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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

For a variety of reasons (an ongoing, hopefully-temporary reduction in staff in the MSU Libraries, the editor's preference for cataloging, etc.), there was no July *ALN*. The cancellation of the Spring meeting (due to unexpected death of the host librarian) makes this less of a problem than usual. Hopefully, the quarterly schedule can resume with this double number.

Contributions from Ruby Bell-Gam, Phyllis Bischof, Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, Tony Olden, Nancy Schmidt, Mette Shayne and others helped in the creation of this issue.

The January issue carried a survey questionnaire and some comments on the results are owed to those who replied. In the first survey in at least 10 years, I asked recipients to indicate whether they wished to continue receiving *ALN* and what changes they might propose. A total of 190 (105 United States and 85 other) responses were received (to date), including about 6 who asked to be taken off the list. Since academic libraries, ALC regulars, and those added to the list since 1994 were not required to return the survey in order to stay on the mailing list, it is not useful to cite a response rate.

There were positive results from the exercise. Many addresses were corrected. The total number of addresses was reduced from 639 (388 in the United State and 251 other) to 469 (260 U.S. and 208 other, including 149 addresses in Africa). About two dozen had specific comments on possible changes. Suggestions included: more about internet web sites, more critical reviews, more discussion of vendors, more editor's comments, more on library conferences in Africa, more on books and articles about librarianship, more bibliographies, and more Africana titles of any kind. Mostly good ideas, even when not possible with the present staff; and appreciated.

I was surprised by the interest in new web sites. I had thought that the web users would be finding these by themselves, without benefit of print sources. I will continue this feature.

For **ACRONYMS**, see page 12.

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL / CAMP NEWS

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Nov. 12-14, 1997, Columbus - ALC meetings (new dates)
 Nov. 13-16, 1997, Columbus - ASA 40th Annual Meeting
 Apr. 3-4, 1998, Gainesville - ALC/CAMP Spring Mtg.
 Oct. 28-31, 1998, Chicago - ASA Annual Meeting
 Spring 1999, Washington, DC - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 Nov. 11-14, 1999, Philadelphia - ASA Annual Meeting
 Spring 2000, Los Angeles - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 Fall 2000, ?Nashville - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2001, ?Minneapolis - ASA Annual Meeting

SCHEDULE FOR ALC/ANNIVERSARY/CAMP MEETINGS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO

Wednesday, 12 Nov.

1:00-2:00 pm ALC Executive
 2:00-4:00 pm ALC Cataloging Committee
 4:00-6:00 pm ALC Bibliography Committee

Thursday, 13 Nov.

ALC 40th Anniversary International Symposium
 8:30- 8:45 am Welcome
 8:45-10:00 am Keynote address
 10:30-12:15 pm Panel on collection development
 1:30-3:15 pm Panel on cooperation
 3:45-5:30 pm Panel on reference/bib. instr.
 7:00-10:00 pm Dinner/Panel on reminiscences
 & predictions

Friday, 14 Nov.

8:30-9:30 am ALC Memorial for John Bruce Howell
 & Meseratch Zecharias
 9:30-12:00 ALC Business Meeting
 12:00-12:30 pm ALC Executive
 12:30-2:00 pm CAMP Executive
 2:00-4:30 pm CAMP Business Meeting
 4:30-5:15 pm CAMP Executive

Saturday, 15 November

8:45-10:45am ALC-sponsored-panel
 5:30-7:00pm Title VI directors and librarians

40TH ANNIVERSARY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE NOV. 13, 1997, COLUMBUS, OHIO

Theme: Africana Librarianship in the 21st Century:
 Treasuring the Past and Building the Future

Keynote address (8:45-10:00 am): H. Kay Raseroka, University
 of Botswana

Panel on Collection Development (10:30-12:15 pm): David
 Easterbrook (Chair), Northwestern; Anaba A. Alemna, Uni-
 versity of Ghana; Colin Darch, Cape Library Cooperative;
 Beverly A. Gray, LC; John Pinfold, University of Oxford.

Panel on Cooperation (1:30-3:15 pm): Phyllis Bischof (Chair),
 University of California, Berkeley; Ismail Abdullahi, Clark
 Atlanta University; Birgitta Bergdahl, Uppsala University;
 Saliou Mbaye, Direction des Archives du Senegal; Regina
 Shakakata, World Health Organization, Lusaka.

Panel on Reference/Bibliographic Instruction (3:45-5:30 pm):
 Gretchen Walsh (Chair), Boston University; Gboyega Banjo,
 Nigerian Library Association; Al Kagan, University of Illi-
 nois, Tom Johnsen, Bergen University; Mary Materu-Behitsa,
 University of Dar es Salaam.

After Dinner speakers on Reminiscences of the Past and
 Predictions of the Future (7:00-10:00 pm): Nancy Schmidt
 (Chair), Indiana University; Dan Britz, Northwestern Univer-
 sity; John McIlwaine, University of London; Hans Panofsky,
 retired Northwestern University; Michele Pickover, Univer-
 sity of the Witwatersrand; Yvette Scheven, retired University
 of Illinois.

Funding for the foreign participants and other expenses came
 from the Rockefeller Foundation and ASA's International
 Visitor Program. Additional support came from the five insti-
 tutions that H. Kay Raseroka will visit before the conference:
 University of Pennsylvania, University of Illinois at Urbana-
 Champaign, Northwestern University, Duke University and
 Hampshire College (on behalf of the Africa Studies Council,
 Five Colleges). For more details, contact: Nancy Jeanne Schmidt
 <schmidtn@indiana.edu>, Indiana University Library,
 Bloomington, IN 47405.

