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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

News about the ALC meeting in Boston fills this issue, even without the CAMP minutes which were not yet available. Noteworthy developments include: an overdue "retirement" presentation to Doris Hull; interest shown in filling gaps in newspapers already filmed; a CAMP meeting that moved with remarkable efficiency; some new faces; and another year of *ALN* for this editor.

David Leishman made a special plea that we drop his old address (The Rise) and replace it with: 2B Westgate, Southwell Notts, NG25 0JH UK.

A special thanks to Ruth Thomas for correcting errors in my Amharic records. And to another LC staffer who explained that LC's switch to Côte d'Ivoire (about 7 years after Abidjan undertook teaching English to the anglophones) followed a recent State Department change.

My most enjoyable panel: Listening to Warren d'Azevedo practice the art of "undermining shibboleths" (his words) upon those who came to praise him. Least enjoyable experience: listening to reports and discussions about events in Somalia and Liberia.

Once again, this issue would not have been possible without contributions from many sources. Contributors include: Helene Baumann, Phyllis Bischof,

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ACRONYMS

ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)
ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)
ALC - Africana Librarians Council
(formerly Archives-Libraries Committee) of ASA
ASA - African Studies Association (U.S.)
CAMP - Cooperative Africana Microform Project (CRL)
CRL - Center for Research Libraries (Chicago)
IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations
LC - Library of Congress
MELA - Middle East Librarians Association
MSU - Michigan State University
SCOLMA - Standing Conf. on Library Materials on Africa
U. - University
UCLA - University of California, Los Angeles

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL/CAMP NEWS

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

April 15-16, 1994, Durham, NC - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 November 3-6, 1994, Toronto - ASA Annual Meeting
 Spring 1995, Evanston, IL - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 November (1st week) 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 1996, Portland or Bay area - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 1997, Norfolk - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 1998, Midwest site - ASA Annual Meeting

ALC/CAMP MEETINGS IN DURHAM, NC

Provisional Schedule of meetings

Friday, April 15:

8:30-12:30 Cooperative Cataloging Workshop (See below)
 10:00-12:00 Conover-Porter Award Committee Meeting
 1:30- 3:00 Bibliography Committee Meeting
 3:15- 4:45 Cataloging Committee Meeting
 6:00- Reception & dinner

Saturday, April 16:

8:30- 9:15 ALC Executive Board Meeting
 9:30-12:00 ALC Business Meeting
 1:30- 3:30 CAMP Business Meeting
 3:30- 4:30 CAMP Executive Committee

Rooms for \$48 or \$54 (double) reserved at Brownstone Med Center Inn (1-800-367-0293). Other lodging: \$38 & \$42 at Cricket Inn Duke (919-286-3111); \$44 & \$54 at Best Western University Inn (919-286-4421).

The Cooperative Cataloging Workshop, for catalogers interested in expanding the scope of cooperative cataloging with LC, has a separate registration deadline of February 28. (Send names and addresses to Baumann at address below.) This workshop will be taught by LC personnel. It will establish the parameters of cooperative cataloging for the submission of new and enhanced subject authority records and classification proposals to the Library of Congress. Future developments will be a major topic of discussion. The focus will be on Africana materials, but participation is not limited to Africana catalogers. The workshop is intended for NACO-participating institutions, but alternative means of contribution could be found for catalogers from other institutions. There is no fee.

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AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Westin Hotel, Boston, MA, Dec. 3, 1993, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Schmidt, Chair.

Present were: Fr. Peter Bakka (Catholic U.), Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Ruby Bell-Gam (U. of California, Los Angeles), Phyllis Bischof (U. of California, Berkeley), Dan Britz (Northwestern U.), Joseph Caruso (Columbia U.), Moore Crossey (Yale U.), Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop), David Easterbrook (Northwestern U.), Kay Elsasser (LC), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State U.), Gregory Finnegan (Dartmouth College), Karen Fung (Stanford), Carla Ghezzi (Istituto Italo-Africano), Beverly Gray (LC), David Henige (U. of

Wisconsin), David Hogarth (Hogarth), John Bruce Howell (U. of Iowa), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois), Mary Alice Kraehe (U. of Virginia), Joseph Lauer (Michigan State U.), ADH Leishman (Leishman & Taussig), Robert W. Lesh (Northwestern U.), Margaret Ling (Zimbabwe International Book Fair), Helen MacLam (CHOICE Magazine), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), Judy McDermott (LC), Razia Nanji (University of Florida), Thokozile Nkabinde (Manzini Swaziland), Pat Ogedengbe (Northwestern University), Hans Panofsky, Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U.), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Denise M. Shorey (Princeton University), Françoise Sorieul (Centre Sahel), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.), Ruth Thomas (LC, Nairobi Office), Heather Thorpe (Hogarth), Dorothy Washington (Schomburg Center, NY Public Library), Thomas Weissinger (Cornell U.), David Westley (Boston U.), Dawn Williams (Northwestern U.), and Meseratch Zecharias (Syracuse U.).

Following general introductions, a presentation was made to **Doris M. Hull** in honor of her retirement from Howard University. She is now working for the West African Research Association (WARA) and we look forward to her continued involvement in African studies.

Chair's Report Following the spring meeting she appointed liaisons to ALA's Black Caucus, to ALA's Asian and African Section, and to the Zimbabwe International Book Fair. She wrote to Winston Tabb to express the group's continued support for an LC West African Office. She has also written letters of support for Title II and VI funding for libraries. In addition, she has helped to develop a proposal for a joint acquisitions trip to Senegal from Title VI centers.

Tom Weissinger can no longer be chair of the Strategic Planning Committee.

Schmidt requested that the committee meet and choose a new chair.

Schmidt thanked Finnegan for sending out all the e-mail messages to the group. He responded by saying that if anyone is not currently receiving messages via e-mail, but would like to, please contact him.

Elections

Elections were held for a new Chair Elect and two new members-at-large. Greg Finnegan was elected Chair Elect and Joseph Caruso and Razia Nanji were elected members-at-large. Many thanks to the Nominations Committee and all those who agreed to run.

ALC Meetings at ASA in Toronto

The group decided to again hold our meetings a day early in Toronto although two of our members are now on the African Studies Association (ASA) Board and will not be able to attend.

It was also decided that instead of holding a separate Conover-Porter Award reception, we would like to join in a general reception for all ASA award presentations. It was felt that this would provide greater visibility for the award as well as for ALC. The Chair will discuss this with the ASA Board on December 7th.

ALC Spring Meeting 1994

Baumann presented information on the spring meeting to be held at Duke University. The meetings will take place Friday-Saturday, April 15-16, 1994, and will include a special session on cooperative cataloging led by personnel from the Library of Congress. If anyone needs more information about hotels, etc., please contact her.

Editorship of ALN

Schmidt reported on the failure to find a new editor or co-editors for the *Africana Libraries Newsletter (ALN)*. Lauer has generously agreed to continue as editor for one more year. If anyone is interested in editing or co-editing please contact Lauer or Kagan. The Strategic Planning Committee was charged to develop a formal procedure for recruiting the editor of *ALN*.

40th Anniversary Committee Report

Malanchuk, co-chair of the committee, reported on the evolving plans for an ALC 40th Anniversary Conference. Gray has said that LC is willing to host such an event. If it is decided to hold it at LC, we will need to think of a way to link the anniversary with the regular Fall meeting of ASA. The Chair will discuss this with the ASA Board on December 7th. In discussing how to bring people from overseas, it was noted that having them come for an ASA meeting might prove to be more expensive as we would need to pay for a longer stay in a hotel. If ASA were to help pay for someone, they would probably only provide funding for one person and then only for the regular fall meeting. Several other possibilities for funding were mentioned: United States Information Agency, Agency for International Development, ALA, and the Ford Foundation. The Reed Foundation was mentioned as a possibility but it was noted that the conference would have to have some connection to diaspora studies. The African Archives and Museums Project (SSRC) would be a possibility if archives were included. Operation Crossroads Africa is not bringing people to this country at this time but may start in 1994. Members of ALC were asked at the Spring meeting to find out if their institutions could sponsor an African librarian who could attend the conference. So far there are positive responses from Indiana, the Mortenson Center at the University of Illinois Library and UCLA.

