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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

This is the first issue since no. 94/95/96 (1998). Editorial fatigue has upset the regular quarterly schedule. There is hope for the future. Marion Frank Wilson of Indiana University has agreed to take over the editing and production of *ALN*, starting with the October 1999 issue.

The October 1998 meetings in Chicago are the main feature of this issue (finalized in June). The next (July) issue will carry the results of the Spring 1999 meetings in Washington, D.C.

Contributions came from many sources, including: David Easterbrook, Karen Fung, Deborah LaFond, Peter Malanchuk, Elizabeth Plantz, Mette Shayne, Elisabeth Sinnott, and David Tuffs. The absence of Moore Crossey and Nancy Schmidt (both recently retired) from this list does make this different.

I had planned an editorial on taxation (head, flat or progressive) for cooperative projects, but that can wait for another day.

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
U. - University
UCLA - University of California, Los Angeles

AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL / CAMP NEWS

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Nov. 10-11, 1999, Philadelphia - ALC Meetings
 Nov. 11-14, 1999, Philadelphia - ASA Annual Meeting
 April 6-8, 2000, Los Angeles - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting
 Nov. 11-14, 2000, Nashville - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2001, Houston - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2002, Washington, DC, or Detroit - ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2003, Minneapolis - ASA Annual Meeting

ACL BUSINESS MEETING

Chicago, Illinois, Oct. 29, 1998, 1:30-4:00pm

[Abbreviated by editor from draft minutes by LaFond, Secretary.]

Present: Dawn Bastian (Northwestern U), Helene Baumann (Duke U), Julianne Beall (LC), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Phyllis Bischof (UC Berkeley), Simon Bockie (UC Berkeley), Dan Britz (Northwestern U), Joe Caruso (Columbia U), Jill Coelho (Harvard U), Dan Cook (UW Milwaukee), Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop), Elli de Rijk (African Studies Centre, Leiden), Greg Finnegan (Harvard), Marion Frank Wilson (Indiana U), Robin Fryde (Thorold's Bookshop), Karen Fung (Hoover, Stanford U), Miki Goral (UCLA), David Hogarth (Hogarth Books), Mary Jay (African Books Collective), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign), Deborah LaFond (SUNY Albany), Joe Lauer (Michigan State U), Louise Leonard (U. of Florida), Bob Lesh (Northwestern U), Lisbeth Levey (PIAC), Margaret Ling (ZIBF), Ken Lohrentz (U of Kansas), Peter Malanchuk, (U. of Florida), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Patricia Ogedengbe (Northwestern U), Lauris Olson (U. of Pennsylvania), Hans Panofsky, Afeworki Paulos (U of Iowa), Loumona Petroff (Boston U), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U), Katrien Polman (African Studies Centre, Leiden), Marlys Rudeen (CRL), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U), Ros Sherwin (African Books Collective), Elisabeth Sinnott (NYU), Alan Solomon (Yale U), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U), Natalia Taylor (Indiana U), Ruth Thomas (LC Nairobi), Catherine Thuku (LC Nairobi), David Tuffs (Michigan State U), Lourdes Vazquez (Rutgers U), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U), David Westley (Boston U), Milton Wolf (CRL), Joanne Zellers (LC).

1. Easterbrook, ALC Chair, opened the meeting at 1:30 pm. and introduced new Africana librarians and visitors: Thuku, Polman, de Rijk, Olson, Solomon, Vazquez, Frank Wilson, Afeworki Paulos, and Cook.

2. Comments on logistics for this meeting: Chair reported on difficulties with the ASA Secretariat and his decision to find alternative space at Northwestern's Chicago campus.

3. Minutes from Gainesville meeting were approved, with additional corrections encouraged.

4. Future Meetings: logistics were discussed.

5. Election of new officers:

Kagan & Finnegan prepared a slate of 2 candidates for each of 2 positions. Bell-Gam was elected vice-chair/chair-elect; Goral, member-at-large.

6. Brief Reports:

- ALC Cataloging Committee [see minutes below]
- ALC Bibliography Committee [see minutes below]
- ALN Report (Lauer): First issue since January 1988 should appear in November; reports from this meeting will be in the January 1999 issue.

Easterbrook encouraged new members to consider being editor.

- 1998 Conover-Porter Award (Caruso): the committee met last spring and nominated 10 titles. Winners were announced [see section after minutes].

After noting that Bowker Saur has eliminated the Hans Zell imprint, despite the fact that 9 Hans Zell titles have won the Conover-Porter Award, the ALC membership agreed that letters should go the following: to Bowker-Saur, expressing dismay; to Hans Zell, acknowledging his work; and to ASA, bringing this situation to the attention of the scholarly community.

- ASA Publications Committee (Malanchuk): The ALC representative reported on the Oct. 28th meeting, where issues raised included the outsourcing of journals, putting ASR on a Web site, an increase of \$5.00 to our ASA fee in order to promote major conferences.

ALC reaffirmed its preference for publishing with an academic, not-for-profit organization.

- CAMP: Baumann reported that she had been elected as chair for the Friday meeting.
- Book Donations Task Force (Walsh): a newly constituted committee with Kagan as chair would meet at 7:00am on Friday to review the book donation procedures and discuss revision of the handbook.
- Title VI (Walsh): reported on the Senegal filming project. The dissertation project will be reported on at the CAMP meeting.

7. LC Reports (Zellers): Mark Sweeny, Head of Newspaper Section, hopes to have the inventory of newspapers posted to the LC Web site by the end of December. LC is planning to migrate to a new online catalog using the "Voyager" Integrated Library Systems software.

8. ARL Global Resources Project:

Union List of African Newspapers: Baumann reported that the ULAN grant was submitted and accepted. ALC group thanked Baumann, Zellers, and Shayne for their work on the grant.

AAU/ARL Global Resources Program: Library of Congress Meeting, 24 June 1998: Easterbrook distributed the official report on this meeting.

9. Zimbabwe International Book Fair Report (Ling): The ZIBF 99 book fair theme is "Women's Voices - Gender: Books and Development." The Book Fair mission is to support the growth of scholarly publishing in Africa. Upwards of 300 exhibitors plan to attend, 30 more than the previous year.

10. African Theses/dissertations feasibility study (Levey): Work on the feasibility study is almost complete, with assistance from Mary Materu-Behista. Levey has traveled to 15 African universities and is going to Cairo. Originally the project planners envisioned 1500 dissertations, but this has grown to 3000 dissertations and includes Masters theses. At the rate of 150-250 dissertations generated per year per university, the project envisions that 20-30,000 records could be developed including retrospective coverage. Some problems: not all theses reach the

Library; bibliographic control varies; only 3 of the 140 universities visited have copyright policies.

