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B. Johnson Library, Austin, Texas; Gerald R. Ford Library, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Jimmy Carter Library, Atlanta, Georgia. ■■

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News from the Field

Acquisitions

• Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, has been given a collection of 1,100 genealogical works, primarily relating to Quakers, by Willard and Virginia Heiss of Indianapolis. Willard Heiss is a noted genealogical consultant and author on Quaker genealogy. In addition to published works, the collection includes many typed and manuscript genealogies, diaries and family histories, as well as copies of census data, county histories, and several genealogical serials.

• Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland, has received the papers of Abel Wolman, a Hopkins professor for more than 50 years and an internationally known activist on behalf of safe public water supplies. Wolman is known as a co-developer of the control procedures for chlorination of water and sewage, now used throughout the world. A 1913 Hopkins graduate, he is now 96 and holds the title of professor emeritus of sanitary engineering and water resources. The collection of some 55 cubic feet, with more expected, includes speeches, publications, reports, and committee papers, and traces Wolman's career as a teacher, consulting engineer and adviser to local, national and international agencies. Included are materials from his long tenure at Hopkins during which he taught courses on sanitary engineering and international health planning. A great deal of material relating to the Potomac River dates from Wolman's work as consulting engineer for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, an agency he helped launch.

• North Carolina State University, Raleigh, has received a collection of more than 1,500 mystery novels from Jack Levine, professor emeritus of mathematics and an expert in cryptography. Most of the books date from the "Golden Age" from 1920 to 1940, and many are hardcover editions in original dust jackets.

• The St. Louis Mercantile Library's John W. Barriger III National Railroad Library, Missouri, has acquired a number of long runs of rare 19th and early 20th century railroad periodicals. Comprising some 10,000 individual issues, the journal runs were acquired at auction in March as part of

the sale of the holdings of Philadelphia's Franklin Institute. Of note is the acquisition of a long though incomplete run, from the first issue in 1832 through 1973, of the *American Railroad Journal* and its various successor titles, including *Railway Mechanical Engineer* and *Railway Locomotives and Cars*. The publication is considered the earliest American railroad trade journal. Also acquired was a substantial though incomplete run of ARJ's British counterpart, *Herapath's Railway and Commercial Journal*, from 1835-1890, and a number of predecessor titles. Other railroad journals include regional titles from the latter half of the 19th century, considered the heyday of railroad construction in the United States. The Mercantile Library also acquired an 1880-1915 run of *Miller's Gazette and Corn Trade Journal*, a British publication of interest to researchers exploring the worldwide agricultural markets of the period, and two American imprints, *The Modern Miller* and *St. Louis Miller*. Three late 19th century runs of metals industry journals and other railroad and agricultural journal runs were also purchased.

• The University of California, Los Angeles, has received an important collection of television historical materials from Terrence O'Flaherty, TV critic for the *San Francisco Chronicle* for 37 years. The collection includes some 300 document boxes of promotional material spanning virtually the entire history of American television, from its infancy in 1949 through 1986, when O'Flaherty resigned from the *Chronicle*. Included are 60,000 still photographs, 2,500 press kits, 125 network kits, 198 posters, 516 books, 154 long-playing recordings, and 72 promotional 45 RPM recordings. The 12,000 television reviews O'Flaherty wrote during his career and his extensive correspondence with top industry personnel will also eventually become part of the collection. Nearly every major American television program or series broadcast during 1949-1986 is represented in some form, including "Adam-12," "Bonanza," "Dragnet" and "The Ed Sullivan Show." All the best-known actors, actresses, news commentators, musical performers, politicians and sports figures of American Television history are likewise represented. The collection is part of the Theater Arts Library and will be

housed at the newly opened Southern Regional Library Facility.

• The University of Texas at El Paso has received 147 rare books from the estate of Florence E. Melby, a longtime El Paso resident and book collector. Melby's interests ranged from history to architecture, travel, biography and literature. Included are *Ingenious and Diverting Letters of a Lady's Travels Into Spain*, published in 1717, and a number of old bibles such as *The English Version of the Polyglot Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments* from 1834. The *Missale Ordinis Fratrum* is notable for its ornate wood, cloth and metal binding.

