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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This issue was finalized in late October, a full 6 months after the ALC/CAMP meetings in Boston, which are described at some length starting on page 2. Readers will also find two reviews. Thanks must go to Helene Baumann, Ruby Bell-Gam, Phyllis Bischof, Jill Coelho, Moore Crossey, Andrew deHeer, Karen Fung, John Howell, Ken Lohrentz, Theresa Moore, Elizabeth Plantz, Nancy Schmidt, Mette Shayne, Dawn Williams, and Hans Zell for their contributions, which arrived in a timely manner.

For the editor, the past 8 months have seen more than the usual number of changes. My office files were moved to a new location, with a new telephone number. I have switched to a new email system, with a new email address. And I have struggled through two new word-processing programs. All this new technology should now begin to produce some efficiencies, but one of the costs is a combined issue for July and October.

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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

November 23-26, 1996, San Francisco - ASA Annual Meeting
 May 15-17, 1997, Syracuse, NY - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 Nov. 12-15, 1997, Columbus - 40th ASA Annual Meeting
 Mar. 26-28/Apr. 2-4, 1998, Gainesville - ALC/CAMP Spring Mtg.
 Oct./Nov. 1998, Chicago - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 1999, Philadelphia - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2000, ?Nashville - ASA Annual Meeting

SCHEDULE FOR ALC/CAMP MEETINGS IN SAN FRANCISCO

Friday, 22 November:

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

Saturday, 23 November:

9:00-11:00 CAMP Business Meeting
 11:00-12:00 CAMP Executive

Sunday, 24 November:

8:45-10:45 Sponsored panel: Africa on the
 WorldWide Web

Monday, 25 November:

8:45-10:45 Sponsored panel: Libraries and Archives
 in Southern Africa

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING

Boston, April 26, 1996 - 2-4 pm

The meeting was called to order by Helene Baumann, chair.

Present: Olu Ademulegun (African Publications Resource), Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Julianne Beall (LC), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Phyllis Bischof (U.C. Berkeley), Christopher Boyd (African Imprint), Joseph Caruso (Columbia U.), Jill Young Coelho (Harvard U.), David Easterbrook (Northwestern U.), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State U.), Gregory Finnegan (Harvard U.), Elisa Forgey (U. of Pennsylvania), Karen Fung (Stanford U.), Miki Goral (UCLA), Beverly Gray (LC), Michael Hopper (Harvard U.), John Howell (U. of Iowa), Dennis Hyde (U. of Pennsylvania), Deborah Lafond (SUNY-Albany), Louise Leonard (U. of Florida), Ken Lohrentz (U. of Kansas), Helen MacLam (Choice Magazine), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), Wonki Nam (Central State U., Ohio), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Loumona Petroff (Boston U.), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U.), Elizabeth Sarkodie-Mensah (Harvard U.), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Elisabeth Sinnott (New York U.), J. Christina Smith (Boston U.), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.), Ruth Thomas (LC, Nairobi), David Westley (Boston U.), Dawn Williams (Northwestern U.), Joanne Zellers (LC).

1. Remarks by Dr. James McCann (Director of African Studies Center, BU): He welcomed the conference participants to Boston University and noted that he would be leaving immediately for a

meeting in Washington of Title VI center directors. Pointing out that applications for Title-VI funding for the next 3-year cycle would take place in Fall 1996, he urged librarians to discuss cooperative project ideas and seek input of directors of African studies programs and centers. After some discussion, McCann suggested that center directors would like to broaden the scope of projects beyond acquisitions to include improved access to information and materials.

2. Introductions and announcements.

3. Minutes from the Fall 1995 Meeting: Bell-Gam distributed copies of the draft minutes, which replaced the report published in *ALN*. Various members expressed support for the publication of full minutes, in a timely manner, with a deposit in the ALC archives at Northwestern. Caruso suggested that the membership should rethink the future of *ALN* in its current format, in the context of electronic media possibilities, as well as consider the need to find a new editor, since Joe Lauer had made it clear that he would welcome a replacement. Baumann pointed out that the Strategic Planning Committee was charged with the responsibility of reexamining issues involving communication, among other things. She suggested that the corrected Fall 1995 draft minutes be resubmitted to the membership by email for approval after the Boston Spring meeting.

4. 40th Anniversary Conference (Fall 1997): Issues discussed included notifications, the need for institutional support, and possible additional funding. Schmidt called members' attention to the fact that the 40th Anniversary celebration would supplant the bibliography and catalog committee meetings. If ALC decides to hold the two committee meetings in addition to the conference, then more ALC meetings than usual will coincide with ASA panel sessions. Schmidt announced that the planning committee would meet the following day to draw up a list of panelists for the program.

5. Library of Congress report: Zellers distributed copies of a bookmark that LC was handing out to inform its patrons of an impending change in services, including the need for photo identification. Zellers also announced that the African and Middle Eastern Division at LC would soon relocate to another building. She distributed a list, compiled by Valerie Mwalilino, of LC acquisitions contacts and representatives in West Africa, adding that developments in newspaper collections and services would be discussed the following day at the CAMP meeting.

6. ALC Manual: Nanji asked members to send comments to her on the first draft which she had distributed earlier by email. The draft included ALC goals and objectives, names and addresses of vendors, selection tools, and notes on access to online catalogs.

7. Future Spring Meetings: Spring 1998 will be at the University of Florida, Gainesville; Spring 1997 is expected to be at Syracuse University. [Email ballot decided on dates of May 15-17.]

8. Panels at ASA in San Francisco (Caruso): ALC would sponsor two panels: "Africa on the WorldWide Web," which he would co-chair with Ali Dinar of the University of Pennsylvania; and "Libraries and Archives in Southern Africa," to be chaired by Caruso.

9. ALC Website: The idea of an ALC Website was briefly discussed.

See also Bibliography Committee minutes. Caruso reported that he will head a task group to carry out a survey of electronic Africana, eg. CD-ROMs, Websites etc.

10. Conover-Porter Award: The Conover-Porter Committee (Finnegan, chair and Baumann; Kagan was absent) announced the selection of finalists from the list of nominations. The winners will be announced at the Fall 1996 meeting in San Francisco.

11. ALA Reports: Walsh announced that she had just received by email from Kagan three documents and a cover letter for discussion at the ALC meeting. It was agreed that discussion of the documents would be deferred until a future date, preferably with Kagan present, after the members had a chance to read them.

12. Nominating Committee: Baumann called for nominations and volunteers for appointment to the ALC Nominating Committee. Positions to be filled in Fall 1996 are vice-chair/chair-elect, secretary, and one member-at-large. Shayne and Finnegan were appointed to the two-member committee.

13. Open Forum: deferred for lack of time.

14. ARL Global Resources Project. Jutta Reed-Scott gave an overview of the Project. Pilot projects focused on Latin American, German, and Japanese materials. The Project was now expanding to a global focus. The plan was to involve other area studies groups in improving acquisitions and access, and taking advantage of available technology to achieve these goals. The project was looking to the AAU for support in acquiring technological facilities.

In response to a question about the format for proposals, Reed-Scott explained that there are three essential areas: 1) expression of interest; 2) creation of a working group made up of two area studies librarians, two scholars, and two ARL directors; and 3) description of a specific project.

Baumann thanked Reed-Scott for the discussion, stating that it provided essential information for proposed discussions at subsequent meetings on the following day. Reed-Scott further commented that a proposed project might involve an identifiable body of material suitable for scanning and electronic delivery, with varied holdings in each of several different locations. She gave the example of Latin-American local residential information, which is not held in its entirety by any one library, including LC. Several suggestions of possible projects ensued: government documents, ECOWAS materials, and an emphasis on regional and local documents, as opposed to those at the national level.

