

Afghanistan in the 1960's

An aerial photograph of a rugged mountainous landscape in Afghanistan. The terrain is arid and brownish-grey, with numerous ridges and valleys. A winding road is visible in the lower-left quadrant, curving through the valleys. In the foreground, a large, dark, rocky peak dominates the right side of the frame. The sky is blue with scattered white clouds. The overall scene depicts a high-altitude, mountainous region.

Salam Alaikum

Lourdes and Jim deMaine



Historical Invaders

The Graveyard of Empires

- Darius I, Alexander the Great , Mahmud of Ghazni, Genghis Khan, and Arab conquerors

USSR

Afghanistan 1919

CHITRAL

Herat

Jalalabad

Landi Kotal

Kabul

Kohat

AFGHANISTAN

Peshawar

Thal

WAZIRISTAN

Kandahar

Wana

Spin Baldak

Chaman

Quetta

Indus River

PERSIA

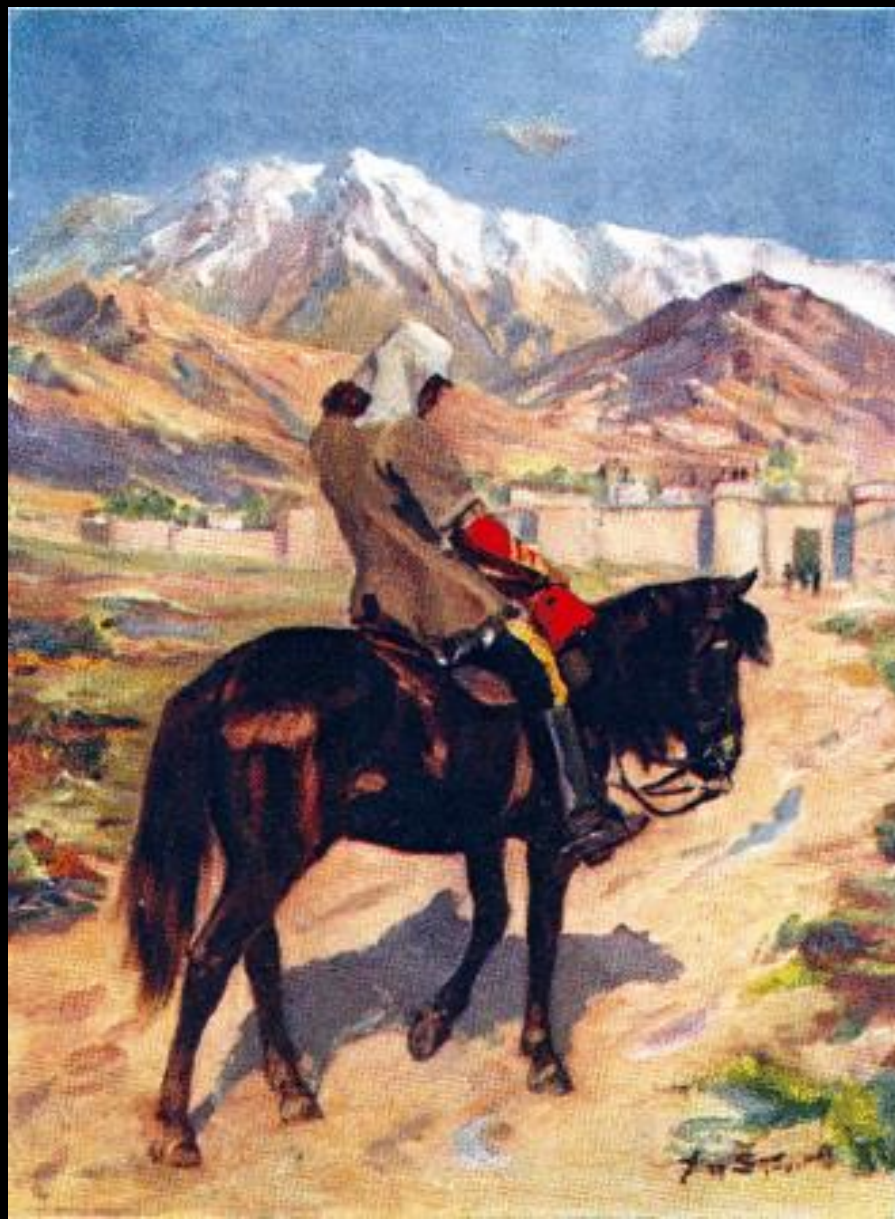
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The Great Game

Russia vs England

- Britain invaded Afghanistan in 1838–1842, 1878–1880, and 1919–1921.
- The British unsuccessfully attempted to annex Afghanistan to protect their Indian empire from Russia.



