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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

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This issue loaded with news from the November ALC meeting in Seattle. Highlights of the meeting: Conover-Porter Award presentation, a memorial for Betsy Widenmann, closure on the bylaws, exchange of information, and good food, coffee and scenery.

CAMP minutes and a report on the roundtable on bibliographies will appear in the next issue. Personal impressions from the roundtable: Scheven demonstrated no decline in number of bibliographies, but the less useful unannotated variety predominant; the audience was more interested in distribution than in compilation or evaluation.

The Letters & Opinions section is missing from this issue. I hope to have something on specific bibliographies needed in the April issue.

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)
IAI - International African Institute
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 SPRING MEETING
IN EAST LANSING

Meetings are scheduled for Friday, April 30, beginning at 9am, and Saturday, May 1, ending around noon. Location will be 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.

A block of rooms have been reserved (under Africana Library) 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. 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.

Travel: Airlines serving Lansing include Northwest and United. Amtrak (Chicago-Port Huron-Toronto run) stops in East Lansing, across from Park Inn International.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Friday, November 20, 1992, 2:00-4:00pm.
 Westin Hotel, Seattle, Washington

The meeting was called to order by Onuma Ezera, Chair.

Present were: Helene Baumann (Duke U.), Ruby Bell-Gam (U. of California, Los Angeles), Phyllis Bischof (U. of California, Berkeley), Dan Britz (Northwestern U.), Moore Crossey (Yale U.), Henrietta Dax (Clarke's Bookshop, Cape Town), David Easterbrook (Northwestern U.), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State U.), Gregory Finnegan (Dartmouth Coll.), Karen Fung (Stanford U.), Beverly Gray (LC), Marieta Harper (LC), David Henige (U. of Wisconsin), Ruth Hodges (Howard U.), John Bruce Howell (U. of Iowa), Al Kagan (U. of Illinois), Mary Alice Kraehe (U. of Virginia), Joseph Lauer (Michigan State U.), Robert W. Lesh (Northwestern U.), Peter Malanchuk (U. of Florida), James Mugasha (Makerere U.), Valerie Mwalilino (LC), Razia Nanji (U. of Florida), Dorothy Niekamp (Indiana U.), Mutuku Nizioki (Egerton U.), Corinne Nyquist (State U. of New York, New Paltz), Hans E. Panofsky (Evanston, IL), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern U.), Fred Protapappas (LC), David Rozkuszka (Stanford U.), Yvette Scheven (Champaign, IL), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern U.), Charlotte Slocum (St. Lawrence U.), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern U.), Paul Thomas (Stanford U.), Ruth Thomas (LC, Nairobi), Annica van Gylswyk (Scandinavian Institute of African Studies),

Gretchen Walsh (Boston U.), Thomas Weissinger (Cornell U.), David Westley (Boston U.), & Julian Witherell (Port Townsend, WA).

Introductions and announcements

Van Gylswyk (Uppsala, Sweden) talked about the Simons Papers project.

Dax (Clarke's Bookshop, Cape Town) introduced herself.

Finnegan handed out a new edition of his directory of Africana librarians and offered to make labels for those who wanted them.

Mugasha (Librarian at Makerere in Uganda) talked about rebuilding his collection.

Nzioki (Librarian at Egerton University in Kenya) also talked about library problems and prospects.

Minutes from the spring meeting in Iowa City [ALN July 1992] were approved with the following change at the end of the section on Future ALC Meetings: Spring 1993 meeting will be in East Lansing on Friday and Saturday, April 30-May 1. After discussion and a straw vote, it was agreed to begin Friday morning, around 9 a.m.

Scheduling of future fall meetings and conflicts with other meeting activities were discussed. In a vote, eleven favored all meetings on one day, while 16 wanted them spread over two. It was suggested that the first half day take place the day before the beginning of the conference.

Conover-Porter award was to be presented on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 5:30pm. [See announcement on page 8.]

Election

The Nominating Committee presented the list of candidates for the Executive Committee. Elected were Kagan, chair-elect; Plantz, secretary; and Weissinger, member-at-large.

Future meetings will be held in East Lansing, spring 1993, Boston, fall 1993, Duke, spring 1994, Toronto, fall 1994, and Orlando, fall 1995. Possible fall sites after 1995 include Columbus, Ohio, Richmond, Virginia, Houston, Texas, Portland, Oregon, Chicago, the Twin Cities, and Philadelphia.

Bylaws review

Baumann distributed a two-page list of 6 issues, with a brief rationale for each proposed change. [These appeared in ALN Oct. 1991, p.2, as items 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 9.] There was a brief discussion on each issues. The following changes were approved:

Section II D: Select a member who will edit and publish a newsletter to provide regular reports on the activities of the Council.

Section IV G: Ex-officio members shall be selected to represent the Library of Congress, the *Africana Libraries Newsletter*, the Cooperative Africana Microform Project, the A.S.A. Publications Committee Liaison and others as needed. Section VI C: Announcements of meetings, schedules, draft agenda and minutes shall be printed in the *Africana Libraries Newsletter*, and should be submitted to ASA News if appropriate.

Section VI D: Priority will be given to agenda items which have been submitted in writing in advance of the meeting, and for which documentation has been distributed, where relevant. Documenta-

tion must be provided if the issue in question calls for a vote.

Section XI (or add to Section VIII): A review of these Bylaws shall take place every five years, or earlier if needed.

The issue of a change in Voting (Section IX A & B) was deferred.

The revised bylaws will be available at the spring meeting.

ARL Foreign Acquisitions Task Force

Easterbrook talked about the survey of area studies collections undertaken by ARL (Association of Research Libraries). 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 have been asked to focus on West Africa, specifically Nigeria and Senegal. Concurrently SALAAM is concentrating on Mexico, the East Asian Studies group on Japan, the European group on Germany, and the Slavic group on Russia. During the summer, the ARL collection management officers sent a survey to vendors, with only two vendors for Africa being listed. The committee added three Africana vendors to the list and will report on the vendors' survey at the spring meeting. Easterbrook attended a meeting of area studies specialists, collection management officers, and academics at the University of Chicago, and Walsh one at Harvard University to discuss issues of continued support for scholars and collections in area studies. This initiative will lead to a grant proposal in the hope of obtaining more funds for area studies and collections. The initiative was partly taken because of perceived drop in acquisitions from Europe, due in part to a weak currency.

Africana oral tradition archives (Gray)

Easterbrook prepared a list of those who had attended ALC meetings from 1958-1979. The committee, which consists of Bischof, Easterbrook, Finnegan, Gray, Malanchuk, and Scheven is preparing a questionnaire for use in future interviews. The questionnaire will be ready for discussion by the spring meeting.

Book donations

Walsh reminded members that ASA published a list last year of places to send book donations. ASA also supplies this directory on request. A second proposal is before the board to use money from the endowment funds to establish a \$3000 fund to assist organizations to ship books or solve other small problems which occur. Projects would be selected depending on the degree of relationship between donor and recipients. A larger linkage situation is also envisioned. High quality material is a given, and funding would only be supplied to donors with detailed plans for their donations. The ASA Board wanted Walsh to discuss the proposal further with ALC, and she hopes to get the board's approval during the conference. The thought is that the grants would be given once a year and they would be reviewed every three years. No calendar has been set for the disbursement of such grants. ASA would want a committee to screen the applicants as they present themselves.