— edited from minutes submitted by Bell-Gam

PRE-BUSINESS MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Boston, April 26, 1996

Issues raised and discussed in connection with the Business Meeting agenda:

1. Title VI: In anticipation of the planned address by Dr. James McCann, Director of African Studies at Boston University, regarding Title VI Center projects, the group raised concerns about past communication between Center directors and Title VI cooperative library projects. It seemed there may have been some miscommunication in the past.

2. ALC Minutes: concerns about the way the Minutes are distributed were raised. Besides the printed versions in *ALN* and as handouts at meetings, options like e-mail (Finnegan's List) and Internet websites were discussed, awaiting input from the whole ALC group.

3. *ALN* editorship. At the Orlando meeting Lauer had once again announced that he would like to find a successor. Efforts to find a new editor were discussed, including steps to be taken if no volunteers came forward. The future of *ALN* in an electronic version and/or as part of a ALC website was also discussed.

4. The charges to the Strategic Planning Committee were brought up. Nanji posted a draft version of a manual to Finnegan's list. Other charges included the editorship of *ALN* and other communication issues.

5. Planning of roundtables and panels. Caruso updated the group on the plans for San Francisco. Cooperation with ETG and the possibility of offering workshops in web-browsing were also discussed. There are very real problems of space and funding.

6. Nominating Committee: Shayne and Finnegan agreed to serve.

7. Spring meetings in 1997 and 1998: We had received tentative offers from Syracuse University Library for 1997, and from University of Florida, Gainesville Library for 1998. A firm commitment was to be sought from Syracuse, as Meseratch Zecharias was unable to attend the Boston meeting.

8. The Conover-Porter Committee composed of Finnegan (chair), Baumann, and Al Kagan (absent) reported that they have 2 co-winners and 3 honorable mentions, without disclosing the names of the winners.

—edited from minutes submitted by Helene Baumann, ALC chair

POST-BUSINESS MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Boston, April 26, 1996

1. Minutes: Following the discussion at the full meeting, it was decided that the secretary send the draft Minutes in a timely manner 1) to the chair, and 2) to Finnegan's Electronic List for participants' comments. After corrections have been integrated, the Minutes are reposted electronically, and an archival paper copy is prepared to be kept at Northwestern University. It will be up to the editor of *ALN* which format (full or abbreviated) may appear in *ALN*. The question was raised whether African subscribers to the newsletter would be satisfied with potentially abbreviated minutes, or would they want to receive paper copies of the full Minutes. Also, not 100% of US-based ALC members have access to the Internet, but most do.

2. *ALN* editorship. No new editor having come forth at the full meeting, further brainstorming took place as to the future of *ALN* in whatever format would be desirable to the membership.

—Submitted by Helene Baumann, ALC chair

BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING

Boston, April 26, 1996; 8:30-10:30am

1. Amendments to the Orlando minutes [as reported in *ALN*] were circulated and approved.

2. JALA (Easterbrook): The discussion centered on the question as to whether JALA (Joint Acquisitions List of Africana) had outlived its usefulness. A questionnaire was distributed with the previous issue of JALA; only 30 responses were returned. Since JALA started in 1962 as a cooperative effort of ALC, its input was sought. Concerns for Northwestern: Costs are not covered by subscriptions, and deficit is covered by the Northwestern Africana library book budget; costs incurred by contributing libraries; complaints from libraries whose entries were not added, due to space limitations. Alternatives discussed included electronic contributions, posting information on a web site or a CD-ROM. Easterbrook agreed to report back.

3. Charges for serials: Schmidt distributed the Henige article in Oct. 1995 *ALN*, which mentioned the trend to commercial publishers with much higher prices. It was agreed that the group would share information about expensive serials or sharply increased subscription prices and announce cancellations on the e-mail list. Other concerns included the use of vendors who charged high service charges, sometimes for publications that were never received. Letters to journals and publishers were encouraged.

4. NISC (South African Studies CD-ROM): There were numerous questions concerning future editions or supplements of this product, material that was or could be covered, problems of document delivery, and the future of the print versions of some of the bibliographies included. It was suggested that the publisher attend a future meeting.

Caruso suggested that a task force be formed to discuss issues concerning electronic publishing. Members volunteering: Bell-Gam, Caruso, Howell, Lafond, Malanchuk, and Walsh.

5. Newspaperlist (Shayne): Members were asked to send updated information to Northwestern before the end of July. It was suggested that each institution add their retention policy and as much holding information as possible.

6. Electronic Journal of African Bibliography: Howell suggested that the group start an electronic journal of African bibliography and contribute available non published material which is not copyrighted. Howell thought he could get this mounted at University of Iowa. CRL and ASA were also mentioned as possibilities. Bibliographic essays and scholarly publishing could also be added. Bischof felt it should be a refereed journal.

7. Institutional reports:

- Northwestern University (Easterbrook): CIC has received renewal of a preservation grant which will permit filming of 550 more monographs from the Africana collection.
- Philadelphia consortium (Foley): published a resource guide and awaits constructive criticism.
- Indiana University (Schmidt): finished the cataloging of its Somali collection under a Title 2C grant.
- Univ. of Florida (Malanchuk): the following bibliography compiled by a visiting scholar is available for \$25.00: *Women and Gender Studies in Tanzania*, by Fenella Mukangara. Dar es Salaam: Dar Es Salaam University Press, 1995.

- LC (Zellers): The African Section will be publishing a guide to the collection, which will be an update of a 1970 article about holdings of Africana in the Library of Congress. US Imprints 9/10 are in the indexing stage.
- Boston University (Walsh): Her bibliography of Media in Africa is due to the publisher in June. The library is hoping to have a webpage ready by the end of the summer.
- Hans Zell's book on Publishing in Africa is due shortly.

—Edited from minutes by Razia Nanji (secr.) & Mette Shayne (chair)

CATALOGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Boston, April 26, 1996, 10:45-12:30 a.m.

Present: Baumann, Beall, Bell-Gam, Caruso, Ezera, Fung, Goral, Gray, Howell, Hyde, LaFond, Leonard, Lohrentz, Nam, Petroff, Plantz, Schmidt, Sinnott, Stamm, Thomas, Williams, Zellers.

1. The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Plantz, committee chair.

2. The minutes of the November 1995 meeting in Orlando were accepted as submitted, with minor corrections. Committee decided to distribute the full text of the minutes via email prior to the future meetings.

3. Dewey Decimal Area Table for South Africa: LC's Decimal Classification Division distributed a discussion paper on approaches to the revision of the Area Table for South Africa (EPC Exhibit 107-6; Feb. 19, 1996). This outlined the options for handling the new provinces in the next edition of Dewey: 1) Old structure with internal changes; 2) Revisions limited to South Africa; 3) Complete revision, with South Africa in either 681-685 or only 681. Beall explained the work of the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee and the process of seeking further international input, as some are not happy with the South African Library's proposal.

Catalogers from Northwestern distributed a document outlining their response. Stamm explained Northwestern's opposition to options 2 and 3 whose implementation would involve too much disruption for libraries with large collections of materials about Southern Africa. They hoped that their recommendations (including one number for both Southern Africa and South Africa) would be endorsed by the Committee. Schmidt noted that it seems inappropriate to use one number for both South Africa and Southern Africa. Beall pointed out that this is done for other areas, such as Central Europe and Germany. It was agreed that anyone could study both documents and send their comments to Plantz or Stamm. The chair was to provide Beall with a collective response late in May.

4. Impact of "core record" cataloging: Caruso discussed his Program for Cooperative Cataloging training to produce a "core record, which is more extensive than a minimal-level record, but less than a full catalog record. He expressed some concern over certain parts of the record that are lost. Plantz asked everyone to analyze how core records impact users and workflow.

