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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is the first issue of *ALN* from Michigan State. It continues the work of earlier editors: James Armstrong and Gretchen Walsh at Boston (1975-1983), Yvette Scheven at Illinois (1983-1986), and Nancy Schmidt at Indiana (1986-1991). ALC and CAMP minutes and notices will continue to receive priority. There will also be reports on other meetings, bibliographies in progress, selected new publications and vendor activities, major new acquisitions and serial cancellations, job vacancies, etc. Thanks to Moore Crossey, Karen Fung, Gretchen Walsh, Elizabeth Widenmann, the meeting secretaries and chairpersons, and Nancy Schmidt and other past editors for their contributions to this issue.

Minutes from the Spring meeting at the Library of Congress are the major feature of this issue. Only in their length does the written word begin to capture the splendor of the setting, the refreshments, and the librarians at LC and elsewhere in the D.C. area. A party honoring Julian Witherell in anticipation of his August retirement from the Library of Congress was a reminder of two other retirements this year: Hans Panofsky at Northwestern University and Doris Hull at Howard University. Their decades of experience will be missed.

The other sections include a variety of news items plus a "Letters and Opinions" section that carries the reaction of two book vendors to the proposed LC West Africa Office.

## ACRONYMS

ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)  
ALC - Archives-Libraries Committee (of ASA)  
ASA - (U.S.) African Studies Association  
CAMP - Cooperative Africana Microform Project  
CRL - Center for Research Libraries (Chicago)  
LC - Library of Congress  
MSU - Michigan State University  
SCOLMA - Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa  
U. - University  
UCLA - University of California, Los Angeles

## ARCHIVES-LIBRARIES COMMITTEE / CAMP NEWS

### CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

November 23-26, 1991, St. Louis - ASA Annual Meeting.  
 April 23-25, 1992, Iowa City - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.  
 Fall 1992, Seattle - ASA Annual Meeting.  
 Fall 1993, Boston - ASA Annual Meeting.

### ARCHIVES-LIBRARIES COMMITTEE BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, April 18, 1991, 1:30-5:00 pm

Madison Building (LM), Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

The meeting was called to order by Peter Malanchuk, Chair.

**Present were:** Michael Albin (LC), Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Ruby Bell-Gam (U. of California, Los Angeles), Phyllis Bischof (U. of California, Berkeley), Christopher Boyd (African Imprint Library Service), Dan Britz (Northwestern U.), Frank G. Burke (College of Library and Information Sciences, U. of Maryland), Maidel Cason (U. of Delaware), John L. Collier (School of Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute, Arlington, VA), Moore Crossey (Yale U.), Z.V. David (Wilson Center Library, Washington, D.C.), David Easterbrook (U. of Illinois at Chicago), Kay Elsasser (LC), Lauren Emmolo (Special Libraries Association), Vicki Evalds (Philadelphia), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State U.), Dudu Fakudze (LC & Swaziland National Library), Beverly Gray (LC), Marieta Harper (LC), Ann Hopping (United States Information Agency), Sharon Howard (Schomburg Center, New York Public Library), John Bruce Howell (U. of Iowa), Al Kagan (U. of Connecticut), Mary Alice Kraehe (U. of Virginia), Joseph Lauer (Michigan State U.), Robert W. Lesh (Northwestern U.), Liz Levey (American Association for the Advancement of Science), Helen MacLam (Choice Magazine), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), Valerie Mwalilino (LC), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Mary Nelson (U.S. Agency for International Development), Dorothy Niekamp (Indiana U.), Patricia Ogedengbe (Northwestern U.), Elizabeth Plantz (Boston U.), Brenda Randolph (Africa Access), Norman A. Ross (New York), Yvette Scheven (U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.), Janet Stanley (National Museum of African Art), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U.), David Wiley (Michigan State U.), Elizabeth A. Widenmann (Columbia U.), Julian Witherell (LC), Dorothy Woodson (State U. of New York, Buffalo), and Joanne Zellers (LC).

### Introduction and announcements.

Peter Malanchuk thanked the Library of Congress staff, especially Beverly Gray, for hosting the meeting. [Other members of the Local Arrangements Committee were Jim Armstrong, Frank Carroll, Ray Copson, Kay Elsasser, Marieta Harper, Zuhair Jwaideh, Valerie Mwalilino, Laverne Page, Julian Witherell, and Joanne Zellers.]

The minutes of the Fall meeting (Baltimore) [ALN Jan. 1991, p.2-3] were approved.

The Chair made the following announcements: 1) ACRL (ALA's Association of College and Research Libraries) established an International Relations Committee during the mid-winter meeting; 2) he nominated Phyllis Bischof to assist in identifying a site for a LC West Africa Office, after LC asked him to make a recommendation. [See details in Armstrong report below.]

Hans Zell announced that the African Book Collective would exhibit at the ALA annual meeting in Atlanta. He also noted the death of Gwendolyn Carter, the former director of the Program of African Studies at Northwestern University. He had been called in to give advice and help forward the papers she had left to Northwestern University, Indiana University and University of Florida respectively.

**David Wiley** (Michigan State U.) was in town for a meeting of the directors of African Studies Centers and gave the following report. The good news was that Cornell University has been added as an African Studies Center funded by Title VI. The Social Science Research Council had funded African projects with \$400,000 as compared to \$500,000 for all the rest of their programs. The major foundations also seem to be interested in funding programs in Africa. One program is being centered at CODESRIA in Dakar. Another valuable program is the AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) journal distribution program.

The disconcerting news is that the attention of policy makers is decreasing, due to the Gulf war and the developments in Eastern Europe. No one wants to talk about economic collapse, AIDS disaster, and lack of progress on malaria and human rights. Congressmen Howard Wolpe and Steven Solarz and the Black Caucus are still lobbying, especially to reduce military aid to dictatorships in Africa. When aid to Sub-Saharan Africa was cut, nobody staged a write-in to show great concern. Africanists and African Americans must continue to lobby to intensify interest in Africa among policy makers.

The directors of the Title VI centers lobbied and received a 25% increase in their allocations within the last two years for area and international studies. The Association of American Universities, the American Council on Education, and the American Association of State Colleges and Universities combined efforts to lobby for the appropriations which grew from 40 to 55 million dollars by next fall. They want to keep a focus on training of the next generation of area studies researchers. Some reallocation has taken place to fund business centers. It was felt that some two and four year institutions should receive some of the funds, but worthy projects remain to be identified in that area.

Section 607 of Title VI is meant to help provide access to periodicals published outside the United States for institutions of higher education or consortia as well as to provide funds for preservation. They are hoping to ask for 8.5 million dollars for this program in 1992. An appropriate portion of this should go to fund undergraduate education. Wiley will be glad to supply a list of key congressmen who should be lobbied to strengthen this appropriation. He urged the Committee to get their library directors and directors of their African Studies programs to lobby these key people.

**South Africa Now.** Phyllis Bischof announced that funding had been withdrawn for the program and it was in its last week. She urged that letters be written to Danny Schechter, Global Vision, 215 Park Ave, South, #711, New York, NY 10003. Pressure from rightist groups contending this program was no longer necessary killed the funding. Phyllis Bischof urged the group of African Studies Center directors to write letters urging that funding be continued for this program. The tapes from the program are a valuable resource for teaching as well as important from an archival point of view. Dan Britz suggested that Concerned Africanist Scholars be contacted to lobby and that public television stations

should be pressured to continue funding. Possibly the program should expand its scope as the barriers of apartheid come down in South Africa. Peter Malanchuk as Chair said he would write on behalf of ALC to urge the continuation of this program.

#### REPORTS BY GUESTS ON D.C. AREA RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES:

**Africa Access.** Brenda Randolph reported it works on educational material for elementary schools. It reviews and grades material for schools in the United States, building on the efforts of Nancy Schmidt. The group keeps and updates a bibliography on computer. They want to annotate this bibliography and are asking for volunteers to review materials for grade schools.