Levey is investigating how to make dissertations available. She has encountered a good deal of reluctance to release full-text sources and hopes to ensure copyright protection for authors.

The 3 year pilot project will include 11 universities (including 3 willing to provide full text) from all regions and languages (except Arabic). It will be run by AAU. Project planners are considering a CD-ROM project, with citation and full abstracts. They may consider scanning in the table of contents and bibliographies, and there have been preliminary conversations with UMI. It is possible that some or all of the database may be made available on the Web.

11. Area Handbook/country study update: Easterbrook spoke with Robert Worden (LC) regarding ALC concerns. Worden told David that funding has ceased for the program. Handbooks in preparation that were nearing completion: Cameroon, Rwanda, Burundi.

Information on contacting Senator Stevens, Chair of the Appropriations Committee, would be put on the list.

12. Announcements, brief reports and other business

- African Books Collective Ltd. (ABC) is launching a commercial Web site.

- Clarke's Bookshop exhibit booth has 2 catalogues.

* Ogedengbe reported that the Librarian at the University of Jos was delighted to receive books as a result of the ASA Book Donation program.

- Membership thanked the chair, Easterbrook, for organizing the meeting.

FIRST ALC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 8:15-9:00am

Report by editor.

Chaired by Easterbrook. Agendas and reports to Business meeting and ASA were briefly reviewed. The chair made two appointments: Peter Malanchuk as ALC liaison to ASA Publications Committee, effective at Fall meeting; Ken Lohrentz as Bibliography Committee chair, after Fall 1998. Chair reviewed bylaws and found no need for changes. Began discussion of recognition of retired/departed colleagues.

SECOND ALC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 4:00-4:45pm

Report by editor

New chair Zellers led review of items from Business meeting. Discussion of recognitions continued. Possibility of panel in Fall 1999 raised.

CATALOGING COMMITTEE MEETING

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 1998, 9:00-10:15am

[Abbreviated by editor from minutes.]

Present: Bastian, Beall, Bell-Gam, Caruso, Coelho, Badara Diakhate (Northwestern), Easterbrook, Finnegan, Fung, Goral, Hogarth, LaFond, Lauer, Lesh, Lohrentz, Olson, Panofsky, Petroff, Plantz, Sinnott, Solomon, Stamm, Thomas, Thuku, Walsh, Zellers.

1. Chair Plantz opened at 9:15, with Sinnott as secretary.
2. The minutes of the April 3, 1998 meeting were approved.
3. Dewey Decimal Classification report (Beall):

The area table for South Africa will be issued. No dates were given for the former homelands, except for 1997, the year of the formal adoption of the new South African constitution.

Beall also spoke about problems in the classification of the Venda and Ndebele languages. For South African Ndebele, Dewey followed Ethnologue in classifying it in the Sotho group while most South African linguists consider it Nguni.

4. Africana Subject Funnel Report (Plantz):

Since the beginning, approximately 160 subject headings have been proposed and accepted; six have been recently submitted, including: Legal stories, Nigerian (English); Prints, Nigerian; Proverbs, Ibibio; Voortrekker Monument (Pretoria, South Africa). Eight headings seems to have slipped between cracks. A description of the project was prepared for the ALC web page.

Caruso proposed another workshop on doing subject headings and a Spring workshop at LC was planned.

Plantz has received two requests for cooperation between the Africana Subject Funnel and catalogers working on Afro-American subject headings. Plantz concluded a lengthy discussion by pointing out that while she had no objections to the idea of a mentorship, there are already enough organizations dealing with African-American library issues to organize a separate funnel.

5. ALC Web page (Zellers): work in progress.

6. Africana cataloging resources and reference tools:

The Chair reminded the membership of the decision to not update Junion's 1982 article. She did look at various cataloging web sites, but no one was impressed with what they found.

There is no consensus on how to proceed. Ideas included a list of diagnostic words on the web and a directory of language specialists.

7. LC report (Zellers): The new Acting Head for the Coop Team is Ana Cristan. Ann Della Porta, the previous head, reported 230 new name authority headings and 32 changes to existing ones. The Africana Subject Funnel project had contributed eight new SACO headings and one change.

Thomas announced that the LC Nairobi Office now has a CD-ROM with cataloged newspapers. The information contained in it is not available in the LC database.

8. CC:AAM report (Bastian):

At the June 29th meeting of ALA's Cataloging and Classification: Asian, African and Mid-Eastern Materials, Beall and Winston Matthews discussed the Dewey Decimal Classification numbers for Venda and Ndebele and those for the former homelands.

The LC Nairobi Office is the next target for an update to a direct MARC operation mode which would start with serials cataloging.

ALA program on vernacular scripts in the authority record was attended by about 100 participants.

The new chair of CC:AAM is Wen-ling Liu.

BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 29, 1998, 10:30am-12:15pm
[Abbreviated by editor from minutes.]

Present [in addition to those listed above as attending the Business Meeting]: Dag Henrichsen (Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Basel), Frederick Lamp (Baltimore Museum of Art), and Milton Wolf (CRL).

1. The meeting was called to order by Shayne, chair. Minutes from the April meeting were approved.

Follow-up reports:

African Newspapers Currently Received by American Libraries. Revised Summer 1998 and available. Shayne volunteered to update one last time.

Scarecrow Press. The editor is in contact with David Henige who has agreed to serve as an advisor to Scarecrow on guidelines for what a good bibliography should be.

CAMP brochure in French is now available from Rudeen at CRL.

Clio Press. Letter to editor never got a response (until after the meeting). Recent information shows that the publisher is going ahead with a database created from bibliography volumes in spite of ALC recommendations.

Jeune Afrique atlas. Publisher, responding to the chair's letter, said no new edition is envisioned.

Electronic Journal of African Bibliography will be in good hands with our new colleague in Iowa; material is available for several issues, and two items are at peer-review stage.

Bibliography Committee web page is still a work in progress.

2. Conover-Porter Award. The winners of the 1998 awards were announced. As has been practice, extra copies of the award-winning volumes will be donated to an African library.

3. Introduction of Ken Lohrentz as new chair of the Committee.

4. Introduction of Katrien Polman and Elli De Rijk from the African Studies Centre, Leiden; Dag Henrichsen from Basler Afrika Bibliographien, Basel; and Catherine Thuku, LC-Nairobi. They gave overviews of the indexing work of the units.

5. Indexing of African journals.

Shayne discussed the Tuffs report of OCLC and RLIN holdings of six indexes.

