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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

The agenda for the Spring ALC meeting in East Lansing was too full for a report from this editor. There were 3 issues I had wanted to bring up. First, this is my last year as editor. Following the path of Yvette Scheven rather than that of Gretchen Walsh and Nancy Schmidt (and contrary to my previous expectations), I have decided that three years is enough. In 1994, it will be time for another to enjoy the rewards and frustrations of producing this newsletter. I look forward to the innovations of the next editor. Second, I am have received numerous requests for book donations from literacy projects in Namibia. I have decided that *ALN* is not an appropriate place for such appeals. Third, a reader survey of information wanted or needed is overdue. This editor is firmly committed to reporting action taken by ALC and CAMP. But do we need all the dialogue? Are extremely selective and random lists of new books and serials useful?

For details on the reports, commentary and plans (or dreams) from the Spring meeting, see the minutes starting on page 2. What is missing (besides

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ACRONYMS

ABC - African Books Collective; or Africa Book Centre
ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)
ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)
ALC - Africana Librarians Council (formerly Archives-Libraries Committee) of ASA
ASA - African Studies Association (U.S.)
CAMP - Cooperative Africana Microform Project
CRL - 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

December 3-7, 1993, Boston - ASA Annual Meeting.
 April 15-16, 1994, Durham, NC - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 November (1st week) 1994, Toronto - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Spring 1994, Evanston, IL - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 November (1st week) 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR FALL MEETING IN BOSTON

December 3 (Friday):

9:00 - 10:00am ALC Executive Board
 10:00 - 11:30am .. Cataloging Committee
 11:30 - 1:00pm Bibliography Committee
 2:00 - 4:00pm ALC Business Meeting
 4:00 - 5:00pm ALC Executive Board

December 4 (Saturday):

9:30 -11:00am CAMP Business Meeting
 11:00 -12:00noon CAMP Executive Committee

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

East Lansing, MI - April 30, 1993, 1:45-3:45 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Schmidt, Chair.

Present were: Angela Aluko (Boston U.), Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Ruby Bell-Gam (U. of California, Los Angeles), Phyllis Bischof (U. of California, Berkeley), Mary Brady (Northwestern U.), Dan Britz (Northwestern U.), Moore Crossey (Yale U.), David Easterbrook (Northwestern U.), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State U.), Gregory Finnegan (Dartmouth College), Karen Fung (Stanford), Beverly Gray (LC), John Bruce Howell (U. of Iowa), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois), Joseph Lauer (Michigan State U.), Robert W. Lesh (Northwestern U.), Helen MacLam (CHOICE Magazine), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), Judy McDermott (LC), Valerie Mwalilino (LC), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U.), W.R. Robinson (Robinson Publications, Nashville, TN), Yvette Scheven, Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Charles B. Sherrill (Malcolm X College, City Colleges of Chicago), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U.), Dane Ward (Kenton County Public Library), Dorothy Washington (Schomburg Center, NY Public Library), Thomas Weissinger (Cornell U.), David Westley (Boston U.), Dawn Williams (Northwestern U.), and Meseratch Zecharias (Syracuse U.).

Chair's Report

Nancy thanked Onuma Ezera for her work as past Chair of ALC and for her efforts as host of this meeting.

Baumann will be the Chair of the Bibliography Committee and Lesh will continue as Chair of the Cataloging Committee. Their terms of office will end in the fall of 1994, as does the Executive Committee's.

The new Nominations Committee will be made up of Shayne and Nanji, who volunteered to serve.

Nancy gave a brief report on the Title VI Directors meeting held in Washington D.C., April 1-3, 1993. The Directors of African

Studies Centers expressed their great support and need for Africana librarians' services. They are concerned about the training of new librarians to support their future research needs. They plan to support a cooperative acquisitions trip for Title VI African Center libraries, and stressed that collection development is a higher priority for them than increased access.

Council members were reminded of the existence of the ALC Archives, housed at Northwestern. All past chairs of committees and task forces are encouraged to send their records to Northwestern for inclusion in the Archives.

The Executive Committee recommended that all members of ALC contact their Representatives and members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education to express their support for the funding of library programs that have been zeroed out of the Administration's budget for the Higher Education Act and Library Services and Construction Act. Nancy will write a letter as Chair of ALC to the Chairman of the Subcommittee.

Nancy wrote a letter to the ASA about the need for revision of *The African World* following the Bibliography Committee's discussion at the fall meeting. The ASA Board will discuss the proposal at its spring meeting.

Lauer will serve only one more year as editor of *ALN*, until spring 1994. ALC members who are interested in taking over the position should speak to their institutions about support for the newsletter, contact Lauer or Schmidt if they have any questions about the job, and contact Nancy before the fall meeting if they want to be the next editor.

Fall ASA Meeting

Kagan reported that all of our regular meetings will be held Friday, Dec. 3, from 9:00am to 5:00pm. The CAMP meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, from 9:30 to noon. The time for the panel was not yet set, but it should not conflict with our regular meetings. Al would appreciate it if everyone would return the Afrocentrism survey for the panel back to him as soon as possible.

The possibility of having a retirement celebration for Doris Hull at the fall meeting in Boston was discussed. She will be invited to the business meeting and a presentation will be made in her honor. Ezera volunteered to buy the present.

Spring Meetings

The 1994 spring meeting of ALC will be hosted by Duke University, the weekend of April 15. Complete details will be provided at the fall meeting.

Easterbrook extended an invitation to the group to come to Northwestern for the spring 1995 meeting. Support for the meeting has been promised from the University Library and the Program of African Studies. He suggested the possibility of being able to get funding for visits of African librarians by working cooperatively with the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL). The National ACRL Conference is 29 March-April 1, 1995.

ARL Foreign Acquisitions Task Force

Easterbrook discussed the survey of area studies collections being undertaken by the Association of Research Libraries (ARL). Baumann, Bischof, Mwalilino, Walsh, and Easterbrook are on the task force to collect information on the status of Africana collections in the U.S. They met in Seattle to outline a work plan in

response to the overall ARL foreign acquisitions project. They will use Nigeria and Senegal as case studies, although they will not limit themselves in their report to solely discussing these two. The report will include information gathered by Baumann in the budget survey she made, information collected from some major vendors, financial data, and a holdings assessment in OCLC and RLIN of Nigerian and Senegalese imprints listed in JALA. There are 9 area task forces working on this project and ARL plans that all of the reports will be submitted over the next several months.

Zimbabwe Book Fair

Margaret Ling, the UK Zimbabwe Book Fair Director, would like to have a representative from ALC whom they can consult on a regular basis and will inform them about library developments in this country that might affect the Book Fair. They also would like advice on how to establish links between the Book Fair and U.S. libraries and librarians. Walsh volunteered to be the representative. Baumann noted that Duke purchased the video on the Book Fair shown at the fall meeting and it is available if anyone would like to see it.

ALC 40th Anniversary

Schmidt presented the possibility of planning a 40th anniversary celebration for ALC. While the actual event is still somewhat far in the future, the ALC needs to start making plans now in order to do anything of substance. It is hoped that we can develop a program that will involve colleagues from around the world, particularly Africa. In order to do this, it would be necessary for each institution to make a commitment to having one foreign librarian on their campus/library at the time of the anniversary. Possibilities of sabbaticals, exchanges and fellows will need to be looked into as well as sources of funding in order to encourage attendance from overseas. Mwalilino suggested possibly contacting the United States Information Agency (USIA) and the African American Institute. Malanchuk mentioned the ongoing efforts of the Library Book Fellow program which is now trying to bring people to the United States for mentoring. Bischof mentioned the possibility of Fulbright money. Contacting various development agencies was also mentioned as a possibility. Shayne noted that the Women's Caucus was able to get money from the Ford Foundation to bring people to the U.S. for their program. Gray brought up the idea of holding such an event at the Library of Congress (LC), in that Washington, D.C., is such a positive symbol to people from other countries.