**AID Development Information Center.** Mary R. Nelson noted that over 40 of the 70 countries the agency helps are in Africa. The agency has an in house database of projects (Manassas) with descriptions from 1974 onward and a document database with abstracts of all AID supported projects and conferences. The database lists all countries applying for help, amount of money spent per country and development strategy for each country. Printouts are available free of charge. Materials can be ordered on fiche or in hard copy. Over 70,000 documents are available on fiche from 1974 to date.

**Center for Applied Linguistics** (Dora E. Johnson) surveys less well known languages and has a database of 1,200 languages with 14,000 documents to assist researchers. They have some MacIntosh computer assisted language instruction available. They also collect test information about these languages. Books are not acquired, as the Center depends on libraries which do collect African language materials. Ms. Johnson encouraged depositing textbooks in ERIC to make them available to a greater audience. Address: 1118 22nd St., N.W., Washington D.C. 20037. Phone (202)429-9292.

**Council of American Overseas Research Centers.** Mary Ellen Lane described the West African Overseas Research Center, which is a consortium which provides scholarships for junior and senior scholars abroad. They just inaugurated a new building in Dakar and would like to rent space to the new LC West African office. The Council has two other documentation centers in Africa (Egypt and Tunisia) to support American researchers and African colleagues in Africa. It hopes to strengthen holdings of American dissertations on Africa and African American literature in the West African center and has offered fellowships for the first time this year of \$6,000. Membership in the consortium entails governance in the centers. The Council is working with the Ford Foundation to locate similar funding levels for fellowships for African scholars.

**School of Area Studies, Foreign Service Institute.** John Collier trains State Department personnel and encourages them to become interested in serving in Africa. He is the African specialist in the school and has a position open for a deputy chair of his section.

**National Library of Medicine.** Mr. Teigen is the deputy chief of history of medicine, in the Special Collection and Rare Books Division of NLM. The collection strength is in demography and incidents of diseases. There are no manuscript or archival material from Africa, but there is strength in government documents and statistics and census.

**Special Libraries Association** (Lauren Emmola). The day of the meeting was Special Libraries Association Day! The Association has 13,000 members, internationally, and plays a prominent role in IFLA. More than 50% of the members are corporate libraries and some are located in Africa.

**United States Information Agency (USIA)** (Ann Hopping) works with Fulbright scholars and sponsors the USIA library fellows program as well as interactive programs on specific topics

concerning libraries on television. The Agency prepares bibliographies, exhibits, and an article alert service. Current policy statements are put into a database every hour from the United States government. Some overseas posts have access to this database, others now have CD-ROM. The total number of books in USIA libraries in Africa: 133,000 and 3,500 periodicals.

**College of Library and Information Sciences, University of Maryland** (Frank Burke) planned to offer a double masters in library science and history, but Maryland recently announced it will close its library school. Several African students are in the program.

**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** (Zdenek V. David, librarian) hosts residential scholars for international studies and has published guides to resources in the D.C. area.

**G.K.Hall Co.** (Robert Bond, indexer) sees a permanent trend towards electronic formats, but still is interested in ideas for printed publications in international studies including Africa.

#### **Library of Congress Africa offices report** (Jim Armstrong).

The Nairobi office will embark on another program, providing Kenyan monographs for participating libraries who are interested. The office hopes to start in January, 1992. The other LC field offices have similar programs. This would mean a blanket order, no right of return and limited to trade books.

The money (\$75,000) appropriated in this year's budget by Congress for a West African office is for a feasibility study. A survey team will examine the situation in each of the following capitals: Accra, Lomé, Lagos, Dakar, and Abidjan. Three librarians from Library of Congress (Beverly Gray, Valerie Mwalilino, and Jim Armstrong) will go along with Phyllis Bischof who was hired as a consultant. A written report will be submitted to the Congressional Appropriations Committees which will evaluate and judge the strength of this project. Preferably the entire Western part of Africa (20 countries) would be covered. The Egypt office covers the Maghreb; the Nairobi office covers Eastern, Central and Southern Africa excluding South Africa. Nairobi office has an annual budget of approximately \$300,000-\$400,000, excluding American salaries and APO mailing costs.

ALC members expressed hope that material which would be filmed in Africa would be made available to African libraries as well as to U.S. libraries.

Christopher Boyd voiced his concern that such an office would mean the end for individual dealers of West African materials. Jim Armstrong said that the West African office would catalog the material, which a dealer could not do.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

##### **Amendment of By-Laws** (Helene Baumann).

In November 1990, the ALC Chairperson appointed an Ad-hoc By-Laws Committee consisting of Baumann, Easterbrook and Schmidt. They prepared a two-page "Topics for Discussion" list of potential changes that was distributed at the meeting. They proposed alternative wording for 7 sections: II.D (Support a newsletter...), IV.G (ASA Publications Committee liaison as ex-officio), VI.? (Priorities at business meetings), VI.C (Announcements of meetings...), VII (Subcommittee reviews), IX.A (Majority needed for action decisions), and new X (*re* periodic review of by-laws).

Comments from the floor included the following: ALC should be a funded committee of ASA. Lauer suggested that the Committee name be changed to something like Africana Librarians Committee, since archivists are no longer a significant part of the membership. Easterbrook noted that there had been two (funded) committees that later merged. Bay pointed out that corporate law in Delaware (where ASA is registered) restricts use of "committees" to groups

named by the Board. Walsh suggested that task forces and ad hoc committees have a mechanism so one would know who is on the committees. There was agreement on two permanent subcommittees. Subcommittees should be reviewed every two years. Leadership of subcommittees should be reappointed every two years. The majority rejected the idea of extending the term of the chair to two years to promote continuity. Finnegan suggested that ASA membership applications or renewals could have a check box for librarians, so a list of interested members could be produced.

Suggestions for changes should be sent to a member of the by-laws committee [before September 15] so a revised list can be prepared for the October *ALN* and the Fall meeting can vote on the different options.

**Research Access Forms.** Karen Fung impressed on colleagues the need to urge students returning from field research to fill out the forms and forward them to the ASA secretariat for the benefit of other researchers.

**ASA Committee on Coordinate Organizations.** Karen Fung circulated a memo from Sandra Greene, Chair of the Committee on Coordinate Organizations of ASA and some documentation to explain the different types of committees and task forces under ASA and asked for input from the Archives-Libraries Committee on recommendations. A potential problem was seen when a task force independently seeks to raise money which may place it in conflict with the Association's constitution, by-laws, and responsibilities.

**Africana Libraries Newsletter.** Scheven moved that ALC express its gratitude to Nancy Schmidt for her editorship of the Newsletter. Lauer will take over and had circulated his ideas for possible changes.

**Fall meeting in St. Louis** (Onuma Ezera).

[The following schedule was *requested*.]

Sat., Nov. 23,	8:30-9:30 am	Cataloging Subcommittee
	10:00-1:00 pm	Bibliography Subcommittee
	2:30-4:00 pm	Panel on information access
Sun., Nov. 24,	8:00-9:30 am	ALC Executive meeting
	10:00-1:00 pm	ALC Business meeting
	2:30-3:30 pm	CAMP Executive meeting
	3:45-6:00 pm	CAMP Business meeting

Peter Malanchuk asked for suggestions for relevant and dynamic speakers for the fall panel entitled: Scholarly Research and Information Access: Coping with Journal Costs, Cancellations, and New Forms of Publications.

**Spring meeting, University of Iowa, 1992.** John Howell invited the Committee to meet in Iowa City, April 23-25. The museum on campus will be rededicated. It has an impressive collection of African art. The meeting will coincide with the 9th Triennial Symposium on African Art. The closest airport to Iowa City is Cedar Rapids.

**Institute for conservation/preservation.** Sesan Diepolu, who attended the Committee's fall meeting in Baltimore, wrote to the Chair asking for help for African librarians to be trained in conservation and preservation. Several programs already exist for that purpose, and it was recommended that he be told of these. The library school in Dakar trains people in this field. The African

Archives and Museum Project of the Social Science Research Council is funding a new program in this field. USIA might also be approached to fund a library fellow for this purpose.

Nancy Schmidt said that Indiana University helped train a librarian from Malawi in this area and then continued assisting by supplying the materials needed for preservation. It is not enough to know the technology; the scarcity of funds to acquire the materials needed for preservation must also be addressed.

