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## EDITOR'S COMMENTS

My apologies for the delay in the production of this issue. Since working on a paper for a March conference, everything seems to be running behind.

Reports from meetings in Evanston, Chicago, Harare and Bloomington (Indiana) are the main feature of this issue. A special thanks to those who contributed material in a timely manner, including Helene Baumann, Sanford Berman, Moore Crossey, David Easterbrook, John Howell, Al Kagan, Razia Nanji, Elizabeth Plantz, Nancy Schmidt, Mette Shayne, Dawn Williams, and Hans Zell.

ALC's Spring meeting in Evanston was a great success, especially the social events, according to those able to attend. (I stayed home to attend a graduation at which Bill Clinton was the commencement speaker.) Because the full minutes for both CAMP and ALC are not yet (8/23) available, it is harder to assess the work accomplished beyond the always important personal contacts.

Other items that deserve more coverage (and can be followed elsewhere) are the events of Zimbabwe International Book Fair 1995 and Sanford Berman's ideas about cataloging.

I can report that African Studies is no longer among "pilot" projects in the CIC ([Big Ten plus] Committee on Institutional Cooperation) Systematic Coordinated Collection Development Plan. As reported in the March 1994 issue of

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## ACRONYMS

ACRL - Association of College & Research Libraries (ALA)

ALA - American Library Association (Chicago)

ALC - Africana Librarians Council (formerly Archives Libraries Committee) of ASA

ASA - African Studies Association (U.S.)

CAMP - Cooperative Africana Microform Project (CRL)

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

November 3-6, 1995, Orlando - ASA Annual Meeting.

Nov. 2-3, 1995 - ALC/CAMP meetings in Orlando

Spring 1996, Boston - ALC/CAMP Spring Meeting.

Fall 1996, San Francisco - ASA Annual Meeting.

Fall 1997, Columbus - ASA Annual & ALC 40th Anniversary

Fall 1998, Chicago - ASA Annual Meeting.

SCHEDULE FOR  
ALC/CAMP MEETINGS IN ORLANDO

Thurs., 2 Nov.:

ALC Executive 8:30-9:30

Cataloging Committee, 9:30-11:00

Bibliography Committee, 11:00-1:00

ALC Business Mtg., 2:00-4:30

ALC Executive, 4:30-5:30

Friday, 3 Nov.:

CAMP Business Mtg., 9:00-11:00

CAMP Executive, 11:00-12:00

ALC Roundtable, 3:15-5:15

## AFRICANA LIBRARIANS COUNCIL

## CATALOGING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, May 5, 1995, 9:30-11:00 a.m. - Evanston, IL

**Present:** Julianne Beall (LC), Ruby Bell-Gam (UCLA), Barbara Bianco (Social Science Research Council), Phyllis Bischof (U.C. Berkeley), John Blosser (Northwestern), Joe Caruso (Columbia), Jill Young Coelho (Harvard), Allison Dillard (Northwestern), Kay Elsasser (LC), Onuma Ezera (Michigan State), Greg Finnegan (Harvard), Elisa Forgey (Pennsylvania), Theodore Foster (Ohio U.), Karen Fung (Stanford), James Gentner (LC), Miki Goral (UCLA), John Howell (U. Iowa), Al Kagan (U. Illinois), Bob Lesh (Northwestern), Ken Lohrentz (U. Kansas), Peter Malanchuk (U. Florida), Alfred Martey (U. Ghana), Bob Miller (Chicago Public Library), Wonki Nam (Central State U., Wilberforce, Ohio), Razia Nanji (U. Florida), Dorothy Niekamp (Indiana U.), Patricia Ogedengbe (Northwestern), Elizabeth Plantz (Northwestern), Nancy Sack (Northwestern), Nancy Schmidt (Indiana U.), Mette Shayne (Northwestern), Elizabeth Sinnott (New York U.), Andrea Stamm (Northwestern), Gretchen Walsh (Boston U.), Dane Ward (Wayne State), Dawn Williams (Northwestern), Conrad Winke (Northwestern), and Joanne Zellers (LC).

The meeting was called to order by Elizabeth Plantz, Committee chair.

1. The minutes of the Toronto meeting were accepted as submitted.

2. **DT classification schedule expansion:** Caruso has almost completed a draft revision of the schedule for the Indian Ocean islands, which are now Cuttered under DT469. Elsasser suggested contacting Barbara Tillet at LC concerning the proposal to place the

revised schedule after the Southern Africa section. (Elsasser also described her experience working with scholars and ALC during the revision of Southern Africa.) When complete, Caruso will send his draft to Plantz, who will solicit comments. If approved in Orlando, it will then go to ALA's CC:AAM.

3. **Report on cooperative cataloging at LC:** Gentner reported activities at LC's overseas offices were about as reported in Toronto, with much time devoted to serials and minimal-level records for Amharic and Tigrinya materials now being submitted. He also referred to the memo by Ann Della Porta (see below).

4. **Follow-up to subject authorities workshop:** Plantz noted that there have been very few submissions (and none since Toronto) by the participants in the April 1994 subject authorities workshop at Duke. The Cooperative Cataloging Division at LC, which co-sponsored the event, had hoped for greater activity.

Ann Della Porta's "Subject Heading Funnel Project" memo was distributed. Its goal is to increase the number of submissions in the field of Africana, though contributions need not be limited to this area. This project would involve the selection of a coordinator who would act as liaison with LC, "funneling" all contributions to LC and sharing the feedback that LC provides with funnel project members. During the discussion, Sack noted that Hebrew funnel project works effectively but very slowly; Elsasser suggested focusing on a narrow area such as coups d'état and submit headings for each coup that needs to be established.

Committee decided that its chair, Plantz, will act as the project's coordinator for communications with LC and that the funnel project would be limited for now to Africana catalogers.

5. **Project for enhancement of African languages subject headings:** In response to LC's interest in projects, the Committee decided to revive this project. In 1993, the Committee had forwarded proposed changes (mostly Sources found or 670s) to the subject authority records for dozens of African languages, but work had stalled due to the lack of feedback. With assurances of prompt answers to questions, the Committee chair seeks volunteers. Bell-Gam, Walsh and Elsasser indicated interest. Details will go out on the list.

6. **680 for indigenous peoples:** Plantz presented details from a memo by Lauer for changes in the scope note. After some discussion, the Committee decided that his first option (to add "not to be used for Africa except collectively for nomadic or other marginalized peoples") was not feasible because changes to scope notes need to be more universal. It deferred discussion of the other options and requested specific examples of inappropriate use.

7. **Necessity of language codes:** Postponed. See the editor's comments in *ALN*, April 1995, p. 12.

8. **ALA/CC:AAM report:** The request for assistance with names in IFLA's *Names of Persons* was deferred until Bell-Gam obtains more specific information.

9. **LC cataloging report:** Elsasser reported an emphasis on cooperation and making materials available. New tools available now or in near future: a new shelflisting manual, a new copy cataloging manual, the new edition of the *Subject Cataloging Manual*, and a manual for training subject catalogers. Nearly

complete is an ongoing effort to convert the LC classification schedules to online form. LC would eventually like to see these schedules added to the *Cataloger's Desktop*. Also underway is a major revision of the LC classification schedules, and Lois Chan has been hired as a consultant in conjunction with the attempt to establish consistency between the various schedules. LC is investigating possibilities for an automated shelflist, the enhancement of bibliographic records through the addition of tables of contents, and electronic CIP which would be submitted online via the Internet. The Digital Library Project is putting special collections (e.g. sound recordings, films, archival materials, images, etc.) into formats that will be accessible through LC Marvel. A new mainframe installation will take place over the Memorial Day weekend.

10. **Other/New Business** was postponed due to time constraints.

#### 11. **Cataloging activity reports (Northwestern):**

Blosser spoke on cataloging for the foreign periodicals grant project. First priority is to catalog all new acquisitions; presently there are 162 titles, most of which are newspapers. 1,140 titles were identified as backlog materials. He is also concentrating on creating provisional bibliographic records for microfilm monographs not yet online. Titles microfilmed as part of the CIC3 grant are being returned to the library and are being cataloged on a priority basis.

Bob Lesh reported that Gary Strawn's enhancements have greatly improved the speed and accuracy of work on the Africana conference papers indexing project. They are scanning table of contents and have encountered problems with clarity and diacritics which do not scan.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10.

