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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Contributors to this issue include Moore Crossey, Onuma Ezera, John Howell, Peter Malanchuk, Yvette Scheven, Nancy Schmidt, Gretchen Walsh, Dawn Williams and Hans Zell.

ALC and CAMP agendas for the April meeting in Iowa City are still in preparation. Topics include possible ALC involvement in the ARL Foreign Acquisitions Project and revision of the By-Laws. Those planning to attend are urged to review the "Proposed Amendments to the ALC By-Laws" listed in *ALN* Oct. 1991, p.2-3. See also the minutes for the past two meetings. For those interested in bibliographies, the Binns article cited in the Research on Libraries section [p.9] is worth consulting.

Much of this issue contains matters left over from the fall meeting--CAMP minutes, a report on the panel, a statement on the LC West Africa Office. A new feature is a review of a directory in the Reference Sources section. I would like to add more short, critical reviews.

I had hoped to include some comments about the use or non-use of Amharic transliteration tables, but this is being deferred. There are any number of other topics that could use some discussion. What is the case for more foreign

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ACRONYMS

ABC - African Books Collective; or Africa Book Centre

ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)

ALC - Archives-Libraries Committee (of ASA)

ASA - (U.S.) African Studies Association

CAMP - Cooperative Africana Microform Project

CRL - Center for Research Libraries (Chicago)

IAI - International African Institute

IFLA - International Federation of Library Associations

LC - Library of Congress

MELA - Middle East Librarians Associations

MSU - Michigan State University

SCOLMA - Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa

U. - University

ARCHIVES-LIBRARIES COMMITTEE / CAMP NEWS

CALENDAR OF FUTURE MEETINGS

April 23-25, 1992, Iowa City - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 November 20-23, 1992, Seattle - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Spring 1993, East Lansing, MI - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 December 3-7, 1993, Boston - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Fall 1994, Toronto - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Fall 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR ALC/CAMP MEETING IN IOWA CITY

This meeting is simultaneous with the Ninth Triennial Symposium on African Art, April 22-25, 1992, organized by the Arts Council of ASA. Their panel sessions will be at the Iowa Memorial Union, in the Triangle and Second Floor ballrooms. All Committee members are invited to the panels of the Triennial and also the receptions. For details on the Triennial, contact Allen Roberts at 319-335-0522.

Thursday evening (April 23): Reception at the opening of the "Art and Life in Africa" exhibit at the University of Iowa Museum of Art.

April 24 (Friday): ALC meetings in Iowa Memorial Union (Faculty-Staff Reception Rm, 3rd fl, off the Triangle Ball Rm)

Cataloging Subcommittee	9:00-10:30am
Bibliography Subcommittee	11:00-12:30pm
Business Meeting	1:45- 3:15pm
Executive Meeting	4:00- 5:00pm

Friday evening Reception in the Union, starting at 7:30.

April 25, 1992 (Saturday): CAMP meetings in Main Library Conference Room (2nd floor)

CAMP Business Meeting	9:00-11:00am
CAMP Executive Meeting	11:15-12:30pm

Conference hotels are Iowa House (319-335-3513; reservations under "African Art") and Holiday Inn (319-337-4058). Among the inexpensive motels in Coralville (20 minutes by bus) are Mar-Kee (351-6131), Kings' Inn (354-6000), and Motel 6. Air travel is via Cedar Rapids. American Airlines has a discount through Meecham Travel (319-351-1360).

For details on local arrangements and the CAMP agenda, contact John Howell, Univ. of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA 52242; tel: 219-335-5885.

For details on the ALC business, contact Onuma Ezera (Chair), MSU Libraries, East Lansing, MI 48824-1048; tel: 517-355-2366.

COOPERATIVE AFRICANA MICROFORM PROJECT (CAMP) BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 24, 1991
 Adam's Mark Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

The meeting was convened at 7:42 am by John Howell, chair, with Karen Fung as secretary.

Member institutions (and their representatives) present: Boston U. (Gretchen Walsh), Columbia U. (Elizabeth Widenmann), Dartmouth (Gregory Finnegan), Duke U. (Helene Baumann, Jan Ewald), Indiana U. (Nancy Schmidt, Phyllis Martin), Library of Congress (Beverly Gray, James Armstrong, Marieta Harper, Valerie S. Mwalilimo, Ruth Thomas), Michigan State U. (Onuma Ezera, Joseph Lauer), New York Public Library, Schomburg Center (Sharon M. Howard), Northwestern U. (Dan Britz, Bob Lesh, Hans Panofsky [Emeritus], Mette Shayne), Princeton U. (Denise Shorey), Stanford U. (Karen Fung), U. of California, Berkeley (Phyllis Bischof), U. of California, Los Angeles (Ruby Bell-Gam), U. of Florida (Peter Malanchuk, Razia Nanji), U. of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana (Yvette Scheven), U. of Iowa (John Bruce Howell), U. of Virginia (Mary Alice Kraehe), U. of Wisconsin (David Henige), Yale U. (Moore Crossey) and the Center for Research Libraries (Ray Boylan).

Others present: Thomas Weissinger (Cornell U.), Roberta Selleck (Harvard U.), David Easterbrook (U. of Illinois at Chicago), Vincent Ferrante (Norman Ross Publishing).

CAMP Members not represented: Howard U., Ohio U., Syracuse U., U. of Chicago, U. of Rochester, and U. of Waterloo.

The Executive Committee was introduced: Baumann, Ewald (faculty representative) and Fung (secretary) were elected by mail ballot to 1991/93 terms. Continuing (1990/92) members are Howell, Kraehe and Martin (faculty). Going off the Committee after the Fall meeting are Crossey, Hunt Davis (faculty) and Lauer (past-chair). Ex-officio are the LC representative and the current ALC chair.

Approved minutes of April 19, 1991, business meeting as published in ALN, August 1991, p.7-8.

Financial Report. (Boylan):

[See CAMP Financial Statement, CAMP Materials on Order, CAMP Commitments, and CAMP Material Received printed below.] A balance of almost \$37,000 is available. Some commitments have not actually been ordered. Yale has deposited negatives of film for which CAMP will print copies. Northwestern's film is estimated to cost \$2,667. The Congo newspapers sent by Lauer have not yet been processed.

OLD BUSINESS

1. *Drum*. CAMP cannot buy the film as it did not have a prior subscription. Members discussed the different editions and where they might be available.

2. *African Official Gazettes*. CAMP agreed to purchase the South West Africa Official Gazette, 1915-1978 offered by Microform Academic on 29 reels for \$1,885. Yale Law Library also bought a copy.

In answer to a question, it was noted that LC or New York Public are filming official gazettes. ACRPP (Association pour la Conservation et la Reproduction Photographique de la Presse, Paris) has also filmed many. It was decided that future purchases would be made on a case by case basis. Ray Boylan will bring to the spring meeting 1992 a list of gazettes available from LC and the New York Public Library.

3. *Sechaba* (African National Congress) 1967-1990. CAMP agreed to buy the UMI film (1972-1990, \$864.50) and film missing issues.

4. *South African Freedom News* (African National Congress) 1961-1968. CRL will film.

5. **South African Institute of Race Relations Records, Part II.** Crossey reported that Datafilm had filmed part. The U. of the Witwatersrand Library staff needs to arrange the last part. The estimated cost is a bit higher than originally stated. [In December, J.W. Outhwaite of Datafilm reportedly sent sets of the 75 reel film to the institutions which had ordered it. An inventory was included]

6. **Hilda Kuper Papers.** Bell-Gam reported filming is in progress.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **African Newspapers and Journals for Ballot Purchase.** CRL circulated a list of 11 serials to CAMP members who voted as follows prior to the meeting:

Ranked Tally Sheet

	Yes	No	Wait	Est. Cost
Courier d'Afrique, 1930-Mr. 1972	18	0	0	\$1940
Cape Times, 1911-1913	17	0	0	105
South African Outlook, 1870-1970	15	0	2	1015
South African				
Advertiser & Mail, 1824-1959	14	0	3	630
Tsala Ea Batho, 1910-1915	14	2	1	35
Weekly Review (Nairobi),				
Feb. 1975-1991	13	1	3	3661
Grassroots, 1980-1987	12	1	4	420
Koranta Ea Becoana, 1901-1904	12	2	3	35
Sun (Cape Town), 1932-1938	12	0	5	210
Mafeking Mail, 1899-1917	11	0	6	1295
King William's Town				
Gazette, 1956-1874	9	0	8	630

Of the 11 titles, 10 were approved for purchase. Widenmann moved and members voted to buy the *King William's Town Gazette*.