There followed some discussion on who from overseas would be invited. Would it be librarians who deal with Africana materials and research? Would it be limited to foreign librarians from Africa? Do we want to provide a program about ourselves and the future of Africana librarianship or do we address the needs of African librarians in Africa? Who do we contact about participation in the program? What kind of African colleagues are we talking about? A committee was formed to develop a list of possible topics/subjects for the anniversary program and to identify sources of funding. The committee consists of Malanchuk (acting chair), Gray, Walsh, Easterbrook, Finnegan, Ezera and Schmidt. They will prepare a paper on possible topics for discussion, people to be involved, and sources of funding for discussion at the fall meeting. It was decided to develop a more focused plan for a program before contacting possible participants from overseas. We also discussed whether this event should take place at a spring meeting, in conjunction with the regular ASA fall meeting, or at some type of pre-conference. The venue will be discussed at the fall meeting after Gray checks to see if LC

is a possibility and we know the location of the 1997 ASA meeting.

LC West Africa Office

Judy McDermott, Chief, Overseas Operations at LC reported on the progress of the proposed West Africa Office. Overseas Operations is still planning to submit a FY95 budget proposal for an office, according to schedule. Administration at LC is still strongly in favor of the project and very aware of ALC support. However, the overall budgetary picture in Washington has worsened and LC may be facing a number of years of a flat budget line. This would be the same as a 4-5% budget cut with inflation and rising costs. All programs at LC are affected by this. As the climate for expansion is not as favorable as it once was, the fate of this proposal within LC's overall FY95 budget request remains to be determined. In the meantime, acquisitions from West Africa continue to be funded by a special \$100,000 annual appropriation. This includes funding for further research in support of an office. Bischof suggested that we send another letter to reaffirm our support for a West Africa office to Winston Tabb, Associate Librarian for Collection Services at LC. Nancy will write the letter as Chair of ALC.

Mwalilino reported on what has been accomplished in the development of LC acquisitions in West Africa. There are new bibliographic representatives in Liberia, Benin, Nigeria (Enugu and Northern Nigeria), Ghana, and Togo. The majority of funds are being used to purchase materials as well as provide incentives to the representatives. Other monies are being spent on a survey of Nigerian publishing output. There are plans for a future survey of publishing in Senegal.

Training of Future Africana Librarians

Bischof raised the issue of what should be done about finding and training Africana librarians in the future. She cited several areas of concern including the closing of many library schools, the changing emphasis of many library schools to computers and "information science," and the "greying" of our group. Others noted that Indiana University used to have a program; but it was unable to place people in Africana positions and the program was discontinued. Concern was expressed that, given the changing nature of library education and the growing lack of places where one can get training, it may be more and more difficult to get people with the necessary backgrounds to fill positions as they open up (several have been advertised this year). Lauer felt that people would continue to find their way into the profession just like some in ALC had. Several suggestions were made on how to encourage people to think about Africana librarianship as a career including presenting lectures at library schools, writing articles to present Africana issues and positions to others "outside" the group, and making contact with students at library schools. Walsh will investigate the possibility of inviting library school students to meet with Africana librarians in connection with the fall meeting in Boston. Easterbrook noted that cross-disciplinary work is an important issue and a great part of discussions at ARL. The concerns of Title VI directors for well trained librarians to build collections were again noted.

Book Donations

Walsh presented a proposal from the ASA Board to use money from the endowment funds to establish a \$3,000 fund to assist groups or individuals with shipping costs for book donations to African libraries and schools. The ALC voted to support the proposal and a committee was formed to screen applications for

funding. The committee consists of Walsh, Schmidt, Bell-Gam and Meseratch Zecharias. If there is a conflict of interest, i.e. one of the committee is applying for funds, that person will not vote on that round of applications. If several committee members disqualify themselves, others from ALC will be appointed to the committee to take their place. The Arts Council of ASA and the Women's Caucus will be approached about putting a member on this committee. Notices of the donation program will be sent to *ASA News* and *ALN* as well as other appropriate publications.

Long Range Strategic Plan

Bischof brought up the possibility of developing a long range strategic plan for ALC. She used as an example a plan prepared by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA). It was noted that many of the points in their plan had already been taken up by ALC. Malanchuk remarked that for the ACRL this type of a plan was very important for funding of groups and that to develop such a plan may help us with ASA. Schmidt felt that a long term plan would be useful for ALC chairs, enabling them to provide continuity despite turnover in leadership. A committee was set up to develop a list of selected priority projects to be discussed at the fall meeting. The members are: Weissinger (Chair), Bischof, Finnegan, Walsh, Nanji, and Meseratch Zecharias.

Bylaws: Baumann distributed copies of the revised bylaws.

ALC Links with African Library Associations

A committee was formed to look into the possibility of establishing links with African librarians and library associations. Gray, Bell-Gam, Mwalilino, Baumann and Kagan will look into identifying existing groups that are active in Africa. After this is done, a letter will be sent from the Chair to initiate formal contacts.

Library of Congress Reports

Judy McDermott reported on several items of interest. The LC Nairobi Office reports 10 recent acquisition trips to different countries. In recent months, 9 shipments have been received from Asmara and 2 from Kinshasa. Acquisitions are up by 15 percent. In March a different representative was appointed in Maputo, Mozambique. Vol. 2, no. 4 of the *Quarterly Index to Periodical Literature, Eastern & Southern Africa* has been published and vol. 3, no. 1 should be out soon. Vol. 25, no. 6, *Accessions List: Eastern Africa* has also been published and the Annual Publishers Directory 1992 has gone to the printer. Since Nov. 1992, 5 shipments of monographs (56 different titles) and 21 shipments of serials have been made for the Cooperative Acquisitions Program for Kenyan publications. LC has engaged the firm of Price Waterhouse to devise a methodology to ensure the full recovery of costs associated with the Cooperative Acquisitions Program. This year, bills will be presented as usual. Sometime after the fall, participants will receive a full explanation of the new methodology and a sample or comparison bill which will show what the most recent bill would have been under the new system. The cooperative acquisitions programs are included in the proposed "fund" or "fee for service" legislation. The present programs now operate in an uncertain legal status.

Beverly Gray reported on the following:

- LC has acquired video cassettes of "Somali Television" [1993+] a weekly local (WNVC, channel 56) program. It features Somali current events and the arts.

- *U.S. Imprints on Sub-Saharan Africa*, vol. 6/7, 1990/91, was issued in Dec. 1992. The major innovation in this volume was the inputting of the contents notes for collected works in a GENBIB database file, AFRUSIM. An annual production schedule will resume with vol. 8 and the guide scope will be expanded. Edited works with the geographic area code or subject heading "developing countries" and containing African related essays will be added.

- The African Section's 16,000 piece pamphlet collection was removed from the arrearage category with the creation of 433 collection level records which are searchable on-line.

- The next edition of *Newspapers Received Currently* is due this fall. Most of the titles in the Newspaper Section's collection of miscellaneous Eastern African newspapers have been cataloged. When this work is completed, the material will be filmed and a title list issued. A revised edition of *African Newspapers Available on Positive Microfilm* is available from the Newspaper Section (5593), Madison Building, LC 20560.

- On-line access to LC files via the Internet will be available this spring. All search commands are available for MUMS files and most SCORPIO search commands will be offered. For security reasons, certain files and commands will be available for on-site use only, unless specifically authorized. At this time there are no plans to assist Internet users via telephone or e-mail. Two user manuals will soon be available for file transfer and will be on sale in printed form from the Cataloging Distribution Service.

- In February, Gray assumed the position of acting chief of the African and Middle Eastern Division, while continuing to serve also as head of the African Section.

Other Reports

Lizbeth Levy sent word that the Sub-Saharan Africa Journals Distribution Program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science has changed its name to the Project for African Research Libraries.