• Yale University's Beinecke Library has acquired the papers of Sir David Low (1891–1963), the pre-eminent British political cartoonist and caricaturist of the first half of this century. The archive, which consists of Low's professional and private correspondence, manuscripts, and an extensive array of clippings, was purchased from Low's daughter in England. Low is best remembered for his trenchant opposition to fascism, and his criticism of Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's appeasement of Hitler, and for his famous character, "Colonel Blimp," whose pseudo-wisdom combined opposing viewpoints with humorous illogicality. The Low correspondence contains long series of "Blimp" letters—positive and negative reactions to the character—as well as letters documenting the pressure put on Low in the 1930s to modify his portrayal of Hitler. There is extensive correspondence with Low's longtime friend H.G. Wells and letters from such well-known contemporaries as David Astor, Lord Beaverbrook, Winston Churchill, Joseph Conrad, Anthony Eden, T.S. Eliot, Sigmund Freud, Aldous Huxley, Ramsey Macdonald, Eleanor Roosevelt, George Bernard Shaw, Rebecca West, and P.G. Wodehouse. The archive also contains notes and typescripts for many of Low's articles, broadcasts, speeches and lectures, and the manuscript for an unfinished book about cartoons. Thirteen boxes of loose clippings, leaflets, menu cards, and other ephemera illustrated by Low supplement eighteen bound scrap books of similar materials, including a large number of Low's cartoons and articles.

Grants

• Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, has received a total of \$1,300,000 from Helmer R. and the late M. Helen Myklebust, one of the largest gifts ever received by the institution. Myklebust, a 1933 graduate, is a world-renowned scholar in the field of learning disabilities and exceptional children. A fund of \$300,000 will provide for needed library automation, humidification and air conditioning, and a rare book room, while a trust fund of \$1,000,000 will be used for general support of the library and related programs.

• Central Washington University, Ellensburg, has received its largest library gift ever, a \$206,000 bequest from Roy and Isabel Tullis. Proceeds from the trust will be used for library programs and for CWU students planning library careers.

• The Commission on Preservation and Access, Washington, D.C., has received a \$1.5 million grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to continue its work to foster a national, collaborative program to save the country's brittle library collections. The funds will be used primarily for research and demonstration projects, including ongoing development of the large-scale production activity necessary to film hundreds of thousands of volumes each year; enhancement of online access to bibliographic records of materials that have been filmed or are to be filmed; refinement of the process of selection of materials to be filmed; and encouraging the continued development of alternative technologies for preserving deteriorated materials. The grant is one of several made to major institutions for similar purposes; others include Yale University, the University of California at Berkeley (*see below*), and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation, Champaign, Illinois, representing the Big 10 universities and the University of Chicago.

• Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Buhl Foundation of Pittsburgh to develop an automated reference center, which will include the automation of the library catalog. The grant is being matched by \$10,000 from an alumnus. The three-year project will coincide with participation in the Access PA CD-ROM interlibrary loan project.

• Harvard University's Loeb Library, Cambridge, Massachusetts, is the site of the first endowed chair in music librarianship, through the creation of life-income trusts by Richard F. French, a 1937 graduate and Yale University of Music professor emeritus. French, who is now teaching at the Juilliard School in New York City, was formerly assistant professor of music at Harvard, and has held many other positions. He has made other notable contributions to Harvard, in 1973 and 1981. The Loeb Library's exhibition gallery is now named for him.

• The John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library, Boston, Massachusetts, has received a \$50,000 grant from the Marjorie Kovler Fund to establish the Marjorie Kovler Research Fellowship, the first such named fellowship. The fund will assist scholars undertaking research at the Library.