The *Weekly Review* may be filmed in the LC New Delhi office. Ruth Thomas of the LC Nairobi Office is indexing this newspaper; they are up to the letter N. Hilary Ng'weno will publish the index; it will also be available on disk. Selleck inquired about future filming. It was agreed to purchase future film as it becomes available.

2. **William Bascom Collection.** Bischof reported that three Bascom field notebooks will probably not be included in the film, which is limited to the book collection. It is likely that no titles will be eliminated due to copyright. CAMP agreed to buy this collection.

3. *Tanzania Education Journal.* Northwestern has 18 issues. CAMP agreed to film at CRL.

4. *South Africa: The Making of U.S. Policy 1962-1989.* 439 fiche, with a 2- volume finding aid; \$3,900 from Chadwyck-Healey and the National Security Archive. CAMP agreed to buy. Other libraries which have purchased: Indiana, Yale, UC Berkeley, Stanford. University Publications of America had produced a similar collection.

5. Suggestions from Crossey, adding to his letter of October 16 to the CAMP Executive:

a. Cahiers of the Ecole William Ponty, Dakar. Yale has negatives of the cahiers for Cote d'Ivoire and will give it to CAMP. There are others from French West and French Equatorial Africa in IFAN, the largest amount being on Senegal. We would need to get a price estimate of costs. African Imprint Library Services, which has a camera in Dakar, could film them if permission can be obtained.

b. Natal Colony Documents. LC, NYPL, and Northwestern have holdings. Northwestern has a good run of the Blue Book on native affairs and could possibly film as part of their preservation project. History professor, Alan Jeeves, at Queen's U. in Canada would be willing to participate in a joint project to film the Natal Bluebooks on Native Affairs. [He also wants Queen's U. to join CAMP.]

c. Transvaal Colony/ South African Republic and Orange Free State/ Orange River Colony Documents on Native Affairs. These are pre-1900 documents in Dutch plus possibly some for 1902-1910. A few libraries have broken runs, and there is no known guide.

d. Organization of African Unity Documents. Yale has some 1964-65 publications (on the Rhodes House film of OAU documents), but has little from after 1965; and what they have is often on bad paper. LC may have a good collection, as the annual resolutions of the Foreign Ministry and Heads of State are routinely available from the OAU office in Addis.

e. Karis-Gerhart South African Documents. Oxford U. Press will publish a volume of the documents dating from 1964/65 to 1990/91. Yale U. will get the originals. There is an inventory on a PC. No action can be taken on this now.

f. E. S. Reddy Collection. Reddy was Director of the Centre Against Apartheid, United Nations. His private correspondence, IDAF (International Defence and Aid Fund) material, and other political material on South Africa and Namibia need to be organized; he would like at least part of the material filmed and placed in South African and Indian repositories. There is particularly good coverage on the Indian community in South Africa. Part of this has already been filmed and in CAMP (see on the list "CAMP Materials Received" "Documents on (East) Indians in South Africa..."). No cost estimate is possible yet.

g. Peter Katjavivi SWAPO /Namibian Collection. Katjavivi, a historian, is now Rector of the U. of Namibia. Yale has part of the material. The SWAPO collection may be nearly comprehensive. Included are conference reports, materials copied from archives around the world on Namibian history, dissertations and seminar papers from Western European Universities. Katjavivi wants the originals back in the Namibia National Archives.

Further comments concerning the *National Press Cutting Service* (University of Orange Free State) and the filming of speeches by African leaders were cut off due to lack of time. Walsh noted that IFLA will publish a guide to African political party publications, and this should increase interest in these materials.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **By-Laws.** The following were approved by mail ballot:

a. On **ownership** of Project materials, section I.D changed to "CAMP is administered by the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) which owns the materials purchased with CAMP funds. Should CRL dissolve, all CAMP materials would revert back to CAMP with the CAMP Executive determining the location of CAMP materials." The words "CAMP-owned" in paragraphs II.D.3.a, II.D.3.b, and II.D.4 become "CAMP-funded".

b. To include **past-chair** of CAMP on Executive Board, paragraph III.A.2 added "and the previous year's CAMP chair (if not otherwise on the Executive Committee)." Paragraph III.A.3 modified to "The Executive Committee elects from among its members (excluding an ex-officio past-chair) a chairperson to serve a one year term, with re-election permitted."

2. **Non-book formats** at CRL: Put off to Spring meeting.

3. Institute of Language Studies, Addis Ababa University, has a collection of Ethiopian post graduate dissertations written since 1980 on linguistics, literature and teaching English as a foreign language. They are available for copying. Howell will contact Worku Geda to find out more about the collection.

4. CAMP members were reminded that material costing up to \$200 will be purchased on demand. Requests should be sent to Ray Boylan, who will order the material, with a copy of the request to the CAMP Chair.

5. Thomas inquired if any library had newspapers from Mogadishu.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 am.

CAMP MATERIAL ON ORDER

Baraza Nairobi, 1966-1979

Colin Legum's African Collection: 1. Press cutting, 1936-1987

Colin Legum's African Collection: 2. Writings, 1940-1980s

Daily Times Blantyre, 1973-1979

Gironale dell' Eritrea Asmara, 3/1952-1955; 1967-1/1975

Habari za mwezi (Tanzania), 1895-1911

Horoya Conakry, Guinea, 1970

Hilda Kuper's field-notebooks on Swaziland & Swazi culture

Malawi News Blantyre, 12/31/1983-1/3/1986

Moniteur africain Dakar, Apr. 1961-1978

La Nation Djibouti Djibouti, June 1980-1983

Presse d'aujourd'hui... Bangui, 1-6, 9/1962-1966

CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT (November 18, 1991)

	FY 1991 closing	September Quarter (2)	September YTD (2)
Fund Balance/July 1	\$33,187.99	\$36,704.25	\$36,704.25
Revenues			
Membership Fees	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00
Income from sales	4,796.00	.00 (4)	.00 (4)
CRL Contribution	4,000.00	.00 (5)	.00 (5)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$26,696.00	\$17,900.00	\$17,900.00
Expenses			
Cost of sales	\$.00	\$.00 (4)	\$.00 (4)
Acquisitions	18,284.85	\$657.50	\$1,119.21
Business Expenses	.00	.00	.00
Publications	.00	.00	.00
Travel	1,325.87	.00	.00
Personnel	.00	.00	.00
Processing Fees	.00	.00	.00
Cataloging	3,569.02	1,824.50	1,824.50
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$23,179.74	\$2,482.00	\$2,943.71
Revenue less Expenses	\$3,516.26	\$15,418.00	\$14,956.29
Commitments (3)			
Materials on order	\$.00	\$10,833.71 (6)	\$10,648.00 (6)
Materials approved	.00	10,243.00 (7)	\$12,567.00 (7)
Non-materials expenses	.00	5,800.00 (8)	\$5,800.00 (8)
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$.00	\$26,876.71	\$29,015.00
Available Funds	\$36,704.25	\$25,245.54	\$22,645.54

Notes:

1. The Fund Balance, Revenues, and Expenses shown under each completed quarter are taken from the Center's accounting records. Each column shows cumulative figures for the year.

2. The Revenues and Expenses shown in the YTD (year to date) column combine the Center accounting records and check vouchers issued up to the date of the statement. Check vouchers run through October.

3. The Commitments are taken from the records of the Acquisitions Department and the project coordinator and are intended to reflect projected costs of past decisions by the CAMP Committee and ongoing operations.

4. Income from sales and cost of sales reflect pass through funds, with a small profit expected. Income from sales may reflect pre-payments.