Walsh will be attending 2 conferences: Women, Information and the Future: Collecting and Sharing Resources World-wide at Radcliffe College (in June) and INET '93, later in the year.

Lauer knows of someone in Liberia who would be willing to supply newspapers to libraries.

Kagan mentioned that the latest issue of *International Leads* (International Relations Round Table of ALA) has an article on the Mortenson Center at the University of Illinois Library.

Crossey noted that Marris Ramdani, an archivist from Durban, South Africa, was now at Yale working as an intern. She is working on the papers of E.S. Reddy (Center Against Apartheid) which should be available by the fall.

Schmidt reported that Indiana's Lilly Library has received Nadine Gordimer's papers and will soon be receiving the Noma Award archive. Two monographs on Africana librarianship are near completion on the collection of oral traditions by libraries and on preservation in Nigerian libraries.

Malanchuk reported that the University of Florida had acquired \$15,000 in new books and fiche on human rights.

Schmidt will meet with the ASA Board of Directors on Saturday and will talk about the 40th anniversary celebration, LC West Africa Office and redlining of funds for libraries by Congress.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz, Secretary

PRE-MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Friday, April 30, 1993, 8:30-9:15am

The meeting was called to order by Nancy Schmidt, Chair. Present were: Baumann, Bell-Gam, Gray, Howell, Kagan, Lauer, Lesh, Plantz, Schmidt, and Weissinger.

Onuma Ezera, host of the spring meeting, introduced the head of the Michigan State University Library, Hiram Davis. He welcomed the group to campus and expressed support and appreciation for the work of the ALC.

Nancy announced that Baumann is now Chair of the Bibliography Committee. Lesh has agreed to serve another term as Chair of the Cataloging Committee. Terms of the current chairs will end in the fall of 1994 so that selection of new chairs will coincide with regular ALC elections.

The Nominations Committee for the next ALC elections will be Mette Shayne and Razia Nanji, who volunteered to serve on the committee.

The need for chairs for the new committees and task forces being formed at the business meeting was discussed. It was agreed that volunteers should be sought at the business meeting. The business meeting agenda was reviewed. The Executive Committee agreed that the Chair should write a letter on behalf of ALC to Representative Dale Kildee in support of reinstating funds for libraries that have been redlined from the budgets for the Library Services and Construction Act and the Higher Education Act programs.

Nancy suggested two possible ALC receptions for the fall ASA meeting in Boston: a retirement party for Doris Hull and a reception in honor of Hans Zell. The Committee decided that it might be more appropriate to express our appreciation for the work of Hans Zell with others who have contributed to the work of Africana librarians during our 40th Anniversary celebrations. The Committee expressed support for recognizing Doris Hull's retirement. A volunteer to buy a present will be requested at the ALC business meeting.

Nancy will meet with the ASA Board on May 1, 1993. Possible topics for discussion include: training of new librarians, Title VI Directors statements on the importance of Africana librarians to their work, redlining of funding of the U.S. Office of Education for libraries, ALC 40th Anniversary celebration, and the possibility of having the Conover-Porter Award presented at the ASA banquet. It was decided to raise the question of the Conover-Porter Award at the meeting of the Bibliography Committee first.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz, Secretary

BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 30, 1993, 9:20-10:50am

The meeting was called to order at 9:28 by Chair Helene Baumann.

1. Budget Cuts: Members reported on budgets at their institutions. In many cases there were cuts or no increases. LC and Northwestern had generally adequate increases.

2. Changes in Collection Policies and Cooperative Programs: Discussion raised several questions. Of concern was lack of acquisition of new titles, especially newspapers. Walsh urged consulting before serial (or other) cuts and sharing evaluations of costly titles. Bell-Gam confirmed that Berkeley and UCLA cooperate on cancellations. Schmidt suggested as a future topic discussing who is responsible for more marginal areas like popular culture and ephemera, as institutions cut back to core materials. Kagan asked who was collecting international documents and volunteered to work on that issue. Malanchuk remarked on the need for project-driven funding. It appears U.S. purchases of French and German monographs are declining, at a time when Africanist scholarship in those countries is increasing. Walsh mentioned "a fascinating, explosive meeting" to come on this topic. She remarked that Boston University's Africana Library is one of the few areas to be seriously funded, yet BU has one of the smallest Title-VI collections. Budgets are cut in favor of CD-ROMs and for "work stations, flashing lights, smoke and mirrors, [even] essential smoke and mirrors." Crossey expressed shock at the number of scholars coming to Yale for titles uniquely held in the region. Concerning the extent to which items not found in the bibliographic utilities were still in uncataloged backlogs, the usefulness of accessing OPACs via the Internet was noted, sometimes showing items "in process," as a partial solution to the backlog problem. Baumann discussed the cooperation agreement between Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill: UNC-CH collects Francophone and Lusophone Africa, while Duke collects Anglophone Africa. One had to view Duke and Chapel Hill as one unit for Africana.

3. Expensive Serials: Who maintains subscriptions? The title discussed was the weekly *Bulletin de l'Afrique noire*, which is indexed by PAIS. Its latest price increase was to \$1240 p.a. Shayne complained on behalf of Northwestern and secured a reduced price; but Indiana's similar request was refused. Indiana wants collective action by US subscribers. (LC, Indiana, Northwestern get it; Yale and MSU canceled.)

4. African Studies Journals in Databases: Easterbrook noted that Chadwick-Healy's CD-ROM "Periodical Contents Index" has NO Africana titles in its first version, although this is understandable as it is only in its beginning stages. It will have 3 chronological segments: pre-1900, 1900-1960, and 1960-. These in turn will be divided by place of publication, North American and non-N.A. Only the 1900-1960 files have been developed. Chadwick-Healy welcomes our input. Easterbrook will continue to monitor the project. Kagan raised a related question about Africa-specific databases. How are they addressed? Who uses them? With what success? Examples are PADIS, IBIS-CLIS (French) and IDRC and UN. Should we appoint a subcommittee to look into these issues or have a panel at the annual meetings? Kagan is presenting a paper (at the IFLA meeting in Barcelona) on accessing UN and IDRC resources. It is for a panel on online access to government information.

5. Conover-Porter Award Procedures: Malanchuk summarized the Conover-Porter procedures and proposed changes. At present, secrecy is required up to the actual presentation. Were the finalists announced earlier, the award would be more visible. This would parallel other ASA awards. Earlier publicity would allow vendors to exhibit titles and could aid in securing their underwriting of the award reception. It was questioned why the award was not given alongside the Herskovits Award at the annual Banquet. Walsh, speaking from the viewpoint of the ASA Board, noted resistance to packing more into the banquet. Howell moved and Finnegan seconded a motion to adopt the changes proposed and the group agreed to adopting earlier publication of the finalists.

6. Bellagio Group Statement in Support of African Books Collective: Kagan distributed a statement adopted by members of the Bellagio Publishing Group on 15 Feb. 1993. It urges support of ABC in the face of objections by Africanist book vendors to its having exclusive rights to non-African sales of titles published by ABC members. [See *ALN*, April 1993, p.12, for full statement.] Schmidt noted that as this is an issue of conflict between vendors whom we patronize, any statement by ALC must be carefully worded. It was decided to support ABC by publicizing it among public libraries, bookstores and others as appropriate. Finnegan argued that as bibliographers our concern is to maximize access to African imprints, rather than support one institutional source or another. (Kagan and Easterbrook decided after the meeting to draft a proposal.)