Africa Bibliography	403 + 52
Current Bibliography of African Affairs	341 + 46
International African Bibliography	325 + 39
Quar. Index to Per. Lit., Eastern & So. Africa	102 + 24
African Studies Abstracts	41 + 17
Index of African Soc. Sci. Per. Articles	29 + 15

De Rijk talked about a web-based umbrella project, started by the Working Group for Information Management of EADI (European Association of Development Research Training Institutes). This project includes IBISCUS from France and IDS (Institute of Development Studies), Sussex and the Royal Tropical Institute, the Netherlands.

Finnegan said that the Tozzer library indexes about 900 journals and monographic series for their Anthropological Literature Index. They are trying to cooperate with the Royal Anthropological Institute in London.

Vazquez from Rutgers has worked on HAPI, the Hispanic

American Periodical Index and described how this work is done.

Thomas emphasized that the idea is to get African journals indexed and that LC-Nairobi would be happy to cooperate. Their database is mounted on their website.

Walsh proposed submitting a proposal to the International Digital Libraries Collaborative Research grant program, partially funded by the National Science Foundation. The grant proposal would have to be ready by Jan. 15, 1999. The idea is to identify a collection of information not easily accessible and to solve the problems of distance, multiple languages and different technologies to make the material available. The small group to write up a proposal consisted of Caruso, Olson, Walsh, and Bischof.

6. New bibliographies and the updating of old bibliographies.

Frederick Lamp wanted advice on his idea of a detailed bibliography of African Art and Culture. He sees the possibility of putting together a multi-volume bibliography with contributions from specialists, starting with his indexed list of materials on Sierra Leone cultural history. Much discussion followed.

Nancy Schmidt's Checklists for updating holdings on Africa in Community College Libraries was updated by her in O'Meara & Martin, *Africa* (Indiana University Press, 1995).

Al Kagan and Yvette Scheven are publishing: Reference Guide to Africa: A Bibliography of Sources with Scarecrow Press.

Boston University Outreach has published an Africa curriculum guide.

TITLE VI AFRICANA LIBRARIANS MEETING

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 30, 1998, 7:45-8:30am
[Summary of minutes.]

Minutes by Caruso; shortened by editor.

Members present: Caruso, Tuffs, Lauer, Walsh, Westley, Petroff, Kagan, Paulos, Olson, Goral, Fung, Malanchuk, Frank Wilson.

Guest: Akilah S. Nosakhere (Georgia State U.)

Chaired by Walsh as "Coordinator"; with Caruso as Secretary.

Walsh distributed two hand-outs on the reports of 3 participating institutions in the "Title VI Dissertation Project" (Boston U.; Michigan State U.; and, U. of Illinois); and, a "Division of Title VI Funds (Senegal/Dissertations)."

Walsh reviewed the projects for the last 2 cycles of the Title VI funding for "library cooperation": microfilming at the National Archives of Senegal and the acquisition by Title VI libraries of African university dissertations and theses. The "Senegal project" report was deferred to the CAMP meeting. Institutional progress with theses:

Boston U. had discussions with Addis Ababa U., VISTA U., Soweto and the U. de Niamey.

Michigan State U. has paid for 12 doctoral and 10 master's theses from the U. of Zimbabwe; discussions at Addis Ababa U.

U. of Illinois at UC had talks with U. Eduardo Mondlane; dropped Rabat and is interested in Fes.

U. of Pennsylvania contacted 4 universities; Port Harcourt and Ibadan agreed in principle; Zimbabwe and Ghana declined.

Indiana obtained theses from Cameroon, prior to Nancy Schmidt's retirement in July 1998.

U. of Florida had promising talks with Dar es Salaam and sent

letters to Zambia.

Stanford U. and UC Berkeley were more interested in adequate funding for the Senegal project. Most other institutions wanted to give some support for continued funding of the Senegal project.

Kagan then raised two questions:

- (1) should we collect the undergraduate theses?
- (2) should we collect Mozambican theses available from Mozambique but which were completed at universities outside of Mozambique?

Some but not all discouraged collecting undergraduate theses; non-U.S. theses done by African scholars outside of the continent could be part of the exchange.

Walsh concluded the meeting by promising to send a full report to the Title VI African Studies Center Directors.

CAMP BUSINESS MEETING

Chicago, Oct. 30, 1998, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

[Edited from official minutes and meeting agenda.]

Member institutions (and their representatives) present: Boston Univ. (Walsh, Westley, Petroff), Center for Research Libraries (Marlys Rudeen, Susan Rabe, Milton Wolf), Univ. of California, Berkeley (Bischof, Bockie), Univ. of California, Los Angeles (Bell-Gam, Goral), Columbia Univ. (Caruso), Duke Univ. (Baumann), Univ. of Florida (Malanchuk, Leonard), Harvard Univ. (Coelho, Finnegan), Hoover Institution, Stanford Univ. (Fung), Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (Kagan), Indiana Univ. (Frank Wilson, John Hanson), Univ. of Iowa (Afeworki Paulos), Library of Congress (Zellers, Beall, Thomas, Thuko), Michigan State Univ. (Lauer, Tuffs), New York University (Sinnott), Northwestern Univ. (Easterbrook, Shayne, Ogedengbe), Univ. of Pennsylvania (Olson), Rutgers Univ. (Vazquez), and Yale Univ. (Solomon).

Others present: Lohrentz, Polman, de Rijk.

Meeting was chaired by Baumann; agenda was prepared by interim chair Fung.

OLD BUSINESS, INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Mondlane Letters: A positive copy of the Mondlane Letters (in the Herbert Shore Collection) will be given to Janet Mondlane, and a new copy will be regenerated from the master negative held at CAMP.
2. Le Mouvement Geographique, Bruxelles, which includes Le Congo illustre: CAMP ballot approved purchase of Altair film from UCLA.
3. Meyer Fortes Papers at Cambridge University. Rudeen, with concurrence of Executive Committee, declined request to pay for processing by their staff.
4. Ray Kea's M.A. thesis: Panofsky recommended and CAMP approved for filming.
5. **CRL Report** (Rudeen): (Budget is below.) The current fund balance stands at \$25,298 (9/30/98). The CAMP membership currently has \$33,000 in unallocated funds to spend. Most prior major microfilm projects have been completed. There are two new full CAMP members: Rutgers and UNC-Chapel Hill.
6. CAMP Brochure, French Version, done by Rudeen and Shayne has appeared.

7. **Karis-Gerhart Collection** (Rudeen): Datafilm (South Africa) filmed for CAMP. The original estimate was for 80 reels, but the total came to 101 reels. The extra film cost (\$2,500.00) was approved.