—Edited from minutes submitted by Dawn Williams (Secr.)

### BIBLIOGRAPHY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Friday, May 7, 1995, 11:15-12:45 - Evanston, IL

**Present** [full names and institutions of those attending Cataloging Committee meeting are not repeated here]: Helene Baumann (Duke), Beall, Bell-Gam, Bianco, Bischof, Dan Britz (Northwestern), Caruso, Coelho, Dillard, David Easterbrook (Northwestern), Elsasser, Vicki Evalds (Philadelphia), Ezera, Finnegan, Foster, Fung, Ellen Gary (Malcolm X), Gentner, Goral, Howell, Kagan, Lesh, Lohrentz, Malanchuk, Martey, Nam Nanji, Niekamp, Ogedengbe, Plantz, Schmidt, Shayne, Sinnott, Stamm, Fumilayo Teyehimba (Malcolm X), Walsh, Ward, Tom Weissinger (Cornell), Williams, and Zellers.

1. Visitors were welcomed. Toronto meeting minutes were approved as they appeared in *ALN*, Jan. 1995. Announcement about the 1996 Conover-Porter award and the timeframe for considering works from 1993, 1994 and 1995. A press release will be sent out in July. Members were urged to send in nominations accompanied by comments and reviews.

#### 2. Updates:

**Africana Conference Paper Index:** Lesh introduced Allison Dillard, senior indexer for the project which is ahead of schedule and to date has indexed 27,460 papers representing 1,504 conferences. Dial-up and telnet access will be available by fall. Northwestern will accept donations of single papers or complete unpublished conferences.

**NISC CD-ROM:** Zellers noted that more information is needed before this can be discussed further. This would ideally include the International African Bibliography, JALA, LC and many other databases. Institutions mentioned in the proposal were suggestions of the producer, not endorsements by these institutions.

#### Work in progress by members:

Howell and Yvette Scheven are finishing "A Guide to African Archival Sources." They hope this is published separately by ASA as it too large for *History in Africa*. Howell emphasized that this guide focuses on guides of archives as opposed to John McIlwaine's book which includes the history of archives and other archival activities.

Kagan is editing the African section of Gloria Westfall's *Guide to Official Publications of Foreign Countries* and he has finished the Africa section of the *Guide to Reference Books*.

Tom Bassett and Yvette Scheven have completed *Mapping Africa: A Cartobibliography of Early Maps of Africa at the University of Illinois Library*.

Walsh signed a contract with Hans Zell to do a bibliography on "Africa in the Media, the Media in Africa." She also reported that David Westley's bibliography on Shaka has grown into a massive annotated bibliography on the Mfecane.

Malanchuk and Nanji finished work on the Africa section of the 8th edition of *Magazine for Libraries*.

Gentner announced that the LC accessions lists will be mounted on the Internet. It is very possible that they will discontinue the print version, but the East African list will still be published for the time being.

Schmidt's bibliography on basic books published since 1980 for undergraduate libraries is included in the third edition of Martin and O'Meara's *Africa*, to be published in late May.

Lauer worked on the Africa section of the new edition of the American Historical Association's *Guide to Historical Literature*.

3. **Training of new colleagues in Africana librarianship:** Coelho brought up the subject, emphasizing the problem of gray literature including World Bank reports. Availability, acquisition and accessibility were discussed; suggestions were made; and Britz and Zellers volunteered to work with Coelho. Other ideas on the broader issue were to compile a lonely Africanist librarian's manual, sheets with addresses of dealers in different countries, a mission statement for the ALC (which the committee on strategic planning will work on), and the possibility of a mentor to do initial outreach. Additional suggestions included recommended bibliographies to search, the importance of attending ALC meetings, adding specialties to entries in the ALC directory so a new person will know who to contact for what and informing newcomers about the listserv. Coelho agreed to work further on this and raise it again at the fall meeting.

4. **Vendor prices:** Schmidt brought up the problem of evaluating vendor prices. Mention was made of excessive and differential prices. It was decided that this should be brought up again at the fall meeting with concrete examples. And we should emphasize good dealers.

5. **Contemporary African Politics and Development bibliography:** After much discussion it was decided that the chair of the committee would prepare (with input from the membership; for the ALC chair) a letter directed to the editorial board of the bibliography with constructive criticism.



**6. Institutional reports** (limited to written reports):

Northwestern reported on 3rd and final year of the Foreign Periodicals Project which ended Nov. 30, 1995. They produced a list the of 211 titles (from 30 countries) ordered with project funds. [See also Cataloging Committee minutes.]

LC: [See report submitted to Business meeting.]

—*Edited from minutes submitted by Razia Nanji (Secretary) & M. Shayne (Chair)*

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Friday, May 5, 1995, 2:15-4:00 - Evanston, IL

*Unavailable as of 8/16/95;  
following edited report was submitted directly to editor.*

**LC REPORT (Zellers)**

African Section, African and Middle Eastern Division (AMED):

On Dec. 1, 1994, Ms. Gay McDougall (International Human Rights Law Group, Washington, D.C.) delivered the first lecture ("South Africa's Transition to Democracy: The Unfinished Work") in a new special program series called "African and Middle Eastern Perspectives." "Nelson Mandela: A Selective Reading List," compiled by Mattye Laverne Page (*Information Bulletin* (Library of Congress), v. 54 (Jan. 9, 1995): 15-17), was issued in conjunction with the series.

*U.S. Imprints in ...* v. 9/10 (1993-1994) should go to GPO in October. The Africana Database Project continues, with 93,351 records on the "Africana Master" tape, 19,752 on the "Developing Country" tape, and 7293 on the "Multiple Language" tape.

Zellers' trip (May 19-June 15) to Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso will combine acquisitions and the interviewing of bibliographic representatives.

Ms. Lavonda Broadnax, under LC's new 15-month Leadership Development Program, began work on Jan. 3 as AMED's Automation Operations Coordinator.

**Other Library Units:**

Frank Carroll (Newspaper Section) reports that the biennial *Newspapers Currently Received in the Library of Congress* will probably not be issued again in a paper format. The U.S. section is now available on LC's WWW Home Page; and the foreign section and title index will probably be available later this year. No foreign newspaper cancellations beyond those mentioned in Toronto [see CAMP minutes in *ALN*, April 1995, p. 3] are anticipated.

Federal Research Division anticipates following area handbooks: Cameroon (early 1996); Ghana (Aug. 1995); Indian Ocean region (Sept. 1995); Rwanda/Burundi (Nov. 1995); and South Africa (Nov. 1995).

**COOPERATIVE AFRICANA  
MICROFORM PROJECT (CAMP)  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, May 6, 1995, 9:30-11:30, Evanston, IL

*Summary minutes by editor.  
Complete minutes will be distributed to members by CRL.*

Meeting was convened by Chair John Howell.

After the introduction of members present, the CAMP Executive and guests, the Toronto minutes were approved.

An Electoral Committee was appointed to nominate candidates for Member-at-large, Secretary and Faculty Representative for the Summer ballot.

**CRL REPORT** [The CAMP Financial Statement, CAMP Material on Order, CAMP Commitments and CAMP Materials Received are attached at end of minutes.]

Library of Congress report.

Membership Drive: Chair reported some success with SOAS (Univ. of London), the South African Library, and the Library of the Scandinavian Institute of African Studies.

SSRC's African Archives and Museum Project: Barbara Bianco distributed a list of projects. [See GRANTS section, p. 9, for details.]

**OLD BUSINESS**

Filming of the **Lagos State Court Archives** mentioned.

**Title-VI Joint Acquisitions Trip:** Caruso (Columbia) will travel to Senegal and possibly Guinea to acquire materials for CAMP and to survey the region for possible microfilming.

**Foreign doctoral dissertations:** These are purchased on demand. Bischof gave a list of those in Perrot's *Le Passé de l'Afrique par l'oralité* (1993) to Rudeen.

**NEW BUSINESS: NEWSPAPERS**

**Newspaper Cancellations at LC and CRL:** LC's Fall 1994 cancellation of some 150 foreign newspapers prompted a January 1995 letter of concern from CRL's Area Studies Council. As chair of the Council, John Bruce Howell wrote a letter signed by the chairs of CAMP and the other 4 projects.

