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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The core of this issue are the CAMP minutes, lightly edited, from the meeting last November. Other noteworthy items include reports on ALA in Philadelphia, a petition from Hennepin County, and the second edition of a one-page list of ALC regulars. Contributions came from many sources, including Ruby Bell-Gam, Sanford Berman, Phyllis Bischof, Moore Crossey, Beverly Gray, Karen Fung, Nancy Schmidt, Mette Shayne, Janet Stanley, Ruth Thomas, and Tom Weissinger.

The completion of this issue was delayed by my attendance at the 26th Annual Conference on African Linguistics (ACAL), in Santa Monica, March 24-26. ACAL honored Joseph Greenberg whose first revision of African language families appeared 40 years ago. Classification was the topic of 4 of the 17 sessions, plus the opening session of the smaller 6th International Nilo-Saharan Linguistics Conference (Santa Monica, March 27-29). As might be expected, the consensus was that the Greenberg outline is valid, but the arrangements of families within the four phyla have been and continue to be revised.

Given the location of the conference and my interest in linguistic history, I was inspired to present a paper on "African Languages in Library Catalogs—Keeping Current with Names, Codes and Links." This attempt to open a dialogue with linguistics was less successful than my efforts to renew contacts with old friends and

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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

May 4-6, 1995, Evanston, IL - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 November 3-6, 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Spring 1996, Boston - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 Fall 1996, San Francisco - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Fall 1997, Columbus - ASA Annual & ALC 40th Anniversary.
 Fall 1998, Chicago - ASA Annual Meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR ALC/CAMP MEETINGS IN EVANSTON

(revised; 3/1/95)

Thursday, May 4, 1995:

Afternoon Tours of CRL
 Meetings at Northwestern Univ. Library, Ver Steeg Lounge:
 7:00-8:30pm Meeting on Issues of Cooperation
 (contact: Finnegan or Walsh)
 8:30-10:00pm ... 40th Anniversary Program
 (contact Schmidt)

Friday, May 5:

Meetings at Norris University Center:
 8:30-9:30am ALC Executive
 9:30-11:00am ... Cataloging Committee
 11:15-12:45pm . Bibliography Committee
 12:45-2:15pm ... Lunch (Provided by NUL at the Allen Center)
 2:15-4:00pm ALC Business Meeting

Other:

4:15-5:00pm Tours of Africana Library, Preservation Dept.
 & Mitchell Media Center
 5:30-6:30pm Reception at Program of African Studies
 (620 Library Place)
 7:00pm- Dinner/party chez Dan Britz (Glenview, IL)

Saturday, May 6:

Meetings at Program of African Studies (620 Library Place):
 8:30-9:30am ALC Executive
 9:30-11:30am ... CAMP Business Meeting
 11:30-12:30pm . CAMP Executive

Other:

Afternoon Visit to Field Museum's new permanent
 Africa exhibit
 Early evening ... Cocktail party chez Bob Lesh
 (Rogers Park, Chicago)

For information on lodging, transportation and other matters,
 contact Liz Plantz, at eplantz@nwu.edu or (tel.) 708-491-7585.

COOPERATIVE AFRICANA MICROFORM PROJECT (CAMP) BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Toronto, November 2, 1994

The meeting was convened at 2:15 pm by Chair John Howell, with Thomas Weissinger as Secretary.

Member institutions (and their representatives) present: Boston U. (Gretchen Walsh, David Westley), Center for Research Libraries (Marlys Rudeen), Columbia U. (Joseph Caruso), Cornell U. (Tom Weissinger), Dartmouth (Gregory A. Finnegan), Duke U. (Helene Baumann), Harvard U. (Jill Coelho), Indiana U. (Nancy Schmidt), Library of Congress (Joanne Zellers, Ruth Thomas), Michigan State U. (Onuma Ezera, Joe Lauer), Northwestern U. (David Easterbrook, Dan Britz, Mette Shayne), Princeton U. (Nancy Pressman Levy), Stanford U. (Karen Fung), U. of California, Berkeley (Phyllis Bischof), U. of California, Los Angeles (Miki Goral), U. of Florida (Peter Malanchuk, Razia Nanji), U. of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana (Al Kagan), U. of Iowa (John Howell), U. of Pennsylvania (Elisa Forgey), and Yale U. (Moore Crossey).

Others present: Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop), Peter Ekeh (SUNY, Buffalo), Kenneth Lohrentz (U. of Kansas), Wonki Nam (Central State U., Ohio), Margaret Richards (U. of Cape Town), Dane Ward (Wayne State U.).

Camp members not represented: Emory U., La Trobe U. (Australia), New York Public Library (Schomburg Center), Ohio U., Queens U. (Canada), Scandinavian Inst. of African Studies, Syracuse U., Temple U., U. of Cambridge (African Studies Center), U. of Chicago, U. of Minnesota, U. of Rochester, U. of Virginia, and U. of Wisconsin-Madison.

Minutes of the April 6, 1994 Durham meeting were approved by voice vote. An abbreviated version of the minutes appeared in no. 80 of *ALN*. Complete copies of the minutes were sent to all CAMP member institutions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CAMP ELECTION (Howell)

The Electoral Committee (Caruso and Bischof) completed its work and passed a final slate of nominees on to the chair. Nominated for seats on the Executive Committee were Caruso and Howell. Professor Peter Ekeh (SUNY at Buffalo) was nominated to fill the seat for faculty advisor.