8. **Liberian Newspapers** (Lauer and Rudeen): Two Liberian papers from Hoover Library (Stanford), with additional issues from LC and MSU were prepared for filming. The initial allocation of funds was to film 1990-1994, and this is nearly done. A motion to allocate up to \$5,000 to film these newspapers for 1994-1996 was approved.

There were suggestions to seek additional issues from researchers via a note in ASA News.

9. **Senegal Archives Filming Project** (Caruso): Part I of the project to film the Senegalese Court Records for 1890s-1950s has been completed. An October communique from the archivist suggests sending the master negative to the U.S. so that CAMP can create a negative master and positive copy for CAMP. Members discussed ways to ensure that the Senegalese can make high-quality positive copies. If we completed Part II of the project, there would be 280 reels total. The total cost would be \$70,000, which is \$30,000 less than what a commercial vendor would have charged.

A motion to approve a \$2,000 increase in the budget to finish the project, using Title VI funds first, was approved.

10. **Skweyiya Commission Transcripts on Corruption in Bophuthatswana** (John Seiler & Fung): After a brief discussion, the CAMP membership agreed not to pursue this proposal.

11. **Steyn Commission**: Rudeen reported that these materials filmed at Yale would be coming to CAMP.

12. **Title VI African Dissertations Project** (Walsh): [see separate report]

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Mombasa Times**: Barbara Turfan (SOAS) wrote a letter to CAMP requesting filming of this paper, which is held in Nairobi at several libraries. Ruth Thomas will explore the situation in Nairobi for CAMP. The title appears not to be held in the U.S. If it is not within the U.S., CAMP will propose a film project. The materials are from the 1950s-1960s, including one page in Swahili. The membership agreed to pursue this proposal.
2. **CRL Foreign Gazettes Task Force**: Bell-Gam's report on the July 1998 meeting of the Task Force is on the CAMP web site. Afeworki Paulos (U. of Iowa) volunteered to serve as the representative for the CRL area programs at future Task Force meetings.
3. **NEH-CIC Microfilming Project**: Easterbrook reported this project will focus on newspaper preservation. The list of 55 proposed titles is being scaled down. The membership was asked for \$1,000 for 1998-99. Approved.
4. **Malawi Newspapers** (Thomas): LC proposes that CAMP film nine current Malawi newspapers (eight weeklies and one daily). These are current papers. Motion to provide up to \$5,000 for the year to film these papers passed.
5. **Area Studies Council (CRL) Meeting**: Easterbrook reported on three items: The Foreign Gazettes project (discussed previously); CRL/Mellon workshop for Lusophone archivists in Brazil, included 20 librarians from Lusophone Africa; and possible newspaper microfilm projects. CAMP members suggested a focus on political party newspapers, ethnic newspapers, and

newspapers of national record for each area.

6. CAMP Purchase Recommendation Form. This was developed by Fung and will be added to the CAMP web site.

7. Donated Memberships for African universities: A donated membership costs \$5.00. Once a donated membership is established, CAMP requires notice of where to send information.

8 Future Agenda Items: Solomon (Yale Univ.): The role of the CAMP organization in preservation and the refreshment of available Internet information.

9. Bylaws Discussion:

Bell-Gam led a review of proposed amendments to the CAMP bylaws. This review was begun to deal with situation when the CAMP chair was unable to serve out a term. The proposed changes would provide for the direct election of a vice-chair elect to a two-year term, followed by a two-year term as chair. This new position would be elected directly by the CAMP membership, and the vice-chair could step in if the chair was unable to serve. Discussion addressed several issues, including the (minor) problem of working with a version of the bylaws that did not include the 1991 amendments.

A motion for a mail ballot for sections 2 (CAMP Committee: minor changes, including easing of foreign borrowing), 4 (CRL: minor changes, including balloting before the Fall election), and the Appendix I (Schedule of Fees) passed. Section 3 (Executive Committee, including election and term of vice-chair) was referred back to the Executive to prepare for discussion at the Spring 1999 meeting.

CAMP FINANCIAL STATEMENT (Oct. 30, 1998)

	June 98 FY 98	Sept. Qtr.	Oct. YTD
FUND BALANCE	\$23,632.16	\$29,962.22	\$29,962.22
REVENUES			
Grant Income	\$9,550.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Membership Fees	25,200.00	22,205.00	22,205.00
Income from Sales	98.57	145.00	145.00
TOTAL GEN. REVENUES (1)	\$25,298.57	\$22,350.00	\$22,350.00
EXPENSES			
Grant Expenses	\$37,440.87	\$ 280.55	
Cost of Sales	260.88	136.12	
Acquisitions	12,434.28	-	-
Business Expenses	17.75	-	-
Publications	-	-	-
Travel	1,365.32	-	-
Personnel (Cataloging)	4,890.28	341.50	\$ 341.50
TOTAL GEN. EXPENSES (1)	\$18,968.51	\$ 477.62	\$ 477.62
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES	\$ 6,330.06	\$21,872.38	\$11,223.00
COMMITMENTS			
Materials on Order (3)			\$ 3,507.00
Materials Approved			10,459.25
Non-Material Expenses (4)			4,600.00
TOTAL COMMITMENTS			\$18,566.25
AVAILABLE FUNDS (5)			\$33,268.35

Notes:

1. The total do not include the Title VI Project funds.
2. Specific information on Commitments spreadsheet.
3. For specific information, see On Order list.
4. Non-material expenses: Cataloging: \$2000; Travel: \$600.
5. Funds available = (Fund Balance + Revenues) - (Expenses + Commitments).

CAMP COMMITMENTS for FY99:

Tanzanian News	\$1,967.50
Liberian News	\$ 870.88
Echos (Bamako)	\$ 359.82
Independant (Gu)	\$ 276.74
Republicain (Mali)	\$ 155.59
Family Mirror	\$ 94.98
ASA papers	\$ 143.00
Malawi news	\$3,791.22
SWAPO Material	\$3,000.00

ITEMS RECEIVED (since April 1998)

Echos (Bamako)
 Eye (Monrovia)
 Independant (Conakry)
 Justice indigène, 1838-1954 (Archives du Senegal).
 Malawian miscellaneous newspapers
 Republicain (Bamako)
 Weekly chronicle (Lilongwe)

CONOVER-PORTER AWARD

Since 1980, the African Studies Association has honored outstanding achievement in Africana bibliography and reference works. Every two years, the Conover-Porter Award winners are selected by the Association's Africana Librarians Council. The award is named after two distinguished Africana librarians: Helen F. Conover, who enjoyed a long career at the Library of Congress; and, Dorothy B. Porter, who served for many years at Howard University and was a founder of the Association's "Library Committee" in 1957.