Sharon Howard said that New York University has a training program in this area, and Phyllis Bischof suggested that the American Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Work might be interested in offering help.

It was noted that ALA has a group dealing with preservation, and that IFLA deals with training of librarians from developing countries.

**Book Famine Task Force Report.** Gretchen Walsh distributed a draft directory of organizations working with the book famine problem and "Notes of the Book Famine Task Force Meeting." The "Notes" summarize the presentations at the November 1, 1990, book famine panel in Baltimore, and it is available from Walsh. Suggestions and corrections to the draft directory should be sent to Gretchen Walsh who said that ASA would be willing to publish this directory.

**Africana Bibliographer/Oral Traditions Archives.**

Beverly Gray suggested an oral tradition project to tape conversations and memories of important members of the Committee at the time of their retirement. Examples would be Helen Conover, Hans Panofsky, and Julian Witherell. The Latin Americanists have such a project.

**INSTITUTIONAL REPORTS:**

**African/Middle Eastern Acquisition Section, Library of Congress** (Mwalilino). Section now consists of seven permanent staff plus other support. Dudu Fakudze, LC Intern from Swaziland, is preparing a glossary of book terms in Afrikaans, Siswati, Zulu and Xhosa. General acquisition trends include increased volume of materials on approval from West Africa sent by Hogarth in FY91. LC continues to receive and solicit ephemeral materials from the UK covering African concerns on anti-apartheid subjects, pro-democracy, human rights, political opposition movements, etc. LC has asked a vendor in Nigeria to supply the same, especially political party literature.

[*Additional reports cut off due to lack of time.*]

The meeting was adjourned at 5 p.m.

[*Note: There is no report for the pre-meeting Executive Committee meeting, which discussed the business meeting agenda.*]

**Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Serials & Foreign Publishing Proposal, Jeff Gardner.**

[*This ALC Business Meeting report and discussion took place on April 19th, during a break in the CAMP meeting.*] The ARL Board of Directors has identified improving the nation's research collections of foreign materials as a paramount priority for the 1990's and is beginning to address the issue by forming stronger working relationships with Area Studies Centers and other interested scholars.

The association wants to first study four major areas to determine funding needs: 1) Current and future state of foreign acquisitions in American research libraries. 2) Outlook for foreign publishing, with projection of costs. 3) Scholars needs for foreign materials. 4) Impact of emerging technologies on access to materials. With the

information gathered ARL would work on a national strategy for cooperation and funding to gain re-authorization of Title VI appropriations for foreign research materials.

The Association of Research Libraries has applied for funding from the Mellon Foundation, and it is actively lobbying for funding from Title VI. It is hard to make commitments to serials on soft money. There was a discussion about whether the money should go to strengthen the collection of the Center for Research Libraries and other strong collections rather than be dispersed. Some feel the money should be spread among small institutions, while others feel the really strong collections should be identified and strengthened and then have the responsibility to share their resources. The Farmington plan was too subdivided which caused its demise. It is important that processing and preservation be included in the grant proposal.

Peter Malanchuk asked whether the ALC should be a lobbying group for this proposal and the answer was yes, definitely. The proposal is bending towards Africa and Latin America, because money has been coming from Hong Kong and Japan to strengthen Asian collections. Money from the Middle East is drying up. The question arose if separate funding should be sought for Eastern Europe. The proposal puts emphasis on the social sciences and humanities. The proposal would select 1-3 areas for a pilot study and Africa would likely be a subset. Jeff Gardner asked for input into the best way to divide the continent, and how to find groups like ours with which to work.

## BIBLIOGRAPHY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. April 18, 1991

Chair Janet Stanley called the meeting to order at 9am.

1. **Conover-Porter Award** (John Bruce Howell). The selection committee consists of the current ALC chair and the two past chairs: Peter Malanchuk, Phyllis Bischof and John Howell. Submit nominated titles to them or the chair of the Bibliography Sub-Committee. Under consideration for the 1992 award are reference titles published in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

2. **Choice** (David Easterbrook). The issue of Africana coverage was discussed. Helen McLam offered to send *Choice's* selection policy to anyone who asks. We need to lobby if we want to change things. One stipulation is that titles to be reviewed have to be published or distributed in the US. The fact that African Book Collective titles are now distributed through Blackwell North America should raise the percentage of available Africana. It was also suggested to pursue the issue through ACRL.

3. **Future Direction of Africa Bibliography**. Hector Blackhurst of *Africa Bibliography* is retiring; also Edinburgh University Press replaces Manchester University Press as the publisher. Discussion centered on International African Institute's survey by Margaret Binns, which is to examine existing Africana bibliographies and set up an agenda for a workshop of indexing agencies. The chair of the Sub-Committee will contact IAI about progress on the project.

4. **Abstracts for Africanists** (Gretchen Walsh). This ambitious but maybe not-too-practical project was announced by Ed Brown of Somerville, MA, at ASA in Baltimore. Discussion ensued on overlapping indexing services, while important areas such as news magazines are virtually not indexed. A working group consisting of John Howell, Gretchen Walsh, David Easterbrook, Beverly Gray, Yvette Scheven and maybe others will look into the various indexing tools, including the efforts undertaken by European Community members.

5. **Journal Identification Project**. Vicki Evalds was not at the meeting. This project, still at the planning stage, concerns the coverage of Africana serials in standard indexes.

### 6. Current Bibliographic Projects:

Nancy Schmidt announced that the Catholic Documentation Center in Senegal has the largest film and video collection in Africa and publishes the journal *Unir Cinema*. They suffer preservation problems and are being contacted to see if they would like help (a possible CAMP project). Nancy would also like to identify African language ephemera that libraries may be keeping uncataloged. As a first step it was suggested that institutions with such ephemera identify the scope of their holdings in the newsletter. Joanne Zellers mentioned a planned online project at LC for African languages.

Al Kagan was looking for someone to take on the Africana section in the forthcoming edition of William Katz's *Magazines for Libraries*. He had sample copies of *Progressive Librarian* (South Africa) and a new University of Natal journal called *Innovation* and some other documents.

Joanne Zellers reported that LC is resuming work on *Africa South of the Sahara Index to Periodical Literature* (the last supplement published in 1985 covered up to 1977), using software called Genbib, indexing 350 titles worldwide, plus East African ones to be indexed at the Nairobi office. It starts with 1991; if funding is available, it will include retrospective indexing to cover 1978-1990. She also mentioned that volumes 5 and 6 of *U.S. Imprints on Sub-Saharan Africa* will be out shortly. It will now have a geographic arrangement.

Beverly Gray is working on a bibliography of travel books and guides and so far has about 300 entries.

Yvette Scheven reported that John McIlwaine (U.K.) is working on a massive retrospective bibliography of Africana reference books.

Dorothy Woodson has completed the indexing of *Fighting Talk* from 1954-1962.

Various members of the group were mentioned as having recently published articles or presented papers.

--Helene Baumann (acting secretary)

## CATALOGING SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., April 19, 1991

The meeting was called to order by Dorothy Niekamp, Chair.

1. Minutes of the fall meeting (Baltimore) were read and approved. [See *ALN* Jan. 1991, p.3.]

2. Sharon McCarry requested suggestions for the establishment of new headings for ethnic groups. These suggestions should be forwarded to her at the LC Subject Cataloging Division and must be accompanied by bibliographic citations as literary warrant.

3. Yolande Goldberg reported that the LC law schedules for Africa and Asia are nearing completion. Much work remains to be done on African countries. The schedules may feature first order administrative divisions. Historic regions, kingdoms, and empires will appear in the schedules. The dividing line between the historic states and modern states will be the mid-nineteenth century. The colonial entities will be treated as part of the constitutional history of the modern states. The arrangement of the entries will be in alphabetical order, and the AACR2 form will be given for all jurisdictions, with variants added in parentheses. The six hundred page document must still be edited, then indexed. The schedules will appear in two volumes and should be ready for distribution to the public by the end of the year. Indexing of the schedules will not

be completed by that time and will appear at a later date. American law libraries have been consulted in the compilation of the law schedules, and the LC Map Division was likewise consulted on difficult issues.