At the end of the discussion it was decided to hold the anniversary conference at LC in the spring of 1997. Possible themes or topics for a program were discussed. The Committee presented a very general theme of "Researching Africa: Dynamics of Information." It was noted that we need to create a program which includes African librarians and can be of explicit benefit to them. Asking for input from African librarians was suggested. It was decided to delay further discussion on a theme until the spring meeting. The Committee will develop some more specific topics in the meantime. Anyone who has any ideas should contact the co-chairs, Malanchuk and Schmidt.

Training of Future Africana Librarians

Schmidt reported that efforts by Walsh to contact Simmons College Library School students interested in meeting members of ALC had been unsuccessful. She also reported that Indiana University's Library School is setting up a new program for a joint masters degree in library science and area studies, including Africa.

ASA Book Donation Project

Prior to this meeting there had been no request for funds from the ASA endowment grant for book donation projects. Malanchuk noted that he had just sent one in.

Walsh would like people to send her information on book donation projects they have been involved in over the past two years. She hopes to revise her handbook/directory (*ASA News*, April/June 1992) and would like to include information about projects that have been undertaken.

Dorothy Washington reported on a book lift for Ghana that included a number of books on African American studies.

A survey of African embassies that will facilitate book donations prepared by Pat Ogedengbe was distributed.

It was noted that Books for the World is having funding problems and is no longer a promising source at this time.

ALC Linkages with African Librarians

Schmidt has written recently to 49 library associations in Africa introducing ALC and inviting them to exchange newsletters and other information with ALC. She will pass on any responses she receives to the appropriate person and report on the responses at the spring meeting.

ARL Foreign Acquisitions Project

Easterbrook reported on the activities of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Task Force. As previously noted, they met in Seattle to outline a work plan in response to the overall ARL foreign acquisitions project and in East Lansing to discuss progress on the report. Their report outlines the topics ARL wanted addressed: namely, introduction and background, current state of collections, impact of technology, recommendations, and appendices. They used Nigeria and Senegal as examples whenever possible but did not limit themselves to solely discussing these two countries. Of the 9 area studies task forces also working on this project, only three have been completed, Japan, Mexico and Western Europe. All task force reports should be submitted over the next several months. Final revisions and additions for the Africana report are currently underway. Due to the size of the report, it is the Task Force's intention to send copies only to those who actively participated or submitted information to the Task Force and to those who specifically request a copy. If anyone would like a copy, they should contact David.

LC Nairobi Office

Ruth Thomas reported on the activities of the Nairobi Office for fiscal year 1993. She noted that acquisitions are up with a total of 14 trips to 15 countries. These trips included a trip to Morogoro, Tanzania where publications were acquired from Sokoine University of Agriculture and to Dodoma, the remotely located, undeveloped capital of Tanzania. A visit was also made to the French island of Mayotte, the first since 1991. The trip to the Zimbabwe Book Fair was the outstanding acquisition event of the year. A 23rd country has been added to their list and LC now has a representative based in Asmara, Eritrea. The collection of somewhat rare Somali newspapers has continued throughout the year, with a total of 2,990 issues acquired as of Sept. 30, 1993. These are being microfiched along with specially collected reports on current work in Somalia which have been produced by non-governmental and UN organizations. The Nairobi Office monographic cataloging operations have been under evaluation by LC-Washington DC staff since January 1992. This was concluded in September 1993. Independence of Washington review has been granted for all English and vernacular monographs with already established monograph series. The Office is producing its accessions list inhouse instead of the Karachi Office. It has published six issues of its bi-monthly Accession List and five issues of the Quarterly Index to Periodical Literature. In FY93 thirty institutions were enrolled in the participant libraries program of the Nairobi Office.

LC Budget and Participant Plan

Judy McDermott reported on the very serious budgetary problems being experienced at LC. LC is making every attempt to just save what they have and a new cooperative spirit is being developed in order to maximize funds. They anticipate a flat budget for fiscal year '94 which translates into a 5 percent budget cut given inflation. They believe this situation will last at least another 5 years or until the end of the century. There will be a reduction in FTE by

'95 which is part of a larger federal government decrease. Through a program of "buyouts" and early retirements, LC has already lost 200+ positions. On a positive note it is anticipated that a Chief for the African and Middle East Division will be hired soon. The overseas offices will have a \$200,000 reduction that will be spread over all of them. Operations in Bangkok are being phased out and all offices will experience reductions in travel. They will stop publishing the accessions lists except for Africa and South Asia. These two will be continued for another six months while other options are considered. Items cataloged in the overseas offices are being directly uploaded to the LC database. In this way, a bibliographic record for an item, which formerly appeared in the Accessions List long before its final catalog record appeared anywhere online, will now be available sooner electronically.

No money has been requested for the West Africa Office for fiscal year '95. Given the budgetary situation, LC felt that the money was needed elsewhere. They still have the West Africa data and are working on finding representatives to work in the various regions. Support for an office is still strong and it is hoped that they can try and propose something for '96.

She also reported on the new participant billing system that is coming very soon. All participants will receive a handout and a letter of explanation soon. The new billing procedures are based on cost recovery of services. At this point they don't know what the differences in costs will be to participants. A dummy bill will be generated of the last bill that will show the difference with explanations.

Zimbabwe International Book Fair

Margaret Ling, Managing Director of the Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF), thanked Schmidt and Walsh (ALC's liaison to ZIBF) for all their help and advice. ZIBF '93 was very successful with 170 exhibitors. The '94 Fair will have a science and technology theme. They are hoping to have an international symposium on science publishing and technology transfer, and a training workshop for African publishers on rights and licenses. The British government is planning to sponsor a trade mission for publishers at the same time. Walsh, in a report prepared for this meeting, stated that she believes that the ALC should give some thought to ways ZIBF can benefit us as major book customers. Is there some way that ZIBF can address some of the infrastructure problems of the African book trade? Perhaps part of its international activities could be awareness and ordering mechanisms for overseas libraries?

Draft Statement on African Books Collective

Easterbrook and Kagan presented a statement expressing support for the activities of the African Books Collective (ABC). A motion to endorse the following statement passed overwhelmingly:

The Africana Librarians Council expresses its support for all efforts that strengthen publishing in Africa by African-owned publishers. Support is also expressed for those donor agencies who, working through the Bellagio Group, work to strengthen the ongoing development and expansion of publishing in Africa. In particular, support is expressed for the African Books Collective, a cooperative owned by its member publishers, a majority of which are not-for-profit. The African Books Collective distributes select imprints of its member publishers outside Africa. The focus of its publicity, sales and distribution efforts are on a wide range of libraries, academic and public, and the resulting hard currency earnings have been reinvested in individual publishers' well being in the form of added equipment, personnel and publications. The African Books Collective offers a creative solution to the problems faced by African

publishers in their attempts to more widely distribute their publications outside Africa.

