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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Contributors to this issue include Onuma Ezera, Karen Fung, Beverly Gray, John Bruce Howell, Al Kagan, Robert Lesh, K.M.C. Nweke, Freda E. Otchere, and Nancy Schmidt.

Features of this issue are some remaining business from the November meeting in Seattle: CAMP minutes and an extended report on the Roundtable on Bibliographies. There is also a correction to the Bibliography Committee minutes (*ALN*, Jan. 1993) in the Reference Books section.

Nancy Schmidt's fine list of lapsed bibliographies could have been attached to ALC minutes. A planned counter argument against more bibliographies was not developed.

Other significant features include a note on Ray Boylan, postings for two Africana librarians, and notes on vendor activities including the Bellagio Group meeting.

This is the 8th of 12 issues being produced at Michigan State University.

ACRONYMS

ABC - African Books Collective; *or* Africa Book Centre

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

April 30-May 1, 1993, East Lansing, MI - Spring Meeting.
 December 3-7, 1993, Boston - ASA Annual Meeting.
 Spring 1994, Durham, NC - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.
 November (1st week) 1994, Toronto - ASA Annual Meeting.
 November (1st week) 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR ALC/CAMP SPRING MEETING IN EAST LANSING

The Spring Meeting is on Friday, April 30, and Saturday, May 1, at Michigan State University. All sessions will be in the Ohio State Room in the Union Building. The Union is at the Abbott Entrance off Grand River Ave., 1/4 mile north of the Library. The ASA Board will be meeting Friday evening and all day Saturday at the nearby Holiday Inn.

Schedule for Friday:

8:30 - 9:15am ALC Executive
 9:20 - 10:50am Bibliography Committee
 11:00 - 12:30pm Cataloging Committee

 1:45 - 3:45pm ALC Business Meeting
 4:00 - 5:00pm Bibliographic Instruction Session
 5:00 - 6:00pm Reception with ASA Board (in Union)

Schedule for Saturday:

8:30 - 11:00am CAMP Business Meeting
 11:15 - 12:15pm CAMP Executive
 12:15 - ALC Executive (at lunch, if needed)

For meals, there are fast food facilities and a cafeteria (Friday lunch only) in the Union; plus many other restaurants on the north side of Grand River Ave., within a block of the Union.

A block of rooms have been reserved (under Africana Library; confirmation #18105) at the Park Inn International. Tel.: (517)351-5500. Prices are \$34 for a single; \$37 for a double; plus tax of 9 percent. Address: 1100 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing, 48823. From freeways, take Trowbridge Exit off 496. This motel is 1.5 miles to the southwest of the MSU Library. There will be a shuttle to and from the Union.

Some alternative hotels (prices for single; add tax): Holiday Inn (337-4440) - \$87; 1/2 mi. north, near Union. East Lansing Inn (337-1621) - \$37; 2 mi. east, on bus line. Red Roof Inn (332-2575) - \$38.90; 4 mi south. (Kellogg Center on campus has no vacancies on the 30th.)

Travel: Airlines serving Lansing's Capitol City Airport include Northwest. United has recently cut service. Taxis from airport will cost about \$13. CATA (local) bus from airport involves 2 transfers before reaching Park Inn International, off South Harrison. Amtrak (Chicago-Port Huron-Toronto run) stops in East Lansing, across from Park Inn International.

For details on local arrangements, contact Onuma Ezera at (517)355-2366. Items for the ALC agenda should be sent to Nancy Schmidt,

ALC chair, Indiana University Library; tel: 812-855-1481. CAMP agenda is set by John Howell, University of Iowa Libraries, 52242; tel: 219-335-5885.

SURVEY OF AFRICAN LANGUAGES COLLECTIONS

The Cataloging Committee of ALC is distributing a short survey of the African languages holdings of Africana collections. This survey will be used to create a location and finding guide for African languages materials, which could greatly assist researchers. We have distributed the survey to our membership, and we hope to broaden the scope of the survey to other institutions. If you know of collections with large holdings of African language materials, please contact: Robert W. Lesh, Catalog Dept., Northwestern University Library, Evanston, IL 60208-2300. Tel: (708)491-7585; e-mail: rlesh@nuacvm.acns.nwu.edu

COOPERATIVE AFRICANA MICROFORM PROJECT (CAMP) BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Westin Hotel, Seattle, November 21, 1992

The meeting was convened at 9:40am by Chair John Howell with Karen Fung as Secretary.

Member institutions and representatives present: BOSTON U. (Gretchen Walsh, David Westley), CENTER FOR RESEARCH LIBRARIES (Marlys Rudeen), DARTMOUTH (Gregory A. Finnegan), DUKE U. (Helene Baumann), HOWARD U. (Jean Currie Church, Ruth Hodges), INDIANA U. (Nancy Schmidt), LIBRARY OF CONGRESS (Beverly Gray, Valerie Mwalilino, Fred Protopappas, Ruth Thomas), MICHIGAN STATE U. (Onuma Ezera, Joe Lauer), NORTHWESTERN U. (Dan Britz, David Easterbrook, Mette Shayne), QUEEN'S U., KINGSTON (Alan Jeeves), STANFORD U. (Karen Fung, David Rozkuszka, Paul Thomas), U. OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY (Phyllis Bischof), U. OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES (Ruby Bell-Gam), U. OF FLORIDA (Peter Malanchuk, Razia Nanji), U. OF ILLINOIS at Urbana (Al Kagan), U. OF IOWA (John Bruce Howell), U. OF VIRGINIA (Mary Alice Kraehe), and YALE U. (Moore Crossey).

Others present: Henriette Dax, Robin Fryde, James Mugasha, Mutuku Nzioki, Charlotte Slocum, and Julian W. Witherell.

CAMP members not represented: Columbia U., New York Public Library (Schomburg Center), Ohio U., Princeton U., Syracuse U., U. of Chicago, U. of Rochester, Temple U., U. of Wisconsin-Madison.

Executive Committee members are Helene Baumann, Onuma Ezera (ALC Ex Officio), Karen Fung, Beverly Gray (LC Ex Officio), John Howell, Mary Alice Kraehe, Marlys Rudeen (CRL Ex Officio). The Faculty Representatives are Janet Ewald (Duke) and Phyllis Martin (Indiana, retired Fall 1992).

Announcement was made of the mail ballot election to the Executive Board. New members are David Easterbrook, Northwestern and Dr. Ali Hersi, University of Florida - Faculty Representative.

Helene Baumann conducted elections for an additional vacancy on the Executive Board; John Howell was elected by consensus of the members present.

Terms for the Executive Committee:

Retiring Fall 1993

Janet Ewald, Faculty Rep.

Helene Baumann

Karen Fung

Retiring Fall 1994

Ali Hersi, Faculty Rep.

John Howell

David Easterbrook

New members, Queens University (Kingston, Canada) and Temple University (Philadelphia), were welcomed.

CRL REPORT. Marlys Rudeen, Head, Acquisitions Department, CRL, presented the report. (Please see the PROJECT FINANCIAL STATEMENT, CAMP MATERIALS RECEIVED, and CAMP MATERIALS ON ORDER/CAMP COMMITMENTS below.)

Non-material expenses consist of cataloging costs and travel for the CRL representative. A significant amount was spent on cataloging for the financial year July 1/91-June 30/92. The balance is \$15,805. The standing order for LC newspapers will be placed this year.

D. Britz noted we need more purchases of Eastern and Western African materials.

M. Rudeen distributed to each CAMP institution represented a copy of African Newspapers held at the Center for Research Libraries (Nov. 1992) comprising 820 titles. Members congratulated her for this new tool to access African newspapers.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **KESTELOOT PROJECT.** J. Howell wrote M. Kesteloot at her residence in Paris regarding the microfilming of 40 dissertations written by her students in Dakar, Senegal. While the number of pages (12,772) targeted was consistent with the original contract some years back, there was found to be a discrepancy in the number of dissertations available. Mette Shayne is following up on J. Howell's correspondence and is keeping him informed on CAMP's continued interest in this project. CAMP has allocated \$6,000 for microfilming these French language dissertations on West African literature.