ALC-SPONSORED PANEL

"Using the Internet and the
 WWW for African Empowerment."
 Sat., 15 Nov.: 8:45-10:45am

Joseph Caruso (Columbia Univ.), Chair;
 Leonard Rhine (Univ. of Florida). "The University of Zambia
 Guide to Medical Resources: Development and Use."
 Regina Shakakata (WHO Library, Lusaka). "Evaluation of
 Internet Services from an End User Perspective."
 Peter Malanchuk (Univ. of Florida). "African Refugees:
 A View from the Internet."
 Michael Leslie (Univ. of Florida). "The Internet and
 Democratization in Africa: The Case of Zambia."
 Phyllis Bischof (Univ. of California-Berkeley), Discussant.

OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

Jan. 9-15, 1998, New Orleans - Midwinter Meeting
 June 25-July 2, 1998, Washington, DC - ALA Annual Conf.
 Jan. 22-28, 1999, Philadelphia - Midwinter Meeting
 Apr. 8-11, 1999, Detroit - ACRL National Conf.
 June 24-July 1, 1999, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.
 July 19-22, 1999 - Black Caucus of the ALA Conf.
 2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.

IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 16-21, 1998, Amsterdam
 Aug. 19-28, 1999, Bangkok

MELA

Nov. 21-22, 1997 - Annual meeting

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

ALA's first Regional Institute on Public Librarianship was a United States Information Agency-sponsored gathering of librarians in Cairo, Egypt, on March 9-13, 1997. Leaders from Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Morocco, Qatar, Tunisia, and the U.S. discussed issues of literacy, diversity, intellectual freedom, and library advocacy. More details in *American Libraries*, May 1997, p. 30-31; or contact Carol Erickson, director, ALA International Relations Office.

MELA (Middle East Librarians Association) has a home page at <http://weber.u.washington.edu/~marys/melahp.html>. Included is *Mela notes* (with its report on the 1996 meeting), information on officers, the fall 1997 meeting and membership applications.

SCOLMA occasional seminars at the University of London included (20 May): "Sound recordings as library materials: African field recordings at the National Sound Archives," by Janet Topp-Fargion.

SYMPOSIUM ON ACCESS TO & PRESERVATION OF GLOBAL NEWSPAPERS

Library of Congress, 27-28 May 1997
 Report by Phyllis Bischof (Univ. of California, Berkeley)

Over 60 researchers, librarians, micropublishers, and foundation representatives attended the symposium convened by ARL, CRL, the Commission on Preservation and Access/Council on Library Resources (CPA/CLR), and LC. The goals: to define the problems of collecting, storing, preserving, and providing access to international newspapers and, most importantly, to design a course of action that will guarantee acquisition of and access to international newspapers. Attendees included three Latin American specialists; three South East Asian, three South Asian, two Slavic, one Middle Eastern, and one Africana librarian. Several international relations

librarians also attended, as did two faculty members speaking for the disciplines of South Asian and Latin American Studies.

It was noted that in spite of the priority accorded newspapers by historians, social scientists, and area specialists, American libraries collect and preserve less than 1% of the world's estimated annual output of some 500,000 titles. Speakers expressed strong support for microfilm as the preferred preservation medium, with electronic media as preferred access tools. Needed is better information about preservation microfilming activities, including notice of intent to film for preservation; descriptions of completed or in-process retrospective filming projects; status of current filming. Speakers also stressed the need to include archiving and preserving of electronic formats in preservation plans. Issues posed by electronic newspapers include: content which varies from print version; visual cues (layout; graphics, etc.) which differ; access regulated by subscription costs or passwords; access to technology or equipment; archiving responsibilities for the electronic version.

Symposium participants expressed the strongest support for production of an inventory of newspapers held in libraries and other repositories. This inventory will assist in prioritizing titles for acquisitions, cataloging, and preservation projects. Discussants emphasized that the information collection process must be aggressive so that there is an accurate, standardized representation of holdings, with an adequate level of detail. Discussion should continue on the most effective way to disseminate information about newspapers published, titles held by libraries or other repositories, the availability of titles for purchase or interlibrary loan, the preservation status of files.

The Center for Research Libraries' Area Studies Council will produce a model contract for use by libraries and other microfilmmers as a basic agreement for microfilming newspapers for preservation and current awareness.

The next step will be development of an action agenda to describe how the North American research library community can work toward improved collection coverage, ensure adequate preservation programs, and guarantee the availability of retrospective files through archiving and maintenance of library collections. A working group will write and move forward the action plan. Participants endorsed the establishment of a coalition to include commercial publishers and micropublishers, academic institutions, research and national libraries, scholarly and professional societies, and funding agencies. The target date for completion of the action plan is the end of 1997.

Proceedings of the symposium will be distributed in print and electronic versions. Information in this article is based on a summary of the symposium distributed by Linda Naru of CRL merged with my own notes. To comment, write to a global newspapers listserv established to continue the discussion, expand the number of participants and representative viewpoints, and develop the action plan. Write to: <newspapers@crlmail.uchicago.edu>.

CRL FOREIGN NEWSPAPERS PROJECT

The National Endowment for the Humanities' Division of Preservation and Access awarded \$174,442 to the Center for Research Libraries for expanding researchers' access to foreign newspapers. The grant will support a fourteen-month project to advance the cataloging of CRL's extensive collections of foreign newspapers, and to disseminate bibliographic, holdings, preservation, and collection development information about this collection through CRL's online public access catalog CRLCATALOG, as well as the national bibliographic utilities, OCLC and RLIN. Project staff will catalog approximately 1,800 foreign newspaper titles. At the conclusion of the project, bibliographic information for almost all of CRL's 6,200 foreign newspaper titles will be available electronically. The project is undertaken as part of CRL's Global Newspaper Program. For more information on CRL's collections and programs, see <<http://www.crl.uchicago.edu>>.

ARL FUNDING FOR AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS PROJECT

ARL/Global Resources funds have been granted to ALC, via CRL, to prepare a web-based Union List of African Newspapers. Participants include: Northwestern, Michigan State, UC-Berkeley, UCLA, Boston U, Illinois, Indiana, Stanford/Hoover, Kansas, Ohio, Columbia. See previous issue for more details.

