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Russia, Count Jean Tolstoy, formerly Minister of Public Instruction.

Spain, Mr. Morat, Deputy, ex-Prime Minister, leader of the Liberal Party.

Sweden, Senator Ernest Beckman, of the Executive Committee of the Interparliamentary Union.

Brief Outline of questions on Present Condition of Islam.

- A. Formal worship. Nos. attending mosque services compared with pre-war days. Nos. attending medressehs.
- B. Mystical religion, the present appeal of dervish orders to Turks.
a. Any change of interest of dervishes in their own fraternities. b. any additions to the ranks from outside.
Cf. questions below re Bektashis.
- C. Reforming tendencies. Any evidence of this of any sort either in way of increase in preaching in mosques, or attempts at more effective religious education, or of actual aggressive defense of Islam against attacks of western learning.
- D. Conversions. Instances of conversion or near-conversion, with analysis of important factors in influencing toward Christianity.
- E. Employment of women. Are Moslem women seeking employment in industries outside the home more than in pre-war days? in what capacities, and in what numbers?

Questions on Bektashis.

1. According to information available how many Bektashis are there? Geographical distribution of these? (Give figures particularly for your own locality)
2. How is the Bektashis order organized? Requirements for initiation, stages or degrees in the order?
3. What is the history of the order?
4. What are their religious doctrines? how different from orthodox sunni Islam? What is their theory of the Trinity, Allah, Muh., Ali?
5. What are their moral teachings?
6. What forms of worship do they practice?
7. What costumes are worn?
8. Are Bektashis of some classes celibate?
9. Are the Tahitajis related to the Bektashis? Give any information available regarding the Tahtajis, hist., nos., rel. and ethical practices, and attitude toward the recent war.
10. What attitude was taken by the Bektashis toward the late war, the Armenian deportations etc?

N.B. Can you send any pictures illustrating the Bektashis and their customs, their sacred places etc?

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