#### News From the Field

#### ACQUISITIONS

• The LIBRARY OF CONCRESS has acquired an autograph letter of Benjamin Franklin, written August 15, 1765 in London to Francis Hopkinson in Philadelphia. Apparently unpublished and unknown, the letter was obtained through the Heineman Foundation for Research, Educational, Charitable and Scientific Purposes, Inc. All of the letter is of major significance, but the reference to the armonica, an invention of Franklin, is doubly so.

• Dr. Lawrence W. Towner, director and librarian of the NEWBERRY LIBRARY, has announced the acquisition by the library of a long-missing manuscript of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The work is a soprano concert aria, Conservati fedele, Köchel listing no. 23. The manuscript comes to the Newberry through the bequest of Mrs. Claire von der Marwitz, who died in 1967. She will be remembered by opera specialists as Claire Dux, a leading Mozart performer of the early years of the century. Her bequest to the Newberry specifically comprises her music, and also includes such items as a first edition of Schubert's Winterreise along with the scores which she used in her musical career. The manuscript now joins other Mozart autographs which she presented to the Newberry, including the Kontretänze, K. 610.

• Mrs. James H. Townsend and Mrs. John Gallishaw have given a substantial collection of Robert Frost material to Lamson library, PLYM-OUTH STATE COLLEGE. Included are letters from Robert Frost to Mrs. George Browne, friend and confidante of Frost and father of the donors, prepublication typescripts of various poems by Frost, autographed first editions of several of his books, unpublished photographs taken at Franconia, New Hampshire, and miscellaneous other material by or about Frost.

• On Saturday, October 19, the unveiling of the inscription—"In Memory of John Quinn" on the benefactors' pylons in the main lobby of the Fifth Avenue library opened the ceremony which marked the official announcement of the gift to the NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY'S manuscript division of the John Quinn Memorial Collection. The collection holds the personal correspondence which Quinn wrote and received from about 1900 until his death in New York City at the age of 55 in 1924. The donor, Mary Anderson Conroy, Quinn's niece and goddaughter, was the principal participant at the ceremony together with her husband, Dr. Thomas F. Conroy.

The Library first received Quinn materials in 1936. Under Quinn's will, Mrs. Jeanne Robert Foster edited a transcribed selection from his personal correspondence for deposit in the Library. In 1962, Mrs. Conroy began systematically to give to the Library sections of her uncle's correspondence including the originals of the transcriptions. The John Quinn Memorial Collection consists of 72 letterfile boxes, 16 folders, and some 30 letterpress copy books representing thousands of letters, notes, telegrams, and cables reflecting Quinn's years of friendship with members of the Irish Literary Revival, the artists of The Paris School, and English and American writers whose work he advanced through his financial patronage.

• The director of libraries of KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, Hyman W. Kritzer, has announced the acquisition through purchase and gift of the definitive collection of Raymond Chandler formed by Professor Matthew J. Bruccoli. Raymond Chandler, best known as the author of *The Big Sleep*, has been called the Shakespeare of detective writers; and his work has been highly esteemed in Europe, where he is regarded as a major author.

The 250 volume collection of Chandler's works is supplemented by Professor Bruccoli's collections of American hard-boiled writers. Professor Bruccoli, a leading bibliographer and authority in American literature, compiled Raymond Chandler: a Check List published by the Kent State University Press in 1968. Half of the collection acquired was donated by Professor Bruccoli in honor of the Kent State University libraries forthcoming celebration to mark the acquisition of its 500,000th volume.

• The UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH has recently purchased a collection of books and papers of the late Ramon Gomez de la Serna, a contemporary Spanish writer. The collection includes the only existing copies of several works, first editions of all but two of the novelistessayist's works, original manuscripts for seven unpublished works, notes for revising eight published works, notes for revising eight published works, correspondence, offprints of newspaper articles and reviews, and a collection of 500 articles.

• Lab Band director Leon Breeden and music librarian Vernon Martin of the NORTH TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY announced the purchase of a collection of books, recordings, tapes and discographies of the work of jazz musician Duke Ellington. The collection was acquired from the widow of Houston attorney Rhodes Baker, an ardent jazz buff and collector of Ellington's works. The collection, amounting to approximately 600 78 rpm records and 400 LP, 45 rpm records, transcriptions and tapes of rehearsals, broadcasts and interviews, will be stored in the music library at NTSU. Additional material, such as the biographies and discographies, will be added to the music research library.

