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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The major event of the past quarter was the ASA meeting in Toronto. Some of the minutes appear in the first section; others will be published in April. Contributions came from many sources, including Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, Karen Fung, Al Kagan, Reuben Musiker, Razia Nanji, Elizabeth Plantz, Nancy Schmidt, Hans Zell, Joanne Zellers. Layout and graphics were provided by Theresa Moore.

Personal impressions from the ASA meeting in Toronto (in addition to issues raised in minutes): easy rail links to a downtown that encouraged walking regardless of the weather; fine ASA panels and honors for the work of historians; a fascinating panel on electronic sources, including a demonstration of how an enthusiastic amateur can become a major player in the dissemination of news and information; confirmation of a major commitment by Title-6 librarians and CAMP to explore the filming of archives in Africa; a single slate of candidates for the CAMP Executive Committee who were declared elected without the expense of a mail ballot.

The issue of ALN editorials came up in Toronto. The discussion is nicely summarized in the official minutes. As I acknowledged in Toronto, the heading over the table on page 9 of the October issue does give the false impression of

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ACRONYMS

- ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)
- ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)
- ALC - Africana Librarians Council (formerly Archives-Librarians 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 Meeting.
 Fall 1998, Chicago - ASA Annual Meeting.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE FOR NORTHWESTERN

Thursday, May 4, 1995:

Afternoon Tour of CRL.

Evening Meetings possible

Friday, May 5:

8:00am-4:00pm ... Meetings at Norris University Center

4:00-5:00pm Tours

Evening Receptions

Saturday, May 6:

8:00am-Noon CAMP meeting at Program of African Studies

Afternoon Visit to Field Museum.

For more information, contact Liz Plantz, at eplantz@nwu.edu or (tel.) 708-491-7585.

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Canada

Thursday, November 3, 1994, 9:00-11:00am

The meeting was called to order by Al Kagan, Chair.

Present were: Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Phyllis Bischof (U. of California, Berkeley), Christopher Boyd (African Imprint), Mary Brady (Northwestern U.), Dan Britz (Northwestern U.), Joseph Caruso (Columbia U.), Jill Coelho (Harvard U.), Moore Crossey (Yale U.), David Easterbrook (Northwestern U.), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State U.), Gregory Finnegan (Dartmouth College), Elisa Forgey (U. of Pennsylvania), Karen Fung (Stanford), Miki Goral (U. of California at Los Angeles), David Hogarth (Hogarth Representation), John Bruce Howell (U. of Iowa), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois), Joseph Lauer (Michigan State U.), ADH Leishman (Leishman & Taussig), Robert W. Lesh (Northwestern U.), Margaret Ling (Zimbabwe International Book Fair), Kenneth Lohrenz (U. of Kansas), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), Wonki Nam (Central State U., Wilberforce, Ohio), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Dorothy Niekamp (Indiana U.), Hans Panofsky (Retired, Northwestern), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U.), Nancy Pressman (Princeton U.), Margaret Richards (U. of Cape Town), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Elisabeth Sinnott (New York U.), Francois Sorieul (Centre Sahel), Janet Stanley (Smithsonian), Ruth Thomas (LC, Nairobi Office), Dane Ward (Wayne State U.), David Westley (Boston U.), Dawn Williams (Northwestern U.), and Joanne Zellers (LC).

Following general introductions, the minutes of the previous meeting (at Duke) were approved.

40th Anniversary Program

Schmidt reported that the Planning Committee decided that the original plans need to be revised and scaled down. Instead of a multi-day April conference at LC, the Committee proposed a one-day conference at the Fall 1997 ASA meeting in Columbus, Ohio, to be held in place of our regular Bibliography and Cataloging committee meetings. The Columbus location is close to OCLC and numerous institutions which might already have African librarians who could attend. The general program outline includes a keynote speaker and three different panels on cooperation, collection development, and bibliographic instruction/reference. A dinner is also to be planned, where ALC past and future will be discussed.

Schmidt still seeks information on possible institutional support for foreign visitors, participants and panel members for the program. It is hoped that we will be able to formalize plans at the spring meeting.

Outreach to Black Studies Librarians

Kagan reviewed what has been done. A notice about ALC and its meetings was placed on the ACRL African American listserve. Weissinger will put an article about the ALC in their newsletter as well. Copies of *ALN* were distributed at several ALA programs in Miami, including the meeting of the ALA's Black Caucus Executive Committee. Kagan has been in touch with a number of the new Title VI centers recently opened at historically Black colleges and Universities, including Tuskegee and Lincoln University. An article about our activities has also appeared in the September *REFORMA* Newsletter. Bischof suggested that we incorporate outreach to Black studies librarians into the strategic plan as a long term goal. It was also suggested that someone write an article on the 40th anniversary as part of our ongoing efforts to publicize the ALC.

Statement on Access to Government Documents

Kagan noted that the ALC's statement on access to government documents, endorsed at the spring meeting, has appeared in *Documents to the People*, published by the Government Documents Round Table (GODORT) of ALA. Copies of the statement were distributed at a GODORT panel on the subject in Miami and have been sent to the chairs of other area studies librarians groups for discussion. ALC members were encouraged to approach other area studies librarians to encourage further discussion.

Spring Meeting 1995

Easterbrook handed out a sheet on the May 5-6 meeting at Northwestern University (Evanston, IL). For more information, contact Liz Plantz, who has been designated as the main contact, at eplantz@nwu.edu or (tel.) 708-491-7585.

Annual Meeting 1995, Orlando

Finnegan noted the March 1st deadline. A topic will be worked out via email by the new Chair-Elect, the Executive Committee and other interested members. Finnegan suggested a roundtable for authors and scholars on the question of "What happens to your work after it is published" to explain how works are acquired, handled and accessed in libraries. Another possibility might be to co-sponsor a panel with the Electronic Technology Group, depending on the topic.

Fung noted that this year the Electronic Technology Group is cosponsoring an Internet booth in the exhibits area in conjunction with a number of libraries. While a separate or special room could have been set aside, the sponsors felt that being with the exhibits provided for the greatest exposure.

Spring Meeting 1996

Westley presented possible dates for the meeting at Boston University. All concurred that a late April or early May date was preferable in hope of better weather. More specific information will be presented at the spring meeting.

ALC Elections

Helene Baumann was elected Chair Elect, Ruby Bell-Gam was elected Secretary, and Robert Lesh was elected Member-at-large.

National Security Education Program (Boren Bill)

Kagan presented a new Association of Concerned Africa Scholars pamphlet on issues concerning the National Security Education Program, formerly known as the Boren Bill. Michigan State University has a legal opinion that they do not need to accept this funding from the Defense Dept. and intelligence agencies. The acceptance of funds provided through the program has recently been an issue at the University of Illinois.

Long Range Strategic Planning Committee

Finnegan reported that the Committee had not addressed many long range issues. The majority of the time spent has involved the question of the editorship of *ALN*, as the Committee hopes to construct a realistic document on what the job entails. Other items of concern for future action include an organization manual, electronic access to ALC publications, including *ALN*, a forum for reference and instructional issues within the current ALC structure, and the various options for cooperation.

ALC Listserv and Directory

Finnegan reported that he has eliminated the long header that formerly displayed with E-mail messages forwarded to the group. However, the listserv that was discussed at the spring meeting has not yet been developed. Several members pointed out that they believed that it would be useful to have a true listserv.