CAMP MEMBERSHIP DRIVE (Easterbrook)

A number of potential members were identified and contacted, and a list of new members was distributed including Emory, Harvard, the University of Minnesota, Ohio State, the University of Pennsylvania, Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, and the African Studies Centre at the University of Cambridge. Easterbrook noted there are still a few institutions from the initial mailing last spring which continue to consider CAMP membership. Howell added that he spoke about CAMP membership at various libraries visited last summer in South Africa and Zimbabwe. They all were interested to a certain degree and Howell hopes to follow up within 6 months to a year. A

question about the implications for lending to foreign libraries was asked. Marlys Rudeen answered that basically these institutions are asked to return borrowed items by airmail, and that most of them see an advantage to being able to buy microfilm at CAMP member prices. Caruso and Easterbrook will continue to work on the membership drive.

CRL REPORT (Marlys Rudeen)

(Please see the financial statement accompanying the minutes.) Membership fees have increased to \$21,100 so far this year; an additional \$4,000 will come from CRL in the fourth quarter. Grant income of \$19,550 is for invoices sent to Title VI centers who have committed some of their federal funds to a Joint Acquisitions Trip to Senegal and other West African countries. [See details below.]

To date CAMP has spent \$13,371 in acquisitions. A question was asked about the figure paid (\$10,923) for the Lagos court records. Rudeen answered that it was for equipment, supplies and labor. The equipment price for 35 mm filming was higher than originally expected. The original price quote was for 16 mm film which was hard to read because of poor resolution. Howell said that the original price was quoted at about \$3,000; and that once we started it was very hard to stop because there was no other microfilming going on in West Africa, with the possible exception of Dakar. There was a question asked about CAMP's commitment (\$1,100) for *Courrier d'Afrique*. Rudeen responded that CAMP had wanted to get a complete file from 1930 to 1972; that we have 1930-48 on order, and that between CAMP and CRL we own 1955 through the first part of 1970 and 1959-67. CRL has some hard copy, but lacks a different source for purchase or more hard copy for filming. Shayne indicated that Northwestern had some hard copy.

Rudeen also mentioned that CRL CAMP location symbols are being added to OCLC records for the Bascom Yoruba collection analytics. She said that no cataloging expenses are included on the financial report because these were not reported, but they will be included by the next meeting. There followed a discussion about fees African institutions should pay for membership in CAMP. A motion to charge \$5.00 uniformly continent-wide was approved by the membership. This membership fee will be reviewed in three years.

LIBRARY OF CONGRESS REPORT (Zellers)

In April LC reviewed its collection of foreign newspapers. Part of this review was to examine and encourage more active participation with other libraries through cooperative programs in filming foreign newspapers. This is the third year of a moratorium on all but the highest priority of purchased serials. The review resulted in the following list for cancellation or acquisition from another source: Kenya Leo, Taifa Jumapili, Taifa Leo (Kenya); Gbouboun (Nigeria); Heegan, Horseed (al-Tali 'ah), Najmat Uktubar, Xiddigta Oktoobar (Somalia); Afrikaner Idise Tsaytung, Ilanga, Namib Times, Rapport (South Africa); Mzalendo (Tanzania); and Focus, Financial Times, and Star (Uganda). Reasons for removing these titles from LC's foreign newspaper holdings include: They are either acquired and filmed by other U.S. libraries, or they were not received regularly and appear to no longer be published; and similar information is available in other sources received on a regular basis.

Zellers related several questions from LC's Head of Newspapers, particularly his concern about the relationship between CRL and LC. Since LC currently gets about 40 titles from CRL on microfilm, he wanted to know whether CRL will continue filming foreign newspapers. Rudeen replied that CRL is planning to start up at the

new facility probably in late spring. Also of concern is whether LC's standing orders with CRL need to be cancelled and placed with the new filming organization. Rudeen's response was that standing orders are with CRL, and that the filmer acts as an agent for CRL.

Zellers reported that LC has cooperated with the University of Florida for four titles from Uganda and Kenya, with LC acting as a backup for issues Florida seeks for filming. Currently LC is sending only one title to Florida, the *Daily Nation* and *Sunday Nation* (Kenya). She deferred to Ruth Thomas on filming arrangements currently possible between the Nairobi field office and CRL. Thomas indicated that if CAMP wants to film miscellaneous newspapers not routinely filmed by LC, then the field office could supply the issues.

There followed a discussion among CAMP members about cooperation between Florida and LC. It focused on a need for clarification regarding whether LC or Florida is filming certain newspapers, and how libraries will know which institution to place its orders with. A second discussion focused on what CAMP should do with the newspapers at the Nairobi office that LC no longer wants. Bischof moved that the CAMP Executive Committee should examine Ruth Thomas' list of newspapers collected by the Nairobi office, determine priorities, and use discretionary funding (ca. \$10,000) for filming. The motion was approved by the membership.

TRIP REPORT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA (Howell)

Copies of Howell's trip report were distributed. He directed attention to Appendix A which cited books and periodicals obtained on the trip (almost all 1994 items). Some of these were obtained from the book fair in Zimbabwe, others from the government printers, and others from vendors. Howell said he visited Michele Pickover, Director of Archives at the University of Witwatersrand. She was asked about possibility of CAMP's receiving a complete copy of everything they have. Appendix B is a list of 22 volumes (inventories) Howell received as gifts for CRL. Appendix C listed a few of the popular magazines he found in Johannesburg. Appendix 4 listed materials from the Zimbabwe government printer. Howell noted that the Zimbabwe material is inexpensive, but they will not mail items out of the country.

OLD BUSINESS

Filming of the Lagos State Court Archives:

Discussed during the financial report. Howell noted these film have been paid for, but not yet received.

Times of Zambia and *Sunday Times*:

CAMP bought Oct./Dec. 1991 - Jan./Mar. 1992 from AILS. Howell did not know whether AILS would be doing future issues. Someone from the floor indicated that AILS had been filming the title for a while.