A group called Bridge to Asia has sent large number of books to Asia and is looking for projects in Africa. This group wants an institutional relationship before it will send books.

Library of Congress reports

Ruth Thomas reported that the Nairobi Office has made acquisitions trips to 18 out of their 21 countries. They are working on getting contract representatives in the different countries. They now have 14, including individuals in Asmara, Windhoek and Kinshasa. Acquisitions are up 20 percent through this month. The acquisitions

list is behind, with no. 4 (1992) at the printer.

Preservation is also of great concern to the Nairobi office. They hope to expand microfilming and fishing for preservation purposes. Examples would be Kenya traditional music. They are trying to obtain any material available on Somalia from the NGOs (Actionaid, Unicef, and Oxfam among others). The material will be fished in the New Delhi office. Some papers are coming out of Mogadishu; LC has received 1500 issues.

This is the second year of the participant program, with 29 participating libraries. Serials offered include 20 newspapers (12 from Kenya, 5 from Tanzania, 1 from Uganda and 2 from Zambia) and 45 Kenyan serials, with *Economic Review* and *Weekend Mail* being added while *Psychology Digest* and *African Journal of Neurological Science* were dropped. Since last January the office has also offered monographs, and 184 titles were sent in 11 shipments (Jan-Nov. 17). Ruth Thomas would like feedback about the material, and she has a handout about the participant program. They are discussing how to expand the program, and a profile for Zimbabwe serials and non-commercial monographs was distributed. Estimated costs were \$151 (10 serials) and \$350 plus administrative charge of 50% for the monographs. Partial participation was welcome, and they would like feedback on the profile. The Nairobi office now has a staff of 14 permanent employees and 5 on contract.

Fred Protopappas, Overseas Operations Division: LC has suggested some change in the way the funds are being recorded from the participants program. It will be necessary for LC to cut off participants who do not pay up. Fred urged members to check with their institutions to make sure payment had been made.

Mwalilino reported that she and Harper have worked on getting new contract representatives from West Africa. Mwalilino travelled to Senegal and Côte d'Ivoire and Harper to Nigeria, Ghana, Benin, and Togo to identify new representatives in each country who will supply current materials, with particular emphasis on serials (especially newspapers), government documents, and other hard-to-get materials. These representatives will be used to supplement existing blanket order coverage for both general and legal materials. LC expects to sign up new representatives in each country, interviews were conducted with several candidates in each country and formal offers will be sent shortly. A new bibliographic representative in Monrovia has been under contract to LC since July 1992. She has been able to supply regular runs of approximately one dozen newspapers and some monographs.

West African acquisitions plans for FY93:

- Four travel proposals will be considered to conduct on-site acquisitions surveys of general and legal publishing activities in the region.
- Production of a West African accessions list.
- Hire temporary support staff to help process West African materials.

Microfilming: In FY92 several West African newspapers were sent to the Photoduplication lab for microfilming of current holdings. A final report on specific titles and years filmed will be prepared by Frank Carroll, Head, Newspaper Section, upon completion of filming.

West African Field Office: Full funding initiative will be proposed for the FY95 budget (Oct.1, 1994-Sept.30, 1995).

Gray reported that the publication *Newspapers received currently in the Library of Congress* has been delayed till 1993. Bits and pieces

of newspapers from the collection will be filmed, titles will be catalogued, list will be made available after filming. It is too late to add any other libraries' holdings.

Other reports

Lesh reported on the Catalog Committee's meeting. Baumann reported on the Bibliography Committee meeting. She also mentioned her acquisitions trip to Botswana, Lesotho, South Africa and Zimbabwe.

Bell-Gam is preparing a list of duplicate journal issues.

Finnegan mentioned the possibility of converting his e-mail list of the group to a public Listserv, but it was decided to keep it an internal list.

A handout for publicizing the work of the ALC was suggested.

The representative from the Zimbabwe International Book Fair invited the participants to view a video on the 1992 fair immediately following the meeting and to attend the 1993 fair.

Peter Kjeseth from Wartburg Theological Seminary talked about a collection of Namibiana at the seminary which they would like to have evaluated, possibly filmed and then disposed of. The Seminary is seeking help to deal with it.

Meeting was adjourned.

—Mette Shayne (Secretary)

PRE-MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 20, 1992, 9-10am

The meeting was called to order by Onuma Ezera, Chair. The Chair thanked the Committee for its help during the year.

The issue of conflicts between ALC meetings and other fall meeting activities was discussed. Proposed solutions included holding committee meetings only at the spring meetings and holding all meetings in one very long day. It was decided that it is not possible to have cataloging and bibliography meetings at the same time as several members must attend both. Members were split on the possibility of very early meetings, and it was decided that the question would be put to the membership at large and determined by a straw vote.

Finnegan reported on his arrangements for the memorial to be held for Elizabeth Widenmann. Joe Caruso, a graduate student is acting African Studies librarian at Columbia University. Vicky Evalds prepared a biographical handout.

Malanchuk asked that time be set aside at the spring meeting to change the timetable for the Conover-Porter award, as the present one does not work properly.

A question was asked whether ALC should have representation at the Black Caucus Conference of the American Library Association. It would be brought up at the business meeting to see if any members had participated in the previous conference and felt this was important.

Finnegan wanted to discuss Internet and whether his list should be used as a Listserv. It was decided that the ALC does not want this to be an open file but for internal communications.

Lesh suggested that chairs of committees should change every two years to give more people a chance to serve. He plans to step down at the spring meeting.

Howell announced there would be election during the CAMP meeting for an additional member of the CAMP Executive.

It was suggested that committee reports be moved to the end of the agenda in case time would run out. It was stressed that Library of Congress reports are important and should not be skipped.

CATALOGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 1992, 10-11:20am

The meeting was called to order by Lesh, Chair.

1. Minutes of the spring meeting (Iowa City, IA) [see *ALN*, July 1992, p.4] were approved with one correction. Section 3, sentence 2 changed to: "CC:AAM voted to support it. SAC felt that the proposal was beyond the scope of their activities and decided to take no action."

2. African Language Summary Note Proposal (MARC field 520) The proposal, approved at the spring meeting, was sent to Sarah Thomas, Director of Cataloging, LC, and Karl Kahler, Chair, Committee on Cataloging: Asian and African Materials, American Library Association (CC:AAM). There has been no response at this time from LC. Bell-Gam reported that the proposal was discussed at the last ALA meeting and was favorably received. It is hoped that some specific action will be taken at ALA midwinter.

3. Language Codes in LC Subject Headings Authority Records Letters in support for the inclusion of language codes in the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) authority records for languages have been sent to Sarah Thomas (LC) and Karl Kahler (CC:AAM). At this time, no responses to this proposal have been received.