2. **HILDAKUPER FIELD NOTEBOOKS.** R. Bell-Gam reported the notebooks (comprising 6 reels) have been filmed; however, much of the collection needs to be refilmed due to problems with the original filming. They are checking the film frame by frame and expect to finish by early Dec. 1992. The notebooks contain field notes on Swaziland and Swazi culture.

3. **WEEKLY REVIEW.** Ruth Thomas reported that 1975-1991 is available for purchase on 734 microfiche (\$1,202 plus postage/handling, price subject to change) from the Library of Congress, Photoduplication Department, Dept. C, Washington, DC 20540-5230. Participants in the LC Nairobi order plan will probably receive a copy of the Index to the journal.

4. **LAGOS STATE HIGH COURT. JUDGES NOTEBOOKS OF CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES 1876-1915.** J. Howell's letter to the Chief Justice requesting permission to microfilm was returned as the Chief Justice had recently retired. The USIA Regional Librarian in Lagos may be able to help us contact the new Chief Justice.

5. **NIGERIAN THESES.** The Univ. of Iowa has received a grant for scholarly exchanges that might be used to strengthen relations with Nigerian universities and libraries.

6. **ADDIS ABABA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGE STUDIES DISSERTATIONS.** We are awaiting a reply from the University Librarian. They will need to be supplied with film. D. Britz - it is easier to photocopy than film at some African universities. M. Rudeen - a photocopy could also be of poor quality.

7. **LIST OF CAMP NEGATIVE MASTERS.** M. Rudeen reported in Feb. 1993 the Innovative OPAC system will be installed and data will be loaded that spring. By Aug.-Sept. 1993 CRL should be able to pull information from it. More information on a negative masters list will be available at the Spring 1993 CAMP meeting.

8. **LIBRARY OF CONGRESS NEWSPAPER FILMING.** B. Gray reported that Frank Carroll, Head of the Library of Congress Newspaper Section, has a shortage of staff and cannot always tell when titles will be filmed. The Photoduplication Dept. determines the filming schedule, not the Newspaper Section. He does use Mette Shayne's union list, African Newspapers Currently Received by American Libraries, revised Fall 1992. Herskovits Library of African Studies, Northwestern Univ. Library, Evanston, IL 60208-2300.

9. **CAPE TIMES.** CAMP had agreed to purchase 29 reels, 1911-1913 @ \$40 per reel or \$1,160 total (filmed by the South African Library). M. Rudeen will write to confirm the years covered by the 29 reels.

10. **EASTERN PROVINCE HERALD (Port Elizabeth, SA).** CRL has 1845-1910; 1964-1979. LC has paper and film for 1954-56, 1958-61. Estimated cost for missing issues is \$340. [J. Howell discovered the State Library, Pretoria has 1845-1981 on film; this newspaper will be discussed at the spring 1993 CAMP meeting].

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **AFRICAN REVIEW OF MINING, FINANCE AND COMMERCE.** (1892-1904, London). A purchase decision will be deferred to 1993; the cost @ \$120 per reel is quite high. O. Ezera recommended we ask Norman Ross about the high cost. Yale Univ. did buy the film.

2. **COMMONWEALTH POLITICAL EPHEMERA FROM THE INSTITUTE OF COMMONWEALTH STUDIES, UNIV. OF LONDON. PART 3, EAST AFRICA.** 69 fiche, \$520 and PART 4, WEST AFRICA. 60 fiche \$450. CAMP will purchase Parts 3 & 4. M. Rudeen - CRL's usual practice is to request two copies of the inventory. CAMP already has Part 2, Central Africa. [Part 1, South Africa will be on the agenda for the Spring 1993 meeting].

3. **LA SEMAINE AFRICAINE.** Brazzaville. CRL has 1960-Dec. 13/20, 1964. CAMP members are asked to report if they have early years which can be filmed. The paper began in 1952 and LC has very incomplete paper copies for 1953-56.

4. **ETHIOPIAN HERALD.** 1943 July 3 - 1951 March 10. \$15 + \$2 postage from Moorland-Spingarn, Howard. CAMP will purchase.

5. **GUARDIAN, CAPE TOWN.** CAMP has the Hoover Institution film, 1937-1954, but will buy the South African Library film, 1937-1962, as well since both have gaps. Cost will be \$800 for 20 reels. Names changes of the Guardian, which supported the Communist Party of South Africa, were - Cape Guardian 1937, Guardian 1937-1952, The Clarion and the People's World 1952, Advance 1952-54, New Age 1954-1962). Yale also bought the South African Library film.

6. **OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF STATE RELATING TO AFRICA: MICROFILM PUBLICATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES & RECORDS ADMIN. AVAILABLE FROM SCHOLARLY RESOURCES INC.** (Wilmington, DE \$23 per reel). Total cost \$2,231 (132 reels). The records are as follows: Boma, Zaire-1 reel; St. Helena 18 reels; Sierra Leone 5

reels, British Africa covering Sudan, Lesotho, Botswana, South Africa, Gambia, Ghana, Nigeria, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Swaziland, Uganda, and Zanzibar 1801-1929, 20 reels; British Africa/Other States 1 reel; Goree, Senegal 2 reels, Gabon 1 reel, Grand Bassa, Liberia 1 reel, U.S. Ministers to Liberia 1863-1906 13 reels; Diplomatic Instructions to Liberia 1 reel; Liberian Legation to the State Dept. 1 reel; Internal Affairs of Liberia 34 reels, Liberia and Other States 1 reel; Tamatave, Madagascar 4 reels; Madagascar Legation to State Dept. 1 reel; Madagascar Internal Affairs 1 reel; Loanda, i.e. Luanda, Angola 3 reels; Slave Trade 1858-1892 10 reels; Exploration and Colonization of Africa 1794-1844 14 reels. CAMP will buy.

M. Rudeen also distributed a list of OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE U.S. STATE DEPT. RECORDS RELATING TO AFRICA, CRL'S HOLDINGS AND LACKS. This purchase completes the full set of microfilm available.

7. Nancy Schmidt suggested that CAMP members consider individually purchasing a select number of government documents such as gazettes, annual reports, and statistical publications. After a run of a title has been acquired, e.g. 10 years or more, it might be microfilmed by CAMP. Phyllis Bischof noted that few North American libraries outside of the National Library of Medicine were collecting published reports on health and medicine in Africa. This might be an area to explore for cooperation. Additional discussion on this topic will be made at the Spring 1993 meeting in East Lansing.

M. Kraehe asked about government gazette subscriptions. M. Rudeen has a list of government gazettes held by CAMP and can mail the list to members. D. Britz and V. Mwalilino noted that there are problems getting some gazettes and getting continuous runs of gazettes. New York Public receives Eastern African gazettes through the LC Nairobi office. J. Howell mentioned that LC's Law Library has a list of gazettes.

M. Crossey - Yale has a lot of broken runs of serial documents from the 1950s-1960s and can send those not yet cataloged to CRL. M. Rudeen - lists of holdings must accompany such serials. J. Howell will circulate a gazette list before the Spring 1993 CAMP meeting.

8. CRL LENDING TO SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARIES. Appendix I. 3. of the CAMP By-Laws makes a distinction between industrialized vs. third world nations. Industrialized nations pay \$200 for membership. Third World Countries pay a \$5.00 registration fee. Overseas members wishing to borrow must open a deposit account with CRL for at least \$50 to cover the cost of outgoing airmail postage.

M. Rudeen - no African overseas institutions have joined. It was decided that the CAMP Executive Committee would judge each case on an individual basis.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was noted that CAMP will be 30 years old in 1993.

The remainder of the CAMP agenda was deferred to the Executive Committee meeting. A draft copy of a CAMP brochure by J. Howell was distributed for comments.

M. Rudeen reported that the CRL database has been published in 2 vols.

Indiana Univ. will be receiving 15 exile Somali newspapers/ newsletters published in the UK.

M. Crossey - Norman Ross Publishing Inc. is now selling film formerly marketed by General Microfilm Co. as African Documents [on microfilm] and suggested CAMP could help in rationalizing the types of material filmed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 AM.