4. Kay Elsasser reported that the **USMARC Format** for Classification has just been published. Decimal Classification Division is using it to put in classification numbers. Trials will be conducted with LC classification schedules for possible use with the USMARC Format.

5. Dorothy Niekamp opened discussion on the LC proposal for **deletion of the qualifier "(... people)"** for headings in which the ethnic group is used as an adjectival qualifier (i.e. Art, Igbo (African people)). These proposed changes would not affect the current practice of qualifying the basic heading for the people (i.e. Igbo (African people)). It was stated that the public might not be familiar with the headings for African ethnic groups, and there might be confusion between African and non-African ethnic groups. Betsy Widenmann remarked that in the case of conflict, a qualifier may be added under the proposed practices. Under these proposed changes, two hundred thirty authority records would have to be altered, plus an undetermined number of bibliographic records. Joe Lauer approved of the changes as a step away from colonial attitudes toward Africa. Andrea Stamm reminded the group that the ramifications for online systems of such changes might involve expense and trouble. However, global changes are possible on many online systems. Sharon Howard mentioned that in keyword searching, the number of hits for "African" would be drastically reduced. The use of a scope note to give the location of the ethnic group was suggested, but the suggestion was tabled since the country is routinely given in the name authority record for the ethnic group (i.e. 550:: Ethnology =z Zaire.) After discussion, the proposed changes were approved by the Subcommittee.

6. Joe Lauer raised the issue of errors and readability in the **LC Amharic romanization tables**. Kay Elsasser mentioned that there has been a re-issuance of the Amharic tables, with many of the errors corrected. Any remaining errors may be referred to Ben Tucker. A legible version of the Amharic tables will be issued when LC publishes a cumulated volume of romanization tables.

7. Dorothy Niekamp will step down as chair of the Cataloging Subcommittee, and Bob Lesh will take over as chair. Betsy led the group in warmly thanking Dorothy for chairing the Subcommittee.

8. Ruby Bell-Gam mentioned **errors in cataloging** concerning the West African country Benin and the Nigerian province of Benin as well as Benin City, Nigeria. Subcommittee participants may make prints of confusions for submission to Kay Elsasser or Ben Tucker.

9. The meeting was adjourned to a working group to discuss the Subcommittee's work on new language codes (field 041 in USMARC format).

--Submitted by Robert Lesh (secretary)

#### AFRICAN LANGUAGES CODES WORKING GROUP

Summary of Discussion on April 19: The Cataloging Subcommittee will take up the project of new language codes (field 041 in USMARC format) for Sub-Saharan African languages. New language codes will require bibliographic warrant. Twenty citations will be needed to establish a new code for each language. (Earlier, fifty citations were required.) Using the previous list, the Subcommittee will identify those languages that were previously submitted

but not approved due to insufficient literary warrant. The list will be circulated among Subcommittee participants to gather the number of uses of each language in the participants' databases or manual catalogs. The figures will be compiled and accompanied by proposed new language codes for submission to the Library of Congress. If appropriate, bucket language codes will also be proposed for major language groups.

Present: Elsasser, Goldberg, Kraehe, Lauer, Lesh, Malanchuk, Niekamp, Plantz, Stamm, Widenmann.

--Submitted by Robert Lesh

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**CAMP BUSINESS MEETING**

April 19, 1991, Library of Congress

Chair John Howell called meeting to order at 1 PM

1. Introduction of Henriette Avram, Associate Librarian for Collection Services at LC.

2. Introduction of the CAMP Executive Committee members present: Howell, Crossey, Fung, Kraehe; ex-officio: Boylan, Gray, Malanchuk.

3. Introduction of members present: Boston U. (Walsh), Columbia U. (Widenmann), Dartmouth College (Finnegan), Duke U. (Baumann), Indiana U. (Schmidt), Library of Congress (Gray, Carroll, Harper, Mwalilino, Witherell), Michigan State U. (Ezera, Lauer), New York Public Library (Howard), Northwestern U. (Britz, Ogendengbe, Shayne), Stanford U. (Fung), U. of California, Berkeley (Bischof), U. of California, Los Angeles (Bell-Gam), U. of Florida (Malanchuk, Nanji), U. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Scheven), U. of Iowa (Howell), U. of Virginia (Kraehe), Yale U. (Crossey), & CRL (Boylan).

Others present: David Easterbrook (U. of Illinois at Chicago), Dudu Fakudze (Swaziland National Library), & Norman A. Ross (Norman Ross Publishing).

4. Minutes of the fall 1990 (Baltimore) Business Meeting were approved as published in *ALN*, Jan. 1991, p.6-8.

5. **Nominating Committee** consisting of Mary Alice Kraehe and Phyllis Martin was named by the chair to seek candidates for Executive Board positions of secretary, faculty member, and librarian member. A mail ballot will go out well in advance of the fall meeting.

6. **Financial report** [attached to minutes]: amount available for spending next year is \$24,000, if we ignore commitments. Standing orders for newspapers are paid on CRL funds.

7. **CRL Report** (Ray Boylan) raised two issues:

1) In April Don Simpson, the President of CRL, after consulting with the CRL Board of Directors sent the following documents to all CRL members: "Position Statement on the Relationship Between CRL and the Area Studies Microform Projects" and "Guidelines for Grant Applications Made on Behalf of Area Study Microform Projects." Boylan explained that the self-study required both CAMP and MEMP to revise their by-laws to read that CRL is the owner of all CAMP microforms. The members decided that a revised by-law should be written. The chair asked Lauer to draft revisions for presentation at the St. Louis meeting.

2) **CAMP catalog**: microfiche catalog of CAMP holdings would cost about \$1300 to produce 200 copies, while the estimated cost of a printed version would be \$13,000. Neither version would contain an index, just a straight author/title catalog. Discussion centered on the validity of producing a catalog since the titles are on OCLC, and the necessity for indexing would escalate the cost considerably. It was suggested that CAMP produce a select list of its major holdings as a means of indicating the resources that CAMP

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**CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT (April 15, 1991)**

	FY 1989 closing	Oct./Dec. YTD (2)	March YTD (2)	Notes:
Fund Balance/June 30	\$29,374.81	\$33,187.99	\$22,187.99	
<b>Revenues</b>				
Membership Fees	\$16,900.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	
Income from sales	3,200.64	0	0 (4)	
CRL Contribution	4,000.00	0	0 (5)	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$24,100,64.00</b>	<b>\$17,900.00</b>	<b>\$17,900.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>				
Cost of sales	\$5,455.56	0	0 (4)	
Acquisitions	13,331.29	\$9,248.26	\$16,360.08	
Business Expenses	0	0	0	
Publications	(45.50)	0	0	
Travel	354.99	896.37	896.37	
Personnel: Cataloging	1,191.12	338.17	338.17	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$20,287.46</b>	<b>\$10,482.80</b>	<b>\$17,594.62</b>	
Revenue less Expenses	\$3,813.18	\$7,417.20	\$305.38	
<b>Commitments (3)</b>				
Materials on order	0	0	\$8,254.00 (6)	
Materials approved	0	0	\$9,450.00 (7)	
Non-materials expenses	0	0	\$3,200.00 (8)	
<b>TOTAL COMMITMENTS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$20,904.00</b>	
Available Funds	\$33,187.99	\$40,605.19	\$12,589.37	

1. The Fund Balance, Revenues, and Expenses shown under each completed quarter are taken from the Center's accounting records. Each column shows cumulative figures for the year.

2. The Revenues and Expenses shown in the YTD (year to date) column combine the Center accounting records and check vouchers issued up to the date of the statement. Check vouchers not yet available for October.

3. The Commitments are taken from the records of the Acquisitions Department and the project coordinator and are intended to reflect projected costs of past decisions by the CAMP Committee and ongoing operations. [See page 8.]

4. Income from sales and cost of sales reflect pass through funds, with a small profit expected. Income from sales may reflect pre-payments.

