

## NOTES & TOPICS

### KALACHAKRA TANTRA

The learned paper by Biswanath Banerjee makes it clear that Kalachakra Tantra made its advent in India two decades before the birth of Atisa Dipankara (982 AD). This Tantra was thus already known in India when Atisa was a monk in Vikramsila or Nalanda and was reputedly visiting Suvarnadwipa. There is therefore, no question of Atisa having not known or preached Kalachakra Tantra in central Tibet in the last ten years of his life (1044-1054 AD). This article should set at rest the recent controversy raised by some scholars that Atisa was not aware of Kalachakra Tantra. The undersigned was shown (1956) the spot in Trag Yarpa where Atisa had given sermons on Kalachakra Tantra for a number of days. The Kadampa (and later Gelugpa) tradition that Atisa was the principal figure in expounding Kalachakra Tantra in Tibet, no doubt, record a historical fact.

### THE DALAI LAMA'S ADDRESS

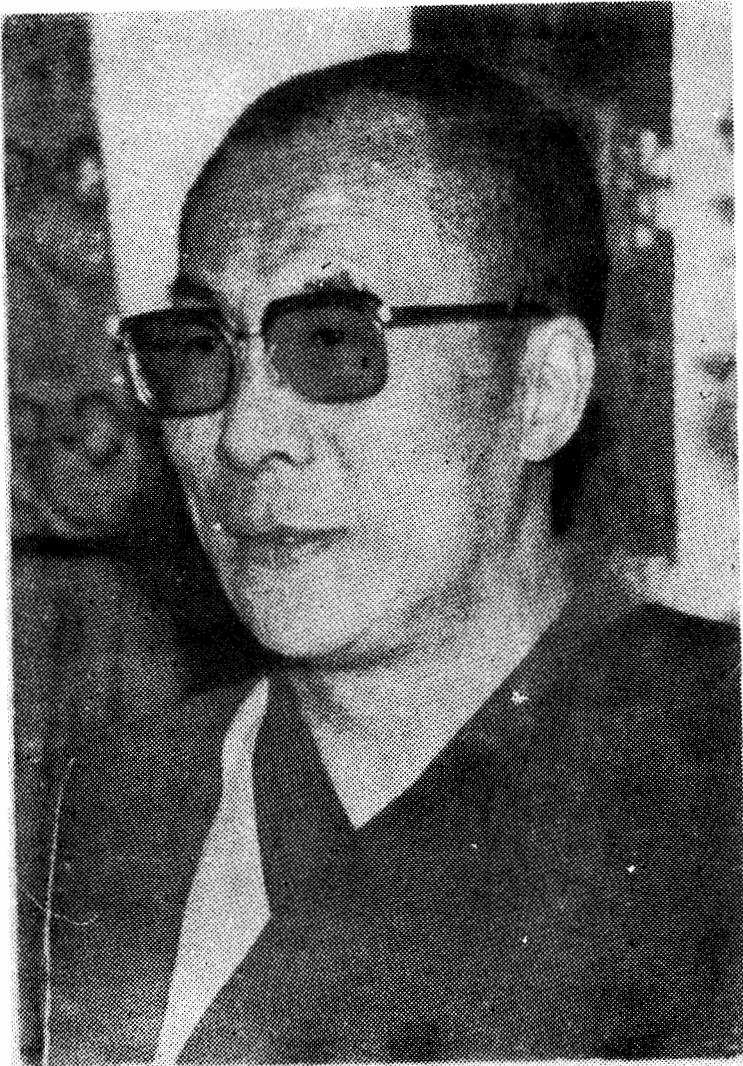
The Dalai Lama's Address (15 June 1988) and the Washington Congressional Announcement (21 September 1987) of His Holiness The Dalai Lama are reproduced below from official releases in this number of the Bulletin.

The two documents are recorded on the individual responsibility of the undersigned. This record here is not on account of the great importance of the documents in the present context but for their contents relating to past history and civilization of Tibet.

In the Strasbourg Address, The Dalai Lama traces the beginning of the Tibetan Nation to 127 B.C. The Dalai Lama also affirms that "religion constitutes Tibet's national identity." The same sentiments were expressed earlier in the Congressional Announcement of 21 September 1987.

The undersigned proposes to contribute in the next issue of the Bulletin his own findings as a student of history on the two statements of His Holiness.

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