CAMP MATERIAL ON ORDER (* = prepaid)

Hilda Kuper's field-notebooks on Swaziland	* \$4,525
<i>Inforcongo</i> (Bruxelles) [1956-1960]	\$300
<i>Infor-Burundi</i> (Usumbura) [1962-1963]	\$150
<i>Isibuto Samavo</i> (Newtondale), 1843-1844	\$35
<i>Tanzania Education Journal</i>	\$450
Yoruba collection of William and Berta Bascom	* \$1,990

CAMP COMMITMENTS

Congo Collection of Newspapers and News Bulletins	\$1,850
Afrique et le Monde	
Agriculture et élevage...	
Congo Presse	
Nos images	
<i>Courrier d'Afrique</i> , 1930-Mr. 1972	\$1,940
Kesteloot collection in Dakar [or Paris]	\$6,000
South Africa: the Making of U.S. Policy, 1962-1989.	\$3,900
<i>South African Advertiser & Mail</i> , 1824-1959	\$630
<i>South African Freedom News</i> , 1961-1968	\$200
<i>Weekly Review</i> (Nairobi), Feb. 1975-1991	\$3,661

Moniteur Africain (Dakar), 4/61-1967

CAMP MATERIALS RECEIVED

Since April 1992 report

<i>The Chronicle</i> (Bulawayo), Jl. 1982-Mar. 1985	11r
<i>Gazette de l'Equateur</i> , Ag. 5, 1952-Sept. 15, 1957	1r
<i>Grassroots</i> (Cape Town), Mar. 1980-Dec. 1987	1r
<i>Imbibono Yabomdabu</i> (King Williams Town), 10/1985-5/1986	1r
<i>Indaba</i> (Lovedale), Aug. 1862-Feb. 1865	1r
<i>Indian Views</i> (Durham), July 1934-June 1936	4r
<i>Isitunyua Sennyana</i> (King Williams Town), Aug.-Dec. 1850 ...	1r
<i>Izwi Lama Afrika</i> (East London, May 1931-Feb. 1932	1r
<i>Izwi Lebantu</i> (East London), 6/1901-12/1902; 1/1908-4/1909 ..	1r
<i>King Williams Town Gazette & Border Intelligencer</i> , 1856-60; <i>King Williams Town Gazette & Kaffrarian Banner</i> , 1861-68; with <i>King Williams Town Gazette</i> , 1868-Dec. 1874	18r
<i>Koranta ea Becoana</i> (Mafeking), 1901-1903	1r
<i>Labour World</i> (Johannesburg), May 24, 1918-Dec. 1919	3r
<i>Life among the native and coloured miners in Transvaal</i>	1r
<i>Local Opinion</i> (Grahamstown), Aug. 1911-July 1914	1r
<i>Mafeking Mail</i> , 1899-1917	36r
<i>Mediator</i> (Cape Town), July 1837-July 1839	1r
<i>Sam Sly's African Journal</i> (Cape Town), June 1843-Jl 1849; with <i>African Journal</i> (Cape Town), July 1849-Sept. 1851	5r
<i>Sechaba</i> , 1967-Jan. 1972 [orig. filming]	1r
<i>Kaffir Express</i> (Lovedale), Oct. 1870-Dec. 1, 1875; with <i>Christian Express</i> (Lovedale), Jan. 1876-Dec. 1921; with <i>South African Outlook</i> (Lovedale), Jan. 1922-Dec. 1970	29r
<i>Sun</i> (Cape Town), Aug. 26, 1932-Sept. 1956	23r
<i>Syndicalisme Congolais</i> , 9/46-9/54	1r
<i>Tsala ea batho</i> (Kimberley), Ap. 19, 1913-Jl. 24, 1915; with <i>Tsala ea Becoana</i> (Kimberley), Jl. 9, 1910-June 8, 1912	1r
<i>Voice of labor</i> (Johannesburg), July 31, 1909-May 31, 1912	5r
<i>Workers' Herald</i> (Johannesburg), Mar. 27, 1926-N. 30, 1938 ..	1r

CAMP FINANCIAL STATEMENT (NOVEMBER 12, 1992)

	FY1992 CLOSING	SEPTEMBER QUARTER (2)	OCTOBER YTD (2)
FUND BALANCE/JULY 1	\$36,704.25	\$26,053.31	\$26,053.31
REVENUES			
Membership fees	\$17,900.00	\$18,400.00	\$18,400.00
Income from sales	3,392.90	887.05	887.05 (4)
CRL contribution	4,000.00	.00	.00 (5)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$25,292.90	\$19,287.05	\$19,287.05
EXPENSES			
Cost of sales	\$528.00	\$2,810.63	\$2,810.63 (4)
Acquisitions	24,565.90	1,144.52	1,350.83
Business Expenses	.00	.00	.00
Publications	.00	.00	.00
Travel	395.94	.00	.00
Personnel	.00	.00	.00
Processing Fees	.00	.00	.00
Cataloging	10,454.00	497.20	497.20
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$35,943.84	\$4,452.35	\$4,658.66
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES (\$10,650.94)		\$14,834.70	\$14,628.39
COMMITMENTS (3)			
Materials on order	\$.00	\$1,141.31	\$935.00 (6)
Materials approved	.00	18,241.00	18,241.00 (7)
Non-material expenses	.00	5,700.00	5,700.00 (8)
TOTAL COMMITMENTS	\$.00	\$25,082.31	\$24,876.00
AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$26,053.31	\$15,805.70	\$15,808.70

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 Dept. 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 following list.

7. See CAMP Commitments.

8. Estimated cataloging (\$5,000) and travel expense (\$700).

AFRICAN BIBLIOGRAPHIES:
COMPILATION & EVALUATION

Nancy J. Schmidt (Indiana University, Bloomington) prepared the following report on the Roundtable sponsored by ALC at the African Studies Association annual meeting in Seattle on November 20, 1992.

The roundtable was organized and chaired by Nancy J. Schmidt, Librarian for African Studies at Indiana University, who dedicated the roundtable to Yvette Scheven, our recently retired colleague, who has been compiling bibliographies of African bibliographies for more than two decades. The purpose of the roundtable was to provide perspectives on African bibliographies by compilers, publishers, editors, librarians and critics.

Yvette Scheven, former Africana Bibliographer at the University of Illinois, discussed trends in African bibliographies from 1970 to 1991 based on her *Bibliographies for African Studies 1970-1986* (London: Hans Zell, 1988) and the *African Book Publishing Record 1987-1991*. The subjects about which the most bibliographies were compiled from 1970-1986 were biography, education, language and linguistics, and literature, with over 90 for each, and agriculture, development, politics, religion and women, with 60 to 89 for each. Since 1987 the most common subjects of bibliographies listed in *ABPR* have been ageing, AIDS, alcohol, debt, NGOs, theater and development. The countries and areas about which the most

bibliographies have been compiled over the last two decades are Ethiopia, South Africa and Southern Africa. Of the 160 serial bibliographies included in *BAS*, 82 are no longer being published, which reflects the general volatility of serial publications on Africa. In a sample of 289 bibliographies from the four largest subject sections of *BAS*, only 70 were annotated and only 74 were indexed. Of the 154 monographic bibliographies 63 were published in Africa, of which 28 were published in South Africa, 53 were published in the U.S., 38 in Europe, 3 in Asia, 3 in Canada and 1 in Latin America. These are only some of the notable trends that Scheven covered in her presentation.

Bernth Lindfors, professor of English at the University of Texas at Austin and compiler of the research serial bibliography *Black African Literature in English* (Detroit: Gale Research 1979; New York: Africana, 1986; London: Hans Zell, 1989) discussed how he compiles this bibliography. Since the *MLA International Bibliography* has incomplete coverage of African literature, he first compiles as many citations as possible using resources at the University of Texas before going to other U.S. libraries including Northwestern University, Indiana University and the University of Wisconsin to verify the citations and locate additional materials. He then goes to England where he uses resources at institutions including the School of Oriental and African Studies, British Library and Royal Commonwealth Society Library, (which recently has been closed and moved to Cambridge University), before going to English-speaking

African countries to locate additional materials. Among the African countries he finds South Africa a "bibliographer's paradise" compared to other countries. He noted that newspapers are becoming an increasingly important outlet for the publication of both literature and literary criticism in Africa, and noted that there is a pressing need for bibliographic control over literature study guides, theses, and ephemeral materials published in Africa. The field of African literature is now so large that there is a need for a journal devoted to bibliographic issues in literature. Lindfors noted that his work would be facilitated if there were a Library of Congress Office in West Africa with services comparable to those of the LC Office in Nairobi.

