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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This issue is dominated by reports from the annual African Studies Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio. And it does not come close to capturing the full flavor of the sessions. The 40th Anniversary Conference of the Africana Librarians Council, organized by Nancy Schmidt, pulled in a better than usual representation of librarians from outside the United States.

Summaries of the two dozen presentations made during this conference or by librarians on ASA panels could not be included. I have also put off the CAMP reports and shortened the official minutes. The availability of an ALC homepage (<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/amed/9asa.html>), which is expected to carry the full minutes, makes it unnecessary to repeat everything in print. Therefore, a policy that has been evolving since 1995 has been extended.

Many librarians contributed to the production of this issue, including Joe Caruso, Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, Karen Fung, Deborah LaFond, Elizabeth Plantz, Nancy Schmidt, Mette Shayne, and David Tuffs.

By now the process of putting ALN on the web has begun. It is not easy, and I have a sense that work on home-pages is slowing progress in many other areas. The little browsing I do raises old questions: How much relisting (or shadow cataloging) is socially useful? Can a list that includes the repetitive "Greenwinkle" bibliographies on women in Africa be called selective? Is time spent on bibliographies (print or web) an escape from real librarianship (i.e., cataloging)? I often wonder about lists, including my quarterly list of dissertations in *ASA News*, that mostly repeat information available elsewhere. Why not put the added value into an existing national database?

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL / CAMP NEWS

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Apr. 3-4, 1998, Gainesville - ALC/CAMP Spring Mtg.
 Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 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

ALC BUSINESS MEETING

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1997, 9:30-12:00
 Edited from minutes distributed 23 Dec. 1997
 by Deborah M. LaFond (Acting Secretary)

Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Phyllis Bischof (UC Berkeley), Simon Bockie (UC Berkeley), Christopher Boyd (African Imprint Library Services), Dan Britz (Northwestern U.), Joe Caruso (Columbia U.), Jill Coelho (Harvard U.), Moore Crossey (Yale), Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop, Cape Town), Andrew De Heer, (Schomburg Center), David Easterbrook (Northwestern U.), Greg Finnegan (Harvard), Theodore Foster (Ohio University), Karen Fung (Stanford), Miki Goral (UCLA), Marieta Harper (LC), Dennis Hyde (U. of Pennsylvania), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Deborah LaFond (SUNY-Albany), Joe Lauer (Michigan State U.), Liz Levey (PIAC/AAAS), Ken Lohrentz (U. of Kansas), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), Mary Materu-Behitsa (U. of Dar es Salaam), Saliou Mbaye (Archives Nationales du Senegal), Sybil Moses (Catholic U. of America), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Patricia Ogedengbe (Northwestern U.), Hans Panofsky (Northwestern U.), Loumona Petroff (Boston U.), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U.), H. Kay Raseroka (U. of Botswana), Marlys Rudeen (CRL), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Regina C. Shakakata (WHO-Zambia), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Ruth Thomas (Library of Congress Office, Nairobi), Dave Tuffs (Michigan State U.), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U.), David Westley (Boston U.), Dorothy Woodson (SUNY-Buffalo), Joanne Zellers (Library of Congress).

1-2. The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Caruso, Chair, and the minutes were approved. Nancy Schmidt was congratulated for organizing the just-completed 40th anniversary conference.

3. **Elections** of new officers: Goral and Fung distributed slate, with one candidate per opening. There were no successful additional nominations from the floor. Members approved election of vice-chair/chair-elect: Zellers; members-at-large: Phyllis Bischof, Al Kagan; secretary: Deborah LaFond.

4. Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Global Resources Project: **Union List of African Newspapers**. Baumann reported on the planned cooperative project. (Details in earlier nos.) There was an extended discussion on the problems with digitized data, Mellon's refusal to fund micro-filming, and possibilities for the future.

Baumann named an advisory committee: Walsh, Caruso (chair), Lauer, Baumann and the chair of CAMP (Britz). Two faculty members were to be added. The committee will oversee the revision of the proposal.

5. ALC listserv (Finnegan's e-mail list):

Schmidt suggested that ALC needs 2 lists: one only for ALC business and a general listserv for Africana reference queries, book ads, repostings from other listservs, etc. Finnegan's analysis of the list of 79 names indicated that 59 were active ALC participants. Of the remaining 20, 8 are ALC members, 3 foreign librarians, 6 Harvard bibliographers and 2 students.

Agreed that future messages should carry clear labels, e.g.: ALC Business, ALC Reference, Repost.

Issue of a listserv was discussed. Finnegan does have a partial archive of ALC messages. However, Harvard does not currently have the computer support to allow him to comfortably take on a listserv.

6. ALC Electronic Resources:

6a. Zellers reported that she just received the URL for the **ALC Home page**: <<http://lcweb.loc.gov/rr/amed/9asa.html>>. Zellers stated that she could accept documents that were ready to put up on the Home page. Documents to be included on the Web should come from the Chair of each ALC committee in either WordPerfect or HTML format. Timing of updates and exact format is yet to be determined.