5. Transfer made by 1st quarter of year or as needed.

6. Includes both items prepaid and items received but not invoiced.

7. For additional newspapers filmed by LC, IEN preservation project, and Kesteloot documents.

8. Estimated cataloging and travel expense.

has to offer potential members. The problem is that this activity is labor-intensive. CRL will produce a list of their newspapers which contain a considerable number of African titles. There was no consensus regarding the catalog except to reject the printed version. Options will be circulated by mail ballot.

8. **South African Institute of Race Relations II documents** will be bought by CAMP. Florida, Hoover, Northwestern and Yale are also purchasing copies.

9. **Hilda Kuper Notebooks** (UCLA, Ruby Bell-Gam). The project is progressing on schedule and should be done by the end of the summer. The notebooks and one film copy will be given to the University of Swaziland.

10. **Demand purchases** of \$200 or less can be sent directly to Boylan at CRL, with a copy to Howell, the CAMP chair.

11. **Northwestern preservation filming** (Dan Britz). It was clarified that CAMP is NOT supporting Northwestern's filming project. CAMP does purchase a positive copy of each title filmed by Northwestern. The project is almost completed. It was decided to continue purchasing positive film copies.

12. **Sub-Saharan Africa national bibliographies:** The value of these bibliographies for the researcher was discussed along with the feasibility to find complete sets to film. Possibility of a commercial vendor? Could be too complicated a project for CAMP.

13. **Papers of senior U.S. faculty** (Peter Malanchuk). Librarians should be on the lookout for collections of potential research value. Since organizing the papers archivally is labor-intensive, selectivity is important. There was interest in continuing to search for archives for filming.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

1. *Drum*. CAMP is working on acquiring microfilm of a complete set of each edition. So far we know of five different versions. Members may be polled for holdings.

2. *Ethiopia on Microfiche* (IDC). University of Florida owns it and will analyze it when cataloging. CAMP purchase is deferred.

3. *Jeune Afrique*, 1955 -1989, costing \$12,415, is deferred because too expensive.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. *Colin Legum's African Collection* has 2 parts: 1) Press cuttings 1936-1987, 10 reels \$724; 2) Writings from 1940s to 1980s, 10 reels \$506. (Yale owns.) CAMP will purchase both sets.

2. *Le Mouvement Geographique* (1884-1922): CAMP's set is incomplete. Yale will check their holdings. Purchase of film is deferred.

3. *20th Century Commonwealth Political Ephemera*, Part 2. Group agrees to buy since we have Part 1.

4. **Union List of Newspapers:** Joe Lauer and John Howell will pursue this project, which could identify what is available in the U.S., make sure it is being filmed and help us look for titles no one is getting.

5. *Bibliothèque 'Umarienne de Segou* (Mali). Julian Witherell reports that MEMP will pay \$12,000, half the cost. This will be pursued by mail ballot. [Yale has since purchased.]

6. **Swahili newspapers** (Tanzania): film of *Habari za Mwezi*, the only extant Swahili newspaper dating from the German Colonial Period and photocopies of miscellaneous issues of two other titles, one in Swahili, one in Shambala, will be purchased.

--submitted by Helene Baumann, acting secretary

#### CAMP MATERIALS RECEIVED (November 1990-March 1991)

- Abidjan-Matin (Abidjan), 1959-1963. 10 r.
  - L'Avenir colonial belge (Kinshasa), 4/41-2/43. 3 r.
  - Chronicle (Bulawayo), 9/28-12/6/90. 1 r.
  - Le Courrier d'Afrique (Kinshasa), Jan.-March 4/5, 1972 1 r.
  - Daily Times (Blantyre), 1980-1987. 24 r.
  - Essor du Congo (Lubumbashi), 3/9/67-10/29/71 7 r.
  - Essor du Congo (Elisabethville), 1942...1959. 50 r.
  - Essor du Katanga (Lubumbashi), 1-3/3/67 1 r.
  - Essor du Zaire (Lubumbashi), 10/30/71-1/31/72. 1 r.
  - Etoile (Kinshasa), 5/1/68-3/5/72. 10 r.
  - Livingstone Mail (Zambia), 1967-May 1968. 1 r.
  - Myoto (Kinshasa), 5/68-7/18/72. 1 r.
  - Morning Post (Apapa), 1962-9/63; 8/66-1972. 19 r.
  - National Concord (Ikeja), 7/86-6/88. 9 r.
  - New Nation (Johannesburg), 1986-1/4/90. 5 r.
  - Nigeria Standard (Jos) 1-8/1986. 2 r.
  - Salongo (Kinshasa), 1968-10/84; 6/85-1/1/87. 64 r.
  - Somalia Courier/Corriere della Somalia (Mogadishu) 21 r. [Feb. 1945-46]; [1949-June 1958]; 1961-Oct.22, 1969
  - Sowetan (Johannesburg), 1986-5/21/90. 31 r.
  - Le Sahel (Niamey), 7/81-1/1/82. 1 r.
  - Taifa (Lubumbashi), 1973-7/13/75. 5 r.
  - Weekly Mail (Braamfontein) 6/14/85-5/10/90. 7 r.
  - Zambia Daily Mail (Lusaka), 1980-8/89. 29 r.
  - Northwestern Preservation Project. 151 r.
- TOTAL** of 454 reels received

#### CAMP MATERIALS ON ORDER (as of April 1991)

- Baily, A.P. Land tenure...Swahili.... London, MA, 1965.
- Cameroon Tribune (Yaounde), 1986+
- Hilda Kuper's field-notebooks on Swaziland & Swazi culture
- Ilanga lase Natal, 1924-1978. 80 r.
- Nigeria. Constitution Review Comm. Official record of proc.. (Oct. 1987- Feb. 1988)
- SAIRR II
- Times of Swaziland (Mbabane), 1896-1909, 1933-1960. 9 r.

#### CAMP COMMITMENTS

Kesteloot collection in Dakar	\$6,000
Newspapers from LC in FY 1990 (7/90-6/91)	\$2,250
Northwestern Preservation Project (7/90-6/91)	\$1,200

#### SERIALS TASK FORCE MEETING

10-11am, April 20 at National Museum of African Art

The chair suggested that the Task Force focus on issues and matters of immediate practical benefit concerning two topics: 1) expensive serials; 2) cutbacks in library subscriptions.

Since libraries do not control pricing, they are forced to react to growing costs by cutting back on the number of subscriptions they receive or to identify other savings measures by reducing staff, or taking funds from the book budget, etc. A voice survey among institutions represented revealed a general climate of mandated cutbacks ranging from a high of 20% (projected for Univ. of Iowa); to one year moratorium on adding new serial titles (Duke); planning

for "massive" cuts at Columbia. Boston's situation was described as "serious but not desperate"; Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is "monitoring" receipts; Northwestern has already done some cancellations, describing cuts for African serials as "flexible". Since many Africana serials have short runs or are otherwise inexpensive, Africana librarians who were paying for their serials on Africana funds had an easier time managing and even picking up new titles. Stanford expects staff layoffs, and so on.

Librarians were asked to send cancellation reports directly to Joe

Lauer for reporting in ALN. Razia Nanji (U. of Florida) offered to assist Mwalilino in preparing a survey of expensive titles currently received.

--Valerie Mwalilino, Chair

[No report received for the Book Famine Meeting at 11-12 on April 20.]

## OTHER NEWS

### NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

#### American Library Association:

The SSRT (Social Responsibilities Round Table) Task Force on Alternatives in Print presented an award of \$1000 to the "South Africa Now" television production during its July 1st program meeting.

The following were elected in June to the Executive Board of the Asian and African Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries of ALA:

- Boylan, Ray P. (CRL). - Vice-chairperson (Chair-Elect)
- Finnegan, Gregory A. (Dartmouth) - Member-at-large.
- Guyonneau, Christine H. (Indianapolis) - Member-at-large.
- Chin, Elise L. - Secretary.

The Library/Book Fellows Program run jointly by ALA and the United States Information Agency (USIA) continues to send librarians to Africa. The February 1991 issue of *American Libraries* carried a report on the work of Dorothy C. Woodson (State University of New York at Buffalo) in strengthening the Swaziana Collection at the University of Swaziland.