Joint Acquisitions Trip to Acquire West African Materials:

Bischof reported that the costs for microfilming equipment are enormously high, about \$50-60,000 for a state-of-the-art camera. Checking with a commercial vendor (Norman Ross) she found that if CAMP were to send someone in to do the filming it would cost about \$100,000. She said this amount was out of reach; and that digital scanning appears to be a technology that might have great

application to this particular project. A scanner should cost well under \$1,000 (perhaps including software). If someone within the target country had a computer with sufficient compatibility, then one could go to the site and take a scanner to do the work, and the scanner could be available for other CAMP projects. Bischof said that a test project might have the potential for grant funding. A secondary purpose of the trip is to attempt establishing newspaper subscriptions for CAMP. Schmidt added that the Title VI directors have funded the project with \$39,100 for the next two years; and she concurred that scanning is a possibility.

Moore Crossey Report:

Yale is supposed to receive the archives of a Windhoek civil rights organization related to legal defense for persons with treason and other political offenses in South Africa and Namibia. Part of the agreement with the donor agency is that the records of an observer mission from the U.S. to the Namibian post independence election be microfilmed and given to the National Archives of Namibia. He expects this collection will be received by the end of spring.

Other matters: Crossey will write to Michele Pickover and urge her to look into costs for filming additional Institute of Race Relations material. He said he has two hand written inventories from her which lead him to think the material remaining is fairly substantial. This is not something CAMP can act on at present. Another item concerned some SWAPO papers. The verbal agreement Crossey has is that the originals will go to either the National Archive or University Library of Namibia. There are eleven archi-

val boxes equaling about seven reels of film. He estimates the cost of filming to be around \$1,500. Because a proper agreement must be obtained we cannot act on this at present. This is something he hopes to have finalized by the spring meeting.

Microfilming Foreign Theses:

Howell reported that at the last meeting we discussed theses and microfilming them. He asked if this is going to be done, how are we to prioritize among them. Rudeen added that CRL buys a lot of foreign doctoral dissertations, and that most universities have very strict guidelines for what they will film for sale. She said we cannot film theses unless it is fairly clear there is permission to do so; and that African universities are often very sensitive about use of their theses. Bischof noted that at the spring meeting Schmidt had suggested there be consideration of a cooperative project to catalog theses; that apparently theses are acquired but not cataloged. Bischof recommended that this be added to the agenda of the discussion concerning potential cooperative projects. She said she was certainly in favor of filming, but we also need cataloging. Britz said that at the last meeting we were not so much talking about microfilming dissertations because we realize the difficulty in obtaining permissions and so forth; but in 1979 he produced a book on African dissertations on demand (Foreign Doctoral Dissertations on Africa Purchased on Demand) which had been acquired by CRL. He thinks it would be very useful to extend this list another fifteen years because of its usefulness in determining what CRL has acquired.

CAMP FINANCIAL STATEMENT (NOVEMBER 2, 1994)

	FY1994 CLOSING (1)	SEPTEMBER QUARTER	NOTES:
FUND BALANCE	\$25,549.31	\$21,996.99	
REVENUES			
Grant Income		\$19,550.00	
Membership fees (2)	\$22,400.00	21,100.00	
Income from sales (4)	4,073.80		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$26,473.80	\$40,650.00	
EXPENSES			
Cost of sales	\$3,711.28		
Acquisitions	20,310.18	\$13,371.00	
Business Expenses	.00	.00	
Publications	.00	.00	
Travel	1,030.17	.00	
Personnel:			
Processing Fees	\$.00	\$.00	
Cataloging	4,974.49	.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,026.12	\$13,371.00	
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	(\$3,552.32)	\$27,279.00	
COMMITMENTS (3)			
Materials on order		\$13,245.00	
Materials approved (5)		\$ 3,787.00	
Non-material expenses (6)		\$ 6,100.00	
TOTAL COMMITMENTS		\$23,132.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS (7)		\$26,143.99	

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 Center's payment of \$4000 comes in the fourth quarter.
3. The COMMITMENTS are taken from the records of the Acquisitions Dept. and the project coordinator and are intended to reflect projected costs of past decisions by CAMP and ongoing operations.
4. Income from sales may reflect pre-payments.
5. Projects approved but not actually ordered, funds not encumbered.
6. Estimated cataloging (\$5,500) and travel expenses (\$600).
7. AVAILABLE FUNDS equals the FUND BALANCE plus REVENUES LESS EXPENSES minus TOTAL COMMITMENTS. [The \$19,550 already committed to the Title-VI Joint Acquisitions Trip was not included in Commitments.]

Somali Papers:

Schmidt distributed a list of Somali newspapers and journals with holdings obtained from Worldcat. On the reverse side of the handout was a list of scattered issues at Indiana which did not have records on Worldcat. Schmidt asked whether we might want to consider doing a miscellaneous collection of newspapers, as CAMP has done in the past. Her final item was an Oromo newspaper that Indiana received with its Somali gift which also lacked a Worldcat record. She requested anyone with holdings or information relating to any of these to send responses to her. She will prepare a proposal for the spring meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

TITLES RECEIVED SINCE APRIL 1994

Annual Departmental Reports Relating to Nyasaland 1907-1964.
44 reels. \$3,071.00

Annual Meeting Papers [Microform] / African Studies Association.
11 reels. \$1,807.00

Centre Aequatoria. Archives. 2309 fiches. \$2,339.00

Centre Point [Microform].
Vol.1, no.1 - Vol.3, no.4 (11/70 - 2/73). \$71.12

Documents, Papers & Memoranda on the Growth of the Pan-African Movement (Since the 1950's). 44 fiches & 2 copies of guide. \$431.99