5. Transfer made by last quarter of year or as needed.

6. See list; includes materials received but not paid for.

7. See list.

8. Estimated cataloging(\$5,000) and travel expense (\$800).

Le Reveil de Djibouti Djibouti, July 1962-June 1980

SAIRR II

Sunday Standard Nairobi, Nov. 11, 1979-1984

20th Century Commonwealth Pol. Ephemera. Pt 2. Central Africa

CAMP COMMITMENTS

Kesteloot collection in Dakar [or Paris]	\$6,000
Congo Collection of Newspapers and News Bulletins	\$2,600
Newspapers from LC in FY 1991 (July 1991-June 1992)	\$1,300
Northwestern Preservation Project, FY 1991 (7/91-6/92)	\$2,667

CAMP MATERIALS RECEIVED

April-October 1991

PURCHASES (r = reels)

<i>Ashanti Pioneer</i> . Kumasi, Ghana. N 21,1939-0 6, 1962	29r
Baily, A.P. <i>Land tenure; its sociological implications with specific reference to Swahili-speaking peoples ...east African Coast</i> . London MA thesis. 1965	1r
<i>Daily Listener</i> Monrovia. May 22,1950-Aug. 1951	1r
<i>Ilanga lase Natal</i> . 1925-1978 (Claimed 1924)	79r
Michigan State Preservation Copies	30r
Nigeria. Constitution Review Comm. <i>Official record of Proceedings</i> . Abuja. (Oct. 1987-Feb. 1988)	63 fiche
Northwestern Preservation Project	277r
<i>Pioneer</i> Kumasi, Ghana. My 1968-1974; 1976-1981	17r
<i>Times</i> Blantyre. 1943-1946; [1955-1956]; 1965-1972	18r
<i>Times of Swaziland</i> . 1897-1909; 1931-Aug. 1962	9r
<i>Uhuru</i> Dar es Salaam. 1969-1973	7r

DEPOSITS OF NEGATIVES BY YALE

Flash Collection (S. African Indian documents)	1 reel
William McGregor Ross papers (Rhodes House Library, Oxford)	4r
David Wallace Robinson Collection (MS on Senegal)	9 reels
Malian Arabic Manuscripts Microfilming Project (MAMMP)	34r
Univ. of Birmingham Centre of West African Studies. Arabic MSS selected by Dr. A.A. Batran (western Sudan).	4 reels
Revolution democratique africaine nos. from 1975/76.	1 reel
Documents on (East) Indians in South Africa; collected by E.S. Reddy.	2 reels
Anglo-American Corp. Commission of Enquiry...Vaal Reefs.	6 r

FALL 1991 PANEL ON JOURNAL PRICES

Peter Malanchuk, Panel Chair, prepared the following summary of the papers and discussion at the session called "African Journals: An Endangered Species? Coping with Periodical Costs, Cancellations, Resource Sharing and New Forms of Publication." This was held on November 23 as part of the 34th Annual Meeting of the African Studies Association, in St. Louis, Missouri. The full texts will appear as part of the Annual Conference Papers of ASA.

"Cutting Serials Titles: Experiences from the Chopping Block."
Gretchen Walsh (Boston University)

Walsh presented a realistic, yet bleak viewpoint regarding the current journal/serial crisis for African studies in academic libraries. She cited the difficult problem of reconciling conflicting

realities in the library budget process, stating there is a financial line below which one can no longer pretend to maintain a research collection. The same line exists above which the budget simply will not move, as library funds are finite.

The recession has seriously impaired the ability of academic libraries to function as they have in the past. Causal factors include: a long term downward demographic trend; the post baby boom dip in population; fewer students able to afford college; a decline in university income generated by lackluster endowment investments, fewer grants and contracts; a weak dollar causing foreign book and journal prices to escalate; and academic publishers raising subscription prices to cover lower sales.

Walsh suggested techniques and criteria to deselect Africana journals that included the review of their individual cost and percentage increases for the last three years, accessibility via other regional library holdings, journal indexability and identified use, and relevance to the academic program.

She characterized the journals cut at B.U. as one-third from a third world global scope, one-quarter in French language, and one-quarter combining other world subregions with Africa. Some unique titles to the region were canceled with excessive cost as the principal rationale for deselection.

In lean years African studies budgets suffer primarily since their traditional base is assigned with the social sciences and humanities, two major areas that are chronically underfunded when compared with the hard sciences. Moreover, in international affairs, Africa currently is considered of lesser importance.

Walsh argued for a rigorous scrutiny of existing and new journals to determine what should be collected. She suggested evaluating the journal collection by grouping them into three categories: current events, information/bibliographic indexing, and scholarly journals. All should be surveyed for geographic coverage and the scholarly category for discipline coverage.

To preserve some semblance of the research collection, academic libraries must embrace electronic technologies including CD-ROM, consortium access through electronic networks, and interlibrary loan requests via OCLC and fax delivery.

A major hindrance for Africana articles is so little is indexed and that journals deselected on the basis of relative indexability can result in Africana resources being denied to the user. She intends to develop some in-house indexing. She concluded by recommending "continued communication with faculty, publishers, and one another, combined with alertness to the possibilities which electronic technologies may offer."

"Journal Costs Then and Now, with Alternatives and Possible Solutions for Academic Research of the Future."

Charles Hamacker (Assistant Dean for Collection Management, Louisiana State University)

Hamacker reviewed the changing climate of publisher, vendor and library relations, contrasting the issue of cooperative cancellations of selected journal titles by libraries in 1986 with the current scene. Then it was considered collusion for libraries to employ such a tactic while currently it is gaining acceptability among the major research libraries. Princeton University's move towards canceling Pergamon subscriptions in November 1991 reflects the considered view of the real limits to what a library should pay for a journal.

Hamacker cited comparable journal statistics from 1986/1991 that described journal price increases of 142% by Springer Verlag, 133% by Elsevier, and 108% by Pergamon, with negligible in-

creases in journal coverage by volume and size which ranged from only 2.52% to 12%. The myth that you were charged more for increased journal coverage was exposed.

The journal increases were from a very select group of journal titles in 1987-1991. 13% of the journal titles are responsible for 50% of the journal cost increases and these periodicals doubled in price in five years. Hamacker posited that where serial costs increase dramatically, other formats of resources suffer. He argued that the most expensive journals should be cut because we are cutting the unique collections that support research in areas other than the sciences. These items have been uniquely collected because we have projected a long term need for them. He argued not to destroy the diversity in our national and local collections as a result of a very small number of publishing companies. He stated that academic libraries had four years of relief from sizable journal cost increases from Pergamon as a direct result of the willingness of U. S. academic libraries and academics to cancel overpriced subscriptions.

Hamacker argued that across the board journal cuts as well as subject based approaches are dangerous to the collection. He urged that if area studies bibliographers could demonstrate their periodicals did not suffer large price increases, then such titles should remain excluded from a system-wide cut. Titles that have not increased should not be cut. He stated that journals with the most expensive subscription rates and the highest percentage increases in the last few years should be the prime candidates for deselection.

He recognized the differences and difficulties in tracking continental African published journals but called for the bibliographers to find a way to establish a pricing and cancellation database for African studies. He suggested it could become a model for all area studies programs and suggested approaching CRL and ARL.

Hamacker closed his presentation by providing a glimpse of the immediate future with regard to journal merchandising. Elsevier is providing full text access to 36 journals to a select group of American research libraries over the next three years. They are looking for a charging algorithm, since commercial vendors do not know what to charge for online access. He stated the publishers have suggested that only 10% of what they produce is wanted, but they are unsure which 10% it represents. This poses a real problem for them as they enter into an online system of on-demand user requests.

**"The Role of Information Supplier: Access, Analysis,
and Service in the Electronic Information Age."**

Gary Brown (Faxon Company)

Using the Faxon database, Gary Brown demonstrated the relative price increases for U.S. journals over the last decade (\$74.50 for 1981 and \$182.00 for 1991). Foreign subscriptions averaged \$161.00 in 1981 and \$330.00 in 1991. He suggested we are in a situation where further price escalations would occur before there were improvements. He stated, "If we have double-digit inflation during the next three years with regard to journal prices, coupled with a five percent decrease in the overall buying power, it will force all of the players within the system of scholarly communication to analyze what it is we are doing and that it no longer functions. It will force us to take other routes. They include journal and information access via the Internet and other new technologies. Such technologies will allow us the reality of the digitized word and, when networked, will allow us some strategies to cope with spiraling journal costs and the publications revolution." Brown views the digitization occurring now as providing a platform for access to this

information in a real sense and permitting us different information access scenarios. The burgeoning of CD-ROMs in the library information market place since 1985 and the networked electronic journal are two examples. Publishers will continue to expand in these areas.

The nagging question that remained unanswered throughout his presentation and during the subsequent discussions with ALC members from the floor was how and when will African studies be represented within these technologies. Current CD-ROM resources have a well-recognized paucity of African related sources and topics within their databases.

Brown closed his presentation with the statement that for the 1990's, vendors will be challenged to cooperate and collaborate with users and become more central to the research and knowledge formation process. He suggested that individual institutions and their libraries must resort to and foster collaboration and interdependence without sacrificing autonomy and individual initiative.

Discussion comments included G. Walsh's concern regarding the lack of evaluation of the quality of African studies journals. Nancy Schmidt suggested requiring reviewing sample issues before purchase and some type of cooperative review mechanism, possibly by ALC. Hamacker suggested using BITNET and some shared strategies to review new titles. African bibliographers should do more to convince publishers to include more African published materials in their electronic and paper indexes. Hamacker urged that Africana bibliographers and librarians cooperatively index African journals and seek grant support to do so.



OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

June 25-July 2, 1992, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.
 Sept. 4-7, 1992, Columbus - Black Caucus National Conf.
 Jan. 23-28, 1993, Denver - ALA Midwinter meeting.
 June 24-July 1, 1993, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.