#### Middle East Librarians Association:

*MELANotes* no. 52 (Winter 1991) announces plans to improve book review coverage and launches a new Reference Outline series with an insert (in 8.5x11 format) on how to use Brockelmann's *Geschichte der arabischen Literatur*. Articles of interest include David Parrington's report on the February 1991 meeting of the Council of National Resource Center Directors and Elizabeth Vernon's "Notes on a recent trip to Tunisia." The minutes of the November 1990 meeting were delayed.

Middle East Microform Project (MEMP) has microfilmed a large number of Sudanese newspapers which were produced during the 1980s by political parties and other organizations. A detailed list is available from MEMP, CRL, 6050 So. Kenwood A., Chicago, IL 60637.

Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) held its annual meeting in London on 20 May. Among the scheduled presentations were "The documentation of Africanist research" by Margaret Binns (IAI) and "Green pearls to reality: report on a visit to academic libraries in Senegal" by Tom French (Birmingham U.).

### RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

**Black Arts Research Center** was founded in 1989 to preserve and document the African cultural legacy in the performing arts. Resources include 1300 recordings, cassettes and videotapes, 500 books and journals, 250 clipping files and a bibliographic database of more than 35,000 entries. For details on the fees for database searches, contact John Gray, Director, BARC, 30 Marion St., Nyack, NY 10960. (914)358-2089.

**The International Defence & Aid Fund for Southern Africa (IDAF)** has moved its operations from London to South Africa. The Publication & AV Department was to hand over all its materials to the University of the Western Cape for a new Historical and Cultural Centre. Contact: U.W.C Historical and Cultural Centre, Private Bag X17, Bellville 7535, South Africa.

**New York Public Library** announces that the CARE papers are now available for consultation. CARE was founded to provide food relief in Europe, but gradually expanded to provide long-term assistance to developing countries. Materials in the 1169-box collection date from 1945 to ca. 1985. There is extensive documentation of CARE's presence in Algeria, Chad, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Niger, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Tunisia; and to a smaller extent, Cameroon, the Congo, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, and Uganda. For more information, contact NYPL, Manuscripts Section, Room 324, 5th Ave. & 42nd St., New York, NY 10018.

**Northwestern University Library's online catalog**, including the holdings of the Herskovits Library, is available to those who have access at their local institution to Internet. By connecting to a mainframe computer linked to the Internet, Africanists can use TELNET, a communications programs for personal computer users. The library catalog's TELNET address is NUACVM.ACNS.NWU.EDU. The IP (Internet Protocol) address is 129.105.16.1. For further details on access and exiting, contact Brian Nielsen at bnielsen@nuacvm.acns.nwu.edu at the Library.

#### Yale Library Acquisitions (M.Crossey)

Yale University Library just received a gift of the papers (dating from the 1920s) of C. F. Glass, an early South African Communist Party organizer.

Yale Divinity Library plans to acquire the IDC microfiche set of the Paris Evangelical Mission Archives ('PEMS', Missions Evangeliques), starting with the portions relating to Gabon, Lesotho and Zaire. Yale's Sterling Memorial Library is to acquire the microfilm set of the Bibliothèque Umarienne de Ségou (formerly known as Fonds Archinard). These and other unrestricted microform sets held by Yale may be borrowed on inter-library loan by members of the Research Libraries Group (RLG) and by CAMP members (if not held by CRL).

### VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**International Livestock Centre for Africa** seeks Head of Information Services to plan, organize and supervise the operations of the library and the documentation and information processing activities. Apply by Sept. 16 to Personnel Manager, ILCA, POB 5689, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Library of Congress** seeks Chief, African and Middle Eastern Division. The Chief is responsible for the overall administration of the Division, which provides reference service relating to the countries of Africa and the Middle East. Duties include: planning and formulating budgets, policies and procedures and directing the Division; playing the principal role in developing the African, Middle Eastern and Hebraic collections and facilitating their use; planning and directing bibliographic and interpretive projects; collaborating with the Library administration; representing the Library; and maintaining continuing professional contacts with the scholarly world and with the library profession at large, at home and abroad.

This senior level manager position is listed at \$73,972-\$95,300. It is a sensitive position requiring appropriate security clearance and all federal employee benefits apply.

Deadline of September 17, 1991, unless extended, for submission of Standard Form 171 (Application for Federal Employment) and the required attachments (Self-Assessment Form) described in vacancy announcement no. 10424. For more details, contact: Library of Congress, Human Resources Operations Office, 101 Independence Ave., SE - LM117, Washington, DC 20540. Tel: 202-707-9147.

**Northwestern University Library** seeks Cataloger, Monographic (Africana). Qualifications: MLS-accr. libr. prog. Knowledge sufficient to perform subject analysis in two or more relevant modern European Languages. Familiarity with the MARC bibliographic and authorities formats. Original cataloging experience in an automated environment preferred. Some Africana background desirable, but not required. Application deadline: Sept. 15. Send application and resume with names of 3 reference to: Rachel Blegen, Personnel Manager, NUL, 1935 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60208-2300.

### GRANT DEADLINES

The **National Endowment for the Humanities** Reference Materials program has a Sept. 1, 1991, application deadline for projects beginning after July 1, 1992. Awards are made in two categories: Tools and Access. Dictionaries, atlases, encyclopedias, concordances, grammars, descriptive catalogs and databases are eligible in

the Tools category. Archival arrangement and description projects, bibliographies (including databases), records surveys, cataloging projects, and indexes and guides to documentation fall in the Access category. Contact: Reference Materials, Room 318, NEH, Washington, DC 20506.

### SERIAL CANCELLATIONS AND RENEWALS

*This is part of an ongoing effort to share and possibly coordinate plans for changes in collection policies and subscriptions.*

**University of Virginia** Library reports (June 1991) firm plans to cancel the following titles (plus some others that have apparently ceased):

*African Environment. Occasional Papers Series.* (Dakar)

*Bibliographie analytique de l'Afrique antique.* (Paris)

*Natal Museum. Annals.* (Pietermaritzburg)

*Psychopathologie Africaine.* (Dakar)

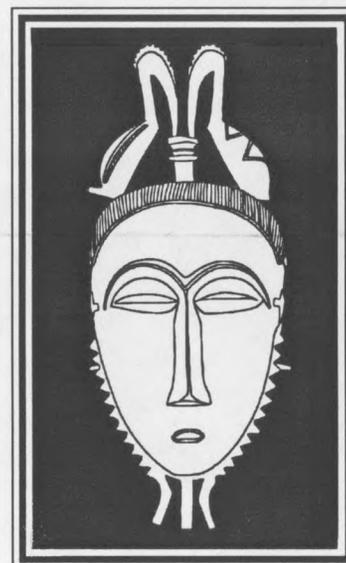
*South African Journal of Science.* (Johannesburg)

**Hoover Institution** reports that it renewed subscriptions to following expensive serials: *Africa analysis* and *Indian Ocean newsletter*.

### FREE BOOKS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

Michigan State University's Center for Urban Affairs has free copies of its *Preliminary Discussions on Problems of Urbanization in Southern Africa*, edited by Andrea Rother (1989; 74p.). Write to Dr. Marvel Lang, Director, Center for Urban Affairs, W-104 Owen Hall, MSU, East Lansing, MI 48824-1109.

**St. Andrew's College of Education** (Oyo) seeks equipment and books in the fields of agriculture, technical education, business education and computer science education. Donations should be sent to Mr. O. Okeesan, College Librarian, St. Andrew's College of Education, P.M.B. 1010, Oyo, Nigeria.



## RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

*The following items have come to the attention of the editor. A volunteer to compile a more systematic list of new publications is sought.*

### BOOKS

De Vylder, Stefan, and Anders Hjort af Ornäs. *Social Science in Africa: The Role of CODESRIA in Pan-African Cooperation*. Stockholm: SAREC Documentation (Evaluations 1991:1), 1991. 113p. This report from a brief evaluation mission appears in a new series (ISSN 0283-5290) initiated by the Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Development Countries (POB 16140, S-103 23, Stockholm). SAREC is a major funding source for CODESRIA (Council for the Development of Economic and Social Science Research Institutes in Africa). The evaluation included a discussion of CODICE, the CODESRIA documentation and information centre.