4. Expansion of DT Classification Schedule Based on previous indications that LC might be interested in expansion of the LC Classification DT Schedule for the history of Africa, a letter was sent to Sarah Thomas (LC), expressing our interest in participating in any such project. A reply from Ms. Thomas indicated that no such expansion was anticipated at this time. Another letter was sent to Mark Ziomeck of the Cataloging Policy Support Office at LC, expressing our interest in any future expansion. The Committee has decided to continue to investigate various avenues to promote an expansion of the schedules.

5. African Languages Survey At the spring meeting, it was decided to survey how various libraries organize and access their African language materials. Bob presented a draft of the proposed survey for discussion. A number of suggestions were noted and will be incorporated. An interest was expressed in having separate information about tapes, particularly field recordings and other original research materials. The importance was noted of sharing the results with Easterbrook for the ARL foreign collections project he is working on.

6. Enhancement of LCSH Language Authority Records At the spring meeting, Kay Elsasser requested help on expanding the reference structure for language authority records. As she was not available at this meeting to explain in detail what needed to be done, Bob presented an outline, based on information she provided. Complete directions for those interested will be given as they are provided by Kay.

7. Term/Appointment of Cataloging Committee Chair Bob reminded everyone that his term as Chair ends after the spring meeting. Anyone interested in being appointed as the new Chair of the Committee should feel free to contact him or Nancy Schmidt.

8. ALA CC:AAM Report Ball-Gam reported that LC is developing an electronic template for subject proposals that will be available on the Internet. CC:AAM voted to support the IFLA manual on names. They are working on preparing a letter to be sent to RLG and OCLC to encourage them to continue to share CJK records. They are also sending a letter of appreciation to Ben Tucker (LC) in appreciation for his work on the romanization tables. It was decided that our committee would do the same.

9. Library of Congress Report Gray reported that as of August 1992 the Middle East and North African team had taken over review of the cataloging from the Nairobi office. They are very pleased with the progress shown by the office and are looking for independent descriptive cataloging in the near future. They hope to begin working on serials in the Nairobi office by the end of this year. Beverly reported that Nairobi and other field offices will begin uploading in US MARC format sometime in 1993, instead of having the information rekeyed in Washington. LCDS will be producing a CD-ROM product containing field office records that will be issued quarterly.

10. Dewey Decimal Classification Proposals Stamm presented two Dewey Decimal Classification (DDC) proposals for consideration and review by committee members. One is for language classification and the other is on Islam. The DDC Editorial Committee will discuss these proposals a year from now. It was decided that Northwestern as a major DDC collection would prepare a response to be discussed at our next meeting. If anyone has any comments, they should be forwarded to Lesh at Northwestern.

11. Announcements Lesh and Stamm announced the submission of the Africana Conference Paper Indexing Project Title II-C grant proposal to the Dept. of Education. The grant proposal covers papers from 1982-1990. Northwestern has initiated the indexing of Africana conference papers for currently received African conference papers (from 1991). The online index includes 100 conference proceedings and will be available by keyword searching to dial-up patrons.

The Committee's African Language Codes Project was forwarded to the National Information Standards Organization (NISO), where expansion of the list of language codes is now under consideration.

Attendees: Bell-Gam, Fung, Lauer, Niekamp, Stamm, Paul Thomas, Kraehe, Crossey, Malanchuk, Bischof, Howell, Fred Protopappas, Shayne, Ruth Thomas, Schmidt, Hodges, Gray, Nanji, Plantz, & Lesh.

BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MINUTES

November 20, 1992, 11:30am-1pm

The meeting was chaired by Helene Baumann, acting for Janet Stanley, who was unable to attend at this hour and began at 11:40am.

1. Conover-Porter Award.

Malanchuk noted the presentation scheduled for Nov. 21st. At the Spring meeting we will discuss changes in the Guidelines for the selection of the award winner. One idea is to publish the short list in the conference program, as is now done for the Herskovits Award.

2. IAI-CODESRIA Cooperative Indexing Project.

Schmidt attended the SCOLMA meeting in the UK in June, at which little progress was reported. There is no IAI chair for the proposed conference, and CODESRIA has not yet been contacted. Without any internal promotion, IAI is not moving ahead on this. In discussion, Panofsky, as a member of the IAI Council, noted that the combination of a new IAI Director and the resignation of Carol Priestley further pushed this project into the background; it was not even mentioned at the last Council meeting. The proposed conference would have carried on from the First International Conference on African Bibliography in Nairobi in 1967. Hans Zell noted the necessity of including government documents in any index. Shayne stressed the value of co-operative indexing. Schmidt noted that at SCOLMA discussion of the continuing overlap between the INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN BIBLIOGRAPHY and the AFRICAN BIBLIOGRAPHY came down to political questions. There was no groundswell for further effort regarding this initiative.

3. Newspaper Cooperative Project.

Schmidt asked if all listed libraries still participate. This project was continued when the Small-Country Project was dropped at an earlier meeting. In theory, the project commitments mean that at least two libraries will receive each title, to ensure completeness when LC or CAMP films a run. Britz noted that Northwestern has dropped titles which are supplied through the LC-Nairobi subscription plan. Hoover has dropped two titles. Britz mentioned the problem of the many new newspapers. Shayne's list of currently received newspapers was mentioned as a potential monitoring tool. Gray noted that LC cannot add new titles without strong scrutiny and is sometimes required to drop titles to allow new ones to be added. The consensus was to this discussion in the CAMP meeting.

4. Bibliographic Projects at LC (Gray for Joanne Zellers).

MARC Books was searched to identify some 170,000 Minimal Level Cataloging records of which 9100 refer to Africa. These have been copied on to GENBIB and may later be added to MUMS with subject headings.

UNITED STATES IMPRINTS ON SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA, Vols. 6 & 7, should be issued in December. It will have contents notes for conference papers and other collected works. Vol. 8 returns to an annual schedule. On a trial basis, collected works with a GAC of d----- and essays on Africa are included. The guide may be expanded to include non-U.S. imprints.

On a staff-use-only basis, a printout of all LCSH used on Africana books records published after 1979 was prepared. Trial country list notebooks for Ethiopia, Senegal and Somalia, consisting of MARC Book records (since 1980) and MARC Serials, are being tried as partial replacements for the African Section card catalog. The acquisition of LCMARC on CD-ROM is being investigated. A list of LC-held CD-ROMs is available upon request.

Several CD-ROM databases were used to update the bibliography on Japanese relations with Africa.

Zellers served on the Working Group on Database Guidelines for the Cataloging Council, which prepared the 18-page "Considerations in Automating Bibliographies, Inventories, and Public Access Catalogs" (Washington, DC: Cataloging Forum, LC, 1992).

Shayne asked about dial-in access to the GENBIB database; this is possible through state libraries.

5. Bischof and Kagan are editing the African Section of the new edition of Sheehy's *GUIDE TO REFERENCE BOOKS*. Having area specialists involved is due to the advocacy by Betsy Widenmann. There will be cuts as well as additions, resulting in about 250 entries. Bischof will edit the Southern and Eastern sections; Kagan, North and West; and both will cover Central and General. Please contact them with suggestions.