6b. ALN Report (distributed in advance from J. Lauer):

Work on web site reported, and correction of errors in list of regulars promised. The mailing list survey that went out in Jan./Feb. resulted in a 26 percent reduction in the mailing list. Members are reminded of the 2-week deadline for meeting reports and are thanked for their contributions. Email contributions are now preferred.

6c. Nanji (co-Chair of Strategic Planning Committee) reported that the **ALC Handbook** is also on the ALC Web page. New volunteers are needed.

6d. Action Plan on future of **EJAB** (Electronic Journal of Africana Bibliography). Since the University of Iowa will not provide HTML support, we need an editor to continue John Howell's work.

Walsh mentioned some bibliographies being compiled at Boston U. including one on female genital mutilation.

Overview on future needs: The Electronic Resources Task Force was to meet and report on various issues, including mainstreaming Africana products.

7. Lisbeth Levey (Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation, Nairobi) reported on various initiatives of **The Project for Information Access and Connectivity** (PIAC), which is jointly funded by the Ford and Rockefeller foundations and works with grantees and program officers of both foundations in eastern and southern Africa on issues pertaining to connectivity, information access, and the dissemination of African information.

a) PIAC is planning a feasibility study for a possible pilot project to index and abstract theses and dissertations from

African universities. A planning meeting is scheduled for January 1998, in Nairobi. Levey would pay the per diem costs of someone from ALC.

b) In October 1997, PIAC organized a one-day workshop in Johannesburg for participants, most of them documentalists, from South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, and Mozambique working in the area of gender. As a follow-on activity, they are considering a small pilot project to collect and digitize information from African gender centers.

c) The Ford Foundation is supporting a project at the University of Cape Town to digitize collections of African art and music.

d) They are planning a full-text CD-ROM of social science materials on Mozambique.

8. IFLA Report (Raseroka):

For the next two years, the Chair of the IFLA Regional Section on Africa is Stan M. Made, University Librarian, University of Zimbabwe Library, P.O. Box MP45, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe e-mail: Uzlib@mango.apc.org; fax: 263-433-5383.

A bilingual journal is planned on African Librarianship and Information Science. There will be a higher priority to develop African library schools. Goals for next year are to re-establish sub-regional library associations and get people to appreciate the learning process. On-going staff development is a primary goal. Most African countries have established preservation committees.

9. 40th Anniversary ALC Symposium **Proceedings** (Schmidt): These will appear in the Monographs on Africana Librarianship Series, from the African Studies Program, Indiana University which will provide free distribution to Africa. The proceedings will be out in May 1998, with summaries on the Home Page. There were no volunteers to be editor. Zellers and Plantz volunteered to assist.

10. **Spring 1998 Meeting** at University of Florida, April 2-5 1998: see <<http://www.uflib.ufl.edu:80/hss/africana/alcl.html>> and make hotel reservations by March 2nd, 1998.

11. **Library of Congress Report** (Zellers; submitted in advance by e-mail):

The African Section moved to larger quarters in the Thomas Jefferson Building and added professional staff. Ms. Marieta Harper joined the Section as an area specialist in January, after serving in the Overseas Operations and Order divisions. Dr. Angel Batiste was promoted from bibliographic assistant to reference librarian/bibliographer in July.

Ms. Laverne Page, the area specialist for Southern Africa, traveled July 29 to September 9 to South Africa on an acquisition trip and also attended part of the Zimbabwe Book Fair.

Parts of the African Section's pamphlet collection are being filmed, starting with miscellaneous papers from the University of Nairobi and the University of Dar es Salaam. Those from the University of East Africa and Makerere University are being prepared.

U.S. Imprints on sub-Saharan Africa was suspended, with vol. 8 (1992) being the last to appear. The Section is considering an electronic version, with a vol. 9/13 covering 1993/97.

In June the Hebraic Section hired Mr. Fentahun Tiruneh on

a full-time basis to manage the Library's Amharic collections. In October he finished "Ethiopian and Eritrean Newspaper Holdings in the Library of Congress" which lists 168 titles in the Section's custodial collections. Copies are available upon request by calling Mr. Tiruneh at (202) 707-4163. During the first week of November, 811 retrospective Amharic book records were added to the database.

Ms. Leila Mulgaokar, was appointed the new director of the Library's Cairo office, assuming her position in August. There is progress in acquiring Sudanese imprints.

With the move to the Jefferson Building and a combined reading room for the three AMED sections (African, Hebraic, and Near East), the catalog records of the reference collections of each have been put on files searchable on GENBIB available through the Internet. The file names for each section's collections are afref, nesref, hebref.

The Library's Federal Research Division reports the country study for South Africa will be available in November, but there are no funds to publish additional studies. All country studies published after 1987 are available on the LC home page. The Ethiopia study is the only one to date with both text and graphics.

