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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The major features of this issue are a comment on journal prices and notes on cataloging at Hennepin County. Contributors include Sanford Berman, Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, Christine Guyonneau, David Henige, John Howell, Al Kagan, and Joann Zellers.

The Business meeting minutes for the May meeting in Evanston will probably reach members via email and be summarized in future issues.

The last issue mentioned the CIC ([Midwestern] Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Systematic Coordinated Collection Development Plan. A related development was a September 8th conference call among the "senior international officers" of CIC institutions. A working group of three was designated to "develop concrete proposals to present to the CIC library directors aimed at promoting collaboration and ensuring continued coverage in foreign language collections."

## 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

November 3-6, 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting  
 Nov. 2-3, 1995 - ALC/CAMP meetings in Orlando  
 April 25-27, 1996, Boston - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting  
 November 23-26, 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 ORLANDO

The 38th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association will be held November 3-6, 1995, at the Hyatt Orlando (6375 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway, Kissimmee, Florida; tel: 800-233-1234), which should not be confused with the Hyatt at the airport or the Hyatt at Disney World. Further details are available from: ASA, Emory University, Atlanta; tel: 404-329-6410.

The following meetings are of special interest to librarians. ASA's Preliminary Program has slightly different times for Thursday morning:

#### Thursday, 2 November:

8:30-9:30 ..... ALC Executive  
 9:30-11:00 ..... ALC Cataloging Committee  
 11:00-1:00 ..... ALC Bibliography Committee  
 2:00-4:00 ..... ALC Business Meeting  
 4:15-5:30 ..... ALC Executive  
 5:00-9:00pm .... Registration

#### Friday, 3 November:

9:00-11:00 ..... CAMP Business Meeting  
 11:00-12:00 ..... CAMP Executive  
 3:15-5:15 Roundtable: Videos and Beyond  
 10:00-5:00 ..... Registration  
 1:00-6:00 ..... Exhibits (10-6 on following days)  
 5:15-6:00 ..... ASA Business Meeting  
 6:00-7:00 ..... ASA Awards Ceremony  
 7:00-8:00 ..... Welcoming Reception

The ALC-sponsored Roundtable (Videos and Beyond: Providing the Moving Pictures) on Friday will be chaired by Helene Baumann (Duke), with the following panelists:

- Valerie Mwalilino (LC), Building an African Film and Video Collection;
- Cornelius Moore (California Newsreel), The Challenges of Releasing African Films in the United States;
- Carol Lems-Dworkin (Northwestern), Videos of African Performing Arts and Performance Practice: a Bibliography;
- Miki Goral (UCLA), Film Festivals and the Education of the American Public;
- Anthony Appiah & Suzanne Blier (Harvard), Demonstrations of two Video-disc Projects: Encyclopedia Africa and Baobab.

### NOTES ON MEMBERS

**Mary Alice Eggleston Kraehe**, retired African Bibliographer at the University of Virginia's Alderman Library, died of pulmonary disease on August 26, 1995. She received her B.A. in philosophy from the University of Minnesota and the M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Kentucky, where she was elected to the Beta Phi Mu Honor Society.

During her tenure in the libraries at the universities of Kentucky and North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she developed her expertise in the antiquarian book trade. In 1970, she joined the faculty of Alderman Library, where she became the African Bibliographer until her retirement in 1994. In the mid-seventies, she began developing a special collection to support the then developing African Studies program, bringing it to respectable size and quality before her retirement. She particularly developed the collection of dictionaries and grammar books, which were also listed in her *African Languages: A Guide to the Library Collection of the University of Virginia* (1981). In 1993, she assisted the Division of Continuing Education with its Global Studies Program for Teachers.