Canadian Association of African Studies:
 May 13-16, Montreal - Annual Conference

IFLA Annual Conference:

Aug. 30-Sept. 5, 1992, New Delhi.
 Future: 1993, Barcelona; 1994, Havana; 1995, Istanbul;
 1996, Beijing; 1997, Geneva; 1998, Edmonton.

American Library Association Fellows Positions

Applications are being accepted through April 15 for the 1992-93 Library/Book Fellows Program. This joint program of ALA and the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) has funding for 15 positions, to be selected among 21 possible posts.

Stipends for fellows are \$30,000 per year. Travel expenses (fellow and one dependent) to and from host country will be reimbursed; health insurance and a small housing subsidy are provided. Requirements: U.S. citizenship; language skills of the host country; and education and experience in library or information science, publishing or other fields directly related to the interests and needs of specific projects with demonstrated competency as required. If selected, certification from a physician attesting physical and emotional soundness to conduct the fellowship will be required. Persons who have lived abroad for a 10-year period immediately preceding application are not eligible.

The positions available in Africa:

Lesotho National Library Services (Maseru): Sept. 1992-Aug. 1993. Provide in-service training for school librarians; help plan a library science curriculum for the teacher training college and the National University.

National University of Benin (Cotonou): Four to six months, beginning October 1992. Survey, evaluate and analyze collection; write automation plan for an online public access catalog. French required.

University of Ibadan. Dept. of Library, Archival & Information Studies: Oct. 1992-Aug. 1993. Teach introductory courses in library automation.

University of Malawi (Zomba): Sept. 1992-Aug. 1993. Teach courses in cataloging and LC classification; provide training for staff; and assist in development of automation.

To apply, send resume with a cover letter briefly stating desired position, foreign-language skills, subject expertise and maximum placement service length (no application forms are available) to: Robert P. Doyle, Director, Library/Book Fellows Program, ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Tel: 1-800-545-2433, ext. 3200.

See also the insert in the March issue of *American Libraries*, which carries reports about 1990/91 fellows. Mary M. Wagner (College of St. Catherine) worked on *Lesotho Index* and other tasks

during 4 months at the Institute of Southern African Studies, National University of Lesotho. Wendy A. Simmons (University of Maryland-College Park) taught in the University of Botswana's Department of Library and Information Studies.

Conference on Library and Information Services for Future Development of Southern Africa will be held 6-8 May 1992 at the HSRC Conference Centre, Pretoria. Preliminary program includes participants from Botswana, Ghana, Malawi, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe. Direct all enquiries concerning registration and the program to Trudie Coetzer, Info Africa Nova, POB 4649, Pretoria 0001; tel & fax 012-662-1588.

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

Children's Book Support Scheme will donate over 10,000 children's books from African Books Collective (ABC) member publishers to children's libraries, rural community centres, orphanages and primary schools in Africa. With the support by of the Netherlands' Ministry for Development Cooperation, this project has been launched as a component of the Intra-African Book Support Scheme (IABSS). Participating publishers are Fourth Dimension, Ghana Publishing Corp., Heinemann Educational Books (Nigeria), Heinemann Kenya, Ibadan University Press, New Horn Press, Saros International Publishers, Skotaville Publishers, Spectrum Books and Woeli Publishing Services. The books will be sent to national library services and other distributors (with links with Ranfurly Library Service) in Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Zambia and Zimbabwe. For more information, contact Hans M. Zell or Mary Jay, ABC, The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU; or Sara Harritty or David Membrey, Ranfurly Library Service, 2 Coldharbour Place, 39/41 Coldharbour Lane, Camberwell, London SE5 9NR.

Oyo State College of Education, Ilesa, has a few valuable Nigerian books and government publications to offer in exchange for books in the applied and pure sciences and education. Contact Akin Oluwakuyide, College Librarian, OSSCE, P.M.B. 5089, Ilesa, Nigeria.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Boston University has acquired the papers of Clare Hayes Timberlake, the first American ambassador to Zaire. Included in the 8 boxes are personal and business correspondence, information and reports on work with the State Department in India, South America and Africa.

Pitts Theology Library has a collection of religious periodicals published in Africa. Undertaken as an area of concentration in the mid-seventies, the library currently receives 285 titles, with holding for more than 400 periodicals. Materials from 45 countries range in type from scholarly journals to individual parish bulletins. While most items are Christians, Islam is also represented. In preparation is a union list, which already includes bibliographic records for 1000

titles contributed by 12 participating libraries in Europe, Africa, and the United States. During the past decade Pitts Library has expanded its interest in African religious publications to include monographs. It is a contributing institution to the American Theological Library Association's International Christian Literature Documentation Project.

For more information, contact Cynthia Runyon, Periodicals Librarian, Pitts Theology Library, Emory University, Atlanta, GA 30322-2811. Tel: 404-727-4166.

Royal Commonwealth Society Library has closed, and a sale by area sections is being considered. According to T.A. Barringer (the Librarian), Africana would be virtually the last region to be moved, and the Society is committed to keeping the photograph collection together in an institutional home in the UK.

PERSONNEL CHANGES AND VACANCIES

Reuben Musiker retired in December 1991 at age 60 after 19 years as the University of the Witwatersrand University Librarian and Head of the Department of Librarianship and Information Science.

University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana seeks a Bibliographer for African Studies. Reporting to the Director of Area Studies, the incumbent is responsible for administration of the Africana Bibliographic Unit and for collection development; administration of several materials budgets; provision of reference, information and other bibliographic services concerning Africa, with an emphasis on social sciences and humanities and on the Sub-Saharan area of the continent; supervises library technical staff and graduate students; serves as liaison with African Studies faculty; teaches African bibliography course.

The Africana Bibliographic Unit is part of the Library's Area Studies Unit and part of the General Services Faculty. The staff consists of one FTE librarian, support staff, and graduate assistants. The Africana collection is located throughout the University of Illinois library system, with the majority of materials in the main stack collection. The holding on the nations of Sub-Saharan Africa include approximately 90,000 books, 2,200 journals, 45,000 maps and 4,000 microforms.

Required qualifications: M.L.S. from an A.L.A. accredited library school or an equivalent; familiarity with bibliographic resources on Africa; familiarity with African book trade; comprehension of written French; ability to work effectively with a research-oriented faculty and student body; ability to work in a collegial environment; evidence of research orientation and ability to meet university requirements for promotion and tenure.

Preferred: professional experience in African Studies librarianship, including reference and collection development; comprehension of written German and/or Portuguese; understanding of one or more major African languages. Those emphasized by the Center for African Studies are Arabic, Bambara, Lingala, Swahili, Wolof, and Zulu. **Desired:** advanced degree or strong academic background in African Studies.

Appointment at assistant, associate, or full professor. Salary \$23,500 upward depending on qualifications, experience and appointment rank. Librarians must demonstrate excellence in job performance, research, publication and university/professional/community service in order to meet university standards for tenure and promotion.

Send letter of application and complete resume, with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of five references to Allen G. Dries, Library Personnel Manager, University of Illinois Library (U-C), 1408 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, Illinois, 61801. Phone (217)333-5494. **Deadline:** May 1, 1992.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

THESIS

Nussbaum, Donna Elaine. "Operational conceptualization and implementation of an Educational Materials Center, Egerton University, Njoro, Kenya." Ph.D. thesis, Cornell University, 1991. 167p. UMI order no. 9203985.

Looked at the process of establishing and operating an educational materials production center which produced locally relevant, affordable instructional materials.--DAI52A:2810.

BOOKS & DOCUMENTS

Nweke, Ken M.C. *Information-Seeking and Use by Human and Veterinary Medical Scientists (HVMS) in Africa: Case Study from Borno State, Nigeria*. Bloomington, IN: African Studies Program, Indiana University, 1992. (Monographs on African Librarianship, 2). \$5 from Program (222 Woodburn Hall, 47405).

Compact Disc Technology for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation. 26p. 1991? Available free of charge from CTA (Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Co-operation), Postbus 380, 6700 AJ Wageningen, Netherlands.