Finnegan also handed out the Oct. 29th edition of his *ALC Directory*. It is now restricted to people connected with the ALC, i.e., current ALC members, retirees, book dealers who participate in meetings and other individuals who tend to show up at meetings or take an interest in what we are doing. He noted that an institutional affiliation index was possible. The membership expressed their great thanks to Greg.

Africana Libraries Newsletter (ALN)

Lauer announced that he would continue as editor for a 5th year (1995/96), with further annual renewals probable if needed while the search for a new editor continues.

He noted that, given the expense of mailing *ALN* overseas, he would prefer that foreign visitors interested in receiving *ALN* write to him directly.

Discussion arose over the appropriateness of some of the surveys and statistics that have appeared in *ALN*. Some concern was expressed that they provided misleading information about various collections. Lauer noted that these were editorials written with the express purpose of generating discussion and that it was not possible to have others check over everything he writes before publication. Some members stated that they really enjoy the editorials and the issues raised.

The question then arose as to the exact nature of *ALN*. While not a refereed journal, it is viewed by many as an official publication of the ALC and that people might read more into the editorials than was intended. It was noted that it is the vehicle for official communica-

tions of the ALC such as the minutes of all meetings. The issue of what is the "official" nature of *ALN* will be taken up by the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee.

ASA Publications Committee

Bischof, ALC liaison to the ASA Publications Committee, reported on the wide ranging activities of the Committee. In particular, she noted that Walsh has written a draft document on ASA publication policies and procedures.

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

Liz Levy gave an overview of AAAS activities in Africa. She noted that in a very short time there have been many improvements in access to information due to technological advances and the Internet. AAAS is currently working on a CD-ROM pilot project, providing access to 6 databases in 7 African universities along with document delivery assistance through the African Studies Library at Boston University. They have established management committees with end user involvement that have proved to be very effective in the running of this project. They plan on sponsoring the evaluation of the use of CD-ROM databases for work in the social sciences and the humanities in Africa.

AAAS is also looking into the situation in South Africa to evaluate how useful online information is for their needs. An online workshop in Ethiopia is planned, where they hope to provide guidelines for researchers on how to incorporate the use of email and other electronic technologies into their grant proposals. Commercial science and technology databases are being reviewed in order to see how much African sponsored information is available. Plans are also in the works for an update of their users guide to electronic networks in Africa that should include, among other things, new information on the Internet and South Africa. They are hoping to find an African organization that will take over the maintenance and publication of this guide.

Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF)

Margaret Ling, Managing Director of the ZIBF-UK, briefly covered some of the activities of the Fair. The London Office now has an email address which will be posted later on the list. She noted that an exhibit of African periodicals from the Fair was currently on display at the library at the University of Toronto. A video of the 1994 book fair is available.

Library of Congress Reports**African/Middle Eastern Acquisitions Section:**

For the third year, LC was able to use the special \$100,000 appropriation from Congress to support West African acquisitions. In FY 1994, \$44,485 was used to purchase 28 films and videotapes by West African filmmakers. With the money they were also able to send Laverne Page, African Section, to Gabon, Cameroon and the Central African Republic and Ruth Thomas, Overseas Operations Division, to Angola in order to identify new bibliographic service representatives. In addition, the Library recommended microfilming of 15 newspaper titles from Cote d'Ivoire, Nigeria, Togo, Ghana and Senegal. A complete list will be available once filming is completed.

The Library has purchased SOLON 1, the first computer database on diskette produced in Ghana, containing statutes of the Provisional National Defense Council (PNDC) government from 1982-1993.

In Nigeria, the Library has developed a wide network of bibliographic representatives to complement approval plan vendors in London and Lagos. The vendor from Lagos evaluated publishing activity in Benue State, but was unable to conduct a wider survey of

the western states he covers. Agents in Enugu and Zaria have been successful in increasing acquisitions from the eastern and northern parts of the country.

Marieta Harper, Senior Acquisitions Specialist for the Section, has been selected to participate in the Library of Congress Leadership Development Program beginning Jan, 1995.

African Section (AFS) of the African and Middle Eastern Division (AMED):

Since February 6, 1994, when Beverly Gray was appointed Chief, AMED, the post of Head, AFS has been vacant except for a 90-day period when Zellers served as acting section head. In August, the Section began using volunteers such as Jan Wepsiec, a retired member of ALC, to assist with sample serials and African language materials.

Laverne Page's July 29-August 24 trip to Libreville, Yaoundé, Douala, Bangui and Paris located nine potential representatives and brought in over 1,000 pieces from new and existing exchange partners.

The Section is expanding the briefings and bibliographic instruction sessions offered to university classes, local non-government bodies and government agencies, including the Voice of America Africa Division.

Bibliographic production has increased. The next volume of *U.S. Imprints on sub-Saharan Africa* will be a combined vol. 9/10 (1993-1994), including materials cataloged through Sept., 30, 1994, with an expected publication date of late 1995. Two brief readings lists on Mandela and on Rwanda are in preparation for the *LC Information Bulletin*.

On December 1, 1994, AMED will sponsor the first in its series of special programs, "African and Middle Eastern Perspectives." The first lecture will be by Gay McDougall, executive director of the International Human Rights Law Group.

Other Sections:

The Near East Section reports the issuance of *The Holy Koran in the Library of Congress: a Bibliography*, compiled by Fawzi Mikhail Tadros. For the Islamic Studies collection evaluation study, an outside consultant began evaluating the classical literature in October, and a second consultant will begin a review of the modern period shortly. The anticipated completion date of this case study is Fall 1995.

The Federal Research Division reports the following country studies in preparation: Algeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Indian Ocean Isles, Rwanda/Burundi, and South Africa. Zaire is at the printer.

The Library reviewed its collection of foreign newspapers this year, as called for in its Collection Policy State (CPS) on foreign newspapers. Part of this review is to examine and encourage more active participation with other libraries, more cooperative programs for acquiring and filming of foreign newspapers. The Library's set of CPSs are now mounted on the Internet and will be published in loose-leaf form by the Collections Policy Committee. Zellers also announced that Dorothy Porter Wesley has been awarded a Charles Frankel Prize in the Humanities for her work as principal compiler of the Black Studies collection at Howard University.

Nairobi Office:

Ruth Thomas reported that overhead and direct costs for the participant program will be reviewed for the past year. She noted that the Nairobi office has sent 3000 Somali titles for microfilming. Finally she reported that the Library plans to request permission from Congress to open a small West Africa office. They plan to reallocate existing funds in order to open this office and believe that the request

will be approved. It will be a very small one person office, solely for acquisitions. Cataloging of materials will be done through the Nairobi office. It is not known at this time to what extent materials will be available for program participants.

Other Reports and Announcements

Panofsky reported that the International African Institute may partially move to Harare.

David Hogarth announced that the latest proceedings of the African Studies Association of the United Kingdom have been published in 2 volumes.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz, Secretary

PRE-BUSINESS MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 1994, 9:00-10:00am

The meeting was called to order by Al Kagan, Chair.

Present were: Caruso, Finnegan, Lesh, Baumann, Lauer, Kagan, Nanji, Zellers, Schmidt, and Plantz.

The business meeting agenda was reviewed and amended.