William J. Sittig, of LC's Collections Policy Office, responded with a March 29th letter that explained LC's actions. In late FY'93, LC issued a revised collection policy statement regarding foreign newspapers. At about the same time, Congress reduced LC's acquisitions budget by \$75,000 specifically to reduce foreign newspaper subscriptions; and preservation microfilming would have needed about \$400,000 more annually to keep current with the microfilming. This forced a review under fairly short deadlines. However, area specialists were asked to consider holdings at other libraries and to explore possible cooperative efforts. [See *ALN*, Oct. 1994, p. 3, & *ALN*, April 1995, p. 3, for LC's notification to CAMP.]

Sittig and Margaret Whitlock (Chair of the Collections Policy Committee) attended the April 4th meeting of CRL's Area Studies Council. At the conclusion of this meeting at CRL, it was agreed that LC would notify members of CRL's projects before discarding foreign newspapers.

Proposal for **WWW list** of African newspapers [Howell submitted the following proposal to both CAMP and ALC's Thursday evening meeting on Issues of Cooperation.]:

I recommend that ARL/CIC/CAMP/CRL create a union list of African newspapers, to be placed on the World-wide web as a file arranged by country, city, then title. This would include all titles, plus holdings, starting with those on microfilm. The list could be enhanced in the future by searching for holdings at other libraries and by adding online inter-library loan forms. This proposal may

require an editor at the Home location. Necessary time for the creation of the tile is estimated at one year. CRL would be asked to consider this project as part of its support of CAMP. Paper copies of the contents could be made and distributed as the CAMP membership sees fit.

**Sources** for beginning construction of the WWW file: available paper and online lists, e.g., those produced by LC's Photoduplication Service and by LC-Nairobi.

**CRL filming** of newspapers: Discussed procedures and priorities.

Newspapers collected by **LC-Nairobi** but not filmed in Washington: Discussed continuing the experiment of sending to CRL.

Filming of Nairobi titles in **Cairo**: has not yet begun.

Filming of **Somali and democracy** newspapers: Two projects proposed by Schmidt.

**Liberian** newspapers (1991-94): Approved filming the estimated 5000-7500 pages/year held by Michigan State and Northwestern. Est. cost of \$2500. CAMP has 46 Liberian newspapers.

**Zairian** newspapers: Bischof proposed subscriptions to La Société, La Compatriote, La Nation, Le Libre expression, Demain le Zaïre.

#### OTHER NEW BUSINESS

**Yale** is arranging publications and manuscripts on Namibia which will be deposited in the National Archives of Namibia, with a microfilm copy to Yale.

**Offipubs** [Office Publications of the Cape Colony—"Bluebooks"—1854?-1910]: 14,938 rand, from South African Library. Musiker's 1976 *Guide to Cape of Good Hope Official Publications* would be the guide. An earlier microfilm version is hard to use because of the arrangement of documents.

**Maurice Martin de Ryck Congo Manuscripts** (Michigan State): ca. 9000 pages, covering 1870-1962. Mostly newspapers clippings and research notes; supplements already filmed material at Wisconsin. Described in *History in Africa*, v. 21 (1994): pp. 441-46. Original filming est. at \$2,000. Action deferred.

#### CONTINUING BUSINESS

**Michigan State Africana Preservation Project**: 94 reels with 8-10 titles per reel. Cost \$1880 (\$20/reel). This is a continuing commitment, with 20 reels ready by June 1995. Includes brittle books from the DT section and other LC classes.

**Foreign Official Gazettes** (Paper Copy): Holdings at CRL were discussed.

#### CAMP FINANCIAL STATEMENT (MAY 6, 1995)

	FY1994 CLOSING (1)	DECEMBER QUARTER	MARCH QUARTER
FUND BALANCE	\$25,549.31	\$21,996.99	\$21,996.99
REVENUES			
Grant Income		\$19,550.00	\$19,550.00
Membership fees (2)	\$22,400.00	19,400.00	19,400.00
Income from sales (4)	4,073.80	737.00	862.00
TOTAL REVENUES	\$26,473.80	\$39,687.00	\$39,812.00
EXPENSES			
Grant Expenses	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Cost of sales	3,711.28	26.00	721.00
Acquisitions	20,310.18	16,576.00	29,875.00
Business Expenses	.00	100.00	100.00
Publications	.00	.00	.00
Travel	1,030.17	591.00	591.00
Personnel:			
Processing Fees	.00	.00	.00
Cataloging	4,974.49	2,674.00	4,690.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$30,026.12	\$19,967.00	\$35,977.00
REVENUES LESS EXPENSES	(\$3,552.32)	\$19,720.00	\$3,835.00
COMMITMENTS (3)			
Materials on order		\$2,226.00	
Materials approved (5)		1,037.00	
Grant Expenses Approved		19,550.00	
Non-material expenses (6)		900.00	
TOTAL COMMITMENTS		\$23,713.00	
AVAILABLE FUNDS (7)		\$2,118.99	

#### 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 Center's payment of \$4000 comes in the fourth quarter.
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 CAMP and ongoing operations.
4. Income from sales may reflect pre-payments.
5. Projects approved but not actually ordered, funds not encumbered.
6. Estimated cataloging (\$900).
7. AVAILABLE FUNDS equals the FUND BALANCE plus REVENUES LESS EXPENSES minus TOTAL COMMITMENTS.

## TITLE RECEIVED SINCE NOVEMBER 1994

The African Drum [microform]: A Magazine of Africa for Africa. March 1951-Apr. 1984. 31 reels. \$3,230.53

The African Eagle [microform]. Jan. 6, 1959-Jan. 25, 1962. 6 reels. \$338.72

Berliner Missionberichte [microform]. 1833; 1836-1895. 267 fiches. \$265.14

Berliner Missionberichte [microform] / Herausgegeben von der Berliner Missionsgesellschaft. 1900-1939. 249 fiches.

Drum [microform] (Nigeria ed.). Jan. 1958-July 1983. 12 reels. \$2,365.74

Drum [microform] (Ghana ed.). July 1958-July 1972. 7 reels. \$1,563.16

Drum [microform] (International ed./West Africa ed.). Jan. 1954-June 1958. 3 reels. \$1,042.11

Drum [microform] (Central and East Africa ed.) Jan. 1962-Mar. 1967. 4 reels. \$1,250.53

Drum [microform] (Federation ed.). Jan. 1960-Oct. 1961. 2 reels. \$468.93

Les Echos. May 26/June 9, 1989-July 26, 1993. 1 reel. \$255.53

Missionsberichte [microform]. 1896-1899. 28 fiches.

Mitteilungen aus den Deutschen Schutzgebieten. v.25 (1912); v.31 (1918). 1 reel. \$91.08

Mittheilungen von Forschungsreisenden und Gelehrten aus den Deutschen Schutzgebieten : mit Benutzung Amtlicher Quellen. v. 17, no 1-3, (1904); v. 18, no.4 (1905). 1 reel. \$69.80

The Morning News [microform]. Dec. 1956-Nov. 24, 1959. 60 fiches. \$200.37

Notre Temps [microform]. May 15, 1991-July 22, 1992. 17 fiches. \$60.12

Official publications of South African States [microform]. Supplement 1983-87. 3304 fiches. \$2,448.16

The Weekly Post [microform]. No. 82, 90, 92-121, 123-159 (Jan. 29/Feb. 4, 1993-Mar.11, 1994). 1 reel. \$228.94

Weekly Review [microform]. Feb. 1975-1991. 732 fiches. \$1,189.08

## TITLES ON ORDER

Drum (East Africa ed.) ..... Enc: \$75.00  
 Judges' Notebooks of Civil and Criminal Cases of the  
 Colonial Lagos Supreme Court, 1876-1915 .... Pd: \$10,923.00  
 The Zululand Observer ..... Pd: \$480.00  
 The Zululand Times ..... Pd: \$1,040.00

## STANDING ORDERS

African Studies Association. *Annual Meeting Papers*, 1993-Northwestern University Library Africana [preservation filming].

Tanzanian newspapers: *Business Times*, *Baraza*, *Express*, *Heko*, *Mizani*, *Motomoto*, *Watu*, and *Wakati*.