Mr. Charles Mwalimu, Law Library, is preparing a report to Congress on the United Nations War Crimes Tribunal for Rwanda. The report should be finished in the spring and available to distribution to libraries.

12. Other Brief Announcements

Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop, Cape Town) announced the following arrangement between Clarke's and Hogarth: Orders for books published in Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Botswana & Swaziland should be sent to Hogarth. Orders, blanket or single orders, for books published in South Africa & Mozambique should be sent to Clarke's. Orders for Namibia can be sent to either Clarke's or David Hogarth.

Christopher Boyd of African Imprint announced the web site (<http://www.Africanbooks.com>) and offered some old stock they are about to discard.

Bischof and Kagan commented about the fact that the Book exhibits were limited to two days. Consensus from group was to have a letter from Chair to ASA Board.

Walsh announced the ASA book donation project continues, providing there is funding, and issued a call for volunteers.

Regina Shakakata from the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa, invited ALC members to Lusaka, Zambia Sept. 14-18, 1998 (who@zamnet.zm).

Kagan volunteered to compile and share a list of US-Africa university and library related linkages (including web pages).

Michigan State Univ. Library report (e-mail submission from Lauer): the distribution of the acquisitions list was suspended and work on web access to ALN and "Recent Doctoral Dissertations" was delayed due to staff shortages. The flow of newspapers from an agent in Liberia has resumed, after stopping in April 1996. There has been some progress with the backlog of Amharic titles and name authorities. Other MSU projects of interest: H-Net and the training Africans in the creation of homepages; a database and workshops on African films and videotapes.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 pm.

ALC BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 12, 4:00pm-6:00pm.

Edited from minutes distributed by Chair.

The meeting was called to order by Mette Shayne, chair.

Present (in addition to those at the Business Meeting): Abdul Alkacimat (U. of Toledo), Christine Ayorinde (Centre for the Study of African Economics, Oxford, UK), Gboyega Banjo (British Council, Nigeria, Nigerian Library Association, Julianne Beall (LC), John McIlwaine (University College, London), Wonki Nam (Central State U., Ohio), Yvette Scheven (Champaign, IL), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.).

1. Introduction and announcements.

2. **Electronic indexing** was discussed by Shayne, Walsh, Finnegan and others. Northwestern is exploring a project with CODESRIA. Walsh noted H-Africa's table of contents feature. Schmidt pointed out the time commitment at Indiana for indexing folklore material for MLA. Caruso stated that HAPI was basically a product of one person getting the grant money and being committed to doing a specific project. To start such a project you need a center which will sponsor it and a coordinator and a technically-inclined person who will know what is needed to set up a web-based database.

It was decided that since the ALC voted last year to work on funding for a newspaper project, we should wait a year to explore the possibilities for funding from NEH, Rockefeller or Mellon. Finnegan suggested that in the meantime a list be made of journals not covered anywhere and which need indexing. Shayne asked for volunteers to work with her on compiling a list of what needs to be indexed to present at the spring meeting.

3. **Duplicate lists** distributed by U. of California Berkeley (Phyllis Bischof and Simon Bockie). Those present overwhelmingly felt they should continue, perhaps with some changes.

4. The **Northwestern** initiative to cooperate with CODESRIA was mentioned.

5. **Newspaper list.** Shayne reported that the 1997 revised list of newspapers currently received in American libraries was available. A new compiler of this list must be found by next year.

6. **Electronic Journal of African Bibliography (EJAB).** Scheven reported that Iowa will provide server space, but an editor must be found. This was referred to the business meeting.

7. **Zambiana dissertations and theses.** Shayne announced the availability of a disk with Zambiana dissertations from the beginning up to 1996, prepared by Ilse Mwanza.

8. **Filming newspapers:** Bischof raised the issue of duplicate filming. It was agreed that any institution filming newspapers should notify CRL and LC.

9. **Gaps** in reference coverage (Bischof): Walsh will send out a call for titles needed and will draft a letter for Jeune Afrique to urge an update.

10. **Conover Porter Award** (Shayne). Because of delays in the announcement, she suggested a delayed timetable for the award committee of Baumann, Caruso and Easterbrook. ALC members were urged to send nominations to Shayne.

11. **Quality of bibliographies:** The Committee found the Scarecrow Press bibliography of North East Africa to be disappointing, inconsistent, not well arranged, without subject index or annotations. Schmidt said critical reviews of poor quality works and letters to publishers are needed.

12. **Annual list of Reference Books** (African Book Publishing Record): Compilers (Bischof, Coelho, Malanchuk, Shayne and Westley) asked for new titles, especially government documents. This is Shayne's last year as editor and new volunteers are sought.

13. **Institutional reports:**

Library of Congress (Zellers) [see Business meeting minutes]

Northwestern U. (Easterbrook): AFRC, the conference paper index now has nearly 73,400 papers from 4,023 conference proceedings. Through the CIC's cooperative preservation program, Northwestern has applied for NEH funding to microfilm Africana newspapers. With the migration of its catalog to Endeavor by summer 1998, plans to provide access to the vertical file or current acquisitions have been deferred.