6. UNHCR Database.

Weissinger reported on the "Progress Note on Access to Information and Documentation in UNHCR," dated January 1992 (distributed at the meeting) David Lewis at Cornell had visited UNHCR and was excited by the possibility of electronic access to the database and hoped to offer training sessions. Tom had queried those ALC members with e-mail access and found that most wanted more information about the resource. Janet Stanley as Chair had authorized contacting UNHCR. There is no commitment yet to open access to the database, especially since UNHCR field offices do not yet have access. Internet access is still a possibility. Other area studies groups may become involved. UNHCR wants letters of support from us. David Rozkuszka asked about access to other UN databases, especially those at the ECA and UN Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT) in Nairobi. Kagan mentioned a possible pan-UN database, with status unknown. He also raised the question of CD-ROM publication of UN data. As a question of policy at UNHCR, better access to the data from First-World countries is not a high priority. Accordingly, the committee's letter should stress CD-ROM as a more equitable means of distribution and access, possibly gratis to African libraries.

7. Northwestern University's Conference Paper proposal.

Stamm and Lesh reported on Northwestern's preparation of a proposal for funding to extend the Conference Paper Index for the years 1981 through 1990. (1991 and after are being routinely indexed, as current practice.) There will be access via LUIS. Shayne reported about 100 conferences indexed. Prior years will be added, with keyword access. In the long run, cooperative input for non-Northwestern held conference proceedings (including LC's) will be sought. Elizabeth Fry at Emory has an African government and politics project underway, with consultation between Northwestern and Emory to avoid overlap in indexing.

8. Other Announcements:

Kraehe asked about the low number of subscriptions to the *ETUDES GERMANO-AFRICAINES*. (US subscriptions are available through U. of Virginia.) Several institutions reported subscribing directly from Dakar.

Panofsky reported on a conference in Bologna on South Africa. He also mentioned the Italian-African Institute in Rome and urged that they be invited to future meetings.

Zell reported that the 4th edition of *AFRICAN BOOKS IN PRINT* is delayed, but due out in January of 1993. It is eight years since the last edition. It was cumulated from *AFRICAN BOOK PUBLISHING RECORD* through 1991, and it was up to date when copy was submitted. Some 200 non-responding publishers were cut. There are about 25,000 titles included, from some 700 publishers.

Malanchuk and Nanji have taken on the Africa section of the next edition of Katz and Katz' *MAGAZINES FOR LIBRARIES*. Titles new since 1989 should be reported to them. There is a 20-30 page allocation, but no numerical limit on titles.

Finnegan reported that the ACRL Asian and African Section is compiling a list of book awards from or about those areas, with the goal of increasing the listing of such awards in standard references like the Bowker Annual and Gale's awards directory. Hans Zell offered to assist.

9. Bibliographies Needed:

Schmidt distributed a list of useful bibliographies that could be updated. This was discussed at the SCOLMA meeting she attended as well as at our Spring 1992 meeting in Iowa City. The IAI would like to update the Ethnographic Survey of Africa and add urban studies, but the Ford Foundation has declined to support this project. In response to a question about HRAF (Human Relations Area File), Schmidt stressed the need for full-text. Panofsky noted that a merger of the *INTERNATIONAL AFRICAN BIBLIOGRAPHY* and *AFRICAN BIBLIOGRAPHY* is desirable, but unlikely given their bases in IAI and SOAS. Also, funding is less precarious than had been thought.

The review essays commissioned by the Joint ACLS-SSRC Africa Committee and published in the *AFRICAN STUDIES REVIEW* were mentioned as partial updates of Lystad's *AFRICAN WORLD* and deserving of publication as separates.

Walsh, as member of the ASA Board, reported that publications are being sought to expand their list. She reports a bit of a conflict between the original intent of the ASA to publish materials with a more limited market versus the current need to generate income. Potential authors are urged to submit market projections along with letters of recommendation.

The *STUDENT AFRICANIST'S HANDBOOK* was discussed. Lauer commended the bibliography in Martin and O'Meara's text as a good alternative. While opinions varied on the *HANDBOOK*, it was agreed that we would share course handouts at our Spring Meeting in East Lansing. Finnegan and Bischof will coordinate this.

Updating Scheven's *BIBLIOGRAPHIES FOR AFRICAN STUDIES 1970-1986* was recommended, but there were no volunteers. Hans Zell would like to continue the work. The cumulative ABPR lists are not as substantive as Scheven's work.

Hans Zell raised a query from IAI concerning the market for a cumulative (through 1992) index of its quarterly *AFRICA*.

Bell-Gam reported that UCLA's African Bibliography Project will publish in Spring 1993 a bibliography of 1981-1990 works in political science and political economy, for all Africa except Egypt.

The meeting adjourned at 1pm.

—Gregory A. Finnegan

POST-MEETING EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 1992, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Schmidt, Chair, called the meeting to order, with Shayne as secretary.

To follow up on the earlier meetings, Weissinger agreed to work together with Baumann, Chair of the Bibliography Committee, on a draft of a letter to send to Access in Geneva to find out more about access to the different UN datafiles and to urge the UN to make the files available to the Africanist research community.

Schmidt asked Lesh about his term as Chair of the Cataloging Committee. It was decided that Nancy in consultation with the Executive Committee would appoint a new chair of the Committee at the spring meeting.

Plans for the spring meeting at Michigan State University: All meetings will be held in the Union, but participants will stay at a nearby motel. It was suggested that participants should bring handouts prepared for public distribution, and that a special session where members could discuss bibliographic instruction should be scheduled. The meeting will start Friday morning at nine and continue through noon Saturday. The ASA board meeting will be in East Lansing the same weekend. Information about motel address and prices, and travel arrangements will be printed in the next issue of *ALN*. A question was asked by the secretary whether we should continue to send out notices to newsletters and library journals about our meetings, and it was decided it was good publicity and should be continued. Weissinger offered to send an e-mail message to the editor of the Black Caucus Newsletter. Baumann indicated that Duke has offered to host the 1994 spring meeting and she will bring dates to the East Lansing meeting.

The issue of the timetable for the Conover-Porter award will be brought up at the spring business meeting. Several other related ideas should be considered at the meeting: Bischof has suggested a long term strategic plan; the question of how to provide training opportunities for Africana librarians; and a 40th anniversary "bash" for the ALC in 1997, a conspicuous celebration focusing on Africana librarianship. Schmidt attended SCOLMA's 25th anniversary celebration and felt this type of publicity is important. 1993 will be the 30th anniversary of CAMP. CAMP chair could write up the history of CAMP for *ASA News*.

Kagan will be the program chair for the fall meeting 1993. Maybe the program could focus on CAMP and the researchers who have used CAMP, talking about the resources available. We could ask CRL for help in this promotion. Kagan was afraid such a panel would not be met with much enthusiasm from researchers. We need a hook to make such a program exciting. Looking at research in general with CAMP as part of it is one possibility. Lauer asked if it had to be the Chair-elect who arranges such panels. The answer is anybody can arrange a panel or the Chair can elect a co-chair. Kagan will arrange next year's panel and will soon have to make room arrangements for next year's meeting.