AAU/ARL GLOBAL RESOURCES PROGRAM

AAU and ARL formed the Advisory Board of the AAU/ARL Global Resources Program and plans are underway for an initial meeting in summer of 1997. The Board will facilitate AAU and ARL evaluation of the Program's activities already underway and advise on directions for new cooperative initiatives that will expand access to international research materials. Members are: Betty Bengtson, Director, University of Washington Libraries; Myles Brand, President, Indiana University; Marianna Choldin, Director, Mortenson Center, University of Illinois; Jonathan Cole, Provost, Columbia University; Deborah Jakubs, Duke/ARL; Stanley Katz, ACLS; Hwa-Wei Lee, Director, Ohio University Libraries; Carole Moore, Director, University of Toronto Libraries; and David Wiley, Professor, Michigan State University and Co-Chair, Council of National Resource Center Directors. For more information contact Deborah Jakubs <jakubs@acpub.duke.edu>. —Duane E. Webster, ARL Executive Director, 4/11/97.

WORKSHOP ON AREA LIBRARIANSHIP IN HIGHER EDUCATION: DEFINING THE FUTURE

Indianapolis, Indiana - July 18-19, 1997

Sponsored by the Indiana University Libraries and funded by Indiana University's U.S. Department of Education Title VI funded programs for African, East Asian, Inner Asian and Uralic, Russian and East European, and West European Studies, the Workshop was held on July 18-19 at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel on the Indianapolis cam-

pus of Indiana University. The workshop builds on the Conference on the Future of Area Librarianship which was held in July 1995. The invited participants include officers of area librarian organizations and members of the library and scholarly communities. The sessions focused on three interrelated issues: reconnecting to scholarship, roles and functions of area librarians, and recruiting and educating area librarians. For summaries of the results and links to related materials, see <<http://www.indiana.edu/~arealibs/>>.

INTERNET CONNECTIVITY CONFERENCE AT MSU

A Conference entitled "West African University Development: Solving the Problems of Communication through the Internet" was held July 28-Aug. 16, 1997, in East Lansing. The conference, which is a joint project of the MSU African Studies Center, H-Net Humanities and Social Sciences Online, the West African Research Association based at Howard University, and the West African Research Center headquartered in Dakar, is funded by USIA. The participants include the following:

Ghana: Ms. Angelina Armah, Senior Library Assistant, Mr. John Korsah, Librarian, and Ms. Gifty Hanson, Lecturer, Dept. of Library and Archival Studies.

Cote d'Ivoire: Mr. Jacques Niamkey Adom, Director for Cooperation and Scientific and Technical Information, Ministry of Education, Research, and Technology, Mr. Assale Kouapa, CIRES.

Senegal: Ms. Awa Ba Cisse, Assistant to the Director, National Archives, Ms. Awa Diouf Cisse, Librarian, Mr. Jean-Pierre Diouf, CODESRIA, Mr. Waly Ndiaye, Centre SYFED-Refer, AUPELF, Mr. Olivier Sagna, Director, Ecole des Bibliothecaires Archivistes et Documentalistes.

South Africa: Mr. Manikam Moodley, University Librarian, Univ of Durban-Westville, South Africa.

WORLD LIBRARY PARTNERSHIP

World Library Partnership (WLP) is a nonprofit organization, founded in March 1996, that has connected 8 libraries on 3 continents with sponsors in the United States. They maintain a database of resources for libraries in developing countries at <<http://RTpnet.org/~wlp>>. WLP has also been offered a contract by UNESCO to produce a manual and resource guide for libraries in developing countries. Further details available from: Laura Wendell, Executive Director, The World Library Partnership, 1028 Bahama Rd., Bahama, NC 27503; (919) 479-0163; wendell@acpub.duke.edu; <<http://rtpnet.org/~wlp>>.

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY

New subject headings include:

- African Studies Association Children's Book Award winners
- Congo (Kinshasa) in lieu of LCSH's Congo (Democratic Republic)
- Dakar-Niger Railway Strike, 1947-1948
- Songs, Cape Verdean

FREE MATERIALS REQUESTED

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

Harare Polytechnic's Dept. of Library & Information Science (PO Box CY 407, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe) seeks financial or material help.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Harvard College Library's Government Documents Section has acquired the entire data set of the Republic of Zambia 1990 Census of Population and Housing. They also have a census questionnaire, data dictionary, and the Enumerator's Instruction Manual. The data was rewritten onto two CD-ROMs and is available for interested researchers.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

J.D.(Jim) Pearson, eminent librarian and bibliographer in the field of Middle Eastern and Islamic Studies, died on 1 August 1997, at the age of 85. Born in 1911, he was employed by the Cambridge University Library, 1937-41 and 1945-50. In 1950 he was appointed Librarian of the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London, and from then until 1972

oversaw the drastic expansion and development of that library. In 1972, he became senior fellow, and subsequently Professor of Bibliography with reference to Asia and Africa, in the University of London. He retired from this post in 1979 and moved back to his native Cambridge, while still working on bibliographical projects. Over his career, he as responsible for a number of fundamental reference tools and surveys, most notably *Index Islamicus*, which began publication in 1958, *Oriental Manuscripts in Europe and North America* (1971), the *World Bibliographies of African and Asian Bibliographies* (1975), the *Supplement to Creswell's Bibliography of the Architecture, Arts and Crafts of Islam for 1972-80* (1984) and the series of comprehensive surveys of British archives relating to Asia, Africa and the Middle East (1965-94).

Ms. Virginia Vundla, ANC Librarian based in the Department of Information and Publicity in Johannesburg, died on 16 April after a short illness.