An active member of ASA, she held numerous offices in ALC, serving as chairperson in 1987-1988. She also served on CAMP. She was also a member of the Southeastern Regional Seminar in African Studies, ALA, the Friends of the Kennedy Center, the League of Women Voters, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She is survived by her husband Enno, a son and a daughter, and three grandchildren. Contributions for a memorial fund to purchase African studies materials can be sent to the University Librarian, Alderman Library, Univ. of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA 22903-2498. —Christine Guyonneau

**James C. Armstrong** has from the LC Office in Rio to the LC Office in Pakistan, where he is transferring operations from Karachi to Islamabad. His new address: American Embassy/LOC, Unit 62220, APO AE 09812-2200, USA.



## OTHER NEWS

## NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

## CALENDAR

## ALA:

- 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 3, 1997, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.  
 Jan. 9-15, 1998, New Orleans - Midwinter Meeting  
 June 25-July 2, 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. 25-30, 1996, Beijing  
 August 1997, Copenhagen  
 1998, Amsterdam  
 1999, Bangkok

## MELA

The annual conference will meet in Washington, D.C., 5-7 December 1995. Round table discussions at Georgetown University include: Cataloging problems, Middle East librarianship, Fund raising, and publishing. The final day includes a tour at LC.

*MELA Notes*, no. 62 (Spring 1995), included the MELA membership list (complete with typos and some addresses that need updating) and Jere Bacharach's "The State of Middle Eastern Studies in Institutions of Higher Education in the US."

## RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

## THESES

Ngcobo, Zipho Gwendoline. "Health Information-seeking Behavior of Women in Rural Swaziland." Ph.D. thesis, Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1994. DAI56:0391A.

## BOOKS &amp; DOCUMENTS

*Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sandy Berman but Were Afraid to Ask*, edited by Chris Dodge and Jan DeSirey. Jefferson, NC: McFarland, 1995. \$25. Includes:

- Hans E. Panofsky, "An African Genesis," p. 81;  
 Berman, "Rants: 12 Letters," pp. 124-136.

## JOURNALS &amp; ARTICLES

*Innovation: Appropriate Librarianship and Information Work in Southern Africa* (Univ. of Natal Library), no. 10 (June 1995) includes the following:

- Darch, Colin. The Economics of Information and the Information Society: Is Social Equity still on the Agenda in the 1990s?
- Barratt, Amanda. Minorities and the Mfecane: Adapting Library of Congress Subject Headings for Use in a South African Library. — Critiques use of qualifier (African people), "primitive," American spelling and terminology, lack of sufficient headings on particular aspects of apartheid or resistance; describes thesaurus of 122 non-LCSH terms developed by the Univ. of Cape Town Library.
- Makhubela, Lulana. The Book Development Council of South Africa: Making a Difference in Building an Information Literate South Africa.
- Conference reports on "Women, Information and the Future" (Boston, June 1994) and the "Anglophone Africa Seminar on Government Information and Official Publications" (Harare, Dec. 1994).

*International Information & Library Review*, v. 27, no. 2 (1995) included:

- Chowdhury, G.G. & T.T. Tadesse, "Review of SISA Student Dissertations on Library and Information Systems and Services in Eastern and Southern Africa."
- Amekuedee, J.O. "Barriers to Successful University Library Automation in Ghana with particular reference to the Balme Library."
- Dick, A.L. "The Afrocentric-Eurocentric Debate in Africa: From a Fruitless Dichotomy to Critical Dialogue."

Ducharme, Daniel (AUPELF). "Appui institutionnel et coopération en sciences de l'information: L'exemple de la République du Cap-Vert." *Newsletter of the Canadian Association of African Studies*, Spring 1995, pp. 28-36. Report on 1990-93 work in archives and in setting up a library.

PUBLICATIONS OF  
AFRICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATIONS

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

Namibian Information Workers Association. *NIWA-INFO*, v. 5: No. 4 (1994): Includes resolutions from 11th meeting of the Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Librarians and statements from retiring NIWA executive committee members.

Nos. 5-6 (1995): Includes report by Barbara L. Bell who worked as a library fellow at the National Library of Namibia, and a description of the new University Library which opened in January.