Stanley has sent all files of the Bibliography Committee to Baumann, who chaired the committee meeting in Seattle. The Chair has to appoint a new chair of this committee. Also the Publications Committee liaison has to be named. Schmidt will ask Bischof to be

the liaison with the ASA Publications Committee and will find out if one has to commit to attend the Committee's spring meeting. She will also ask Baumann to chair the Bibliography Committee for two years starting with the spring meeting.

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NOMINATIONS/VOLUNTEERS

At the Spring meeting of ALC, the term of Bob Lesh as Chair of the Cataloging Committee expires. Please send the names of nominations for Chair or persons willing to serve as chair to Nancy Schmidt, Chair of ALC, Main Library E660, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

CONOVER-PORTER AWARD TO CAROL SICHERMAN

Carol Sicherman, author of two reference on Ngugi, is the winner of the seventh Conover-Porter Award. The African Studies Association established this prestigious award in 1980 to honor outstanding achievement and excellence in Africana bibliography and reference works. The Association awarded the \$300 prize at a special session on November 21st, with ALC chair Onuma Ezera presenting the prize. Three other reference resources were noted for honorable mention. In her acceptance speech, Professor Sicherman thanked the many individuals who helped her and commented upon the dangers facing dissident writers and their friends.

The Award is a project of ALC and is named for two pioneers in the field, Helen F. Conover and Dorothy B. Porter, who compiled numerous bibliographies on African topics at the Library of Congress and Howard University, respectively. The award is presented biennially.

AWARD WINNERS

Carol Sicherman, *Ngugi wa Thiong'o: A Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Sources, 1957-1989*. London: New York: Hans Zell, 1989. 249pp.

Carol Sicherman, *Ngugi wa Thiong'o: The Making of a Rebel: A source Book in Kenyan Literature and Resistance*. London: New York: Hans Zell, 1990. 486pp.

Professor Carol Sicherman's impressive and dedicated efforts have resulted in the creation of two extremely important research resources on Ngugi wa Thiong'o and Kenyan literature, history, and politics. These reference works are rich treasure troves whose organization, content, and style establish new vistas for viewing the importance of African literary personae within the context of the developmental process of their country.

The bibliography is an indispensable, extensive listing of more than 1,900 primary and secondary sources in English, which also has numerous references to translations and scholarship in two dozen languages, including Arabic and Kiswahili. The volume is arranged chronologically and surveys books, journal and newspaper articles, dissertations and theses, unpublished manuscripts, and non-print media. Various indices and excellent cross-references promote effective use.

The second work focuses on providing the reader with a comprehensive background and landscape to grasp Ngugi's social and political vision within his creative efforts. This companion volume includes a chronology of Ngugi's life and Kenyan history and politics (1870-1988), together with biographical, linguistic and geographical glossaries with lengthy, informative descriptions. The work includes a useful subject/name index, numerous bibliographic notes and a chapter of Ngugi on Ngugi. The writer himself praises this work stating "the material provided will make all the historical, geographical, and biographical allusions in my fiction become more comprehensible to all serious scholars of my works. Her book is an invaluable guide to my work."

HONORABLE MENTION BOOKS

Janet L. Stanley, *The Arts of Africa: An Annotated Bibliography*. Volume 1: 1986 and 1987. Atlanta: African Studies Association, 1990.

This selective bibliography has 977 items. It emphasizes the visual arts and architecture but includes topics such as iron-working, archaeological pottery, economics of textile production, and the influence of African art on European art. The principal criterion for

the inclusion of resources are their "substance and significance and originality and uniqueness," including information not easily found elsewhere. Popular, non-scholarly publications are reviewed along with exhibition and auction catalogs. The items are arranged by country or under General Studies, with 21 subdivisions. There are cross-references, recommendations for purchase, and an index.

Elizabeth Ardayfio-Schandorf and Kate O. Kwafu-Akoto. *Women in Ghana: An Annotated Bibliography*. Accra: Woeli Publishing Services, 1990.

This selective bibliography includes 754 citations to monographs, periodicals, conferences papers, government and project reports, and theses. Materials were reviewed from libraries and repositories throughout Ghana and include items published from the early twentieth century through 1988. Included selectively are materials published from Great Britain, Europe, and the United States. The authors include major segments dealing with women and development, population, agriculture and environment, education, health, labor, law and politics, and culture and religion.

Quarterly Index to Periodical Literature, Eastern and Southern Africa, 1991-. Library of Congress Nairobi Office. Quarterly with annual index.

This impressive effort indexed 125 scholarly periodicals during 1991, and the goal is to cover 200 titles. Not all titles are indexed exhaustively. Countries of publication include those covered by the Nairobi Field Office, with no limits on the languages indexed. There are separate indexes for subject, author, geographic area, article title and journal title. Primary arrangement is by broad subject category.

CAMP BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes were unavailable as of 14 January 1993. They will appear in the next issue of ALN. They are also mailed by CRL to member institutions.



OTHER NEWS

NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

CALENDAR

ALA:

Jan. 23-28, 1993, Denver - ALA Midwinter meeting.

June 24-July 1, 1993, New Orleans - 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.

ALA/USIA LIBRARY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Applications are being accepted through March 15 for the 1993-94 Library Fellows Program. This joint program of ALA and the U.S. Information Agency (USIA) has funding for about 15 positions, to be selected among 23 possible posts.

Stipends for fellows are \$32,000 per year. Travel expenses (fellow and one dependent) to and from host country will be reimbursed; health insurance and a small housing subsidy are provided. Requirements: U.S. citizenship; language skills of the host country (desired and sometimes required); and education and experience in library or information science, or other fields directly related to the interests and needs of specific projects with demonstrated competency as required. If selected, certification from a physician attesting physical and emotional soundness to conduct the fellowship will be required. Persons who have lived abroad for a 10-year period (1983-1992) immediately preceding application are not eligible.

Positions available in Africa:

University of Botswana (Gaborone), Department of Library and Information Studies. 12 months, September 1993-August 1994. Assist in the establishment of a Master's level program in Information Resources Management; teach courses which will train students to establish and manage computer-based information systems.

General Egyptian Book Organization (Cairo), National Library of Egypt. Knowledge of Arabic preferred. 9 months, Sept. 1993-May 1994. Develop an automation plan, including hardware/software recommendations, to introduce computerization into all aspects of this major research library in order to improve access to materials. The system will link two facilities and eventually serve as a model for a national university library network.

Moi University (Eldoret, Kenya), Faculty of Information Sciences. 12 months, Sept. 1993-August 1994. Advise on curriculum development and create course outlines and teaching materials for future use for the university's first Master's level courses on library automation; teach the course "Information and Communication Theory."

Eduardo Mondlane University (Maputo), Faculty of Letters Library. Portuguese fluency preferred. 12 months, Sept. 1993-Aug. 1994. Provide on-the-job training in development of library automation, focusing on selection and installation of an online public access catalog; participate in the development of the university's first course in librarianship.

National Library of Namibia (Windhoek), Ministry of Education and Culture. 9 months, Sept. 1993-May 1994. Establish standards and procedures for compiling a national bibliography of Namibia; prepare bibliographic records using AACR2 and DDC 20; train staff who will carry on the project in the future.