## CAMP COMMITMENTS

*Afrique et le monde* (Congoese Newspapers) ..... \$1,037  
*Courrier d'Afrique*

## RECENT MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Alfred Kagan has prepared a paper on "Sources for African Language Materials from the Countries of Anglophone Africa" for the 61st IFLA General Conference (Aug. 20-25, 1995). It can be located on the Internet at: <http://www.nlc-bnc.ca/ifla/conf/ifla61/61-kaga.htm>.

John Bruce Howell travelled to Harare in June for acquisitions and a meeting of archivists. The African Archivists Workshop was held under the auspices of Social Science Research Council, and the archivists reported on projects funded by SSRC.

Among the 37 titles acquired were the census and other publications from the Central Statistical Office, Baobab Books publications, the Report of the Zimbabwe Delimitation Commission (Govt. Printer, 1995), and *Forestry Research Publications to 1990* (Forestry Commission).

## Editor's Comments, continued from p.1

ALN, this plan is being developed in response to a directive from the Provosts of CIC institutions. Three reasons have been advanced for the decision to drop African Studies:

- 1) According to oral reports, Africana bibliographers are unwilling to cooperate.
- 2) In their May 4th letter to CIC Library Directors, the CIC Collection Development Officers argue that a CIC plan would be an impediment to the existing cooperative work at the national level.
- 3) Subsequently, the new coordinator for CIC libraries was quoted as saying that cooperation among Africana librarians was not necessary because so much was already being done though CAMP.

Since CAMP gets only about 0.5-1.0 percent of the Africana budget at most institutions, it seems obvious that the lack of "cooperation" was the real reason. Among ALC librarians, there was virtually unanimous opposition to the CDOs procedures, which would invite those collecting below the research level and would maximize the time and money spent on travel and compiling lists. There is also some opposition among ALC bibliographers to working on any plan. More significantly, the CDOs emphasis on a few pilots, on activities rather than results and on the need for more support suggests that they are not (?yet) really interested in a single CIC library that could provide better access with fewer real dollars.



## OTHER NEWS

## NEWS FROM OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

## CALENDAR

## ALA:

Jan. 19-25, 1996, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting  
 July 4-10, 1996, New York - ALA Annual Conf.  
 Feb. 14-20, 1997, Washington - Midwinter Meeting  
 Apr. 11-14, 1997, Nashville - ACRL National Conf.  
 June 26-July 2, 1997, San Francisco - ALA Annual Conf.  
 Jan. 9-15, 1998, New Orleans - Midwinter Meeting  
 June 25-July 2, 1998, Washington - ALA Annual Conf.  
 1999, Philadelphia - Midwinter Meeting  
 1999, New Orleans - ALA Annual Conf.  
 2000, San Antonio - Midwinter Meeting  
 2000, Chicago - ALA Annual Conf.

## IFLA Annual Conferences:

Aug. 22-26, 1995, Istanbul  
 Aug. 25-30, 1996, Beijing  
 1997, Copenhagen  
 1998, Amsterdam  
 1999, Bangkok

SCECSAL (Standing Conf. of Eastern, Central & Southern African Librarians) conference will be held 9-13 December in Maseru. Further details available from: SCECSAL Secretariat, Pvt. Bag A26, Maseru; email: mukela@lib.nul.ls or mmc@isas.nul.ls.

## AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION MEETING

(Chicago, June 1995)

CC:AAM (Committee on Cataloging: Asian & African Materials, of the Association for Library Collections & Technical Services' Cataloging & Classification Section (ALCTS-CCS)), met twice with acting chair David Reynolds (Arizona State; icdpr@asuvm.inre.asu.edu) filling in for Bell-Gam.

John Byrum (Regional & Cooperative Cataloging Div., LC) reported progress with backlogs. They are current with field offices, i.e., 50 percent processed within 30 days, 95 percent within 90 days.

James Gentner (Overseas Operations, LC) reported Jim Armstrong is going from Brazil to Pakistan, where the LC office will be moved from Karachi to Islamabad.

Romanization tables for Azerbaijani, Balinese, Javanese, etc. were approved without further input.

New members include Kay Elsasser (LC), at large, and Elisabeth Sinnott (New York Univ.), representing Africa.

AAMES (ACRL's Asian, African & Middle East Section) report by Brenda Bickett (chair): noted project to create list of award-winning books, with Africa as first list; seeking input into Sheehy/Choice; David Easterbrook is vice-chair, chair-elect.

RLG noted that they were beginning to include vernacular script in authority records, starting with Hebrew. This will start with 670s; then 4xxs.

CC:DA report (Jim Maccaferri): NISO standard issued raised (& CC:AAM reported no objection); treatment of names of (?US residents of) francophone African origin was an issue for new IFLA handbook, but no one saw a need; form for proposing rule changes

distributed; LCSH 18th ed. expected; 28 of 39 classification schedules are done, with 2-year period of proofing and indexing to come.

ALC report (Plantz): summarized Spring meeting.

IRRT (International Relations Round Table) reception for international visitors included many Eastern European librarians and USIA sponsors. Africans present included one from Cote d'Ivoire, two from the Univ. of Witwatersrand (Johannesburg) and one from Botswana.

## IFLA SEMINAR (Harare, Dec. 1994)

The first Anglophone Africa Seminar on Government Information and Official Publications was held at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare, December 15-18, 1994. It was a joint project of the IFLA Section on Government Information and Official Publications and the IFLA Regional Section on Africa and attended by 33 participants who came from 13 countries.

Panels included: Regional institutions reports; Public access to documents and archives for national development; Acquisitions, collection development and maintenance issues; Education and training needs; United Nations system information; Development organizations information (NGOs); African regional organizations information; Networking libraries, archives, and museums and the role of library & information organizations. Petrina G. Amonoo, the new Chief Librarian at the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa is editing the papers for publication by the IFLA UAP office.

The following resolutions were adopted for further action:

1. ... library and information science schools in Africa should incorporate **official publications librarianship** into their programmes.

And ... schools and professional associations should initiate and implement **continuing education programmes** in official publications librarianship.

2. ... that the IFLA Regional Section on Africa facilitate the **revival of an association** of library and information sciences schools in Africa for the purpose of coordination of education and training of information professionals.

3. ... that strong **links** should be forged between library and information science **practitioners and educators** ...

4. ... urge IGOs to assist in **training** official publications librarians at regional centres **in Africa** on a continuous basis instead of sending librarians to Europe and North America for short training at great expense.

5. ... that all libraries establish regular **training programmes for staff** of all levels and grades.

6. ... all libraries, archives and information centres in Africa have at least a minimum small-scale **preservation and conservation programme** ...

7. ... IFLA ALP and PAC core programmes should work out the modalities, including the funding, of a **regional conservation training centre** in Africa ...

8. ... urge the development of clearly written **collection development policies** vis-a-vis the acquisition of official publications ...

9. ... IFLA sections and knowledgeable bodies draft **guidelines for legal deposit laws** ... [which] recognize different requirements

for official publications vs. commercial publications.

10. ... that **IGOs and NGOs** voluntarily deposit copies of their publications in legal depository libraries in the countries where they operate.

11. ... urge the **Library of Congress** to further enrich the availability of information by depositing in the region one copy of each official publication and other publications distributed through its Participant Program.

12. ... that the OAU Secretary General should be encouraged to ... [improve] the procedures for the production, dissemination, bibliographic control and access to **OAU documents and publications** to depository and non-depository libraries in OAU member states.

13. ... that the participants request that IGOs deposit materials in the recipient countries in **both paper and electronic formats**.

14. ... that the IFLA Regional Section on Africa initiate and advise African library associations ... for the purpose of **enhancement of products and services**.

For further information, contact Al Kagan, Chair, IFLA Government Information and Official Publications Section, 328 Library, University of Illinois, 1408 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL 61801, USA, fax: 217-333-2214, e-mail kagan@vmd.cso.uiuc.edu; or Kay Raseroka, Chair, IFLA Regional Section on Africa, University of Botswana Library, Private Bag 0022, Gaborone, Botswana, fax: 357-291, e-mail: raseroka@noka.ub.bw.