Schmidt reported that the 40th Anniversary Planning Committee have decided to scale down their original plans as presented at the previous meetings at Duke.

The proposed slate of candidates for the ALC election was reviewed. The difficulties in finding members willing to run for certain offices were noted. Nanji was chosen to help Easterbrook conduct the election as one of the original members of the Nominating Committee, Helene Baumann, was induced to run for office.

Kagan discussed the issue of funding from the Defence Dept. and intelligence agencies, which is opposed by ASA and other groups.

The activities of the Long Range Strategic Planning Committee were discussed. It was noted that Joe Lauer will continue as editor of *ALN* until someone else offers to take over. The Committee is still in the process of developing a policy or procedure for finding or recruiting new editors. Lauer has provided information on what is needed in terms of time and money to put out *ALN*. The Committee had been given a number of charges, but the overall charge of developing a strategic plan for the group has not really been addressed yet. Following the business meeting they will schedule another meeting for all those interested to discuss strategic planning.

It was requested that *ALN* be added to the agenda [as a matter of routine and] in order to discuss the controversial nature of some editorials. One member was particularly concerned that various survey results and statistics reported in *ALN* would be misleading to readers.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz, Secretary

CATALOGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 1994, 9:00-10:30am

Present: Brady, Caruso, Crossey, Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop, Cape Town), Ezera, Fung, Goral, Kagan, Lauer, Lesh, Lohrentz, Malanchuk, Nam, Nanji, Niekamp, Panofsky, Plantz, Richards, Schmidt, Shayne, Sorieul, Thomas, Ward, Williams, Zellers.

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

1. The minutes of the April 15, 1994 Duke meeting were accepted as submitted.

2. **DT classification schedule expansion:** Caruso reported that he is just beginning work on the Indian Ocean islands. As a historian, it has come to his attention how antiquated this part of the schedule is, and how much it is in need of revision. Much history and cultural information is not reflected and needs to be fleshed out. It was initially thought there was a large space in the schedule right before this, which could be used for expansion, but now it seems it is not as large as originally thought. Caruso stated he is ready to create a schedule for these islands as long as he can verify the space available. Plantz suggested that he bring what he has completed to the spring meeting as an example for other areas that need to be redone. This would establish some consistency and enable others who expand different areas of the schedule to save time.

3. **ALA/CC:AAM report:** Ruby Bell-Gam was absent, but her report appeared in *ALN*, Oct. 1994, p. 5-6.

Lesh mentioned that a letter was sent to Karl Kahler, chair of CC:AAM, supporting the suggestion to eliminate the use of the subject heading "Africa, Sub-Saharan" and its corresponding geographic area code. Discontinued use of the subject heading and GAC was not supported by CC:AAM, and there was an overall feeling they should be retained. After some discussion, the issue was shelved.

4. **Cooperative cataloging at the Library of Congress:** Copies of a report on cooperative cataloging at LC were distributed, as well as a letter by Ann Dellaporta containing comments about this process. [As of Oct. 28, approx. 8 proposals to LCSH had been received.] LC had suggested the Committee name a coordinator to serve as a contact between this group and LC; the question arose as to what exactly this person would do. It was agreed that the Committee chair should be the coordinator. The suggestion was made that it is necessary for LC to provide libraries who participate in cooperative cataloging projects with more guidance, direction, and specific information than it has in the past, so they all know what is expected of them. Feedback should also be given to the Committee as well, so that its members are aware of what cooperative cataloging activities are taking place at other institutions.

5. LC report on the reorganization of cataloging: None.

6. **Northwestern University Library electronic enhancements for cataloging and indexing:** Mary Brady presented information about what Northwestern refers to as "Gary's toolbar." Gary Strawn, Northwestern's Authorities Librarian, has refined a computer software program originally devised at McGill University to create a brand new program used to greatly enhance the speed and accuracy with which authority work and indexing is performed. Brady explained some of the different features and how they are used by Northwestern catalogers. The program is being changed

and updated continuously; it is copyrighted and may be for sale in the future.

7. **"Indigenous peoples"** as a subject heading: Lauer explained that he has a sense this is being used for older books in place of "native peoples" and questioned its appropriateness. He suggested that the scope note in the LCSH record be amended to include "do not use with Africa" or "Do not use where the 'aboriginal peoples' are the majority population in the colonial area or modern state." He also felt there are other similar headings that have racist connotations. Schmidt suggested Lauer make a list of these other headings and the Committee could consider them.

8. **Future business: Cataloging African language materials:** Schmidt asked if there is any interest in discussing name authority problems and historical changes in African language names which were discovered in compiling African Language and Literature Collection, a catalog of Indiana University's African language holdings in all formats, cataloged and uncataloged. The Committee indicated this interest does indeed exist. Schmidt will once again broach the subject at a future meeting.

9. **Announcements:**

Lesh gave a progress report on Northwestern's **Africana Conference Paper Indexing Project**. This was set up in 1991 but officially funded through a Title IIC grant only as of October 3. The grant covers the indexing of the published and unpublished papers received between 1983 and 1990 for 2,086 conferences. [The average number of papers per conference was estimated at 17.4.] During the first month of the project, papers from 212 conferences were indexed. Prior to October 3, Northwestern had already indexed the papers for 773 conferences received since 1991; this will continue to be part of the project. Northwestern is considering incorporating scanning procedures, which Gary Strawn is developing as part of his toolbox. The database is at present only available in staff mode, but they plan to make it available to the public with keyword searching and dial up access.

Seven new African languages codes are being developed, according to a memo from Milicent Wewerka of LC's Cataloging Policy and Support Office. They are: bnt for Bantu (Other); gba, Gbaya; kmb, Kimbundu; lua, Luba-Lulua; snk, Soninke; tmh, Tamashek; and znd for Zande.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

—Dawn Williams, Secretary

BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, November 2, 1994 11:30am-1:00pm

Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Helene Baumann.

Present (in addition to those at the business meeting): Christine Ayorinde (Oxford), Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop), M. A. Hakim (SUNY-Binghamton), and Gretchen Walsh (Boston U).

1. **Conover-Porter Award:** Schmidt announced that the selection committee had voted to give awards to two excellent works. [See announcement with details at end of ALC section.] Hans Zell was invited to talk briefly about ABIP and answer questions.

2. Institutional Reports:

Library of Congress: Zellers reported that on bibliographic activities [see Business minutes]. Work continues sporadically on the Africana Database, which consists of a master base tape of about 100,000 records culled from the MARC Books file. Materials from other regions with at least 10% of the text focusing on sub-Saharan Africa and multilingual monographs are also included.

Northwestern Univ. has received the third and final year of funding for the Foreign Periodicals Project. A list of the 190 titles from 28 countries that have been ordered between Dec. 1, 1992 and Oct. 31, 1994, is available for distribution. [Weekly and daily newspapers and magazines dominate the list, which is arranged by country.] A total of 647 titles have been cataloged, including 547 from the backlog.

Easterbrook also reported that JALA online at the University of Michigan is proceeding slowly but the University hopes to have the file available by the end of the current quarter.

Univ. of Iowa has received a renewal of its Title VI Periodical grant for the third and final year. A 38-page list of about 300 titles (including non-periodical serials), covering expenditures of Nov. 1, 1992 through Sept. 30, 1994, is available.