Describes CTA project to provide KIT's TROPAG & RURAL, FAO's AGRIS, CAB Abstracts and other databases on CD-ROM to 21 sites, including the following in Africa:

- Centre National de Documentation Agricole (Ouagadougou)
- Centre de Doc., Ministère de l'Agriculture (Yaoundé)
- University Centre of Dschang (Cameroon)
- Centre de recherche appliquée (Enseignement sup., N'Djamena)
- ADRAO/WARDA (Bouaké, Côte d'Ivoire)
- Institute of Agricultural Research (Addis Ababa)
- Library & Documentation Serv. (Ministry of Agric., Nairobi)
- Institut du Sahel (Bamako)
- University of Ibadan
- National Agricultural Documentation Centre (Freetown)
- National Documentation Centre (Khartoum)
- Sokoine University of Agriculture (Morogoro, Tanzania)
- Mount Makulu Central Research Station (Chilanga, Zambia)
- Ministry of Lands, Agriculture & Rural Resettlement (Harare)

Degife Gabre Tsadik. "National Archive for Ethiopia and the role of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies." *Proceedings of the First National Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa, April 11-12, 1990*, edited by Richard Pankhurst, Ahmed Zekaria & Taddesse Beyene. Addis Ababa: Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University, 1990, pp. 143-163. Reviews history of Archives, surveys records held in 20 government ministries, and outlines a plan for improvement.

Stafford, Beth, and Yvette Scheven. "Women in Developing Countries Online." *Women Online: Research in Women's Studies Using Online Databases*, edited by Steven D. Atkinson & Judith Hudson (New York: Haworth Press, 1990), pp. 315-349. Search for 1984-86 publications found almost no overlap between online databases (AGRIIS International, CAB Abstracts, ERIC, LABOR-DOC, AGRICOLA) and two printed indexes (*Women Studies Abstracts* and *Studies on Women Abstracts*), with important WID materials missing from both.

Wright, Marcia. "Ecclesiastical Records and their part in an Eastern African Data Bank: A programmatic essay." *Histoire sociale de l'Afrique de l'Est (XIXe-XXe siècle): Actes du Colloque de Bujumbura (17-24 octobre 1989)*, Département d'Histoire de l'Université du Burundi (Paris: Editions Karthala, 1991), pp. 437-451. Proposes an African Data Bank, modelled on the Medieval and Early Modern Data Bank (MEMDB). Focuses on data about vital events, mortality, birthspacing, fertility and remarriage in the records of the White Fathers.

REVIEW ESSAY ON OVERLAP IN BIBLIOGRAPHIES

The issue of overlap (or lack of overlap) in the various Africanist bibliographies was a major but not exclusive theme of two recent articles:

Binns, Margaret. "The Documentation of African Research." *African Research and Documentation*, no. 56 (1991): 1-34.

Hertefelt, Marcel d'. "Bibliographies africanistes courantes: une comparaison." *Afrika Focus*, v. 7, nr. 1 (1991): 49-58.

Hertefelt (Tervuren) compared the 1984-1985 and 1986-1987 volumes of *Bibliographie de l'Afrique sub-saharienne* (Tervuren) with 1988 volumes of *Documentatieblad* (Leiden), *International African Bibliography* (London) and *Africa Bibliography* (Manchester), and the 1986 volume of *Bibliographie des travaux en langue française sur l'Afrique au sud du Sahara* (Paris). Setting aside the London title which does not list serials covered, the author found 996 periodical titles of which only 18 were included in each bibliography. Overlap between any two bibliographies ranged from 11 to 23 percent; while the Manchester and Paris titles combined covered 85% of the 996 titles.

Binns reported the results of a major survey, sponsored by the International African Institute (IAI) and based mainly on resources in the library of the Institute of Development Studies (IDS) in Sussex. Among the many useful comments on existing bibliographies is an estimate of only 25% overlap between *Africa Bibliography* and *International African Bibliography* (IAB). This is more or less confirmed by my own preliminary surveys, which found 30-

40% of the entries in one are also in the other. And IAB editors admitted (v.22, no.1) that they covered less than half the relevant literature. Their solution is to list monographs separately without any subject indexing, starting with the 1992 issues. Other possibilities should be explored.

The major concern of the IAI project "was with research work carried out by Africans in universities and research institutions within Africa, and written up either in the form of unpublished theses or research reports, or published in African journals." The conclusions about poor coverage are well founded, if a bit exaggerated. The idea that a seminar or workshop organized in England could even begin to solve the problem suggests the need for a more thorough review of previous efforts.

The article certainly deserves a careful reading. Comments should go to the ARD editor, Maureen Mahoney, Documentation and Library Centre, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton BN1 9RE.

OTHER JOURNALS & ARTICLES

International Library Review, v.23, no.4 (Dec. 1991), included: "Setting up a Bibliographic Data Base ...: The CIDST Experience in Madagascar," by L.M. Andriamparany & J. Ratsimandrava; "Directions of the Information Professions in Africa as Reflected in the Literature," by L.O. Aina; "The Institute of Ethiopian Studies Library and its Documentation Services," by S. Gupta; "Libraries in Ethiopia before 1900," by M. Ourgay; "Librarians in Ghana: A Survey of Their Social Origins and Status," by A.A. Alemna; "Academic Libraries and Curriculum Development in Nigeria," by C.O. Enyia.

Journal Distribution Program Notes (AAAS Sub-Saharan Africa Journal Distribution Program), v. 1, no. 2 (December 1991), carried notes on "CD-ROM at the University of Ghana Medical School," by Daniel Addo, and a report on the 3rd Biennial Congress of the Association for Health Information and Libraries in Africa (Harare, 7-12 July 1991).

Scientometrics, v. 23 (Jan. 1992) included: "Access and Retrieval of Information as Coordinates of Scientific Development and Achievement in Nigeria," I. Adamson, p.191-200; "Access to Third-World Science in International Scientific and Technical Bibliographic Databases," G. Whitney, p.201-220; "Representing Scientific Activity by Structural Indicators: The Case of Côte-d'Ivoire, 1884-1968," Y. Chatelin & R. Arvanitis, p. 235-248.

Third World Libraries (Rosary College), v. 2, no. 1: "The Challenge of Medical Librarianship in Africa," by Daniel Newton Obaka, p. 14-16; "Information for Successful Agriculture," by L.O. Aina, p. 49-53 [notes on extension officers in Africa]; "A Book Buyer in Tunisia," by Abazar Sepehri, p. 54-60 [part one of a report of a library acquisitions trip made in 1990 for the University of Texas]; and reviews by Diana Rosenberg, with notes on the Kenyan scene, of Ifidon, Collection Development in African University Libraries and by A.M. Oyinloye of Nigerian Periodicals Index.

Aiyepoku, W.O. "The Challenge of Implementing an African Programme in Information Science - TRARECON." *Journal of Information Science*, v. 17 (1991): 315-320.

Ephraim, P.E. "The Development of CD-ROM and its Potential for African Researchers." *Journal of Information Science*, v. 17 (1991): 299-306.

Henige, David. "Waiting for the Great Pumpkin? On the Whereabouts of Justification in Library Research." *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, vol. 17 (1992): 348-350.

Lead article is a "Symposium" discussing his "Epistemological Dead End and Ergonomic Disaster? The North American Collections Inventory Project," *JAL*, v. 13 (1987): 209-213.

Henige, David. "Value and Evaluation." *Collection Management: A New Treatise*, edited by Charles B. Osburn and Ross Atkinson (Greenwich, CT: JAI Press, Inc. (Foundations in Library and Information Science, v. 26), 1991), pp. 111-124.

Raises doubts about the validity of evaluation procedures.

Malanchuk, Peter. "African Acquisitions: Strategies to Locate and Acquire Current and Retrospective Africana." *Library Acquisitions: Practice & Theory*, v. 15 (1991): 453-462.

Nyahoda, Phillip. "Towards an Indigenous Southern African Thesaurus." *African Research and Documentation*, no. 56 (1991): 43-45.

Reports work of Harare Thesaurus Group to develop a supplementary thesaurus of appropriate terms that have been excluded in conventional thesauri.

Odi, A. "The Colonial Origins of Library Development in Africa: Some Reflections on Their Significance." *Libraries & Culture*, v. 26 (1991): 594-.

Schmidt, Nancy J. "Research without Theory: Data Collection as an End in Itself." *Journal of Academic Librarianship*, vol. 17 (1992): 357-8.

Last of seven articles commenting upon Henige's 1987 article.

Tiamiyu, M.A. "Importance of Information Sources to the Information Requirements of Work Activities in Nigerian Government Ministries." *Journal of Information Science*, v. 17 (1991): 345-356.

REFERENCE SOURCES

CORPORATE TIES TO SOUTH AFRICA: A REVIEW OF A DIRECTORY

by Al Kagan

(Homer Babbidge Library, U. of Connecticut)

Cooper, Alison. *International Business in South Africa 1991: a Directory of Non-U.S. Corporations with Business Links to South Africa*. 5th edition (annual). Washington, DC: Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc., 1991. 341 pages. \$250.

