in this series.

We invite you to send your views on these topics for publication in the October, 1988 issue of "The Viewpoints". Please send your responses to the Editor by September 20, 1988.

Editor

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## Mr. Khim Sharma's Views:

### A Critical Appreciation of The Views on Nepalese Culture

I would like to thank the Editor of "The Viewpoints" for providing a forum for expressing our views on Nepalese culture, which can be defined as the total way of life held in common by the Nepalese people including such features as ideology, behavior, livelihood, technology, and government. A number of authors have previously expressed their views on many aspects of Nepalese culture in "The Viewpoints", but it was Dr. Srijana Bajracharya who made the best coverage of the components of culture described above.

The discussion on Nepalese culture was initiated with the publication of Mr. Sukhdev Shah's article in February, 1988. The highest point of Mr. Shah's article was its ability to call a spade a spade to the Nepalese culture. The lowest point was that it portrayed a humiliating and degrading picture of Nepal. Dr. Bajracharya's views on Nepalese culture came as a strong reaction to Mr. Shah's materialistic explanation of Nepalese culture. The article by Dr. Bajracharya, which argues for the spiritual basis of Nepalese culture is much more optimistic and scholarly than that by Mr. Shah. But Dr. Bajracharya has over-defended her spiritual interpretation; she has exaggerated the Nepalese culture and degraded the Western culture. For example, it makes no difference whether one dies from AIDS as a consequence of unsupervised and unlimited sexual freedom and drug use as described by Dr. Bajracharya or from tuberculosis as a result of malnutrition, poverty, and poor sanitary conditions as described by Mr. Shah. To me, death from either cause is painful and unwelcome. "Individualism" which is portrayed as a bad thing by Dr. Bajracharya is not as bad as it seems. In my opinion, individualism offers opportunity for self dependency and, therefore, it is productive. Regarding the culture, even though there are many fine qualities in our culture, the resistancy of the culture to change with time, to adopt newer ideas and, therefore, to assimilate into the global socio-economic system is the most serious weakness of our culture. To sum up, both authors have failed to present a balanced view of the eastern and western culture, and, therefore, the material and spiritual basis of culture.

Dr. Manoranjan Dhaubhadel's views, which appeared in the June, 1988 issue of "The Viewpoints", are as pessimistic as those of Mr. Shah. Both authors have portrayed a bad economic situation of Nepal in terms of per capita income which is in the neighborhood of \$150, crowding in urban areas, and poor sanitary conditions. Both authors agree that the interest of our leaders in individualistic gains and the absence of concern among the leaders for people's fate are the major obstacles in the economic development of Nepal. In Dr.

Bajracharya's views, our unpleasant historical background, unfavorable geographical location, lack of adequate natural resources, and illiteracy and ignorance among the people are the major factors in the slow economic development of Nepal.

In my view, there are many factors other than those pointed out by the previous authors. One of them is the regional imbalance in economic structure. It is because most capital investments are made in urban areas and Terai where the conditions for capital to grow faster are met. High rural-urban migration which brings undesirable side effects in both the rural and urban areas is the consequence of this kind of regional imbalance in capital investment. The uncontrolled migration from India of the unskilled and semi-skilled labor force and the gradual replacement of the less skilled and less productive Nepalese labor force is another contributory factor in the staggering economic development of Nepal. This "silent invasion" of Nepal by India is our worst fear. Other factors include our poor industrial base, declining agricultural productivity, depleting natural resources, inadequate development of power, poor transportation network, poor sources for internal revenue, heavy reliance on developed countries and bilateral organizations to operationalize our economic plans, and the concentration of wealth and power among certain groups of people. An abstract international factor - namely, an unbalanced global economic situation designed by advanced capitalistic countries to serve their own interests - is also an important factor in the slow economic development of a peripheral capitalistic country like Nepal. All these factors work together to produce a synergistic negative effect on the economic development of Nepal. Keeping into account all these factors, it would be a very difficult job to design an economic policy that can bring miracle in just a few years.

I must say that we the Nepalese in North America are among the most educated and most well-off population of Nepal. But unfortunately, apart from exchanging a few views and attending a few annual meetings, which we have been doing for our own pleasure and happiness, we have done nothing for Nepal and its people. In other words, we have done nothing in which our people can take pride.

In the June issue of "The Viewpoints", I had made a suggestion for the creation of a trust fund which can be used to support Nepalese students in Nepal or in North America. I hope, ANMA has given it a serious thought. Additionally, I would like to make two more suggestions. First, I like to request the editorial committee of "The Viewpoints" to provide a forum for expressing practical and concrete recommendations for the economic development of Nepal. Second, I like to request the committee to send a complimentary copy of "The Viewpoints" to the Vice-Chairman of the National Planning Commission in Nepal for a possible consideration of the recommendations.

Khim Sharma  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Do you have any questions, comments, or suggestions about "The Viewpoints"? Please drop a line to Dr. Prahlad D. Pant.

Are you getting "The Viewpoints" regularly? If not, please drop a line to Dr. Jagdishwar Devkota.

Has your address changed? Please send your new address to Mr. Sharda Thapa.

(See elsewhere in this issue of "The Viewpoints" for Dr. Pant's, Dr. Devkota's, and Mr. Thapa's addresses.)