U. of Florida (Malanchuk). Malanchuk and Nanji finished their work on *Magazines for Libraries* (1998) and the editor is looking for people willing to work on the next edition.

LC, Nairobi (Thomas). The office moved and is now in a residential area. The office is adding four countries to their collection area (Senegal, Gabon, Cameroon and Ghana). These countries would not be part of the participant program.

U. of Kansas: Lohrentz will travel to Senegal (especially Saint-Louis), Togo, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali and Burkina Faso.

ALC CATALOGING COMMITTEE

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 12, 1997, 2:00-4:00pm

Edited from full minutes.

Present: Beall, Banjo, Bockie (UC Berkeley), Dorothy Bothman (Cape Metropolitan Library), Britz, Caruso, Coelho, deHeer, Fung, Goral, LaFond, Lauer, Lohrentz, Wonki Nam (Central State University Wilberforce), Nanji, Panofsky, Petroff, Plantz, Schmidt, Shayne, Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.), Thomas, Tuffs, Walsh, Zellers.

1. Introductions and announcements

Chair Plantz opened at 2:10, with Lauer as meeting secretary.

2. Minutes of the Nov. 1996 San Francisco meeting were approved.

3. Follow up on request to African publishers and APNET to provide **translations of title page** information for publications in African languages: College Press (Zimbabwe) replied, pointing out its policy of providing a summary on the back cover of African-language publications.

4. Follow up on **DT classification** schedule expansion (Caruso): LC comments to be incorporated and volunteers sought by chair.

5. **Dewey Decimal** discussion paper on the area table for South Africa (Beall):

A 38-page document had been distributed for comments, preparatory to the Dewey Editorial Policy Committee meeting on Nov. 13th. The editors were interested in comments concerning organization and the use of the Standard Code List Of Areas (Sca), 12th Ed., 1994, and the units given in the *South African Labour Statistics* 1995. Are these units valid? Need current input from South Africa. Catalogers at Northwestern had reviewed the document and noted that it followed previous recommendations from the Committee.

6. **ALC Home Page**: Chair will gather some documents and work with Zellers in getting them on the ALC page. Ideas included a list of useful web sites and an update of Gail Junion, "A Guide to Reference Tools for Cataloging Africana," *Library Resources & Technical Services*, April/June 1982, pp. 109-121.

7. **Africana Subject Funnel Project**:

a) LC's Proposal to code 040 with IEN rather than a code for the funnel (which made it hard to compile statistics) was accepted.

b) Recent activity and questions: Chair distributed list of heading submitted since last update (June 5, 1997) and with "FYI: Notes and Helps" which details the answers of the SACO liaison (at LC) to questions raised. For example, literary warrant (if strong) can supersede Ethnologue; Catalogers must be cautious with headings coded sh85-.

c) Funnel survey and issues raised: The complete report was distributed to participants and LC called to discuss. Future improvements might include inputting a draft into a save file in a database (e.g., OCLC) which can handle diacritics, etc.

d) Recommendations for establishing African languages: Chair revised and distributed guidelines distributed by Lauer in Nov. 1996.

e) Follow up to SF discussions:

Indiana and Smithsonian are sending subjects directly to LC. Northwestern's work with headings in its local database of subjects not in LCSH is taking longer than expected.

8. **LC Report**: Cooperative Cataloging Update (Ann Della Porta (LC Cooperative Cataloging Team Leader) [excerpts]: The Program for Cooperative Cataloging (PCC) and CONSER were consolidated on October 1st. In FY97 NACO participants contributed 137,494 new NARs (an increase of 40% over FY96) and 9,364 new SARs (an increase of 16% over FY96). SACO participants had 2088 subject authority records approved (an increase of 3%) and 685 new classification numbers (a decrease of 12%). The BIBCO libraries contributed over 100% more bibliographic records than in FY96. LC has used 55% of the bibliographic records contributed by BIBCO participants; 42% of the name authority records contributed by NACO participants; and 42% of the subject headings contributed by SACO participants.

NACO: A series of decisions made by South African librarians in 1997 will serve as the foundation for collaboration with the Library of Congress. This year major research libraries in South Africa announced that they would adopt USMARC. The State Library (Pretoria) has received a request from its library community to create an LCSH office in South Africa to assist in the creation and development of standardized South African headings. The University of South Africa has indicated its intention to join NACO within the next few years. These actions in the field of technical services combined with a new, united library association (LIASA) will increase the potential for cooperation and sharing of bibliographic data, both domestically and internationally.

SACO: The Africana Funnel Project, coordinated by Northwestern University, proposed 116 new subject headings that were added to LCSH, an almost 400% increase over last year. Twenty headings were changed based on the recommendation of funnel project participants, almost doubling last year's total. Clearly this project has developed and matured into a highly successful endeavor. LC acknowledges the significant improvements that the members of the Africana Funnel Project have made to LCSH.