Indiana Univ. has also received a renewal of its Title VI Periodicals grant for a third and final year and will purchase monographs and videos in addition to serials.

Indiana University also received a Title IIC grant for processing, cataloging and preserving Somali materials from the Andrzejewski gift. A proposal will be made to CAMP to microfilm newspapers from the Andrzejewski gift.

African Studies staff are creating a file of Indiana University's uncataloged African maps in the Geography/Map Library using Paradox. This project should be completed during the summer of 1995. The file will probably be placed on the Library's Gopher.

Univ. of California-Berkeley has received a renewal of its Title VI Periodicals grant for the third and final year. Work with Kagan on editing the African section of the *Guide to Reference Books*, 11th ed., will be complete in early 1995. The Library has received augmented funding for acquisitions to support a new Ph.D. program in African-American Studies. Bischof has been appointed local arrangements chair for the 1996 ASA annual conference in San Francisco.

Univ. of Florida has completed its three-year NEH Grant for microfilming rare materials in the Fortune Collection. Malanchuk drew attention to *African Index Medicus*. Nanji and Malanchuk have completed the Africa Section for *Magazines for Libraries*.

Yale Univ.: Crossey reported on African Ephemera Collection, which includes large amounts of South African material. Items in this collection will be available over the internet. Copies of the Exhibition catalog of African Missionary Postcards are also available from Yale.

Univ. of Illinois: Kagan reported on the African Studies Gopher and the new Mosaic Home page.

Other: Zell reported on new and forthcoming titles. Panofsky reported on the publication of the third (South Africa) volume of *Dictionary of African Biography*.

3. Africana Conference Papers Indexing Project: Lesh reported on work done under Northwestern's Title IIC grant to index papers from 2,086 conferences. [See item 9 in Cataloging Committee minutes.] Concerns and questions were raised about the quality of the database and several suggestions were made. Lesh took note of these suggestions and asked for more feedback on the project.

4. Update on Ongoing or Completed Projects:

Schmidt reported that she did not anticipate any project resulting from her Survey on Diaspora materials as the results were too general.

Dawn Williams, Andrea Stamm and Robert Lesh have sent to the Clio Press editor their annotated bibliography of over 800 entries on Zaire. It is due to be published in January 1995.

5. New Bibliographic Projects:

Kagan reported that he has been asked to be the section editor for the new edition of Westfall's *Guide to Official Publications of Foreign Countries*. Kagan asked for volunteers for various African countries in the section.

Schmidt suggested that ALC look at *Contemporary African Politics and Development: A Comprehensive Bibliography, 1981-1990*. This publication has a number of gaps, and ALC could recommend additional serials to be indexed in the updates planned for every other year.

6. New Co-operative Projects:

Walsh expressed her concern regarding cooperative projects being developed by Title VI Directors and other groups with insufficient input from librarians most directly involved, and that these projects were the result of the belief that money was available for cooperative projects rather than perceived needs or problems that could be solved by cooperation. Walsh thanked those who had responded to her email message and recommended that the group should develop a range of options and specific projects so that we can collectively or individually respond to requests from Title VI Directors.

Bischof suggested setting up a committee to examine these projects which could include financing *ALN* editorship. Britz voiced concern over duplication of efforts in an indexing project. Kagan commented on stresses created with cooperative endeavors and urged more communication with colleagues before going to directors with suggestions. Schmidt suggested a general discussion on this issue during the spring meeting. A motion was passed to have this done.

7. Trip Reports: Short trip reports were presented by Malanchuk, Howell, Caruso, and Crossey.

8. Minutes from the spring meeting at Duke (see *ALN* July 1994) were approved, after being circulated during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

—Razia Nanji, Secretary

**POST-BUSINESS MEETING
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

November 3, 1994, 12:00-1:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Al Kagan, Chair. Present were: Baumann, Lauer, Kagan, Zellers, Nanji, Caruso, Lesh, Howell, Ward, Plantz.

The results of the business meeting were reviewed.

It was resolved that now that the 40th anniversary program was going to be held in the fall, the Library of Congress was free to decide if it wanted to host a regular spring meeting or leave the space open to other interested institutions.

In a further discussion of outreach to Black studies librarians, Dane Ward expressed interest in working to contact librarians who are responsible for multicultural studies collections. A need was expressed for ALC members to work with librarians in their own institutions who are responsible for such collections and may have overlapping interests. In this age of increasingly diverse and "non-traditional" clientele we need to become more aware of people who need our help as well as make others aware of what expertise we can provide. Zellers noted that she is increasingly seeing new people who are developing "Afro-centric" or multicultural textbooks and curriculum.

The Executive confirmed the appointments of Elizabeth Plantz as Chair of the Cataloging Committee and Mette Shayne as Chair of the Bibliography Committee. These are 2 year terms beginning at the end of the Toronto meeting.

Finnegan noted again the March 1st deadline for a panel topic(s) for the fall meeting in Orlando. Chair-Elect Baumann will work via email on developing a specific topic and address the issue of possibly co-sponsoring something with the Electronic Technology Group. The Committee will vote via email on this issue.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz, Secretary

ALC EXECUTIVE BOARD, 1994-95

Chairperson: Greg Finnegan

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CONOVER-PORTER AWARD

Sexuality and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Annotated Bibliography, by Thomas George Barton (Nairobi: AMREF, 1991), and *African Books in Print = Livres Africaines disponibles* (4th edition), edited by Hans Zell (Hans Zell Publishers, 1993), are the co-winners of the eighth Conover-Porter. ASA established this prestigious award in 1980 to honor outstanding achievement and excellence in Africana bibliography and reference works. The Association awarded the \$300 prize at its annual meeting in Toronto on November 3, 1994.

Two other reference works were noted for honorable mention: *Nigerian Artists: A Who's Who and Bibliography*, by Bernice M. Kelly (Hans Zell Publishers, 1993), and *Africa: A Guide to Reference Material*, by John McIlwaine (Hans Zell, 1993).

The Award is a project of ALC and is presented biennially. The award is named for two pioneers in the field of Africana bibliography: Helen F. Conover and Dorothy B. Porter, who compiled numerous bibliographies on African topics while employed at the Library of Congress and Howard University, respectively.

Thomas George Barton. *Sexuality and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Annotated Bibliography*. Nairobi: AMREF, 1991. x, 637 p.

Thomas George Barton, a medical doctor and anthropologist, who is currently working in Uganda, has used his unique expertise to compile and annotate this bibliography of 2065 works in medicine and social sciences related to AIDS. This bibliography facilitates the use of bodies of literature which are usually listed separately. The annotations, which are informed by the author's background, are sufficiently detailed so that they can be used as a source of data by persons lacking access to the literature cited. The introduction provides a concise overview and clearly explains what is included or excluded. Each entry is assigned descriptors for social and medical terms which are included in the subject index. There are also a geographic index and a glossary for specialized vocabulary. This bibliography, which was designed to be of practical use for applied programs, will also be of scholarly interest worldwide.

Hans M. Zell, ed. *African Books in Print = Livres Africaines disponibles*, 4th ed. London: Hans Zell Publishers, 1993. 2 vols (lviii, 1448 p.)