The **Center for Research Libraries (CRL)** announced the appointment of Milton T. Wolf as Vice President for Collection Programs, effective Feb. 2, 1998.

At Michigan State University Libraries, Mrs. Onuma Ezera, Head, Africana Library, went on long-term sick leave as of April 1, 1997. In June, David Tufts was reassigned as international studies/business librarian, with collection development duties for Southern Africa and Latin America.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

BOOKS & DOCUMENTS

Edem, U Selong. *The Effects of Job Satisfaction on Publication Output Among Librarians in Africa: A Case Study from Nigerian Universities*. Bloomington: African Studies Program (Monographs on Africana Librarianship, No 5), Indiana University, 1997. 0 941934 73 X. \$6 from: Publications, African Studies Program, 221 Woodburn Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington IN 47405.

Edoho, Felix Moses, ed. *Globalization and the New World Order: Promises, Problems, and Prospects for Africa in the Twenty-First Century*. Westport, CT: Praeger, 1976. 240p. ISBN 2-075-95517-6; \$59.95.

Contributors: Babatunde Durosomo, N. Frank Ekanem, Elizabeth A. Garbrah-Aidoo, Valentine Udoh James, Berhanu Mengistu, Mtumwa Mfikirwa, Emmanuel U. Nnadozie, Louis O. Osuji.

Lundu, Maurice Chimfwembe. *The Library in the Service of Society: Philosophical Foundation*. Pretoria: Info Africa Nova, 1995. 189p.

Explores role of library as an active element in the process of national development.

Lundu, Maurice Chimfwembe, ed. *The Political Economy of Information on Development, Democracy, and Security in Southern Africa*. Harare: SAPES Books, 1996. 179p.

Argues that most of the glaring shortcomings of the overall information infrastructure are not on the transmission side; but are more with the generation, ownership, reception and use of the information received.

Microcomputer Applications for Library Managers: Proceedings of the fifth IFLA Africa Section Workshop on Microcomputer Applications for Library Managers, University of the Western Cape (Belleville), January 19th-24th, 1997, edited by K. de Jager, L. Makhubela and A. Ntunja. Centre for Adult and Continuing Education and IFLA/ALP, 1997.

Distributed by the Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World Programme, c/o Uppsala University Library, Box 510, S-751 20, Uppsala, Sweden. (ifla.alp@ub.uu.se)

Rosenberg, Diana. *University Libraries in Africa: a Review of their Current State and Future Potential*. London: International African Institute, 1997. 3 vols. (361p.) ISBN 0-85302-081-7. £50. Address: IAI, SOAS, Thornhaugh St., Russell Sq., London WC1H 0XG.

Based on data collected in 1995/96 and discussed at the SCANUL-ES Conference (Lesotho, Dec. 1996). Case studies by David Clow, Devi Pakkiri, Carol Priestley, Diana Rosenberg, Henri Sène.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

Africa Bibliography 1995, in addition to indexed list of 5244 references:

- Olivier Coeur de Roy, "The Internet in Africa," pp. vi-xix;
- Hans Panofsky, "Africana at Northwestern University," pp. xx-xxiv;
- Evelyn J.A. Evans, "The Ghana Library Services," pp. xxv-xxvi.

Focus on International and Comparative Librarianship. See <<http://www.fdggroup.co.uk/intro.htm>> for table of contents. Vol. 27, no. 3 (Dec. 1996) includes:

- Al Kagan, "A personal view of the IFLA Beijing Conference," p. 172-3;
- Olivier Sagna, "Africa, the information highway and the international French-speaking community," p. 184-93.

Innovation (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa), no. 13 (Dec. 1996):

- John Aitchison, "Acid rain on computers."
- Christopher Merrett, "The medium or the message?"
- Leonie Prozesky, "You cannot lease wisdom;"
- Justin Chisenga, "Information technology and skills in libraries in Lesotho;"
- Cara Pretorius, "The costs of CD-ROM technology;"
- Margaret Crampton, "Publish your database on CD-ROM for profit" [about NISC];
- Margaret Sandwith, "An assessment of the usefulness of the Internet."

New Review of Information and Library Research, vol. 2 (1996):

- A.A. Alemna, "An overview of the library and information research scene in West Africa," pp. 57-71. A look at the problems facing those wanting to publish.
- Alli A.S. Mcharazo & Anthony Olden (Tanzania Library Service & Thames Valley Univ.), "The Intra-African Book Support Scheme and publishing and library supply in Kenya and Tanzania," pp. 179-194. Notes on donor support and publishing in the 2 countries.

Nigerian Library and Information Science Review (Journal of the Oyo State Chapter of the Nigerian Library Association), vols. 12/13 (1994-1995) includes:

- B.O. Ikhizama, "Collection Development Management in the 1990's."
- G.O. Akinpelu, "Technical Service Management in Times of Fiscal Austerity."
- Helga Faluwoye, "Serials Management in Academic and Special Libraries."
- Ollufunmilayo G. Tamuno, "Strategic Planning for Budgeting and Administration."
- D.F. Elaturoti, "Strategic Planning for Collection Development."

Shiraz Durrani, "The other Kenya: underground and alternative literature." *Collection Building*, v. 16, no. 2 (1997): 80-87.

Gibbs, Ann. "Indiana University Libraries' Somali poster preservation project." *Microform and Imaging Review* 26,1 (1997):34-36.

Describes procedures used to preserve posters and print materials in the IU Somali collection with a Title IIC grant from the U.S. Dept. of Education.

Daniel G. Matthews, "Surfing Africa's Information Superhighway." *Current Bibliography on African Affairs*, v. 27(4) (1995-96): 283-5. Editorial overview and comments on a few of the Internet sites concerning Africa.

Roger Pfister, "On the Utility Side of the Internet for African Studies and Africa: A Researcher's Experiences." *Current Bibliography on African Affairs*, v. 28 (1) (1996-97): 5-19.