AWARD CO-WINNERS

Amélia Neves de Souto, *Guia bibliográfico para o estudante de história de Moçambique (200/300-1930)*. Maputo: Centro de Estudos Africanos, Universidade Eduardo Mondlane, 1996. 347 p.

Over 1,000 entries, organized into 8 broad thematic and chronological sections, with numerous sub-sections; supplemented with interpretative essays, 11 chronological lists, and 25 fold-out maps; author, keyword, and subject indexes.

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

List of works, many with brief annotations; divided into archives in Africa, containing about 75 percent of the entries; and archives on Africa located overseas; indexed by authors, editors, series titles, and names of individuals and institutions.

HONORABLE MENTION BOOKS

Encyclopedia of Africa South of the Sahara. John Middleton, editor-

in-chief. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1997. 4 v. Three introductory essays on the production of knowledge about "Africa" and the aims of the encyclopedia, followed by 878 separate articles; detailed subject and keyword index.

Gretchen Walsh, *The Media in Africa and Africa in the Media: an Annotated Bibliography*. London: Hans Zell Publishers, 1996. 291 p. Over 1,750 annotated entries; organized into chapters on the press, broadcasting, film, and general; subject and geographical indexes; essay by Keyan G. Tomaselli.

Muhammed Haron, *Muslims in South Africa: an Annotated Bibliography*. Cape Town: South African Library, in association with Centre for Contemporary Islam, University of Cape Town, 1997. 209 p. Over 1,100 annotated entries organized under 16 broad subject categories; author and subject indexes; introductory essay.

Other books nominated and considered:

- *African Acronyms and Abbreviations: a Handbook*, David E. Hall. New York: Mansell, 1996.
- *African Writers*, C. Brian Cox, editor. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1997. 2 v.
- *Bibliographie historique du Zaïre à l'époque coloniale (1880-1960): travaux publiés en 1960-1996*, sous la direction de Jean-Luc Vellut, Florence Loriaux, Françoise Morimont. Louvain-la-Neuve: Centre d'histoire de l'Afrique, Université catholique de Louvain, 1996.
- *Fonds Niger: bibliographie analytique*, sous la direction de Françoise Gouilloud. Niamey: Mission française de coopération et d'action culturelle au Niger, 1996.

OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

June 24-30, 1999, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.
 July 19-22, 1999, Las Vegas - Black Caucus of the ALA Conf.
 Jan. 14-19, 2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 July 6-12, 2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.
 Feb. 9-14, 2001, Washington, DC - Midwinter Meeting
 June 14-20, 2001, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.
 Jan. 18-23, 2002, New Orleans - Midwinter Meeting
 June 13-19, 2002, Atlanta - ALA Annual Conf.
 Apr. 8-15, 2003, Charlotte, N.C. - ACRL National Conf.
 2003, ?Toronto - ALA Annual Conf.
 2004, Orlando - ALA Annual Conf.

IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 19-28, 1999, Bangkok
 Aug. 13-18, 2000, Jerusalem

For an extended report on IFLA 1998 meeting in Amsterdam, see "John McIlwaine, "Africa at IFLA 1998," *African research and documentation*, no. 78 (1998): 47-54.

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

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

Ed Ferguson (Smith College) reported in Oct. 1998 that a shipment of 10,000 books finally left the port of San Francisco, with help from the ILWU (International Longshore and Warehouse Union) Local 10, for the Africa Research Library in Zanzibar.

With funds left over from the Rockefeller grant for the ALC 40th anniversary conference, Nancy Schmidt sent 11 mail bags of books and journals to the libraries at the University of Ghana, the University of Dar es Salaam, and the University of the Witwatersrand.

PERSONNEL CHANGES & VACANCIES

Lauris Olson, Social Sciences Bibliographer, **University of Pennsylvania Libraries**, was named their African Studies selector in Summer 1998. He has an ABD in Anthropology, an interest in the work of the African Studies Center, and previous work as reference librarian.

The **Hoover Institution** is seeking to hire an original cataloger for an initial three year limited term position. This is a career track position. Classification: Assistant Librarian (C-5) at \$36,132-\$47,436 or Associate Librarian (C-6) at \$40,044-\$53,136. Applications received by April 16, 1999, receive first consideration. Contact: Paul

Thomas, Head Librarian, Hoover Institution, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305-6010.

Indiana University Bloomington Libraries announced an academic-year postdoctoral fellowship program for the training of an African studies or Slavic studies research librarian. The program is supported by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and offers one nine-month, \$26,500 plus benefits fellowship (non-renewable) to a recent Ph.D. in any field specializing in either African or Slavic studies who wishes to pursue a career as an African or Slavic library specialist. A working knowledge in one of the vernacular languages is also required. One fellow will be selected in 1999-2000 in either African or Slavic studies, contingent on the strength of the applicant pool. (Review of applications was to have begun March 15, 1999.) A similar fellowship program is anticipated to fund one fellow in the alternate field in 2000-01. For more details, contact: Indiana University, Library Human Resources Office, 1320 East Tenth Street, Rm C-201, Bloomington, Indiana 47405-1801.

Yale University Library seeks a Curator for its Africana Collection, at the minimum rank of Librarian III-IV. Under the general direction of the Associate University Librarian for Collection Development and Management, the Africana Curator is responsible for the development, management, and service of Yale's Africanist resources for users, both at Yale and in other institutions. As appropriate for Yale's programs, courses, and research, the Curator selects material published in Sub-Saharan Africa and works closely with other selectors to assure the acquisition of material about Africa published in Europe and the United States. In fiscal year 1998/1999, the materials budget exceeded \$150,000. The Curator directs the acquisitions of all

materials selected for either local ownership or remote access, supervising a staff of 2 FTE plus student assistants. Qualifications: MLS degree from an ALA-accredited library school; OR a combination of relevant experience and training; five years of professionally related library or curatorial experience. Applications received by March 31, 1999 receive first consideration; applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Contact: Diane Y. Turner, Director, Library Human Resources; Source Code EZAFRLIB; P.O. Box 208256, New Haven, CT 06520; fax (203) 432-9817.

PASSINGS

Jean Blackwell Hutson, who as curator and then chief of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture helped make it the world's main public repository of materials on people of African descent, died Feb. 4, 1998 at Harlem Hospital. She was 83. She attended the University of Michigan, and Barnard College. In 1936 she received a master's degree from the Columbia University School of Library Service. Her first job was in the New York City Public Branch Library system. She worked at Schomburg from 1948 until 1980, when she retired. —summarized from *New York Times* obituary.