IFLA Report

Kagan reported on the IFLA meeting in Barcelona. Of particular interest was the report of the IFLA Mission to South Africa (available from IFLA, POB 95312, 2509 CH The Hague, Netherlands, fax: 31(70)3834827). The report recommends that IFLA should assist the processes of change in library and information service in South Africa, assist professional organizations in their research projects, including TRANSLIS (Transforming Our Library and Information Service), recognize the strengths of existing professional organizations and act as a facilitator between them, and assist in staffing development aimed at redressing past imbalances between population groups. Several general recommendations include the development of a strategic national plan and a legal framework, hiring based on potential rather than strictly based on qualifications, increasing the quantity and scope of continuing education, and encouraging SAILIS (South African Institute for Library and Information Science) to promote unity between groups by intensifying confidence building measures and internal restructuring. The Report also calls for a comprehensive review in 3 years time.

Kagan also noted that a paper of particular interest to our group was presented by Lilia Vazquez entitled "Online access to United Nations information system information." It is available from IFLA or directly for the author, e-mail: liliav@nygate.undp.org. IFLA is planning a training seminar on government information sources for anglophone Africa in Harare, November 1994. Also of interest, the newsletter of the IFLA Regional Section on Africa is available from the Africa Regional Office, Bibliotheque de l'Université Cheikh Anta Diop de Dakar, B.P. 2006, Dakar, Senegal, fax: (221)242379.

SABINET

Caruso has done some preliminary investigations of SABINET (South African Bibliographic and Information Network) and reports that it looks like a very promising resource. It provides access to the databases of over 300 institutions in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia, including special collections. A question was raised regarding reports of problems of access to SABINET in South Africa by historically black institutions. Selwyn Singer, a representative of SABINET at the meeting, noted that he was unaware of any such problems, but would look into it and report back as soon as possible.

Library of Congress Report

Gray reported that the new representatives from West Africa had been brought to LC for training. While publishing in much of the area has been adversely affected by such things as inflation, political conditions and mailing costs, acquisitions were up in Nigeria. LC hopes to have similar results in other countries as the representatives become more productive.

She reported that Michael Grunberger, head, Hebrew Section, African and Middle Eastern Division, has succeeded her as the Division's acting chief. The section heads have been serving on a rotating basis until a chief is named. The Africa Section is now functioning with a staff of 3-4 librarians and one library technician. Thokozile Nkabinde, a librarian from South Africa, joined the staff for a 3 month period, beginning in September, under the auspices of Africare's South Africa Career Development Internship Program.

The Section continues to participate in Worldnet, USIA's TV network. For example, Joanne Zellers recently addressed the Ghana Library Association, and she took part in a USIA program for Southern African librarians. There has been a marked growth in activity through the Internet where the LC catalog and other files,

such as the GENBIB files maintained by the Division, are now available through LC.MARVEL (the menu-driven GOPHER system at LC).

Due to current budgetary constraints, they are placing subscriptions only to a limited number of journals, i.e., those ranked "high" on a high, medium and low priority scale. They can, however, still request any titles to be obtained by gift, exchange, copyright and from the field offices. The Library will soon begin reviewing foreign newspapers and foreign serials filmed by the LC Photoduplication Service. This review is necessitated by the increasing costs to acquire, to microfilm and to collate these papers.

The budget for international mail has been reduced, and, as a consequence, international borrowing has been restricted due to high costs. The Loan Division must restrict the number of items on loan to individual institutions to 10 items at a time. In addition, they can no longer provide complimentary photocopy service for international borrowers.

The revised and updated 1993 edition of *Newspapers Received Currently in the Library of Congress* is now available. The Federal Research Division has issued area handbooks for Somalia and Ethiopia in 1993 and plans to issue them for Ghana, South Africa and Zaire in 1994.

Institution Reports, etc.

Malanchuk reported that the *Journal of Peace and Human Rights* is coming out soon.

All other reports were postponed until the spring meeting.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz (Secretary)

PRE-BUSINESS MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday, December 5, 1993, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Schmidt, Chair. Present were: Lesh, Baumann, Lauer, Kagan, Bell-Gam, Gray, Schmidt, Ezera, and Plantz.

1. Schmidt brought before the Executive Board the problems encountered by the Nominations Committee in finding members of the Council willing to run for office. While everyone is feeling "stretched" these days, it was noted that we all need to think about supporting the ALC because it is through our collective efforts that much important work in our field has been accomplished over the years.

2. The problem of finding a new editor for *ALN* was also discussed. After reviewing the multitude of steps she followed in the search for an editor or co-editors, the Board prevailed upon Lauer to continue in his present capacity as editor for one more year. It was generally agreed the *ALN* needed to be continued as it is an important means of communication for our group to the "outside world." It was decided that the problems of finding an editor for *ALN* would be brought to the Strategic Planning Committee for discussion.

3. Schmidt reported that Tom Weissinger could no longer be head of the Strategic Planning Committee formed at the Spring meeting. It was decided to ask the committee to meet and choose their own chair.

4. The Chair's report to the ASA Board on December 4, 1993 was reviewed. It was decided not to bring up the problems of finding new Africana librarians. Kagan stressed the need for ALC to attract librarians who are part-time Africana selectors or who have responsibilities for African-American or diaspora studies collections. The possibility of requesting funding for the 40th Anniversary meeting was discussed. It was noted that if the meeting is held apart for the annual ASA meeting, there would no hope for financial support from ASA. Schmidt also mentioned that only the Herskovits award would be awarded at the ASA banquet and that a suggestion had been made at the spring ASA board meeting to hold one reception for all other awards. The Conover-Porter Award could be presented at such a reception. It was decided to bring this before the ALC. The problems of government publications departments being merged into reference departments and a progress report on the LC West Africa office were also noted as possible topics to be presented to the Board.

5. Kagan discussed the recent controversy over the selection of panels and papers for the 1993 ASA meeting. He noted that these problems would not affect panel or programs proposed by ALC.

6. The business meeting agenda was reviewed.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz

CATALOGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 3, 1993, 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Present: Bakka, Bell-Gam, Bischof, Caruso, Dax, Easterbrook, Elsasser, Evalds (Philadelphia), Fung, Gray, Howell, Kagan, Kraehe, Lauer, Lesh, Malanchuk, McDermott, Meseratch Zecharias, Nanji, Nkabinde, Roslyn Pedlar (Boston Univ.), Plantz, Schmidt, Shayne, Sorieul, Stamm, Thomas.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Lesh, Committee chair.

1. The minutes of the April 30th East Lansing meeting were approved as they appeared in *ALN* [no. 75, p. 6-7].

2. Old business:

a. **Language codes** in LCSH authority records for African languages: Rebecca Gunther (LC) indicated to Elsasser that LC is not in favor of adding language codes to LCSH authority records for African languages. The proposal had been forwarded to MARBI, which is not in favor of it either. Clarification is to be sought from Sally McCallum (LC) and MARBI regarding LC's and MARBI's opinions on this matter.

b. **African languages survey:** Lesh distributed the final draft of the survey for the Committee's approval, noting the changes made since our last meeting and that suggestions for improvement were taken into account. Schmidt pointed out a couple of errors in information pertaining to Indiana University; Lesh responded that he will send out an errata and asked for any other corrections, suggesting they could be sent to him later. The Committee accepted the final draft.

c. **Enhancement of LC authority records for African languages:** Elsasser spoke with Ann Della Porta (LC's Cooperative Cataloging Team) who said this sort of thing is fine, as LC is happy

to have this enhancement done. Elsasser reported that it will be a month or so before the records already completed will be input. She also specified it is preferred that we type or use a computer rather than handwrite the enhancements, which should then be attached to a copy of the original record. Plantz said that she would like a more detailed explanation and guidelines of how to create these enhancements. Elsasser said that someone from Cooperative Cataloging would come to our next meeting to clarify instructions and talk about the future of Cooperative Cataloging, reference sources to use, etc. Cooperative Cataloging is anxious to expand the pool of libraries which participate in cooperative cataloging ventures in many ways.