5. ALC Africana Subject Funnel Project: Plantz commented that more people are submitting headings and the project is functioning quite well. We have been assigned a regular contact person at LC, which should encourage people to contribute, as turn-around time should now be faster.

6. Titles in African languages: Plantz has sent letters to APNET and all its members, requesting that African publishers provide translations of titles for publications in African languages. The issue was considered at APNET's most recent board meeting and two levels of action were decided upon: (a) APNET will request that all members of its network insert a page containing title translation and language information in English, French or Portuguese in newly published or reprinted African language materials, and (b) for materials already in print, translation information could be provided in publisher's catalogs. This would be a problem because catalogs are not readily available to catalogers. After discussion concerning inserts, Plantz agreed to write again to APNET and propose a format and location for translation information.

7. Other/new business: In response to a request for further training in the creation of subject authority records, Plantz asked committee members if this is wanted at a future meeting; or if it would be sufficient to send specific problems to her directly, since LC considers us trained. The second option was preferred by the group.

Kagan was seeking someone to catalog African language titles at the University of Illinois. It was decided to table further discussion of a potential cooperative cataloging project until Kagan is present.

Caruso said he would bring his proposed revision of the DT schedule to the next meeting.

8. Cataloging activity reports.

Northwestern (Stamm): Williams, the most recent Unit Head, is now Head of the Bibliographic Record Services Department. The two remaining Africana catalogers will report to Stamm in her new capacity as Head of the Catalog Department, and she will be the contact person for matters relating to Africana cataloging. Williams pointed out that she also has ten people in her department performing cataloging of Africana materials with copy.

9. ALA/CC:AAM Midwinter report, San Antonio: New schedule for South Africa was not yet ready because the provincial borders and place names were not yet established. There was also a discussion of a proposed 1997 program for authority control on languages in non-Roman scripts, to be tentatively held in 1997. Proposed topics include: (a) authority control on national databases; (b) authority control on local databases; (c) authority control and retrospective conversion, and (d) how do librarians consider authority records in non-Roman script coming from vendors?

10. LC cataloging report.: They are pleased with subject heading contributions through the funnel project. There plan more cooperation with South Africa regarding the proposed changes to the revision of the area table for South Africa.

—Revised from minutes by Dawn Bastian (Secretary)

COOPERATIVE AFRICANA MICROFORM PROJECT (CAMP) BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Boston, April 27, 1996, 9:00-11:00am

The meeting was convened by John Howell as Chair, with Jill Young Coelho as Secretary.

Member institutions (and their representatives) present: Boston U. (Petroff, Walsh, Westley), Center for Research Libraries (Marlys Rudeen), Columbia U. (Caruso), Duke U. (Baumann), Harvard U. (Coelho, Finnegan, Sarkodie-Mensah), Indiana U. (Schmidt), Li-

brary of Congress (Beall, Gray, Thomas, Zellers), Michigan State U. (Ezera), New York Public Library-Schomburg Center (Andrew DeHeer), Northwestern U. (Easterbrook, Shayne), Stanford U. (Fung), U. of California, Berkeley (Bischof), U. of California, Los Angeles (Bell-Gam, Christopher Ehret, Goral), U. of Florida (Leonard, Malanchuk, Nanji), U. of Iowa (Howell), U. of Kansas (Lohrentz), U. of Pennsylvania (Forgey, Hyde), and Yale U. (Crossey).

Guests present: Ron Kassimir (Social Sciences Research Council), LaFond, Sinnott.

CAMP members not represented: Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Emory University, La Trobe University (Australia), Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Ohio State University, Ohio University, Princeton University, Queen's University at Kingston (Ontario), South African Library, State University of New York at Buffalo, Temple University, University of Cambridge-African Studies Centre, University of Chicago, University of Kansas, University of Minnesota, University of Ohio, University of Rochester, University of Tasmania, University of Western Australia, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wayne State University.

1.-4. Introductions & approval of minutes:

5. Election Committee: Fung and Meseratch Zecherias were named to prepare the summer ballot for two Members-at-Large and a Faculty Advisor.

6. Camp Finances And Commitments (Rudeen): (Financial Report and list of commitments available from CRL).

- Grant income and expenses are outside the budget.
- The March quarter will reflect membership revenues
- Cataloging expenses will rise before the end of the fiscal year as activity increases. As before, charges are only for the billable hours of professional catalogers and clerical help is not charged. Billing statistics are compiled quarterly.
- "CAMP Commitments" are not yet spent but cannot be committed again. Tanzanian and Nairobi newspapers are ongoing. Somali newspapers can now be removed from the order list. The total for FY 97 ONLY is \$8500. Thus there is \$20,000 available as of 1 July, 1996, with \$8500 already committed. This includes cataloging and M. Rudeen's expenses.

7. Activities Of The Social Science Research Council (Ron Kassimir): African Archives and Museums Project (AAMP) began in 1991 with Ford and Rockefeller Foundation funds to support museums and archives in Africa, principally through a re-grant program, which consisted of 32 small grants and contributions to networks connecting museums and archives in Africa. An example was a conference in Harare which was regarded as very successful. SSRC is completing the editing and publishing of the Harare proceedings, including the abstracts of all 32 programs funded over the last 5 years by AAMP.

The AAMP Committee met in November 1995 about funding and future directions of grants. There was discussion about training administrators of museums and archives, preferably at a regional center, perhaps in cooperation with a South African institution. Because of new funding structures and strictures, all area studies committees, including African, will be de-commissioned at the end of June and replaced with a new structure. However, this is not intended to reduce SSRC's commitment to field research and area-based knowledge. SSRC's new address is: 810 7th Ave., New York NY 10010; (212) 377-2700; Kassimir@SSRC.org

8. LC Report (Zellers):

The LC newspaper list will not be published but will be available on a Web site. Both U.S. and foreign newspapers will be listed, but the foreign papers list will not be complete right away.

Nigerian newspaper arrivals are better, but those from South African are surprisingly worse.

The April 1993 printed list of "African Newspapers on Commercial Film" will not be updated. There is now a database of African microfilms, which is available on diskette in WordPerfect 5.1. Please send requests for copies with a blank diskette to Myron Chace, Photoduplication Service.

Donald Hester, the political consul at the US Embassy in Monrovia, has brought complete runs of 7 newspaper titles. LC does not have the funds to film them, but some other institution could do so.

9. LC Nairobi Office Report (Ruth Thomas)

Somali reports have been sent for microfiling. A collection of post-1993 Malawi newspapers serves serious consideration for preservation filming. At least 48 began publication, and 21 have ceased already. These issues are unique, and unfortunately incomplete.

10. New And Prospective Members (Easterbrook): None to report.

OLD BUSINESS:

11. CAMP Brochure In French (Bischof): There are 2 drafts done, but it still needs work.

12. Iowa's Health/Medical Grant: Medical Research Centre, And The State Library; Extramed (Howell): The grant for filming is now ending. ExtraMED is to be a CD-ROM of 120 Third-World journals on health, including 40 Chinese and some Arabic. Iowa has purchased a set of 12 CD-ROMs. The publisher has bought the copyright so that it can be copied by users. There are very few African titles.

13. Filming of the Judges' Notebooks of the Civil and Criminal Cases of the Colonial Lagos Supreme Court (Howell): Inquiries continue.