Lone Survivor --Victorian artist Lady Butler
Retreat from Kabul in 1842

The Last King

- Mohammad Zahir Shah was the last King of Afghanistan, reigning from 1933 until he was deposed 1973.



The Soviet Invasion

- The Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan in 1929, 1930, and 1979 -- 1989 (while the USA secretly supported the mujahedeen). (U.S. Ambassador “Spike” Dubs abducted and killed in 1978).
- Osama Bin Laden sets up headquarters in eastern Afghanistan in the 90’s.

The United States Invasion

- The United States invaded Afghanistan in 2001 in response to the 9/11 attacks—staying for **20 years!**
- The Taliban returned to power in 2021 after overthrowing the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

1959 Lourdes, an RN, travels from her native Philippines to New York to study and work

1962 Hired by CARE-MEDICO to teach nursing in Afghanistan.

“Where’s that?”









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R & R in Kashmir



Summer 1962

Med student (Jim) shows up for the summer
Invites Lourdes to a dance at the Kabul
International Club

Then it's off to Lashkar Gah to work

















Lack of public health

- Ascaris Lumbricoides (round worms)
- Amoebiasis
- Cholera
- Giardiasis
- Polio
- Tuberculosis
- Smallpox
- Perinatal and childhood mortality





U.S. AID STAFF HOUSE



3000 year
old Fort

Qala-e-Bost Arch — 11th century



An aerial photograph of a large, ancient brick archway in a desert landscape. The arch is supported by a smaller, square structure on its right side. The surrounding area is arid and sandy, with some sparse vegetation and a line of trees in the distance. The archway has a decorative pattern on its side and a smaller arched opening at the base of the support structure.

