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News From the Sections

LAW AND POLITICAL SCIENCE SUBSECTION

Editor's Note: The following letter was submitted for publication in *College & Research Libraries*. It was the opinion of the editors of both *College & Research Libraries* and *College & Research Libraries News* that since the conference was publicized in the *News* that the letter should also be printed in the *News*.

To the Editor:

As co-directors of a scheduled ALA Pre-Conference Institute on Legal Bibliography, we feel an obligation to explain why this institute was cancelled.

Our participation in the activities of the Law and Political Science Subsection of the Subject Specialist Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries made us aware of the great interest of librarians working with social science materials in legal literature. The good attendance at the meeting on the literature of the U.S. Supreme Court sponsored by the Law and Political Science Subsection at the Atlantic City meeting of ALA further convinced us of the interest of many librarians in legal literature.

Consequently, one of the undersigned, as chairman of the subsection, suggested the possibility of a Pre-Conference Institute on Legal Bibliography at Detroit to the Executive Secretary of ACRL, and received encouragement for it. We then proceeded to lay plans for such an institute, recruited additional faculty, and arranged for the institute to be hosted, at no cost to ALA, by the School of Law of Wayne State University. The Subsection Ex-

ecutive Committee met at Chicago at the Mid-winter meeting of ALA, and final plans were approved by the Chairman of the Subject Specialist Section and the Executive Secretary of ACRL.

Subsequently, we arranged for free distribution to enrollees of sample copies of bibliographic tools, and a free cocktail party and dinner. All of this would have been available to participants for only \$50.00, with practically no expenses incurring to the American Library Association; in fact, ALA would have received a substantial profit from the institute.

During the entire planning phase of this meeting, we received no support from ALA Headquarters. All typing and publicity had to be arranged for at our respective schools.

Suddenly, in the middle of May, we were informed for the first time that the faculty

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participants would be required, by an ALA regulation, to pay the fifty-dollar registration fee!

We felt that this was too much! We were willing to fulfill our professional obligation by paying our own expenses to come to Detroit and expected no remuneration for our time and services. We think that professionalism is not unilateral. We understand our responsibility toward our profession, but an organization such as the American Library Association must also respond professionally. To ask us, or our universities, to pay for an institute where our participation is to benefit others and not ourselves or our institutions appears to us to be most unprofessional.

Our subsequent attempts to determine the rationale for such a regulation have been without success. We have received replies from

various staff members that the regulation does exist—but no one seems to know why. This experience tends to confirm the often-expressed statement that ALA seems to operate more for the benefit of its staff than its membership.

We sincerely regret the inconvenience we may have caused any librarian inconvenienced by the cancellation of the Pre-Conference Institute on Legal Bibliography. But if these events cause the American Library Association to re-examine this absurd regulation, we will know that all of the time and effort expended on the Institute will have at least accomplished some good.

Respectfully submitted, Roy M. Mersky, Professor of Law and Director of Research, University of Texas, and J. Myron Jacobstein, Law Librarian and Professor of Law, Stanford University. ■■

Personnel

APPOINTMENTS

ROBERT J. BASSETT has been named undergraduate librarian at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

MRS. BEATRICE M. BECK is now librarian of the Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, Claremont, California.

DALE M. BENTZ, formerly associate director of libraries at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, has been named university librarian.

LINDA BERMAN is now assistant acquisitions librarian at New York City Community College.

BARBARA BORDEN has been appointed art cataloger at the Williams College library, Williamstown, Massachusetts.

EARL C. BORCESON is now associate director of libraries for Stanford University, Stanford, California.

RICHARD H. CORSON becomes librarian at the State University of New York Maritime College, Fort Schuyler, New York, on September 4, 1970.

S. JAMES CORVEY has accepted the position of head cataloger in the central processing unit at Miami-Dade Junior College, Florida.

DR. LESLIE W. DUNLAP, formerly director of libraries at the University of Iowa, Iowa City, has been named dean of library administration.

MRS. FELICIA FELDER is now undergraduate assistant reference librarian at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

MRS. GAIL M. FITCH was appointed instructor in library science and assistant serials librarian in the Texas A&M library effective April 1, 1970.

MRS. CAROL M. FOGGIN is now a cataloger at the University of Tennessee library, Knoxville.

RAYMOND E. FRANKLE has been appointed assistant director for technical services in the library of the new Richard Stockton State College, Galloway Township, New Jersey.

JERE W. FRAZER has been appointed assistant librarian-cataloger in the Wilson College library, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

PETER HIATT will be Director, Continuing Education Program for Library Personnel, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, the appointment effective September 1.

HELEN CAROL JONES is now a cataloger at the University of Tennessee library, Knoxville.

ELAINE M. KEEBLER has joined the staff of Edinboro State College, Edinboro, Pennsylvania, as serials librarian.

WILLIAM R. LEE joins the staff of the Iowa State University (Ames) library as instructor and physical sciences engineering bibliographer on September 1, 1970.

DENNIS P. LEEPER has been named assistant director for reader services at Edinboro State College, Edinboro, Pennsylvania.

JOHN P. MCGOVERN, M.D., has received an honorary appointment as curator of rare books for the Houston Academy of Medicine library for the Texas Medical Center.

KATHERINE M. MARKEE has been appointed personnel officer in the Purdue University libraries. She was previously a member of reference services at Purdue.

CHARLES E. MILLER has accepted the appointment of assistant director of the Tulane University library, New Orleans, Louisiana.

MRS. CHARLOTTE MILLIS joins the staff of the Lilly Library, Wabash College, Crawfordsville, Indiana, in September as reference librarian.