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2. In 1946 Anarigka Govinda, a German national who became a Buddhist, and his Indian wife led an expedition to Tsaparang in west Tibet. This expedition was for the purpose of viewing Tibetan art and Govinda's sketches have been published in the "Illustrated Weekly" in Bombay.
3. The Third Danish Expedition to Central Asia, which had completed its coverage with the exception of Tibet and Sikang, tried unsuccessfully to get permission to enter Tibet from 1949 through 1951. Tibet withheld its permission because the leader was HRH Prince Peter of Greece and Denmark. Tibet, certain that it was to be occupied by the Chinese Communists, feared that the Chinese would punish Tibet if it approved an expedition led by Prince Peter since the US was aiding Greece. Tibet felt that the Chinese would accuse Prince Peter of spying for the US in Tibet.

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