14. Status Of Offprints: The price has doubled. The purchase has been approved by CRL, but not yet funded.

15. Title VI/Camp Project on Microfilming Selected Parts of the Archives of Senegal (Caruso): We anticipate filming will begin in the next 6 weeks. We had to re-negotiate the price of colonial court records. The National Archives has reduced the filming price. The cost estimate is \$19,800 for Title VI. We will need around \$1000 from another source to cover shipping and customs. The densitometer is ready to go from MacBeth. Details are in place for shipping and payment. We are ordering the photo light meter. It will be \$5000 for equipment and shipping. A progress report will be sent to all Title VI Center directors with a copy to Coelho.

After general discussion and a motion that CAMP pay for the shipping of the equipment for the project was approved. Another motion was made and approved that CAMP send someone at least annually to check on progress.

16. Union Lists Of African Newspapers On The World Wide Web:

The Northwestern List of African Newspapers Currently Received by U.S. Libraries, compiled by Mette Shayne is at: <http://www.wcr.uchicago.edu/bsd/afnew196.html>

The CAMP list of African newspapers is at: <http://www.wcr.uchicago.edu/~paper/fnp/webcamp1.html>

The CAMP list of African newspapers, arranged geographically, is at: <http://www.wcr.uchicago.edu/~paper/fnp/webcamp2.html> Rudeen noted that the CAMP lists will be broken into smaller regional sections. It will be updated first in November of 96, and thereafter annually. Howell wants to address the question of retrospective holdings and to formalize the process for updating holdings.

NEW BUSINESS:

17. Presbyterian Church In The U.S.A. Board Of Foreign Missions Correspondence And Reports, 1833-1911: Africa Mission (Rudeen): We have \$2,800 for FY 96 and \$11,000 for FY 97. "The Church" and "South Africa" are good candidates for general CRL purchase because they are not specific to CAMP.

18. The Lungu History Manuscript, compiled by Bill Watson; copied by Brian Siegel (Furman): A gift to CAMP.

19. Eastern African Newspapers Not Currently Being Filmed (Rudeen):

(See the LC Nairobi office report, above) CAMP would need to spend about \$3000 to film the Malawi newspapers. This is not likely to be a long-term commitment since so many of the titles have ceased. A motion to film the Malawi newspapers was approved.

20. The Family Mirror (Dar es Salaam):

This is being collected by several institutions, and will be filmed by CRL. CAMP will contribute its issues from member libraries.

21. Zairean Newspaper Project In Belgium: M. Vellut has written to request a letter of support and interest from CAMP for the filming of 600,000 pages of newspapers. Generally agreed that moral support is in order, but that we need to check a complete list of the proposed project against titles already filmed by InterDoc. It was agreed to send a letter of strong support, but not to offer any money yet.

22. La Politique Coloniale, Belgium, 1892-4 av. 1919 (Association pour la conservation et la reproduction photographique de la presse). \$1,652): Approved a motion to buy after 1 July, 1996.

23. Archival Materials From South Africa: deferred until the next meeting.

24. South Africa: A Weekly Journal For All Interested In South African Affairs 1889-1970-(Howell): Covers southern Africa including Mozambique. By September 1995 reached 1917 with 1787 fiche to run to 4,000 fiche, \$8,000. Includes maps, diagrams, photographs, and information on economics, trade, personalia. A good candidate for the general CRL ballot. Needs no further action from CAMP right now. CAMP executive will be canvassed.

—edited from minutes distributed by the Secretary.

OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

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 Apr. 9-12, 1995, Detroit - ACRL National Conf.
 1999, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.
 2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.

IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 31-Sept. 5, 1997, Copenhagen
 Aug. 1998, Amsterdam
 Aug. 1999, Bangkok
 2001, Boston

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1996 Midwinter Meeting (San Antonio):

In response to an International Relations Committee report, ALA Council voted that ALA support comprehensive sanctions against the Government of Nigeria, because of that Government's violation of human rights and freedom of expression. See *American Libraries*, Aug. 1996, for tally.

1996 Annual Meeting (New York):

Panel on Libraries in Post-Apartheid South Africa: An Eye Witness Report (sponsored by the Black Caucus of ALA and the International Relations Committee). Moderated by Ismail Abdullahi (Clark Atlanta Univ.); presentations by Mary F. Lenox (Univ. of Missouri) and Alfred Kagan (Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign). Spirited discussion on how to help followed.

The following resolution was passed by the ALA Council:

be it resolved that the American Library Association commends the Zimbabwe International Book Fair for its stance in support of freedom of expression and human rights as reflected in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

ACRL's Asian, African and Middle Eastern Section: Peter Malanchuk was elected member-at-large.

MIDDLE EAST LIBRARIANS ASSOCIATION

MELA's meeting will be held in Providence, RI, on Nov. 20-21, in conjunction with MESA's annual meeting, which is held Nov. 21-24.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Frank Carroll, head of the Newspaper Section at LC, retired on August 2, 1996. He has been a particular friend of ALC and of the African Section at LC.

FREE MATERIALS REQUESTED

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

Crop Management Research Training Project (PO Box 677, Njoro, Kenya) seeks books for use by trainees. Details available from: Robert K. Obura, CMRT Project Coordinator, address above; cmrt@arso.sasa.unep.no

Hadiya Development Association (PO Box 152, Hossana, Ethiopia) seeks books, pamphlets, and periodicals for its newly created Library.

Mukwano Secondary School, P.O. Box 2148, Bungoma, Kenya.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Kathrada Collection was deposited at Michigan State University Library during the October 1996 visit of Ahmed M. Kathrada. He is a veteran of the South African liberation struggle, one of the Rivonia defendants, and a political prisoner on Robben Island and at Pollsmoor Maximum Prison between 1964 and 1989. The collection consists of microform copies (4 reels of microfilm and 132 fiche) of his prison correspondence, personal notebooks and documents from his prison years, and the Pollsmoor Library List. The microforms were prepared by Abba Microfilm Services in South Africa. An Index prepared by Kier Schuringa was published as part of a series of Mayibuye Centre catalogues.

National Archives of Uganda

Status Report as of August 1996, by Kathryn Barrett-Gaines (Stanford Univ.)

The Chief Archivist is Mr. Wani; other archivists are Ms. Justine Nalwoga and Mr. Charles Etomet. The staff are very proud of the archives and are looking forward to cataloging the whole collection, acquiring more materials, and moving into their own building in Kampala. They are very welcoming and helpful. Current location is the basement of Department of Agriculture, on the shore of Lake Victoria in Entebbe. Mailing Address: National Archives of Uganda, Ministry of Public Service, P.O. Box 7003, Kampala. Official research permits are required to use or see the collection.

Scope and arrangement of the of Collection: The 1891-1910 records are itemized in a typed catalogue and are organized chronologically. The 1910-1929 records are itemized in a handwritten catalogue and are organized chronologically. The 1929-1941 records are itemized in a handwritten catalogue and are organized by the following themes: customs, trade, military, post/telegraph, agriculture/forestry, game/veterinary, medical, external affairs, land, geological, railway, public works, municipal, labor, education, aviation, printing/publishing, societies/clubs/institutes, & finance. The 1941-1959 records are uncatalogued.

Further details available from author at: anansi@leland.Stanford.EDU.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

BOOK REVIEW

by Andrew de Heer (New York Public Library)

Olden, Anthony. *Libraries in Africa: Pioneers, Policies, Problems*. Lanham, MD: Scarecrow Press, 1995. 190p. ISBN 0-8108-3093-0 \$37.50.

Olden has compressed an enormous amount of historical facts about library development in English-speaking Africa. The arrangement of his material demonstrates very striking similarities in the sequences of the events chronicled here. Other distinctive aspects of this book are the depth and extent of his sources and the manner in which he has combined them with his personal knowledge of the events as they unfolded.