### FUTURE OF AREA LIBRARIANSHIP

The Future of Area Librarianship Conference was held at the Indiana University Conference Center in Indianapolis on July 13-14, 1995. The conference was funded by Indiana University's five U.S. Dept. of Education Title-VI centers (African Studies, East Asian Studies, Inner Asian & Uralic Studies, Russian & East European Institute, and West European Studies) as part of a 3-year grant project on the future of area librarianship. Indiana University's conference planning committee included James Neal (project leader), Denise Gardiner, Hilary Jolly, Mary Krutulis and Nancy Schmidt.

The objectives of the conference:

- to stimulate a national discussion on the area librarianship across the communities interested in international education and research;
- to present and discuss the results of four surveys conducted over the past six months on the status of area librarianship;
- to identify priority professional preparation and development needs of area librarians;
- to assess the impact of technology and library cooperation on the future of area librarianship;
- to draft a national action plan that will strengthen and advance area librarianship.

The 49 conference attendees included librarians, library administrators, area studies program administrators, library school faculty and foundation representatives. They were among the respondents to a survey of ARL libraries, area studies programs and library schools.

The conference included three keynote addresses:

- Patrick O'Meara (Dean of Intl. Programs, Indiana Univ.) spoke on current and future trends of international education and research at American universities;

- Patricia Oyler (Professor, Simmons College) spoke on education for area librarianship;
- Deborah Jakubs (Ibero-American Bibliographer, Duke Univ.) spoke from the librarian's perspective.

Data from the national surveys conducted as background for the conference were presented by members of the planning committee. James Neal discussed the survey sent to 104 ARL library directors, with response rate of 86%. Mary Krutulis reported on survey sent to 50 graduate schools of library and information science, with 35 replies. Denise Gardiner reported response rate of 22% to 236 surveys to area studies programs. Nancy Schmidt presented the results of the surveys sent to 418 area studies librarians, with response rate of 44%. The detailed results of these surveys will be published.

Most of the conference consisted of working sessions on questions of concern expressed in the national surveys. Four working sessions were held on the following: education and preparation of area librarians; continuing education and professional development of area librarians; cooperation between area programs and libraries and related funding issues; and library cooperation and technology issues. The results of each working session were reported in a general session. Following this, there were further group and plenary discussions related to possible action agendas. The organizing committee will prepare a summary of the suggestions for action, make plans for action to be taken as part of the Indiana University project, and refer other ideas for action to appropriate library and area studies organizations.

—Based on July 18 report from Nancy Schmidt.

### AFRICAN STUDIES LIBRARIANSHIP PROGRAM

Indiana University's School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and the African Studies Program have launched a Specialization in African Studies Librarianship. Candidates who complete 27 graduate credit hours of SLIS courses plus 18 graduate hours from African Studies will receive both the Master of Library Science (MLS) degree and a certificate indicating African Area Specialization at the master's level. Contact: SLIS, Indiana Univ., Bloomington, IN 47405; 812-855-6825.

### FREE MATERIALS OFFERED AND REQUESTED

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

Nnamdi Azikiwe University has just created the Institute of African Studies and the Institute of Education. The two institutes solicit assistance in cash or library materials or fund-raising expertise for their librarians. Contact: S.E. Ezennia, Acquisitions Librarian, Nnamdi Azikiwe Univ., P.M.B. 5025, Awka, Anambra State, Nigeria.

Shamberere Secondary School (PO Box 106, Kakamega, Kenya) seeks reading materials for its school and community library.

University for Development Studies (Tamale, Ghana) opened in Sept. 1993. See its *Newsletter*, v. 1, no. 1 (1995), for details on book donations and other activities.



Univ. of California-Berkeley Library has a number of **duplicate government documents** upon request. The list of duplicates at can be obtained by sending an e-mail note to Christof Galli (Cgalli@library.berkeley.edu) or by phone (510-643-9348, ext. 3). The documents will be sent to the first requesting library.

### RESOURCES AT LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

The catalog of the **Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender and Reproduction** at Indiana University is now available as a separate database (KICAT) on Indiana University's online library catalog. Kinsey Institute holdings on Africa include published materials on as sexual behavior, family planning, etc. The Institute Library is only open to qualified researchers with advance permission.

The **Svend E. Holsoe Collection** has been donated to the Archives of Traditional Music, Indiana University. This collection of Liberian research materials includes audio tapes, films, manuscripts, photos, and documents collected over the last 40 years.

### GRANTS

#### ASA BOOK DONATION PROGRAM

At the April meeting of the Board, the Development Committee recommended that the 1995 Book Donation program support applications from North Carolina Central Univ. (to send books to Edo State Univ, Nigeria), the Univ. of Illinois (to send books to Egerton University, Kenya), Michigan State Univ. (to send books to the Univ. of Zimbabwe), and the University of Liberia (to assist in sending a container of books and other supplies).

#### NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

NEH's Reference Materials Program supports projects to prepare reference works that will improve access to information and resources. Application deadline is Nov. 1, 1995, for projects beginning after Sept. 1, 1996. Contact: Reference Materials, Room 318, NEH, Washington, DC 20506; email: jserventi@neh.fed.us.

#### SSRC ARCHIVAL AND LIBRARY AWARDS

The Social Science Research Council (SSRC) African Archives and Museums Project has made numerous awards since 1991. Recent awards (in addition to those listed in *ALN*, Jan. 1993, p. 11) include:

##### Conservation Projects:

- Botswana National Archives and Records Services, Gaborone, for training seminar; directed by T.M. Lekaukau;
- Arquivo Historico Nacional, Cape Verde, for a project directed by Jose Maria Almeida to transfer and organize the 1000 metal cases of documents (1660-1926) of the Secretaria geral do governo;
- Research and Documentation Center, Eritrea, for a project directed by Azeb Tewolde;
- Kenya National Archives to microfilm newspapers from the 1980s to the present; director, Nelly W. Mwangi;
- Church of Jesus Christ in Madagascar, to purchase preservation photocopying supplies;
- Arquivo do Patrimônio Cultural, Mozambique, for consultancy visits to other African archives; director, Renato Matusse;

- National Library and Archives of Namibia for a project directed by Justin Ellis to microfilm newspapers;
- National Museum Library Dept. (Jos, Nigeria) for project directed by Vicky James to microfilm Arabic manuscripts;
- Centre for Trans-African Studies, Univ. of Maiduguri, to microfilm Arabic manuscripts; director, Abubakar Garba;
- Centre de recherches et de documentation du Sénégal to conserve photographic collections; director, Abdoul Hadir Aidara;
- National Archives and Museums, Seychelles, for microfilming archival documents; director, Alain Lucas;
- Mayibuye Centre, Univ. of the Western Cape, for conservation of the Eli Weinberg photographic collection and the cataloging of the Robben Island papers; director, Andre Odendaal;
- Uganda Society, Kampala, to design a program; director, Oliva Mutibwa;
- Archives du Centre Aequatoria, Zaire, to microfilm their collection; director, Honoré Vinck;
- Livingstone Museum, Zambia, for exchange visits; director, Flexon Mizinga.

##### Cataloging Projects:

- Museo do Dundo (Angola) for project directed by Flizardo Gourgel to create inventory of 13,000 ethnographic photographs;
- Musée royal de Foumban (Cameroon) to produce a catalog of their 800 original documents; director, Aboufakar Njasse Njoye;
- Kenya National Archives for a project directed by Michael M. Gachie to prepare a guide;
- Fort Hare Centre for Cultural Studies for a project directed by G.T. Sirayi to create a repository for liberation movement records.

##### Exhibition Projects:

- Direction des Archives du Sénégal, Dakar, for a project directed by Saliou Mbaye for exhibit at centenary of French West Africa;
- South African Museum, Cape Town, for a project directed by Patricia Davison for travelling exhibit of the Krige photographs.

### PERSONNEL CHANGES & POSITIONS

**Central State University** (Wilberforce, Ohio) seeks an Africana Bibliographer/Reference Librarian. Contact: George Johnson, Library Director, Hallie Q. Brown Memorial Library, CSU, Wilberforce, Ohio 45384; tel: 513-376-6522.

**Amidou Dembele** (Ecole National d'Administration, Mali) will be an ALA Library Fellow at Duke University, Oct. 1995-March 1996. Contacts at Duke: Deborah Jakubs or Helene Baumann.