The Ghanaian Times [Microform]. July 2 - Dec. 29, 1979. \$34.00

The People's Weekly. No. 1-193 (1/14/81-10/23/85). \$263.18

Resolutions of the Annual Summits of the Organisation of African Unity & Other Documents Since 1963. 35 fiches and 2 copies of guide. \$348.01

TITLES ON ORDER

African Eagle, 1/6/59-1/25/62	Enc:	\$420
Berliner Missionsberichte [Mf] 1836-1939	Enc:	\$1,830
Courrier d'Afrique, 1930-1948	Enc:	\$820
Drum (Central African ed.)	Enc:	\$1,200
Drum (Federation ed.)	Enc:	\$450
Drum (Ghana ed.)	Enc:	\$1,500
Drum (Nigeria ed.)	Enc:	\$2,250
Drum (South Africa ed.)	Enc:	\$1,500
Drum (West Africa ed.)	Enc:	\$1,000
The International	Enc:	\$100
Judges' Notebooks of Civil and Criminal Cases of the Colonial Lagos Supreme Court 1876-1915	Enc:	\$10,923
Kinship and Property Among the Jie and Turkana [Microform]	Enc:	\$70
Mitteilungen Aus Den Deutschen Schutzgebieten V.25 (1912); V.13 (1918)	Enc:	\$125

Mitteilungen Von Forschungsreisenden und
Gelehrten Aus Den Deutschen Schutzgebieten:

Mit Benutzung Amtlicher Quellen	Enc:	\$100
Morning News, 1956-1959	Enc:	\$315
Notre Temps, 1991-1992	Enc:	\$90
Nyanza Prov. Microfilm Collection, 1899-1963	Enc:	\$50
Official publications of South African states: Supplement 1983-1987	Pd:	\$2,448.16
Vigilant. (Khartoum, Sudan)		
The Weekly Post	Pd:	325.00
Weekly Review (Nairobi)	Pd:	\$1,189.08
The Zululand Observer	Enc:	\$325
The Zululand Times	Enc:	\$700

STANDING ORDERS

African Studies Association. Annual Meeting Papers, 1993-.

Tanzanian newspapers: Business Times, Baraza, Dunia Mpya, Express, Heko, Kombora, Mizani, Motomoto, Watu, and Wakati.

CAMP COMMITMENTS

Afrique et le monde (Congolese Newspapers)	\$1,037
Courrier d'Afrique	\$1,100
Echoes (Bamako)	est. \$750
Filming for Tanzanian papers	est. \$900

To be voted on:

1. Bulawayo Chronicle. CAMP owns: Oct. 12, 1894-1924. (weekly issues only May 1897-1924)
2. Chronicle (later title). [1960-June 1981] [July 2, 1982- Mar. 1985]. 1989+ . BLNP confirmed that their file contains weekly issues only. 1925-1949 87r. @ £42 ea., or \$5,500.



OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

June 22-29, 1995, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.
 Jan. 19-25, 1996, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 July 4-10, 1996, New York - ALA Annual Conf.
 Feb. 14-20, 1997, Washington - Midwinter Meeting
 Apr. 11-14, 1997, Nashville - ACRL National Conf.
 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.

IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 22-26, 1995, Istanbul
 Aug. 25-30, 1996, Beijing
 1997, Copenhagen
 1998, Amsterdam
 1999, Bangkok

ALA/USIA LIBRARY FELLOWS PROGRAM, 1993-94

In addition to the Americans who worked overseas, a pilot program brought mid-level professionals for overseas to work in American libraries. Among these were:

- Mary Boye, Dept. of Library & Archival Studies, Univ. of Legon, Ghana, worked in the reference department at the Univ. of Wisconsin, Oct. 1993-July 1994;
- Lucy Kinyanjui, principal librarian at the Kenya Polytechnic (Nairobi) worked with systems staff at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Oct. 1993-June 1994.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Report from CC:AAM

The Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials (CC:AAM) met on February 5 and 6, 1995, during the ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia. Items of interest to ALC members include:

1. LC's request for help with revising IFLA's *Names of Persons* was accepted by CC:DA [see below] and referred to CC:AAM, who had volunteered to take responsibility for Francophone African names. CC:AAM is seeking clarification on the scope of "Francophone Africa," i.e., whether it includes North Africa, and hopes for collaboration from ALC.
2. CC:AAM is proposing to sponsor a program on the authority control of names in lesser-known languages at the 1996 annual meeting in New York. A decision is expected in June.
3. CC:AAM requests for formal liaisons: The Research Libraries Group (RLG) has appointed John Eilts as its representative to CC:AAM. OCLC has not yet responded.
4. Next meetings are June 25 and 26.

—edited from report by Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA),
 Chair, ALA-ALCTS-CCS-CC:AAM

Report on CC:DA

The Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access (CC:DA) heard various reports during its meetings on Feb. 4 and 6. LC's request for assistance with Francophone African names (for a future edition of IFLA's *Names of Persons*) was referred to CC:AAM [see above]. The ANSI/NISO/ISO 3166 document "Codes for the Representation of Names of Countries" was approved. A report about IFLA included note that the 1995 Istanbul meeting cataloging program will feature multilingual and multiscript issues.

—edited from report to IRRT by Laurel Jizba (MSU)

INFO AFRICA NOVA CONFERENCES 1995

The following are scheduled for Pretoria, with closing dates for submissions that are 4-6 months in advance:

- Women's Conference, 6-10 March;
- Information Conference (on information services), 8-12 May;
- Global Empowerment Conference (or African Identity Studies), 4-6 September;
- Education Conference, 2-5 October.