The Investor Responsibility Research Center, Inc. (IRRC) is an independent, not-for-profit corporation founded by and for institutional investors. It claims to present the results of its research on various topics without making recommendations. The data for this volume was compiled from various printed sources and organizations. Research was provided by SVP (a South African firm), and direct requests for information were sent to the corporations listed, as well as to Canadian and British government bodies and consultants and to the embassies of 11 countries.

The IRRC also published a companion volume, *U.S. Business in South Africa 1991*, and provides a monthly South Africa Review Service with several newsletters and reports to update the annual directories. [See Selected New Books section, p.15.]

This international volume provides information on 714 corporations: 454 with direct investment or employees in South Africa, 172 companies that have non-equity links with South Africa, and 188 companies that have divested. The volume begins with a table of contents and an alphabetical list of the companies included with page numbers and see references. There are 2 main sections, 12 appendixes, and an index. Section I includes ultimate parent companies with direct involvement, and Section II includes companies with non-equity links. Listings include percent equity held by ultimate parent, number of employees by South African racial categories, and often some narrative comment. Entries are annotated to show whether companies declined to confirm or correct

information, whether information came from an outside source, or whether the companies acknowledged a presence in South Africa but declined to provide details.

The appendixes are quite interesting. For example, checking by country, we can determine that companies from 24 countries are involved and that the United Kingdom and Germany are the biggest investors. France, Switzerland and Japan make up the second tier. We may also check investment by industry sector, companies not listed in Section I but that sell products to South Africa, companies that have divested, companies that have divested but still have non-equity links, etc.

Appendix K presents information on international sanctions and employment codes, including a table showing kind of sanctions by country. The European Community, Nordic Countries, and Commonwealth sanction codes are explained and individual country sections detail the status or sanctions. The EC and Australian codes are given in full, but the section on the United Nations is misleading because it only deals with the Security Council resolutions on the arms embargo. This is not "the only mandatory restrictions." For example, U.N. General Assembly resolution 31/6H of 1976 "Calls upon all Governments to take effective action to prohibit all loans to or investments in South Africa by bank and corporations...." And General Assembly resolution 34/93 of 1979 calls on governments "To sever diplomatic, military, nuclear, economic, and other relations with the racist regime of South Africa..." This oversight is more than troubling.

The IRRC is well-known and has acquired significant legitimacy for the quality of its research. But the rising cost of its publications put them out of reach of many potential users. The volume sold for \$200 in 1990 and now sells for \$250. The cost of the monthly updating service is not given in any of the accompanying literature; one must call [202-234-7500] for information. Perhaps the institutional investors have found a way to address their social responsibilities, but when even libraries are excluded because of the high

cost of their publications, we may ask if they are excluding other social responsibilities. It would be refreshing to see special reduced rates for library acquisitions.

In general, the format and arrangement of the volume is quite straight-forward, but one small enhancement would make it much easier to use. The appendixes need headers. Regarding manufacture, the book meets ANSI standard Z39.48-84 for "Permanence of Paper for Printed Library materials." However this is not stated on the verso. The grain of the paper runs parallel to the spine so the book opens well and stays open for easy reading.

NEW PROJECTS

Birth Traditions Survival Bank. Dr. Jacky Vincent Priya (Private Bag 2, Mtunthama, Malawi) plans to create a databank and promote research on birth traditions worldwide. Those interested in joining the Network and receiving a quarterly newsletter should send a check/international money order for £20 or \$35 to Dr. Priya.

REQUEST FOR EDITOR

Clio Press is looking for compilers for the volumes on Guinea and Kenya (2nd ed.) in its World Bibliographical Series. Contact Robert G. Neville, Executive Editor, Clio Press Ltd., 55 St. Thomas St., Oxford OX1 1JG, England.

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.

ALA-LC Romanization Tables: Transliteration Schemes for Non-Roman Scripts, approved by the Library of Congress and the American Library Association; tables compiled and edited by Randall K. Barry. Washington, 1991. 216p.

Includes Arabic (with extensive Rules of Application), revised Amharic and new Tigrinya tables. A rearrangement, with some corrections, of the now superseded tables published in the Cataloging Service Bulletin. Available for \$24 from LC, Cataloging Distribution Service, Customer Services Section, Washington, DC 20541-5017.

Annuaire des pays de l'Océan Indien, vol. 11 (1986-1989) has appeared after a substantial hiatus. Along with the usual studies, Survey and documents, there is a good, complete bibliography for 1984-1989 publications. This covers the Indian Ocean in general, Madagascar, Réunion, and the French overseas departments and territories.

DOMES (Digest of Middle East Studies) is a new quarterly review journal edited by Mohammed M. Aman, covering books and non-print publications about Islam and the Middle East. Vol. 1, no. 1 (Winter 1992), had a feature article and reviews of 27 titles. ISSN 1060-4367. Subscription of \$50 per year from School of Library and Information Science, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, PO Box 413, Milwaukee, WI 53201.

Marsot, A.L.A. "Survey of Egyptian Works of History." *American Historical Review*, v.96 (1991): 1422-34.

Merrett, Christopher. *Thesaurus of South African Socio-Political and Economic Terms from an Anti-Apartheid Perspective*. 2nd edition. Pietermaritzburg, South Africa: University of Natal Library (Publication series no. 3), 1991. 44p.

Includes such new headings as Destabilization, Disinformation, Internal colonialism, and Weapons. The Weekly Mail was the primary source.

Sénégal: bibliographie réalisée à partir de la banque de données Ibiscus, triée par grands domaines par Pascal Hue. Paris: Ministère de la coopération et du développement, 1991. 295p. (Réseaux documentaires sur le développement). 211FF

Union Catalogue of Theses and Dissertations of the South African Universities, 1918-1989 = Gesamentlike Katalogus van Proefskrifte en Verhandelinge van die Suid-Afrikaanse Universiteite, 1918-1989. Microfiche ed. Potchefstroom: Potchefstroomse Universiteit vir Christelike hoer Onderwys, 1990. Available at R25 from Potchefstroom University: attention Prof. C.H.L. Lessing.

University of Orange Free State's Institute for Contemporary History (2320 Bloemfontein 9300) has 452 inventories or catalogs for private document collections housed at the Institute. Of these, 15 (totaling over 1500 pages) have been distributed to local universities. Photocopies are available at \$1 per page.

DATA AVAILABLE ON CD-ROM

CD-DIS: A.I.D.'s Development Information System is being distributed by A.I.D.'s Center for Development Information and Evaluation (CDIE). This CD-ROM (compact) disk contains the complete AID document and project databases and the full text of selected reports and publications. The databases list over 7000 projects initiated since 1974 and 65,000 project and technical reports. No. 1 (March 1992) has data current through December 1991, and it will be updated four times per year. Requires an IBM-compatible PC with 640K RAM and a CD-ROM reader with Microsoft extensions to DOS 2.0 or later.

Cost is \$50 for a single copy or \$120 for a year's subscription. It is free to AID offices and missions and qualifying host country institutions in AID-supported countries. Contact U.S. Agency for International Development, Development Information Services Clearinghouse, POL/CDIE/DI, Attn: CD-DIS, 1500 Wilson Blvd. Suite 1010, Arlington, Va 22209-2404. Fax: (703)351-4039.

Svinga: A Zimbabwe Encyclopedia, by Tony Mechin, Paul Mes-siter-Tooze and Maulosi Nyakuwa (Harare: Media Technology, 1990), is a CD-ROM product, requiring a Macintosh computer with the HyperCard program. "A multimedia journal through Zimbabwe, incorporating the Tabex Encyclopedia of Zimbabwe." Cost in the US is \$69 from CD ROM, Inc., 1667 Cole Blvd., Suite 400, Golden, CO 80401-3313. Tel: 303-231-9373 or 800-821-5245.

Media Technology (Pvt) Ltd (200 Harbert Chitepo Ave., POB HG 328 Highlands, Harare, Zimbabwe) also offers an upgrade for \$50 to registered users. This QuickTime version includes hundreds of color images and over 60 color movies, and it requires a color Macintosh system. (QuickTime synchronises up to 24 different channels of information--voice, video, data, etc.) Publisher can be reached at media_tech@p50.f1.n721.z5.fidonet.org (E-mail) or (2634) 702009 (phone).

LETTERS & OPINIONS

In this section, the editor hopes to publish letters and essays. No necessary endorsement by the editor or MSU is intended. The following letter to the editor was received March 20.