Other positions are in Guatemala City, Tegucigalpa (Honduras), Puebla (Mexico), Managua (Nicaragua), Lhasa (Tibet), Suva (Fiji), Hong Kong, Seoul, Chiang Mai (Thailand), Nicosia & Famagusta, Prague, Athens, Budapest, Bucharest, Madrid, Ipswich (England), Jerusalem and Lahore.

To apply, send resume with a cover letter briefly stating desired position, foreign-language skills, subject expertise and maximum placement service length (no application forms are available) to: Robert P. Doyle, Director, Library/Book Fellows Program, ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611. Tel: 1-800-545-2433, ext. 3200. See also center insert in the March 1991, March 1992 or February 1993 issues of *American Libraries*.

18 specialists were selected as library fellows for 1992-93. These include:

- John L. Ober, assistant professor the University of California, Berkeley, will evaluate the library collection at the National University of Benin while writing an automation plan and teaching introductory automation courses from Jan. 15, 1993 to June 15, 1993.
- Helen Williams, library consultant for Educational Testing Services in Princeton, N.J., will train school librarians and help plan a LS curriculum at the National University in Maseru, Lesotho from Sept. 1, 1992, to May 31, 1993.
- Kathleen A. Nystrom, manager of cataloging at St. Louis (Mo.) Public Library, will teach courses in cataloging and LC classification, train cataloging staff, and assist in the development of automation at the University of Malawi library from Sept. 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993.
- Luella B. Davis, coordinator of bibliographic instruction and reference library at Emory University, will teach automation courses at the University of Ibadan from Sept. 1, 1992, to June 30, 1993.

4TH CONFERENCE OF LIBRARIANS
IN INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Conference of Librarians in International Development provides a biennial forum for discussions of current practical and theoretical developments in librarianship and information work. The 1993 conference will be held at Tallahassee, Florida, on May 2-4. The theme is Global Interdependence: The Role of Information in Development. In addition to reports about current opportunities and completed or on-going projects, there will be sessions on preparation for an overseas assignment, incorporating "library" components into responses to RFPs, and project evaluation techniques.

Papers are being solicited. Abstracts are required for longer, more formal papers which should not exceed 20 pages. Less formal presentations should be planned for approximately 20 minutes. Deadline for session and paper proposals was January 18. For further information, contact one of the Conference Co-Chairs: Chalres W. Conaway or John N. Gathegi, School of Library and

Information Studies, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306. Fax: 904-644-9763. Tel: 904-644-8123 (Conaway) or 904-644-8114 (Gathegi). Email: Conaway@lis.fsu.edu or gathegi@lis.fsu.edu (or @fsu.bitnet).

FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

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

Black Arts Research Center seeks books, journals, papers and non-book materials. Fields include music, dance, theatre, film and traditional religion/healing. Contact: John Gray, BARC, 30 Marion St., Nyack, NY 10960.

RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario) has acquired 188 books belonging to Canadian author Margaret Laurence. Laurence accumulated these books during her seven-year stay in Somaliland and Ghana during the 1950s.—*C&RL News*.

New York International African Institute (NYIAI) has called for an emergency conference to study ways of protecting and restoring Liberia's archival and cultural materials. NYIAI was founded two years ago by Sam Pittee-Polkah Toe, former research director, Liberian National Archives Center, and former director, Tubman National Center of African Culture and Research. Ongoing programs include cross-cultural awareness programs, a bi-monthly newsletter (Africa and the world; \$12 per year), a hotline African news service, a databank, and institutional linkages. Further details available from the Institute's Liaison Officer, D. Twaleh Gepl, at (716)833-2842, or NYIAI, P.O. Box 700, Buffalo, NY 14215.

Nordiska Afrikainstitutet's Library has received a collection of political posters, mainly from Mozambique and Ethiopia, donated by Berit Sahlström. It is also processing the Simons collection, with funds from the Swedish International Development Fund. Ten reels and a database have been prepared for purchase. This collection contains material about the trade unions in South Africa, the African National Congress and the Communist Party in South Africa. It also contains the documentation for the sociological and legal research by Harold Jack Simons and his wife Ray, better known as Ray Alexander, in South Africa and elsewhere. The Institute plans to deposit this collection at the African Studies Centre, University of Cape Town. Further details available from Annica van Gylswyk, The Simons Papers Project, Nordiska Afrikainstitutet, Box 1703, S-751 47 Uppsala, Sweden.

A Fund to Acquire the **Royal Commonwealth Society Library** for the Nation has been set up, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales and with Chief Emeka Anyaoku as Honorary President. The Appeal Committee is chaired by Sir Patrick Sheehy. It aims to raise £3m., of which over half has already been pledged, to purchase the whole Library for the Nation and Commonwealth. It is proposed that the Library will be housed in the new extension planned for Cambridge University Library. Help is needed before 31 March 1993. For further details, please contact the Librarian at 18

Northumberland Ave., London WC2N 5BJ.

GRANTS AWARDED

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

The last issue contained a detailed summary of the (unsuccessful) Boston University proposal to collect, preserve and index African newspapers. The open sharing of such information is virtually unprecedented and long overdue. The editor wishes to thank Gretchen Walsh for her leadership in cooperation and information diffusion.

In October and November, 1992, a number of awards were made. The following brief information was made available.

The **Indiana University** Libraries received a Title VI serials award to purchase serials of new democratic movements in Sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the countries covered by the Slavic-East European and Ural-Altaic Programs. This includes \$6,000 for the African serials. New democratic movements will be widely interpreted for Sub-Saharan Africa and will include political parties and a wide variety of political support groups including human rights, women's rights, legal reform, liberation theology, theatre and other cultural organizations. The goal will be to include a selection of the many serials related to new democratic movements in the subcontinent, as part of a core collection of publications from the four geographic areas covered by the grant.

Northwestern University's Melville J. Herskovits Library of African Studies received a three-year grant from the Foreign Periodicals Program of the U.S. Department of Education's Center for International Education. The grant, which totals \$40,000 for the first year, will enable the Library to enlarge its collections of periodical literature, which is increasingly more abundant due to the new democratic movements. It also will increase the rate of cataloging of such titles. New acquisitions will include newspapers, news magazines, magazines of commentary and newsletters published by independent and official publishers, political parties and movements, and a wide variety of interest groups. The Library also will hire a half-time serials cataloger who will catalog the new titles acquired as well as augment the cataloging of African periodicals already in the Herskovits collection.

Online records for all cataloged periodicals will appear in Northwestern's online catalog, OCLC and RLIN. During the first year of the project, the Northwestern University Library will, at its own expense, assess the preservation needs of the newly acquired titles. The assessment will determine preservation priorities for the subsequent years of the project.

Northwestern University Library is one of 11 grant recipients in 1992. Funding for the following two years of the grant is dependent upon congressional allocation of funds to the Foreign Periodicals Program.