Enquiries: Trudle Coetzer, PO Box 4649, Pretoria 0001; tel/fax: +27 12 6621588.

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

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

K-Executive Club of Uganda (PO Box 3092, Kampala; tel: (256) 41-200187; fax: (256) 41-233829) still seeks financial assistance for shipping books to help with its work in promoting libraries and adult education. Their US contact is R. Suzette Ungvarsky, Manager, International Book Bank, 608-L Folcroft St., Baltimore, MD 21224. Tel: (301)633-2929.

RESOURCES AT
LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Basler Afrika Bibliographien (CH-4051 Basel, Postfach 2037, Switzerland) are a library and archives focusing on Southern Africa, with Namibia being its specialty.

Smithsonian Institution Libraries, which includes the National Museum of African Art Library, is now available on the Internet. To connect via TELNET, type: siris.si.edu. To exit, type STOP.

GRANT REPORTS

AFRICANA CONFERENCE PAPER INDEXING PROJECT
 Progress report (Oct.-Dec. 1994) from Northwestern University concerning its Title II-C grant (Improving Access to Research Library Resources, Program number: R091A40104)

Upon receipt of official notification, Northwestern hired librarian Allison Dillard for the position of Senior Indexer and Martin Saganski, an experienced copy cataloger and retrospective conversion specialist, for the position of Indexer.

A new software program, written by a Catalog Department librarian, has eliminated many repetitive and error-prone inputting activities and required the acquisition of two personal computers. Another by-product of this same software program is the ability to scan a page, which is being done with English-language conferences with clear typeface in their table of contents.

Progress has been excellent. Robert Lesh, Project Manager, revised all of the work of both the Senior Indexer and the Indexer until he was assured of the quality of the product. He carefully trained the Senior Indexer in the underlying philosophy and use of the MARC 653 field, for uncontrolled subject index terms.

The cataloging of the conference proceedings, is proceeding well. Of the original number of 487 uncataloged conferences, 209 were cataloged before Oct. 1 (118 with copy) and 76 conferences since.

The project indexed 607 conference proceedings, resulting in 10,466 individual conference papers being indexed. Some slowing of the pace is expected as the indexers include foreign language material, but we are confident that the project goals of cataloging and indexing 2,086 conference proceedings can be met.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

BOOKS & DOCUMENTS

Alemna, Anaba A. *Librarians in Ghana, a who's who and annotated bibliography*. Accra : Type Co. Ltd., 1995.

Biographical information on 78 librarians and bibliography of articles and books published 1991-94.

CD-ROM for African Research Needs: Some Basic Guidelines, edited by Lisbeth A. Levey. 3rd ed. Washington, DC: Sub-Saharan Africa Program, AAAS, Dec. 1994. 76p. Includes reports on production, costs and demonstration projects.

Appendix 3 (Coverage of African Research Information in CD-ROM Databases) reports that research published in Africa accounts for 14% of all entries in TROPAG & RURAL; 7% in POPLINE; 3% in both CABCB and PAIS; but only 1% of the entries in MEDLINE, *Science Citation Index*, and *Social Science Citation Index*. The article also discusses the types of material covered and notes that the numbers for Latin America are about the same as those for Africa.

PUBLICATIONS OF AFRICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

Compiled by Nancy J. Schmidt, Indiana University.
See ALN, July 1994, for earlier list that includes addresses.

Namibia. Ministry of Education and Culture. *LAS News, Newsletter of the Library and Archives Services*, Vol. 1, No. 4, August 1994.

Highlights include the "Library Services Annual Report" April 1993-March 1994, an 18-page supplement, and a new organization chart for the Library and Archives Services.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

George Crafts has been named as African Bibliographer at the University of Virginia Alderman Library. He has an ABD in French history from the University of Chicago and the MLS from the University of Texas at Austin. While working as the French-Italian Bibliographer at UV since 1977, he was responsible for francophone Africa. With the recent retirement of Mary Alice Kraeche, he has added duties for the rest of the continent. Afeworki Paulos continues as an assistant to the African Bibliographer, through a staff-share arrangement with the Cataloging Dept.

Andre Nitecki, a librarian and professor with years of experience in West Africa and Canada, died in September 1993. Among his many publications were three occasional papers (1972-1974) from the Dept. of Library, University of Ghana, on classification problems with Africana.

Loumona Petroff began work in February as the cataloger for the African Studies collection of Boston University's Mugar Library.

Namibian Information Workers Association. *NIWA-INFO*, Vol. 5, Nos. 2-3, July/September, 1994.

Highlights include articles by Henry Chakava (Kenya) on the problems of publishing in Africa, Barbara Bell on the Namibian National Bibliography, Margie Orford on contemporary Namibian literature, and an interview with Clive Lloyd on what is African literature.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

African Research and Documentation, no. 65 (1994):

- McIlwaine, I.C. "Africa in the UDC," pp. 10-31.
- Reflections on 4 works published 1991-1993 under auspices of the UDC (Universal Decimal Classification) Consortium; especially concerned with tables for languages, for places, and for ethnic grouping and nationality (which are derived from those for language).
- Musiker, Reuben. "South African Bibliographical Notes & News, July 1994," pp. 32-35.

Bulletin of the Medical Library Association, v. 83 (Jan. 1995):

- Myers, G. "From Apartheid to Integration: The Role of the Witwatersrand Medical Library in Health Care Services in Johannesburg, South Africa," pp. 71-77.
- Steynberg, S. "Testing Orr's Document Delivery Test on Bio-medical Journals in South Africa," pp. 78-84.