The library arrived in the colonies as a service for expatriates, and Europeans were reluctant to extend library services to the few literate Africans on the grounds that they might be a source of unwelcome enlightenment. By the end of the colonial period, public libraries catered for both Africans and non-Africans, even though patrons were segregated in certain places. These changes were the direct results of the activities of individuals such as Ms. Fegan, Elspeth Huxley and Eve Evans and organizations such as Carnegie Corporation, East African Literature Bureau, and the British Council. But at this time, the main objective was to provide what they termed imaginative literature rather than textbooks, which were the main interest of most Africans.

Significant developments in the late colonial period include the Gold Coast Library Board Ordinance (1950) which empowered central government support and the UNESCO Seminar at Ibadan (1953) which established a clear link between the library and education and promoted professional training and the formation of associations. The enthusiastic support for libraries resulted in the expansion of existing services and many new buildings after independence. By the end of the decade after independence, almost all public libraries were led by Africans who had been trained mostly in Britain, and they were paying more attention to the needs of education and information.

Since the 70s, African governments find that they cannot continue certain services at the same scale, and African librarians feel that libraries have been marginalized in the queue for scarce resources. Acute shortages of reading matter, sometimes called a book famine, has driven libraries to review their policies, some of which were inherited from the pre-independence period. The concept of providing library services relevant to the needs of communities was the focus of library forums in the 70s. This meant creating a library centers using audio, visual and reading facilities which appeal to all levels of literacy in any community. This also entails the training of a different type of librarians, and it was reflected in the writings of Alemna, Mchombu, Boadi and others.

The condition of the book industry has a considerable bearing on the fate of library development in Africa. The encouragement of local publishing reduces dependence on imported materials, which require scarce foreign exchange.

The greatest challenge facing libraries in Africa is how to fashion information policies in response to recent exponential advance in information technology. Discussion like the IDRC conference (1992) are a healthy sign that information transmitted electronically is going to play a vital role in libraries. But engaging in the Internet involves an investment that is far above the resources some countries can afford, and concerns are expressed as to what happens when international support ceases.

While it is fashionable for commentators on the African library scene to point to weaknesses, stagnation and deterioration as evidence of failures, libraries have performed remarkably well. Olden's history spans a period of only about 70 years, half of it under colonial rule. Judging it on the basis of standards obtaining in Western libraries is misleading. In a continent where the culture is predominantly oral, the adaptation to foreign written culture should be given a longer transitional period. Western nations have taken centuries to establish viable institutions. The difficulties being experienced now will enable African libraries to evolve more meaningful services.

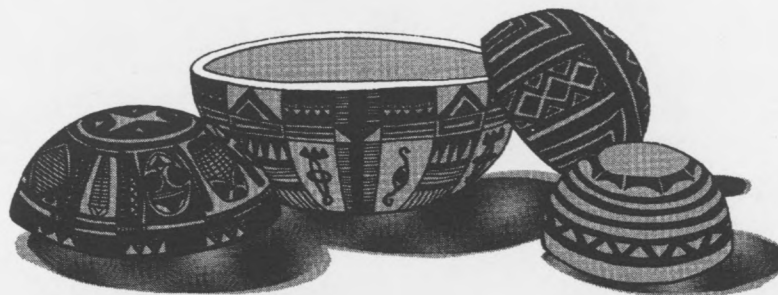
JOURNALS & ARTICLES

African Research and Documentation, no. 69 (1995):

- SCOLMA Chairman's Report, 1994-95;
- J.F. Hargrave, Sir Roy Welensky and his Archives (part 2);
- New developments in African publishing - access to libraries: Papers presented to the Librarians' Seminar at the London International Book Fair, 20 March 1995 — papers by Irene Staunton, Tade Akin Aina, Agnes Katama, Mary Jay, & APNET report on projects & activities, 1993/94.
- Reports on meetings for IFLA (Istanbul, 20-26 August 1995); PADIS Workshop on Standardization of Information Systems (Addis Ababa, 14-18 Nov. 1994); & Anglophone Africa Seminar on Government Information & Official Publications (Harare, 15-18 Dec. 1994);
- Notes on recent publications;
- Some Completed Theses on Africa 1993 and 1994.

Innovation: Appropriate Librarianship and Information Work in Southern Africa, no. 12 (June 1996) included:

- Glenda Myers, Information Technology and health Information Initiatives;
- Rona V. van Niekerk, Organising Local Government Information.



REFERENCE SOURCES

DATA ON DISKETTE

South African Theological Bibliography [on CD-ROM]. Published by the Research Institute for Theology and Religion, University of South Africa (UNISA), in partnership with the American Theological Library Association (ATLA, 820 Church St., Suite 300, Evanston, IL 60201-5613; 847-869-8513. Price is \$350, plus s & h. This 1995 CD-ROM replaces print production. Vol. 7, including data through 1991, was the final print edition.

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"Africana Reference Works: Annotated List of 1995 Titles," edited by Phyllis B. Bischof (with contributions by Jill Young Coelho, Peter Malanchuk, Mette Shayne and David Westley), *African Book Publishing Record*, v. 22, no. 2 (1996), is noteworthy for qualitative comments on *African Bibliographical Archives* (Saur, 1994-7) and other reference sources.

JALA (Joint Acquisitions List of Africana) will cease publication with the end of the current volume (vol. 35, no. 6, Nov. 1996). David L. Easterbrook, Curator, Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies, Northwestern University) listed several major reasons for this decision, which was made after a great deal of consideration. The increased access to online catalogs and the inclusion of order and provisional records in these catalogs has lessened the impact JALA once had on collection development, current awareness and resource sharing. Other factors were the tremendous growth in the production of publications in and about Africa and increased production costs.

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.

Finding List of Materials on Somalia and in the Somali Language in the Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington, compiled by Naomi Fisher and Yusuf Nur; edited by Nancy J. Schmidt. Bloomington, IN: African Studies Program (221 Woodburn Hall), Indiana University, 1996. \$3.00; \$4.05 overseas surface; \$9.30 overseas airmail.

Lems-Dworkin, Carol. *Videos of African and African-related Performance: An Annotated Bibliography*. Evanston, IL: Carol Lems-Dworkin Publishers, 1996. 350p. \$57. Address of pub.: Box 1646, Evanston, IL 60204-1646; tel.: 847-869-4235.

An informative guide to videos featuring African music, dance, drama, rituals, oral tradition, storytelling, games, healing practices, and other activities. Includes name, subject and distributor indexes.

Mandela's Five Years of Freedom: South African Politics, Economics and Social Issues, 1990-1995: A Selected and Annotated Bibliography, compiled by Elna Schoeman, Jacqueline A. Kalley and Naomi Musiker. Johannesburg: South African Institute of International Affairs, 1996. 770p. (Bibliographical series, no. 29)

"Selected List of Recent Writing on Sudan," compiled by Joanne M. Zellers, *SSA [Sudan Studies Assoc.] Newsletter*, v. 16, no. 2 (1996): 42-46.

"Sources for African Language Materials for the Countries of Anglophone Africa," Alfred Kagan. *IFLA Journal*, 22,1 (1996): 42-45.

BOOK REVIEW

by Phyllis Bischof (University of California-Berkeley)

McIlwaine, John. *Writings on African Archives*. London: Hans Zell Publishers, published for the Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA), 1996. 279p. \$75

This partially annotated bibliography covers, in 2,355 entries, all African countries. References are chiefly from 1960 through 1994, with a very few from the 19th century and from 1995. Although it excludes materials well-covered elsewhere, such as Amharic, Ethiopic and Arabic North African literary materials; it does include all relevant languages, chiefly western, but also Afrikaans, Arabic, and Russian for monographs, journal articles, government reports, conference papers, and other grey literature. McIlwaine examined 70 to 80% of entries, and provides references to some reviews in archival or Africanist journals.