**LC WEST AFRICAN OFFICE:
ALC SUPPORT STATEMENT OF SUPPORT**

The establishment of a Library of Congress West African Office has received considerable attention in three previous numbers (67-69) of *ALN*. Included in the January 1992 issue were minutes of an extended discussion which occurred during the Archives-Libraries Committee (ALC) Business Meeting at ASA on November 24, 1991. As ALC chair, I encouraged all interested parties to express their views publicly during that meeting. The minutes of that discussion represent a true reflection of comments made. In my capacity as then chair of ALC, I wish to state unequivocally the ALC Executive Committee's full support for the establishment of this office. The elected members of the combined Executive Committee of 1990/91 and 1991/92 and the past chairs have recorded their support for this issue by signing this letter.

Efforts to create the Office have received broad-based support from Africanist scholars, African studies center directors, Africana librarians, and from research library directors. Hundreds of letters of support, including the staunch backing of ASA members, the Congressional Black Caucus, the Association of Concerned Africa Scholars, and the Pacific Coast Africanist Association were sent to key Congressional leaders responsible for reviewing this proposal. Important testimony was given in support of the Office before the U. S. House Appropriations Sub-Committee charged with budgetary review for this proposal by ASA's Executive Director, Dr. Edna G. Bay, by Dr. Joseph A. Boisse, on behalf of the American Library Association, and by knowledgeable Africana librarian and bibliographer colleagues.

The rationale for the establishment of the Office is multifaceted. It includes improved acquisitions, enhanced bibliographic control of material issued in the region, and the provision of cataloging data from the region. At the St. Louis meeting a consensus of Africana librarians identified categories of publications particularly needing additional acquisitions support. The microfilming of newspapers and the acquisition of selected government documents, political party publications, grey literature, maps, and serials are among these materials. In addition, an accessions list for West Africa comparable to the highly valued Library of Congress Accessions List Eastern Africa would serve as a de facto national bibliography for some countries at present without such bibliographical control. This list would enable American libraries to identify and acquire local publications. The result will be richer and more complete collections from West Africa, a region vital to the shaping of our country's history and to the understanding of our multicultural roots and heritage.

It is, in fact, our considered judgment that the lack of a West African Office to gather publications has cost American taxpayers rather dearly. Publications from this area and their cataloging have been more costly than they would have been had they been acquired by a field office. It is not, however, only Library of Congress

collections which are less strong than they might have been had a West African Office been established in the mid sixties when originally envisioned. In addition, other American research libraries with substantial Africana holdings have been denied participation in cost-saving foreign acquisitions programs available to other regions of the world, such as the Middle Eastern and Asian programs of the Overseas Operations Division of the Library of Congress.

It is a truism that this is an information age. It is also self-evident that the Office would serve our national interest by enabling Congress and other policymakers to base their decisions on information garnered from a broader representation of West African resources. We are increasingly aware of the inter-relatedness of environmental, economic, health and political concerns for the entire planet. West Africa acutely needs to be a part of this global information and research network. Access to most recent publications from the region providing West African views on such vital issues as human rights, structural adjustment, and climatology is essential to informed decisionmaking. Neither the U. S. government nor its citizens can afford to be without these materials or be denied access to them. Nonetheless, at present a significant number of these items do not reach our Africanist research libraries. The establishment of the West African Office would improve the availability of publications urgently required by governmental policymakers, researchers, business people, and students.

ALC members are working to create a program panel for the national meeting of the American Library Association. The purpose of this panel is twofold: first, to inform non-specialist academic and public librarians regarding existing channels available for the acquisition of Africana and diasporan materials and second, to promote the work of Africana book vendors and to disseminate Africana more widely. A representation of current Africana dealers will be invited to participate on that panel. The American Library Association is also publishing an important work entitled "Selection of Library Materials for Area Studies," which includes a section on collecting Africana. The efforts of both Africana vendors and the West African Office will be critical to improved access to West African publications.

Cooperation and the combining of our many talents should be the tenet upon which we move forward, thereby ensuring the mutual benefit of all. We look forward to the establishment of the Library of Congress West African Office, a development eagerly awaited by this country's Africanists for more than twenty-five years.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS & NEWS

African Books Collective Ltd (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU) has issued *ABC Newslite: An Occasional Newsletter*, no. 1 (November 1991), which was mailed in January with ABC's Catalogue no. 4. In addition to the publishers listed in *ALN*, Oct. 1991, p.5, the following joined the program during 1991:

Foundation for Education with Production (Gaborone)
Heinemann Education Books (Nigeria) Ltd. (Ibadan)
Sankore Publishers (Lagos)
Saros International Publishers (Port Harcourt)
Spectrum Books Ltd. (Ibadan)
Tanzania National Scientific Research Council (Dar es Salaam)

African Imprint Library Services, (AILS) P.O. Box 350, West Falmouth, MA 02574, continues to distribute lists of "Titles Recently Received" by country and subject. These are generated whenever they receive a shipment from a country, and they are automatically sent to regular customers. Others can get on the mailing list by writing or calling 508-540-5378. AILS currently receives about 15-20 shipments per month, and Cameroon is among the countries for which there is a substantial improvement in recent coverage.

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town) has issued Catalogue 81 (1991), with 894 titles. About half are current books.

Infodata Limited (P.O. Box 52126, Falomo-Ikoyi, Nigeria) issued (December 1991) a new price list. Dailies available each for \$1260 per year: Daily Times, The Guardian, Concord, New Nigerian Champion, Tribune, Vanguard. Weeklies available for \$750 each: African Concord, African Guardian, Times International, Newswatch, Tell, Classique (Women), Hints (Women), TSM (Society).

Inter Documentation Company (IDC) catalogs of microfiche material are available from P.O. Box 11205, 2301 EE Leiden, The Netherlands.

Recent catalogs include: *National Development Plans: Supplement 1991*, with 30 African entries, including many state and interim plans; *National Statistical Reports: Supplement 1991*, with many bank and state reports among the 37 African titles; *Rural and Regional Development*, a collection with 192 African documents; *Human Rights Documents, 1980-1988*.

Leishman & Taussig announced their 1992 schedule in a January 27 circular. After visiting only three countries in 1991, they completed a trip to Zambia and Malawi in January. They plan to visit South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland in April/May; Zimbabwe and Kenya in August; and Namibia and other southern African countries in November/December. More details are available from 2B Westgate, Southwell, Notts., UK, NG25 0JH.

Schoenhof's Foreign Books (76 A. Mount Anburn St., Cambridge, MA 02138) is the US distributor for the publications of CEDA (Centre d'Édition et de Diffusion Africaines, 04 BP 541 Abidjan).

South African Library (P.O. Box 496, 8000 Cape Town) has the microfilm masters of *Die Burger* for November 1987 to the present. The film of the "Laaste" edition is about one reel per month. The separate film of the "Laat" (white country readership) and "Ekstra" (Black and coloured readership) editions fills two reels per month. A third film consists of the tabloid "magazine" and small advertising sections of little general interest.

The years 1914 to October 1987 of *Die Burger* were filmed by Microfile Ltd, under contract to Nasionale Pers, with all editions being filmed in one sequence. This is now available from Southern Africa Information Services (P.O. Box 479, Highlands North, 2027 South Africa).

State Library (PO Box 397, Pretoria 0001) no longer offers a weekly card service. As of 1 January 1992, subscribers to the SANB weekly service had two options:

1. Photocopies of computer printout at R379,50 per year plus postage; or
2. Machine-readable records with SAMARC coding at R0,444 per record plus cost of tape/disk and postage.

New reference publications:

South African Newspapers Available on Microfilm, 1991 ed.

Directory of South African Publishers, to be issued biannually from November 1991.

University Publications of America has announced the following new publications of records of the Dept. of State from the National Archives, Record Group 59:

British Africa: Internal Affairs and Foreign Affairs, 1945-1949. 14 reels with printed guide. \$1440.

British Africa: Internal Affairs and Foreign Affairs, 1950-1954. 29 reels with printed guide. \$2985.

British Africa: Internal Affairs and Foreign Affairs, 1955-1959. 39 reels with guides forthcoming. \$4015.

South Africa: Internal Affairs and Foreign Affairs, 1950-1954. 23 reels with printed guide. \$2365.

BOOK AWARDS

1991 Joel Gregory Prize to Bruce Berman for his *Control and Crisis in Colonial Kenya: the Dialectics of Domination* (Athens: Ohio University Press; London: James Currey; Nairobi: Heinemann Kenya, 1990). --CAAS Newsletter, Fall 1991.

Co-winners of ASA's 1991 Melville J. Herskovits Award: Johannes Fabian, *Power and Performance: Ethnographic Explorations through Proverbial Wisdom and Theater in Shaba, Zaire* (Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1990) and Luise White, *The Comforts of Home: Prostitution in Colonial Nairobi* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1990).

1991 Noma Award Winner: Niyi Osundare, *Waiting Laughters* (Lagos: Malthouse Press Ltd., 1990).

Special Commendation: Dambudzo Marechera, *The Black Insider*, edited by Flora Veit-Wild (Harare: Baobab Books, 1990).