## REFERENCE SOURCES

### NOTES

#### AFRICANA CONFERENCE PAPER INDEX (AFRC)

AFRC is an index to the individual papers of conference proceedings about Africa held by Northwestern University Library. As of August 1, 1995, AFRC provides author, title and keyword access to over 52,000 papers in Western European languages, from 1982 to the present.

Access is available both through the Library's OPAC (NCAT) and through Z39.50. For technical and other details, contact: David Easterbrook, Northwestern Univ. Library (dleaster@nwu.edu).

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION LIBRARIES is creating an "Online Index and Finding Guide to the Literature of African Art and Culture." They received a \$197,250 grant from the Getty Grant Program for a three-year project to index over 52,000 articles and monographs.

### 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.*

*The Making of Modern Africa: A Guide to Archives*, compiled by Chris Cook. New York: Facts on File, 1995. 218p.

Notes on over 1000 collections of personal papers; arranged by individual, with index by archive; excludes official archives; strongest for British and South African individuals.

"Africa: Resources for Education & Action" is a centerfold supplement in *Third World Resources: A Quarterly Review of Resources from and about the Third World* (July-Sept. 1995). Copies of the 4-page guide are available for \$1 from: Third World Resources, 464 19th St., Oakland, CA 94612-2297.

*New Dictionary of South African Biography*. Vol. 1. Edited by E.J. Verwey. Pretoria: HSRC, 1995.

Ngandu Nkashama, Pius. *Le Livre littéraire: Bibliographie de la littérature du Congo (Kinshasa)*. Paris: Harmattan, 1995.

## 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.*

### CARFAX AND COMMERCIAL PUBLISHERS OF ACADEMIC JOURNALS

by David Henige (University of Wisconsin)

Carfax Publishing first came to my attention about a year ago when our Acquisitions Dept. notified me that the *Journal of Contemporary African Studies* was about to quadruple in price. Why? Because it was moving from an academic to a commercial publisher. I cancelled.

This year I find that *Review of African Political Economy* is increasing from an already exorbitant \$167 per annum to nearly \$200 (more when subscription agents' fees are added). This is a fairly insubstantial journal which has already seen its best days. I cancelled it. Another journal in Middle East studies is more than doubling its subscription rate at the same time. I'm cancelling it too.

Are these cancellations too reflexive? Some might think so, but what else is a library to do in today's straitened budgetary circumstances? I must consider what I can buy instead of these journals—year after year, and I have judged that paying nearly fifty cents a page for ROAPE this year (more next, even more the following year, etc.) is cost and service ineffective.

The issue far transcends the state of my mind and my budget, however. If I am not mistaken, many of the journals on Carfax's list have been weaned away from academic publishers (institutes, university presses, etc.). Apparently the scholarly community somehow believes there are advantages to this in terms of circulation and/or prestige. In the long run they are likely to be very wrong, because they will be squeezing each other out of the marketplace.

The only effective way to cope with the current wild inflation in serial prices is for the scholarly community to be re-exercising their obligation to disseminate knowledge in the most effective, expeditious and economical way, and to take the time to realize the pernicious effects of not doing so. For us the most obviously of these is that fewer and fewer libraries will be able to continue to subscribe to existing journals or to begin subscribing to new ones. Or virtually cease to purchase scholarly monographs—hardly an inflation-proof genre. (For more on this, see the October 1995 issue of *Perspectives*, the newsletter of the American Historical Association.) Having served on the University of Wisconsin Press Committee for several years, I can claim quasi-firsthand awareness of these problems. Right now the journals division of UWP is carrying the monograph division (guess why?), but this can hardly be more than a short-term phenomenon.

Is there an alternative to cancellation as a way of sending message to both publishers and scholars? If so, it (or in lieu of it, cancellation) should be an item of discussion by—among others—Africanist librarians. And soon.

**HENNEPIN COUNTY SUBJECT HEADINGS**

Summary Notes by the Editor

Among the Hennepin County Library (HCL) headings adopted by LC (per March memo from Carolyn Sturtevant): Tribe (The English word). HCL form: Tribe (The word).