Michael Wise died 11 November 1998. He was a librarian at the University of Nairobi in the 1950s, deputy university librarian in the 1960's at the University of Dar-es-Salaam, lecturer at Ahmadu Bello University (Zaria), and senior lecturer in Bayero University (Kano). He edited several books on librarianship in Africa. He was an active member of IFLA and the editor of *Focus*.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

BOOKS & DOCUMENTS

Selected papers of the IFLA Anglophone Africa Seminar on Government Information and Official Publications held at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare 15-18 December 1994, edited by M.M. Moshoeshoe-Chadzingwa. Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire [LS23 7BQ, UK; Contact: Richard.Ebdon@mail.bl.uk]: IFLA Offices for UAP and International Lending, c/o British Library, 1998. 182p. ISSN: 0953243923. £5.

Contents: Keynote speech / J.B. Ojiambo. - African regional organisation information / Dupe Irele. - Report on acquisitions of official publications by the Library of Congress Nairobi Office / Lucy Shimechero. - Government publications and the rights to know in post-liberation South Africa / Christopher Merrett. - Publication of law reports ... The Nigerian experience / Oluremi Jegede. - Access to appropriate electronic documents / Alfred Kagan. - Official publications in anglophone Africa: problems of their acquisition and possible solutions / Augustine W.C. Msiska. - Collection development strategies ... / J.C. Kufa. - Integrating documents concerns into library and archives education programmes / J.B. Ojiambo. - Education and training of information professionals for Africa / Tirong Arap Tanuui. - Continuing education and training needs of government information and official publications librarians / Ken M.C. Nweke. - Electronic access to United Nations system information / F. Celine Walker. - United Nations depository library system / Farida Humailda. - Compiling a core reference collection for serving United Nations documentation / Nina Kriz Leneman. - Lesotho experience with its UN depositories / M. M. Moshoeshoe-Chadzingwa and M. Mukela.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

African Research and Documentation:

- Merrett, Christopher, "Documentation and freedom of information in the new South Africa," no. 76 (1998): 5-12.
- Fargion, Janet Topp. "African music in the International Music Collection at the British Library National Sound Archive," no. 76: 13-19.
- Alemna, A.A. "Writings on libraries in Ghana, 1995-1997," no. 76: 20-30.
- Badisang, Bobana. "Providing and sustaining environmental information services through resource sharing in Botswana: a proposal," no. 77 (1998): 8-19.

Innovation: appropriate librarianship and information work in Southern Africa, no. 16 (June 1998) includes:

- Leach, Athol. "An overview of the public library sector in South Africa post 1994."
- Barraclough, Carol. "Information technology in South African public libraries."
- Bawa, Rookaya, et al. "User fees ... KwaZulu-Natal Provincial Library Service."

Aguolu, I.E. "Nigerian universities libraries: what future." *Intl. inf. & libr. rev.*, 24 (1996): 261-174.

Aguolu, I.E. "Factors affecting the development of academic law libraries in Nigeria." *International journal of legal information*, v. 24, no. 2 (1996).

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

Margaret Snyder is preparing a bibliographic essay for *Choice* (scheduled for late 1999) on African Women and development.

Hans Panofsky (Evanston, Ill.; email: hpa246@nwu.edu) sent the following:

I shall be attending the annual meeting of the Council of the International African Institute this time in Dakar, May 20-21, 1999, hosted by CODESRIA. I have been requested by Paul Spencer, the Honorary Director of IAI to provide a proposal for a study concerning the collation of African bibliography for the Dakar meeting. Suggestions are welcome.

RECENT REVIEWS, ETC. BY ALC MEMBERS

Phyllis B. Bischof reviewed *Resource Guide to Travel in Sub-Saharan Africa*, by Louis Taussig (Hans Zell, 1994-7). *Journal of African Travel-Writing*, no. 5 (1998): 93-95.

Elizabeth Plantz. "Bridging the Gap: Islam in America," *Library Journal*, Oct. 1, 1998, pp. 59-63.

Nancy J. Schmidt reviewed *Videos of African and African-related performance: an annotated bibliography* by Carol Lems-Dworkin (Evanston, 1996.). *Research in African literatures*, 29,2 (1998): 212-4.

Mette Shayne reviewed *Bibliography of African literatures* (1996), by Peter Limb and Jean-Maire Volet. *Research in African literatures*, 29,2 (1998): 210-1.

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.

Reference guide to Africa: a bibliography of sources, by Alfred Kagan and Yvette Scheven. Lanham, Md.: Scarecrow Press, 1999. 262 p.

Chris Dunton. *Nigerian Theatre in English: A Critical Bibliography*. London: Hans Zell Publishers (Bibliographical Research in African Literatures, 5), 1998. 366 pp. £60/\$100 cased ISBN 1873836716.

LETTERS & OPINIONS

In this section, the editor hopes to publish letters and essays that challenge prevailing practices or beliefs.

In all cases, the opinions expressed are those of the writer.

No endorsement by the editor or ALC or MSU is intended.

Among the many comments on David Henige's piece about African historical dictionaries (ALN, no. 94/96):

Several noted that they find AHDs useful;

Al Kagan noted that page 1324 of the *Guide to Reference Books*, edited by Robert Balay (ALA, 1996) carried ratings (done by him and Phyllis Bischof) for the individual volumes.

Peter Limb noted a recent critical survey is: J.H. McIlwaine, "African Historical Dictionaries Re-Visited," *African Research & Documentation*, 75 (1997): 50-56. He also pointed to two of his reviews in *AFSAAP Review & Newsletter*, v.20, no.1 (1998) & no. 2, where he recorded both significant shortcomings and substantial improvements in some second editions. He concluded: "whilst there is still room for improvement, given the selection of competent specialist authors, the series continues to deserve a place on the bookshelves of Africanists."

NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adam Matthew Publications (8 Oxford St., Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1AP; Adam_Matthew@msn.com) is a scholarly publisher of microfilm editions of archival collections. Among their publications are parts of the Church Missionary Society Archive.

Africa Book Centre (38 King St., London WC2E 8JT; africabooks@dial.pipex.com) supplies books from many sources and issued its Autumn 1998 Book Review.

African Books Collective (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU) has distributed a catalogue on "Law and Human Rights" and its Autumn 1998 catalogue.

It also created a web site at
<<http://www.africanbookscollective.com>>.

Bennett-Penvenne (162 Oak St., Duxbury, MA 02332; bennet-1@idt.net) issued List no. 63.