7. New Bibliographic Projects, or Updating Old Ones:

- Westley is compiling a bibliography on African psychiatry and mental health, for Zell.
- Schmidt is updating her African film bibliography.
- LC: Joanne Zellers is compiling a list of ASA Meeting Paper abstracts. The LC African Section may take on the books section of Yvette Scheven's bibliography of bibliographies.
- Scheven and Howell are compiling a list of finding aids for Africana archives.
- Razia Nanji is listing the George Fortune Shona Collection.
- Schmidt brought up the request from Scarecrow Press for authors of continental or regional historical dictionaries.
- Lesh, Dawn Williams, and Stamm continue their Zaire bibliography for ABC-Clio.

8. Grant-Projects for Acquisitions:

- Northwestern Foreign Periodical Project: Since 1 Dec. 1992, 72 new titles have been ordered from 20 countries, mostly newspapers. A filming project is planned. The project includes a half-time serials cataloger. The 103 titles cataloged to date include both new titles from the grant, of which 35% have been received, and titles from the backlog.
- Iowa's 1992 Foreign Periodical Program (DOE) includes 202 titles from Africa, of which 25% have been received; cataloging will be uploaded to RLIN from the local OASIS system.

9. Library of Congress Report (Gray): *U.S. Imprints on Sub-Saharan Africa*, vol. 8 (1992), is being prepared and will include Africa-related essays in titles on the Third World and on African linguistics and languages. Future goals include adding African literary authors, which raises questions of how emigre and other authors are classed. Input is sought on criteria for handling

fiction. Vol. 10 (1994) may be a cumulative edition since 1980, including contents from 1985 onwards, and may be issued as a CD-ROM. It could be the last issue, to be succeeded by a new bibliography covering world imprints. [For information on other topics, see Business Meeting minutes.]

The meeting adjourned at 11:04.

—Gregory A. Finnegan, Secretary

CATALOGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

April 30, 1993, 11:00am-12:30pm

Present: Aluko, Brady, Caruso, Crossey, Fung, Gray, Kagan, Lauer, Lesh, Malanchuk, McDermott, Plantz, Schmidt, Shayne, Sherrill, Stamm, Ward, Washington, and Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Robert Lesh, Committee chair.

Plantz had asked to be relieved of her duties as secretary of the Committee to assume the position of ALC secretary. Dawn Williams assumed the position of Committee secretary, starting with the present meeting.

1. The minutes of the November 20, 1992 Seattle meeting were approved as they appeared in *ALN*.

2. Old business:

a. 520 Summary Note Proposal: The Committee received a note from ALA's Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials, which expressed support. LC also sent us a letter stating that our suggestion for adopting the 520 summary note was accepted, and that the Nairobi office, all other overseas offices, and a future West Africa office will include the note in its cataloging.

b. DT Classification Schedule Expansion: Kay Elsasser informed Lesh that John Byrum would welcome a formal proposal to expand the DT classification schedule for African history. Stamm pointed out that this idea was rejected only last November, and asked why the Committee should pursue this again. Beverly Gray and Judy McDermott offered to clarify John's position, and the Committee decided to wait for information from them before proceeding further.

c. Letter to Ben Tucker: Lesh sent a formal letter from the Committee, congratulating him on his retirement.

d. Inclusion of Languages Codes in LCSH Authority Records: The Committee had sent a letter which formally endorsed the inclusion of language codes in LCSH authority records for all languages to both CC:AAM and Sarah Thomas of LC. CC:AAM responded with approval; no word as yet from Ms. Thomas.

e. African Languages Codes Project: Stamm reported there has been a change at LC in standards for literary warrant. LC is now trying to synchronize our national standard with the international standard. To get a new code adopted, literary warrant now requires that there be 50 titles from one source (e.g. Northwestern would have all 50 titles); or, the 50 titles could come from five sources combined. One to two dozen African language codes will possibly be approved, even so.

3. ALA Report: Stamm gave a report on activities within ALA's CC:AAM. LC Nairobi will receive evaluations of the proposed Amharic romanization table from Joe Lauer, UCLA, and Arline Zuckerman; the final version of the table will be approved after a final evaluation by Nairobi.

4. LC Report: Gray reported that the reorganization of cataloging is still in the midst of its first year, cataloging teams coalescing using a "team consultative management approach" and workflows being finalized. Everyone at LC is pleased with the Nairobi office's descriptive cataloging. LC Nairobi will begin serial cataloging within 12 months, and subject cataloging after that.

5. Cooperative Cataloging at LC: Gray reported that cataloging of Africana materials is proceeding less quickly because of growing cataloging arrearages and budget cutbacks. A discussion took place on the viability of LC instituting cooperative cataloging for area studies materials. After some debate, the Committee agreed that no one institution could make any commitment until more is known about what LC's technical requirement would be. Beverly offered to determine what cooperative ventures LC is engaged in now, and will ask catalogers of Latin American materials what is presently being done by them concerning such areas as collection policies, diffusion of materials, and potential problems of participating in such programs.

6. African Languages Survey: Lesh discussed his African Languages Survey of materials held by various institutions. He explained the design of the chart he created, which was based on initial survey results. Bob solicited some suggestions as to how the format of the survey results could be improved. Schmidt suggested that libraries could add what date they went online and whether or not retrospective conversion had been done, and, if so, what percentage of materials had been converted. Kagan suggested the number of materials held in arrearages be recorded, and to use "0" to record no response to a particular item instead of "—". The Committee agreed to forward the minutes of the meeting to all institutions that had taken part in the survey. Lesh will wait a few months for additional institutions to report back to him and then finalize the survey.

7. Project for Enhancement of LC Authority Records for African Languages: Lesh stated he will collect a number of sample records created by participants, and collected some from others who had not yet sent their records to him. Kay Elsasser will see the records and give the Committee feedback. If it is determined the enhanced records are valuable, and after feedback is received, the project may be continued.

8. DDC proposals for African Languages and Islam: Stamm explained that the people from Northwestern surveyed the Africana holdings to determine literary warrant, so that they could suggest what languages should have a separate number in Table 6 of DDC, should be examined to determine if they should be inserted into Table 6 and/or given their own individual numbers, or should be inserted into the index and examined for possible inclusion in Table 6. Julianne Beall, assistant DDC editor, needs final feedback on Table 6 additions by August 20th, which, unfortunately, is before the next time the Committee is scheduled to meet. Stamm stressed we have to be careful what we recommend, because we will only be able to add a small number of languages to the table. The Committee endorsed the proposal in principle, pending Helene Baumann's approval.

Plantz discussed her document on the proposed DDC reorganization of Islam (297). She described how she, John Hunwick and Mohammed Issa, two professors at Northwestern who possess extensive knowledge of the subject, reviewed proposed changes to the schedules. She pointed out that the schedule and many of the suggested changes are patterned according to Western thought, and not Islamic. Malanchuk of Florida and Kagan of Illinois offered to forward the document to the appropriate people within their institutions. Anyone wishing to suggest any other changes or additions should respond to Bob Lesh, Committee chair, by May 30th. Lesh will then send a formal letter of endorsement of the document on behalf of the Committee to Julianne Beall.

9. New business:

a. Cataloging Committee Archives: Lesh has formed an archive of Committee minutes from October 31, 1990 (Baltimore), and all materials (e.g. minutes, agendas, correspondence, etc.) from November 23, 1991 (St. Louis). He asked for submissions of any pre-November 1991 materials people want included in this archive. He will write to Kay Elsasser and Dorothy Niekamp, past Committee chairs, for what they may possess.

b. Appointment of Cataloging Committee Chair: Lesh announced that he has accepted reappointment as chair of the Committee, effective through the fall of 1994.

c. Future Projects for Cataloging Committee:

Lesh mentioned that Kay Elsasser suggested the Committee approve a proposal to expand time period subdivisions for African countries. She mentioned Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, and Nigeria as top priorities, but all African countries could be considered.

Kay also sent to the meeting the contents page of a soon-to-appear LC manual for the cataloging of Arabica materials and suggested the Committee look at it and think about the possibility of creating a similar manual for Africana materials.