Both Part I (Archives in Africa) and Part 2 (Archives Relating to Africa Located Overseas) are organized geographically. In a combined author, title, series, and subject index, relevant material is brought together under the following types of archives: audio-visual, business, film, map, missionary, oral, photographic, religious archives, Arabic and Swahili manuscripts, and directories of archival institutions. References to archive and records management appear under the following categories: Archive Profession, Automation in Record & Archive Offices; Buildings; Copying Projects; Education & Training; Legislation; Microfilming; "Migrated Archives"; Preservation & Conservation; Records Management; Registry Management. Since most subject entries are geographically or institutionally based, to search a specific topic such as Americans and whaling, one must check through far more entries than one might wish to consult. A more finely delineated subject index would significantly enhance this volume.

An essay by Anne Thurston, "Recent Activities and Current Concerns in African Archives and Records Management," introduces Part 1. She rightly stresses the need to train African archivists and area studies specialists in both traditional and records and archives management, and in the increasingly electronic environment in which this work is performed. "As yet, adequate thought has not been given internationally to the management of records in the context of public sector reform in a computerised environment, nor to the professional education and training required." [p. 1] Echoed here are concerns similar to those widely voiced at the Future of Area Librarianship Conference hosted by Indiana University in July 1995. A second essay, "Recent developments in Providing Better Access to African-related Materials," by John McIlwaine introduces Part II.

Much of this materials first appeared in a recent series of articles in *African Research & Documentation*. The appearance of this will be applauded by archivists, librarians, and scholars alike.

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.

PALMERI'S DREAM

What I thought would be useful to do with CAMP was to learn about modern copying technology and then cooperate with it to help it collect the theses, archives, etc. which it wants and then use the same equipment to go on to copy current publications particularly newspapers to provide such publications in either a microfilm or digital format without a single ounce of weighty paper crossing the Atlantic. Or am I pipe dreaming? ... [Local servers] at some point might start providing access to Ivorian newspapers and other publications through the Internet ... Would a commercial service be viable?

—edited from 6/96 email message from Robert J. Palmeri, 06 B.P. 1160, Abidjan 06 Cote d'Ivoire.

HENNEPIN COUNTY SUBJECT HEADINGS

Among the new and revised subject listed in *HCL Cataloging Bulletin* no. 141 is: Mfecane, replacing: Bantu-speaking peoples—Migrations.

AFRICAN JOURNALS AND LC NAIROBI

Letter to Editor from Hans Zell (9 Sept. 1996)

I see from the latest issue of the *LC Accessions List Eastern and Southern Africa* that, in addition to serving the Library of Congress, the LC Eastern Africa Office is currently acquiring "selected publications from another 33 US libraries. Moreover, I understand that the LC Nairobi Office is now purchasing African serials collectively.

This is something that was discussed at the Harare workshop for African journal editors and publishers which I conducted in Harare during the week immediately before this year's Zimbabwe International Book Fair... I understand that, in Zimbabwe, for example, LC are acquiring through a resident representative who goes round journal editors' offices and purchases 20 copies or more of each issue (at local prices/local currency) and then ships them to Nairobi or to a processing centre in the States.

The LC Nairobi Office will no doubt argue that, similarly as for books or monographs, this is a cost-effective way to systematically acquire new serials from Africa. However, several of the journal publishers participating at the workshop have protested that this is an unfair method to subscribe to their journals. I have to agree, for it deprives the journals of much-needed foreign earnings, at their overseas rates. Most journal editors purposely keep their local subscription rates, or price per issue, as low as possible, but they rightly set a considerably higher price for overseas subscriptions. If they are then deprived of these foreign exchange earnings because copies of issues are purchased locally by LC staff, then the US librarians who are participating in the LC acquisitions scheme are doing a great disservice to struggling African journal publishers, who very badly need every bid of hard currency income they can get.

During ZIBF I met two members of LC staff and expressed my concern about his situation. In their defense they cited the usual reasons, i.e. US libraries face severe budget cuts and savings must be found, etc. Fair enough, but I think it is quite wrong if such savings are then achieved at the expense of African journal publishers who already live a highly precarious existence. It would perhaps be a different matter if the savings were really significant, but an analysis I've done shows that the average overseas institutional subscription rate of the 100 or so African serials that were included in the collective African Periodicals Exhibit/APEX at last year's ZIBF is a modest US\$48 annually.

The editors of some of the Zimbabwean journals ... fear that they will lose the subscriptions altogether if they refuse to supply via LC at local prices. But I have urged them and others to decline to supply if the ultimate destination of the journal issues is going to be libraries in the USA. This is not to suggest of course that the LC may not purchase copies in bulk locally, but they must pay for them at the overseas rates if the subscribers are libraries outside Africa.

I think this is a matter that should be discussed by the ALC at its meeting in San Francisco this year (though I will not unfortunately be present on this occasion).

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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The Letters & Opinions section carries a letter from Hans Zell. I have already sent him a personal letter of dissent.

I will share some dissenting ideas on the issue of the recruitment (and training) of the next generation of Africana librarians. Many of us did our graduate work in the 1960s and 1970s and began working as Africana librarians over 20 years ago. While there has been some hiring of younger librarians (after retirements), there are now a substantial number of ALC members within a decade of retirement. Personally, I am hoping for a waiver from the usual retirement/death requirement; but some are concerned about where libraries are going to find replacements for this pool of experience.

One solution to the apparent problem is a program to train area studies librarians. This was discussed at the Future of Area Librarianship Conference held in Indianapolis on July 13-14, 1995. See *ALN*, July 1995, p. 8 for more details on this Indiana University-funded meeting.

This approach strikes me as misguided for two reasons. First, there is no evidence that libraries have been ill-served by on-the-job training, which will become more common in an era of rapid change. Second, there are relatively few positions (1 or 2 per year in African Studies) available for the products of such training. To paraphrase Louis Menand, this looks like inefficient social expenditure, of overinvestment in a product with few buyers. (See his "How to Make a Ph.D. Matter," *New York Times Magazine*, Sept. 22, 1996, pp. 78-81.)

A few years earlier, there was talk within the broader African Studies community of seeking grant or federal funding to train next generation of scholars who would replace those hired in the expansion of the 1960s. It was an attractive argument, for a non-problem. As Jane I. Guyer pointed out, in her rich and careful analysis (*African Studies in the United States: A Perspective* (Atlanta, GA: ASA Press, 1996), p.17 & 28): "All logics of profound discouragement

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NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

ABC (African Books Collective, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, UK) announced the exclusive distribution of Bellagio Studies in Publishing. 1996 titles include: *Publishing in Africa: One Man's Perspective*, by Henry Chakava.

They also distributed Catalogue no. 12 and the 17th batch of cards. Among the publishers for the 25 new titles: Spectrum, Academy Science Publ., Baobab Books, Malthouse Press, New Namibia Books, CODESRIA, Ghana Univ. Press, Tanzania Publ. House, Univ. Port Harcourt Press, Woeli Publ. Services.

African Publishers' Network (**APNET**) (PO Box 3773, Harare) has issued *Agricultural Books Published in Africa: A Catalogue*, which describes over 100 publications published in 10 countries. Their quarterly *African Publishing Review* also lists new titles from African publishers. Subscriptions rates: \$40 (surface); \$50 (air); \$25 or \$30 inside Africa.

Librarie de l'univers (B.P. 18.018, Kinshasa 13) has distributed a list of available titles.

Livres de l'Afrique Centrale offers new and old books from Zaire. Founded by Isaac Ntiakulu, it specializes in publications from Bas-Zaire, including the works by Ne Muanda Nsemi and Zamenga Batukeyanga. Orders and correspondence to: 1531 Walnut St., Berkeley, CA 94709; email: wdrake@sirius.com; tel. 510-841-6732.