d. DDC proposal: Lesh distributed a letter that was sent in August with a proposal for changes to DDC schedules for Islam and African languages to Julianne Beall, Assistant Editor of the Decimal Classification at LC. Stamm reported that no action has been taken yet regarding the proposed changes; they will be up for review in May of '94; the changes will not be published in DDC until 1996. Plantz mentioned that she participated in two conference calls with Decimal Classification Division staff and the Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials (CC:AAM) subcommittee to review DDC 297, most members of which specialize in Middle Eastern and Islamic materials. More suggestions have come in since then, and DDC 297 has been greatly improved.

e. Cataloging Committee Archives update: Lesh noted that at the last meeting he informed the Committee that he was organizing the minutes of our meetings, correspondence, documents, and all other papers into a Committee Archives. He asked members to contribute any material they might have, especially things dated before 1990. Dorothy Niekamp was able to send him a good deal of material, and he would welcome mailings from anyone else. He also mentioned that he had heard some members of the committee had examined Betsy Widenmann's papers. Caruso mentioned a relative had thrown some of them away, but it is not known what exactly was lost.

f. DT classification schedule: Elsasser said she had talked to the Cooperative Cataloging teams again about this issue; some confusion exists as to what we want. Do we wish to scrap the entire schedule, or revise what exists? It is possible that it could be expanded easily through Cooperative Cataloging. Since the Library is very short of funds, it could be a problem if the desire is to get rid of large chunks of the schedule; however, a smaller revision would be okay. Lesh said we would probably just want to enhance what is there. Gray pointed out that in the past we thought we should get some feedback regarding this issue from some African library associations. Lesh volunteered to contact a number of them. Elsasser mentioned the existence of a D "model," an outline we need to follow of what's required in the schedule; she suggested someone write to Mark Zomec at the Cataloging Policy and Support office to obtain the documentation. Lesh offered to do so and will send it to Caruso, who expressed an interest in working on this. Elsasser said that if we define specifically what needs to be worked on, we'll get more positive results.

3. ALA report:

Stamm reported on the first of two meetings of the Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials that were held at ALA Midwinter. She explained that Louise Leonard of the University of Florida distributed a memo regarding the creation of a directory of librarians and others who possess knowledge of African and

other lesser-known languages who could be consulted by catalogers. CC:AAM will sponsor the Asian/African Section program for children's literature for the Middle East and Africa at ALA. LC has supported the creation of some new African language codes; approximately six new ones were approved. The Middle Eastern Librarian's Association had hopes for an Arabic name authorities workshop; plans have been scrapped.

Bell-Gam reported on the second meeting. She first expanded on Louise Leonard's directory, saying there is talk of this being in the form of an electronic bulletin board as well as a hard copy version. The concept has moved from a small list of languages to a broader scope, since CC:AAM also deals with Asian languages. Leonard would like to eventually present the idea to our group. A consultant's service might evolve from this directory. A proposal is in the works to develop new headings for Thai musical instruments. We might want to develop a proposal for Africana musical instruments in the future. CC:AAM goals will be to continue working on romanization tables and support DDC expansion and revision, as well as the directory of language experts. There is a proposal to invite representatives of OCLC and RLG to come regularly to CC:AAM meetings; the chair of CC:AAM will write a formal letter to the two organizations.

4. LC report on its reorganization of cataloging: Elsasser reported that, eighteen months after the reorganization, people are adjusting to the physical move, working with new people, etc. The process has been eventful, and things are settling down and working smoothly at this point. It is thought that the reorganization will contribute greatly to increased efficiency and will ensure much better care is taken of material.

There are now four cataloging divisions: History/Literature, Arts/Sciences, Social Sciences, Regional and Cooperative Cataloging. Cataloging of field office materials and cooperative cataloging have been combined under the Regional and Cooperative Cataloging Division. There is a push to expand cooperative cataloging as well as NACO contributions and subject, classification and bibliographic contributions. In July, LC began working with the Machine Assisted Virtual Library (called LC Marvel), which is available through the Internet. This can be used to dial up LC catalogs, find out about LC's services, and contribute authority or bibliographic headings to LC. There is also a phone tutorial so one can be walked through the procedure. Interested parties may contact Judy Henderson for a walk-through.

5. Cooperative Cataloging & LC: The Committee decided a letter should be sent to Sarah Thomas, expressing our interest in an area studies cooperative workshop at the spring meeting.

6. Searching NOTIS at Northwestern University by geographic area code and language code: Stamm explained how to search for titles in NOTIS online union catalogs by geographic area code and language code using keyword access.

7. Use of Africa (f—) and Africa, Sub-Saharan (fb—) in LCSH and geographic area codes: Lauer proposed that the group do something toward eliminating the distinction between Africa and Africa, Sub-Saharan in both the language codes and subject classification. [See *ALN*, Oct. 1993, p. 9.] Many people searching for materials do not always recognize the distinction, and many catalogers have incorrectly made (and sometimes not made) the distinction in cataloging. Some members of the Committee agreed with Joe; others did not. The point was made, for example, that if

the GAC and subject heading for Sub-Saharan Africa were eliminated, a great number of records would have just the GAC and subject heading for Africa in them. The issue will be revisited at our next meeting; Lesh will refer the matter to the CC:AAM in a letter and see what its response is.

8. **Time period subdivisions** for LCSH for African countries: Lesh distributed a letter written to Sarah Thomas advocating the expansion of time periods for African countries in LCSH, as suggested previously by the Committee.

9. **Announcements:** Stamm announced that the grant proposal to fund the indexing of Africana conference papers is being resubmitted to the Department of Education and will hopefully be in the mail within the next few days. There is still no keyword searching available in the conference paper file in NOTIS at Northwestern, but it will be available soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

—Dawn Williams

BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MINUTES

December 3, 1993, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 11:42 by the Chair, Helene Baumann.

Present [in addition to those listed above as attending the Business Meeting]: Vicki Evalds (Philadelphia), Mary Jay (African Books Collective), Roslyn Pedlar (Boston U.), Janet Stanley (National Museum of African Art), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U.), Dorothy Woodson (SUNY-Buffalo) and Hans Zell (Hans Zell Publishers).

1. **Announcements:** Zell invited those present to the NOMA Award presentation and reception. The Roundtable on African Publishing, chaired by Zell, has been rescheduled for Sunday at 11-1, to avoid conflict with the ALC-sponsored panel.

2. **Correction to Minutes:** There is a mistake in the published minutes of the Spring Meeting at Michigan State (*ALN*, July 1993, p. 5). Near the bottom, it should say "Kagan is chairing a panel on-line access to government information. One of the papers will be on accessing UN and IDRC resources."

3. **Conover-Porter Award:** Schmidt moved discussion of the draft "Timetable of Procedures for the 1994 Conover-Porter Award." Several points were brought up. Requesting examination copies from publishers was customary for other book awards, in the experience of several who spoke. Bischof noted that it has been customary for the Past Chair to serve as chair of the C-P Committee; she also noted that the press release mentions finalists as well as the winning title. More nominations were solicited.

4. **Government Documents:** Bischof presented a document in the form of "An Open Letter to the Profession" which examines a trend in research library organization towards integrating government documents collections and specialist staff into general reference services. Our concern arises because of the fact that African government documents are especially difficult to acquire. Thus we believe that the effect of merged staff and collections tends to be a diminishment of the breath and depth of African and other foreign

and international documents collections and of the quality of general reference service as well.

Discussion touched both on general trends and principles and on the experiences of specific libraries (Brigham Young, U. of CT, UC San Diego) where such integration has taken place. The sense of the meeting, however, was that the statement as drafted was too specific (not, for example, differentiating forms of organization from necessary functions). Since approval of the draft letter would have to be voted at the Business Meeting just after this meeting, and would have to be distributed in written form at that meeting, no immediate action could be taken. The sense of the meeting was that a refined draft be distributed to the membership via electronic mail.