10. Announcements:

Lesh described the ongoing indexing of currently received (1991-) conference papers presently taking place at Northwestern, and announced that Northwestern is awaiting word on its Title II-C Africana Conference Paper Indexing Project grant. The grant, if awarded, would start in September and fund indexing of materials previously received. The indexing database presently contains approximately 180 conferences or over 3,000 individual conference papers. Full access through keyword searching will hopefully be available within a year. Kagan announced the University of Illinois has cataloged the computer file "ASA online"; he had a copy of the bibliographic record with him if anyone wanted to view it.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30.

—Dawn E. Williams (secr.)

POST-MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Saturday May 1, 1993, 12:30-1:00pm

The meeting was called to order by Schmidt, Chair. Present were: Baumann, Bell-Gam, Gray, Howell, Kagan, Lauer, Plantz, Schmidt, and Weissinger.

Schmidt noted the need to designate someone from the group to be responsible for greeting guests and new people at meetings and making them feel welcome. Gray and Baumann agreed to take on this responsibility at the fall meeting.

The list of possible topics for Schmidt to discuss with the African Studies Association Board were narrowed down. She will talk to them about our plans for a 40th anniversary celebration and the recent cuts in Office of Education funding for libraries and the LC West Africa Office.

Possible liaisons with other library groups in the United States were discussed. Weissinger agreed last fall to be our official liaison to the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA). Schmidt will send a letter to the Chair of BCALA informing them of Weissinger's appointment. The need for a liaison with the Asian and African Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) was also discussed. Malanchuk will be asked to be our representative. We will make a point of having regular reports given at the ALC business meetings, as is already done in the Cataloging Committee.

The agenda for the fall meeting in Boston will include elections, reports on the 40th anniversary preparations, the training of

Africana Librarians, ALC strategic plan, ALC links to African library associations, ACRL activities, BCALA activities, report from the Zimbabwe Book Fair liaison, report on the ARL project, draft statement of support for ABC, as well as a Book Donation update, and a presentation for Doris Hull.

It was requested that, at the spring meeting at Duke, more time be allotted for both the general business meeting and the Bibliography Committee meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Elizabeth J. Plantz, Secretary

RECENT MEMBER PUBLICATIONS & NEWS

Phyllis Bischof (U. of California, Berkeley) attended the Info Africa Nova Conference (May 1993, Pretoria, South Africa).

Pauline Manaka (U. of California, Irvine) received a research grant from the Librarians Association of the University of California for work on a guide to resources on the anti-apartheid movement in the United States, 1977-1992.

Nancy Schmidt. "The future of the book in Sub-Saharan Africa." *Liberal Education*, 79, 1 (1993): 36-41. This was in a special issue on the future of the book.

[Interview with Janet Stanley.] "The Smithsonian Initiative," *African Guardian*, 7 June 1993, p. 36-7.

OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

Feb. 5-10, 1994, Los Angeles - Midwinter Meeting
 June 23-30, 1994, Miami - ALA Annual Conf.
 Jan. 20-26, 1995, Cincinnati - Midwinter Meeting
 Mar. 29-April 1, 1995 - ACRL Conference
 June 22-29, 1995, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.
 Jan. 19-25, 1996, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting
 June 20-27, 1996, Orlando - ALA Annual Conf.
 Feb. 14-20, 1997, Washington - Midwinter Meeting
 June 26-July 2, 1997, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.

IFLA Annual Conference:

Aug. 22-28, 1993, Barcelona
 Future meetings: 1994, Havana; 1995, Istanbul; 1996, Beijing;
 1997, Geneva; 1998, Edmonton.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Detailed reports from the June 1993 meeting in New Orleans are not yet available. The following came from non-ALC sources:

Asian and African Section of the Association of College & Research Libraries elected:

Brenda E. Bickett as vice-chair/chair-elect;
 Dorothy Ann Washington as secretary;
 Gregory A. Finnegan as member-at-large.
 In addition, a bylaws change was approved.

International Relations Committee (ACRL) meeting on June 27:

- Heard a report on ALA sponsorship of foreign librarians in the US;
- Agreed to co-sponsor a program on international networking at the 1994 ALA meeting;
- Noted that the 1995 ACRL conference in Pittsburgh will include a theme/program on internationalism and multiculturalism.

CONFERENCE ON WOMEN & INFORMATION

Women, Information, and the Future: Collecting and Sharing Resources World-wide. This is the title of a conference to be held June 17-21, 1994, at Radcliffe College (Cambridge, Mass.), sponsored by the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library on the History of Women. Radcliffe College invites the participation of representatives from organizations and institutions that collect, classify, and redistribute information on women. Address: 10 Garden St., Cambridge, MA 02138. FAX: 617-496-8340.

FREE MATERIALS REQUESTED

Notes on requests for books are listed as received, without any endorsement by the editor, MSU or ALC. Editorial policy is to limit to requests from institutions of higher education.

Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary (Ndu, Cameroon) is building a collection of materials on Africa, to provide a more contextualized theological basis in the training of their pastors. Contact the Rev. David H. Burgess, CBTS Academic Dean and Librarian.

Tigray Regional Administration seeks books, journals, etc. for its Regional Planning and Economic Development Bureau. Contact Tadesse Haile, Head, Planning & Economic Development, PO Box 280, Mekele, Ethiopia.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

The Fund to Acquire the **Royal Commonwealth Society Library** reached its £3 million target, and the Library has been purchased for the Cambridge University Library, where it will be housed in a new extension.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

John Pinfold has been named Librarian of Rhodes House Library, effective August 1. He replaces Alan Bell, who accepted the position of Librarian of The London Library.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

THESES

Haricombe, Lorraine Jeanne. "The Effect of an Academic Boycott on Academics in South Africa." Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 1992. 218pp. Order No: 9305547. Based on questionnaires sent to 900 academics at 21 universities and to 28 libraries, plus interviews.

JOURNALS

CD-ROM for Development (AAAS Sub-Saharan Africa Program), v. 1, no. 1 (April 1993), carries notes on products and projects at Cornell University, IDRC (Ottawa), the Institute of Agricultural Research (Addis Ababa), and the University of Zambia. To receive this biannual newsletter, contact: AAAS, 1333 H St., NW, Washington, DC 20005.

Information Trends - News Magazine (Gaborone/Bonn), v. 5, no. 3 (October 1992) includes the following:

- M. Tali, "Factors which affect the Development of Libraries in Angola;"
- B.P. Nkoma, "Librarianship in Zambia;"
- A.-J. Töttemeyer, "Developments on the Library and Information Scene in Namibia;" "Resolutions of the 1992 IFLA Pre-session Seminar."

MELA Notes, no. 56-57 (1992), includes notes on using State Department Records in the National Archives, on the Princeton University Libraries Arabic Book Preservation Project, and on the decline of *Index Islamicus* (by Wolfgang Behn).

Project for African Research Libraries Notes (AAAS Sub-Saharan Africa Program), v. 3, no. 1 (Summer 1993), carried notes on Bunda College (Malawi), PADIS (Addis Ababa), the African Index Medicus Project, and the Aequatoria Centre (Mbandaka, Zaire).

ARTICLES

Afolabi, M.O. "A Bibliography of the Nigerian Governments Commissions of Inquiry Reports and Accompanying White Papers from 1920 to 1986." *Government Publications Review*, 20 (1993): 297-357.

Ghirmai Negash. "A Press in the Making." *Index on Censorship*, no. 4 (1993): 30-1. [Press in Eritrea.]

Hurault, Jean. "Problèmes de conservation des archives locales dans la province de l'Adamoua (Cameroun)." *Méga-Tchad*, 92/2, p. 31-34.

Lippman, M.J. "The Library as Information Producer: the Case of the Ministry of Health Library and Documentation Centre in Malawi." *Journal of Documentation*, 49 (march 1993): 55-.

