

Pressler letter to FCC. Twenty-seven Senators signed a letter delivered to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Mark Fowler May 8. The letter, initiated by Sen. Larry Pressler (R-SD), asked the FCC to consider a library private line service under which carriers would furnish entities providing nonprofit bibliographic services with unswitched point-to-point and multipoint service under the terms and conditions in effect September 30, 1983, with modest annual adjustments.

"We believe that without such a class of service, universal access to information through libraries is seriously jeopardized," said the letter which, in addition to Pressler, was signed by Sens. Boren, Boschwitz, Burdick, Byrd, Danforth, Dixon, Domenici, Eagleton, Evans, Ford, Hecht, Kasten, Laxalt, Levin, Melcher, Mitchell, Moynihan, Nunn, Pell, Pryor, Randolph, Sarbanes, Stennis, Thurmond, Tower, and Tribble.

A total of 27 signatures is considered very good. By way of comparison, the January letter from Sen. Robert Dole to the FCC which influenced the FCC to modify its access charge orders which in turn influenced the Senate to drop its telephone legislation was signed by a total of 32 Senators. Letters of thanks to Pressler and cosigners would be appropriate.

LC deacidification facility. Bills to authorize the Library of Congress to construct a mass book deacidification facility have been approved by the Senate Rules and Administration Committee and the House Public Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee. S. 2418 (S. Rept. 98-429) and HR 5607 would authorize \$11.5 million for a building to be constructed at Fort Detrick, an army facility near Frederick, Maryland; the building would include testing facilities as well as two large vacuum chambers to accomodate pallets of books to be treated with diethyl zinc vapor.

The DEZ process was developed by LC, and will neutralize the acid in book paper and leave a zinc carbonate residue thereby extending the life of the materials 400-600 years. The life of most book paper produced since about 1850 is only 30-40 years, due to the chemicals used in the sizing process combining with moisture in the air to produce acids which cause the paper to disintegrate. Of the Library's law and general book collections, 3 million are beyond help; 10 million would benefit from DEZ treatment. The new facility would treat 500,000 books per year at a cost of \$3-5 each.

The House subcommittee held a brief hearing with LC witnesses before approving the bill on May 8. The Senate committee devoted the afternoon of April 11 to the problem of book preservation, complete with an LC slide/tape presentation. Witnesses included Librarian of Congress Daniel Boorstin and LC Preservation Office Director Peter Sparks; for the Association of Research Libraries, Carolyn Harris, Preservation Department, Columbia University Libraries, and Susan Martin, Library Director, Johns Hopkins University; and for ALA, Gary Strong, California State Library. Harris also noted that she is the incoming chair of RTSD's Preservation of Library Materials Section.

NARS commemorative stamp. A twenty-cent, first-class commemorative stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the National Archives and Records Service was issued at the Archives on April 16. The handsome stamp features silhouettes of Presidents Washington and Lincoln and the motto of the (cont'd on p. 321)

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Edinburgh on July 19-22, 1983. The three papers by North American speakers are: "Management Involvement in Library User Education: Inspiration, Toleration, or Participation?" by Mary W. George, Sharon A. Hogan, and Anne K. Beaubien; "Computer-Assisted Instruction in Academic Libraries," by Elizabeth Walker and Patricia Culkin; and "Videotex: A New Approach to Library Instruction," by Gerry Meek. Copies may be ordered for £12 from INFUSE Publications, Loughborough University of Technology Library, Loughborough, Leicestershire LE11 3TU, United Kingdom. ISBN 0-946084-15-7.

• *Toward a Usable Past: Historical Records in the Empire State* (74 pages, January 1984) is the first comprehensive assessment of historical records programs in New York. It was part of the NASARA project mentioned above under "Documenting America," and consists of the New York State Historical Records Advisory Board's report to the governor and citizens of New York. A copy may be requested from Larry J. Hackman, State Archivist and Historical Records Coordinator, New York State Archives, Room 10A46, Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230. ■■

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