Hans M. Zell has been actively involved with African publishing for more than two decades and is a pioneer in making the work of African publishers better known within Africa and elsewhere in the world. *African Books in Print* and *African Book Publishing Record*, also edited by Hans Zell, have provided the only relatively comprehensive bibliographic control over African publishing at the continental level since 1975. The 4th edition of *African Books in Print* includes more than 23,000 titles in European and more than 120 African languages, from 745 publishers in 45 countries, including commercial trade books and publications of libraries, university departments, research institutes and scholarly societies. The introduction defines the scope and arrangement and makes comparisons with earlier editions. The directory of publishers includes notes on distributors outside of Africa. Each entry has complete bibliographic information and price, along with codes for language and country of publication. Author, title and subject indexes are included. This valuable compendium could not have been compiled without the editor's extensive knowledge of African publishing.

RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES & PUBLICATIONS

Gregory Finnegan left Dartmouth College to be Associate Director for Public Services and Head of Reference, Tozzer Library, Harvard University. Address: 21 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138-2089. Tel.: 617-495-2253; fax 496-2741; email Gregory_Finnegan@harvard.edu

Gretchen Walsh. "Information Dynamics for African Studies: Resources in Libraries and Beyond." In *African Studies and the Undergraduate Curriculum*, edited by Patricia Alden, David Lloyd, Ahmed I. Samatar (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 1994), pp. 213-228.

OTHER NEWS**NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS****CALENDAR****ALA:**

Feb. 3-9, 1995, Philadelphia - 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
 July 4-10, 1996, New York - 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.

IFLA Annual Conferences:

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

Association of College and Research Libraries

Panels scheduled for the 7th National Conference (Pittsburgh, March 29-April 1) include:

- Digitizing African American Resources for Electronic Access.
- The Internet as a Bridge to Global Librarianship.

ALA/USIA LIBRARY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted through March 15 for the 1995-96 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 16 possible posts.

Stipends for fellows are \$34,000 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 (1986-1995) immediately preceding application are not eligible.

Positions available in Africa:

Dakar: Govt. of Senegal, Economic and Social Council. French required. January-May 1996. Develop a planning document and introduce examples of information technology appropriate to the mission of the information center.

Harare: Ministry of Education and Culture, National Library and Documentation Service. Jan.-Dec. 1996. Introduce concepts of multimedia centers to secondary schools and conduct related workshops for educators.

Durban: University of Durban-Westville. Feb.-July 1996. Organize and conduct workshops for library staff on how to develop reference and outreach services for students and academics.

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. Tel.: 800-545-2433, ext. 3200. See also the January 1995 issue of *American Libraries*.

Other positions are in Warsaw, Minsk, Leipzig, Geneva, Paris, Panama City, Bucaramanga (Columbia), Ciudad Obregon (Mexico), Port of Spain, Rangoon, Jakarta, Perth, Bandar Seri Begawan (Brunel), and Jerusalem.

FREE MATERIALS REQUESTED

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

The Chomuchena School-based Community Library Management Committee solicits assistance in cash or books or fundraising expertise for its rural library. Address: Chomuchena Secondary School, PO Box 32, Mubaira, Zimbabwe.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Aequatoria (Bamanya, Zaire) has prepared a "Complément aux microfilms et microfiches des archives Aequatoria", which lists some 218 fiches in preparation. Major sections include: Documents officiels de la Conférence Nationale Souveraine du Zaire (1992); Papiers Possoz; Dossier de la beautéfication de Isidore Bakanja. Entire collection will be available for \$218 from: Aequatoria, Te Boelaerlei 11, B-2140 BORGERHOUT, Belgium. [See *ALN*, Jan. 1994, for original collection.]

The state of the southern African collections at **Yale University** are described by Moore Crossey in "The Library," *Newsletter* (Southern African Research Program, Yale University), no. 19 (Oct. 1994), pp. 26-33.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

THESES

Dougherty, James Vachel. "A History of Federal Policy concerning College or University-based Foreign Language and Area Studies Centers, 1941-1980." Ph.D. thesis, University of Maryland College Park, 1993. 162pp. UMI Order no: 9425022.

Abstract: ...As each crisis was overcome or receded, the impetus to reform also declined. Yet, at the end of each crisis, at least some of the accomplishments achieved during that cycle survived to provide a base for the next reform to begin.—DAI 55A:883.

Perrault, Anna Hemer. "The Changing Print Resource Base of Academic Libraries in the United States: A Comparison of Collection Patterns in seventy-two ARL Academic Libraries of Non-serial Imprints for the years 1985 and 1989." Ph.D. thesis, Florida State Univ., 1994. 334pp. UMI order no: 9424776.

Abstract: ...The study establishes that there was a steep decline in foreign language acquisitions [with Russian and CJK languages declining more than French, German or Spanish], a decrease in the percentage of unique titles in many subject areas, and an increased concentration on core materials... —DAI 55A:783.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

African Research & Documentation, no. 64 (1994):

- Barringer, Terry A. "The rise, fall and rise again of the Royal Commonwealth Library," pp. 1-10.
- Akussah, H. "A guide to the post independence ministerial records in the National Archives of Ghana, 1920-1988," pp. 11-21.
- McIlwaine, J.H. "Writings on African archives, part 3 [covering Southern Africa], pp. 22-55.
- "Africa in general references sources, pp. 66-67.

Innovation: Appropriate Librarianship and Information Work in Southern Africa (Pietermaritzburg), no. 8 (June 1994) includes:

- Krynow, Paula. "Problems and Implications of Western Dominance in the Production and Distribution of Books in Africa." Pp. 4-10;
- Moshoeshoe-Chadzingwa, M.M. "Promotion, Diversification and Accessibility of Information in Lesotho with Reference to Gender Research." pp. 24-29;
- Brammage, Carol. "South Africa in Transition: A Bibliographic Introduction to New Grey Literature." pp. 37-38;
- Merrett, Christopher. "Reclaiming our Past: Biographical Writing in South Africa." pp. 38-41;
- Bischof, Phyllis B. "A South African Trip, May 1993." pp. 41-43.

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

- Bouri, E.N. "Public Libraries Development Reconsidered: The Case of Egypt." pp. 151-
- Gupta, S. "The Development of Education, Printing and Publishing in Ethiopia." pp. 169-

Journal of Information Science, v. 20 (1994):

- Akhtar, S. (IDRC, Ottawa) & M. Melesse. "Africa, Information and Development: IDRCs Experience." pp. 314-322;
- Boon, J.A. (Univ. Pretoria), and J.J. Britz. "The Information Economy in South Africa: Definition and Measurement." pp. 334-347.

MELA Notes: the Newsletter of the Middle East Librarians Association, no. 61 (Fall 1994), included a survey of Middle Eastern material in Yale's old classification, an editorial note on the unwillingness of MELA members to write down their ideas, and:

- Atiyeh, George. "Selection in the Cairo Office." pp. 8-12. Includes criteria relating to Belles-lettres, Islamica, Other materials, Government publications, Ephemeral Materials, and Serials.

Alemna, A.A. (Legon). "AV in African Libraries," *Audiovisual Librarian*, 20 (Feb. 1994): 51-55.

Anyanwu, V. (National Library of Nigeria). "Toward a National Classification Scheme for Nigerian Official Publications." *Journal of Government Information*, v. 21 (1994): 129-138.

Korsh, J.E. (Univ. Cape Coast). "University Libraries in Ghana: Some Observations." *ASLIB Proceedings*, 46 (1994): 235-242.