5. **ARL Project on South African acquisitions:** Schmidt reported a request by Jutta Reed-Scott, dated 23 July, that we do a report on this topic. Discussion raised several points: why was "South" Africa rather than "Southern" Africa the focus? If the previous ARL reports dealt with areas of the world known to present acquisitions problems, would this report not be a lot of work to demonstrate that materials were being acquired? Lastly, it was noted that ARL had not asked us, as specialists, whether we thought such a report would be valuable; they merely asked us if we would undertake it. The sense of the meeting was to politely decline. This proposal is distinct from the working group chaired by David Easterbrook, who will report at the Business Meeting; that group, in any case, will formulate our sense of what should or could be done, for transmission to ARL.

6. **Cooperative Projects:** The Chair proposed a task force to prepare lists of options and priorities for consideration at the Spring meeting at Duke. The meeting endorsed the proposal; Baumann, Schmidt, and Finnegan will prepare the drafts. Topics will include existing arrangements and strengths, with particular attention paid to institutions not usually represented at ALC meetings. Revitalization of the 'newspaper,' 'small-country,' and 'expensive purchase' projects will be considered. Schmidt noted that details of the CIC initiative in this area will be available in the Spring.

7. **Institutional Reports:**

Library of Congress: Gray reported great growth in demand for Internet access. Vol. 8 of *U.S. Imprints on Africa* is due soon; it will include material "developing countries" and African languages and literatures as well. LC is considering cumulating vols. 1-10 on CD-ROM. Also under consideration for CD-ROM publication is the some 98,000 Africana MARC records. McDermott distributed a handout regarding a 500,000-record CD-ROM of LC overseas acquisitions lists.

Northwestern: Easterbrook reported funding for the second year of the Foreign Periodical Project grant to Northwestern for Africana titles. 114 new titles, mainly newspapers, have been ordered from 25 countries; 70% are being received. The proposal for the 3rd year of the project will include a preservation component. The project includes a half-time cataloger, who has to date cataloged 396 titles, 321 of which were previously acquired. Records for all titles cataloged will appear in OCLC, RLIN, and JALA.

Easterbrook also reported on an initiative by the U. of Michigan to tape-load JALA as a file on their OPAC; this would, in turn, be Internet accessible. The project is active, but is proceeding slowly; the depth of the backfile to be mounted has not been decided.

8. New Bibliographic Projects and Updates:

Indiana is working with tapes of BBC Somali broadcasts since 1957.

Yvette Scheven is cumulating the bibliographies for the years 1987-1992 which appeared in ABPR's annual "Africana Reference Works."

Kagan reported that the 'Sheehy' revisions are making progress, with a 3/15/94 deadline; East Africa is complete.

Zell reported several titles to be published.

Walsh is doing a brief article on Libraries for Simon and Schuster's *Encyclopedia of Sub-Saharan Africa*, under the general editorship of John Middleton.

John McIlwaine plans to publish a bibliography on African archives in *African Research and Documentation*; it will spread over a year or more and will be followed by a regular column on the topic, per letter to Easterbrook.

Shayne is updating her *African Newspapers Currently Received* and requests lists of current receipts. Schmidt stressed the importance of everyone contributing to this, especially in light of the many new newspapers being published.

9. Trip and Conference Reports:

Zell reported that the theme of the next SCOLMA conference, 9-10 June 1994, will be "Images of Africa: Pictorial Representation Research;" Patricia Larby will chair.

Malanchuk recently visited Makerere U. as part of Florida's USA linkage grant, for social science CD-ROM training for law faculty.

—Gregory Finnegan, recorder.

POST-BUSINESS MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Friday Dec. 3, 1993, 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Al Kagan, Chair. Present were: Baumann, Lauer, Kagan, Bell-Gam, Gray, Schmidt, Howell, Lesh, Nanji, Finnegan, Caruso, Ezera and Plantz.

Scheduling for the spring meeting was discussed. Helene Baumann noted that rooms had been reserved for Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16, 1994. Robert Lesh mentioned that there needed to be time scheduled for a cataloging workshop of 3-4 hours with representatives from the Library of Congress. It was also noted that the Conover-Porter Committee would also need 2-2 1/2 hours of time. It was decided that the workshop would be scheduled for Friday morning and regular business and CAMP meetings would be scheduled Friday afternoon and most of the day on Saturday.

The fall meeting in Toronto was also discussed. Finnegan is responsible for scheduling the business meetings, CAMP and our usual panel. There were several suggestions for topics for a panel. They were: a) Electronic and Internet resources for Africa (with a 30 minute demonstration); b) Electronic cooperation with African Libraries in order to help with the "Book Famine"; and c) Intellectual access to "your work"—how researchers can find things online. The problems of having an electronic hook-up to do Internet demonstrations was discussed. Finnegan will talk to the ASA

Technology Interest Group to see what ideas they might have. It was decided to form a committee to work on the fall panel. The committee consists of Finnegan, Walsh, Fung, and JoAnne Zellers.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz

AFROCENTRISM & THE LIBRARY RESEARCH PROCESS Report on the ALC-Sponsored Panel in Boston by Al Kagan (Univ. of Illinois Library)

About 75 people attended the ALC panel in Boston on Afrocentrism and the Library Research Process. Our efforts at reaching out past the librarians group were successful. The audience included scholars as well as local secondary school teachers. Although there was little time for discussion from the audience, the questions continued well after the formal end of the panel. One discussant reported a one-hour discussion immediately after the panel.

The panel was chaired by the ALC Assistant Chair/Chair Elect Al Kagan. He also presented results of an Afrocentrism Library Survey to determine the organizational patterns of African Studies libraries in relation to Afro-American and Latin American and Caribbean libraries at our member's institutions. Not surprisingly, the results showed much more attention and resources allocated to African studies than to the others, and mostly separate administration of resources. Mette Shayne (Northwestern University Library) presented a useful paper on Electronic Access to Afrocentric Materials although she disclaimed the title and instead concentrated on materials available electronically from or about Africa including Internet resources and online and CD-ROM databases. Kathleen Bethel (Afro-American Studies Librarian at Northwestern University) followed with a paper on Afrocentrism and the Organization of Knowledge. She gave an impassioned plea for user-friendly collections and reference tools relevant to the needs of today's library users. Michael West (University of Illinois at Urbana) and Kwame Anthony Appiah (Harvard University) were the discussants. Michael West gave a substantive critique of Afrocentrism. Kwame Anthony Appiah (current winner of the Herskovitz award for In My Father's House) concentrated on the value of new technologies in overcoming cataloging problems, and the possibilities for further innovative use such as adding marginal notes to library catalogs.

RECENT MEMBER PUBLICATIONS

Crossey, Moore. "A Note on Southern African Political Ephemera at Yale." PP. 199-205 in *A World too Wide: Essays on Libraries and Other Themes in Honour of Reuben Musiker*, edited by Joseph Sherman. Johannesburg: University of Witwatersrand Library, 1993.

Woodson, Dorothy C. "Creative Writing in South African Political Papers of the 1950s and early 1960s." *Current Bibliography on African Affairs*, v. 25 (1993-94): 93-101.