Okojie, V.O. "Review of Automated Library and Information Services in Nigeria." *Program: Automated Library and Information Systems*, 27 (April 1993): 191-6.

Raseroka, H.K. "The Role and Purpose of the University Library in a Rapidly Changing Information Environment with Reference to the Eastern and Southern African Region." *IFLA Journal*, 19 (Feb. 1993): 50-8.

Savard, R. & N. Ibnikhayat. [Information needs and development: for better marketing of information systems in Africa.] *Libri*, v. 43 (Jan.-Mar. 1993): 67-85.

September, P.E. "Public Libraries and Community Information Needs in a Changing South Africa." *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*, 25, 2 (June 1993): 71-8.

Zulu, S.F.C. "Towards Achieving Bibliographic Control of Unpublished Reports in Africa." *Libri*, 43, 2 (1993): 123-33.

REFERENCE SOURCES

MCELLWAINÉ'S GUIDE TO
REFERENCE MATERIAL: A REVIEW

by Phyllis B. Bischof
(U. of California, Berkeley)

John McIlwaine, *Africa: A Guide to Reference Material*. London: Hans Zell Publishers; An imprint of Bowker-Saur Ltd., 1993. 507 pp. (Regional Reference Guides, 1)

John McIlwaine collected the 1766 titles to which he provides access in *Africa: A Guide to Reference Material* over 25 years of teaching area studies bibliography at University College London. In examining this volume closely, one senses the great good fortune McIlwaine's students have enjoyed in studying with this professor who has mastered so elegantly the complexities of Africana bibliography. A preface clearly sets the present work in the context of previous literature and outlines its intent, plan of organization, and scope. For categories of excluded works, readers are directed to other sources. This source includes more than triple the 541 entries of Sheehy's tenth edition and its 1992 supplement. McIlwaine's 1766 entries are even more impressive when one notes that Sheehy's number includes North African materials and also bibliographies, both of which categories McIlwaine excludes.

Numbered, annotated entries access Sub-Saharan African reference material produced in any language with emphasis on approximately the last one hundred years through 1991, with a fair number of earlier and a few later titles present. McIlwaine defines reference works as providing "factual data, rather than interpretation, ... and that their arrangement is intended to facilitate rapid consultation." (p. xx) Excluded are bibliographies, interlingual dictionaries, narrowly focused handbooks and guides, works on the biological sciences, and most general reference sources either worldwide in scope or on the developing world. Organized by continent-wide works, then by five regions, and within each region by country. Under each geographical unit are six broad categories: Handbooks, Yearbooks, Statistics, Directories of organizations, Biographical sources, and Atlases and gazeteers. To facilitate use and lend coherence, order is chronological by date of publication within each section. References to all substantial reviews in several major journals enhance the guide's utility. Unfortunately, however, only a relatively small number of such reviews exist. The work provides a somewhat greater emphasis on South Africa (214 entries) and on the areas of former English colonial influence than on other areas. E.g., entries for anglophone areas are: Gambia 16; Ghana 54; Nigeria 68, Tanzania 41; Zimbabwe 35; and East Africa regionally 40; while West Africa regionally accounts for 23 for Anglophone and 27 for Francophone areas; with Cameroon 34; Côte d'Ivoire 23; Senegal 21; Zaire 37; and Togo 14, etc. While these figures may represent a certain preference for former spheres of British influence, they also, in the cases of South Africa and Nigeria, represent the two African countries most active in publishing.

An appendix (Annual Reports on the British Possessions in Africa) on pages 421-452 details "reports on the individual colonies and other possessions issued in series from 1846 until the year of independence." Similar lists of reports from the various other former colonial regimes would enhance future editions of the Guide. Other suggestions for inclusion in a second edition are

the following non-UK titles: Sayyid Akbarali Ibrahimali Tirmizi, *Indian Sources for African History* (Delhi, 1988-9; 2 vols.); and Peter W. Schroth, *Doing Business in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Washington, DC: American Bar Association, Section of International Law and Practice, 1991; 365 pp.).

Because the index (combined author, title, and subject) frequently provides subject access only, it may be difficult to ascertain quickly whether some titles are present in the volume. E.g. to learn whether E. Grobler's *Language Atlas of South Africa*, 1990, is included, I looked first under Author, then Title, and finally under Languages South Africa, where it was present, as the fifth entry number which I checked. This point may be of concern chiefly for searchers of half-remembered citations, because to look for material by subject, the access provided in this example would suffice.

In the main the hallmark of this volume is excellence, and Mr. McIlwaine is to be thanked and congratulated for its publication. It is an essential tool of fundamental importance for all Africana librarians and scholars of the far-flung disciplines of African Studies. It will also be an invaluable resource in the reference collections of the world's research libraries, where it will augment substantially sources like Sheehy and Walford. This reader finds the Guide to be an epitome, a model of works of its kind.

NOTES

Quarterly index to periodical literature, eastern and southern Africa, vol. 2, no. 4, 1992, includes cumulated indexes for Vol. 2. A total of 236 mainly scholarly journals are indexed in vols. 1 and 2 (4957 entries).

Scarecrow Press has decided to do regional bibliographies on North, East, Central, West and Southern Africa. If interested, contact Jon Woronoff, Lotissement Moens Village, 765 route des Alpes, 01280 Preveysin-Moens, France. Tel: 33-50-40-10-91; fax 33-50-40-10-65. [See also *ALN*, Apr. 1993.]

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.

African Books in Print = Livres Africaines disponibles, 4th ed., edited by Hans M. Zell. 1993. 2 vols.(1520 p.) £250. ISBN 1873836112 Lists some 24,000 books published in 45 African countries by more than 700 publishers. Available from Bowker-Saur, Order Processing Dept., Butterworth Services, Borough Green, Sevenoaks, Kent, TN15 8PH, UK.

An Annotated Guide to the Africana Documentary Video Collection, by Stephen Marek, Stuart Baker and Rose Antonecchia. Evanston, IL: Northwestern University Library, Mitchell Media Center, April 1993. 34 pages. Describes about 120 videos.

Maurer, Margarete, with Barbara Smetschka. *Women's Studies, Women's Movement and Feminism in Africa = Frauenforschung und Frauenbewegung in Afrika*. Vienna: Verein fuer Interdisziplinare Forschung und Praxis, 1992. (Women's Studies International: Documentation/Bibliography = Frauenforschung international. Dokumentation/Bibliographie; 4) Price: 590 Aust. sh. Covers monographs, journals and grey literature from 1970-1991, in English, German, French and other languages.

The SCOLMA Directory of Libraries and Special Collections on Africa in the United Kingdom and in Europe, compiled and edited by Tom French. 5th rev. & expanded ed. Hans Zell Publishers, 1993.



NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

African and Caribbean Imprint Library Services (236 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540) continues to issue country lists of titles recently received. 1993 titles are especially prominent in the list for Ghana.

African Books Collective Ltd. (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU) has distributed its Catalogue no. 6 (1993). The next issue of this biannual is due in September.

A 6th batch of 29 cards was distributed in June, listing 1992-93 imprints from the following: Academy Science Publ., Baobab Books, CODESRIA, East African Educ. Publ., Found. for Ed. with Prod., Ghana Univ. Press, Multimedia, New Namibia Books, Skotaville Publ., Univ. of Zimbabwe Publications, Woeli Publ. Services, and Zimbabwe Publ. House.

ABC Newslite [its occasional newsletter], no. 2 (June 1993), provides more details.

For ALA in New Orleans, it prepared "Cultural Diversity", an annotated catalog of selected titles.

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town 8001) issued Catalogue 85, listing 876 publications. The majority of these were antiquarian items. They also are distributors for Buchu Books (PO box 2580, Cape Town 8000).

