NEWS FROM THE FIELD

ACQUISITIONS

• Now permanently housed in the Rare Books and Special Collections Department of Washington University Libraries, St. Louis, Missouri, The Philip Mills Arnold Semiology Collection numbers approximately 1,600 volumes. It is still being augmented by Mr. Arnold, alumnus of the university and vice-president for research and development of Phillips Petroleum Company. The collection emphasizes works that appeared at the early stages of the development of interest in topics relevant to semiotics. The collection is particularly strong in works on cryptography, shorthand, the decipherment of ancient languages, the nature of the written and verbal signs of language, telegraphy, mnemonic theory, and devices, signs, and emblems. A portion of the collection deals with the deaf and blind, and includes a copy of the Epistles of Saint John, embossed in William Moon's alphabet for the library of Georg V, blind king of Hanover. A catalog of a recent exhibit (1973) of works from the collection is available from Washington University Libraries.

• The private library of the late New York book collector Jack Harris Samuels, 3,000 volumes spanning four centuries of English and American literature, has been given to Columbia University. The library is among the largest and most important collections of such literature ever received at Columbia. The collection holds more than two hundred 19th- and 20th-century "association books"—volumes inscribed by their authors to other famous writers and associates.


The Samuels library was bequeathed to Columbia by the collector's mother, Mollie Harris Samuels, who died in June 1971. Her son, who died in September 1966, had left her the books with the understanding that she in turn would bequeath them to Columbia. Jack Samuels, internationally known at his death as a bibliophile, had earned a master of arts degree at Columbia in 1940 and had been a frequent benefactor of the university libraries.

• The Texas Tech University Library has acquired an outstanding collection of Conradiana. The basis for this collection consists primarily of over 200 first editions purchased from Charles Sessler, Inc., Philadelphia, and collected by Mabel Zahn, manager. The Textual Studies Institute of the university has been established to study the textual differences of Joseph Conrad's major works, and the periodical Conradiana has been instituted to publish scholarly articles.

Outstanding items include an original etching of Conrad listening to music by Muirhead Bone, an original autograph letter stating the source of The Rescue, three copies of the approximately fifty copies of the first issue of the 1913 Chance, and one of the thirty-three copies of the first privately printed edition of Notes on Life and Letters.

Charlotte Hickson, cataloger of the Conrad collection, has compiled a bibliography of points of Conrad's works.

• The American Philosophical Society Library has received as a bequest from the late Colonel Richard Gimbel his extensive collection on Thomas Paine and his times. The collection includes not only various editions of everything Paine wrote but also copies of books and pamphlets attacking Paine, a number of cartoons and caricatures, some manuscript letters, a large number of photostatic copies of Paine's letters, and large and extensive supporting collections of primary and secondary materials on the American and French revolutions and the English Reform Movement of the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The catalog of the collection, which has not yet been completed, is being done by Mrs. Hildegard G. Stephens, to whom inquiries about it may be ad-
An outstanding collection of rare books and Californiana, including the only complete volume of the state's first newspaper, has been given to the Bancroft Library at University of California, Berkeley. The gift is from Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Bechtel of Kentfield. Mr. Bechtel, a San Francisco insurance executive, is an alumnus of the university. It is among the largest gifts from a single donor ever received by the Bancroft Library.

Contained in the Bechtel gift are nearly fifty volumes, two dozen broadsides, and a few manuscripts. Included is the only known complete set of the first volume of The Californian, California's first newspaper, published in Monterey in 1846-47. The paper moved to San Francisco in 1847 and a year later went out of business, giving as its reason that all its readers and advertisers had left for the gold fields of the Sierra Nevada foothills.

Other rare works include an account of an exploration of Oregon and California in the 1840s by Dufflot de Mofras, published in 1844, and a pamphlet of regulations for governing California issued in Mexico City in 1784. Also included is the Up-Biblum God, the first complete Bible printed in the language of an American Indian tribe. In the language of the Massachusetts Indians, it was printed by John Eliot of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1685. Another Bible, printed 100 years later, is a copy of the first Bible in the English language published in the United States, in 1781-82, which states it was "printed and sold by R. Aitken, at Pope's Head, Three Doors Above the Coffee House, in Market Street," Philadelphia.

A collection of rare Jewish manuscripts and texts has been presented to the University of Alberta Library. The collection is comprised of works by both Sephardic and Moroccan scholars.