#### AWARDS, GIFTS, GRANTS

• The British Office for Scientific and Technical Information has awarded a grant to the COLLECE OF LIBRARIANSHIP, WALES, to investigate the relative performance of four indexing systems in the field of library science and documentation. The project is being directed by A. C. Foskett of the Department of Information Retrieval Studies. The indexing systems being compared are:

- 1. the SMART computer system. This uses the natural language of documents abstracts and requires no intellectual effort on the part of the indexer. Professor G. Salton of Cornell University, has agreed to cooperate by running searches on SMART.
- a post-coordinate keyword system. This will involve the use of optical-coincidence cards. A thesaurus for the system will be constructed in collaboration with Aslib.
- 3. *a faceted classification*. The classification to be used is one developed by the Classification Research Group.
- 4. *relational indexing*. This will involve the use of the same terms as the faceted classification, but they will be linked by the nine relations between terms developed by J. E. L. Farradane at City University, London.

• INFORMATION DYNAMICS CORPORATION (IDC) of Reading, Massachusetts, has been awarded a \$75,000 contract by the U.S. Office of Education, to conduct a study which will provide the library and information services community with an in-depth analysis and history of the experience the Federal Government has had in automating library and information services. The work on the contract will be performed by IDC's Washington Division located in Bethesda, Maryland. The Federal Library Committee, through its task force on automation, is serving as an advisory committee for the project.

• The NATIONAL BOOK COMMITTEE, INC., has received a grant of nearly \$250,000 from the Bureau of Research of the U.S. Office of Education for the first phase of a four-stage, nationwide project designed to help develop the facilities, procedures, and programs of educational media selection centers. Ultimately the project is intended to reinforce educational excellence in the Nation's elementary and secondary schools by demonstrating a variety of ways "to put the best educational resources, ideas and innovations within the reach of students, their teachers and librarians," according to Mason Gross, President of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, and a vice chairman of the National Book Committee.

As proposed, the Educational Media Selection Centers Project will be carried out in four related, successive stages over a 71/2-year period. Phase I, now funded and underway, is an 18month survey and study of centers already being operated at national, regional, state and local levels. The report will provide the basis for Phase II-the creation of guidelines suggesting standards for comprehensive educational media selection centers. Phase III calls for encouraging implementation of the guidelines by establishing model or "demonstration" facilities in a variety of locations and administrative situations, and Phase IV will be devoted to evaluating demonstration centers and disseminating results to librarians, educators, and related organizations through a coordinated communications network of publications and films.

• Professor Matthew J. Bruccoli has assigned the royalties from a recent work, *The Profession of Authorship in America, 1800-1870*, by William Charvat, to the OHIO STATE UNI-VERSITY libraries to expand the William Charvat Collection of American Fiction, one of the largest of early American fiction. In this book, published by the Ohio State University Press, Professor Bruccoli has collected and edited the unpublished writings of the late Professor Charvat, a member of the English department of the Ohio State University from 1944 to 1966.

#### BUILDINGS

• Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes and Senator Mark Hatfield of Oregon were the chief speakers at a ceremony October 4 in Fremont, Ohio, dedicating two new wings of the RUTHERFORD B. HAYES STATE MEMORIAL LI-BRARY AND MUSEUM. Of the two new extensions of this Presidential library, directed by Watt P. Marchman, one is a library wing encompassing three stack floors to house books on Hayes and Ohio history and the Hayes Papers, and the other is a museum wing enhancing the memorial's facilities for exhibits on the life of Hayes, the Hayes family, and on the background and times of Ohio's second President.

• The library facilities of UNION COLLECE, Lincoln, Nebraska, have been increased by a new addition joining the former library building and the music hall. New quarters include library entrance and circulation desk, reference area, card catalog and lounge area, and additional offices, workrooms, reader space, stacks and study carrels. The second floor includes a choral room, classroom, and faculty offices for the music department. The addition increased the library's total floor space by 8,622 square feet, bringing the total floor space to 28,414 square feet.

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JAN. 27-JUNE 5: Institute in information science, University of Southern California. Participants will be admitted on a highly selective basis. Each person will be paid \$75 per week, with \$15 per week for each dependent. Persons who are admissable and who wish credit may earn from nine to twelve units of course credit during the semester. Further information about this institute may be obtained by writing to: The Dean, School of Library Science, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, California 90007, Telephone: (213) 746-2548.