Robert Myers, associate professor of Anthropology at Alfred University, compiler of the *Nigeria* and *Ghana* volumes in the World Bibliographical Series published by Clio Press, and a regional acquisitions editor for the World Bibliographical Series, spoke about the series and his activities as an editor and compiler of introductory bibliographies for general users. More librarians than faculty members compile volumes in the World Bibliographical Series, which typically take 2 to 4 years to complete and are published in runs of 500 to 800 copies. It is possible for compilers to negotiate the number of entries for a volume with the executive editor of the series. As of 1990 there were 10 African countries unassigned for the series. By 1992 this number had been reduced to 2. To find compilers for bibliographies Myers makes contacts by correspondence and telephone. His contacts with librarians have been less successful than those with faculty members. Since Myers works at a small college, he finds it difficult to examine materials and acquire funding to travel to major Africana collections. Thanks to the dedication of the library staff at Alfred University he has received about 90% of the materials requested on interlibrary loan. He finds time a considerable constraint in compiling bibliographies and wishes that he would receive more respect for his work and more feedback on the materials he has selected for the subject sections of his bibliographies. Myers finds compiling bibliographies rewarding because he is able to examine a wide range of materials he would otherwise not see and learns a great deal from both searching for relevant materials and examining them. He has enjoyed working with librarians and is now starting work on a bibliography on Mali.

Hans Zell of Hans Zell Publishers, which has 64 titles currently in print, who compiles *African Books in Print* and the *African Book*

Publishing Record, discussed the current realities of publishing in an environment dominated by corporate structures controlled by accountants, not "book people," and the absence of a market in Africa. Most proposals for bibliographies and other reference sources, approximately 10 to 12 a year, are received unsolicited. About two-thirds of the proposals are rejected because the proposals are poorly written, the proposed works are too narrow in scope or market projections show that the work is not viable. Although few proposals are refereed, and Zell spends an average of only 20 hours editorial time per title, he aims to publish high quality reference works. The receipt of the Conover-Porter Award for several of his imprints indicates that he has achieved his goal, although not all of his bibliographies have been successful. To insure the quality of his imprints Zell follows the Henige guidelines, (published in *ASA News* 22, 4 (1989): 7-13), plus others of his own. In assessing the economic viability of a work he must take into account overhead, sales projections, trade discounts and the anticipated gross profit margin. Four hundred to 500 copies are published for most titles. It is expected that the print run will last 3 to 4 years; half of the copies must be sold in the first year if a title is to succeed. Zell noted that bibliographies prepared by librarians are more thorough than those prepared by scholars and that reviews of bibliographies in library journals are more severe than those in African Studies journals. In conclusion, Zell noted that what are needed are bibliographies compiled by human beings, not generated by computers.

David Henige, African Bibliographer at the University of Wisconsin, focused his discussion of evaluation on the content and mechanics of publishing and reviewing. He noted that publishers are no longer the gatekeepers for publishing bibliographies, and that there has been a decline in the publication of real bibliographies as more working bibliographies of individual scholars are produced by desktop publishing. He noted that reviews of bibliographies and other reference works are typically a third as long as reviews of monographs, and that reviews in library journals are typically favorable: 78% of those in *Choice* and 93% of those in *RQ*. Instead, bibliographies should be reviewed at length for what they really are and reviews "should strike terror in the hearts of shoddy bibliographers." Henige concluded by noting that what may be needed to improve the quality of bibliographies on Africa is a new journal called *Turkey* in which attention would be focused on unsuccessful bibliographies and how they could be improved!

OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

June 24-July 1, 1993, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.
Feb. 4-10, 1994, Los Angeles - Midwinter Meeting
June 23-30, 1994, Miami - ALA Annual Conf.

IFLA Annual Conference:

Aug. 22-26, 1993, Barcelona
Future meetings: 1994, Havana; 1995, Istanbul; 1996, Beijing;
1997, Geneva; 1998, Edmonton.

May 2-4, 1993, Tallahassee, Florida - 4th Conference of Librarians in International Development.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The United States Information Agency (USIA) and ALA are seeking U.S. libraries to host overseas librarians for 3-12 months under a new program. This builds upon the current Library Fellows program that places Americans overseas. Plans are for the first international library fellows to begin work in the fall of 1993 after completing an orientation program. U.S. libraries interested in hosting these fellows should contact: Robert P. Doyle, Direction, Library Fellows Program, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611; 800-545-2433, ext. 3200.

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

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

Baumgartsbrunn Junior and Secondary School seeks English-language books or funds for a library. Contact: Trish Tierney, P.O. Box 3667, Windhoek 9000, Namibia.

Osun State College of Education seeks books, journals and audio-visual materials in the areas of education, social sciences, arts, home economics and science and technology. Contact: Akin Oluwakuyide, College Librarian, Osun State College of Education, P.M.B. 5089, Ilesa, Nigeria.

St. Francis Primary School (Box 12, Tsumeb, Namibia) seeks culturally sensitive picture story books, English readers, and math and science books for grades 1-4. Contact Librarian at address above. Their library was started with 200 books from individual donors in Canada.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

Polly Hill has donated her papers to the Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies at **Northwestern University**. These papers document her research as a social anthropologist in Ghana, Nigeria and India. The papers are open without restriction to all qualified researchers.

Hill received her doctoral degree from Cambridge, where she later held the post of Smuts Reader in Commonwealth Studies and Clare Hall Fellow. He is the author of eight books and more than 100 articles and papers. Her major studies were of the cocoa farmers in Ghana and of the rural Hausa of northern Nigeria.

Emory University's Pitts Theology Library has recently mounted a display of political cartoons drawn by the Rev. Dr. Morgan Johnson, a former United Methodist missionary to Zimbabwe. The exhibit is comprised of cartoon from the Library's archives and from Johnson's personal collection.

An 18-page catalog ("Missionary Cartoonist") describes the background for the cartoons that appeared in *Umbowo* ("The Christian Witness"), a missionary newspaper that was started in 1918. Morgan Johnson's cartoons appeared from 1965 through 1978, when it was banned.

GRANTS

AFRICAN ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS PROJECT

Archives and museums in sub-Saharan Africa are invited to submit applications to this competition by June 18, 1993. Awards will be announced in September 1993. Awards are contingent upon funding.

The project is a program administered by the Joint Committee on African Studies of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) and the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), with funding from the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation. It aims to help strengthen and invigorate the work of archives and museums in Africa. For a listing of recent awards, see *ALN*, Jan. 1993, p.11.

Address applications and inquiries to: African Archives and

Museums Project, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158. Tel: 212-661-0280; fax: 1-212-370-7896.

FOREIGN PERIODICALS PROGRAM (U.S. DEPT. OF EDUCATION)

In addition to the awards to Indiana and Northwestern, briefly described in the January 1993 issue of ALN, the following grant was also announced in late 1992:

The **University of Iowa Libraries** through the auspices of the University of Iowa Geography Department received a three-year grant of \$20,000 from the U.S. Department of Education's Center for International Education to acquire African journals in English and periodicals on China in Chinese not commonly held. The first year grant of \$40,000 will enable Iowa to acquire 202 new African titles from eastern, southern and West Africa, with an emphasis on Kenya, South Africa and Nigeria. Subjects covered include economics, trade, business, government finance, development, statistics, social work, and creative literature. As part of its grant Iowa will share the new titles at both the regional level with colleges and universities in Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota, as well as at the national level. Online records will record titles received and cataloged in the RLIN database. All African titles have been entered into Oasis, Iowa's online catalog.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

Ray Boylan (Center for Research Libraries) died on 23 February 1993, after a four-year bout with cancer. A memorial was held at the Hyde Park Union Church (5600 S. Woodlawn Ave., Chicago), to which contributions can be made.

Ray Boylan was Director, Collection Resources, CRL, since 1985. Previous positions: Assistant Director, CRL, 1971-84; Head, Circulation Dept., CRL, 1969-71; Cataloger, CRL, 1967-69. He received a BA from Kalamazoo College (1961), a BD from Colgate Rochester Divinity School (1964) and graduate library training at the University of Chicago. Publications include "The Cooperative Africana Microform Project," *Microform Review* (Summer 1986) and "Collecting Retrospective Materials from Developing Nations," *Library Acquisitions*, 6 (1982): 211-9. Activities in professional associations included membership in the Association for Asian Studies; and chair (1992) of the Asian and African Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ALA).