Norman Ross Publishing (330 W. 58th St., New York, NY 10019) distributes the microfilm edition of the following current newspapers from Cairo: Egyptian gazette; Journal d'Egypte; Messenger; Progrès Egyptien.

Yoruba Center (610 New York Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11203) offers books and audio & video cassettes about traditional Yoruba religion. It carries the work of Athelia Henrietta Press, publishing in the name of Orunmila.

BOOK AWARDS

Noma Award for publishing in Africa

Kitia Touré' novel *Destins paralleles* (Abidjan: Nouvelles Editions Ivoiriennes, 1995) was named the winner of the 1996 award. The novel constructs the narrative development around three characters (a ten-year-old orphan, a student and a politician) with the same name but with divergent fortunes. The sharp socio-political satire is illuminated with subtle irony and the sustained use of monologue.

"Special Commendation" was awarded for Paulus Gerdes' *Women & Geometry in Southern Africa: Some Suggestions for Further Research* (Mozambique: Universidade Pedagogica, 1995). Another four titles received "Honourable Mention":

- *The Law of Interpretation in Ghana: Exposition & Critique*, by Sy. Bimpong-Buta (Accra: Advanced Legal Publications, 1995);
- *Rope of Sand: The Rise and Fall of the Zulu Kingdom in the Nineteenth Century*, by John Laband (Jeppestown, South Africa: Jonathan Ball Publishers, 1995);

- *Ways of Dying* (novel), by Zakes Mda (Cape Town: Oxford University Press, 1995);
- *Presence of the Earth: New Poems*, by Stephen Watson (Cape Town: David Philip Publishers, 1995).

EVENTS

The Third Annual **National Book Week**, organized by the Nigerian Book Foundation (NBF) was held 13-18 May 1996 at the University of Lagos Conference Center. The theme was: Creating a Conducive Environment for Authorship. Activities included: Presentation of the first NBF publication: *Making Books Available and Affordable*; The Legal Deposit Award, sponsored by the National Library of Nigeria, went to Snaap Press Limited, Enugu; British Council announced the creation of its Nigerian Book Development Award; A National Conference on the Development of Authorship heard various papers; A drama presentation, "Aruku Shanka", written and directed by Felix Okolo.

The Fourth Annual National Book Week is scheduled for April 21-27, 1997.

The 1996 **Zimbabwe International Book Fair** was held 30 July-3 August in Harare Gardens, Harare, on the theme of "Books for Business." It was preceded by a two day Indaba (conference) on National Book Policy, attended by African education ministers, publishers, writers, representatives of the book trade, book development agencies and donors from throughout Africa and internationally. A programme of information, education and training events and workshops took place in parallel with the Book Fair itself.

A total of 268 direct exhibitors took part in ZIBF96, representing an estimated 450 publishers; 30,000 visitors came, including 2,000 registered trade and professional visitors over the first two, trade-only days. African countries represented by exhibitors: Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe; other countries: Canada, Germany, India, Italy, Jamaica, Kuwait, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, UK, USA.

The ZIBF Book Shop, which sells publications on behalf of exhibitors and others, recorded sales of Zim\$112,000, a small increase on 1995. Exhibitors and trade visitors reported significant growth in business transacted during ZIBF96, both quantitative and qualitative, compared with previous years. Orders worth several million rand were taken, for example, from visiting South African librarians and provincial education authority representatives. The expansion of co-publishing agreements and trade in rights, both intra-African and internationally, was also apparent.

ZIBF97 will be held from Saturday 2 August to Saturday 9 August 1997, on the theme of 'Libraries'. A programme of conferences, workshops and public events runs throughout the period, while the Book Fair itself is open for five days, as follows:

Saturday, 2 August -

Sunday, 3 August Indaba on 'Access to Information'

Monday, 4 August Setting-up day for exhibitors

Tuesday, 5 August-

Wednesday, 6 August Book Fair open: trade-only days

Thursday, 7 August Trade-only in morning,
public admitted in afternoon

Friday, 8 August-

Saturday, 9 August Book Fair open to the general public

Besides the keynote Indaba conference, the ZIBF97 events programme incorporates a five day Writers' Workshop and an African Booksellers Convention. Within the ZIBF's outdoor exhibit site, new features for 1997 include a dedicated visitor meeting area and service centre, a thematic pavilion on African and international librarianship, a technology, print and publishing services section, and a special educational and entertainment section for children and the general public.

For further information contact: Margaret Ling, 25 Endymion Road, London N4 1EE, UK; zibf@mango.zw

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Jacob Jaybgay, "Scholarly Publishing in Francophone Africa," *African Book Publishing Record*, 22/2 (1996): 99-105. Despite title, generally focused on broader issues including the book famine which is put into a broader context.

Ragai N. Makar, "Book Publishing in Egypt - Its Politics and Economics," *MELA Notes*, no. 63 (1996): 20-29.

Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter, no. 17 (July 1996) includes a reports on the June 1996 Bellagio Seminar (P.G. Altbach), the March 1996 Arusha Seminar (Elieshi Lema), the March seminar on the Southern African book scene (at the London International Book Fair), reports by Katherine Salahi, Mary Jay, Diana Newton, Emmanuel Lacha Mateso, Philip G. Altbach, and Ian Randle; a book review (by Kate Pool) of *Intellectual Property Law*, by Holyoak and Paul Torremans; and Hans Zell's annual annotated bibliography on publishing and book development in Africa.

Partners in African Publishing, no. 5 (Summer 1996) carries notices of publishers and efforts to promote publishing in Africa. Available from: CODE Europe, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU.

Publishers Weekly, Sept. 4, 1996, had a long article by Sally Taylor on publishing in Southern Africa. Additional information posted on the PW website (<http://www.bookwire.com/pw/>)

ONLINE FILES

Africanews is available at <http://www.freeworld.it/peacelink/afrinews.html> Edited by Andrew Awuour of the Koinonia Media Centre (PO Box 8034, Nairobi), it carries news and views on Africa from Africa. Issue 6 appeared in September. Hard copy versions are available for \$60 per year.

Karen Fung, "Africa South of the Sahara: Selected Internet Resources" is available at: <http://www-sul.stanford.edu/depts/ssrg/africa/guide.html>

Internet Journal of African Studies (ISSN 1363-2914) was published in April 1996. Available at: <http://www.brad.ac.uk/research/ijas>.

Peter Limb (University of Western Australia) has made available a new, much revised and enlarged version of his "An A-Z of African Studies on the Internet" [October 1996], with hot links, at http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/libweb/w_sch/sc_ml_afr.html

It is also available at the H-Africa web site at <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~africa/internet/index.html#gen>; or as a plain text email attachment from: plimb@library.uwa.edu.au

SERIAL CHANGES

African Journal of Political Economy has become the *African journal of Political Science*, effective with New series, vol. 1, no. 1 (June 1996). The first issue is also a special issues, edited by Horace G. Campbell, carrying papers which were written within the context of the debates of the 7th Pan African Congress (Kampala, April 1994). AJPS is a publication of the African Association of Political Science. It appears in June and December of each year. Address: PO Box MP1100, Mt. Pleasant, Harare. aapp@harare.iafrica.com

African Studies in Russia is the English-language yearbook of the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of African Studies. The materials for 1993-1996 are being published in 3 volumes. The first (162 p.) is now available for \$20 from the Institute. Contact shubin@inafr.msk.su for details.

Drum (Johannesburg) changed to a weekly instead of a monthly, as from 5 Sept. 1996.

South Africa Survey is the new name for *Race Relations Survey*, effective with the volume for 1996/96. An important new feature is the human rights review, including recent legislation and court decision relating to each of the main rights in the bill of rights.