International Information & Library Review, v. 26 (Dec. 1994):

- Ononogbo, R.U. "User Expectation in Higher Education Library Services in Nigeria," pp. 289-302.
- Stilwell, C. "Towards Transformation? An Update on the Resource Centre Fora of South Africa," pp. 303-314.

Alemna, A.A. "Persistent Issues in Library and Information Science Education in Africa." *Education for Information*, v. 12 (Dec. 1994): 429-436.

Keates, Sarah. "Workshop on the Universal Availability of Publications in Francophone West Africa," *Focus on International & Comparative Librarianship*, v. 25 (1994): 137-145.

Kisiedu, Christine. "The West African Library Association: Its Origins, Breakup, and Revival." *Project for African Research Libraries Notes*, v. 4, no. 2 (1994/1995): 1-6.

Korsah, J.E. "Towards Effective Utilization of University Library Resources: The Situation in the University of Cape Coast, Ghana." *ASLIB Proceedings*, v. 46 (1994): 263-266.

Sturges, P. (Loughborough Univ.) "Using grey literature in informal information services in Africa." *Journal of Documentation*, v. 50 (Dec. 1994): 273-290.

Töttemeyer, Andree-Jeanne. "Speaking from a Book: the Transfer of De-recorded Information to the Information-Starved." *IFLA Journal*, 20 (1994): 410-8.

A greater understanding of the potential of the oral mode of communication is needed. The information mediator de-records the information in books by orally translating those parts appropriate to the needs of a specific group. One-year certificates and two-year diplomas in appropriate community librarianship should be instituted to provide the needed personnel.

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

African Studies Abstracts, formerly *Documentatieblad*, covers the articles in over 300 recent periodicals and edited works. The complete list of periodicals regularly scanned (by the library and documentation dept. of the African Studies Centre, Leiden) is available from Hans Zell, 11 Richmond Rd., PO Box 56, Oxford OX1 2SJ, England.

The Encyclopaedia Africana is being prepared in a multimedia format by Professor Anthony Appiah (Harvard University). This project combines the vision of W.E.B. Du Bois for a definitive and

comprehensive compilation of systematic knowledge about black peoples and cultures in the Old and New Worlds with the new multimedia technology that makes knowledge available in a form that will both educate and entertain.

BOOK

Dawn Bastian Williams, Robert W. Lesh and Andrea L. Stamm. *Zaire*. Santa Barbara, Calif.: ABC-Clio (World Bibliographical series, v. 176), 1995. ISBN 1851092188.

Selective bibliography of more than 800 sources.

LETTERS & OPINIONS

In this section, the editor hopes to publish letters and essays that challenge prevailing practices or beliefs. In all cases the opinions expressed are those of the writer. No endorsement by the editor or ALC or MSU is intended.

PETITION CONCERNING SUBJECT HEADINGS

The following petition was prepared by: Cataloging Consumers Network (4400 Morningside Road, Edina, MN 55416) and distributed by its Convenor, Sanford Berman. The original is dated April 1995.

TO: Chief, Cataloging Policy and Support,
Library of Congress, Washington DC 20540

WE, the undersigned, urge the Library of Congress to

- (a) change the present heading, HOLOCAUST, JEWISH (1939-1945), to HOLOCAUST, JEWISH (1933-1945), thus making the Holocaust coincide with the Third Reich instead of appearing to be merely a byproduct of World War II;
- (b) replace NATIONAL SOCIALISM and NATIONAL SOCIALISTS with the more familiar and commonly-used forms,

NAZISM and NAZIS;

- (c) convert GYPSIES to this people's self-preferred, authentic name ROMANIES (or ROMA);
- (d) eliminate "Christian primacy" in all religion-related headings; e.g., assign to work on the Christian deity a new form, GOD (CHRISTIANITY), instead of the unmodified and therefore pre-eminent GOD;
- (e) substitute HANSEN'S DISEASE and HANSEN'S DISEASE PATIENTS, both terms sanctioned by the U.S. Public Health Service, for the stigmatizing LEPROSY and LEPERS;
- (f) abandon PYGMIES, instead using the names of specific "pygmy" groups; e.g., MBUTI (AFRICAN PEOPLE);
- (g) replace INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA--RELOCATION with INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA--FORCED REMOVALS;
- (h) substitute JAPANESE-AMERICANS, MASS INTERNMENT, 1942-1945 for JAPANESE-AMERICANS--EVACUATION AND RELOCATION, 1942-1945; and
- (i) establish and assign these warranted and essential headings: AFROCENTRIC EDUCATION
AFROCENTRIC HISTORIOGRAPHY
AMISTAD REBELLION, 1839

ANTI-ARABISM
 ANTIRACIST ACTION
 ANTI-SEMITES
 ANTISEMITISM IN CHRISTIANITY
 ANTISEMITISM IN THE ARMED FORCES
 BIRMINGHAM CHURCH BOMBING, SEPTEMBER 14, 1963
 CULTURAL IMPERIALISM
 DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT
 ETHNIC POLICY
 ETHNOCENTRISM IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
 ETHNOCIDE
 HATE GROUPS
 HOLOCAUST, ROMANI (1933-1945)
 HOWARD BEACH KILLINGS, DECEMBER 19, 1986
 INTERRACIAL FRIENDSHIP
 JEWS, SPANISH--HISTORY--EXPULSION, 1492
 MAKOSSA MUSIC
 MBAQANGA MUSIC
 MOVE BOMBING, PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA,
 MAY 14, 1985
 MULTIETHNIC NEIGHBORHOODS
 MUSLIMS--SPAIN--HISTORY--EXPULSION, 1502
 NATIONALITY POLICY
 NATIVE AMERICAN HOLOCAUST (1492-1900)
 NAZI COLLABORATORS
 NAZI FUGITIVES
 NEOCOLONIALISM
 NONRACIST CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
 NONRACIST WRITING GUIDELINES
 NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC RELATIONS
 NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS
 RACISM IN BIOLOGY
 RACISM IN BUSINESS
 RACISM IN CAPITAL PUNISHMENT
 RACISM IN CHILDREN'S LITERATURE
 RACISM IN CHRISTIANITY
 RACISM IN EMPLOYMENT
 RACISM IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