Raseroka, H.K. (Univ. of Botswana & Swaziland). "Changes in Public Libraries during the last 20 Years: An African Perspective." *Libri*, v. 44 (June 1994): 153-

PUBLICATIONS OF
AFRICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

Compiled by Nancy J. Schmid, Indiana University.
See ALN, July 1994, for earlier list with more addresses.

Namibia. Ministry of Education and Culture. *LAS News, Newsletter of the Library and Archives Services*, Vol. 1, No. 3, April/May 1994.

Short reports on public library administration and services, book selection guidelines, library statistics, etc.

Namibian Information Workers Association. *NIWA-INFO*, Vol. 4, No. 6, March 1994.

Reports on libraries in Swaziland, Swaziland National Archives and First International Conference on Grey Literature, Amsterdam 13-15 December 1993.

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

NISC (National Information Services Corporation) is seeking bibliographical and other data in electronic format for inclusion in a potential African Studies CD-ROM. They have already issued a 2-volume set on Latin America and have experience with other development-related projects. Further details available from Fred Der in Baltimore (410-243-0797).

JALA [Joint Acquisitions List of Africana] tapes are now a menu item in the University of Michigan Library online catalog. Telnet to HERMES.MERIT.EDU, enter MIRLYN at Which host?, enter INDEXES at first menu and AFRI at next menu.

Northwestern University Library produced this database, which includes records (sometimes updated) that appeared in the bi-monthly JALA, beginning with the July 1977 issue. Since editorial policy (not always followed) was to limit records added to books published during current and 5 preceding years, the coverage at present is best for Africana books published during the years 1977-1990. Some titles for earlier years are included and updates should improve the coverage of recent years.

Keyword searches, qualified by ".yr.", suggest 6300-7300 titles for most years, with no claim to being comprehensive. Estimated total is roughly 100,000 records.

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.*

Brockman, Norbert. *An African Biographical Dictionary*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-Clio, 1994. ca. 450p. ISBN 0874367284.

Coulon, Virginie. *Bibliographie francophone de littérature africaine*. Vanves: EDICEF, 1994. 143pp. (Actualités bibliographiques francophones) 80FF

Guide to the Archives and Papers, 7th ed. Johannesburg: University of the Witwatersrand Library, 1993. Description of 2392 collections.

Mbacke, K. & T. Ka. "Nouveaux catalogue des manuscrits de l'IFAN Cheikh A. Diop." *Islam et sociétés au sud du Sahara*, no. 8 (1994).

Nanni, Stefania. "Fonti missionarie per la storia dell'Africa occidentale," pp. 217-256 in *Terra d'Africa*, ed. by Angelo Turco (Milano: Unicopli, 1992).

Olowo-Freers, Bernadette P.A., and Thomas George Barton. *In Pursuit of Fulfillment: Studies of Cultural Diversity and Sexual Behaviour in Uganda*. Kampala: UNICEF, 1992 [i.e., 1993]. 238p. An overview essay and annotated bibliography, with indexes. Available from Bernadette Olowo-Freers, Programme Officer SYFA at: PO Box 5747, New York, NY 10163; or PO Box 7047, Kampala.

South African Books in Print, 1994. Cape Town (P.O. Box 15129, Vlaeberg 8018): Books in Print Information Services. Available in print (annual) for R450; in microfiche (Semi-annual), R450. Toerien, B.J. *Afrikaans Literature in Translation: A Bibliography*. Cape Town: Carrefour Press, 1993. 71p.

The Women's Directory, 1994-1995. A special directory produced by FEMINA (South Africa), in association with Old Mutual. Price: R11.95.

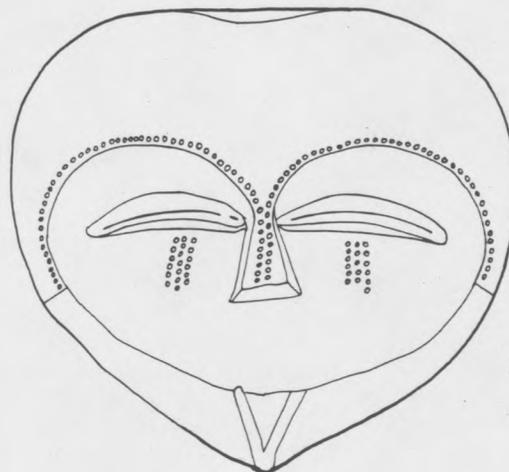
IN PROGRESS

Carol Lems-Dworkin (2305 Brown Ave., Evanston, IL 60201) is preparing an international annotated bibliography of videos of African and African related performing arts and performance practices.

Nancy Schmidt. "Bibliography and Sources for African Studies," in *Africa*, edited by Martin & O'Meara, 3d ed. Available Fall 1995 from Indiana University Press.

Reuben Musiker maintains and administers the registration of new bibliographies on behalf of the State Library (South Africa). The relevant forms are available from him at: PO Box 84088, Greenside, Johannesburg, South Africa 2034. Fax (011) 486-1527. Bibliographies scheduled to appear in 1994 or 1995 include:

- Comparative American and South African Studies, compiled by M.L. Suttie & S.G.H. Napaai, UNISA Library.
- Angola, 1980-1993, by B. Strachan.
- Food Security in Southern Africa, by Z. Geldenhuys.
- Mozambique, 1980-1993, by B. Strachan.
- Southern Africa Bibliography, by Reuben & Naomi Musiker (Scarecrow Press Regional Bibliographies).
- South African Bibliography, 3d ed., by R. Musiker (Mansell).
- South African Bibliography to the Year 1925: Subject Index, by F. Rossouw (SA Library).



NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Africa Book Centre (38 King St., London WC2E 8JT) has produced two lists:

- "Africa Books Expo '94: Catalogue of New Books from Africa" was prepared for the October events organized by ABC & ZIBF(UK). £5.
- "New Books on Africa" (List 15, Sept 1994; £3) includes worldwide titles that appeared in 1993 or 1994 or will appear in early 1995. ABC is also a distributor for Mayibuye Centre.

African and Caribbean Imprint Library Services (236 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540; tel: 508-540-5378) has issued lists of "Titles Recently Received" for Kenya, Lesotho, South Africa and Zimbabwe, some with an attached list of "Perennial Bestsellers."

African Books Collective (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, England) has issued "Women's Studies & Creative Writing by African Women Writers" and a revised version of "Politics, Economics and Development."

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town) issued its Catalogue 90, which has about 600 older titles and 300 current publications.

Hogarth Representation announces an Internet address of 100265.51@compuserve.com; or 100265,51 on Compuserve. Direct fax (44-81-341-0284) is still surest method of contact.

James Currey Publishers (54B Thornhill Square, Islington, London N1 1BE; tel.: +44-0171-609-9026; fax: -9605) has issued an attractive 64-page 1995 catalog with new books and backlist covering 1985-1995.

Juta & Company (PO Box 14373, Kenwyn 7790, South Africa) has a large list of titles, including many older publications that might not have reached overseas libraries during the sanction years.

Leishman & Taussig African Book Services (2 B Westgate, Southwell, Notts, UK NG250JH) issued List 2 / 1994 NC, which included many publications picked in Eritrea, Ethiopia and the Sudan.