**Position sought** by librarian with 14 years of professional experience—at the Immanuel College of Theology (Ibadan), the Institute of Ethiopian Studies (Addis Ababa), and the Institute of Southern African Studies (Roma, Lesotho). MA (Sociology), MA (Economics), M.L.S. (Ibadan, 1978), and MLIS (Wayne State Univ., 1995). Excellent CD-ROM/Online search and software applications skills. Contact: Sushma Gupta, 33036 Trafalgar Ln #8, Westland, MI 48185.

## RESEARCH ON LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION SCIENCE

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

## BOOKS &amp; DOCUMENTS

Alemna, A.A. "Libraries and Information Provision in Ghana." Legon: Dept. of Library and Archival Studies, Univ. of Ghana, 1994. \$12. Basic text for Ghanaian students.

Behrens, S.J. *Bibliographic Control and Information Sources*, 2d ed. Pretoria: Unisa Press (Manualia Didactica, 24), 1994. 320p. A standard text for South African students.

*Research and Development: Proceedings of a Conference held at Bunda College of Agriculture, Lilongwe, Malawi, 6th-10th April 1992* included:

- Matenje, Flossie Alinawo. "A Large Scale Study of Book Deterioration in the Malawi Collections of the University of Malawi Libraries." pp. 275-7;
- Ngwira, Margaret, and Bright Nkhata. "Information Provision for Research in Malawi Local and International Sources." pp. 281-6.

## BOOK REVIEW

by Moore Crossey (Yale University)

*Out in the Cold: Academic Boycotts and the Isolation of South Africa*, by Lorraine J. Harricombe and F.W. Lancaster. Arlington, VA: Information Resources Press, 1995. (xii, 158p. (ISBN 0878150676/ Publisher's address: 1110 N. Glebe Rd. Suite 550, Arlington, VA 22201/ Tel: 800-451-7363 Fax: 703-558-4979)

This short book is to be welcomed as giving a succinct account of the academic boycott movement vis-a-vis South Africa. It begins with a sketch of the effects on Cuba of sanctions and restrictions. While there are few problems in exchanging publications between Cuban and American libraries, there are many difficulties imposed on the movement of persons between the two countries.

There never was much of a problem (except for a small number of individuals) for Americans wishing to visit South Africa. However in the case of South Africans who wished to visit the U.S. for study or other purposes, many persons were arbitrarily refused passports or were given one-way exit visas. In the 1970s and '80s the academic boycott manifested itself in various ways. Foreign academics were often heckled at lectures or meetings on South African campuses, and South African visitors got much the same treatment at many American campuses. Some journals refused to publish articles by South African scholars or their names were suppressed from joint publications with non-South African scholars.

At first these difficulties affected mostly the more research-oriented English-medium white universities (especially Wits, Natal, and Cape Town) but a scattering of black scholars could not accept invitations as visiting research fellows to America. In the later 1980s South African scholars and scientists were frozen out of many international meetings; this included some librarians who wished to attend IFLA and other meetings. The situation rapidly changed after the release of Nelson Mandela and later the deproscription of the ANC and other banned organizations. The only

report I could find in the Nexis database since 1990 or so was a report on relations between British doctors and medical researchers by the British Medical Association in 1993.

Librarians were affected in various ways. Very few foreign librarians went to work in South Africa both for ethical reasons and for economic reasons, as South African salaries slipped because of the devaluation of the rand. Trade sanctions and restrictions on investment (and divestment) probably contributed most to the fall of the apartheid state. The boycott by entertainers and sports teams made ordinary South Africans aware of what a pariah their country had become. I recall the widespread circulation of bootleg videos of American and British movies and TV programs in 1988.

I agree with the report's conclusion that so far as research libraries were concerned the boycott was mostly a nuisance. UMI and a few other publishers would not trade with South Africa but libraries could order through British or continental European vendors often with delays and increased costs. The range of journals held in the research university libraries is rather less than at comparable American institutions but the traditionally black university libraries have all along been starved of funds made much worse by the decline of purchasing power of the rand. Another factor was censorship of so many foreign publications leading to a considerable degree of parochialism—evident in much historical and social science writing—especially at the Afrikaner universities—a situation which began to change rapidly after about 1985.

## JOURNALS &amp; ARTICLES

*African Research and Documentation*, no. 66 (1994) carried the following:

- Alemna, A.A. "National Libraries in Africa."
- Badisang, B. "Factors Influencing Indigenous Publishing in Africa."
- McIlwaine, J. "Writings on African Archives, pt. 4."

*Education for Information*, v. 13 (March 1995):

- Neill, R. & K. Moahi. "Strategic Change: A Case Study of the Department of Library and Information Studies at the University of Botswana." p. 1-20.
- Stilwell, Ca. & C. Vietzen. "Improving Education for Library and Information Work: The Simulated Fieldwork Practicum at the University of Natal." pp. 21-34.

*Focus on International & Comparative Librarianship*, v. 25, no. 3 (Dec. 1994) included:

- Sharples, Carolyn. "Journals for African Universities," pp. 133-7;
- Keates, Sarah. "Workshop on the Universal Availability of Publications in Francophone West Africa." pp. 137-145.

*Frontiers of Information and Library Science* (FILS) is a new refereed professional journal, that will appear biannually starting in June 1995. Annual subscriptions: Africa outside of Nigeria, \$30 and \$50 (institutions); UK, £20 and £30; Elsewhere outside Africa, \$40 and \$60. For further information, including details on bibliographic style, contact: Ken M.C. Nweke, Editor-in-Chief, FILS, University of Nigeria, Dept. of Library Science, PO Box 3169, Nsukka, Nigeria.

*Innovation*, no. 9 (Dec. 1994) focused on education and training for LIS (library and information services) in southern Africa. Included are articles by Nalini Dickson on South Africa, Peter Havard-Williams on Botswana, Andree-Jeanne Töttemeyer on Namibia, Anne Powell on Zimbabwe, S. Dutton & A.W.C. Msiska on Malawi, and Vitalicy Chifwepa on Zambia. Available from: University Library, Univ. of Natal.

*Link-Up*, the newsletter of LINK (64 Ennersdale Rd., London SE13 5JD), a network for North-South library development, has notes on the following in its March 1995 (v. 7, no. 1) issue: African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (Banjul), the documentation centre of the Refugee Studies Programme (Oxford), librarians and censorship in South Africa, and the African Journals Distribution Programme (International African Institute).

*Progressive Librarian*, #9 (1995), includes:

- Merrett, Christopher. "What's Public is Propaganda, What's Secret is Serious: Official Secrecy and Freedom of Information in South Africa," pp. 1-15.
- Alemna, Anaba. "Oral Documentation: The Other 'Famine' in African Libraries," pp. 16-21.

Akintunde, S. & J.J. Selbar. "Intra-Organization Communication: A Comparative Study of 2 Nigerian University Libraries." *Journal of Librarianship and Information Science*, v. 27 (1995): 33-46.

Bell, Barbara. "When the Rains came to Namibia." *International*

*Leads*, v. 9 (Summer 1995).

Cram, Jennifer. "Colonialism and Libraries in Third World Africa." *Australian Library Journal*, Feb. 1993, pp. 13-20.

Durrani, Shiraz. "The Mirage of Democracy in Kenya." *Information for Social Change* (Edinburgh), no. 1 (Winter 1994): 19-29.

Gaba, T.S.A. "Preservation Practices in the University of Cape Coast Library: An Appraisal." *ASLIB Proceedings*, v. 47 (May 1995): 127-130.

Lancaster, F.W., & Haricombe, Lorraine J. "Anatomy of a Book Boycott." *American Libraries*, July/August 1995, pp. 685-688.

Madison, Avril Johnson & Dorothy Porter Wesley. "Dorothy Burnett Porter Wesley: Enterprising Steward of Black Culture." *Public Historian*, v. 17 (Winter 1995): 15-40.

Nassimbeni, Mary. "Collection Development in Public Libraries in South Africa: New Library and Language Policies." *Library Acquisitions*, v. 19 (1995): 289-. Discusses impact of official status for 11 languages; includes data on publishing in the various languages.

Nweke, K.M.C. "Information Methods of Human and Veterinary Medical Scientists (HVMS) in Borno State, Nigeria." *Library & Information Science Research*, 17 (Winter 1995): 41-48.