RACISM IN FILMS
 RACISM IN LABOR UNIONS
 RACISM IN LANGUAGE
 RACISM IN LAW
 RACISM IN MASS MEDIA
 RACISM IN THE ARMED FORCES
 ROCK SPRINGS MASSACRE, SEPTEMBER 3, 1885
 SKINHEADS
 SOCA MUSIC
 SOUKOUS (MUSIC)
 TEX-MEX MUSIC
 THIRD WORLD SUPPORT GROUPS
 VIOLENCE AGAINST MINORITIES

OTHER HEADINGS ADOPTED BY HENNEPIN COUNTY

HCL Cataloging Bulletin #135 (March/April 1995) includes the following (cn = cataloger's note; pn = public note; sf = see from):
 Films, African.

sf African films

North-South economic relations

Shirazi (East African people)

cn HCL form. Authority: *Subject headings employed at the Makerere Institute of Social Research Library* (1972), p. 85. ...

Swahili (East African people)

cn LC form: SWAHILI-SPEAKING PEOPLES. Authority: *Subject headings...*, p. 91. ...

pn Here are entered materials on persons who have their home in or around one of the traditional Swahili settlements of the East African coast or their modern counterparts in the interior; whose lifestyles conform to that of their neighbors; and who have inherited or adopted the Swahili language as their preferred tongue.

NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

African and Caribbean Imprint Library Services (236 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540; tel: 508-540-5378) has issued lists of "Titles Recently Received" for Malawi and Sierra Leone.

African Books Collective (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, England) has issued its 51-page Catalogue no. 9.

Editions du CRAC (Club de recherche et d'action culturelle) is a new publishing house, started by a former editor at SOPECAM. Address: B.P. 8133, Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Indian Ocean Books (Larry W. Bowman, bookseller; at 458 Middle Turnpike, Storrs, Ct 06268; bowman@uconnvm.uconn.edu) has issued Catalogue no. 2, a listing of 160 titles. It includes antiquarian books, prints and maps on the region, especially the Indian Ocean islands. Want lists are welcome, and Bowman is also interested in buying books on the region.

Leishman & Taussig African Book Services (2 B Westgate, Southwell, Notts, UK NG25 0JH; tel: -44 1636 813774) plans trips to Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania (Arusha only) in April/May; to ZIBF (Harare) in August; to South Africa (Cape only) and Namibia in Aug/Sept; and to Botswana, Swaziland and South Africa (Natal, North-West and Gauteng) in Nov/Dec 1995. Gauteng is the new name for the PWV Province around Johannesburg and Pretoria.

Norman Ross Publishing Inc. (330 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019; 800 648-8850; microform distributors) has alerted customers to some new collections from the library of Colin Legum being prepared by Altair:

- Early Years of Apartheid: South African Press Digests, 1949-1972 (140 fiche, with finding list; £800);
- Liberation Movement in South Africa, Zimbabwe and Mozambique;
- Labour Movement in Africa.

Simon Ottenberg, Bookseller (PO Box 15509, Seattle, WA 98115; 206-720-7150), recently distributed a catalog featuring almost 600 antiquarian African art titles.

University Publications of America (Tel: 301-657-3200) has issued the 1995 Supplement & Price List to its 1991 "UPA Research Collections." New titles include *Africa, 1992-1994 Supplement*, 10 reels (\$1190) in its Special Studies series. The initial volumes of *British Documents on Foreign Affairs: Series G: Africa* are available. These reports and papers from the Foreign Office confidential print are scheduled for reproduction in 55 volumes during 1995-1996.

Hans Zell Publishers (an imprint of Bowker-Saur) catalogue for 1995 includes 3 forthcoming titles:

- Bernth Lindfors, *Black African Literature in English, 1987-1991*;
- Hans M. Zell, *Publishing and Book Development in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1960-1994: an Annotated Bibliography*;
- Hans M. Zell, *The African Studies Companion*, 2d rev. ed.

EVENTS

1995 Zimbabwe International Book Fair

Theme: Human Rights and Justice.

Special events will focus on freedom of expression and the press, the writer and human rights, literacy and power, library acquisitions of African books, low-cost book production and intra-African rights trading.

Provisional Program:

28-29 July (Fri-Sat): Freedom of Expression Indaba

30 July (Sun): Afro-Asian Book Council seminar

31 July (Mon): Exhibitor's setting-up day & APNET workshop

1-2 Aug. (Tue-Wed): Traders' days & Marechera Symposium

3-4 Aug. (Thu-Fri): Public days & Freedom of the Press Wkshop

5 Aug. (Sat): Public day; ZIBF95 closes.

Further details available from ZIBF, 78 Kaguvi St., Harare; or, ZIBF(UK), (margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk) 25 Endymion Rd, London N4 1EE, UK.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Bugembe, Mary H. "The 3rd Pan-African Children's Book Fair [Nairobi, 28-31 May 1994]," *African Book Publishing Record*, v. 20 (1994): 249-251.