Donated to the library by the Harry R. Cohen Memorial Foundation, the collection has been described as unique and priceless. It is undoubtedly a major contribution to the fields of Sephardic and Moroccan studies. It demonstrates how Spanish culture was perpetuated and supplemented by the Jewish scholars of Morocco in the 450 years since the expulsion of the Jews from Iberia (1492).

The material in the collection dates from the 1300s to the mid-1800s. Written primarily by Spanish and Moroccan Jewish scholars, the collection contains a wealth of historical and cultural information pertaining to early Moroccan Jewry.

The material is particularly important as little written material has survived from this period of Jewish history.

The Harry R. Cohen Memorial Foundation was established with funds received by the university from the estate of Harry R. Cohen, a long-time Edmonton resident and businessman.

The University of Illinois Library at Urbana-Champaign now offers scholars the nation's third largest collection of books and periodicals on the Ukraine. The U. of I. Board of Trustees has approved the purchase of 7,000 volumes on the Ukraine, now known as the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, collected by the late Elia Czaykowsky of Detroit. Most of the collection is out-of-print monographs, serials, and periodicals issued from 1850 to 1950. Some of the books, especially those on religion, date from the end of the 18th century.

Several subjects are covered in the collection. These include literature—which has the most volumes—history, linguistics, geography, art, and the social sciences. Almost all the books are first editions. Professor Dmytro Shtohryn, head of Slavic cataloging in the U. of I. Library and a specialist in Ukrainian literature, said that in the U.S., only the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library have Ukrainian collections larger than the one in the U. of I. Library.

The Pennsylvania Historical Collections and Labor Archives of the Pennsylvania State University Libraries has announced several recent acquisitions. They include the Robert Joyce collection, photographs of radical and protest activities and leaders in New York City, 1950-71, taken by the former art editor of the National Guardian, and an oral history interview with Mr. Joyce. In addition, the libraries now have the Martin Grayson research collection consisting of manuscript materials concerning the history of the lithographers unions from 1886 to 1965 and Mr. Grayson's career in the Amalgamated Lithographers of America as international secretary-treasurer and vice-president, and a large collection of books, serials, and pamphlets on the labor movement and the graphic arts unions with a near-complete run of Lithographers Journal, 1915-58. Recently completed interviews in the Graphic Arts International Union Oral History Project now available for use by scholars include John Connally, Harvey Loven, and Edward Volz.

Additions to the Archives of the United Steelworkers of America include records of District 1—Providence, Rhode Island; records of District 27—Canton, Ohio; records of District 32—Milwaukee, Wisconsin; records of the Legislative Office—Washington, D.C.; and a large selection of records from the union's in-

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ternational headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania consisting of files from the civil rights, education, housing, public relations, legal, research, and contract administration departments. Researchers interested in the history of the steelworkers can obtain copies of “United Steelworkers of America Archives: A Guide” (10 p.) and “Collection of Oral History Interviews . . . to August, 1973” (29 p.) from Dr. Ronald L. Filippelli, Labor Archivist, W342 Pattee Library, University Park, PA 16802.

- The notable writings of British and American authors dating from the invention of the printing press in the 15th century to 1800 have been purchased by the University of New Mexico’s Zimmerman Library. The massive 38,000 volumes of fiction and periodical works can be housed in just a few colorful cases, for they are contained on 10,000 reels of 35mm microfilm.

- The major purchase was negotiated at a “significant discount” approaching 40 percent of the cost of that number of books, and included such “extras” as unpacking, shelving, cataloging, and setting up the cases. The unusually favorable conditions are all attributable to state bond issue money which permitted the library to buy the entire group of collections and with ready cash.

GRANTS

- The National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded the Folger Shakespeare Library a grant of $151,302. The grant will support the Folger’s central library and research-related activities by providing specialized staff and further allowing the Folger to enlarge its program of consultancies for scholars. The NEH grant brings to almost $400,000 the total amount given to the Folger by the endowment in the past three years.

- Funds for consultancies in the Folger Institute of Renaissance and 18th-Century Studies, a cooperative venture of the library and five area colleges and universities, are one large part of the grant. Recipients range from eminent scholars to advanced graduate students at the dissertation level.

- In addition, by assuring new strength for the core functions of the library, the endowment’s grant is designed to encourage the library’s staff and trustees to concentrate their energies and skills on preparation and implementation of a long-range development program designed to afford a substantially improved financial base for the library’s future.