9. **ALA/CC:AAM report** - none

10. **Other/New business**: Lohrentz suggested a handbook for catalogers of Africana, perhaps for a web site. Lesh, former chair of the Committee, is now volunteering 2 mornings a week in the Northwestern cataloging dept.

Closed at 3:58.

FIRST ALC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 12., 1:00-2:00pm

Report by editor.

Debra LaFond (SUNY-Albany) volunteered as acting secretary for the meetings in Columbus.

Chair distributed a letter to the ASA Publications Committee, opposing outsourcing of ASA journals.

Chair distributed a draft response to ASA President Sandra Greene's request for ideas on how ASA might enhance its ability to reach out to the general public, the American media and policy makers, and scholars in Africa.

Committee reviewed agenda and chair's notes for a report to the ASA Business Meeting.

SECOND ALC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Columbus, Ohio, Nov. 14, 1997: 12:00-1:00pm

Report by editor.

Endorsed letter to Greene (drafted by chair), noting ALC's outreach work;

Discussed Conover-Porter Award procedures, Spring meeting, Fall meeting; and ARL project; need for revisions to handbook; and bylaws review (to be started by Easterbrook). Noted dissatisfaction with 2-day exhibit schedule.

Thanked Schmidt for work on 40th Anniversary.

ASA PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Columbus, Ohio

Report by David Henige (Univ. of Wisconsin),

ALC representative

(shortened by editor)

The meeting was chaired by Iris Berger and included, besides the other official members of the committee, editors of ASA journals.

A major item was the proposed outsourcing of ASA publications, other than History in Africa which would continue with the editor providing ASA with camera-ready copy. For the remaining publications (African Studies Review and Is-

sue) there were five bidders (NISC, TransAction, University of Rochester Press, Indiana University Press, Lynne Rienner), with the last two getting the closest look. As the discussion developed it was noted that either of the two proposals under consideration would have cost about twice what ASA presently pays for the production and distribution and would have required a commensurate increase in fees since the Secretariat was proposing not to eliminate any FTEs. Members of the Committee were quite sympathetic to the ALC's arguments about the devastating effects of escalating serial prices. The matter was not fully resolved, as the meeting was cut short by time constraints.

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

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.

Jan. 14-19, 2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting

July 6-13, 2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.

Feb. 9-14, 2001, Washington, DC - Midwinter Meeting

June 14-20, 2001, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.

2003, ?Toronto - ALA Annual Conf.

2004, Orlando - ALA Annual Conf.

IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 16-21, 1998, Amsterdam

Aug. 19-28, 1999, Bangkok

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The ALCTS International Relations Committee will be putting on a program at the 1998 annual conference entitled "International Book Fairs as Intercultural Catalysts for Libraries and Publishers: Frankfurt, Guadalajara, Zimbabwe & Beyond".

SCECSAL

The Kenya Library Association is hosting the 13th Standing Conference of Eastern, Central and Southern African Librarians (SCECSAL-13), 27-31 July 1998, in Nairobi. THEME: Information for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century. Fee: US \$ 130

Contact the secretariat; fax: (254) 2 214 917

**STANDING CONFERENCE ON
LIBRARY MATERIALS ON AFRICA**

The SCOLMA Acquisitions Specialization Scheme was revised in August 1997. This cooperative scheme began in 1966/67 as the SCOLMA Area Specialization Scheme, which was first revised in 1977/78. Among the changes:

1. Participating libraries are taking on responsibility as much for subjects as for regions;
2. Concentrates on material, wherever published, relating to Africa.

Institutional specializations by area and/or subject:

- British Library Document Supply Centre: All significant English language monographs in all subjects and all significant serials in all subjects and languages;
- Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Mauritius, Seychelles;
- Institute of International Visual Arts, London: Contemporary visual arts and cultural studies;
- Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, Midlothian, Scot.: Environment, forestry;
- London Guildhall, Fawcett Library: African woman (esp. Commonwealth);
- University of Birmingham: Benin, Burkina Faso, Guinea, Cote d'Ivoire, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo;
- University of Bradford, Development and Project Planning Centre: Economic development, biodiversity and environment, trade, finance, agricultural/rural development, aid and projects;
- University of Durham: Sudan;
- University of Edinburgh: Malawi, Zambia;
- University of Exeter: Ghana;
- University of Greenwich, Natural Resources Institute: Geology, geomorphology, meteorology, hydrology, soil science, vegetation studies, land use, land capability;
- University of Leeds: Burundi, Rwanda, DR of Congo (Non-social science), Commonwealth Africa (literature, history, politics, geology); Geology;
- University of London, British Library of Political and Economic Science: South Africa (politics, economics, sociology);
- Univ. of London, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies: Law (Anglophone Africa);
- Univ. of London, Institute of Commonwealth Studies: Gambia, Sierra Leone; Trade unions, political ephemera (Commonwealth Africa);
- Univ. of London, Institute of Education: Anglophone African education (esp. South African);
- Univ. of London, School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine: Medicine;
- Univ. of London, School of Oriental and African Studies: Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Mauritania, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Djibouti, Somalia, Nigeria, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zimbabwe, Madagascar (humanities and social sciences only); African vernacular languages;
- University of Manchester, John Rylands Library: Angola, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Madeira, Mozambique, Principe, Sao Tome;