ONLINE FILES

The *CSSALL Newsletter*, from the Centre for the Study of Southern African Literature and Languages, University of Durban-Westville, is distributed in both printed form and on the Internet, under the Usenet newsgroups: za.events and soc.culture.south-africa, starting with No. 1/1 (1994). Contact Johannes Smit, CSSALL Newsletter, Univ. of Durban-Westville, Pvt. Bag X54001, Durban 4000; or jasmitt@pixie.udw.ac.za.

NEW SERIALS

African Anthropology is a new journal from the Pan African Anthropological Association (BP 1862, Yaounde), priced at \$60 for 2 issues per year. The association also publishes a newsletter and is updating its 1992 *Profile of African Anthropologists*.

East Africa, no. 1 (Nov. 7, 1994)-. Weekly newspaper available from National Newspapers Ltd., PO Box 49010, Nairobi; fax (254-2) 217112. Cover price: Ks 30. US subscription: \$260/year.

East African Chronicle of Business and Commerce, no. 1 (Oct. 7, 1994)-. Weekly newspaper available from Media House Ltd., PO Box 38859, Nairobi; fax (254-2) 532736. Ks 20 per issue. US subscription: \$25 per year, plus \$4 per issue postage.

Gallery Delta is a quarterly that covers the contemporary art scene in Zimbabwe, with an emphasis on painters. Price: \$26. Address: Gallery Delta, 110 Livingstone Rd. at 9th Ave., Harare.

Liberia Update is a new monthly published in Monrovia (POB 3148). Copies are also available from Jim Gray (410 Cork Dr., Blacksburg, Va 24060-3606).

SISA Newsletter, quarterly publication of School of Information Studies for Africa, Addis Ababa University. Address: PO Box 1176; email: SISA@PADISgn.apc.org. First issue (Oct. 1994) includes information about SISA, its masters theses and faculty publications since 1990.

Zimbabwean Review is a new journal of essays costing £20/year outside of Africa. Address: P/Bag A 6177, Avondale, Harare, Zimbabwe.

VIDEOS

Films for the Humanities & Sciences (PO Box 2053, Princeton, NY 08543-2053) has issued a 16-page catalog of African American & African Studies on video.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS

This section is generally limited to titles outside the regular book trade, or titles received by the editor. Many more titles and/or details on publisher addresses can be found in Joint Acquisitions List of Africana (6 issues per year available for \$50 from Northwestern University Library), The African Book Publishing Record (Hans Zell Publishers), American Book Publishing Record (Bowker), Accessions List: Eastern and Southern Africa (LC Office, Nairobi), or in one of the current national bibliographies.

Brambilla, Christina, ed. *Letterature dell'Africa*. Milano: Jaca Book, 1994. (Enciclopedia tematica aperta) ISBN 88-16-43915-7. 145000 lire.

Kposowa, Tibbie S. *The Forest are no longer green*. ISBN 0913491381; \$15. Novel available from author at: PO Box 19393, Cincinnati, OH 45219.

The United Nations and Apartheid, 1948-1994 (572p.; \$29.95; 92-1-100546-9) is available in the UN blue book series. Tel: 212-963-8302.

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Editor's Comments

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places, but I did make the point that subject headings can change. The research and thinking in preparation for this presentation raised several issues of interest to catalogers:

1. A change from the current alphabetical arrangement of books in or about African languages to one based on language families would not be wise;
2. Names and cross-references for languages and language groups could be improved; and
3. Language codes are seldom used and probably too numerous.

The current alphabetical arrangement of most African languages within the PL8000s is better than any classified system based on language families for two reasons: 1) It is easier for users to understand, even with such inconveniences as Igbo being classified as Ibo; and 2) it does not become obsolete when the consensus classification changes, as will happen.

A further complication is that British linguists usually follow different rules (i.e., avoid working hypotheses, but accept some geographic and other non-genetic criteria) for their language classifications. These philosophical disagreements are grounds for rejecting the classified arrangement adopted by the Universal Decimal Classification. (See I.C. McIlwaine, "Africa in the UDC," *Africa Research & Documentation*, no. 65 (1994): 10-31.) The only major changes I would suggest for the PL8000s would be to include the Cushitic and Omotic languages, which are currently classified as PJ2401-2594.

I had hoped to come to some firm conclusions regarding which

reference works can be relied upon for language names, variants, dialects, and broader terms. These issues turned out to be more complicated than I anticipated, partly because I was not completely satisfied with what *Ethnologue*, Ruhlen 1987 or the *International Encyclopedia of Linguistics* had to say about the Kru languages, which is my area of research. For new or revised names, the latest edition of *Ethnologue* should be cited, but usage in publications is to be preferred. It is clear that we need some editing of the broader terms attached to authority records and "Hamitic" should be purged, except as a see-reference. More intermediate subdivisions under Niger-Congo languages and Bantu languages would be useful, but Bantu will have to wait for a broadly accepted revision of Guthrie's zones, which are not valid genetic units.

For languages with less than 50-100 records in any database, language codes are an unneeded redundancy. They remain a mystery to most users, and they are not needed for languages getting the subject subdivision "Texts." ALC (See "African Languages Codes Project" compiled by Robert W. Lesh, 1992.) and other library associations have made an impressive case for more. But their statistics were flawed by counting many titles more than once and by the fact that some libraries do not have individual records for each title. Of the more than 70 African languages that currently have codes, only about 20 codes are likely to have more than 40 records in any one library; and only 30 will have more than 20 records.

LC cooperates more now than in the past, sometimes to the disadvantage of the community. If an organization such as LC does not hold the line on standards, we will have another virus (like the *Conspetus*) slowing our work with unnecessary complexity.

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