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ADDRESS CHANGES

The following errors in Nov. 1993 edition of "Africana Librarians Directory" compiled by Gregory A. Finnegan (Dartmouth College Library) have been reported:

ASA (& Edna Bay) changed their E-mail last summer to:
africa@emoryu1.cc.emory.edu

Leishman moved from Northampton several years ago to:
2 B Westgate
Southwell, Notts
U.K. NG25 0JH
Tel./fax: 0636 813774

NEWSPAPERS FOR COOPERATIVE PROJECT

Indiana University has subscriptions to the following, which they hoped to have filmed by CAMP with contributions from other sources:

- *N'Djamena Hebdo* (biweekly)
- *Patriote* (N'Djamena monthly)
- *Relance* (Libreville weekly)
- *Independent* (Conakry monthly)
- *Nouvelle republique* (Conakry biweekly)
- *Patriote* (Conakry biweekly)
- *New Express* (Blantyre biweekly)
- *Republicain* (Bamako weekly)
- *Democraties* (Dakar monthly)
- *Weekly Post* (Lusaka)

Northwestern University distributed a list of 115 titles, mostly newspapers, recently acquired or ordered with using Foreign Periodicals Grant Funds. These will presumably appear in the next edition of African Newspapers Currently Received. More information about this Project are in Bibliography Committee minutes. Related information is in the Grants Section below.

 Editors Coments, continued from p.1

Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, Gregory Finnegan, Karen Fung, John Howell, Al Kagan, Bob Lesh, Liz Plantz, Nancy Schmidt, and Dawn Williams.

As E-mail supersedes print, an interesting case of misinformation was brought to my attention. A 16 December message from Tony Schwartz of Rice U., about Edwin Mellen Press and alternative publishing, says: "The Am. Assoc. of College and Research Libraries publishes *African Libraries Newsletter*, which is a very thorough review of what is on the market worldwide." Thorough? (Forget the errors of who and what.) During 1993 the *Joint Acquisitions List of Africana* listed 6425 entries, without claiming to be comprehensive (or addressing the issue of selection). Even under earlier editors who tried harder, *ALN* never even approached that figure.

No Letter & Opinions section, but I do have a correction to a minor point in the last issue concerning the introduction of Middle East into the name of ACRL's old Asian-African Section. I was mistaken in assuming that Middle Easterners encouraged this change. Rather, the Section was forced to come up with a solution to the problem of ACRL or ALA headquarters staff mixing the mail of the Asian-African Section with that of the African-American section.

OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

Feb. 5-10, 1994, Los Angeles - Midwinter Meeting
 June 23-30, 1994, Miami - ALA Annual Conf.
 ?Jan. 1995, - Midwinter Meeting
 Mar. 29-Apr. 1, 1995, Pittsburgh - ACRL National Conf.
 June 22-29, 1995, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.
 Jan. 19-25, 1996, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 June 20-27, 1996, Orlando - ALA Annual Conf.
 Feb. 14-20, 1997, Washington - Midwinter Meeting
 June 26-July 2, 1997, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.
 1998, New Orleans - Midwinter Meeting
 1998, Washington - ALA Annual Conf.
 1999, Philadelphia - Midwinter Meeting
 1999, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.
 2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.

National Conf. of African-American Librarians:
 Aug. 5-7, 1994, Milwaukee

IFLA Annual Conference:

Aug. 21-27, 1994, Havana
 Aug. 22-26, 1995, Istanbul
 1996, Beijing
 1997, Geneva
 1998, Edmonton

Book Fairs:

May 28-31, 1994 - Pan-African Children's Book Fair (Nairobi)
 Aug. 3-7, 1994 - Zimbabwe International Book Fair

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Newly elected officers of the **Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section (ACRL)**: Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect: James N. Gentner (LC); Members-at-large: Carol L. Jones (Yale) & Zhijia Shen (Univ. of Colorado at Boulder).

ALA/USIA LIBRARY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted through March 15 for the 1994-95 Library Fellows Program. This joint program of ALA and the United States Information Agency (USIA) has funding for about 10 positions, to be selected among 20 possible posts.

Stipends for fellows are \$33,000 per year. Travel expenses (fellow and one dependent) to and from host country will be reimbursed. Health insurance and a small housing subsidy are provided. Requirements: U.S. citizenship; language skills of the host country (desired and sometimes required); and education and experience in library or information science, or other fields directly related to the interests and needs of specific projects with demonstrated competency as required. If selected, certification from a physician attesting physical and emotional soundness to conduct the fellowship will be required. Persons who have lived abroad for a 10-year period (1985-1994) immediately preceding application are not eligible.

Positions available in Africa:

Abidjan: Institut International de Recherche Scientifique pour le Développement en Afrique. 5 months, approx. Oct. 1994-Feb. 1995. Select software, design and implement a database on malaria and conduct feasibility study for remote access via telecommunications. Instruct staff on use of U.S. databases in health and agriculture. Some French required.

Kampala: Makerere University. 8 months, Oct. 1994-May 1995. Train library staff in current cataloging standards and rules (AACR2), classification schemes and production of catalog data. Presentation of seminars on librarianship topics to the Library's staff.

Lusaka: National Assembly Library. 8 months, Sept. 1994-April 1995. Access collection, design and implement improvements for delivery of information to members of Parliament and their staffs, develop other outreach activities to assist government in drafting legislation. Train staff in library management and automation. Occasional guest lecturing at the School of Library studies, University of Zambia.

Other positions are in San Jose (Costa Rica), Santa Tecla (El Salvador), Port of Spain, Jerusalem, Jeddah, Damascus, Phnom Penh, Taipei, Aalborg, Paris, Zagreb, Brno, Bucharest, Moscow, Skopje, Tartu (Estonia), and Tirana.

To apply, send resume with a cover letter briefly stating desired position, foreign-language skills, subject expertise and maximum placement service length (there is no application form) to: Robert P. Doyle, Director, Library Fellows Program, ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. See also center insert in the January 1994 or February 1993 issues of *American Libraries*.

The 1992-93 Library Fellows included:

- Luella Davis (Emory University) at the University of Ghana's Dept. of Library and Archival Studies;
- Kathleen A. Nystrom (St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library) at the University of Malawi in Zomba;
- Helen William (Educational Testing Services, Princeton) at the Lesotho National Library Services, Maseru;
- John Ober (Univ. of California, Berkeley) at Université Nationale du Benin.

Details on their activities are in the January 1994 issue of *American Libraries*.

IMAGES OF AFRICA CONFERENCE

Organized by the Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA), the conference will be held at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, on 9-10 June 1994. It will discuss all aspects of African pictorial materials, including historical and modern techniques of handling and cataloging. For more information, contact: Mrs. P.M. Larby, SCOLMA, c/o 28 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DS.

PAN-AFRICAN CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR

The Third Book Fair will be held in Nairobi, May 28-31, 1994, at the Kenyatta International Conference Centre. The running theme is "Learning Science at an Early Age." Workshops, seminars, awards and exhibits are featured. For more details, contact: Third Pan-African Children's Book Fair, CHISCI, P.O. Box 61301, Nairobi. Tel: (2)442341; fax: (2)442469.

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

Notes on requests for books are listed as received, without any endorsement by the editor, MSU or ALC.

William R. Miner (602 Letterman House, 2030 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20006-4250) offers *American Journal of Public Health* and *Ebony*.

RESOURCES AT
LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Indiana University's Lilly Library has received the Noma Award Archives. The archive includes materials relating to the foundation of the award for publishing in Africa and to the annual competitions. Materials from future awards will also be deposited.

Northwestern University's Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies has received a Madagascar collection of about 150 volumes. This collection was donated by Mary Danielli, who did field research in Madagascar in the 1940s, before teaching at the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Yale University Library has received two typescripts relating to the Anglo-Abyssinian Expedition against the "Mad Mullah" in the Ogaden Country, 1901:

- Reports by Major Hon. A. Hanbury-Tracy & Captain Ralph P. Cobbold; including correspondence from J. Hayes Sadler, H.M. Consul General at Berbera and representatives of the Foreign Office, London. 80pp.
- Diary by Captain Cobbold (March 8 - Sept. 30, 1901). 304pp.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

The following items have come to the attention of the editor.