Development Media Organisation (P.O. Box 5725, Harare) publishes *Africa Intelligence Reports* and *Development Dialogue* (v. 3, no. 7 (Feb. 1993) had 36 pages). Their North American representative is Brian M. Murphy, Director, Development Communications Division (RSTI), P.O. box 73243, Davis, CA 95617. Tel: 916-753-6911.

Heinemann, the publisher of the African Writers Series, have begun to issue romantic fiction in a new series, Heartbeats. Authors include Christine Botchway, Jessica Maji, and Shirley Boje.

IBOLINK Software Systems offers educational software that is focused on the study of African and African-American history and culture. A recent program, "What do You Know About Africa?" for ages 12 and up, is sold for \$12.95. Address: PO Box 831984, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. Tel: 404-294-0291.

Leishman & Taussig's List 1/1993C offers new books mainly from Southern Africa and Kenya. Address: 2B Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JH, UK.

McBlain Books (PO Box 5062, Hamden, CT 06518; 203-281-0400) issued Catalog 125, with over 1700 titles on Sub-Saharan Africa.

Yoruba Book Center, Blackmind Book Boutique, Inc., 610 New York Ave., Brooklyn, NY 10203 (Tel: 718-774-5800), offers Books, LPs, and cassettes on Yoruba and African culture in the Americas and Africa.

EVENTS

Zimbabwe International Book Fair (ZIBF 93) will take place in the Book Garden adjacent to the National Gallery of Zimbabwe, 4-8 August 1993. The following changes have been made in response to Exhibitor Survey:

a) The first day (Wednesday, August 4th; not Tuesday as originally advertised) will be a Trade Day. The Fair will be open to the public on Thursday-Saturday, 10-5, and on Sunday from 10 to 3.

b) Stands will be grouped by country and by type.

c) The financial and trading arrangements will be much simpler, with a daily briefing to answer any remaining queries.

Further information available from: ZIBF, 12 Selous Ave, Harare.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

African Books Collective Ltd. *African Publishers Networking Directory and 'Names & Numbers' 1993/94*. Oxford: ABC, 1993. ISBN 0952126907. £10/\$20; free to publishers, booksellers, libraries and writers in Africa.

This 64-page booklet lists major publishers in Africa; book trade organizations, journals and reference resources and events; prizes and training opportunities; donor organizations; and African studies groups.

Afro/Asian Publishing: Current Trends, edited by Narendra Kumar & S.K. Ghai. New Delhi: Institute of Book Publishing, 1992. Includes:

- Hans Zell, "Africa, the Neglected Continent," pp. 30-47;
- S.B. Bankole, "Publishing in Nigeria," pp. 49-72;
- B.C. Chitsike, "Publishing in Zimbabwe," pp. 73-81;
- David Philip, "Oppositional Publishing in South Africa from 1945," pp. 83-98;
- S. Bissoondoyal, "Publishing in Mauritius," pp. 99-102.

Altbach, Philip G. "Perspectives on Publishing in Africa." *Publishing Research Quarterly*, April 1993, pp. 44-62.

Darch, Colin (U. of the Western Cape). "The Book Trade and Publishing in Mozambique." *African Book Publishing Record*, 19, 1 (1993): 9-12.

SERIAL CHANGES

Africa News (Durham, NC) ceased as a printed product. Last issue received was April 26, 1993 (v. 38, no. 6).

Information Trends Newsletter, vol. 1, no. 1 (April 1993), continues *Information Trends - News Magazine*. It is edited by Richard Neill & Kingo Mchombu, Library and Information Studies, University of Botswana, P/Bag 0022, Gaborone.

NEW SERIALS

See also new serials in
Research on Libraries & Information Science.

Arts News (ISSN 0796-0875) is the newsletter of the National Council for Arts and Culture in the Gambia. Vol. 1, no. 1 (May 1993) had 12 pages and a listed price of D5.00. Contact NCAC Secretariat, 8c, Marina Parade, Banjul.

East African Journal of Peace & Human Rights is published twice annually by the Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC) of the Faculty of Law at Makerere University (PO Box 7062, Kampala, Uganda). Annual rates of \$35 (institutions), \$30 (individuals) and \$20 (Africa, Asia, Latin America). Editor is Frederick W. Jjuuko of Makerere's Faculty of Law. Vol. 1, no. 1 (March 1993) included articles by Kader Asmal (on South Africa), J. Oloka-Onyango (on Uganda), Ibrahim J. Wani (on development in Africa), Francis A. Boyle (on the invasion of Panama), and Winston P. Nagan (on Kaunda).

Ethiopian Commentator (ISSN 1068-3408) is published quarterly by Axumait Publication, P.O. Box 1655, Portage, MI 49081. Tel: 616-373-1106. Subscription rates: \$12 plus postage (\$5.76) for one year. Initial issue for May 1, 1993, carries reports and editorials that are generally favorable to the current governments in Addis Ababa and Asmara.

GREFUL (Groupe d'anthropologie comparative des sociétés peuples) issued a 4-page newsletter of 23 Octobre 1992. Information on projects appears in both French and English. Available from R. Botte or Jean Schmitz, Centre d'Etudes Africaines, 54, Bd. Raspail, 75006 Paris.

Journal of Maghrebi Studies is a new semi-annual, starting in 1993. The spring 1993 issue is devoted to Maghrebi Women.

Subscriptions are \$20 & \$35 (institutions) in the US; \$25 & \$45 overseas. Contact Journal of Maghrebi Studies, PO Box 1257, Cambridge, MA 02238.

New Voice is a Malawi paper available from P/B 66, Mzuzu, Malawi.

The Pepperbird is a newsletter (1st year, No. 2, 1992) issued by the Society for the Renewal of Nature Conservation in Liberia (SRNCL). Address: PO Box 93, Alpine, CA 91903.

SELECTED NEW BOOKS

This section is generally limited to titles outside the regular book trade, or titles received by the editor. Many more titles and/or details on publisher addresses can be found in 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.

An African Commitment: Papers in honour of Peter Lewis Shinnie, edited by Judy Sterner and Nicholas David. Calgary AB [2500 University Drive NW, T2N 1N4, Canada]: University of Calgary Press, 1992. 248p. \$19.95 ISBN 189517628X

Alemna, A.A. *Oral Literature in African Libraries: Implications for Ghana*. (Monograph on African Librarianship, no. 4) Available for \$6 from African Studies Program, 221 Woodburn Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405. Note: Monograph no. 3 has been delayed.

Kingdom of Lesotho: Pre-election Assessment, March 18, 1993. 26 p. Available from 1212 New York Ave., NW, Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005. Tel: 202-408-9450.

Harry F. Moniba. *Liberian Politics Today: Some Personal Observations*. Monrovia, Liberia: Moniba, 1992. 79p. Available for \$10 from: John S. Morlu, Embassy of Liberia for Maritime, Reston International Center, 11800 Sunrise Valley Dr., 6th floor, Reston, VA 22091. Tel: 703-620-4880.

Nyeki, Daniel Musili. *Wildlife Conservation and Tourism in Kenya*. Nairobi: Jacaranda Books, 1993. ISBN 9966-884-96-3. \$8.95. Address in US: 2701 E. Warren Ave., Denver, CO 80210.

Postkoloniales Philosophieren: Afrika, edited by Herta Nagl-Docekal & Franz M. Wimmer. Vienna: R. Oldenbourg, 1992. 252p. (Wiener Reihe: Themen der Philosophie. Bd. 6) ISBN 3-7029-0341-0 Os 260. Most essays are in English or French.

Window on Africa: Democratization and Media Exposure, edited by Festus Eribo et al. Greenville, NC: Center for International Programs (Publication no. 1), East Carolina University, March 1993. 161p.

SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

Special Issue on Population Growth and Sustainable Development in Africa." *African Development Review*, vol. 4, no. 2 (Dec. 1992). Available from the African Development Bank (Abidjan).