- University of Oxford, Dept. of Plant Sciences: Forestry and allied subjects;
- Univ. of Oxford, International Development Centre: Namibia (politics, economics, social studies);
- Univ. of Oxford, Rhodes House: Namibia, St. Helena (social sciences);
- University of Reading, Agricultural Extension and Rural Development Dept.: Grey literature;
- University of Sussex, Brighton, British Library for Development Studies: Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, PR of Congo, DR of Congo (ex-Zaire), Gabon, Rwanda, South Africa (social sciences);
- University of Wales, Thomas Parry Library: Librarianship (east and west Africa);
- University of Westminster, Duston Centre Library: Francophone Africa (social science, creative literature).
- Westminster College, Cambridge, Henry Martyn Mission Studies Library: Christian mission in Africa;

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

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

The Mudzi Rural District Council Library (PO Box 90, Mudzi, Zimbabwe) requests free materials or funds to assist them in servicing the schools and government agencies in the district.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES & RESEARCH CENTERS

The Jan Smuts House Library closed on 28 November 1997. The governing body of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA) has decided to retain a small research collection in the Institute. The remainder of the collection is being integrated into the collections of the University of the Witwatersrand, where it will be accessible to the community of scholars.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

BOOKS & DOCUMENTS

Seminar on Information Provision to Rural Communities in Africa: Proceedings of the Seminar held in Gaborone, Botswana, 22-25 June 1994. Uppsala University Library, 1995. 149p. (Project report no. 3 / Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World Programme)

Presentations by J.M. Melamu, Abdelaziz Abid, Rémi Sagna, E.N.O. Adimorah, S.M. Made, Kasama Varavarn, Jenni Karlsson, Obadiah Moyo, Marty Legwailia & Basiamang Garebakwena, Fatogoma Diakite, Raphael Bligui Lebry, Antonio Pilale, Rina Kukuri, Ali Fattahi, L. Raonizainarivo-Rakotomahazo, Antoinette Fall Corr  a, Andrew Kaniki, Shirley Giggey, Djibril Ndiaye, Kingo Mchombu, Sissel Nilsen, Diana Rosenberg, Kgosi Linchwe II.

Available from Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World Programme (IFLA/ALP), c/o Uppsala University Library, Box 510, S-751 20 UPPSALA, Sweden.

VACANCY

The **University of Iowa Libraries** seeks an International Studies Bibliographer. Duties include: (1) select materials relating to African studies, South Asian studies, and other area studies fields (chiefly for developing countries), global health and development, and other social science fields; (2) provide bibliographic and reference assistance; (3) coordinate and, as necessary, implement user education; (4) serve as liaison to faculty in a variety of international studies programs; (5) work with the Preservation Librarian; (6) represent the University Libraries in appropriate on-campus groups and national and regional organizations.

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Desired qualifications: Some knowledge of African or South Asian languages (especially Hindi); knowledge of European languages besides French; advanced work in African studies, South Asian studies, or international development.

The salary range for this position is \$31,810 - \$52,000 for an appointment at the Librarian II or III level.

Applications before March 15, 1998 to: Janice Simmons-Welburn, Coordinator for Personnel and Diversity Programs, University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA 52242-1420 (319) 335-5871.

Also in French as: La diffusion de l'information dans les communaut  s rurales en Afrique : actes du S  minaire tenu    Gaborone, Botswana, 22-25 juin 1994. Dakar, Senegal: B.L.D., Biblioth  que, lecture, d  veloppement, 1996. 205p. (Project report no. 8 / Advancement of Librarianship in the Third World Programme)

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

Innovation: appropriate librarianship and information work in Southern Africa, no. 14 (June 1997) is a special issue on: Museums, archives, oral history and transformation.

Gupta, Sushma, and Davendra K. Gupta. "Development of Library and Information Science Education in Africa. *Intl. Inform. & Libr. Rev.*, v. 29 (1997): 95-107. Review excludes Egypt, South Africa and non-English speaking countries. Formal programs began with Ibadan in 1959. Another 5 schools started during 1960s; four during 1970s; and six during 1980s.

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

The new 5th edition of *African Books in Print/Livres Africains disponibles* is scheduled for publication in December 1998. Estimated price for 2 vols (1900p): £350/\$575. For more information: Hans Zell Publishers, Maypole House, Maypole Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex RH19 1HU, UK.