- The Committee of Librarians of the Cooperating Colleges of Greater Springfield, Massachusetts has been granted $9,058.00 from the Nan and Matilda Heydt Fund to provide for a computer generated Author-Title Finding List for Reference Materials.

- This pilot project will provide the nine participating libraries with the location of reference materials, and serve as a guide for future collection expansion and coordination. The list, which will be made available to public and special libraries in the area, should enable both patrons and reference librarians to spend less time locating materials.

- The nine libraries in the group are from the following colleges: American International College, Bay Path Junior College, College of Our Lady of the Elms, Holyoke Community College, Springfield College, Springfield Technical Community College, Western New England College, Western New England College School of Law, and Westfield State College.

- The Kennedy Institute at Georgetown University has received a three-year, $280,000 grant from the National Library of Medicine to establish the first comprehensive information retrieval system for the field of bioethics. The purpose of the information retrieval project is to develop a mechanism for bibliographic control of the rapidly expanding literature in bioethics. The project will generate three major products: an index language appropriate to the field; three comprehensive annual bibliographies of English language print and nonprint materials; and, beginning in the third year, an automated information retrieval system capable of providing a variety of services, including demand searches.

- Bioethics is the study of social and ethical questions raised by developments in the fields of biology and medicine. The subject matter is drawn from the natural sciences, social sciences, and humanities, and includes such topical issues as euthanasia, experimentation on human subjects, genetic manipulation, and behavior control. The information project will provide systematic access to the literature of bioethics, now widely scattered in the journals of the contributing disciplines.

- Long-term plans call for the expansion of the system to include foreign language materials, quarterly publication of the bibliography, and monthly dissemination of information on selected topics. In addition, the institute staff will seek to collaborate with major academic libraries and research centers in developing an information network for the field of bioethics.

MEETINGS

May 24-25: Midwest Academic Librarians Conference, to be held on the campus of The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. De-
June 5-7: Indexing in Perspective Seminar. A three-day seminar on indexing has been announced by the American Library Association and the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services.

The seminar will be sponsored by the Subject Analysis and Organization of Library Materials Committee, Cataloging and Classification Section of ALA's Resources and Technical Services Division. It will be hosted by the University of Toronto, Faculty of Library Science, at the Toronto campus.

The seminar will cover the vocabularies used in indexing, indexing systems and formats, and the effects of indexing on the retrieval process. Emphasis will be placed on relating indexing developments of the past twenty years to the entire field of information science and library science; against this background lecture specific case histories will be presented and discussed.

The course is designed to serve as an introduction for the person with little or no experience and to provide a perspective review to the more experienced. Each day there will be a special session at the basic level and an opportunity for an in-depth examination and discussion of the specific case history presented.

The following questions will be covered:

What is the relationship between classification and indexing? What differences and similarities exist between classification decimal entries, subject headings, terms, descriptors, etc.? What are the characteristics of a classification scheme, a subject heading list, and a thesaurus? What effect has the computer had on indexing vocabularies and the manual card file? What are the characteristics of serial and inverted (horizontal and vertical) files? How do subject indexes differ from coordinate indexes?

The cost of the three-day seminar is $80.00.

The registration fee includes a special kit being prepared for the course. Full details from the National Federation of Abstracting and Indexing Services, 3401 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104; or from Nancy Williamson, Faculty of Library Science, University of Toronto, 140 St. George St., Toronto, M5S 1A1, Canada. (416) 928-7079.

June 16-22: Administrators. An executive development program for library administrators will be offered this summer at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, by Miami’s School of Business Administration. The program is designed to assist library administrators in improving their managerial effectiveness.

The fee of $235 includes all program expenses: tuition, instructional fees, cost of all reading materials and other handouts, personalized notebooks, plus room and board (including three banquets). Anyone interested in attending should write the program director, Dr. Robert H. Myers, School of Business Administration, Miami University, Oxford, OH 45056, requesting a brochure and application form. For further information see the April News.

June 17-20: ATLA. The American Theological Library Association will hold its annual conference at Iliff School of Theology in Denver. For further information, write Jerry Campbell, Assistant Librarian, Iliff School of Theology, 2233 South University Blvd., Denver, CO 80210.