FEB. 10-11: Institute in Cleveland jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress Information Systems Office, the Division of Library Automation of ALA, and Case Western Reserve University school of library science to explain the organization and use of LC's MARC magnetic tapes which became available for distribution beginning Oct. 1. The program is directed at catalogers, acquisitions librarians, heads of these departments, data processing librarians and heads of technical processes. Registration is limited to 100. Send name and address to: ISAD/LC MARC Institutes, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611, with fee of \$43.

MAR. 24-25: Institute in Los Angeles jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress Information Systems Office, the Division of Library Automation of ALA, and UCLA libraries to explain the organization and use of LC's MARC magnetic tapes which became available for distribution beginning Oct. 1. The program is directed at catalogers, acquisitions librarians, heads of these departments, data processing librarians and heads of technical processes. Registration is limited to 100. Send name and to: ISAD/LC MARC address Institutes, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611, with fee of \$47.

APRIL 14-15: Institute in Houston jointly sponsored by the Library of Congress Information Systems Office, the Division of Library Automation of ALA, and the Rice University libraries, to explain the organization and use of LC's MARC magnetic tapes which became available for distribution beginning Oct. 1. The program is directed at catalogers, acquisitions librarians, heads of these departments, data processing librarians and heads of technical processes. Registration is limited to 100. Send name and address to: ISAD/LC MARC Institutes, American Library Association, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, Ill. 60611, with fee of \$47.

MAY 5-9: A general call has been issued for "free communications," or unsolicited papers, for the Third International Congress of Medical Librarianship 1969, in Amsterdam, Papers should be 2,000 to 2,500 words long and may be submitted in one of the five Congress languages-English, French, German, Russian, and Spanish. Each paper should be accompanied by an abstract of not more than fifty words in English. October 15, 1968 is the final date for submission of papers. They should be addressed to the Office of the Secretary-General, Third International Congress of Medical Librarianship, c/o Excerpta Medica Foundation, 119 Herengracht, Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The theme of the Congress is "World Progress in Medical Librarianship." The subject areas include the contribution of medical libraries toward an increase of biomedical knowledge; the functions of medical libraries in the transmission of biomedical knowledge; the functions of the organization of medical knowledge: indexing and classification; modern information systems in medicine; technical developments in the medical library field; and problems of medical information systems and centers in developing countries. There will be invited lecturer's, as well as contributed, papers. Registration fee is \$50 if paid before January 1; \$60 thereafter. Registration forms are available from the office of the Secretary-General. Information about special transportation to Amsterdam from the United States will be available from Mrs. Jacqueline W. Felter, The Medical Library Center of New York, 17 East 102 Street, New York 10029, and for Canada from Miss Doreen Fraser, Dalhousie University Medical Dental Library, Carleton and College Streets, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

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OCT. 26-30: 68th annual meeting of the Medical Library Association will be held at the Brown Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Miss Joan Titley, director of the Kornhauser Memorial Medical library, University of Louisville, is convention chairman. The advance program and registration forms will be a part of the May, 1969 issue of *MLA News*.

#### MISCELLANY

• A recent law enacted in Brazil and published in the *Diário Oficial* of July 10, 1968, will be of interest to libraries purchasing Brazilian works for their collections. This brief Law 5,471 prohibits the exportation of libraries or collections of early imprints and documents published from the 16th to the 19th centuries ("editadas nos séculos XVI a XIX"). The prohibition extends to individual publications which might have been sold from any library or collection which had been broken up or otherwise distributed and to any isolated items of this nature. Exportation is also prohibited for newspaper runs over 10 years old and of musical scores, both original and early copies. Violation of the prohibition to export is punishable, and the materials are subject to confiscation enuring to the benefit of the public or national patrimony.

• The 500,000th volume in the book collection of the library, UNIVERSITY OF CALI-FORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, was presented by the Friends of the UCSB library in a special ceremony on October 5 following an open house of the library's new eight story addition to the building. The book selected by the Friends as the 500,000th was the six folio volumes bound in three, Foulis Press, Virgil and Homer, in red morocco, extra-illustrated, by Walther, Clasgow, 1756-1758.

• The UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, has assembled a definitive James Branch Cabell collection for inclusion in its Modern Authors Collection. The collection includes all but three of the titles listed in the 1957 bibliography of Cabell which was compiled by Francis Joan Brewer.