The Getty Information Institute is pleased to announce the release of its latest vocabulary tool, the Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names (TGN). The Web version is available at <http://www.gii.getty.edu/tgn_browser>. The relational tables and tagged ASCII files will be available upon request in early 1998. Potential contributors to the TGN should contact the Getty Information Institute's Vocabulary Program at (310) 440 6364 or send e-mail to <pharpring@getty.edu>.

NEW REFERENCE TITLES

For more titles, see the annual "Africana Reference Books" in The African Book Publishing Record, no. 2.

Institute of Kiswahili Research (TUKI). *English-Swahili dictionary = Kamusi ya Kiingereza-Kiswahili*. Dar es Salaam: Mkuku na Nyota Publishers, 1997. Distributed by ABC. ISBN 9976911297. 883p. \$108.

NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

AAIC International Books (454 Dean St., Brooklyn, NY 11217) offers several titles by Professor Edward L. Nyankanzi.

African Association of Political Science (MP 1100, Mt Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe) offers several new titles:

- *The state & democracy in Africa*, edited by Georges Nzongola-Ntalaja & Margaret C. Lee. \$20 + \$6 postage.
- Occasional paper series: v. 1, no. 1 (1997): *Ghana's 1996 General Elections: a Post-mortem*; v. 1, no. 2 (1997): *Oil Conflict and Security in Rural Nigeria: Issues in the Ogoni Crisis*. Each \$5 + \$2 postage.

African Books Collective (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, UK) issued its Autumn 1997 Catalogue and the 23rd batch of cards. They now distribute "Perspectives on African book Development," produced by the ADEA (Association for the Development of Education in Africa) Working Group on Books and Learning Materials.

African Studies Association (Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, Douglass Campus, 132 George St., New Brunswick, NJ 09901-1400) is selling its Annual Meeting Papers Collection 1993-1996 on CD-ROM for \$99 (institutions; \$65, individuals).

AILS (African Imprint Library Services) distributed list of "Titles Recently Received from Senegal" and has site for ordering: <www.africanbooks.com>.

ARED (Associates in Research & Education for Development) & **GIPLIN** (Groupe d'initiative pour al Promotion du livre en langues nationales) publish short books in African languages, including Wolof and Pulaar. Address: Centre Amadou Malick Gaye (ex-Bopp), BP 10737, Dakar-Liberté, Senegal; email: ared@enda.sn.

Gerbermedia Industries (PO Box 1873, Upland, CA 91785-1873) announced a new African video series: Priesthood and ritual in Ghana, produced by Kathleen O'Brien Wicker and Kofi Asare Opoku.

Gerald Rilling (1315 Ryan St., Machesney Park, IL 61115-1844; 815-654-0389; eafricbk@ix.netcom.com) issued "Out of Print Books on East Africa," listing 210 titles.

Bennett-Penvenne (162 Oak St., Duxbury, MA 02332; bennet1@idt.net) distributed List no. 59 (Livros: Books & Pamphlets on Africa & the Portuguese & Spanish Worlds).

Book Aid International (39/41 Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 9NR, U.K.) issued "NGO Management Resources, 1997-98," a catalogue of selected materials on management & related issues for NGOs available from Intermediate Technology Publications.

James Currey Publishers (73 Botlwy Rd., Oxford OX2 0BS, U.K.) issued its 1998 catalog of new books and backlist on Africa, Caribbean & Third World.

Lynne Rienner (1800 30th St., Suite 314 (B2-3), Boulder, CO 80301-1026) issued its "Books on Africa, 1997-1998."

The **Nordic Africa Institute's** 1997/98 catalogue is called "Books on Africa." Contact Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, PO Box 1703, SE-751 47 Uppsala, Sweden.

Norman Ross Publishing Inc (330 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019; 800-648-8850) issued its "African Studies 1997 Microform Catalog," a 16-page list of materials they distribute. Some annotations, but no indications of date or publisher of the microform edition.

Randall House (835 Laguna St., Santa Barbara, CA 93101; 805-963-1909), dealers in rare books and manuscripts, issue "Africa, Big Game" which lists 35 titles.

University of Zambia Press (PO Box 32379, Lusaka 10101; skasankha@admin.unza.zm) has resumed its publishing activities. The *Zambia Law Journal*, vol. 25-28, came out in May 1997.—*Partners in African publishing.*

EVENTS

The **Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF98)** will be held in Harare, 1-8 August 1998, on the theme of 'Children'. Events planned to date include:

- An academic research seminar on Children in Africa, scheduled for 30-31 July (immediately before the Indaba that opens the ZIBF98 programme) and hosted by the University of Zimbabwe;
- An academic and scholarly special interest workshop stand within the ZIBF98 Indaba on Books and Children, 1-2 August at the Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza Monomatapa Hotel, Harare;
- A one day workshop on scholarly book and peer review, to be held in Harare later during the ZIBF98 period (5 or 6 August) and organised by the Southern African Book Development Education Trust (SABDET) in conjunction with the ZIBF.