TRIP REPORTS

Hunting Elusive Publications in Southern Africa

by Helene Baumann (Duke University)

In August 1992 I traveled to Zimbabwe, Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and South Africa to visit government printing and statistical offices, to attend the Zimbabwe International Book Fair, to learn about papers published by various university research centers and to forge new exchange relations for Duke University. The most overwhelming memory of the trip is how gracious and helpful everyone was. On a practical note, air travel was easy, the planes mostly punctual, immigration and emigration for the most part quite efficiently organized, and airplane food generally better than what US airlines offer. (I especially remember an outstanding Royal Swazi Airline breakfast!) The only drawback to airline travel was the checked luggage weight restriction to 20 kg (in economy class), forcing me to mail most of the books I bought in about 38 packages (all arrived!). Ground travel was not as easy.

In Harare, Gaborone, Mbabane and Maseru I visited as many book stores and government sales offices as I could find and purchased about \$650 worth of publications for the library, mostly official documents. Since we have fine working relations with Thorold and Clarke's, I did not visit other bookstores in South Africa on an official basis. In addition, I visited many national and university libraries. I had written some letters announcing my arrival, but what really worked best was to call the day or the week before and make an appointment with whomever happened to be in charge. Many of the administrators to whom I had written originally were either off teaching at another university, at the IFLA meeting in India, on vacation, on leave, or even retired.

Libraries and librarians visited included the following (UL = University Librarian):

- University of the Witwatersrand: Heather Edwards, UL; Archivist Anna Cunningham (since retired) and Africana Library head Clare Walker.
- University of Cape Town: Africana Library Director Margaret Richards and her staff in government documents and special collections.
- University of Zimbabwe: Mrs. Josephine Gurira, and acting UL Mrs. Devi Pakkiri.
- University of Botswana: Mr. Asimani, Head of Collection Development and Acquisitions; Mrs. H.K. Raseroka was on vacation.
- University of Lesotho (Roma): acting UL Mrs. Lebotsa (UL Mrs. Tau is on a two-year leave and David Ambrose was in U.K. for several months).
- Swaziland's National Library Service: Ms. Dudu Fakudze.
- University of Swaziland: Mr. F.K. Tawete, head of Reader Services; Mr. H. Dua-Agyemang, head of the Swaziana Collection.
- Swaziland National Archives: Ms. Sibongile Nxumalo.
- Lesotho National Library: Mr. Donaven Raliile.
- Botswana National Library: Mrs. Constance Modise.

Research centers and individuals contacted included the following:

- University of the Western Cape: Mayibuye Centre: Mr. Barry Feinstein; Education Policy Unit: Librarian Faye Reagon.
- South African Institute of International Affairs: librarian Elna Schoeman (since retired); Jacqueline Kalley was out of town.
- South African Institute of Race Relation: Librarian Ellen Potter; SAIRR membership: Margaret Ramsay.

- Social Science Research Unit, University of Swaziland in Kwaluseni: Librarian Faith Mkhonta.
- Institute of Development Research and Documentation (NIR), University of Botswana: Librarian Stella Monageng.
- SADCC headquarters (Gaborone): Librarian Mabel Dimbungu.
- Institute of Southern African Studies, University of Lesotho: Director Dr. Robert Gordon and librarian Mrs. Gupta.
- Zimbabwe Institute for Development Studies: Mrs. S. Tevera.
- Southern African Research and Documentation Center (Harare): Mrs. Livinia Mutsongonono.

In Cape Town, Henrietta Dax arranged for me (among other things) to have lunch with publishers Bridget Impey from David Philip and Lynne Bryer from Chameleon Books and attend the reception/press conference launching the *Weekly Mail* Book Week, where I met more publishers. The Book Week, unfortunately taking place after I had left, was an impressive event featuring exhibits and many literary panels with writers and researchers.

Another valuable contact was the Librarian of Parliament in Harare, Zimbabwe, Mr. W.H.C. Gurure and his deputy librarian Mr. Nyika C. Shonhiwa. We now have a lively exchange of materials with them. I also visited some private libraries such as the Brenthurst Library in Johannesburg.

I will be happy to provide further details and addresses. The trip was only successful because of the cheerful willingness of many African librarians and booksellers (especially Ms. Henrietta Dax and Mr. Robin Fryde) to give me their time, show me around, and make useful suggestions. It is to them I owe my greatest debt.

A South African Trip: May 1993

by Phyllis B. Bischof (University of California, Berkeley)

Immediately after the Spring meetings in East Lansing, I flew to Johannesburg, via London. Upon arrival on Monday, May 3, I went straight to the INFO AFRICA NOVA conference already underway in Pretoria. Mrs. Trudie Coetzer's organization, INFO AFRICA NOVA, is a non-political, independent, and neutral enterprise with the mission of the promotion of cultural development in Southern Africa. I presented a paper entitled "Publishing in Africa: A California Perspective" at a panel on 5 May. The conference was attended by approximately 200 librarians from throughout the Southern African region, plus Kosi A. Kedem from Ghana and Getachew Birru from Ethiopia.

In the course of my visit, I was invited into the homes of librarians of every category (as designated by the former apartheid government) of person and thereby learned far more about the current scene than would have been possible had I been housed in hotels. Many of my hosts are active in LIWO (Library and Information Workers Organization), founded in Natal in 1990.

A highpoint of the trip was the discovery of a Sotho proverb from Jeremy Cronin's prison poem: MOTHO KE MOTHO KA BATHO BABANG, or A Person is a Person Because of Other People. For me this proverb is symbolic of the current state of South Africa, for it presents the essence of the African world view, namely a profound sense of community upon which all of South Africa's people may draw.

After the week-long conference in Pretoria, I visited the University of the North (John Tsebe and M.P. Modipane), the University of the Witwatersrand (Heather Edwards), the Johannesburg Teachers College, Rand Afrikaans University, the

Pietermaritzburg and Durban campuses of the University of Natal (Jenni Karlsson, Anitha Shah, and Christine Stilwell), the University of Cape Town, and the University of the Western Cape (and its Mayibuye Centre for History and Culture in South Africa). I also visited two branches of the South African State Library and the Library of Parliament in Cape Town and addressed numerous classes and meetings. At each of the universities and colleges the student populations were racially mixed.

Mr. Pieter Westra (Director of the State Library of Cape Town) arranged a private tour of Parliament and a difficult-to-schedule May 22nd trip to Robben Island. Other sites visited included Kruger National Park (with M.P. Modipane) and District Six (Cape Town). Other hosts included Robin Fryde (Thorold's, Johannesburg), Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop, Cape Town), Dr. Annari van der Merwe (Tafelberg), and J.J. Jacobs (Bellville Public Library).

For colleagues who may be planning acquisitions trips to South Africa, I would be happy to share the names and addresses of those with whom I met there. I regret being unable to name in this summary report all those who helped me and assisted in making the trip such a memorable and productive one. On the basis of my own enriching experiences in attending the 1993 conference, I highly recommend attendance at INFO AFRICA NOVA's 1994 conference in Pretoria.

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the CAMP minutes which will appear in the next issue) is a report on the discussions of librarians from Title-VI centers, who have been charged with developing a cooperative buying program, again. A tentative solution was to build upon the newspapers and other serials at CAMP. David Wiley (the African Studies Center director at Michigan State) attended this meeting and shared his usual enthusiastic and thoughtful comments. He was concerned with access to federally-funded information and support for foreign acquisitions. He stated that foreign acquisitions budgets should be 5-10 times the current rate. A few minutes later, while discussing the environmental problems created by American rates of consumption, he asked: "How much consumption is enough?" Good question.

Once again, this issue would not have been possible without contributions from many sources. Contributors include: Helene Baumann, Phyllis Bischof, Moore Crossey, Karen Fung, Elizabeth Plantz, Nancy Schmidt. My apologies for delays in production, which have dated the information about the Zimbabwe International Book Fair.

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