McBlain Books (PO Box 5026; Hamden CT 06518) Catalog 129 lists 1350 antiquarian titles, including a substantial number of linguistics items and a larger than usual selection on francophone Africa.

Worldwide Antiquarian (PO Box 391, Cambridge, MA 02141; 617-876-6220) issued Catalogue 132 (Africa), with 388 titles.

BOOK AWARDS

Commonwealth Writers Prize has announced these 1994 regional winners:

- *The Rape of Sita*, by Lindsey Collen (Port Louis, Mauritius: Ledikasyon pu Travayer, 1993), was awarded "Best Book." [ABPR notes that it was withdrawn from sale due to political pressure.]

- *Cry a Whisper*, by Lucy Safo (London: Bogle-L'Ouverture), was selected "Best First Book."

Conover-Porter Award winners listed in first section.

Herskovits Award for outstanding original scholarly work on Africa published in English during 1993 went to **Keletso E. Atkins** for *The Moon is Dead! Give Us Our Money! The Cultural Origins of an African Work Ethic, Natal, South Africa, 1843-1900* (Heinemann and Currey).

Other finalists:

- Sara Barry, *No Condition is Permanent: The Social Dynamics of Agrarian Change in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Univ. of Wisconsin Press)
- George E. Brooks, *Landlords and Strangers: Ecology, Society and Trade in Western Africa, 1000-1630* (Westview Press)
- Michael Lambek, *Knowledge and Practice in Mayotte: Local Discourses of Islam, Sorcery and Spirit Possession* (Univ. of Toronto Press)
- Frank Smith, *Whose Language? What Power? A Universal Conflict in a South African Setting* (New York: Teacher's College Press)

EVENTS

1995 Zimbabwe International Book Fair dates:

- 28-30 July (Fri-Sun): Conference & workshop programme starts
- 30-31 July (Sun-Mon): Exhibitor's setting-up days
- 1-2 August (Tue-Wed): ZIBF95 open: Traders' days
- 3-5 August (Thu-Sat): ZIBF95 open: Public days

Further details available from ZIBF, 78 Kaguvi St., Harare; or, ZIBF(UK), 25 Endymion Rd, London N4 1EE, UK.

ZIBP 1994 is a 64-page listing of events and exhibitors at the 1994 meeting.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

APNET Rights Catalogue (Harare [PO Box 4209]: African Publishers' Network, 1994; 20p.) has been issued to promote the buying and selling of distribution rights within Africa. It lists 39 titles from 13 African publishers.

African Publishing Review, v. 3, no. 5 (Sept/Oct 1994), produced by the African Publishers' Network (PO Box 4209, Harare) includes notes on APNET, country reports on francophone Africa, Ghana, Mozambique, Namibia and Nigeria, and the following:

- Hans Zell, "The Growth of Publishing in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Chronology and Some Landmarks."
- Henry Chakava, "The World Bank and African Publishing."

Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter, no. 12 (Dec. 1994) includes following:

- Salahi, Katherine. "Round Table on Marketing and Distribution [Dar es Salaam, Nov. 28-29, 1994]."
- Bugembe, Mary H. "The Pan-African Children's Book Fair [Nairobi, May 28-31, 1994]."

- Altbach, Philip G. "Opinion: GATT and Intellectual Property."

It is in everyone's best interest to stimulate worldwide access even if this means differential pricing in low-per-capita income nations.

Available from the Network's Research and Information Center which has changed to: School of Education, Campion Hall, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167. Fax: 617-552-8422.

ONLINE FILES

The MISA (Media Institute of Southern Africa) Project to provide net access to the independent press is taking shape. Details available from Bruce Cohen at wmail@is.co.za.

Southern African Review of Books is available to subscribers in a free e-mail version which arrives before the print edition. Contact the editor at robert.turrell@humboldt.uni-ulm.de.

User's Guide to Networks in Africa (AAAS Sub-Saharan Africa Program, 1994). This 48-page document includes an overview by Shem Ochuodho (Kenyatta University; shem@arcc.gn.apc.org). Networks described: ARCCNET, ARSO-DISNET, ELCI, ENDA-Dakar, GHASTINET, HealthNet, MANGO, MUKLA, PADISNET, RINAF, RIONET, SANGONET/WORKNET, UNINET-ZA, UNZANET, UZNET (ZIMBIX).

The AAAS (American Association for the Advancement of Science) Sub-Saharan Africa Program (africa@aaas.org) has also produced a number of other publications relating to information technology.

Weekly Mail & Guardian articles for July-December 1994 are archives at a test Worknet gopher site that can be searched using keywords. The gopher site is wn.apc.org; the port is 70.

SERIAL CHANGES

Yale University's Southern African Research Program *Newsletter* ceased with no. 19 (October 1994).

NEW SERIALS

See also new serials in Research on Libraries & Information Science and in References Sources.

Building Capacity. Quarterly newsletter of the African Capacity Building Foundation. V. 2, no. 1 (Oct. 1994) has 8 pages of news about the organization. Address: Building Capacity, c/o Joel Samuels, ACBF, PO Box 1562, Harare.

Constitutional Bulletin of Eritrea (CBE) is a new quarterly being established by the Constitutional Commission of Eritrea to promote the free exchange of ideas. Contact: Dr. Yemane Mesghenna, editor, CBE, PO Box 1150, Asmara, Eritrea.

Southern African Encounter. A Magazine devoted to cultural affairs in Southern Africa. V. 1, no. 2 = April 1994. Editor and publisher: Lawrence Vambe. Address: PO Box 3186, Harare.

Sudan Focus, a monthly information and analysis newsletter is available from Focus International, PO Box 3751, London N12 8TE. Vol. 1, no. 4 = June 1994.

CD-ROM PRODUCTS

Apartheid & the History of the Struggle for Freedom in South Africa [computer file] is a series of publications currently being published by Mayibuye CD-ROM Publications (Mayibuye Centre, University of the Western Cape, Private Bag X17, Bellville 7535, South Africa). *Part 1: Mayibuye Books*, which is available, includes 50 books, some videos and photographs, and audio. A demonstration disk is available. Future productions will cover the Centre's photographs, videos, oral history recordings, and exhibitions and visual arts.

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.

Balme, Jennifer Hobhouse. *To Love one's Enemies: The Work and Life of Emily Hobhouse*. Cobble Hill, British Columbia (4421 Trans Canada Hwy., RR 1, V0R 1L0): Hobhouse Trust, 1994. 704p. ISBN 0969713304. Known for work in Anglo-Boer War.

Chelwa, Chelwa: the Dilemma of Teenage Girls, edited by Zubeida Tumbo-Masabo & Rita Liljeström. Uppsala: Nordiska Africainstitutet, ?1994. Price: SEK 180 or £15.95.

Communications from the Field: Missionary Postcards from Africa: Text from an Exhibit at the Yale Divinity School Library, July 1-October 15, 1994, edited by Martha Lund Smalley. New Haven, Conn.: Yale Divinity School Library (Occasional publication no. 5), 1994. 28p.

Mativo, Kyalo. *Amenta*. Hanford, CA: Amenta Books, 1994. A collection of folktales in Kikamba with English translation on facing page. Available for \$14 from Amenta Books, 1820 W. Lacey Blvd., #189, Hanford, CA 93230.