June 19-20: Information Management Symposium. “Problem Solving through Information Management” will be the focus of a two-day symposium, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh’s Office of Continuing Education, at the Sheraton Inn, Greater Pittsburgh International Airport.

The symposium, to be led by faculty from the University of Pittsburgh’s departments of Information Sciences and Industrial Engineering, will examine the effective use of information and information science, information management in problem solving and its impact upon individuals and organizations, how to assess information needs, the impact of information technology, data bases, information networks, and the use of information systems for strategic planning.

Fee for the symposium is $175, which includes all instructional materials, two luncheons, and a cocktail party. Mail or phone registrations will be accepted through June 5, 1974. For further information and a descriptive brochure, write to the Director of Continuing Education, 418 Cathedral of Learning, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260, or call (412) 624-6618.

June 24-28: Automation. The College of Engineering at Cornell University will offer a short course on Automatic Library Processing and Information Retrieval. This course is intended for documentalists and librarians who are interested in the application of computer methods to library processing. Specifically covered are automatic indexing and document analysis, automatic thesaurus construction, automatic file organization, search methodology for large files, interactive information retrieval, and future library organization for mechanized processing. The fee for the course is $350. For further information contact Director of Continuing Education, Upson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14850. Phone: (607) 256-5088.
JULY 4-6: JUVENILIA AS A SCHOLARLY RESOURCE. A preconference sponsored by the National Planning of Special Collections Committee, Children's Services Division, American Library Association, will be held prior to the 1974 ALA Annual Conference in New York.

Registration will be limited to 200, and will close May 15, 1974. Application blanks will be available from the Children's Services Division, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611, after February 15, 1974. Registration fees, including room and meals, are $75 for ALA members; $85 for nonmembers. Special registration fees, without room and meals, are $45 for ALA members; $50 for nonmembers. Accommodations will be in Dorm Village with meals at the Student Center. For further information see the April News.

JULY 5-6: WOMEN IN A WOMAN'S PROFESSION: STRATEGIES is the title of the ALA Social Responsibilities Round Table sponsored 1974 preconference on women in librarianship. The conference will be held at Douglas College of Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey.

This is a working conference by, for, and about women in librarianship. It will focus on the problem of being the majority in a profession in which men hold most of the positions of influence, power, and authority. The first session will be devoted to information on problems in librarianship. The second day will consist of workshops to plan future and continuing action.

Advance registration is required and space is limited to 200. The cost is $60.00 and includes three nights' (July 4, 5, 6) lodging and all meals.

For further information and registration contact Betty-Carol Sellen, Brooklyn College Library, Brooklyn, NY 11210. Phone: (212) 780-5335.

JULY 5-6: SERIALS WORKSHOP. The Serials Section of RTSD and the Library of Congress are sponsoring two workshops on serials procedures at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. The workshops are intended primarily for serials librarians involved in daily serials processing and are designed to acquaint the serials librarian with the processing activities, with an emphasis on cataloging, of the Serial Record Division of the Library of Congress. The first workshop on Friday-Saturday, 5-6 July 1974, is intended for librarians who reside outside of the metropolitan Washington, D.C. area and is scheduled immediately preceding the Annual Conference of the American Library Association in New York City. The second workshop on Tuesday-Wednesday, 1-2 October 1974, will be a repeat of the first workshop and is intended for those librarians in the Washington, D.C. area.

Because of space limitations, preference will be given to those applications bearing the earliest postmark. Preregistration (by 1 June for the July workshop and by 1 September for the October workshop) and confirmation are required. Application forms may be obtained from Herbert Linville, Chairperson, Serials Section, RTSD, University of California Library, Santa Barbara, CA 93106 (telephone 805-961-2854), or Joseph Howard, Chief, Serial Record Division, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540 (telephone 202-426-5302).

JULY 7-8: CENSUS DATA. The Education and Behavioral Science Section will sponsor the Clearinghouse and Laboratory for Census Data (operated by Data Use and Access Laboratories of Rosslyn, Virginia) in a day and a half seminar/workshop on access and use of 1970 Census of Population and Housing data during the 1974 ALA Annual Conference in New York. For further information see the January News.


Persons interested in further information or in participating in the workshop should contact the Abel Workshop Director at this address: Abel Workshop Director, Richard Abel & Company, Inc., P.O. Box 4245, Portland, OR 97208. See the March News for more information.