Editions Ganndal (BP 542, Conakry) publishes school books and books in African languages.

Christian König (Frans Halsstraat 3, 7021 DL Zelhem, Holland) issued Catalogue 246 (The African Continent). 173 antiquarian books, mostly in German.

Cyclamen Books (antiquarian booksellers; PO Box 69, Leicester LE1 9EW, England; rara@cyclamenbooks.com) issued a Dec. 1998 list of 106 titles about Africa.

Editions Papyrus-Gie (BP 19 472, Dakar) was created in 1996 to publish books in African languages.

Gerald Rilling (1315 Ryan St., Machesney Park, IL 61115; eafribk@ix.netcom.com) distributed a list of out of print books on East Africa.

Heritage Books (2 Calcutta Crescent, Gate 1, PO box 610, Apapa, Lagos, Nigeria) is selling 4 books (The Cradle, The Black Agenda, God is Black, & Our Widow's Mite) sponsored by the World Pan-African Movement.

Indian Ocean Books (Box 232, Storrs, CT 062688-0232; email: bowman@uconnvm.uconn.edu) distributed Catalogue no. 5, with 532 op titles.

Michael Graves-Johnston (PO Box 532, 54, Stockwell Park Road, London SW9 0DR; email: books@gravesjohnston.demon.co.uk) issued Catalogues for East Africa (no. 62) and Western Africa (no. 66, with 374 antiquarian titles).

Simon Ottenberg (PO Box 15509, Wedgwood Station, Seattle, WA 98115; 206-720-7150; afribook@halcyon.com; fax: 206-720-0332) is a specialist in antiquarian books on Africa, with special emphasis on arts, architecture, music, dance, literature and cookbooks.

Southern African Review of Books microfiche edition. Issues 33-46 are available from <robert.turrell@extern.uni-ulm.de>; see also web site at <<http://www.uni-ulm.de/~rturrell/>>. v.1 (1987)-v.6:no.4 (1994:July/Aug.) previously available for DM250.

St. Martin's Press, Scholarly & Reference Division (175 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10010) issued "African Studies 1999." This includes I.B. Tauris, Manchester University Press and Zed Books, for which they are distributors.

BOOK AWARDS

(See also Conover-Porter Award winners in Reference Books)

1998 Herskovits Award of ASA for best scholarly work on Africa published in English and distributed in the U.S. in the previous year. **Winner:** Susan Vogel. *Baule: African art, Western eyes* (Yale University Press)

Other finalists:

- T.O. Beidelman *The cool knife: imagery of gender, sexual education in Kaguru initiation ritual* (Smithsonian Institution Press)
- Boubacar Barry. *Senegambia and the Atlantic slave trade* (Cambridge University Press)
- Jean and John L. Comaroff. *Of revelation and revolution. v.2. The dialectics of modernity on a South African frontier* (University of Chicago Press).
- Barbara M. Cooper. *Marriage in Maradi: gender and culture in a Hausa society in Niger, 1900-1989* (Heinemann)
- Oyeronke Oyewumi. *The invention of women: making an African sense of Western gender discourses* (University of Minnesota Press).

1998 Children's Book Award of ASA's Outreach Council: Younger Children: *Only a pigeon*, by Jane and Christopher Kurtz; ill.

by E.G. Lewis (Simon and Schuster Books for Young Readers). Older Readers: *No turning back*, by Beverly Naidoo (HarperCollins).

1997 Herskovits Award winners:

- Charles Van Onselen. *The seed is mine: the life of Kas Maine, a South African sharecropper, 1894-1985* (Hill and Wang)
- Mahmood Mamdani. *Citizen and subject: contemporary Africa and the legacy of late colonialism* (Princeton University Press)

Other 1997 finalists:

- Frederick Cooper. *Decolonization and African society: the labor question in French and British Africa* (Cambridge University Press)
- Peter Delius. *A lion amongst the cattle: reconstruction and resistance in the Northern Transvaal* (Heinemann)
- Johannes Fabian. *Remembering the present: painting and popular history in Zaire* (University of California Press)
- Allen Isaacman. *Cotton is the mother of poverty: peasants, work, and rural struggle in colonial Mozambique, 1938-1961* (Heinemann)
- John Pemberton III and Funso S. Afolayan. *Yoruba sacred kingship: "a power like that of the gods"* (Smithsonian Institution Press)

1997 ASA Text Prize

Winner: James H. Vaughan and Anthony H.M. Kirk-Greene. *The diary of Hamman Yaji: chronicle of a West African Muslim ruler* (Indiana University Press, 1995)

Other finalists:

- Allison Drew. *South Africa's radical tradition: a documentary history* (Cape Town: Buchu Books: Mayibuye Books: UCT Press, 1996-1997)
- Wendy James, Gerd Baumann and Douglas H. Johnson. *Juan Maria Schuver's travels in north-east Africa, 1880-1883* (London: Hakluyt Society, 1996)
- Mathias E. Mnyampala; edited by Gregory H. Maddox. *The Gogo: history, customs, and traditions* (Armonk, N.Y.: M.E. Sharpe, 1995)
- Harold Scheub. *The tongue is fire: South African storytellers and Apartheid* (University of Wisconsin Press, 1996)
- Brian Willan (ed.). *Sol Plaatje: selected writings* (Johannesburg: Witwatersrand University Press; Athens, Ohio: Ohio University Press, 1996)

EVENTS

The 1999 Zimbabwe International Book Fair will be held 31 July-7 August in Harare. Theme: Women; focus country: South Africa. For more information, visit the ZIBF website at <<http://www.mediazw.ocm.zibf/>>.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter (available from: The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU). Nos. 23 (Oct. 1998) and 24 (Dec. 1998) have reports on various book fairs and other meetings, a notes on publishing in Guinea and South Africa, and other news.

The electronic African bookworm: a web navigator I by Hans M. Zell. Print version. Oxford, England: African Books Collective, 1998. 134 p. ISBN 0952126958. Free to the African publishing and book communities; \$15.00/£8.95 outside of Africa.

A quick-access guide and pick-list to some of the best Internet

sites on Africa, African and development studies, and on African publishing and the book trade. Chapters include: a beginner's guide to the Internet, some search engine tips, a glossary, "Connecting to the Internet in Africa" by Kofi Arthiabah, and a classified list of sites.

Montagnes, Ian. *An introduction to publishing management*. London: Working Group on Books and Learning Materials, Association for the Development of Education in Africa; Oxford: Distributed by African Books Collective, 1998. xi, 124 p. (Perspectives on African book development; v.5) \$21.50/£11.95. ISBN 1901830063

Sets out the basics of efficient, economical and prudent management of time and money in publishing, with an emphasis on textbooks. The writing and publication of this manual was funded by the Danish (Danida), Swedish (Sida) and Finnish (Ministry of Foreign Affairs). The first draft was prepared following a workshop in Kampala on publishing management organized by the African Publishing Institute.