Arch now supported
to prevent collapse

Street scenes in Kandahar

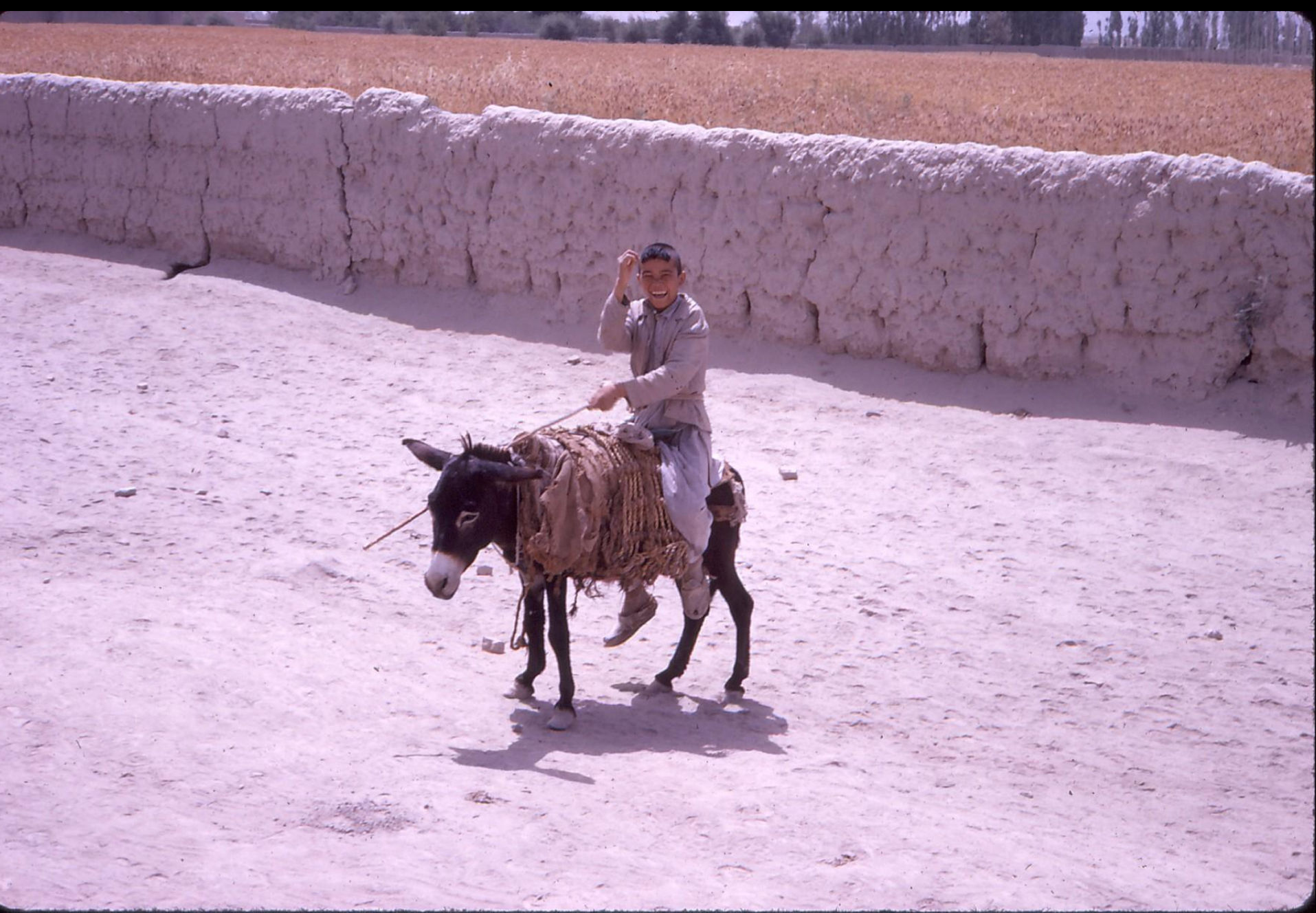


















Kandahar Airport

Engaged after two months!

Jim returns to med school in August '63

Lourdes returns to USA in December '63

Married in PA in May 1964

They return to Afghanistan July '65-'67

Jim an officer in the USPHS

Assigned to the Peace Corps









دسوی امریکائی خدمتگار
United States
Peace Corps



Kabul Street Scenes













Hazara Wedding





Buzkashi is Afghanistan's national passion

Traditionally played with the body of a
beheaded goat fought over by incredible
horsemen