JULY 28- AUG. 9: ADMINISTRATORS. The College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, is planning the eighth annual Library Administrators Development Program. Dr. John Rizzo, professor of management at Western Michigan University, will serve as the director. Participants will include senior administrative personnel of large library systems—public, research, academic, special, governmental, and school—from the United States and Canada. Those interested in further information are invited to address inquiries to Mrs. Effie T. Knight, Administrative Assistant, Library Administrators Development Program, College of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742. See the January News for further information.

AUGUST 5-6: MEDIA. "Differentiating the Media: A Focus on Library Selection and Use of Communication Content" will be the topic of the Thirty-Seventh Annual Conference of the
University of Chicago Graduate Library School. The aim of the conference is to go beyond the current pro and con arguments about the “new media” and to stress, instead, the characteristics of each medium which influence its effectiveness as a carrier of different kinds of communication to serve different kinds of needs for different kinds of audiences.

The conference will be held at the Center for Continuing Education on the University of Chicago campus. For further details about registration, housing, etc., write to either of the conference directors, Lester Asheim or Sara I. Fenwick, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, 1100 East 57th Street, Chicago, IL 60637. See the April News for more information.

SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 2: PUBLIC RELATIONS—A LIBRARY TOOL will be the theme of the Pennsylvania Library Association Conference to be held at Host Farm Resort, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Information may be requested from Stephen D. Wood, Lancaster County Library, 125 N. Duke St., Lancaster, PA 17602.

MISCELLANY

- Libraries, museums, and other important institutions in New York and Washington will be the subject of study for a group traveling from Oklahoma for a thirteen-day jaunt to the Eastern seaboard in June. The Department of Library Science at Oklahoma State University will sponsor, with the College of Education Extension Division, a two-hour course, Library Science 4550, for the second consecutive year under the title GREAT LIBRARIES TOUR.

A small number of students will depart from Will Rogers World Airport on the morning of June 2 for a flight to New York City where they will spend eight days visiting such outstanding institutions as the New York Public Library, the library of the United Nations, the Pierpont Morgan Library, the New York Times, the CBS Information Center, the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art, and many other interesting sites. In addition, free time, shopping trips, Broadway shows, and sightseeing tours are planned for the students.

After a bus trip to Washington via Independence Hall in Philadelphia, the group will spend four days in the capitol city visiting the Library of Congress, the White House Library, the National Archives, and the Folger Shakespeare Library, among other outstanding landmarks.

Traveling with the group will be Dr. Roscoe Rouse, director of the OSU Library and head of the Department of Library Science, and Mrs. Roscoe Rouse, librarian at the Stillwater Middle School. Dr. and Mrs. Rouse, who lived in New York before coming to Stillwater, directed the first Great Libraries Tour last summer.

- The YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY reports that its research suggests the famous Vinland Map may be a forgery. This conclusion is based on exhaustive studies initiated by the Yale Library taking advantage of techniques of chemical analysis only recently developed by scientists.

The Vinland Map, given to Yale University in 1965, was believed to have been executed about 1440 A.D., but scientific analysis indicates that it may be of 20th-century origin. The map contained what was thought to be the earliest cartographic representation still extant of the New World, showing lands discovered by Leif Ericson long before Columbus.

- Henriette D. Avram, chief of the MARC Development Office at the Library of Congress, is one of six recipients of the FEDERAL WOMAN’S AWARD FOR 1974. Government-wide in scope, the Federal Woman’s Award is the only award program in the federal government that is exclusively for women. Winners are judged for their contributions to the federal government, based upon specific accomplishments that have made, or are making, an important contribution to administrative, social, scientific, or technical progress in the work of a federal agency. Personal qualities of leadership, or sustained individual performance, integrity, honesty, and judgment are also required.

As chief of the library’s MARC Development Office, Mrs. Avram directs all research and development projects necessary for automation of the technical processes of the library’s bibliographical services. In her eight years at the Library of Congress she has become the single most influential person in the field of library automation, both nationally and internationally. The multipurpose MARC format which she designed for the interchange of bibliographic information in machine-readable form has become an international standard, which will make possible worldwide sharing of bibliographic information in an automated mode. The MARC format and the MARC Distribution Service constituted the breakthrough required for significant progress to be made in library automation throughout the world.