AFRICAN ARCHIVES AND MUSEUMS PROJECT

The Joint Committee on African Studies of the **Social Science Research Council** (SSRC) and the **American Council of Learned Societies** (ACLS) recently awarded the second round of grants

under the African Archives and Museums Project. Supported with funds from the Ford and Rockefeller Foundations, the Project seeks to invigorate and strengthen the work of archives and museums in Africa. It operates as an annual small grants competition, awarding up to \$15,000 to African archives and museums for activities that will enable these cultural institutions to broaden their constituencies and reconfigure their roles as centers of humanistic knowledge and expression. Administered with the help of an international selection committee, the Project supports efforts to preserve and augment collections; document, catalog, and exhibit special holdings; and enhance use of such resources.

The 7 recipients of Seed Grants included:

- Direction des Archives Nationales, Porto-Novo, for a project directed by Elise R. Paraiso to inventory its materials.
- Research and Documentation Division, Banjul, for a project directed by Patience Sonko-Godwin to conserve and transcribe oral history recordings.
- Archives National de Niger, Niamey, for a project directed by Idrissa Yansambou to prepare a long-range plan.

The 10 recipients of Conservation and Documentation Grants include:

- Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa, for a project directed by Taddese Bayene to catalog political pamphlets.
- Archives du Sénégal, Dakar, for a project directed by Saliou Mbaye to classify the holdings of the Federation of Mali (1959-1960) and the holdings of the Vice-President and President of Senegal (1957-1962).
- Institute of African Studies, Freetown, for a project directed by Arthur Abraham to rehabilitate archival and museum space and to classify and catalog archival materials.
- South African Museum, Cape Town, for a project directed by Patricia Davidson to catalog and conserve the Krige photographic collection.
- National records Office, Khartoum, for a project directed by Ali S. Karrar to microfilm and catalog early 20th century Sudanese newspapers.
- Bulawayo Public Library, Zimbabwe, for a project directed by

Robin Doust to microfilm early editions of the Bulawayo Chronicle and the Rhodesian Herald.

There were also 3 Exhibition and Outreach Grants.

The Project anticipates a deadline of May 31, 1993, for projects that would begin in October 1993. For additional information, please contact the Project, Social Science Research Council, 605 Third Ave., New York, NY 10158. Tel: 212-661-0280; fax: 1-212-370-7896.

PERSONNEL CHANGES & VACANCIES

John P. Blosser is the foreign periodicals grant serials cataloger at Northwestern. He assumed his half-time duties on December 14.

Barbara Burton, SOAS (School of Oriental and African Studies, Univ. of London) Librarian, retired on September 30, 1992. **Mary Auckland** became SOAS Librarian on December 1.

Ruth A. Hodges became the Africana Bibliographer at the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University, in 1992. She received her M.L.S. and a M.S. (Biology) from Atlanta University. She has worked at the Smithsonian Institution Libraries, the Howard University Libraries, the Toxicology Library of the National Academy of Sciences and as a biomedical contract indexer.

Michael Hopper, formerly Islamic Studies Librarian at the University of California, Santa Barbara, is now in the Middle Eastern Division, Harvard College Library, Cambridge, MA 02138.

Memorials for Elizabeth Widenmann took place in Seattle on November 21 and in New York at Columbia University on January 7.

Michigan State University seeks an original catalog librarian for Africana and general humanities and social science materials. Apply by May 1 to Colleen Hyslop, Assistant Director for Systems and Access Services Division, MSU Libraries.

RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

JOURNALS & ARTICLES

African Research and Documentation, no. 58 (1992) includes:

- M.J. Lippman, Towards an African Index Medicus, pp 6-10;
- Larisa Saratovskaya, South African Literature in Russia;
- Matilda Amissah-Arthur, New Dimensions for Library Services in Ghana, p.16-9;
- Marlene van Doorn, Comments on M. Binns 'The Documentation of African Research' [See *ALN*, April 1992, p. 9], p. 20-2. Reports that *Documentatieblad* from 1988 to mid-1991 covered a total of 239 journals, of which 98 were published in Africa. Of the approximately 500 current periodicals held by the library of the Afrika-Studiecentrum (Leiden), roughly 42% come from Africa. Many other titles are missing because they are unavailable.

Haworth Press has announced the forthcoming *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*. The editor welcomes the submission of articles on a range of topics, including:

- new information/communications technology
- technology transfer
- information needs/end-user concerns
- electronic publishing
- cooperative and networking efforts
- international issues
- collection management and preservation
- trends affecting the delivery of information
- database comparisons
- ethical questions
- information management
- fee-based services/hotlines
- teaching/distance learning

For more information, contact Robyn Frank, editor, 8349 Reservoir Road, Fulton, MD 20759.

International Information & Library Review (Academic Press), v. 24, no. 3 (Sept. 1992) included the following:

- Stilwell, C. "The Resource Centre Forums: Democratic and Alternative Information Networks for South Africa."
- Ourgay, M. "Printing, Publishing and Book Development in Ethiopia up to the ear of Menelik II."
- Jegede, O. "Book Scarcity, Law Libraries and the Legal Profession in Nigeria."
- Jam, Z. "Centralized School Library Management System in Benue State."

Anyanwu, V. "The Bibliographic Control of Nigerian Government Publications." *Government Publications Review*, 19 (1992): 505-.

Hurskainen, Arvi. "Computer Archives of Swahili Language and Folklore: What is it?" *Nordic Journal of African Studies*, 1,1 (1992): 123-7. Describes Dares Salaam - Helsinki Corpus (DAHE-corpus), a joint project of the Institute of Kiswahili Research (University of Dar es Salaam) and the Department of Asian and African Studies (University of Helsinki). The aim is to create a searchable archive. Areas covered so far include Zanzibar, Pemba and Mafia and the coast between Mozambique and Tanga.

REFERENCE SOURCES

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.

Lordereau, Paulette. *Litteratures africaines à la bibliothèque nationale, 1920-1972: Catalogue*. Paris: Bibliothèque Nationale, 1992. 220FF 234pp. Lists books acquired between 1920 and 1972 and complements the 1984 volume which covered 1973-1983.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Peter Limb is compiling a volume for Hans Zell entitled "The ANC & Black Workers in South Africa, 1912-1992: an Annotated Bibliography." The work will list monographs, articles, newspapers, periodicals, theses, audio-visual items, some government publications, unpublished works, and summaries of archival resources. He seeks additional citations from any readers, especially

in the following fields:

- recently deposited archival sources/oral interviews
- U.S. audio-visual items
- less well-known sources relevant to ANC/worker studies
- very recent publications.

Any lists or citations should be sent airmail, as his deadline is February-March 1993. Address: Reid Library, University of Western Australia, Nedlands, 6009, Australia.

Louise Leonard is compiling a directory of foreign-language experts who can help librarians catalog books in rare and unusual languages. The intent is also to form a clearinghouse to which librarians could fax title pages if they could not identify a language or ask for help with a particular unlisted language. Address: Catalog Department, University of Florida Libraries, Gainesville, FL 32611. Tel: (904)392-0351; e-mail: louleon@nervm.bitnet; fax: (904)392-7251.

UK Theses on Africa, 1976-1988 is being prepared by SCOLMA.

NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

African Books Collective Ltd. (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU) issued Catalogue no. 5 (1992). It also distributed "New and Recent Titles on African Literature and Languages" (ABC Subject Catalogue no. 1), a partially annotated 26p. listing of new and older titles in stock.