Some recent revised headings in HCL's catalog:  
 Colonialism—[Place];  
 vs. LCSH: [Place]—Colonial influence.  
 [African people]—Identity;  
 vs. LCSH: [African people]—Ethnic identity.  
 [African people]—Assimilation (Sociology);  
 vs. LCSH: Assimilation (Sociology)—[Place]  
 [Country]—History—War for national liberation, [dates];  
 vs. LCSH: [Country]—History—Revolution, [dates].  
 [Country]—Interethnic relations;  
 vs. LCSH: [Country]—Ethnic relations.  
 Imperialism, European; vs. LCSH: Europe—Colonies.  
 East Africa; vs. LCSH: Africa, East.  
 Sub-Saharan Africa; vs. LCSH: Africa, Sub-Saharan

Structural adjustment programs (World Bank/IMF)  
 vs. LCSH: Structural adjustment (Economic policy)  
 [Public note]: Here are entered materials on a series of economic measures imposed on resource-poor countries by the World Bank and International Monetary Fund as a condition for loans. Such measures include reduced government spending for social services, currency devaluation, privatization of state-run enterprises, and incentives to promote production for export.

Cross references:

Foreign debt—Third World  
 International Monetary Fund  
 North-South economic relations  
 World Bank

See *HCL Cataloging Bulletin* #136 & 137 (May/June & July/Aug. 1995; Available from Hennepin County Library, 12601 Ridgedale Dr., Minnetonka, MN 55305-1909).

Sanford Berman's proposal for "Amistad Rebellion, 1839" as a new subject heading (See *ALN*, Apr. 1995, p. 8.) attracted the attention of the Amistad Research Center (New Orleans), which prefers the usage "Amistad Incident" over other descriptions such as mutiny or rebellion. After further research and consultation, Berman changed the Hennepin County Library heading to "Amistad Case, 1839."

**THE CASE AGAINST LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS**

Notes by the Editor

HCL's policy of adding additional subjects and contents notes is an expense discouraged by some administrators. After reviewing the many variations of a record that could be found for a single book, James E. Rush (Executive Director, PALINET) found that most local revisions of catalog records contributed nothing to the value of the bibliographic record. His conclusion: "Repetitive cataloging is a costly and unproductive exercise... What must be done is to centralize the cataloging process so that a published item is cataloged one and only once (no local practice allowed). ... the process should concentrate on quality, consistency, and deep subject indexing ... If each published item were given twice the attention now paid to the item by a single library, far superior access could be provided at a small fraction of the cost of cataloging today."

—James E. Rush, "A Case for Eliminating Cataloging in the Individual Library," *The Future is Now: The Changing Face of Technical Services: Proceedings of the OCLC Symposium ALA Midwinter Conference, February 4, 1994* (Dublin, Ohio: OCLC, 1994), pp. 1-13.

**NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS****VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Africa Book Centre** (38 King St., London WC2E 8JT) has started a new quarterly that lists with notes books available from the Centre, plus news and a review or two. No. 1 (August 1995) carries the title *Book Review*; the subscription forms (£12/year in UK; £18 overseas) say *Review*. Seven pages of new books from Africa is followed by 15 pages of New Books on Africa.

**African and Caribbean Imprint Library Services** (236 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540; tel: 508-540-5378) has issued numerous lists including "Titles Recently Received" for Ghana and Togo.

**African Books Collective** (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, England). Mary Jay is now in charge of management and operations, replacing Hans Zell (PO Box 56, 11 Richmond Rd., Oxford OX1 2SJ) who left ABC to concentrate on his work with the Hans Zell Publishers list and as editor of ABPR.

**Alpha Resources Publishing Company** (24 Adeniji St., Surulere, Lawanson, Lagos-Nigeria; telefax: 234-1-2642095) distributes Nigeria Magazine and other Nigerian imprints.