Honourable Mentions:

Chirikure Chirikure, *Rukuvhute*.

Oladapo Fafowora, *Pressure Groups and Foreign Policy*.

Sindiwe Magona, *To My Children's Children*.

Gcina Mhlophe, *Queen of the Tortoises*.

--ABPR, v. 17, no. 3 (1991)

Booker Prize: Ben Okri, *The Famished Road* (London: Cape, 1991).

Commonwealth Writers Prize for "Best First Book": Karen King-Aribisala, *Our Wife and Other Stories* (Lagos: Malthouse, 1990).

Grand Prix Littéraire de l'Afrique Noire (1991): Kama Kamanda, *La nuit des griots* (Paris: Harmattan-A. Degive).

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

The African Book Publishing Record, vol. 27, no. 3 (1991), includes a report on the Ghana National Book Congress (Accra, March 1991), by A.A. Alemna, pp. 205-6.

Vilasco, Gilles (U. d'Abidjan), & Zidouemba, Dominique H. (IFAN-Ch.A. Diop, Dakar). "Books and Publishing in Francophone Africa." *UNESCO-Africa*, no. 2 (July 1991): 26-41.

Notes economic difficulties for African publishers and hopes that micro-publishing techniques would make it possible to produce the low-cost reading materials that are needed to promote literacy and expand potential readership.

SERIAL CHANGES

AF Press Clips was discontinued by the Bureau of African Affairs, US Department of State. The last issue was v. 26, no. 25 (June 28, 1991).

ISAP: Index to South African Periodicals = RSAT: Repertorium van Suid-Afrikaanse Tydskrifartikels for 1987-1990 is available on magnetic tape. About 440 periodicals are covered with over 75,000 entries. Pre-1987 entries are on microfiche. Enquiries to Publication Sales Section, State Library, PO Box 397, 0001 Pretoria, South Africa.

Library Notes (Royal Commonwealth Society) ceased with no. 306 (November/December 1991), with the closing of the Library.

Proswa (Windhoek) has ceased publication, per Argo Publications.

S.A. News Summary (Johannesburg) ceased publication, per Argo Publications.

NEW SERIALS

See also new serials in the References Sources section.

Bookmark = Boekmark. No. 1 (Summer 1991). News Magazine of Associated Booksellers of Southern Africa. Edited by Maureen Hargraves, Atrium Bookshop, P.O. Box 23832, Claremont 7735, South Africa.

Kalahari Review (ISSN 1060-0310) is a new literary journal devoted to the writing and artwork of the people from southern Africa. The premier issue (Winter 1992) includes an interview with Mark Mathabane, art by Garth Erasmus and Elias Mathonse, an essay by Chenjerai Hove, and poetry by Jennifer Ann Sharpe, Amanda Hammar, Dorian Haarhof, and Musa W. Dube.

Subscriptions for 3 issues per year are \$24 and \$30 (institutions) from The Kalahari Press, Inc., 4000 Cathedral Ave., NW, #138B, Washington, DC 20016.

Nordic Journal of African Studies. First issue due April 1992 from Department of Asian and African Studies, University of Helsinki (Hallituskatu 8, 00100 Helsinki, Finland). This absorbs *Lugha* (Uppsala) which ceased with volume 4.

VIDEOS

Alter-Ciné (5371 Esplanade, Montreal (Quebec) H2T 2Z8; tel: 514-273-7136) has produced the following films:

- Horn of Africa series: *The Forbidden Land* (55 min.); *Night and Silence* (48 min.); & *Out of the Ashes* (50 min.).
- *Winning the Peace* (29 min.; 1991 documentary about Eritrea)

Cinema Guild (1697 Broadway, NY, NY 10019; tel: 212-246-5522) has announced the following new releases:

- *No Easy Walk* - a series of 3 documentaries on Ethiopia, Kenya and Zimbabwe; each 60 minutes.
- *Songololo: Voices of Change* (54 min.; dir. Marianne Kaplan).
- *Namibia: Rebirth of a Nation* (45 min.; dir. Kevin Harris)
- *Images in Struggle* (28 min.; dir. Barry Feinberg)

SELECTED NEW BOOKS

This section will be generally limited to titles outside the regular book trade. Many more titles and/or details on publisher addresses can be found in Joint Acquisitions List of Africana (Northwestern University Library), The African Book Publishing Record (Hans Zell Publishers), American Book Publishing Record (Bowker), Accessions List: Eastern Africa (Library of Congress Office, Nairobi), or in one of the current national bibliographies.

AAAS Sub-Saharan African Program (1333 H St., NW, Washington, DC 20005) offers following free publications:

Malaria & Development in Africa: A Cross Sectoral Approach.
Science in Africa: Achievement and Prospects.

Amare Getahun, Kedir Reshid & H. Munyua. *Agroforestry for Development in Kenya: An Annotated Bibliography*. Nairobi [POB 30677]: ICRAF, 1991?. 228p. \$6.50 plus postage.

Centre International du Commerce Extérieur du Sénégal (CIES, BP 8166, route de l'Aéroport, Dakar-Yoff) has issued:

Le Sénégal, 1ere edition, 1990-1991. Loose-leaf. 40000 FCFA CICES-Information.

Clough, Michael. *Free at Last? U.S. Policy Toward Africa and the End of the Cold War*. New York: Council on Foreign Relations Press, 1992. 145p. \$14.95. Address: 58 East 68th St., NYC 10021. Tel: 212-734-0400.

Gill, Dennis. *The Coinage of Ethiopia, Eritrea and Italian Somalia*. Garden City, NY: D. Gill, 1991. 342p. \$25 plus \$2.50 for postage. Address: POB 175, Garden City, NY 11530. Tel: 516-333-5613.

IRRC (Investor Responsibility Research Center Inc., 1755 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036. Tel: 202-234-7500) issued the following new editions or titles in 1991: *U.S. Business in South Africa* 205p, \$200 (\$250 for 1992 ed.); *International Business in South Africa* 341p, \$250; *Guide to American State & Local Laws on South Africa* 116p, \$95; *U.S. Business in Post-Sanctions South Africa* 24p, \$35; and *Corporate Responsibility in a Changing South Africa* 65p, \$35. [See also review on p.10.]

Jowitt, David. *Nigerian English Usage: An Introduction*. Ikeja: Longman Nigeria Ltd., 1991. ISBN 9781396393 Shows that English in Nigeria has adapted to the local situation and evolved a set of indexical markers.

Norstrom, Wanda. *An American Artist in Africa, 1937*. South Portland, Maine (245 Broadway, no. 403, 04106): Pearl Shedding Press, 1991. ISBN 0-9630357-0-3. \$19.

O'Neil, Robert J. *Mission to the British Cameroons*. Mill Hill, London: Mission Book Service, 1991. 185p. ISBN 0950788899. Covers the work of the St. Joseph's Missionary Society of Mill Hill. Address of publisher: St. Joseph's College, London NW7 4JX.

Pélissier, René. *Du Sahara à Timor: 700 livres analysés (1980-1990) sur l'Afrique et l'Insulinde ex-ibériques*. 1991? 350p. Available for 400FF from Pélissier, Montamets, 78630 ORGEVAL, France.

South Africa, 1991-92: Official Yearbook has been distributed by the South African Government. This 17th edition appears in a new, shortened (266p.) version, and it is based on December 1990 data.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

AIDS Analysis Africa, vol.2, no.1, is devoted to the Sixth International Conference on AIDS in Africa, held in Dakar in December 1991. The 12-page issue was written by Rex Winsburg, the editor/publisher. This bimonthly has a full subscription of £115/\$235, with a rate of £80/\$165 for educational or charitable organizations. Address: 38 Charterhouse St., London EC1M 6JJ.

"Gendering Social Science." *CODESRIA Bulletin*, No. 4, 1991. A report on the CODESRIA Workshop on Gender Analysis and African Social Science, Dakar, 16-21 September 1991.

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materials (compared to US-UK imprints) in our libraries? What is an appropriate level of Africana in the various indexes, bibliographies and CD-ROMs? Do trip reports and acquisitions lists promote excessive duplication of low use resources? Have special interests made the Conspectus unusable? Will African libraries without book funds be able to survive on gifts? Is the Association of Research Libraries a better vehicle than CRL for a foreign materials proposal? Should this column be renamed "Parting Shots"?

Other potential features that have been put off: Brief list of ALC (and other) members; List of currently received newspapers; List of latest (recent) national bibliographies; List of latest statistical annual (or substitute); Notes on gaps in microfilm holdings of newspapers.





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