Third World Reports has been converted from a fortnightly to a monthly, according to a April 10, 1996 note from Colin Legum, the editor.

NEW SERIALS

African Affairs Bulletin is the newsletter of the Center for African Studies, Central State University, Wilberforce, Ohio 45384. Subscription is \$30/year. Vol. 2, no. 2 (Spring 1996) (8 pages) includes CAS news and a guest editorial by V.K. Ametwee.

African Crop Science Journal began in June 1993. This quarterly is available from: The African Crop Science Society, Faculty of Agriculture & Forestry, Makerere University, PO Box 7062, Kampala, Uganda. Annual subscriptions are: \$180 (institutions) and \$80 (individuals).

Afrique Education is a monthly news magazine covering education in Africa and issues of interest to African students. No. 22 (juin 1996) had 50 pages. Subscription: 200FF in France; 480FF in Africa; \$208 in the USA. Address: 3, rue Carvès, 92120 Montrouge, France.

Domestic Monitor is a series of newsletters about business conditions in African countries. These monthlies were developed by Information Network Limited, and they currently cover Nigeria, Ivory Coast, and Southern Africa. Annual subscription: \$360. Available from: KTM, 1100 Lombard St., Philadelphia, PA 19147; tel.: 215-925-2995.

Journal of African Travel-Writing, no. 1 (1996). ISSN: 1085-9527. A semi-annual journal presenting and exploring accounts of past and contemporary African travel, the aim is to publish good writing about African travel and travelers. No. 1 has fiction by Lisa Fugard, Eileen Drew and Sandra Jackson-Opoku; true narratives by Phillip Richards, Richard J. Houk and Michael O. West; and other contributions including reviews. Subscriptions are \$10 for individuals; \$14 for libraries. Add \$4 outside the US. Available from: PO Box 346, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

Namibia National Bibliography. The first issue, covering 1990-1992, was to be published by the National Library of Namibia in October 1996. The next issue will cover 1993-1995. For more information, contact Johan Loubser, National Library of Namibia, at jloubser@natlib.mec.gov.na

Safere: Southern African Feminist Review is published by the Gender Division, SAPES/SARIPS (Box MP 111, Mount Pleasant, Harare). Bi-annual. Vol. 1, no. 1 (1995): "The Gendered Politics of the Land."

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 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.

Constance Agatha Cummings-John: *Memoirs of a Krio Leader*, edited with introduction and annotation by LaRay Denzer. Ibadan: Sam Bookman, for Humanities Research Centre, 1995. \$38.00 hardback; \$15.95 pbk.

Lambricht, Frank L. *Pawa: A memoir from the Belgian Congo, 1945-1949*. Santa Barbara, CA, 1994. 110p. Available for \$17.95, plus \$3.50 for p&h from author at: 333 Old Mill Road #80, Santa Barbara, CA 93110-4421; tel: 805-967-6908.

Chiefly photographic documentation of MaBudu life by a Red Cross worker.

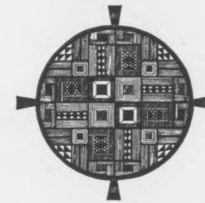
SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

"Divergent Modernities: Critical Perspectives on Orientalism, Islamism and Nationalism," edited by Mohamad Tavakoli-Targhi. *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East*, v. 16, no. 1 (1996). This includes papers on the Noma Award winners presented at the Orlando meeting of ASA.

Journal of Theoretical Politics, v. 8, no. 2(1996): "South Africa: Designing New Political Institutions," edited by Murray Faure & Jan-Erik Lane.

"Human Rights Groups in Africa," *HRI [Human Rights Internet] Reporter*, v. 16, no. 1 (1996). 276p. Detailed information on 730 organizations; arranged by country, with geographic, subject, acronym and name indexes. Cooperative effort of Human Rights Internet in Ottawa and The Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (Utrecht). Available from: HRI, 8 York St., Suite 202, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5S6, Canada; hri@hri.ca

Note: A human rights bibliography was a high priority for the Bibliography Committee when it was created in the late 1970s.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

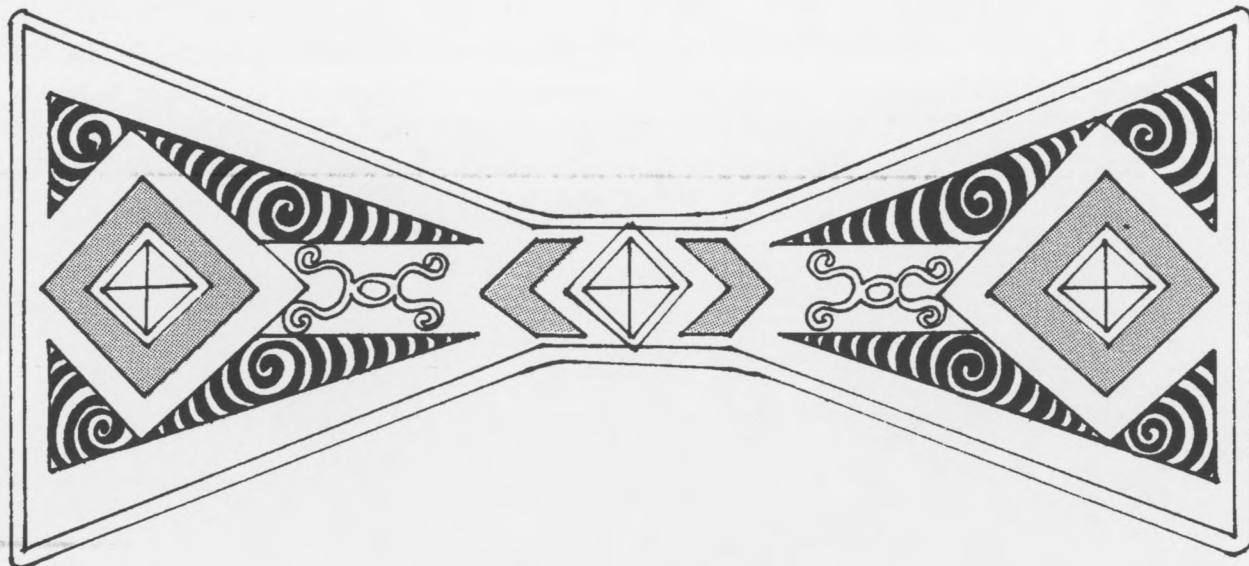
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ment to the contrary, there is presently no dearth of strong candidates for taking on scholarship about Africa." The average number of Africana dissertations per year has gone from 150 in the 1960s to over 400 since 1980.

This is not to deny the importance of attracting highly motivated and qualified replacements. For Africana librarians, I would suggest two small steps to expand the pool: 1) Fight credentialism and accept applications from individuals without the MLS who can demonstrate a commitment to librarianship; 2) Encourage interest by acknowledging that we have great jobs. (Even editing a newsletter can be fun.)

Credentialism takes many forms. During the 1980s, there was an attempt to require a Ph.D. for certain library positions. Equally absurd is the renewed insistence (at least at my institution) upon the MLS for all positions, including library director. I would have thought that successful experience in a library or comparable facility would be more appropriate than the degree for a non-entry level position. Does any graduate school require a high school diploma for admittance?

In rejecting the necessity of the MLS, I am not arguing that it is useless. Nor am I arguing that those with doctoral training in African Studies are better than the MLS librarians who specialize in African Studies, sometimes after years as generalists. I am arguing that librarians such as Julian Witherell, Daniel Britz or David Henige, all of whom came to field without any formal training in librarianship, could perform at least as successfully as those who took up African Studies as a new challenge in librarianship. And we should recruit similar talent.



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