• The AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INFORMA-TION SCIENCE (ASIS) has presented its 1968 Award of Merit to Dr. Carlos A. Cuadra, manager of the library and documentation systems department of System Development Corporation, Santa Monica, California. The citation to Dr. Cuadra states that the Award of Merit is given him "In recognition and appreciation of his initiative, development, editorship, and continued improvement of the Annual Review of Information Science and Technology, and his contribution to improving the quality and usefulness of the annual meetings of the Society."

• RICHARD A. DEGENNARO, associate librarian at Harvard University, is teaching courses in library automation at the University of Southern California while on a one-year leave of absence from Harvard. In the spring semester he will serve as co-director of an Institute in Information Science for the library school.

• The Alumni Association of WESTERN MICHICAN UNIVERSITY presented the University Libraries with the facsimile edition of the *Gut*enberg Bible for the 500,000th volume added to the collections.

• The WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY libraries are serving extension students enrolled in three cities and from three separate universities. Students from the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University studying in Benton Harbor, Grand Rapids and Muskegon can request on a "hot-line" teletype system library materials need-

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• JANIECE FUSARO, librarian at Anoka-Ramsey State Junior College received the "Librarian of the Year Award" on October 10 from the Minnesota Library Association at its annual convention.

• ALFRED UNIVERSITY'S executive trustee committee has approved faculty status for professional librarians at the university's Herrick Memorial library and at the library of the State University College of Ceramics at Alfred University. The change in status will take effect September 8, 1969.

• PAULINE M. VAILLANCOURT has left her position as chief librarian of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York to become a full time consultant specializing in medical and scientific libraries. Her address is Box 624, Lenox Hill Station, New York, New York 10021.

 The UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER'S Rush Rhees library has joined a new network linking more than 30 area libraries, it was announced by George R. Parks, acting director of libraries. The new system, called Interlibrary Loan Network (ILN) will provide research materials to libraries in a five county area. Rush Rhees and the Rochester Public libraries are the two largest participants in the group, which also includes the libraries of the Eastman Kodak Company, Xerox Corporation, and other area colleges. ILN, a project of the Rochester Regional Research Library Council, is made possible through the statewide Reference and Research Resources program of the New York State Library. ILN represents the first formal effort of area libraries to share resources in the greater Rochester area.

#### PUBLICATIONS

• The Conference of Jewish Social Studies has announced the publication of a *Cumulative Index of Jewish Social Studies*, Vols. I—XXV, compiled by Max M. Rothschild. This index of authors, subjects, books, periodicals, personalities, locations and institutions, will make the entire contents of *Jewish Social Studies* easily accessible to its users. Information on the volume may be obtained from the Conference on Jewish Social Studies, 1841 Broadway, New York, New York 10023.

• The Directory of the Medical Library Association, compiled to July 1, 1968 lists the addresses of more than 2000 individuals and institutions. Individuals are in alphabetical order; institutions are arranged geographically and telephone numbers are given. In order to provide an inexpensive mailing list for non-members, copies are available from the Medical Library Association, 919 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60611 upon advance payment of \$25.

• A collection of papers on "Expanding Communications in a Shrinking World" is available from the Washington, D.C. Chapter of the Special Libraries Association. Separate treatment is given to information programs in the United Kingdom, Republic of South Africa, Italy, Rumania, India and to two international organizations—the International Federation of Library Associations and the International Federation of Information Processing Societies. Copies of the 54 page, mimeographed document are available a \$3.00 from the Washington, D.C. Chapter, Special Libraries Association, P.O. Box 287, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 10003.

 The Association for Commonwealth Literature and Language Studies at the University of Leeds, England, has recently published "Indian Literature in English: a Select Reading List," by Sushil Kumar Jain, in their Bulletin No. 5 (May, 1968). This work lists over 500 items written by East Indians in English and is intended to be a guide for book selection in the university and college library. There are two parts to the list: Part I comprises reference works, current and retrospective bibliographies, general histories, theses and miscellaneous studies in the field of Indo-Anglian literature. Part II contains works of poetry, drama, short stories, novels and autobiographies. Copies of the list may be obtained from the Association's offices; c/o the School of English, University of Leeds, Leeds 2, England, at 15 shillings each.