King Zahir Shah in attendance

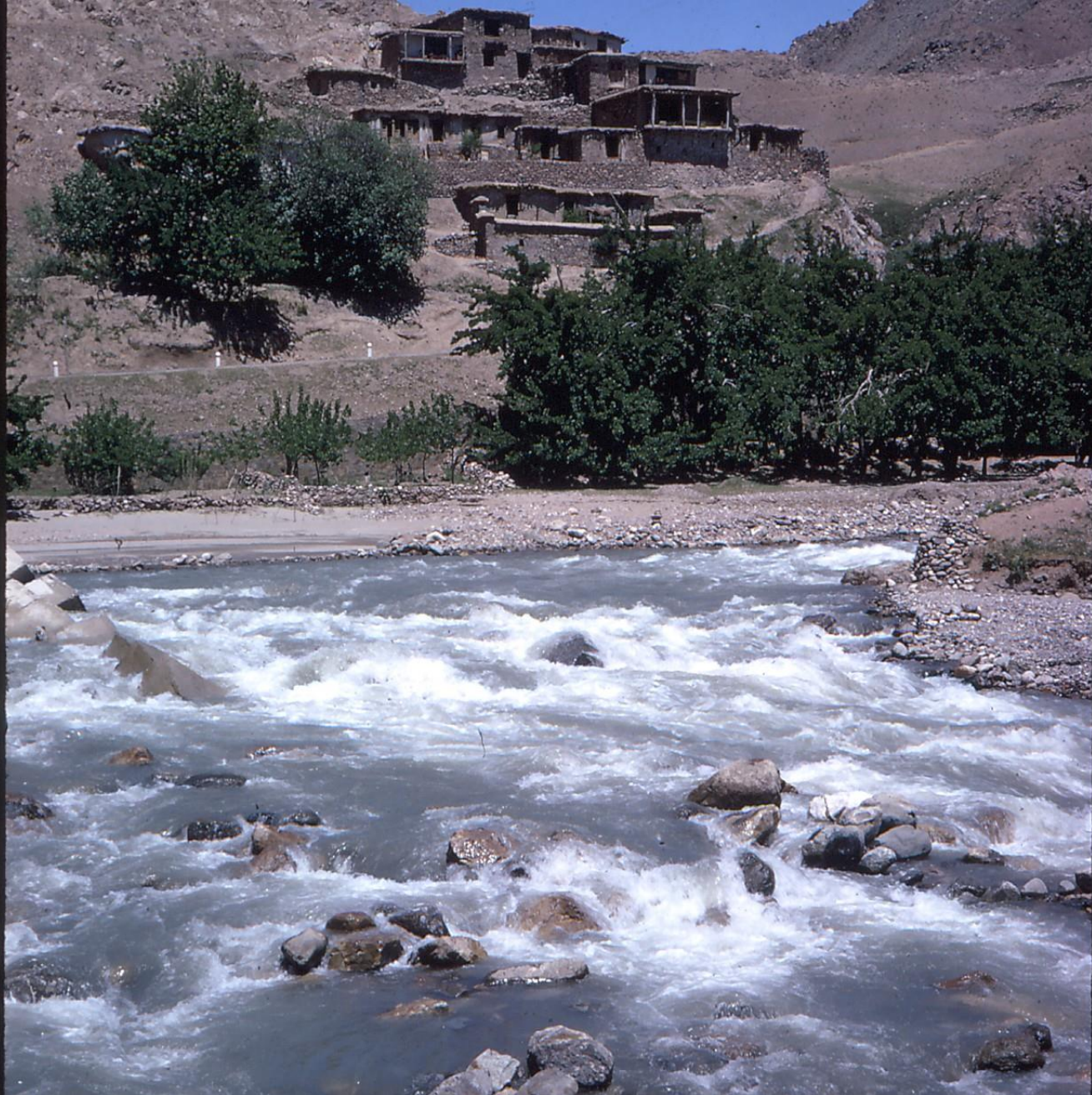






Heading north through the Hindu Kush
mountains







**Salang Pass thru the Hindu Kush
Mountains - 11,200 ft**









Ariana Airlines

DC 3 – non pressurized

Nicknames - “Scariana” & Vomit Comet



Village Street Scenes











220 PCVs in multiple sites

- Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TESL)
- Nursing schools
- Lab tech training
- Medical education
- Agriculture
- Newspaper

Health of the PCVs

Dysentery, dysentery and dysentery

Amoeba, giardia (?Salmonella)