Suttie, Mary-Lynn. "Libraries and librarianship in anglophone Africa in the 1990s." *Librarianship and Information Work Worldwide*, 1996/97, pp. 277-298. Review of literature, citing about 85 references. Concludes by emphasizing cautious optimism of D. Rosenberg, "Can libraries in Africa ever be sustainable?" *Information development*, 10, 4 (1994): 247-251.

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

Basler Afrika Bibliographien (Switzerland; bab@bluewin.ch) offers an annotated Namibia bibliographical update on the Internet to subscribers of NamNet (see: namnet-request@lisse.na).

Columbia University Libraries maintains "Chiefs of state and cabinet members of African governments, 1996-97," based on the US Central Intelligence Agency's Chiefs of state and cabinet members of foreign governments (Washington, DC: US Central Intelligence Agency, 1997) at <<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/indiv/area/Africa/Chiefs.html>>

The **Hans Zell** imprint is being transferred from Bowker-Saur to another publisher, possibly within the Reed group, with a good reputation in the African Studies field in order to ensure

the future development of the Hans Zell list. The Hans Zell journals (*African Book Publishing Record*, *African Studies Abstracts* and the *International African Bibliography*), will probably continue under the Bowker-Saur imprint. Bowker-Saur will "probably" proceed with the new 5th edition of *African Books in Print* (which had a planned June 1998 publication date) as it fits into the overall publishing strategy of Bowker-Saur as a publisher of major reference and 'books-in-print' databases. Hans Zell's consultancy agreement with Bowker-Saur will end on 31 December 1997.

The **MSU African Media Program** (AMP), a program of the African Studies Center, has been awarded a two-year grant from the Undergraduate International Studies and Foreign Language Program of the U.S. Department of Education. With this funding, the AMP will continue to build its database of film and video citations with critical evaluations, summaries, and content inventories.

NISC (National Information Services Corporation; Wyman Towers, 3100 St. Paul St., Baltimore, MD 21218; <<http://www.nisc.com>>) offers two titles on DC-ROM:

African Studies. Databases on the 1961-1996 disk: Africa Institute (Pretoria); Southern African Database (Sardius); School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS) Library Catalogue: Africa; Bibliography on Contemporary African Politics and Development; International Library of African Music; for a total of over 180,000 bibliographic references. Cost: \$995.00.

South African Studies includes following databases: Index to South African Periodicals (1987-); South African National Bibliography (1988-); National English Literary Museum (1990-); Knipkat from the Nasionale Afrikaanse Letterkunde Museum en Navorsingsentrum (NALN); Index to South African Theses and Dissertations (early 1900s-); Investor's Guide (quarterly updates); Witwatersrand University Management Research Reports (1970-). Total of 159,000 bibliographic records. Cost: \$845.

South African Provinces: For details on former homelands, new provinces and magisterial districts, consult *Standard Code List of Areas*, issued by the Central Statistical Service. 11th edition (1993) and 12th edition (1994). The CSS has also issued a new title, *Provincial Statistics*, with separate parts for each province, including maps and lists of magisterial districts. — Lauren Rushby, Government Publications Librarian, University of Cape Town Libraries (laureen@uctlib.uct.ac.za).

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.

Arab-Islamic Biographical Archiv = Arabisch-Islamisches Biographisches Archiv, microfiche ed. Munich: Saur, 1994-1998. Reproduces a one-alphabet cumulation of biographical reference works on the Arab world. Will contain about 450 fiches on 80,000 individuals. U.S. distributor: University Publications of America.

Encyclopedia of Precolonial Africa, edited by Joseph O. Vogel. Walnut Creek, Calif.: AltaMira Press (c/o Sage Publications), 1997. \$124.95.

Kalonji, M.T. Zezeze. *Dictionnaire des organisations interafricaines: lexiques et textes*. Paris: GIRAF (6 rue Lacépède, 75005). 1168p. \$120.

Pfister, Roger. *Bibliography of Swiss Doctoral Dissertations on sub-Saharan Africa, 1897-1996 = Bibliographie des thèses de doctorat suisses sur l'Afrique noire, 1897-1996*. Berne: Swiss Society of African Studies; Swiss National Commission for UNESCO, 1997. 76pp. 439 titles and an index in French and English. Orders to: Roger Pfister (roger.pfister@bluewin.ch), Stockerenweg 15, CH-3014 Berne, Switzerland.

NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Africa Book Centre (38 King St., London WC2E 8JT; <africabooks@dial.pipex.com>) has print and electronic lists of new books, with several focusing on South Africa. Its *Book Review* no. 8 (Sept. 1997) includes extracts from a new book by Ngugi and another about Chinua Achebe.

African Books Collective (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, UK) issued a Spring 1997 Catalogue and the 21st batch of cards. Its *ABC Newslines*, no. 3 (May 1997) notes Internet Bookshop address of <<http://www.bookshop.co.uk>>.

African Imprint Library Services has moved to 70 Ocean View Rd., Cape Elizabeth, ME 04107. Postal address; P.O. Box 2780, South Portland, ME 04116-2780, USA. Email: <ailsclis@msn.com>; website at <<http://www.africanbooks.com>>. Lists of titles recently acquired are available at these websites, and new lists are added regularly. Country sites as of 4/16/97: Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, South Africa, Sudan, Zimbabwe.

Athelia Henrietta Press, Inc. (1194 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11226) publishes books about Yoruba religion and culture. Details in its newsletter, *Alaroyé*, v. 1, no. 1 (Aug./Oct. 1997).

Backlist (c/o Stephen Powell - Bookseller, PO Box 791, Doylestown, PA 18901; 215-340-1400) issued a Jan. 1997 catalog "African Literature, listing OP and used books.