• The library, on the occasion of its celebration of the presentation by the Friends of the UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, library of the 500,000th volume, has published with the generous financial support of Mr. William Wreden of Atherton, a portfolio keepsake James J. Guthrie and the Pear Tree Press. The folder includes a note of appreciation by Dr. Donald C. Davidson, an Introduction: "The James Guthrie Pear Tree Press Collection in the Library of the University of California, Santa Barbara," by Dean Andrew Horn of the University of California, Los Angeles school of library service, a James J. Guthrie article "Transition in Printing" from the original typescript and a handlist of the University of California, Santa Barbara, Guthrie Collection by Christian Brun. The keepsake was designed and printed by Mr. William Horton and his Sun Press. Copies are being mailed to the Friends of the UCSB library.

• Xerox Corporation's University Microfilms has been named publisher of *The International Microfilm Journal of Legal Medicine*, a unique medical-legal journal which is distributed only in microimage form. Sponsored by the Milton Helpern Library of Legal Medicine, the journal is published quarterly on microfiche. Editor-in-Chief of the publication is Dr. Milton Helpern, Chief Medical Examiner of the City of New York. Annual subscriptions are \$17.50; single issues \$5.00.

 The Harvard Graduate School of Education, faced with the problem of improving its library facilities, convened a symposium on "Library Technology and Architecture." Six "consultants" contributed reports which formed the basis for an all day conference. The reports and conference transcript have been published in "Library Technology and Architecture, Report of a Conference at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, February 9, 1967." (Cambridge, Mass.: Library, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University, 1968. 51 pp. \$1.00). Most attention was given to possible introduction of new library technology and methodology---decision areas which precede or should precede architectural design. The consultants whose reports are included were: Carl F. J. Overhage, Director, Project INTREX (INformation TRansfer EXperiment), Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Joseph Beckof Director Information Sciences, er. EDUCOM, (Interuniversity Communications Council); Walter H. Kilham, Jr., O'Connor and Kilham, Architects, New York, N.Y.; Richard E. Schutz, Director, Southwest Regional Laboratory for Educational Research and Development; Richard C. Oldham, Assistant Director, Education Division, WGBH-TV Educational Foundation; Theodore R. Conant, Executive Producer, Education Division, WGBH-TV Educational Foundation.

• Brief descriptions in German and English of 55 mechanized systems and mechanization projects in West German documentation centers and libraries are contained in a new publication: Mechanization in Documentation in the Federal Republic of Germany. Third Compilation: Position as at 1st January 1968. The entries are arranged by subject fields. Libraries are listed separately. There is an index of institutions with addresses and a person index. Copies are available from Zentralstelle für maschinelle Dokumentation, 6 Frankfurt am Main, Holzhausenstrasse 44, West Germany. The price is about \$2.00.

 The Brazilian Institute of Bibliography and Documentation (IBBD) has issued a new edition of Periódicos Brasileiros de Cultura which lists 2,049 periodicals currently published in Brazil. To the extent the information was available to the Institute, each entry includes the name and address of the publisher, the year in which publication commenced, the frequency, and, for appropriate publications, in which index or bibliography it appears. Newspapers are not included, but a few of their regular supplements on special topics are. In addition to a subject index, there is also an alphabetical list of titles with reference to the numbered entry. More than 800 Brazilian publications that have ceased or suspended publication or that failed to respond to the Institute's questionnaire are listed separately. The Institute plans to publish supplements to this edition containing new serial titles, changes of title, publications that cease or suspend publication, and revisions, as necessary, of entries in the current edition. Copies of Periódicos Brasileiros de Cultura may be purchased at NCr 10,000 each by writing to: Instituto Brasileiro de Bibliografia e Documentação, Avenida General Justo 171, 4°, andar, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. - -

#### HIGHER EDUCATION ACT

On October 1, the President signed H.R. 18037 (Public Law 90-557), the act making appropriations for the Departments of Labor and Health, Education, and Welfare. Included in the act is an appropriation of \$5.5 million for Title II-C of the Higher Education Act.

On October 16, the President signed S. 3769 (Public Law 90-575), the Higher Education Amendments of 1968. The law extends Title II, Part C (National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging) of the Higher Education Act for fiscal year 1969 and the next two succeeding fiscal years. It authorizes an appropriation of \$6 million for fiscal year 1969 and \$11 million for the next two years. In addition, this section of the Act was amended so as to give the Librarian of Congress authority to:

- 1. purchase additional copies of a single title of a book acquired through the Title II-C program.
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