Worms

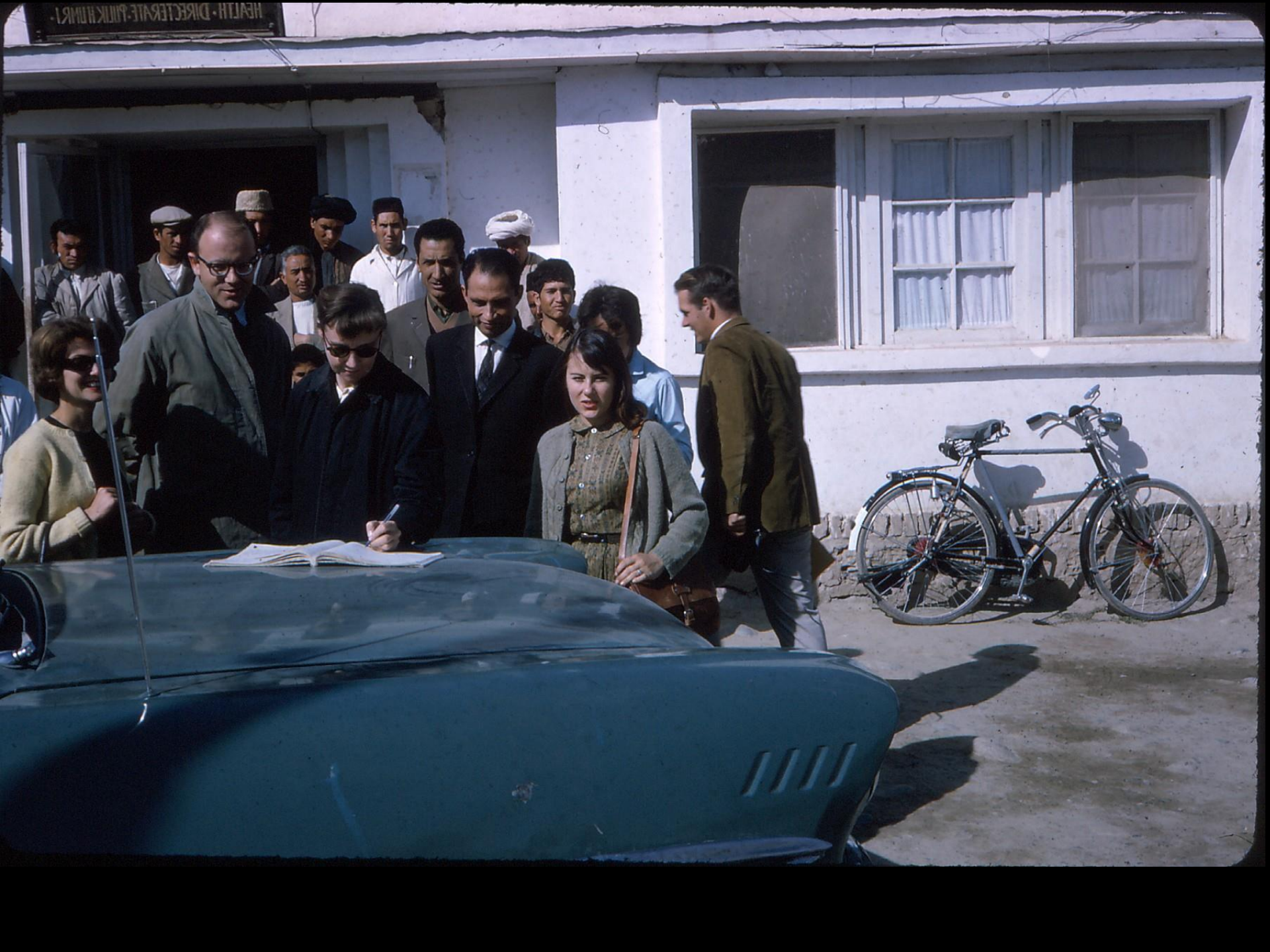
Hepatitis

Depression - suicide attempt

Pregnancy

Accidents – falling off a camel





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Traveling west across the north











The Bamiyan Buddha

Carved around 550 CE
180 ft. tall



175' tall







Driving a VW Beetle from Kabul to Pakistan







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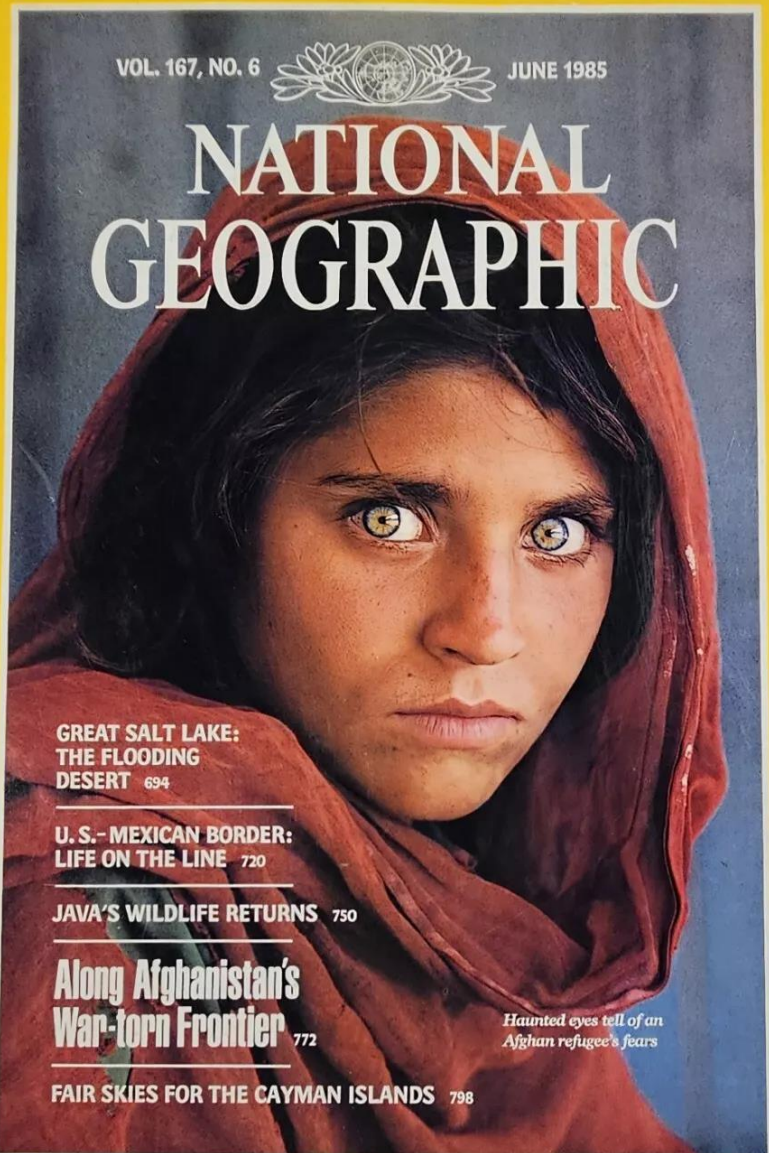