VACANCIES

Columbia University Libraries seeks a junior librarian to assume responsibility for the continuing development of a strong research collection of material from and about Africa, and the provision of information services to faculty, students, researchers and other Africanists in the Columbia University community. The Librarian also manages the original cataloging backlog of Africana materials selected for the collection.

The Librarian will coordinate collection development within the Libraries in this interdisciplinary subject area, and will represent the Libraries at appropriate meetings of the Research Libraries Group,

ASA, ALC, CAMP, etc.; act as liaison with Columbia's Institute of African Studies and the School of International and Public Affairs; provide specialized reference services; and bear responsibility for the management, preservation and evaluation of the collection. Collection development responsibilities include the cultivation and maintenance of productive contacts with African book vendors, research institutes, publishers, academic institutions and exchange partners. Liaison responsibilities entail close involvement in the academic activities of individual scholars of Africa and members of the Institute of African Studies (including grant writing). Reporting to the Director of Area Studies, the Librarian is also the African area studies liaison with other units of the Libraries. Public service responsibilities focus on African studies, and include reference consultation by appointment, bibliographic instruction, class lectures and orientations, preparation of publications, database searching, and training patrons in the use of relevant electronic resources. Cataloging duties will consist of provision of full original cataloging or enhanced acquisitions records (at Librarian's discretion) for all Africana materials selected for which no cataloging copy is available.

Requirement: a Ph.D. in a relevant subject area or an accredited M.L.S. degree; reading knowledge of French and/or one other major African language; knowledge of the history, politics, economics, cultures, arts and literatures of Africa; ability to communicate effectively verbally and in writing; and ability to work effectively and creatively in a complex environment.

Starting salary for this position is \$30,000. Excellent benefits include assistance with University housing and tuition exemption for self and family. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Send resume, listing names, addresses and phone numbers of three reference, to: Kathleen M. Wiltshire, Director of Personnel, Box 35, Butler Library, 535 West 114th St., New York, Ny 10027.

Applications will be accepted until position is filled; early applications will receive priority consideration. [Mailed 3/1/93]

Michigan State University seeks an Original Catalog Librarian, at the rank of Librarian I or II, for Africana and other materials.

The cataloger will provide bibliographic access to library materi-

als by original cataloging of Africana and general humanities and social science materials in all formats and in a variety of Western European languages. Assigned specialty is Africana materials. Includes descriptive and subject cataloging and classification for the national database. Maintains cataloging currency and productivity and quality standards, in accordance with the following national standards: AACR2-Revised, LC Rule Interpretations, LC classification and subject headings, and OCLC MARC formats. In fulfillment of these responsibilities, coordinates activities and cooperates with Collection Management and Public Services divisions.

Reports to the Original Catalogers Team, a self-managing team; a mentor will be assigned for initial appointment period. Participates as an effective team member in the self-management process, carrying an equitable and rotating share of the management functions as determined by the Team.

Participates in Technical Services and library-wide committees and activities. Active participation in state and/or national professional activities and/or strong publication record will be expected.

Required: an ALA-accredited MLS; reading ability in French; knowledge of library automation, online systems, and OCLC. Must demonstrate ability to promote team work and work effectively with faculty, students, and staff; strong communication and interpersonal skills; ability to deal with changing technology; and ability to work creatively and flexibly in a dynamic, rapidly changing environment with high productivity goals. Desired: academic library cataloging experience; experience cataloging Africana; reading ability in a second European or African language.

Minimum salary for Librarian I: \$25,500; for Librarian II (requires 3 years of experience), \$28,000.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of application, a resume, and the names and addresses of three current references to: Colleen Hyslop, Assistant Director for Systems and Access Services Division, MSU Libraries, East Lansing, MI 48824-1048.

Applications received prior to May 1, 1993 will receive priority consideration. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

THESIS

Nweke, Kenneth Maduka Chinedu. "Information Technology in Nigerian Special Libraries: Patterns of Availability and Problems of Application." Ph.D. thesis, University of Ibadan, 1990. 179p.

Study to determine patterns of availability of the various types of information technology and to identify problems of their application.

Respondents had a total of 10,505 units of information technology, with only 25 units being high information technology (telecommunications and computer technology). Most fell in categories of Microform and equipment (59%) and audio-visual media (39%).

Large libraries had 81 percent of the total; medium and small had 16 and 2 percent respectively.

Only 4.1 percent of the total quantity of available information technology was used regularly. About 12 percent was never used, and the remainder was used occasionally.

Conclusion based on returned completed questionnaires from 45 (out of 58) government supported special libraries.

Author is currently teaching in Dept. of Library Science, University of Nigeria, Nsukka. He generously donated a copy of thesis to MSU Library.

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

Journal Distribution Program Notes (Washington: American Association for the Advancement of Science), vol. 2, no. 2 (Dec. 1992), carries two notes:

- "Strategic Planning for Continued Growth at the University of Ibadan Library System, Ibadan, Nigeria," by Olunfumilayo G. Tamuno;
- "Health Information in Malawi: Anatomy of a Database," by M.J. Lippman.

Alemna, A.A. "Towards a New Emphasis on Oral Tradition as an Information Source in African Libraries." *Journal of Documentation*, 48 (1992): 422-

Kisten, G. "Perceptions and Utilization of Media Centres in South Africa." *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*, 24 (1992): 203-210.

Loh, E. I. "Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America." *Government Publications Review*, 19 (1992): 645-54.

Santo-Martino, Robert. "Doctoral Researches on the Arab World in France: Increase in Volume and Mass Effort." *Journal of Arab*

Affairs, 2,2 (1992): 141-54.

Describes "Arab-Muslim" (i.e., Middle East, North Africa and Islam) database and notes that a stable ratio of nearly 10% of the growing French academic research is about this area. Of these, 40-50% are about the Maghreb. Finds pattern of mostly Arab students, in country where 40% of doctoral students are not French, working under supervision of non-specialists. See also his "Des thèses par milliers. les écrits académiques sur le monde arabe et islamique, 1972-1987 : analyse et description du fonds THESAM," *Annuaire de l'Afrique du Nord*, 27 (1988; c1990): 469-506.

Sene, H. [Libraries in French-speaking West Africa, 1800-1958]. *Libri*, 42 (1992): 206-29.

REFERENCE SOURCES

NOTES

JALA 1978-1988 [microform], recently cataloged at MSU, has a minor error in the introduction. Its coverage begins with July 1977 issue of JALA (not 1978) and the printed supplement to the Northwestern catalog covers through May 1977.

For the African section of the next edition of the *Guide to Reference Books*, Bischof is editing the north and west Africa sections while Kagan is doing east and southern Africa.

Jon Woronoff, as editor of the Scarecrow Press Area Bibliography Series, is seeking an author or authors for a bibliography on Africa. The first volume in this new series was *Middle East Bibliography*, by Sanford R. Silverburg (1992). The series is designed as companion works to Scarecrow's series of historical dictionaries, and it will cover all major regions of the world. If interested, contact Jon Woronoff, Lotissement Moens Village, 765 route des Alpes, 01280 Prevestin-Moens, France. Tel: 33-50-40-10-91; fax 33-50-40-10-65.

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.

Books in Print of the United Nations System (1992) is a comprehensive listing of over 14,000 UN systems publications which are available from United Nations Sales offices, United Nations co-publishers and external publishers who publish for the system. Available for \$50 from: Sales Section, United Nations, NY 10017.

Otchere, Freda E. *African Studies Thesaurus: Subject Headings for Library Users*. Westport, CT: Greenwood, 1992. Bibliographies and indexes in Afro-American and African Studies; no. 29. 480p. \$75.00 ISBN 0-313-27437-1.

A compilation of the Africana entries in LCSH (Library of Congress Subject Headings), with a good introduction; limited to Sub-Saharan Africa. Review by G. Walsh appeared in *Choice*, Feb. 1993.

U.S. Imprints on Sub-Saharan Africa: a Guide to Publications Cataloged at the Library of Congress, vol. 6/7 (1990/91). Washington: Library of Congress, 1992. Includes 1645 entries; versus 1129 in vol. 4/5. Will resume as an annual, beginning with vol. 8 (1992).