Basler Africa Bibliographien (Klosterberg 21, Postfach, CH-4001 Basel, Switzerland) issued lists in April entitled "Offer of New and Second-Hand Books and Publications from and about " [various parts of Africa]. There are 1881 titles, with prices.

Bennett-Penvenne (162 Oak St., Duxbury, MA 02332; bennet1@idt.net) distributed List no. 58 (Livros: Books & Pamphlets on Africa & the Portuguese & Spanish Worlds).

Bethany Books (PO Box 7444, S-103 91 Stockholm, Sweden; No. Amer. branch: PO Box 6808125, San Antonio, TX 78268) has issued several volumes by Franklin Vivekananda and others in its "Series on Africa - the Awakening Giant."

Black Classic Press (PO Box 13414, Baltimore, MD 21203-3414) makes available many of the classics, including the works of Yosef Ben-Jochannan. Of interest to Africanists is: Flora Shaw Lugard, *A Tropical Dependency* (1906; 1996).

Peter N. Chateh, retired librarian from the University of Yaounde is now acquiring publications from Cameroon for the Library of Congress. He is willing to do the same for other libraries with which he can reach an agreement. If you are interested in arranging for him to purchase publications from Cameroon for your library, please contact him at PO Box 8372, Yaounde, Cameroon.

d.a.p. (Distributed Art Publishers, Inc., 155 6th Ave., 2d Floor, New York, NY 10013-1507; tel: 212-627-1999) has a brief list of books by and about African and African-American artists.

Forkpa Kemah (Medical College Library, Univ. of Liberia, PO Box 9020, Monrovia, Liberia) offers newspapers and other material from Liberia. As mails to (but not from) Liberia continue to a problem, contact the ALN editor for details.

Graywolf Press (2402 University Ave., Suite 203, St. Paul, MN 55114; 612-641-0077) offers reprints of some literature, including several by Nuruddin Farah.

Heinemann (361 Hanover St., Portsmouth, NH 03801-3912; custserv@heinemann.com) issued its "World Literature" annotated 45-page catalog and a separate "African Studies 1997" list.

Indiana University Press (601 No. Morton St., Bloomington, IN 47404-3797) distributed its "African Studies" catalog.

Indigo Publications (10 Rue du Sentier, F-75002 Paris, France), publishers of *Indian Ocean Newsletter*, have started a series of biographical directories. Previous volumes: Madagascar (August 1995), Ivory Coast (December 1995), Mozambique (May 1996) and Gabon (November 1996). The fifth volume in the series, *Ethiopia - The Top 100 People*, edited by Isabelle Verdier, is on sale at US\$360 (FFr. 1,800, £240) a copy. Like the other volumes in the series, it is also available on the web at <http://www.indigo-net.com/africa.html> for US\$3 per biography.

Karthala (22-24 boulevard Arago, 75013 Paris) issued its 96-page, indexed Catalogue 97.

Livres de l'Afrique Centrale (1531 Walnut St., Berkeley, CA 94709; 510-841-6732; email: wdrake@sirius.com) distributed a list of 18 titles.

Lynne Rienner (1800 30th St., Suite 314 (T2-31), Boulder, CO 80301-1026) now distributes Three Continents Books, which emphasize distinctive voices in African and Caribbean literature and criticism.

Macmillan Education (Houndmills, Basingstoke, RG1 6XS, UK; <http://www.macmillan-press.co.uk>) issued "Books for Schools and Colleges" for the African market.

McBlain Books (PO Box 5062, Hamden, CT 06518) issued Catalog 137 (Sub-Saharan Africa), an indexed list of 1165 scarce and rare books.

Middle EurAsian Books (Box #67045, 3200 Erin Mills Pkwy, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada L5L 1W8; 905-828-1014) offers Russian-language titles on African and Oriental studies.

Norman Ross Publishing, Inc. (330 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019; 212-765-8200) is taking over filming of some African newspapers for the Library of Congress.

Nordiska Afrikainstitutet (PO Box 1703, SE-751 47 Uppsala, Sweden) started a new series in French (Document de recherche). Its publications are distributed by Africa Book Centre (for the UK market) and Transaction Publishers (New Brunswick, NJ) for the US market.

Papa Jeng's Books (c/o Momodou Camara, Charlotte Munksvej 20, DK-2400 NV, Denmark) offers books such as *The Senegambia Woman* (1996; 75.00 Dkr.) on Gambia and development.

Sedco Publishing Limited (P.O. Box 2051, Accra, Ghana) produces educational books such as *Why Frogs Croak in Water and Other Stories*, by Stephen Y. Manu.

Sentinel Projects (63 Stones Drive, Sowerby Bridge, Halifax, HX6 4NY, England; sentinel@tragedy.demon.co.uk) is a small publishing house specializing in personal accounts of ordinary people involved in major events. At present their main project is "Sentinel SADF Monographs," which deal mainly with accounts of South African conscripts involved in the South African Defense Force between 1975 and 1994. In Southern Africa, contact: PO Box 100-575, Scottsville 3209.

Transaction Publishers (Rutgers, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; <http://www.transaditionpub.com>) has a African Studies catalog of annotated titles, many from the Nordiska Afrikainstitutet list.

University of Chicago Press (5801 So. Ellis Ave., Chicago, IL 60637) issued an "African Studies" catalog.

BOOK AWARDS

Commonwealth Writers Prize:

Best Book category for Africa: Yvonne Vera, *Under the tongue* (Harare: Baobab Books, 1996)

Best First Book Published in the Africa Region: Ronnie Govender, *At the Edge and Other Cato Manor Stories* (Arcadia, South Africa: Hibbard, 1996).