In a discussion of CODICE reference works (directories of institutes, projects, and researchers and a periodical index), the evaluation team noted concern "that energy is spent here instead of on other important service functions directed more specifically to research groups which need support." (p. 41) In a discussion of the generally high level of service, the authors stated: "The major concerns seems to be how students and young scholars will be able to make use of the facilities. This aspect has to be part of CODICE's information mandate. The long-term solution would be improved university library systems on the African continent. In a shorter term perspective it might be useful to set up a sub-regional training capacity within CODICE, or to introduce a training programme for visiting students in Dakar." (p.42)

"Reponse by CODESRIA to the Report of the SAREC Evaluation Team" (Stockholm: Sarec, 1991) includes the following comment:

The evaluation team is generally impressed by the output of the documentation unit but voices concern on the dissemination of information to African research institutes and researchers. More specifically it expresses concern that CODICE might end up servicing the interna-

tional community rather than the African research community. The danger is real enough. The North not only dominates in the generation of data but has a far superior capacity for absorbing data and it is no wonder that the most insistent requests for data comes from the "North". (p. 8)

Whitney, Gretchen. *Language distribution in databases: An analysis and evaluation*. Metuchen, N.J. : Scarecrow Press, 1990. Analyzes data from 8 databases for 1970-1988 and finds that non-English share has not increased. Swahili literature is found in Chem Abstracts & BIOSIS. Country of publication data from GeoRef and MEDLINE shows very modest share for Africa outside of South Africa.

Zaaiman, R.B., P.J.A. Roux & J.H. Rykheer. *The Use of libraries for the development of South Africa: final report on an investigation for the South African Institute for Librarianship and Information Science*. 2nd ed. Pretoria: Centre for Library and Information Service, Department of Library and Information Science, University of South Africa, 1990. 277p. (Contributions to Library Science / the State Library, Pretoria; no. 41) R25.

### ARTICLES and PAPERS

Alemna, A.A. "Information provision for rural Ghana." *African Research and Documentation*, no. 54 (1990):19ff.

Ashton, Stephen. "British Documents on the End of Empire Project (BDEEP)." *African Research and Documentation*, no. 54 (1990):24ff.

Mchombu, Kingo. "Which Way African Librarianship." *IFLA Journal*, 17, 1 (1991):26-38.

Walsh, Gretchen (Boston U. Library). "Placing Africa in the Library: Some U.S. Experiences." Paper presented at the 1990 meeting of the Canadian Association of African Studies.

## REFERENCE BOOKS IN PROGRESS OR RECENTLY PUBLISHED

*Many more titles appear in an annual list in African Book Publishing Record, no.2, and in the Bibliography Subcommittee minutes above. The following is a very selective list of work in progress or recently completed.*

Mackenzie, Fiona, ed. *Land tenure in Sub-Saharan Africa: A bibliography*, compiled by Alvaro Rodriguez & Nicodemus Benanza Fontem. Ottawa, Canada (KIS 5B6): Carleton University, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (Bibliography series, 9), 1990. 73p \$6.00. Preliminary bibliography; keyword index of subjects and geographic names.

José C. Curto is preparing a "Directory of Canadian Doctoral and Master's Theses on Africa (up to 1990)." This project was begun by John Owen (U. of Saskatchewan) in the mid-1980s and re-activated two years ago by the CAAS Executive. The compilers have located and entered into their database some 2400 titles. This

planned publication is being updated by "Canadian Doctoral Dissertations" in the *CAAS Newsletter*, co-edited by Curto, which began to include master's theses in the Spring 1991 issue. Contact: Curto, Dept. of Sociology, University of Alberta, 5-21 HM Tory Building, Edmonton, Canada T6G 2H4.

This raises the issue of overlap with other lists of theses. In a careful review of *American and Canadian Doctoral Dissertations and Master's Theses on Africa, 1974-1987* (ASA, 1988), Curto wrote in the *Canadian Journal of African Studies* (24,3:488-9): "Less than two-thirds of the actual number of master's theses and doctoral dissertation on African Studies so far known to have been submitted to Canadian universities from 1974 to 1987 are included in this compilation." The *ALN* editor awaits the opportunity to examine the evidence for that conclusion. However, it is clear from some crude tests that *Dissertation Abstracts International* (usually the sole source for "Recent Doctoral Dissertations") includes only one-third to one-half of the Canadian and British dissertations. This

is in sharp contrast to its now fairly comprehensive coverage of U.S. dissertations, with only some Chicago theses systematically left out. A possible, but laborious, solution would be for the compiler of "Recent Doctoral Dissertations" to extend his search to *Canadian Theses [microform]* (National Library of Canada) and *Index to theses with abstracts accepted for higher degrees by the universities of Great Britain and Ireland...* (Aslib). Reader suggestions to ALN editor are welcome.

**International Council for Research in Agroforestry (ICRAF)** has prepared a Multipurpose Tree and Shrub (MPTS) database, which is now being sold on diskettes. The database was designed for practicing agroforesters, and it contains practical information on 1093 tropical and subtropical species. For details, write: MPTS Database Manager, ICRAF, POB 30677, Nairobi.

The **South African Institute of International Affairs** was investigating the feasibility of publishing their bibliographical work, comprising some 32,000 items, on CD-ROM. Each quarterly update would add 1500-2000 new entries. Contact Jan Smuts House Library, SAIIA, POB 31596, Braamfontein 2017.

### CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 1992 CONOVER-PORTER AWARD

The Archives-Libraries Committee of the African Studies Association (U.S.) seeks nominations for the seventh biennial Conover-Porter Award for excellence in Africana bibliography or reference work. Any Africa-related reference work, bibliography or bibliographic essay published separately or as a part of a larger work during 1989, 1990, 1991, or 1992 can be nominated for the 1992 award, which includes a prize of \$300 that will be presented during the 1992 annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Seattle. Nominations must be received before the end of December 1991.

Helen Conover was senior bibliographer in the African Section of the Library of Congress, serving thirty-two years before her retirement in 1963. Dorothy Porter Wesley was librarian of the Moorland-Spingarn Research Center, Howard University, retiring after forty-five years of service in 1973. The first award was presented in 1980. The 1990 winner was Yvette Scheven's *Bibliographies for African Studies 1970-1986* (H. Zell, 1988).

To nominate a title or for additional information contact: Janet Stanley, Chair, ASA Subcommittee on Bibliography, The National Museum of African Art Library, 950 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, D.C. 20560. Tel.: 202-357-4875.

## LETTERS & OPINIONS

*In this section, the editor hopes to publish letters and essays that challenge prevailing practices or beliefs. The two letters concerning the LC West Africa Office were solicited by the editor, and the shortened letter from South Africa continues an exchange begun in earlier issues. In all cases, the opinions expressed are those of the writer. No endorsement by the editor or ALC or MSU is intended.*

### LIBRARY OF CONGRESS WEST AFRICA OFFICE: VENDOR REACTIONS

*For background, see Armstrong report in ALC business meeting minutes of this issue and earlier meetings.*

LETTER FROM CHRISTOPHER BOYD (June 28, 1991)  
**African Imprint Library Services (AILS)**, now in its 21st year of operation, faces an ominous cloud on the horizon in the form of the Library of Congress' plan to acquire and distribute multiple copies of African library materials out of the proposed West African office. If this plan is realized, it will have a considerable effect, not just on AILS, but on the entire structure of the African book trade. Unable to compete on price against a subsidized government institution, commercial book dealers will be left with a smaller sales volume and may ultimately be forced out of business. Instead of improving African acquisitions for the greater Africanist community as a whole, as the addition of a West African field office surely would do for LC itself, the LC multiple copy plan may well hinder other institutions' efforts to build African collections by depriving them of their principal source.

#### Who will gain? Who will lose?

If LC can improve on African Imprint's service and sell the multiple

copies at a lower price, then everyone who participates will gain. After all, every Africana librarian wants the most complete coverage, within the collection development profile, which his or her library budget will support. No librarian could be faulted for switching to LC; the good of the collection must come before loyalty to any vendor.