LETTERS & OPINIONS

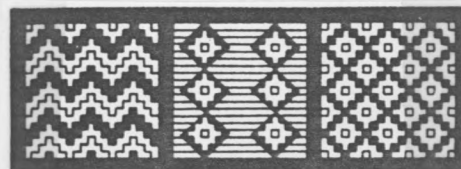
In this section, the editor hopes to publish letters and essays that challenge prevailing practices or beliefs. In all cases, the opinions expressed are those of the writer. No endorsement by the editor or ALC or MSU is intended.

ETHIOPIAN SCRIPTS

Note by the editor

In the Oct. 1992 issue there was a note about the problems involved with romanizing Ethiopian scripts. Aside from some valuable background information from Ruth Thomas of the LC-Nairobi Office, the editor has received no replies or comments. For those who might be interested, I have decided to catalog Amharic titles at MSU according to the LC rules, with the following adjustments: 1)

sixth order characters with be transliterated without the vowel, unless it is known to carry the vowel; 2) known variations in romanizing the title will be traced; 3) authority records will include name variations.



BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND OTHER REFERENCE WORKS THAT NEED TO BE UPDATED

By Nancy Schmidt

In order to stimulate discussion of bibliographies and other reference works that need to be updated, Nancy Schmidt brought a list to the spring meeting of the Bibliography Committee (Iowa City, April 1992). The list was compiled in relation to class lists that she uses in teaching "Introduction to the Bibliography of Africa South of the Sahara." She anticipated that other titles would be added, since her course does not cover all disciplines and the list was limited to works at Indiana University. Titles added since Iowa City are marked with an asterisk (*). The list below was distributed, in a slightly different form, at the Seattle meeting (November 1992).

[See also ALN, July 1992, p.5, and Jan. 1993, p.6.]

TITLES DISCUSSED AT SPRING MEETING 1992

The African World. Robert Lystad, ed. New York: Praeger, 1965.

A Bibliography for the Study of African politics. Eric R. Siegel, comp. Crossroads Press. Vol. 3 (1976-1980). Supplement in press (Contemporary African politics and development 1981-1990); to be biennial thereafter.

Easterbrook, David. *Africana Book Reviews 1885-1945.* Boston: G. K. Hall, 1979. Author does not plan to update. ALC cooperatively updating was mentioned

Ethnographic Survey of Africa. London: International African Institute, 1950-1977. IAI requested funds from Ford Foundation to update, but Ford not interested. Can ALC recommend other funding sources for IAI?

Henige, David. *Works in African History: An Index to Reviews 1978-1982.* Crossroads Press, 1984. (Previous volumes cover 1960-1978). Author will not do more updates.

Scheven, Yvette. *Bibliographies for African Studies 1970-1986.* London: Zell, 1988. Author will not do more updates, and no one in ALC has volunteered to continue.

The Student Africanist's Handbook. Gerald W. Hartwig and William M. O'Barr. NY: Wiley, 1974. O'Barr at Duke. ALC cooperatively updating by pooling resources was discussed.

Witherell, Julian. *The United States and Sub-Saharan Africa. Guide to U.S. Official Documents and Government Sponsored Publications 1976-1980.* Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1984. (Previous volume covers 1785-1975.) Author retired, leaving manuscript of 1981-1990 supplement. LC will use only for office reference.

TITLES FOR DISCUSSION AT FUTURE MEETINGS

Africa Index to Continental Periodical Literature. Oxford: Hans Zell Publishers for the Africa Bibliographical Centre. Ceased 1981. (Northwestern decided to apply for support for updating the conference paper index as a higher priority)

Directory of Documentation, Libraries and Archives Services in Africa. Paris: UNESCO, 1977.

Guides to the Sources of the History of Africa. International Council on Archives. Zug: Inter Documentation, 1970. 9 vols.
De Lancey, Mark W. *African International Relations: An Annotated Bibliography.* Boulder: Westview Press, 1981.

*Dickman, Daryl Ann. *Abstract/Index to A.S.A. Annual Meeting Papers 1960-1974.* Waltham, MA: African Studies Association, 1976.

*Duffy, James, Mitsue Frey and Michael Sims. *International Directory of Scholars and Specialists in African Studies.* Waltham, MA: Crossroads Press, 1978.

Hanna, Judith. *The Anthropology of Dance: A Selected Bibliography.* Richardson, TX: University of Texas, 1976. This has a large African component. There is no comprehensive bibliography on African dance.

*Harvey, Joan M. *Statistics Africa: Sources for Social, Economic and Market Research.* Kent, Eng.: DBD Research/Detroit: Gale Research, 1978. 2nd ed.

*Henige, David. *A Union List of Africana Archival Materials.* 2d ed., June 1984. (mimeographed)

Meier, Wilma. *Bibliography of African Languages.* Wiesbaden: Harrasowitz, 1984. Covers to 1980.

Merriam, Alan P. *African Music on LP: An Annotated Discography.* Evanston: Northwestern University Press, 1970. The discography in Stern's Guide to Contemporary African Music (London: Zwan, 1988) has skeletal bibliographic data, is not annotated and is based on records available in a London shop.

O'Connor, Anthony M. *Urbanization in Tropical Africa, an Annotated Bibliography.* Boston: G. K. Hall, 1981.

Pigault, Gerard and Damien Rwegera. *Mariages en Afrique Sud-Saharienne: Bibliographie Internationale 1945-1973.* Strasbourg: CERDIC Publications, 1975.

Warmelo, N.J. van. *Anthropology of Southern Africa in Periodicals to 1950: An Analysis and Index.* Johannesburg: Witwatersrand University Press, 1977. Covers 1795-1950.

Zoghby, Samir M. *Islam in Sub-Saharan Africa: A Partially Annotated Guide.* Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1978.

Gorog, Veronika. *Litterature orale d'Afrique noire; bibliographie analytique.* Paris: G.-P. Maisonneuve et Larose, 1981.

Scheub, Harold. *African Oral Narratives, Proverbs, Riddles, Poetry and Song.* Boston: G. K. Hall, 1977. A single volume could update Scheub and Gorog through 1990.



NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

African and Caribbean Imprint Library Services is featured in the *Cape Cod Times*, Sunday, January 3, 1993. This news article notes that AILS has imported 120,000 titles [?items] since the early 1970s; 40% in English, 40% in French, and 20% in other languages. Currently they have 30,000 publications representing 84 countries in Africa and the Caribbean.

African Books Collective Ltd. (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU) has distributed "New and Recent Titles on Politics, Economics & Development" (ABC Subject Catalogue no. 2), an annotated 26-page list.

Their 4th batch of cards was distributed in February. The 47 titles are 1992 imprints of the following: Baobab Books, CODESRIA, Fourth Dimension, Ghana Publ. Corp., Ghana Univ. Press, Heinemann Ed. Books (Nigeria), Heinemann Kenya, Ibadan Univ. Press, New Namibia Books, Nigerian Inst. Int. Affairs, Obafemi Awolowo Univ. Press, Sankore Publishers, Saros Int. Publ., Spectrum Books, Tanzania Publ. House, Univ. Lagos Press, and Univ. of Zimbabwe Publications.

Altair Publishing (Nanholme Mill, Shaw Wood Road, Todmorden, Lancashire OL14 6DA, England; 0706-818948) announced updates in two series:

Commonwealth Political Ephemera from the Institute of Commonwealth Studies: Part 2 (Central Africa) is available on 111 fiches, with a 53-page guide, for £450; Part 3 (East Africa) is available on 69 fiches for £275; Part 4 (West Africa) is available on 60 fiche for £240.

Available early in 1993 will be 2 further collections of material from the personal library of Colin Legum: "Documents, Papers & Memoranda on the Growth of the Pan-African Movement (since the 1950s)" on est. 65 fiche and "Resolutions of the Annual Summits of the Organisation of African Unity, and other documents since 1963" on est. 45 fiche.

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town 8001) issued Catalogue 84, with 794 mostly current publications.

Global-Stats Ltd., publisher of *Somaliland 1991*, has moved from 98 Goldstone Villas, Hove, BN3 3RU, UK, without a forwarding address. Does anyone know of their location?

The Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa University, announces the availability on microfiche of the articles by and about Claude Sumner, a specialist in African and Ethiopian philosophy. The cost of 73 fiche (4030 frames) is US\$150, with a check to "The Society of Friends of the Institute of Ethiopian Studies," Acct #1310131722, at Washington Federal Savings, 2529 Trophy Ln., Reston, VA 22091-2126.

Jacaranda Designs, Ltd. of Nairobi (POB 76691) is exporting its books to the US and UK. This firm was founded in October 1991, by Susan Scull-Carvalho, with goal of providing multicultural children's books in Africa on an ongoing commercial basis. Its goals are to preserve oral stories, to provide African children with stories from their culture, to promote African authors and artists, and to introduce African stories to children elsewhere.

Its US launch of 7 children's titles in February offers American

children, teachers and parents the opportunity to read high quality children's books created in Africa by African authors and artists. Books are available through major wholesalers and directly from the Multicultural Publishers Exchange at 800-558-2110. For more details and a list, contact the U.S. Office: 23701 E. Warren Ave., Denver, CO 80210. Tel: 303-756-1618; fax: 303-691-0156.

Leishman & Taussig's travel plans for 1993 are as follows:
Feb/March - South Africa (PVW only), Swaziland, Namibia;
May/June - Uganda and Kenya;
July/August - Kenya, Zimbabwe & Tanzania;
December - Botswana and Zambia.

A January 1993 circular also includes a list of 27 book lists produced since 1986 and notes on their government serials standing order (GSSO) system. They issued two L&T 10th Anniversary sale catalogues of older materials. Address: 2B Westgate, Southwell, Notts, NG25 0JH, UK.

Nordiska Afrikainstitutet (Scandinavian Institute of African Studies) has issued its Research report no. 91: *Peasant Responses to Price Incentives in Tanzania*, by Gun Eriksson. 84p. Price: SEK 60, or £5.95 or \$9.95. Available from Africa Book Centre (38 King St, Covent Garden, London WC2E 8JT) and from Red Sea Press (15 Industry Court, Trenton, NJ 08638).

Simon Ottenberg, Bookseller has issued a catalog of about 500 older books on Africa. Address: PO Box 15509 Wedgwood Station, Seattle, WA 98115. Tel: 206-322-5398.

South African Library is producing the definitive microfiche edition of the *Cape of Good Hope Official Publications, 1854-1910* ("Cape Offipubs"). The documents are presented in numerical order, and the fiche are color-coded to identify Council, Assembly and Government papers. This diazo fiche edition will replace embrittled originals. Ready for distribution:

- Reports (annexures) 1854-1910 3131 fiche
- Select Committee Reports 1854-1910 1532 fiche

In preparation:

- Votes and Proceedings 1854-1910 400 fiche (est.)
- Proposed: Debates, Statutes, & Voters' Rolls.

Also available:

- Cape of Good Hope Government Gazette, 1800-1910 156 reels
- South African Native Affairs Commission (1903-5). Report. 72 fiche

Prices are \$2 per fiche or \$40 per 35mm reel of film.

Address: Publications Dept., South African Library, PO Box 496, 8000 Cape Town.

State Archives Service, Pretoria issued in October a 26-page list of inventories for sale.

Virgo Limited (PO Box 35687, Lusaka) has a brief list of new titles.



BELLAGIO GROUP MEETING

This group grew out of a February 1991 conference on the topic of Third World publishing. Among the members of this informal organization are the Rockefeller Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Swedish International Development Agency, DANIDA-The Danish assistance organization, the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CODE-Canada, and the International Development Research Center of Canada.

The February 14-15, 1993 meeting at Villa Serbelloni, Bellagio, Italy, approved the following statements:

MISSION STATEMENT

Recognizing the importance of the printed word and the development of a reading culture as key vehicles for social, economic and cultural development and autonomy, and Aiming to foster an increase in the number and quality of African voices being heard both inside and outside of Africa, The Bellagio Group will work to strengthen indigenous African publishing through the promotion of activities in the following areas:

- (a) direct funding of publishing project;
- (b) research and analysis of economic and other issues affecting publishing in Africa, especially as background for funding decisions;
- (c) information dissemination and donor education with a view to encouraging complementarity and replication of successful efforts, and avoiding repetition of past mistakes, and facilitating funding initiatives;
- (d) efforts to create an "enabling environment" for African publishing in individual countries and across borders;
- (e) support for training and technical assistance; and
- (f) liaison with other groups or organizations engaged in related activities.

PRINCIPLES OF MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Bellagio Group consists of donors and intermediary organizations functioning as donors which share an interest in publishing on the African continent. Group members will be:

- willing to commit themselves in the long-term to the spirit of the agreed Bellagio Group Mission Statement;
- ready to participate regularly in meetings and other proposed activities;
- committed to their respective programs and lessons learned from them.

While the Bellagio Group is small, new members may be admitted. While individual members of the Bellagio Group will fund activities independently, the Group will meet at least twice a year to share information and to discuss funding proposals in which they have a mutual interest. The Group's secretariat, to be established c/o CODE/Europe in Oxford, England, will provide management for these initiatives.

For the purposes of its activities, the Bellagio Group has identified the following types of organizations:

1. "Donors": Organizations whose primary role is that of a grantmaker or lender. In general, these organizations have their headquarters outside of the African region in "northern" countries, but in some cases have Africa-based field offices.
2. "Doers": Organizations and individuals who are directly

involved in publishing in Africa or in implementing activities in support of indigenous African publishing. Most of these are African; some are "northern"-based.

3. "Intermediaries": Organizations that raise funds from the donors, and on-grant those funds or provide support roles to the doers.

With the exception of meetings specifically on funding issues which will be attended only by donors, the Bellagio Group will convene a range of donors, intermediaries and doers to focus on issues of concern to all. Research, data collection, expert opinion and the dissemination of information will be encouraged. Suggestions for participation in meetings and other activities will be solicited regularly from both members and from the African publishing community.

SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN BOOKS COLLECTIVE

It has come to our attention that two UK-based booksellers have objected to the fact that the African Books Collective has exclusive rights to the sale of many of the titles of its member-publishers outside of Africa. The ABC is a self-help initiative owned by its African member-publishers. Its activities focused on publishing in the Third World have been financially supported by several members of the Bellagio Publishing Group, an informal organization of donor agencies and others concerned with the support of indigenous publishing in Africa. We strongly support the activities undertaken by ABC and see it as a means not only of actively distributing African-published books to buyers in the industrialized world but also as a means of providing much needed funds to its member publishers. ABC is not simply another bookseller. It is a cooperative arrangement of its member owners on Africa. As such, they receive a substantial percentage of the earnings in hard currency. We have been impressed by ABC's initiatives and by their active promoting of African books. We hope that ABC's efforts will be further strengthened and urge booksellers, wholesalers and libraries throughout the world to support this innovative initiative to disseminate important books from Africa to as wide an audience as possible.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter: An Occasional Publication concerning Publishing and Book Development in the Third World. Issued 4 times a year by the Comparative Education Center, 428 Baldy Hall, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY 14260. Editor: Philip G. Altbach. Funding by the Rockefeller Foundation.

No. 5 (March 1993) carried a report on the February meeting in Bellagio, by Philip G. Altbach; a description of the International Book Bank (Baltimore), by Rosemaria Durand; "A Resource Package [or core professional library] for African Publishers," by David Membrey; "The Promotion of Technical Publishing in Africa," by Elisabeth Paquot & Paul Osborn; a note on the African Book Collective; "Publishing in Nigeria: Trends and Prospects," by Victor Nwankwo; and notes on the Noma award and on the 4th edition of *African Books in Print*.

"Challenges to the AWS [African Writers Series]," *West Africa*, 18-24 Jan. 1993. With the 30th Anniversary of the Heinemann AWS, Oda Ofeimun looks at how Heinemann has survived competition from other publishers. But the ongoing concern of ghettoization points to a need for the development of an indigenous market.

SERIALS

NAMIBIA NEWSPAPERS:

Times of Namibia had been discontinued in the Fall of 1992 and replaced by a new title, *Tempo*, published on Sundays. This should not be confused with "Tempo (Mozambique)."