BOOKS & DOCUMENTS

Bouri, Elizabeth Nicolas. "The Development and Decline of Public Libraries in Egypt: A Shift in National Development Priorities." Ph.D. thesis, University of Texas at Austin, 1993. 467pp. Order no.: DA9323345. After remarkable growth between 1945 and ca. 1970 when UNESCO's international discourse encouraged fundamental education and public libraries as operational tools of education, public library development stopped and even declined. The cause of this decline was public policy choices, precipitated by a shift in national and international development priorities, in favor of highly specialized information centers.— DAI 54A/4/1133.

Priestley, Carol. *SAREC Library Support Programme: Evaluation and Review, Ethiopia, Mozambique and Tanzania*. Stockholm: SAREC, 1993. 84p. (SAREC Documentation: Evaluations, 1993:1)

Concludes that philosophy behind program was sound, and most agreed that current journals were the highest priority. Major recipients: Addis Ababa University, Alemaya University of Alemaya, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, Sokoine University

GRANTS

Indiana University's Title VI, section 607, award for acquiring serials on new democratic movements in Africa has been renewed for a second year. During the first year, subscriptions were placed for nearly 100 serials. Indiana will continue to order new titles, since some acquired last year have ceased. Indiana University also received a lump sum to acquire tapes of the BBC Somali Service from its inception in the 1950s to the present. These will be added to the Archives of Traditional Music, which already has the field recordings made by Bogumil Andrzejewski that were received as part of a larger Somali gift in 1993.

University of Iowa Health Periodicals Grant: The Libraries have been awarded a \$56,200 grant for each of two years to purchase 244 Sub-Saharan African and 302 Chinese titles on health for the years 1974 to 1994. Titles will be preserved by microfilming at Iowa or at the Center for Research Libraries. Only titles published locally, nationally, or regionally will be acquired. Cooperation with the National Library of Medicine and the regional offices of the World Health Organization will be made concerning the preservation of African and Chinese health titles.

PERSONNEL NOTES

Ms. Constance Omolara **Ojo-Ade** is seeking a one-year position in a university or special library during her sabbatical in 1994/95. She has been on the library staff of Obafemi Awolowo University since 1972, most recently as head of cataloging. Contact her at: H. Oluwasanmi Library, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Oshun State, Nigeria.

of Agriculture, and University of Dar es Salaam. Evaluation covered 3 of the 8 countries in the program.

Available from Swedish Agency for Research Cooperation with Developing Countries, P.O. Box 161 40, S-103 23 Stockholm.

A World too Wide: Essays on Libraries and Other Themes in Honour of Reuben Musiker, edited by Joseph Sherman. Johannesburg: University of Witwatersrand Library, 1993. ISBN: 18688380572. About 25 separate contributions, including many on libraries, publishing and culture in South Africa.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

Third World Libraries, v. 3, no. 2 (Spring 1993), available from Rosary Coll. Grad. Sch. of Library & Information Sci., 7900 W. Division St., River Forest, IL 60305, includes the following:

- R. Alain Everts, "The Pioneers: Herbert Isaac Ernest Dhlomo and the Development of Library Service to the African in South Africa," pp. 7-19.
- Sam E. Ifidon, "Publishing of Library Journals in Nigeria," pp. 45-49.
- Benki S.H. Womboh, "Trends in Collection Growth in Nigerian University Libraries," p. 62.

• U. Selong Edem, "Computerization in Selected Nigerian University Libraries," p. 63.

Agbodike, Chuma. "Networking in Nigeria." *Internet Society News*, 2,3 (Autumn 1993): 8-9.

Aina, L.O. "The Challenges of the Emerging Market and the Education and Training of Information Professionals in Africa." *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*, 25,4(1993):197-202.

Gupta, Sushma (Inst. of So. Afr. Stu., National Univ. of Lesotho). "Development of the Library Profession and Education in Ethiopia." *International Information & Library Review*, 25 (1993): 73-83. The profession started with short courses in 1959 and currently provides training at the diploma, bachelor's and master's levels.

Harricombe, L.J. (Nor. Illinois U.) "Combining Qualitative and Quantitative Methodologies to Study the Effects of an Academic Boycott on Academics in South Africa." *Library Quarterly*, v. 63 (Oct. 1993): 508-.

Ogunbameru, A. "Acquisitions of Government Publications: The Nigerian Experience." *Government Publications Review*, 20(1993): 515-522.

Wyley, Chantell. "Philosophies Informing Library and Information Work in South Africa: The Transformation Imperative." *Innovation*, no. 6 (June 1993): 8-23.

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

Africa Bibliography 1991, covering works on Africa published in 1991 (or earlier, if missed in previous volumes), appeared in 1993 with several changes. The new editor, Christopher H. Allen, has reduced the number of entries for medicine, science, technology, physical geography, physical anthropology and to a lesser degree archaeology, because of the existence of good non-Africana bibliographies for those fields. Coverage of material from non-academic sources, from working paper series, and from African sources (notably books) was increased; materials from new or unusual journals, "grey" literature and material in unusual languages are acknowledged as continuing problems. (The absence of titles in Arabic is a partial explanation for the relatively weak coverage (23 of 253 pages) of Northern Africa.) Books reviews have been dropped. There are still a total of 5781 entries (on 452 pages); the broader scope 1990 and 1989 volumes had 6588 and 5819 entries.

Most entries have been made briefer (e.g., no ISBN). But entries for chapters in edited volumes give editors and brief titles (along with reference to item number) rather than the confusing BN numbers used in earlier editions of this annual. The periodicals list includes notes on actual issues covered. There were also slight changes in arrangement and indexing. And the introductory article on publishing has been dropped.

Available from Edinburgh University Press, 22 George Square, Edinburgh. ISBN 0748604782; ISSN 0266-6731.

Documentatieblad, the quarterly compilation of abstracts from Leiden's African Studies Centre, will cease with Vol. 24, no. 4 (due out in late 1993). It is being replaced by the *African Studies Abstracts*, which will have a new design, format and price. Hans Zell Publishers will distribute for £80/\$130 per year for institutions (£40/\$65 for individuals; ?free to Africa). ISSN changes from 0611-2694 to 1352-2175. The editorial content will stay the same, with abstracts compiled by the documentalists at the Library of the African Studies Centre (Leiden).

Institute of Commonwealth Studies (University of London, 28 te regional list for Africa in addition to its *New Titles Added to the Library*.

Women Writing in Africa is a planned multi-volume project of the Feminist Press. A planning conference is scheduled for March 25th, during the annual meeting of the African Literature Association, in Accra. (311 East 94th St., New York, NY 10128). Those interested in participated should contact the Press at 311 East 94th St., New York, NY 10128; tel: 212-360-5790.

NEW REFERENCE TITLES

*The following items or issues are noted.
For more titles, see the annual "Africana Reference Books"
in The African Book Publishing Record, no. 2.*

Forthcoming titles 1993/94 from Hans Zell Publishers:

- *Nadine Gordimer: A Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Sources, 1937-1992*, compiled by Dorothy Driver, Ann Dry, Craig MacKenzie & John Read. (Dec. 1993)
- *Black African Literature in English, 1987-1991*, Bernth Lindfors. (March 1994)
- *Sub-Saharan African Films: An Annotated Bibliography, 1987-1992*, Nancy J. Schmidt. (March 1994)
- *A Bibliography of African Language Texts [at SOAS], to 1963*, compiled by Michael Mann & Valerie Sanders. (Jan. 1994)
- *International Directory of African Studies Research*, 3rd rev. & exp. ed., compiled by Philip Baker. (Oct. 1994)
- *Sub-Saharan African Travel Resource Guide*, Louis Taussig. Vol. 1: East and West Africa. (June 1994)
- *Dictionary of Portuguese-African Civilization*, Benjamin Nunez. 2 vols. (March-May 1994)

Guide to the Nadine Gordimer Papers in the Lilly Library. Bloomington: Lilly Library, Indiana University, 1994? \$5 plus postage from Lilly Library, Bloomington, IN 47405.