For further information, contact: Margaret Ling <margaret.ling@geo2.poptel.org.uk>.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter, no. 20 (Autumn 1997) includes reports by Eric Ofei (publishing in Ghana), Gillian Nyambura, Agnes Katama, Philip Altbach, and Victor Nwankwo. It also has an index to nos. 1-20. Web site: <http://www.bc.edu/bc_org/avp/soe/cihe/bell/bell.html>.

Book and serial vendors for Africa and the Middle East: results of a survey of ARL libraries, edited by Karl E. Debus. Chicago: Association for Library Collections & Technical Services, American Library Association, 1997. 138 p. (Foreign book and serial vendors directories; v. 2)

Cost-effectiveness of publishing education materials in African languages, edited by Maureen Woodhall. Oxford: ABC, 1997. 144pp. (Perspectives on African Book Development, no. 1) \$21; £11.95.

Economics of publishing educational materials in Africa, by Walter Bgoya, et al. Oxford: ABC, 1997. 147pp. (Perspectives on African Book Development, no. 2) \$21; £11.95.

Zell, Hans M. *A bibliography of publishing and the book chain in Sub-Saharan Africa*. Oxford: ABC, 1997. 89pp. (Perspectives on African Book Development, no. 3) \$30; £16.75.

WEB SITES

Anthropological Index Online is available at <<http://lucy.ukc.ac.uk/rai/AnthIndex.html>>. They are also pilot testing email access at aco1@lucy.ukc.ac.uk, with help as the message.

The Sukuma Museum site, located at <<http://www.photo.net/sukuma>>, features hundreds of images, along with comprehensive text.

AFRICULT, Forum for African Affairs, publishes journalistic articles in the area of Politics, Culture and Society as well as scientific papers, project reports, and literary work (prose & poems) in English, German, French and African languages. This e-zine can be read at: <<http://www.vpnet.at/handl/africa>>. To subscribe, please e-mail to: <africult-request@gatevpnet.at>. In the subject line please write only the word "subscribe".

NEW SERIALS

Oromia Outlook, v. 1, no. 1 (July-August 1997)-. Bimonthly in English and Oromo. Available from: Dabala Olana #234, 5149 Country Hills Blvd., NW, Suite no. 235, Calgary, Alberta T3A 5K8, Canada; dolana@acs.ucalgary.ca. Sub.: \$20 (individuals); \$30 (institutions).

VIDEOS

California Newsreel (149 9th St., #420, San Francisco, CA 94013; tel.: 415-621-6196; <<http://www.newsreel.org>>) has released its 1998 Library of African Cinema resource guide. Among the 40 African films, documentaries and television production are 12 new releases. The 48-page guide also has an essay by Prof. Mbye Cham, a thematic index, and an index to MSU's African Media Program database.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS

Adewoye, Alice Ayanrinola. *The drop-out*. Osbhogbo, Nigeria: SUMOB Publishers, 1996. ISBN 978-31181-2-9.

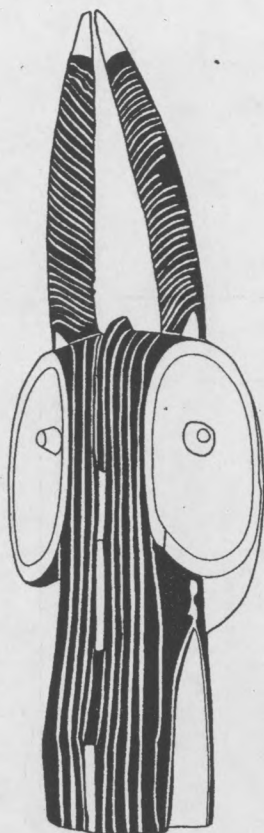
Can Nigeria make a peaceful transition to democratic governance? Washington, D.C.: United States Institute of Peace, 1997. 9 p. (Special report)

Senait Haile. [*If Patriotism Could be Inherited.*] Washington, D.C., 1986. 279p. Story with letters of the opposition of Haile Wolde Rufe and Ayele Haile to the Italian occupation of Ethiopia, 1936-1941. Amharic text followed by English translation, with English title page. Available for \$20 (+\$2 s&h) from: 13410 Preston Rd., #G, Dallas, TX 75040; tel.: 972-386-8620.

Wilberforce Conference on Nigerian Federalism, edited by Peter P. Ekeh. Buffalo, New York: Association of Nigerian Scholars for Dialogue, 1997. 69 p. Report on a conference held at Central State University on May 29-30, 1997. \$5.00 ISBN 0966072502. Available from the Association of Nigerian Scholars for Dialogue, PO Box 2032, Buffalo, NY 14226.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

Elections in Africa, edited by L. Adele Jinadu, *African Journal of Political Science*, v. 2, no. 1 (June 1997).



ACRONYMS

ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)
 ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)
 ALC - Africana Librarians Council (formerly Archives-Libraries Committee) of ASA
 ARL - Association of Research Libraries
 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
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