Noma Award for Publishing in Africa:

The jury, consisting of Walter Bgoya (chair), Adewale Maja-Pearce, Kay Raseroka, Thandika Mkandawire and Mary Jay, considered 133 titles from 80 publishers in 19 African countries. They drew attention to the spirit of the Award (to encourage and reward genuinely autonomous African publishers and African writers) and selected the following:

Winner:

A. Adu Boahen's *Mfantsipim and the Making of Ghana: A Centenary History, 1876-1976* (Accra, Ghana: Sankofa Educational Publishers, Ltd., 1996) was named the winner of the 1997 award. The book presents the story of the making of modern Ghana through the life history of one school.

Special Commendation:

Amélia Neves de Souo, *Guia bibliográfico para o estudante de história de Moçambique* (Maputo: Centro de Estudos Africanos, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, 1996). Bibliography of about 1000 entries, some annotated, for history to 1930.

Honourable Mention:

The Jailer's Book, by Ken Barris (Groote Schuur, South Africa: Kagiso Publishers, 1996);

Propaganda by Monuments and Other Stories, by Ivan Vladislavic (Cape Town: David Philip, 1995);

The Road Out, by Dan Wylie (Plumstead, South Africa: Snailpress, 1996).

Senegalese President's Prize for Literature. The 1996 winner was Louis Camara, for his novel *Le choix de l'Or* (Edition Xamal).—*African publ. rev.*

EVENTS

The Fourth Annual National Book Week, organized by the Nigerian Book Foundation (NBF), was held 21-27 April 1997 with the theme: Meeting the Book Needs of the Rural Family through Effective Book Promotion and Distribution. The following awards were conferred: Legal Deposit Award - to Spectrum Books, Ltd.; Outstanding Achievement in Bookselling - to University of Lagos Bookshop.

Other events:

- NBF Forum on Books;
- National Conference on Book Development;
- World Book and Copyright Day.

Further information available from "Muyiwa Obiyomi, NBF, 4, Ezi-Ajana Lane (Umukwa), PO Box 1132, Awka, Anambra State.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

African Publishing Review (PO Box 3773, Harare; geminico@harare.iafrica.com) appears every 2 months, with news on publishing developments. Subscription rates: \$40 (surface) or \$50 (air); less inside Africa.

BookNotes for Africa, no. 1 (March 1996)-, is a twice-yearly compilation of reviews on recent Africa-related publications of potential interest to theological educators and libraries in Africa. Sponsored by the Theological College of Central Africa (Zambia) and Harare Theological College. Subscription rate (2 years): \$6 for African addresses; \$10 elsewhere. From: BookNotes for Africa, PO Box 250100, Ndola, Zambia.

Makotsi, Ruth L. & Lily K. Nyariki. *Publishing and Book Trade in Kenya*. Nairobi: East African Educational Publishers, 1997. 172p.

Sheikh, Mohamoud Mohamed. "Book Selling in Kenya," *Asian/Pacific Book Development*, v. 27, no.2, pp. 11-12.

ONLINE FILES

An A-Z of Africa on the Internet, by Peter Limb. At <http://www.library.uwa.edu.au/sublibs/sch/sc_ml_afr.html>

Africa Update, a quarterly begun in 1993 by Central Connecticut State U.'s African Studies Program is at <<http://www.ccsu.ctstateu.edu/~afstudy/archive.html>>.

Bernard Humbaire, "L'Internet et l'Afrique: ressources documentaires," *Afrique contemporaine*, no. 182 (1997):

Fast Facts, a monthly from the South African Institute of Race Relations, is at <<http://www.pcb.co.za/sairr>>.

Index to the African Studies Review/Bulletin and the ASA Review of Books, 1958-1990, compiled by John Bruce Howell (ASA Press, 1991) is available at <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/ASA/index_toc.html>

Greg Meyer (gfmeyer@aol.com) maintains a mailing list that forwards news and information about Rwanda and the Great Lakes Region of Africa. The news is from the United Nations Information Center, Amnesty International, and various NGO's.

National Archives of Namibia website: <<http://witbooi.natarch.mec.gov.na>>.

Press releases by the new government of the of Congo (Kinshasa) are available through New Congo Net (NCN) at <<http://www.marekinc.com/NCNGov.html>> A hard-copy version, *NCN Report*, was to debut in August 1997; \$50 for 12 monthly issues. Contact: The Marek Enterprise, Inc., 11733 Bowman Green Drive, Reston, VA 20190-3501.

Oromo and other Horn of Africa web sites: <<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/osgweb/>>. <<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/osgweb/othlinks.htm>>

The University of Florida, at <<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu/hss/africana/voices.html>> has developed a variety of material for (currently) seventeen African writers.

Sites produced at the University of Western Australia, per Jean-Marie Volet:

<<http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/AFLIT/FEMEC/home.html>> gives information (in French and in English) about dozens of Francophone African writers;

<<http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/AFLIT/FEMEC/paysEN.html>> for an outline of the literature of many Francophone African countries;

<<http://www.arts.uwa.edu.au/AFLIT/FEMEC/original.html>> for a wide selection of literary work by these authors.

NEW SERIALS

African Construction Bulletin, no. 1 (Dec. 1995)-, is available from Builders Resources Limited, no. 17 Kent House, Bourne Rd., Bexley Kent, DA5 1LR, UK, for £50.

African Journal on Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution, v. 1, no. 1 (Jan-Mar 1997)-. A quarterly survey of peace, security, peacekeeping and conflict management. Published by the OAU Conflict Management Division (Addis Ababa).

African Sociological Review: CODESRIA publication. Subscriptions: \$20 (individuals) & \$40 (institutions). From: Ms Denise Wisch, Dept. of Sociology and Industrial Sociology, Rhodes University, Grahamstown 6140, South Africa. Tel 27 461 318361/2; Fax 27 461 25570.