### An Interview With Ananta Pandey

(Ananta R. Pandey is a junior business economics major at Central State University in Edmond, Oklahoma. A few months ago, he was interviewed by Kathy Fletcher, a student writer for the campus newspaper "The Vista". Excerpts from the interview are given below.)

Ananta Raj Pandey, the first Central State University student from Nepal, was excited to view the Statue of Liberty from the plane when he landed in the United States.

"But," he said, "although the statue impressed me, I soon saw the real world of America."

The real world that Pandey talked about is the world of slums that is soon evident to New York city visitors.

"I was totally surprised," he said.

"In Nepal we only see good things about America, like weird Hollywood news. We see nothing about slums."

Of New York City where he has spent summers working as a waiter, he says, "It was a good place for travel, but not to live."

Of CSU he says, "I heard that the business school was good, so I gathered information, liked it, and decided to come here."

According to Dr. Ron Paddack, international student advisor, Pandey is the first student from Nepal to attend CSU.

"I think he is a nice young man and will be a good addition to our campus," Paddack said.

The biggest change for Pandey from Nepal to America was the food. The cuisine of Nepal for him was primarily rice and dal. His first American food was the hamburger.

Another change Pandey was forced to become accustomed to in the U.S. was discrimination.

"I have to understand it because it is the unfortunate nature of human beings," he said. "It used to bother me a lot, but it seldom bothers me now. If I am discriminated against, it is their problem, not mine."

Ananta's parents, Dhruba and Jana Pandey, live in Kathmandu which is where he, the youngest in the family, was born in 1966.

"They (my family) are proud of me, but at first they were a little scared about me coming to America," Pandey said.

"The people in Nepal don't know anything about the hard life here - they think it is all glamour with no poverty," Pandey said.

He continued, "The young people of Nepal are fascinated with everything American, from movies and cigarettes to hairstyles. There is a craze for America. People in Nepal think you can come here and get a good job and have a good life. It is not fully correct. I saw the real America - no survival without hard work."

"Americans are real outgoing, friendly and free," he said. "They are straightforward people, and I like that."

### Do You Know Your Executive Committee?

The following is a list of the ANMA executive committee members. If you have any questions or comments about ANMA activities, please contact them.

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Additionally, the following past presidents are ex-officio members of the executive members:

Padam Paudel (312-323-5156)

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Ram Bashyal (312-383-7761)

### Is A Penny Saved A Penny Earned?

There is a popular saying that "a penny saved is a penny earned". This must have been true at times when a penny was worth "something", but not any more. The buying power of a "penny" is just a "penny". To test the validity of the popular saying, I started collecting all the pennies I received. I did so for a year. Then one day I wanted to dispose them all off. I took them to a grocery store, but the sales lady gave me a weird look. She politely suggested that I should count my pennies and stack'em up. So I did. It took me a minute and a half to count 50 pennies, stack them up, and put in the covers. Then I had to carry them to the store again. Assuming that an average working American professional makes about \$36,000 a year (national average) i.e. \$18 an hour, or 30 cents a minute, it cost me 45 cents just to count 50 pennies. That is, my 50 pennies were only worth 5 cents! Besides, I had to carry them to the store to redeem and experience the snorting eyes of the sales lady. Needless to say, I decided to give away the pennies that I receive as change to "The Blind Association Fund" or to a local hospital charity. Such collector boxes are often placed in many stores. But I soon did discover that, of course, "A Hundred Dollars Saved Is A Hundred Dollars Earned."

Raj Rathi,  
Past Editor, "The Viewpoints"

### Send Vijaya Greetings Through "The Viewpoints"

The next issue of "The Viewpoints" will be printed and mailed before Vijaya Dashami which falls on October 20, 1988.

We encourage you to send greetings to your friends, relatives, and the Nepalese community in North America through "The Viewpoints".

Please place an advertisement in "The Viewpoints".

Your contribution will go directly to "The Viewpoints Fund" as explained on page 11.

Please contact Dr. Dinesh Koirala or Dr. Jagdishwar Devkota as soon as possible.

The deadline for receiving advertisements, news, and articles for publication in the October, 1988 issue of "The Viewpoints" is September 20.

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Please contribute to the "The Viewpoints Fund".

Please help your newsletter by sending news, articles, and other items of interest to the Nepalese community.

## "The Viewpoints Fund"

Dear readers, we need your help.

First, as you may have already known, "The Viewpoints" will be published six times per year. Now you can expect to receive "The Viewpoints" in your mailbox on alternate months of the year. That is, you will have a more frequent access to news about Nepal and the Nepalese community in the American continent than ever before.

However, our financial resources are limited.

Our major costs consist of: (1) printing, and (2) mailing. The editors provide free services.

We need your help to cover the printing and mailing costs. Hence we have created a special fund called "The Viewpoints Fund" to channelize your contributions. Any amount that you can contribute to "The Viewpoints Fund" will be utilized exclusively for the publication of "The Viewpoints".

You can help us in three different ways:

- (1) By making a cash contribution  
Cash contributors will be recognized by publication of their names in "The Viewpoints".
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We will keep you updated on the status of the fund by publishing the total amount collected in every issue of "The Viewpoints". (Total amount collected as of August 10, 1988 is \$50.)

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Please send your cash contributions, advertisements, and sponsorships to:

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