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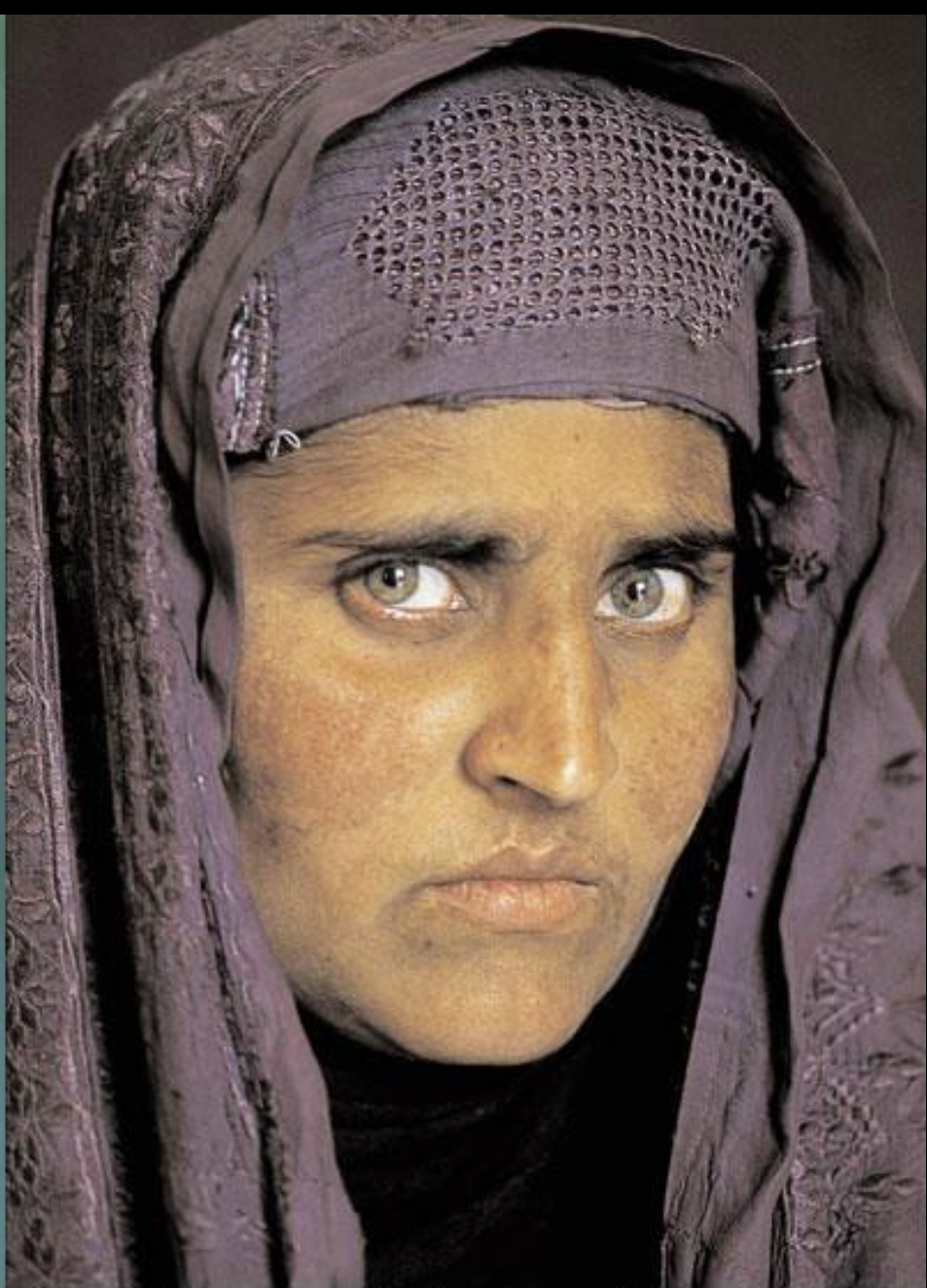
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