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Professor P. N. Kaula is an eminent librarian, a prolific writer, an organizer, a leader, and a distinguished teacher with universal recognition. He is one of the foremost disciples of the late Dr. S. R. Ranganathan and has been a dominating personality in the Indian library movement since the 1950s. Due to his matchless contributions, sixty-two librarians from all over the world have honored him by contributing articles on various aspects of library science in *March of Library Science: Kaula Festschrift*.

This monumental volume is divided into fourteen parts (A-N) under different subject headings, such as philosophy of library science, comparative librarianship, organization of knowledge, cataloging of documents, document procurement, bibliographical organization, information transfer, scientific management, education for librarianship, university and research libraries, and school libraries. Some of the prominent contributors to this festschrift are Jesse H. Shera, Nasser Sharify, Edward Holley, J. F. Harvey, Anis Khurshid, G. Bhattacharyya, S. N. Raghav, K. W. Humphreys, and Clare Lilija.

The essays throw light on the progress of various aspects of library science in India, the United States, Latin America, the Republic of South Africa, the Socialist Republic of Serbia, Germany, Sri Lanka, Israel, Iran, the German Democratic Republic, France, the USSR, and England. Thus the festschrift has an international coverage. There are chapters on Melvil Dewey, the role of UNESCO in the development of libraries and librarianship, NUC pre-1956 imprints, the information explosion, the role of microfilms in research libraries, and costing in university libraries. In short, it is an excellent collection of essays with a few minor omissions. N. R. Satyanarayana in his essay "A Survey of Literature in Periodicals in India," for example, did not mention the existence of the *Indian Librarian*, the oldest

leading quarterly library journal of India. On the other hand, there are some excellent essays, one of which is Nasser Sharify's "Beyond the National Frontiers: The International Dimension of Changing Library Education for a Changing World." In this essay the author talks about the changing role of librarians and says, "They [librarians] wish to be contributors to knowledge rather than to remain solely the makers of the keys to the treasury of knowledge." In his view, "The librarians of tomorrow would be more than mere organizers of recorded knowledge. They would take part in reshaping and creating it. The key to the treasury would remain in their hands; however, the nature and the shape of the key would change."

Dean Shera, in his essay "Of Peacocks, Elephants, and the Philosophy of Librarianship," has suggested that American librarians should borrow rich philosophical traditions from India and give Indians "our technical expertise, or machines" and make the international cooperation more meaningful and practical.

Most of the essays are well written and very informative. Scholars and librarians can glean information on various aspects of librarianship in different countries in this book; it is a valuable addition to the library literature. Though the price of this festschrift is very high, it is recommended for all types of libraries and librarians.—*Ravindra N. Sharma, Colgate University, Hamilton, New York.*

Lane, Jack C. *America's Military Past: A Guide to Information Sources*. American Government and History Information Guide Series, V.7. Detroit: Gale, 1980. 280p. \$28. LC 74-11571. ISBN 0-8103-1205-0.

The subject of this well-arranged bibliography is the history, and the many phases or parts thereof, of American military forces (militia, regular army, Army Air Force, National Guard, marines; the navy is not included) from the early 1600s to the present. This is covered by 1,743 numbered citations, plus an addendum of 32 entries, of books and articles on the organization, administration, and composition of such forces by federal and local government, in

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regard to their employment, deployment, and performances domestically and in foreign wars, in regard to their leaders, and also in regard to American public reaction to and support (or lack of it) for a developed standing army.

Chapter 1 lists writings covering these topics throughout the nation's history while the remaining seven chapters are set up to cover the topics chronologically in well-defined and significant periods, as from 1607 to 1783 or from 1783 to 1815, which is a good, useful arrangement and in fact seems the only logical one. Concluding the book are an author index and a subject index whose simplicity and brevity increase their usefulness.

A helpful feature is found in the compiler's short descriptive annotations on the content of most of the works listed; these are of considerable aid to the user in choosing which items would be worthwhile to pursue or peruse. Sometimes, however, the annotations make one wonder why some writings happen to have been included:

such cases are certain biographies and personal narratives, some writings having to do with nonmilitary groups such as Tories in the 1770s or suffering southern civilians during the Civil War, some reports on international politics and propaganda, the CIA, or American industry in more recent wars. Such writings appear to this writer to be outside a strict concept of subject context, but they are not numerous.

On the other hand, while there are some relevant citations, there could have been more in respect to the major armaments developed and employed from period to period and also the weapons, accoutrements, uniforms, and way of life of the soldiers composing the armed forces over the years. Some of the early official publications giving guidelines and regulations from when our military strength was first being formally organized might have been included, too.

While pagination is always given, it would be helpful if some small mention or signal had been included to let one know whether illustrations, maps, or charts are present in a cited work.

These criticisms are, however, all minor ones, and perhaps carping, because overall this is a bibliography that is compact, comprehensive, and easy to use. The compiler has made a very good selection of informative materials, resulting from what must have been lengthy and exhaustive searching. The citations are arranged in convenient groupings or sequence and also in a typographical format that is, happily, easy on the eyes. And, finally, Professor Lane's descriptive annotations—which represent much time spent by him, even to making them as concise as they are—are invaluable and will save any researcher using this book much of his own time.—*Richard B. Harrington, Anne S. K. Brown Military Collection, Providence, Rhode Island.*

Asby, Peter, and Campbell, Robert. *Microform Publishing*. London, Boston: Butterworths, 1979. 189p. + 1 microfiche. \$36.95. LC 79-40407. ISBN 0-408-10606-9. (Available from: Butterworths, 10 Tower Office Park, Woburn, MA 01801.)

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