## REFERENCE SOURCES

### NOTES

The Michigan State University African Studies Center has re-initiated its **African Media Program (AMP)** with new grant funding from MSU and the U.S. Dept. of Education through a Title VI grant. Building on its *Africa on Film and Videotape: A Compendium of Reviews* (1982), the AMP will create a reference database of African films and videotapes by identifying, indexing, and critically reviewing all extant films and videos on Africa to 1996. The reviews initially will be released as topical or subject guides for research and instruction at all levels. Eventual distribution will be compact disk (CD-ROM), print and Internet. The AMP will be lead by David Wiley, Maureen Eke and John Metzler. Further information is available from MSU's African Studies Center; email: 21248me@msu.edu.

**Ethnographic Index to Art-Producing Peoples of Africa** is a group project headed by Linda McRae (Visual Resources Librarian, Univ. of South Florida) which received the 1995 H.W. Wilson Foundation Research Award. Co-applicants from the same university are Susan Kelliher (Visual Resources Library Assistant) and Daniel P. Biebuyck (Stuart Golding Eminent Scholar in the African Arts). The project will contain over 2000 ethnonyms with extensive cross-references, including alternate names, related ethnic units, geographic locations, AAT and LCSH preferred terms, scope notes where necessary, and related bibliography or sources where the name occurs. —ARLIS-L Digest.

### NEW REFERENCE TITLES

*The following items or issues are noted.*

*For more titles, see the annual "Africana Reference Books" in The African Book Publishing Record, no. 2.*

*African Biographical Archive (AfBA)*. Munchen: K.G. Saur Verlag, 1995?-. Est. 450 fiche, to be delivered in 12 installments. Contains approx. 113,000 entries from 214 published sources; for 75,000 African individuals. Price (through Mar. 31, 1995): \$13,010 (diaz) or \$14,350 (silver); from University Publications of America.

Mieder, Wolfgang. *African Proverb Scholarship: An Annotated Bibliography*. Colorado Springs: African Proverbs Project, 1994. 181p. Extended comments on 279 studies; arranged by author, with index.

Shilling, Susan. "Africa Today." *Five Owls* (Saint Paul, MN), v. 9 (1995): 73-79. Review essay and annotated bibliography of recent children's books.

Basler Afrika Bibliographien (Postfach 2037, CH-4001 Basel, Switz.) produced the following in its *Registratur AA* series during 1994:

- Allgemeine Archivalien der Basler Afrika Bibliographien zu Namibia, von Thorsten Hinz;
- Allgemeine Archivalien der Basler Afrika Bibliographien zu Namibias Unabhängigkeit, von Sabine Schmidt & Thorsten Hinz;
- Guide to the SWAPO Collection in the Namibia Archives of the Basler Afrika Bibliographien, compiled by Giorgio Miescher.



**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:  
THE 1996 CONOVER-PORTER AWARD FOR  
AFRICANA BIBLIOGRAPHY  
OR REFERENCE WORK**

The Africana Librarians Council (formerly called Archives-Libraries Committee) of ASA seeks nominations for the ninth biennial Conover-Porter Award for excellence in Africana bibliography or reference work. Any Africa-related reference work, bibliography or bibliographic essay published separately or as a part of a larger work during 1993, 1994 or 1995 can be nominated for the 1996 award, which includes a prize of \$300 that will be presented during the 1996 annual meeting of the African Studies Association in San Francisco. Nominations must be received by the end of January 1996. Please include a brief justification and at least one review.

Helen Conover was senior bibliographer in the African Section of LC, serving 32 years before her retirement in 1963. Dorothy Porter Wesley was librarian of the Moorland-Spangarn Research Center, Howard University, retiring in 1973 after 45 years of service.

The first award in 1980 was presented to Julian Witherell for his *The United States and Africa: Guide to U.S. Official Documents and Government-Sponsored Publications on Africa, 1785-1975* (Washington: LC, 1978). Winners in 1994 were Thomas George Barton's *Sexuality and Health in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Annotated Bibliography* (Nairobi: AMREF, 1991) and Hans Zell's *African Books in Print*, 4th ed. (London/New York: Bowker-Saur, 1993). In 1992 Carol Sicherman's two works *Ngugi wa Thiong'o: A Bibliography of Primary and Secondary Sources, 1957-1987* (Zell, 1988) and *Ngugi wa Thiong'o, the Making of a Rebel: A Source Book in Kenyan Literature and Resistance* (Zell, 1990) received the award. The 1990 winner was Yvette Scheven's *Bibliographies for African Studies 1970-1986* (Zell, 1988).

Please send nominations or requests for further information to: Mette Shayne, Francophonic African Bibliography, Africana Library, Northwestern University Library, Evanston, IL 62008 (tel.: 708-491-2934; email: mshayne@nwu.edu) or ALC chair Gregory Finnegan, Head of Reference, Tozzer Library, Harvard University, 21 Divinity Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138-2089 (tel.: 617-495-2253; email: gregory\_finnegan@harvard.edu).

## NOTES ON MATERIALS AND VENDORS

### VENDOR ANNOUNCEMENTS

**AFRIA** (The Africa Research & Information Alliance) is a new consortium formed by Stock Press and Legi-Link from South Africa and The Rendon Group in the U.S.A. AFRIA offers information services on any Southern African topic. Stock Press, founded in 1984, provides financial, economic, environmental and socio-political information on South Africa. Legi-Link covers Parliament. For more information or to subscribe to *RDP Monitor* (Stock Press's overview of the government's social and economic policy), visit WWW page at [HTTP://OS2.IACCESS.ZA/AFRIA/INDEX.HTM](http://OS2.IACCESS.ZA/AFRIA/INDEX.HTM) or sent email to [afia@leglink.co.za](mailto:afia@leglink.co.za) or contact Matthew Gentile, The Rendon Group, 2000 S. St., NW, Washington, DC; tel: 202-745-4900.

**African Books Collective** (The Jam Factory, 27 Park End St., Oxford OX1 1HU, England) distributed its Catalogue no. 10 and its 11th and 12th batches of cards. Publishers for the approximately 75 titles include: East African Educ. Publ., Baobab Books, CODESRIA, Southern African Printing & Publ. House, Fourth Dimension Publ., Southern African Res. & Doc. Ctr., Univ. of Zimbabwe Publ., Academy Science Publ., Multimedia, Woeli Publ. Services, Ghana Univ. Press, Inst. of Southern African Studies, Fountain Publ, Dar es Salaam Univ. Press.

**African Development Bank** (01 BP 1387, Abidjan 01) announces 2 publications:

- African Development Report, 1995 - \$15 for African institutions; \$25, other institutions; \$5 & \$20 for individuals.
- Economic Integration in Southern Africa - 3 vols. for \$75; Executive summary for \$10. Also available from other offices, including: ADB America Representation Office, 2001 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20006.

**CEEBA Publications** still appear, despite the disruption of postal and other services in Zaire. They can now be ordered from: CEEBA Publications, c/o Anthropos Institut, D-53754 St. Augustin, Germany.

**Clarke's Bookshop** (211 Long St., Cape Town) Catalogue 91 lists about 712 older titles plus 500 current publications; #92 listed 602 older and about 350 current.

**G C Motsi** (12 Ruddington Rd., Marlborough, Harare; tel: (263)(4) 300324) is a new company providing grey literature on Southern Africa. This includes government reports, policy papers, university research reports, and conference proceedings. *Zimbabwe Research Index 1990-1992* is offered for US\$45.

**Gerard Rilling** (720 Colonial Dr., Rockford, IL 61115; tel. 815-654-0389) has a list of less expensive older books on Africa.

**Jacaranda Designs Ltd.** (PO Box 7936, Boulder, CO 80306; PO Box 76691, Nairobi) has issued *Shangilia Afrika 1995*, a listing of new and older books for children.

**John Gay** (PO Box 0285, Maseru West 105, Lesotho) have published *Intelligence in Action: A Study of Agriculture in Rural Liberia* (1995). This 177-page monograph is based largely on 1974 fieldwork in Bong County.

**Norman Ross Publishing Inc.** (330 West 58th St., New York, NY 10019; 800 648-8850; microform distributors) became (on June 1st) the sole worldwide distributor for Kraus Microform. They also announce that Altair's microfiche collection of *Colin Legum's Third World Reports* has been updated to the end of 1994.