• The National Academy of Public Administration, Washington, D.C., has received a \$195,000 year-long contract from the National Archives and Records Administration to study the effects of electronic recordkeeping on the federal government. The study is the result of a growing concern that the use of electronic media could jeopardize the documentation of important government business. The NAPA staff plans to collect data on the electronic

recordkeeping practices of Federal agencies through approximately 1,000 questionnaires mailed to key officials and agencies and a series of interviews with records and information managers in 19 agencies. The agencies include the Justice, Defense, and State Departments as well as the U.S. House and Senate. The data will then be analyzed and presented to a panel of 15 experts who will make recommendations to the Archivist. Among the experts serving on the panel are John McDonald, director of automated systems at the National Archives of Canada; former U.S. Archivist Robert M. Warner, now at the University of Michigan; and Joan Hoff Wilson, executive director of the Organization of American Historians. The final report is scheduled to be completed by December 20.

● Ohio University, Athens, recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation to organize a working conference for Southeast Asian librarians from across the United States. The meeting, held May 22–23, 1988, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, was convened to develop a report on needs and priorities of Southeast Asia Collections in meeting research needs in the next decade. Representatives from the Library of Congress, the Center for Research Libraries, and the Association for Asian Studies also attended. The report will guide reviewers for the Foundation in awarding major grants in a competition scheduled this fall.

● Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, has received nine new endowments totalling more than \$250,000 from individuals or families associated with the university. The announcement of the endowments came at the April 26 celebration of SIU's acquisition of its two millionth volume, a first edition of John Milton's *Areopagitica* (London, 1644). Income from the endowments has been designated for enhancing collections in Spanish literature and Hispanic linguistics; engineering and medicine; philosophy; criminology and criminal justice; journalism and communications; freedom of the press; chemistry; history; and business and banking.

● The University of California, Berkeley, has received a grant of \$500,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to be used for the preservation of endangered research materials. The award is a key element in the success of the Comprehensive Preservation Project, funded in January by the National Endowment for the Humanities to enable Berkeley to improve the condition of its Western European humanities collections. The NEH grant required the university to raise \$500,000 in matching funds, which the present grant represents. The Mellon grant will be used to rescue some 22,000 volumes, either through rebinding, repair, or replacement through microfilming, photocopying, or commercially purchased replacements. It is expected that 7,000 volumes are too deteriorated to be saved except by microfilming. The volumes to

be preserved will be those with lasting research value that are in poor physical condition, with an emphasis on titles currently in heavy use. Each title will also be entered onto OCLC or RLIN.

News notes

● Arizona State University's West Campus, Phoenix, dedicated its first building, a 95,000-square foot library, on March 31. The West Campus Library, as well as classes and faculty offices, have occupied leased space since the establishment of the branch campus in 1984. Fletcher Library, named for benefactors, will be the architectural focal point of the campus, a reflection of the values of both planners and administrators.

● Harvard University Library's online catalog will be accessible by personal computer from faculty offices and dormitory rooms and at numerous terminals throughout the library system, beginning this September. HOLLIS (Harvard On-Line Library Information System) provides access to the holdings of 80% of the Harvard libraries and is currently available only to HUL staff. The system is a modification of NOTIS.

● Indiana University Libraries, Bloomington, is the first OCLC/National Coordinated Cataloging Operations (NACO) institution to begin contributing authority records to the Library of Congress via the Linked Systems Project. The first authority records were sent to the online national authority file at LC on March 3. Indiana has participated in the NACO project since 1981 and contributes approximately 5,000 new authority records annually. The Linked Systems Project involves direct computer links between LC, RLIN, and OCLC. The NACO program is in the first phase of using the applications component of the Linked Systems Project to enhance the program. Eventually the linked systems will be used to transfer bibliographic records between the participants.

● The University of Michigan Undergraduate Library, Ann Arbor, has developed a program to introduce freshmen and other new students to the university's library resources. The Peer Information Counseling (PIC) program links trained upperclassmen with minority and other undergraduates who need bibliographic instruction. The PIC counselors are minority students who are paid to teach new students to use word processing programs and find relevant sources in the library. The program's peer approach sets the Michigan program apart from other user instruction methods. Students learn about the services from weekly advertisements in the student newspaper, in brochures distributed around campus, in the PIC newsletter, and from PIC counselors' visits to residence halls. ■■