African Imprint Library Services (236 Main St., Falmouth, MA 02540) issued its Service Newsletter No. 38 (Nov. 1992), which lists 32 new and 2 ceased serials. It reports good, active acquisitions agents in Algeria, Angola, Egypt, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Congo, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Reunion,

Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

Anasir Publishers Ltd. is an enterprise engaged in publishing and distributing printed material. It can supply both printed and nonprint materials, plus photocopies of out of print materials. More details available from PO Box 21906, Addis Ababa. Tel: 510100. Fax: 514800.

Clarke's Bookshop (211 Long St., Cape Town, 8001 South Africa) issued Catalogue 83, with 899 entries, including 550 older titles. New titles include publications from Botswana, Namibia and Zimbabwe and four videos. They are also building up a good selection of political pamphlets.

Development Support Agency (Private Mail Bag 530, Freetown) offers subscriptions to the following weekly newspapers from Sierra Leone: New Breed, Unity, Concord Times, New Citizen, New Shaft, & Vision. Basic annual price is \$165 per title, with some discounts.

Gert Jan Bestebreurtje (Lichte Gaard 2, PO Box 364, 3500 AJ Utrecht, Netherlands) has issued Catalogue 67, with 254 antiquarian Africana titles.

Great Epic Books (15918 20th Place West, Alderwood Manor, WA 98037; tel: 206-745-3113) offers catalogs of antiquarian titles about Africa and elsewhere. Catalog 11 (Exploration & Adventure) lists a collection of documents and photographs by David Hoffman, a mining engineer from Butte, Montana, who went to the Beligan Congo in 1911.

Hogarth (1 Birchington Court, Birchington Road, London N8 8HS, England) acquisitions trips in the past 6 months covered Nigeria (East, North & Lagos), Madagascar, Mauritius, Angola, Djibouti, Cameroon, Gabon, Chad and Central African Republic.

Sam-Naak Nig. Ltd. (P.O. Box 5590, Ilorin, Nigeria) offers to supply the weekly *African Guardian* for \$182. per year.

Trophy Room Books offers lists of old and new titles in two series: Travel and Exploration (twice a year) and Adventure, Travel, Big Game Hunting in Africa, Asia & North America (6 per year). Address: Box 3041, Agoura, CA 91301. Tel: (818)889-2469.

BOOK AWARDS

1992 Commonwealth Writers Prize:

- African region winner for best book is Ama Ata Aidoo for her novel *Changes* (Women's Press).
- Africa region best first book prize went to Lawrence Darmani of Ghana for *Grief Child* (Lion Publishing).

EVENTS

Zimbabwe International Book Fair will be held from 3 to 8 August 1993 in Harare. The theme is "Reading is Development." For further information, contact Margaret Ling, ZIBF (UK) Ltd., 25 Endymion Rd., London N4 1EE or ZIBF, the Book House, 12 Selous Ave., Harare.

LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

The African Book Publishing Record, v. 18, no. 3 (1992) carried reports on the Regional Consultation of Editors and Booksellers (Dakar, May 1992) and on the African Library Science Journal Workshop (Kano, Jan. 1992).

Publishing and Development in the Third World, edited by Philip G. Altbach (London: Hans Zell; Nairobi: Heinemann Kenya, 1992) is no. 1 in the Hans Zell Studies on Publishing series and is the outcome of a February 1991 seminar at the Rockefeller Foundation's conference center in Bellagio, Italy. Papers include the following:

- Eva M. Rathgeber, African Book Publishing: Lessons from the 1980s.

- Hans M. Zell, African Publishing: Constraints and Challenges and the Experience of African Books Collective.
- Henry Chakava, Kenyan Publishing: Independence and Dependence.
- Victor U. Nwankwo, Publishing in Nigeria Today.
- Walter Bgoya, The Challenge of Publishing in Tanzania.
- Jan Kees van de Werk, Challenges and Reality in West African Publishing.
- Mothobi Mutloatse, Indigenous Publishing in South Africa: The Case of Skotaville Publishers.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Richard Chowning (Abilene Christian University) has announced that the first issue of an electronic newsletter for ASA or ASAP members will appear on January 30th. It will include material gleaned from online discussions lists and information bases plus some original material. The main thrust will be tools for on-line research and information sharing. It will also contain book reviews and announcements of meetings. Ideas on what to include should be sent to: chowning@acuvax.acu.edu or chowning@acuvax.bitnet.

AFRICANA LISTSERV provides an electronic forum for sharing and exchanging information on activities in the field of information technology in Africa. There is a special interest in learning about successful, interactive linkages with institutions on the African continent. List owner is Paa-Bekoe Welbeck, Associate Vice Provost for Information Technology, College of William and Mary. To subscribe, send the command "SUBSCRIBE AFRICANA [firstname lastname]" to pbwelb@wmvm1 or to pbwelb@wmvm1.cc.wm.edu.

NEW SERIALS

Actualité de la démocratie dans le tiers monde: bulletin d'études et d'informations du CERDET, no. 1 (juillet-déc. 1991)- Available from Centre d'Etudes et de Recherches sur la Démocratie Pluraliste dans le Tiers Monde (CERDET), BP 12092, Dakar (Colobane).

Alternative démocratique dans le tiers monde. Revue d'études, de recherches, d'informations et d'opinions du CERDET. Nos. 3-5 (Jan. 1991-juin 1992). ISSN 0850-0622.

Eritrea Update is published by the Provisional Government of Eritrea (EPLF), Mission to the USA and Canada, PO Box 65685, Washington, DC 20035. Annual subscription for 12 issues is \$20.

Hadas Eritrea is a newspaper in Tigrinya, issued by the Eritreans. More details available from ECCC, P.O. Box 50201, Washington, D.C. 20091.

NUNW News is a monthly? newsletter of the National Union of Namibian Workers (P.O. Box 50034, Windhoek 9000).

VIDEOS

"In and Out of Africa" is a new 60-min. documentary about the African art market. For further information, contact: Ilisa Barbash, 90 Poplar Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708. Tel: 510-524-4448.

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.

Herbst, Jeffrey. *U.S. Economic Policy Toward Africa*. To be published March 1993 by the Council on Foreign Relations Press, 58 East 68th St., New York, NY 10021. \$12.95. 0876091214 96pp.

International Business in South Africa 1992 is available for \$250 from IRRIC (Investor Responsibility Research Center Inc.), 1755 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC 20036. This shows a big jump in non-U.S. investment.

Moody, Roger. *Plunder! A Study of RTZ, the World's Most Powerful Mining Company*. Published by PARTIZANS, People Against RTZ [Rio Tinto Zinc] and its Subsidiaries. \$12, plus \$2 postage from: Center for Alternative Mining Development Policy, 210 Avon St., No. 9, La Crosse, WI 54603.

Schoffeleers, J. Matthew. *River of Blood: The Genesis of a Martyr Cult in Southern Malawi, c. A.D. 1600*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1992. 325p. \$50, cloth; \$24.95, paper.

Zanani, Nongonile Masithathu. *The World and the Word: Tales and Observations from the Xhosa Oral Tradition*, collected and edited by Harold Scheub. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1992. 499p. \$39.95



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