**Leishman & Taussig** will go out of business as of 31 October 1995, having been bought by Hogarth Representation and the Africa Book Centre (London). As the office at 2B Westgate will be vacated in November, any late payments are to go to 75, King St., Southwell, Notts, UK NG25 0EH.

In his letter of 18 September, A.D.H. Leishman noted his involvement with L&T for over 12 years, first with Louis Taussig and then solo. Concern over the future of library sales, as well as the influence of subsidized ventures, influenced his decision to close down L&T. His plans are to work as a buying agent for Hogarth, and for Africa Book Centre, from a base in South or East Africa. His next trip, on behalf of Hogarth, will be to Tanzania and Zambia in late November and December.

**Library of Congress Overseas Acquisitions Program for Eastern Africa** has been extended to now include: Priced monographs from Botswana, Kenya, Namibia, and Zimbabwe; all publications from government statistical offices in Botswana, Ethiopia, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe; Amharic priced monographs, two periodicals and a daily newspaper; legal publications from ten countries.

**Per Ankh** (B.P. 2, Popenguine, Senegal) is a new African printing and publishing company. It offers Armah's new novel (*Osiris Rising*) for \$21 (including air postage) by bank draft.

**Robert Palmeri** (06 B.P. 1160, Abidjan 06) is involved in a variety of book projects in Abidjan, including promoting the distribution of contemporary francophone African literature in North America. For the March 1995 meeting of the African Literature Association in Columbus, Ohio, he prepared a 8-page catalog of recent books.

## EVENTS

**First Ghana International Book Fair** is scheduled for 6-12 Nov. 1996 in Accra. Contact: P.C.T. Quarcoo, Exhibition Director, PO Box 111, Trade Fair Centre, La-Accra.

**The Second Annual National Book Week** (22-27 April 1995), organized by the Nigerian Book Foundation, was on the theme "Data Collection: the Foundation for Effective Book Development." It was agreed that the Foundation would collect data on the book industry. Awards were conferred on the following publishers: Litteramed, Longman Nigeria, and Nok. Other activities included the annual conference of the Nigerian Library Association and a Children's Book Day.

### Zimbabwe International Book Fair

ZIBF96 will be held 26 July-3 August 1996 in Harare, with the theme of "Books for Business."

ZIBF96 (28 July-5 August) on the theme of "Human Rights" saw

229 exhibitors from 43 countries, including 27 from Africa (compared to 39 and 20 in 1994). Trade visitors on 1-2 August: 6500, including representatives from an additional 12 countries. And a total of 31,456 visitors for 1-5 August. Total business transacted by the Book Shop is estimated at Z\$200,000.

The ZIBF Trust together with representatives of its UK office and UK-based SABDET met on 5 August with major donors: SIDA, HIVOS, KOPINOR, the Norwegian Publishers' Association and the Norwegian Non-fiction Writers Union (UFF). The donors expressed their grave concern about the revoking of the GALZ stand at ZIBF95 but confirmed their support for ZIBF.

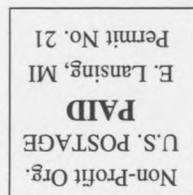
## LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Butalia, Urvashi, and Ritu Menon. *Making a Difference: Feminist Publishing in the South*. Chestnut Hill, MA : Bellagio Publishing Network, Research and Information Center, Boston College, 1995. 82p. Bellagio Studies in Publishing; no. 5 ISBN 0-964078-0-8. \$15.00 Tel: 617-552-4236.

*Partners in African Publishing*, no. 1 (Summer 1995), is a new free newsletter. Published by CODE Europe, its goal is to promote commercial arrangements between African and European publishers. It will appear quarterly in 1995; bi-monthly in 1996. Available from: Kelvin Smith, Director, CODE-Europe, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford, OX1 1HU, England.

Vernon, Elizabeth. "Notes on an Acquisitions Trip to Tunisia, 1995." *MELA Notes*, no. 62 (Spring 1995): 55-61.

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