Sumner, Claude. *Classical Ethiopian Philosophy*. Available from Adey Publishing Co., PO Box 361208, Los Angeles, CA 90036-9408; tel: 213-934-9999.

Tanzania. *Report of the Presidential Commission of Inquiry into Land Matters*. Dar es Salaam: Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development; in cooperation with the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies. Vol 1 (1995; 350pp.) available from Uppsala for SEK 350 or £28.95. ISBN 9171063528. Vol. 2 will be restricted, due to sensitive nature of the details of the land disputes.

Sahnoun, Mohamed. *Somalia: The Missed Opportunities*. Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace Press, Sept. 1994. 89pp. \$8.95. ISBN 1878379356. Address: 1550 M St., NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-1708.

Zezeza, Paul Tiyambe. *The Joys of Exile*. Concord, Ontario: House of Anasi Press, 1994. 194p ISBN 0887845525 \$15.95

TRIP REPORT

Report of a Trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe
for Medical and other Sources of Information
(July 15-Aug. 15, 1994)

by John Bruce Howell
(University of Iowa Libraries)

The goal was to locate health and medical publications, with partial funding from a Title VI grant (from the U.S. Dept. of Education) for the acquisition and preservation of African and Chinese medical covering the period 1974-1994. The trip covered libraries, publishers and vendors in Cape Town and Belleville, Johannesburg,

Pretoria, and Harare. Specific achievements included the following:

1. Obtained a list of South African health periodicals from the University of Cape Town Health Library;
2. Obtained a list of all health and medical periodicals and government publications from the State Library, Pretoria;
3. Established a working relationship for the preservation of selected documents with South Africa's Medical Research Council and the manager of its Information Systems Division, George Milligan;
4. Acquired medical documents from the Library of the Medical Dept. of Zimbabwe and from the Govt. Printer, Harare;
5. Gave instructions to vendors on types of titles sought;
6. Was encouraged by the plans, programs and policies being published by the new South African government;
7. Noted the problem of "access" to workable microfilm cameras. Other problems included unsanctioned sales of microfilm originally produced in South Africa, budget cuts, and mailing materials overseas. Mailing to the US by sea takes about 3 months.

The full 42-page report, including list of 118 titles acquired, available from author at University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, 52242. E-mail: john-howell@uiowa.edu

Editor's Comments

a completed survey. This error is part of a larger problem of barely adequate proofing before publication. I should also amend my comments to acknowledge that time constraints were not the primary reason for rejecting any pre-review of numbers on library holdings. Rather, I was not particularly concerned with what librarians would report on their libraries, because of problems with self-reported data. Some would understate holdings, others would (do too much work and) report fairly accurate results, and a third group would grossly exaggerate on the basis of very little investigation. I think we should explore alternatives.

The issue of the incompleteness of OPACs was raised. This is a real issue, but given the public's increasing unwillingness to use manual catalogs and assuming libraries will increasingly serve a non-local community of scholars, we should soon (2 years or less) be at the point of concluding that hidden resources are of little relevance in discussions of comparative holdings and cooperative project.

Finally, there is the issue of the relationship between *ALN* and ALC. Generally, the members of ALC assume this publication is an official newsletter of ALC. I once shared this perception; Gretchen Walsh (editor, 1977-1982) set me straight. Most editors, with the notable exception of Nancy Schmidt, view *ALN* as an independent publication. The bylaws are vague. Section II.D. lists one of ALC's Purposes & Aims as: "Select a member who will edit and publish a newsletter to provide regular reports on the activities of the Council." Before 1992, it was: "Support a newsletter carrying information on resources for African studies."

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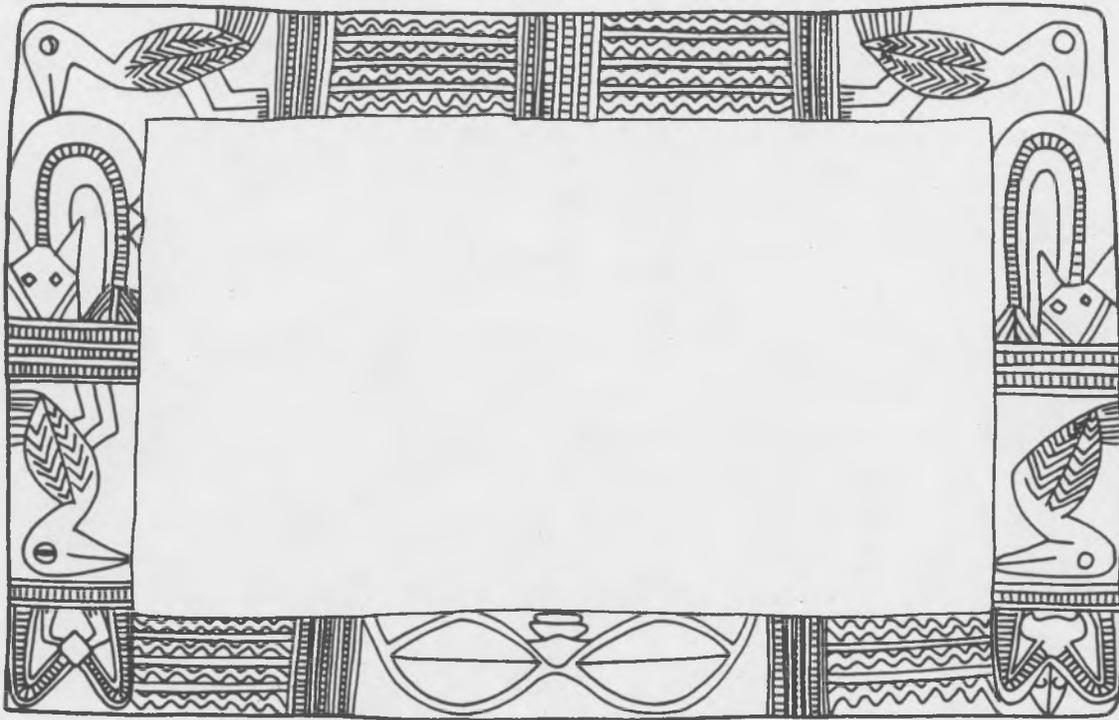
My March 1991 proposal to the ALC Executive Board was not vague. I offered to "be the editor of *ALN*, subject to the following understandings (most of which have not previously been made explicit):

1. *ALN* is the unofficial newsletter of ALC.
2. Mailing list policy to be determined by MSU...
3. Contents of the newsletter to be determined by editor, with a commitment to carry minutes of CAMP and ALC meetings. ...
4. Continue pattern of at least 4 times a year...
5. Initial commitment to be for 3 years ..."

[Notes on priorities, goals and plans followed.]

These conditions did not go unremarked at the April 1991 meeting of the Executive Board in Washington. Did I insist on these conditions because I planned to include editorials hostile to the prevailing orthodoxy? Not exactly. Having gone to college during the years of dissent and turmoil, it never occurred to me that anyone would oppose dissent or sifting and winnowing. My reason for insisting on editorial freedom was a general dislike of oversight and an early reaction to my plan to sharply diminish the space devoted to new publications. Like most changes, this *initially* struck one individual as outrageous. So I decided to eliminate future problems by making the unofficial nature of *ALN* explicit.

Having already said too much, I will close with acknowledgement of the support I heard during the past two meetings. It has made me almost want to continue as editor.



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