**Ravan Press** Catalogue 1995 includes numerous new titles. Available via agents such as Clarke's Bookshop and Ohio University Press or direct: PO Box 145, Randburg 2125, South Africa.

**Rwanda Society-Environment Project**, Working paper, no. 1-10 (1993-1994) are available from the Dept. of Geography, 315 Natural Science, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824. Tel: 517-355-4649.

**S.A. [South Africa] Ballots** offers "RSA 1994," which is the colored, 17 x 44 cm. ballot used in the South African election. Price is \$10 per ballot; \$70 if framed. Contact Lance Dutton at (021)457-620 (9 Jagersfontein Lane, Oranjezicht 8001, South Africa) or Brian Collins at 231-690 after 7pm South African time.

**Sagalee Oromo Publishing Co.** (PO Box 17662, Atlanta, GA 30316) has issued vol. 1 (English-Oromo) of Haamid Muudee's Oromo Dictionary. 1995; 908 pages. \$64.95 hardcover; \$49.95, paper.

**Sketch-Map Publishing Enterprises**, suppliers of Nigerian publications, have a new postal address (B.P. 3967, Lomé, Togo), which should be used in correspondence. They can also be reached via fax no. 234-01-2637080 and at the Head Office in Lagos (14A. Awoyokun St., Yaba).

**University Microfilms International** (PO Box 1346, Ann Arbor, MI 48106-1346) reports that one of its best selling dissertations is "Belgian Education Policy in the Congo, 1945-1960," by Newton Leroy Gingrich (Tulane, 1971).

**University of Botswana's** National Institute of Development Research and Documentation offers subscriptions to *Pula* (1978-) at \$20 per issue.

**University of Maiduguri** is hoping to revive the *West African Journal of Modern Languages*, after an "interstice of 15 years" and seeks funding for at least 2 issues. Contact: Conrad Max Benedict Brann, Prof. of Applied Linguistics & French, PMB 2001, Univ. of Maiduguri, Nigeria.

## EVENTS

**First Ghana International Book Fair**, 6-12 November 1996. For more information, contact: P.C.T. Quarcoo, Exhibition Director, PO Box 111, Trade Fair Centre, La - Accra, Ghana.

At the 1995 **London International Book Fair**, the National Acquisitions Group (NAP), the International Group of the Library Association (IGLA) and the Standing Conference on Library Materials on Africa (SCOLMA) sponsored a seminar (organized by the Zimbabwe International Book Fair) on "New Developments in African Publishing." NAG, IGLA and SCOLMA are also sponsoring a research project on UK market penetration, aimed at improving communications between African publishers and overseas library buyers. The research will focus on the weaknesses in the book supply chain and how new development in marketing and distribution may help to overcome them. They hope to complete the research in time for a follow-up seminar at LIBF96.

## LITERATURE ON THE BOOK TRADE

*African Publishing Review*, v. 4, no. 3 (May/June 1995) included notes on news, rights for sale, book development councils and an 8-page supplement (Report on the Bellagio Publishing Network Round Table [Tanzania; Nov. 1994] on Book Marketing and Distribution in Africa, by Lyle Stebbing).

*Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter*, no. 13 (April 1995) included the following:

- Newton, Diana. "Impact of the Devaluation of the CFA Franc on African Publishing" — report on UNESCO/WHO meeting in Geneva (21-24 Feb. 1995); notes that the efforts to keep prices of imported books at pre-devaluation levels removed any stimulus for local publishing;
- Zeleza, Paul Tiyambe. "The Challenges of Academic Publishing for African Scholars;"
- Rosenberg, Diana. "University Libraries in Africa: Status and Potential" — report on a survey recently begun by the International African Institute;
- Fagerberg-Diallo, Sonja. "Publishing in Pulaar: the Interreactive Role of an NGO;"
- Jaygbay, Jacob. "Commercialize or Wither: the Dilemma of Noncommercial Scholarly Publishers in Africa."

*Bellagio Publishing Network Newsletter*, no. 14 (August 1995) carried numerous reports and a tribute to Hans Zell that included a note by Gregory Finnegan. It also had two special supplements:

- Zell, Hans M. Publishing and Book Development in Sub-Saharan Africa 1994: A Checklist of Recent Literature. — a classified list with abstracts; and
- Stebbing, Lyle. Report on the Bellagio Publishing Network Round Table [Tanzania, Nov. 1994] on Book Marketing and Distribution in Africa. — synthesis of 9 papers.

Dekutsey, Woeli. "Bookselling in Ghana: Is the Informal Sector the Key?" *African Book Publishing Record*, 21 (1995): 109-112.

*International Book Publishing: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Philip G. Altbach and Edith S. Hoshino. Hamden, CT: Garland Publishing, 1995. 750p. \$95. Includes:

- Zell, Hans M. Publishing in Africa;
- Newton, Diana. Francophone Africa;
- Chackava, Henry. Kenya;
- Nwankwo, Victor. Nigeria;
- Philip, David & Mike Kantey. South Africa.

## ONLINE FILES

A program for converting **Ethiopic script** into phonetic symbology can be found on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.cs.indiana.edu/hyplan/dmulholl/admas/sera21atex/>. The choice of phonetic symbology is adjustable by the user. For more, contact Daniel Yacob at [yacob@apollo.aoe.vt.edu](mailto:yacob@apollo.aoe.vt.edu).

**H-AFRICA** is a moderated electronic discussion group and bulletin board for scholars (including students), librarians, and teachers interested in the African past, including a variety of disciplines and approaches to the history of the entire continent. It is part of the H-Net family of LISTSERV discussion lists. It is currently edited by Mel Page (East Tennessee State Univ.; [page@etsuarts.east-tenn-st.edu](mailto:page@etsuarts.east-tenn-st.edu)) and Harold Marcus (Michigan State Univ.; [22634mgr@msu.edu](mailto:22634mgr@msu.edu)).

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## SERIAL CHANGES

**Black Sash** has sent out the final issue of *Sash*. This May 1995 issue (vol. 27, no. 3) carried 44 pages of news, plus a 12-page Anniversary Supplement with the title: *Black Sash, 1955-1995*.

## NEW SERIALS

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

*ANC Constitution News*, no. 1 (13 March 1995)-. Biweekly available via Peacenet or by mail (\$30 for first 13 issues; from: Africa Fund, 17 John St., 12th floor, New York, NY 10038.

*21st Century Afro Review* is a new journal edited by Nikongo BaNikongo, covering African Americans, Africa and the Caribbean. Address: 7676 New Hampshire Ave. - Suite 306, Langley Park, MD 20783. Tel: 301-431-3161.

## 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 (6 issues per year available for \$50 from Northwestern University Library), The African Book Publishing Record (Hans Zell Publishers), American Book Publishing Record (Bowker), Accessions List: Eastern and Southern Africa (LC Office, Nairobi), or in one of the current national bibliographies.*

*Emerging Democracies and Freedom of Information*, edited by Barbara Turfan (SOAS), with Kathleen Ladizesky & Inese A. Smith. London: Library Association Publishing, 1995. c129pp; 1-85604-170-0; c£25.95. Papers on Africa, Eastern Europe and the Far East; drawn from a recent IGLA conference. Address of publisher: 7 Ridgmount St., London WC1E 7AE.

Forben, Ako. *Globalisation: The African Perspective*. Cardiff, England (PO Box 326, CF2 3YE): African Centre for the Humanities, 1994? £6.99.

*Que e Quem no Governo*. Maputo: Bureau de Informacao Publica, 1995? Available from publisher (CP 2558) for \$5.--Mozambique Peace Process Bulletin.

Reader's Digest. *Illustrated History of South Africa: The Real Story*. Expanded 3rd ed. Cape Town & New York: Reader's Digest Assoc., 1994. 559p. Popular work.

Wheatley, Phillis, 1753-1784. *The poems of Phillis Wheatley: A Native African and a Slave*. Rev. ed., Bedford, MA: Applewood Books, 1995. Reprint of a classic first issued in 1838. \$9.95. Address: 18 North Rd., Bedford, MA 01730.

## SPECIAL ISSUES OF JOURNALS

"Les politiques de la haine: Rwanda, Burundi, 1994-1995." *Les Temps modernes* (Paris), no. 583.

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