Zell, Hans M. *A bibliography of publishing and the book chain in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1996*. London: Working Group on Books and Learning Materials, Association for the Development of Education in Africa; distributed by the African Books Collective, 1997. vi, 89 p. (Perspectives on African book development; v 3) \$30.00/£16.75. ISBN 1901830047.

Supplement to *Publishing and Book Development in Sub-Saharan Africa* (1996); 303 carefully annotated entries.

ONLINE SITES

Art and Life in Africa Project (University of Iowa) is available at <<http://www.uiowa.edu/~africart>>. It was selected as a Top Humanities Web Site by the NEH Project.

CODESRIA (Dakar) data has been added to the University of Pennsylvania African Web Site at <http://www.sas.upenn.edu/African_Studies/codesria/codes_Menu.html>.

The Integrated Regional Information Network (IRIN), a unit of the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), provides "Daily" and "Weekly" e-mail bulletins in both English and French. The focus is on information of value to its workers. See web site at <<http://www.reliefweb.int/IRIN>> for details; or send email to a regional coordinator at: irin-cea@ocha.unon.org (Central-Eastern), irin-wa@ocha.unon.org (Western), or irin-sa@ocha.unon.org (Southern).

John Seiler, "Transforming Mangope's Bophuthatswana," is now accessible on the Daily Mail & Guardian web site at: <www.mg.co.za/mg/projects/bop/index.html>. It contains a preface, five chapters, and an update to 1999.

NEW SERIALS

BookNotes for Africa is a twice-yearly publication providing one-paragraph reviews on recent Africa-related publications of potential interest to theological educators and libraries in Africa. No. 6 (Oct. 1998) carried 41 careful reviews. Subscription rate for 2 years: \$8 in Africa; \$12 overseas. Address: PO Box 250100, Ndola, Zambia.

Orange light is a bilingual, quarterly magazine on cultural issues in Senegal. Produced by Africa Consultants International, BP 5270, Dakar-Fann, Senegal.

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

TEEAL (The Essential Electronic Agricultural Library) is a stand-alone compact disk library. This project of the Albert R. Mann Library, Cornell University, in association with the Rockefeller Foundation and cooperating libraries, provides full text coverage for the 1993-1996 issues of 130 journals in the field of agriculture. The CD-ROM set will be made available well below cost to 115 of the lowest-income countries, as listed in the World Bank's 1998-9 World Development Report. Further information available from the TEEAL Office, Mann Library, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853; email of project director: wco1@cornell.edu. Web access at <<http://teeal.cornell.edu/>>.

Art & Life in Africa is an interactive CD-ROM that recontextualizes African art in the cycle of life. The program includes over 10,000 images of 600 objects and 750 field photographs. Further information available from: Art and Life in Africa Project, Obermann Center for Advances Studies, University of Iowa, 100 Oakdale Campus, Rm #N151 OH, Iowa City, IA 52242-5000; africart@uiowa.edu; <<http://www.uiowa.edu/~africart/>>.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

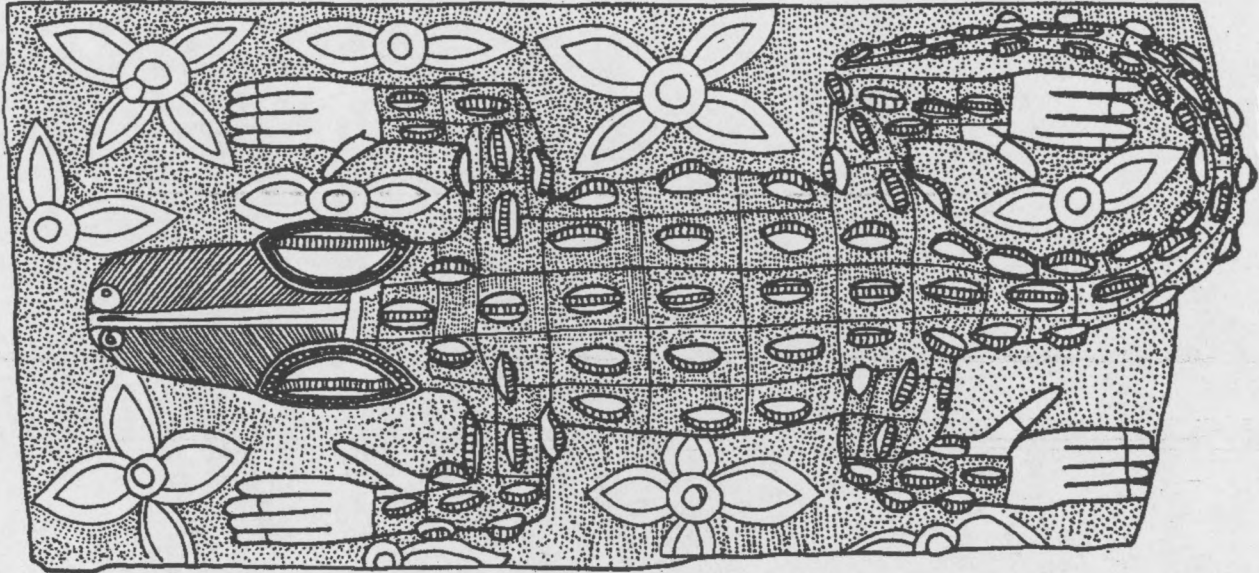
Illuminations (Dept. of English and Communication, College of Charleston, 66 George St., Charleston, SC 29424-0001) issued a special issue on poets, prose writers, dramatists and artists from southern Africa.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS

Jonsson, Jimmy. *Early plant economy in Zimbabwe*. Uppsala: Dept. of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University, 1998. 141p. (Studies in African Archaeology; no. 16). Address: S. Eriks Torg 5, SE-753, 10 Uppsala, Sweden.

Murtaza, Niaz. *The pillage of sustainability in Eritrea, 1600s-1990s: rural communities and the creeping shadows of hegemony*. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1998. 203 p. (Contributions in economics and economic history, 0084-9235 ; no. 197) ISBN: 0313306338. \$59.95.

Radimilahy, Chantal. *Mahilaka: An archaeological investigation of an early town in northwestern Madagascar*. Uppsala: Dept. of Archaeology and Ancient History, Uppsala University, 1998. 293p. (Studies in African Archaeology; no. 15).



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