- The Division of Library Services and the Department of Library Science at WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY has offered for one academic year a formal course of instruction to all freshmen. The success of this program has been acknowledged by the University Academic
Council and it has been included among general education courses required for graduation. The need for such instruction has been noted by teaching and library faculty. The course "Use of the Library" carries one semester hour of credit and includes an orientation to library services with emphasis on bibliographic access to all instructional resources and to retrieval techniques. Instructional procedures include the use of five video presentations on: General Orientation to the Libraries on Campus; The Card Catalog, the LC Classification Scheme and Operation of the Scope; Periodicals and Their Indices; and two programs on the Use of Reference Tools. Laboratory experiences are conducted following each presentation and library faculty are involved with informal lectures describing activities and services in circulation, periodicals, government documents, reference, microforms, the special collections, and the museum. Approximately 2,000 freshmen have completed the course for the academic year 1973-74.

PUBLICATIONS

- **International Mimes & Pantomimists** has announced the publication of a unique Directory, listing all the known practitioners and courses of mime and pantomime throughout the world. It will also contain the first complete annotated bibliography ever published on these art forms, covering the areas of books, articles, scripts, and films. The cost is $12.00. Since this edition will be extremely limited, orders will be honored in accord with the date of remittance only so long as the supply lasts. Write to International Mimes and Pantomimists, 192 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10003.

- The University of Arizona Library has begun a new series of occasional papers. The first number, *Service or Organization: Two Views—Three Responses*, contains papers presented at a double session colloquium held in April 1973 under the sponsorship of the library and the Graduate Library School. At the colloquium Lawrence Clark Powell and H. William Axford, the featured speakers, dealt with their personal philosophies of library management.

Copies of this publication may be purchased from the Library Office, University of Arizona Library, Tucson, AZ 85721, for $1.00 per copy.

- The Office of University Library Management Studies of the Association of Research Libraries has issued Vol. 2, No. 1, of the *ARL Management Supplement*. Entitled "Review of the Formulation and Use of Objectives in Academic and Research Libraries," this issue discusses systems of objectives including mission statements, continuing objectives, and unit performance goals. The discussion includes descriptions of the goal setting process at a number of academic and research libraries and directs the reader to sources of additional information.

The *Supplement* was prepared by Mr. Richard Dionne, head, Science and Technology Libraries at Syracuse University, as part of a Council on Library Resources Management Fellowship carried out at the Office of University Library Management Studies.

Requests for copies of this *Supplement* should be sent to the Office of University Library Management Studies Office, Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036. The cost of each *Supplement* is $2.00 prepaid.

- The National Commission on Libraries and Information Science has recently issued its *Annual Report to the President and the Congress 1972-1973*. In summarizing the year's activity, discussion is devoted to issues identified at the NCLIS regional hearings and studies supported by the commission during the year. The report is available for 65¢ from the Government Printing Office.

- The American Library Association has completed the latest in its ongoing series of *evaluations of microform readers*. Included in the series are reports on the Kodak Ektalite 120 and the Bell & Howell Briefcase Reader, two machines which have received a great deal of attention and have been heavily promoted for use in educational institutions. The tests were conducted at the facilities of R. A. Morgan Company, Palo Alto, California. The reports, which were published in the November 1973 and January 1974 issues of *Library Technology Reports*, also include evaluations of the Dietzgen/Gakken 4309, Dietzgen 4323-02, Durkane Explorer 14, Micro Design 175, Micobra K-100 Escort, Micobra K-71, RTS Mini-Viewer, and the Xerox University Microfilms 2240 series.

For more information contact *Library Technology Reports*, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

- The Texas Chapter of Special Libraries Association has compiled a 1973 edition of its *Texas Special Libraries Directory*. These are distributed at no cost, while the supply lasts, by Anita Farber, Editor, University of Houston Libraries, Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77004.

- R and E Research Associates, a research and publishing firm, has gathered together a broad spectrum of information on nearly every ethnic group making up the various minorities in the United States, with special emphasis on the Third World. Most of these sources are from out-of-print books going back to the early
19th century, and from more recent theses and dissertations of degree candidates.

The firm has published an impressive list of these works for convenient reference, including nearly 300 titles covering principally Black Americans, Asian Americans, and Mexican Americans. Other ethnic groups are also covered in depth, including studies of immigrants from all parts of the world. Such specialties as Armenians, Yugoslavs, Basques, Italians, Portuguese, Chilenos, Swedes, and Poles are represented.

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