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NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aequatoria, a research center at Bamanya (B.P. 276, Mbandaka, Zaire), has microfilmed its collection of archives and rare imprints, with a grant from the African Archives and Museum Project (Social Science Research Council and American Council of Learned Societies). The entire collection is available for \$1318 (on 58 16mm reels) or \$2309 (on 2309 14.5 x 10.5 microfiches). The holdings are listed in its 129-page *Catalogue des Archives*, prepared by Honoré Vinck (1993). Special strengths: materials in African languages, linguistic studies (including offprints), and the papers of Gustaaf Hulstaert (1900-1990), Edmond Boelaert (1899-1966) and others. Preliminary orders for copies of all or part of the collection should be sent to: Aequatoria, Te Boelaerlei 11, B-2140 BORGERHOUT, Belgium. An invoice, asking confirmation, will be sent before any copies are made, which will not be before the end of October 1994.

More information on this project is in: Honoré Vinck, "Le microfilmage des Archives Aequatoria," *History in Africa*, 20 (1993): 423-27.

African Books Collective Ltd. (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU) has issued its Catalogue no. 7.

It also distributed its 8th batch of 33 cards in December. Publishers covered: Baobab Books, Buchu Books, Community Publ. Process (Zimbabwe), Dar es Salaam UP, East African Educ. Publ., Editions de l'Océan Indien, Found. for Ed. with Prod., Fourth Dimension Publ., Heinemann Ed. Books (Nigeria), Ibadan Univ. Press, Malthouse Press, Nigerian Inst. Int. Affairs, Southern African Res. & Doc. Centre, Spectrum Books, Univ. of Zimbabwe Publications, Zimbabwe Book Publ. Assoc.

African Imprint Library Services (236 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540; 508-540-5378) issued in December lists of new receipts for Sierra Leone and from Swaziland. January 1994 lists included Botswana and Sudan. Its Service Newsletter no. 39 (Dec. 1993) notes plans to travel to Cameroon and to Kenya and Tanzania.

Axeage Private Press (207 Long St., Cape Town 8001) was established in 1989 as a print workshop publishing fine prints and collaborative hand-made books. Major limited editions (50 copies only):

- *Sound from the thinking strings*, Pippa Skotnes.
- *Face value: ... Lydenburg Heads*, Malcolm Payne.

Canadian Association of African Studies has made available its 1993 conference papers at \$0.10 per page (or about \$237 for the set) from Centre for Urban & Community Studies, 455 Spadina Ave., Room 426, University of Toronto, M5S 2G8.

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town 8001) issued Catalogue 87, listing 1055 mostly older publications.

Gregg Revivals (60 High St., Godstone, Surrey, RH9 8LW) have announced the first dozen titles in their reprint series of scholarly books on Africa. Authors include Geoffrey Kay, Colin Newbury, Christopher Fyfe, A.H.M. Kirk-Greene, G.E. Metcalfe and P.E.H. Hair. Most appear with a new introduction.

Jacaranda Designs, Ltd. of Nairobi (POB 76691) is launching a second season of children's books after a successful entry into the US market in 1993. Its Spring 1994 list has 6 titles, in addition to the 8 children's books on the backlist. US agent (and new) address: Carrie Jenkins Williams, PO Box 7936, Boulder, CO 80306. Tel: 303-440-5235.

Minerva Books (PO Box 32948, Braamfontein 2017, South Africa; & Traduna Centre, 10th floor, 118 Jorissen St., Johannesburg 2001) is a new book operation of Argo Publications for supplying South African and overseas publications.

BOOK AWARDS

Herskovits Award for 1993 (presented by ASA to author of the outstanding original scholarly work on Africa during the preceding year) to Kwame Anthony Appiah for *In My Father's House: Africa in the Philosophy of Culture* (Oxford UP).

Other finalists:

- Andrew Apter, *Black Critics and Kings: The Hermeneutics of Power in Yoruba Society* (Univ. of Chicago Pr.)
- Catherine Boone, *Merchant Capital and the Roots of State Power in Senegal, 1930-1985* (Cambridge UP)
- Basil Davidson, *The Black Man's Burden: Africa and the Curse of the Nation-State* (Random House)
- Anthony W. Marx, *Lessons of Struggle: South African Internal Opposition, 1960-1990* (Oxford UP); John Middleton, *The World of the Swahili* (Yale UP)
- Elizabeth Schmidt, *Peasants, Traders, and Wives: Shona Women in the History of Zimbabwe, 1870-1939* (James Currey, Baobab);
- Elliot P. Skinner, *African American and U.S. Policy toward Africa, 1850-1924* (Howard UP)
- Paul Stroller, *The Cinematic Griot: The Ethnology of Jean Rouch* (Univ. of Chicago Pr.)
- Christopher C. Taylor, *Milk, Honey, and Money: Changing Concepts in Rwandan Healing* (Smithsonian Inst. Pr.).

ASA Text Prize for 1993 (for the best critical edition or translation into English of primary source materials on Africa) to Paul Hair, Adam Jones & Robin Law for *Barbot on Guinea: The Writings of Jean Barbot on West Africa 1678-1712* (Hakluyt Society, 1992). This inaugural awarding covers works published in the years 1989-92.

Other finalists:

- *Public Documents from Sinnar*, ed. Jay Spaulding & Ibrahim Abu Salim (Michigan State UP, 1989)
- *After the Jihad: The Reign of Ahmad al-Kabir in the Western Sudan*, ed. John Hanson & David Robinson (Michigan State UP, 1991)
- *Zulu Popular Praises*, ed. Liz Cunner & Mafika Gwala (Michigan State UP, 1992)
- *In the Heart of the Hausa State*, by Paul Staudinger; ed. Johanna Moody (Ohio UP, 1990).

ONLINE FILES

HandsNet (20195 Stevens Creek Blvd., Suite 120, Cupertino, CA 95014; 408-257-4500) provides access to the resources of numerous national research and policy centers, for an annual subscription fee of \$270. Included in its resources is **SANGONet**, the Southern African Nongovernmental Organisation Network (PO Box 31, Johannesburg, 2000).

Horn of Africa Bulletin is now available electronically on the APC (Association for Progress Communications) network under the conference title lpi.hab. For more details, contact Everett Nelson at LIP (enelson@nn.apc.org).

Newspapers available online include Ghanaian Chronicle from News@midnight. Also, the *Weekly Mail and Guardian* is exploring use of internet to make its files available on a pay to read basis. Contact Philip Machanick (Dept. of Computer Science, Univ. of the Witwatersrand; philip@concave.cs.wits.ac.za).

SERIAL CHANGES

Africana Notes and News, the quarterly of the Johannesburg Africana Museum, ceased publication after almost 50 years.

FEWS Bulletin of the A.I.D. Famine Early Warning System, has split into 2 series. Beginning with the issue for November 30, 1993, the "SA" series will appear at 10-day intervals with information on the [Southern] Africa countries of Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Monthly bulletins on the Sahelian and Horn countries will continue, with the schedule reversing with the change in growing seasons. Contact PEWS Project, Tulane/Pragma Group, 1611 N. Kent St., Suite 511, Arlington, VA 22209.

South African Journal of Cultural and Art History (Pretoria) has been discontinued, per Foundation for Education, Science and Technology letter of October 1993.

South African Panorama ceased after the Jan./Feb. 1993 issue. It is being replaced with a thematic ad-hoc publication *Accent* that will appear at least 3 times a year. Cost is R10 a copy from: South African Communication Service, Pvt. Bag X745, Pretoria 0001.

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