SAO TOME NEWSPAPERS:

Nova República is a weekly independent newspaper that began in March 1992. No. 33 appeared on 9 December 1992. Available for \$80 from NR, Caixa Postal 523, S. Tomé, R.D.S. Tomé e Príncipe (Fax 21581). Hoover Institution will subscribe.

S. Tomé informa (a biweekly available from Caixa Postal, no. 364, S. Tomé-Riboque Conceição; no. 1: 24 Novembro 1992)

Noticias de S. Tomé e Príncipe is a weekly government paper.

African Voices is "A Newsletter on Democracy and Governance in Africa" produced by the USAID Africa Bureau. Vol. 1, no. 1 (Summer 1992) was 8 pages. Address: African Voices, Africa Bureau Information Center, USAID, Room 2664 NS, Washington, DC 20523-0037.

AfricAsia, which ceased in 1987 due to financial problems, reappeared in December 1992. It appears as a quarterly, with the hope of re-establishing the monthly schedule. French-language version revived in 1989. Address: 3, rue de Metz, 75010 Paris.

Annual Report of the Global Coalition for Africa. First annual report was distributed in December 1992. Address: 1850 K St., NW, Suite 295, Washington, DC 20006. Tel: 202-676-0845.

Ase: Calabar journal of Contemporary Poetry and Environment Studies is the new name (effective Rains 1991) for a journal begun in 1989 by the Poetry Club, University of Calabar. Cost per nos. 1 and 2: \$20 & \$30; N40 & N45; £12 & £18. There are also three special issues on film and song. Contact: Onookome Okome, Coordinator, Ase, PMB 1115, Calabar, Nigeria.

Business Africa is a new twice a month, 12-page source of detailed corporate information, published by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU). This incorporates South Africa alert and Africa markets monitor. Vol. 2, no. 1 = Jan. 1-15, 1993. Annual subscription (26 issues): £495/\$845. Contact: 215 Park Ave., S, New York, NY 10003; or 40 Duke St., London W1A 1DW.

Findings: Africa Regional Studies Program Newsletter reports the results of the Studies Program of the World Bank's Africa Technical Department. Vol. 1, no. 1 appeared in June 1992. Contact Leo Demesmaker, Rm. J2-025, World Bank, 1818 H St., NW, Washington, DC 20433.

New African, 1962-1970 (Cape Town; London). A complete set of 52 issues is available on microfiche from Randolph Vigne, 53 Cornwall Gardens, London SW7 4BG. Price is £75 plus postage.

PAS News and Events (ISSN 1053-1319) is a published 5 times a year by Northwestern University's Program of African Studies. This is mostly news about the program, in a newspaper format. Of special interest is its supplement, *Passages: A Chronicle of the Humanities* (ISSN 1056-6783), which is published twice a year. No. 4, which came with *PAS* Vol. 3, no. 1 (Early Fall 1992), carried 15 pages of critical articles and book reviews on African culture. Address: 620 Library Place, Evanston, IL 60208.

SASPOST is a bi-monthly publication of the African-American Institute which serves to foster ties among the southern African community in North America and Canada. It features interviews with leading personalities, articles on human resource issues, columns on funding and training opportunities, and book reviews. Readers are encouraged to participate in its management and direction. Vol. 3, No. 5 appeared in November 1992. For further information, call 800-521-3115 or write: 833 United Nations Plaza, New York, NY 10017.

Subtext is a news monthly, covering the developing world. Vol. 3, no. 19 (November 1992) carries 12 pages of newsprint. Yearly subscription is \$20 from: Subtext, 1202 East Pike #1013, Seattle, WA 98122.

Taamuli has reappeared on a regular basis, twice a year, after a long suspension during the 1980s. The subscription rate is US\$15 for those outside of Tanzania. Checks and correspondence to: Editor, Taamuli, Dept. of Political Science, University of Dar es Salaam, PO Box 35042, Dar es Salaam.

West African Democrat is advertised as an independent monthly news magazine. Subscriptions for 1993: £18; \$40. For further information, contact: New Democrat, PO Box 9, 124 Streatham Hill, London SW2.

West African Pilot has been revived by Pilot Press, West Africa Ltd., with the blessing of its founder, Nnamdi Azikiwe. It was to resume as a weekly, starting at the end of February. For more information, contact: MCM, 2835 Webb Ave., Suite 6F, Bronx, NY 10468; tel: 212-601-2041.

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.

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

- *The ACCESS Resource Guide*, 1988 ed., edited by William H. Kincade & Priscilla B. Hayner;
- *Electronic Networking in Africa: Advancing Science and Technology for Development*. Summary Report & Proceedings volumes for Workshop on Science and Technology Communication Networks in Africa (August 27-29, 1992, Nairobi).

Aherne, Tavy. *Nakunte Diarra Bogolanfini Artist of the Beledougou*. Bloomington, IN: Fine Arts Museum, 1993. \$12.00

Fisher, Monica. *Nswana - the Heir: The Life and Times of Charles Fisher, a Surgeon in Central Africa*. Ndola, Zambia: Mission Press, 1991. 247p. Note: C. Fishers worked in Zambia, 1928-1960s. Available from: P.A. Work Station, 52 Goldington Ave., Bedford MK40 3BZ, UK. £10 + £5 postage.

Human Rights in Malawi is a 64-page report available for £6.36 from the Law Society, International Directorate, 50 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1SX.

Presidential, Parliamentary and Civic Elections in Kenya, 29 December 1992: Report of the Commonwealth Observer Group. London: Commonwealth Secretariat, 1993. 71p. Address: Marlborough House, Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5HX.

Redefining the 'Artisan': Traditional Technicians in Changing Societies: Papers from the First Conference on Artists, Artisans and Traditional Technologists in Development, April 14-16, 1989. Iowa City, IA: Center for International and Comparative Studies, with the University of Iowa Libraries, 1992 [i.e., 1993]. 220p. Iowa International Papers, Occasional Paper, no. 9-18.

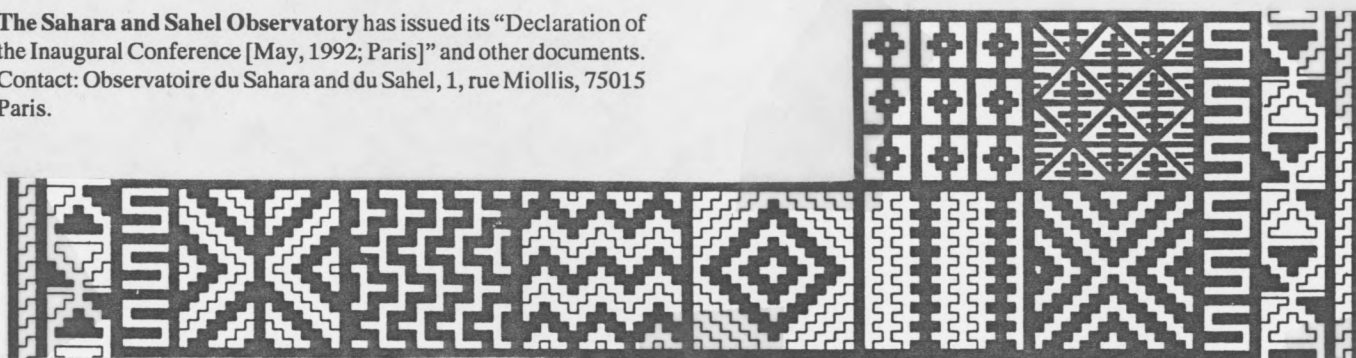
Essays cover artists in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali, with special reference to the Mande people. Cost is \$10 from Publications Order Department, M105 OH, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

The Sahara and Sahel Observatory has issued its "Declaration of the Inaugural Conference [May, 1992; Paris]" and other documents. Contact: Observatoire du Sahara and du Sahel, 1, rue Miollis, 75015 Paris.

TOURS

Ghana Libraries & West Africa Cultural Tour is scheduled for July 21-31, 1993. Six days in Ghana will include workshops, tours to librarians and publishing houses, a special tour of the W.E.B. duBois Pan African Library and Museum, and cultural tours of Accra and Cape Coast sites. Four days in Abidjan will include visits to libraries, including the U.S. Cultural Center, and a city tour.

Cost based on double occupancy is \$2580, from New York. Contact tour coordinators: Carol Yates (415-239-6949; fax 415-661-2475) or Eleanor F. Singleton (213-857-5996).



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