DELTA is a non-profit magazine focusing on Ogoni, Shell and Nigeria. It offers news and background concerning environmental and human rights in Nigeria, with articles by key figures involved in the African pro-democracy and international green movement. DELTA #3 was due for production in August. Annual subscription fees are \$20 - \$50 according to income, with a \$10 fee for bank costs. Free subscription is available to libraries in Africa and to those of negligible income. Contact DELTA at Box Z, 13 Biddulph Street, Leicester LE2 1BH, UK; e-mail: <lynx@gn.apc.org>; <http://www.McSpotlight.org/beyond/delta2_nov96.html>.

Egerton Journal, vol. 1, no. 1 (1995)-. Published in January and July by Egerton University, P.O. Box 536, Njoro, Kenya. ISSN 1021-1128. A multidisciplinary biannual. First 2 issues include articles on agriculture, economics, education, literature and history. Annual subscription: \$40; \$25 in Africa.

Geoinformation Africa, Issue 1 (1997)- is "Africa's geographic systems magazine." It is available from GeoInformation International, 307 Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge, CB4 4ZD, UK. It includes an insert, *EIS News*, which is also available at <http://www.grida.no/eis-ssa/eis-ssa.htm>.

Gur Papers/Cahiers Voltaïques (Lehrstuhl Afrikanistik I, z.Hd. Frau Inge Neuner, Sprach- und Literaturwissenschaftliche Fakultät, Universität Bayreuth, Postfach 101251, D-95440 Bayreuth, Germany; E-Mail: Afrikanistik1@Uni-Bayreuth.de) No. 1 has appeared. The price per copy is DM 20. US customers can send a cheque on an USA bank over \$15 per copy or pay by transfer to the account of M. v. Roncador, no. 036479780, Bank One NA, Dayton, Columbus, OH 43271-1045.

IRKI, newsletter of the Nubian Studies and Documentation Centre, appeared recently. Available for \$40/year from NSDC Cairo Office, 1 Abdel-Moniem Sanad Str. al-Shaafiyeen, Giza-Cairo 12411, Egypt.

Journal of African Travel-Writing, no. 1 (1996)-. A semi-annual, with scholarly articles, personal narratives, fiction, poetry, etc. Sponsored by the Institute of African American Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Available for \$10 to individuals, \$14 to libraries, from JATW, PO Box 346, Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

FILMS & VIDEOS

Cinema Guild, Inc. (1697 Broadway, Suite 506, New York, NY; <http://www.cinematguild.com/cinematguild>) announced two 1996 African Studies releases:

- "Chinua Achebe: the Importance of Stories," directed by Cambiz Khosravi;
- "Domestic Differences," directed by Mathew Kaufman.

Development Through Self-Reliance, Inc. (DSR, 9111 Guilford Rd., Columbia, MD 21046) distributed a catalog of "African Films & Videos."

Faces of Our African Ancestors: Interpreting African Arts from an African Perspective is a cultural education video type on African statues. Published by Dr. Sam Pittee-Polkah Toe, Africana

Research Museum New York International African Institute, Inc. Price is \$21.99 from Dr. Toe at 716-862-9260; or the Museum (3071 Bailey Ave., Buffalo, NY 14215).

First Run/Icarus Films (153 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10014) issues "Seventeen Recent Films and Videos from and about Africa".

Mypheduh Films, Inc. (2714 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20001; tel: 202-234-4755) distributes independent films by Africans & Africans of the Diaspora. Among the titles: Haile Gerima's *Sankofa*.

ORSTOM audiovisuel. *Catalogue des films*. 1996. 112p. Annotations in French, English and Spanish. Address: 32, ave. Henri Varagnat, 93143 Bondy Cedex, France.

University of California Extension's Center for Media & Independent Learning (2000 Center St., Berkeley, CA 94704; cmlil@uclink.berkeley.edu) has a list of films and videos on African and African-American Studies. Among the new releases is "The Dream Becomes a Reality (?)" about Eritrean independence.

The World Bank Film and Video Unit (External Affairs Dept., 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, DC 20433; tel 202 473 2149; email chobbs1@worldbank.org) has hundreds of documentaries as well as raw footage available at low prices.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS

Adult education in Tanzania: Swedish Contributions in Perspective Linköping, Sweden: Vuxentbildarcentrum, Linköping Universitet, 1997. SEK 160.

Lou Belletan. *La Guerre de la salive*. (1995). About the Comoros islands. Available from: Djahazi editions c/o S. Flore, 38 Cite Ferdinand Bd. St. Francois, 97400 St. Denis, Reunion. Price FF110 including postage.

Conflicts in Africa: An Analysis of Crises and Crisis Prevention Measures. Brussels: GRIP, 1997. A collection of studies resulting from the work of the Commission on African Regions in Crisis, set up by the King Baudouin Foundation and Médecins sans frontières. 895BEF + 90 BEF (postage). Also available in French & Dutch.

Kabile, *Le retour du Congo*. Ottignies Louvain-la-Neuve (Rue du Viaduc, 32-B-1340): Editions Quorum SPRL, 1997. \$20.85 plus \$7.00 for shipping and handling.

Seyoum Hameso. *State, Society and Development: An Assessment of African Experience*. 311p. Published (1997) by TSC Publications, P.O. Box 12879, London, W13 8WS, UK.. £ 45.00.

Seyoum Hameso, Trevor Trueman, and Temesgen Erena (eds.) *Ethiopia: Conquest and Quest for Freedom and Democracy*. London: TSC Publications, 1997. 201pp includes index. ISBN 0953020152. £13.50 or (\$25). Available from publisher at POB 12879, London, W13 8WS; or editors at: <seyoum.hameso@tvu.ac.uk>.

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Salvadori, Cynthia. *We Came in Dhows: Stories of the Indian Pioneers in Kenya*. Nairobi: Paperchase Kenya Ltd. (PO Box 18800), 1997? 3 vols. (600p.) \$100. bibliog. indexes.

Spear, Thomas. *Mountain Farmers*. Oxford: James Currey; Dar es Salaam: Mkuku na Nyota; Berkeley: University of California Press, 1997.



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

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