The big loser, among others, will be AILS itself - its owner/managers, its staff, and its acquisitions agents. As its major U.S. subscribers cancel or restrict their blanket orders, AILS' sales volume will drop off precipitously, forcing management to make drastic cutbacks. The complexities and frustrations of acquiring publications in Africa will outweigh the diminished potential gains for its acquisitions agents, leaving AILS with disgruntled sources, higher costs per book, and a smaller market. The African book trade is not so large an industry that several players can profitably compete for the scraps left behind by the Library of Congress. The wise choice, in the long-run, will be to exit the industry.

But there will be other losers as well. African Imprint has many accounts - corporations, individuals, specialized and foreign libraries - which will lose a good source if African Imprint closes its doors. The Library of Congress may improve coverage for those who participate in the multiple copy plan, but the net effect for the hundreds of others who use African Imprint will be that they will be unable to acquire the African materials they need.

#### But will LC really improve African acquisitions? Will the prices really be lower?

African Imprint's network of acquisitions agents has been in place for a long time. Its agents know the sources, they have the export licenses and expertise, and they ship regularly, direct to the U.S. LC's sources outside of the host country will ship to the West African office or hold the publications for pick-up, creating delays.

How often LC staff visits each country in West Africa may well determine how current and how frequent a participant's acquisitions are.

LC's cost advantage over African Imprint lies principally in its intention to use APO services to bring the publications into the U.S., substantially cutting shipping costs. This practice works well for titles acquired by LC for itself, but may not be feasible for multiple copies. If it is, an administrative surcharge of 50% above purchase price is anticipated, which will certainly mean lower resale prices than African Imprint's. If LC must turn to commercial freight services and increases the surcharge to offset this expense, the price difference between LC and African Imprint will be smaller. Either way, it is unlikely that LC will be able to cover its costs except at an enormous sales volume it cannot hope to achieve. The prices may prove to be lower, but they could just as easily be higher; at any reasonable price, the plan will not pay for itself. So who will pay for it? The American taxpayer will.

In effect, African acquisitions will be subsidized by the federal government at the expense of an otherwise viable commercial concern. Considering the impact the loss of its primary source of African publications will have on the global community of Africanists, in our opinion, the multiple copy plan would do more harm than good.

LETTER FROM DAVID HOGARTH (9 May 1991)

Thank you for your letter of April 29.

Like Chris Boyd, I would anticipate that if the Library of Congress supplies books at cost to participating libraries, my business would suffer seriously. The Majority of my customers are United States university libraries.

However I would not want any library with whom I am currently dealing to feel any embarrassment or difficulty about switching to the Library of Congress if after considering all relevant questions including those listed below, it still seems appropriate.

These are some questions I would ask if I were a librarian. I would answer them on *the assumption that the establishment of the buying office would mean the end of most of the existing dealers*. This might not happen but it would be unwise to discount the possibility.

(1) Can the buying office provide a sufficiently comprehensive service especially in its early years before its address list is

established? Fellow librarians who have dealt with Cairo or New Delhi will no doubt be able to comment.

(2) What will happen if there is anti-American or simply revolutionary activity in the country where the buying office is located? How easily could it move elsewhere? (What would have happened if it had been placed in Liberia, for example?)

(3) Even if the headquarters country remains friendly, will the connection of the Library of Congress with the U.S. Government mean that from time to time some countries cannot be visited?

(4) Congress can close what it has opened. How many congressmen would feel their seats to be at risk if they failed to defend a Library of Congress buying office? Where would the Africana libraries turn to, if in a period of recession such a closure took place?

(5) What would be the effect on the supply of African imprints to those bookbuyers who now rely on dealers (and on libraries to keep dealers in business)--the Africana scholars of the United States?

(6) What would be the effect on initiatives like the African Books Collective or attempts of individual *African* dealers to enter the market? They have a reasonable chance of achieving this against the present range of dealers; against a Library of Congress buying office selling at cost they would have little or none.

#### SOUTH AFRICAN INFORMATION ISSUES (cont.)

Dear Editor,

The response by F.R.P. de Bruyn [*ALN* April 1991, p.3] to the correspondence about library charges levied by Pretoria City Council is disingenuous and misleading. Only those who live outside the municipal boundary, it is argued, have to pay a membership fee. It fails to mention the fact that the Group Areas Act ... prohibits black South Africans from living legally on a permanent basis within Pretoria municipality.

... black Pretorians, except the very few, rich or lucky enough to have evaded the law, have to pay R50 to belong to their library. It is theirs because they contribute to ... the greater Pretoria region. ...

-Christopher Merrett

Deputy University Librarian, U. of Natal

## NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

### VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hogarth Representation** announced that it is extending its coverage to Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mozambique, Reunion, and Somalia.

**SABEC** (South African Book Exchange) is now open. This is a national center for the redistribution to members of surplus and little-used publications from southern African libraries. Annual registration is R30. Members pay packaging and postage costs, plus a handling fee of R10 per monograph or R2-14 for serial number or volume. SABEC has prepared a list of 9000 available periodicals for R24 and a list of more than 2000 monographs, costing R12.50. Write to State Library, POB 397, Pretoria 0001.

See also **African Books Collective** announcement (Hans Zell) at beginning of ALC business meeting minutes, above.

### SERIAL CHANGES

*Focus on Political Repression in South Africa* (IDAF) ceased with no. 93 (March-April 1991).

*Jeune Afrique* magazine (previously also *J.A.* magazine), became *Afrique* magazine, effective no. 57 (Mars 1989).

## NEW SERIALS

*Africa Forum*: A Journal of Leadership and Development. A new quarterly (with English and French editions) published by Olusegun Obasanjo, founder of the Africa Leadership Forum and former Head of State of Nigeria. Annual subscription: £35 (\$75). Africa Forum, PO Box 1374, London SW9 8ET, UK.

*Nigerian Stage*. Vol. 1, no. 1 (1990). Akanji Nasiru (editor), Dept. of Performing Arts, University of Ilorin, Kwara State, Nigeria.

## NEW VIDEOS

**California Newsreel** has released the *Library of African Cinema*. First year releases include 8 films from Mali, Burkina Faso, Senegal, Zaire, South Africa and Madagascar. To provide background on each title, a 36-page resource guide is available at no charge. To rent, purchase or preview these videocassettes, contact Cornelius Moore, California Newsreel, 149 9th St., Suite 420, San Francisco, CA 94103. (415)621-6196.

**Globa Vision**, the producers of the award winning PBS series "South Africa Now," has made available several videos on Southern Africa. These include the complete "South Africa Now Collection" for \$5000, plus four 60-90 minute videos for \$50 each. All tapes are in VHS-NTSC, and all sales will benefit the non-profit tax-exempt Southern Africa Information Foundation. Further details available from Global Vision, 361 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013. Tel.: 212-941-0255.

## SELECTED NEW BOOKS

*This section will be generally limited to titles outside the regular book trade. Many more titles and/or details on publisher addresses can be found in Joint Acquisitions List of Africana (Northwestern University Library), The African Book Publishing Record (Hans Zell Publishers), American Book Publishing Record (Bowker), Accessions List: Eastern Africa (Library of Congress Office, Nairobi), or in one of the current national bibliographies.*

**Academy Science Publishers** (POB 14798, Nairobi) offers a number of titles, including "Directory of scholarly journals published in Africa: A preliminary survey." 1990. \$5 (Kshs.50). 49p. (per Whydah, March 1991).

**Africa Books Ltd** has announced plans for the June 1991 publication of revised editions of the 3 volumes in its Know Africa series: *Africa Today*, *Africa Who's Who*, and *Makers of Modern Africa*. Address: 3 Galena Road, Hammersmith, London W6 0LT.

**African Studies Association of Australia and the Pacific (AFSAAP)** offers the 4th ed. of its *Directory of Africanists...*, compiled by David Dorward (1991) for \$10, plus \$5 for shipping and handling. The AFSAAP Conference Papers for 1986-1990 are available on 20 fiche, at \$5 per fiche, plus postage and handling. AFSAAP, c/o African Research Institute, La Trobe University, Bundoora, Victoria, Australia 3083

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