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PROCESSING OF ASIAN STUDIES LIBRARY MATERIALS:

A thorough review of the processes by which Asian Studies materials are ordered, received and made ready for use has been completed. The study was made in response to questions raised by members of faculty, who suggested that the processing of Asian materials be assigned a higher priority.

Although the alternatives open to us are severely limited by the funds available, changes are now being effected from September 1 which should do a great deal to improve the situation.

The principal change is the transfer of most processing activities from the Asian Studies Division to the central processing divisions. To accomplish this, four Asian Studies staff members have been transferred to the Catalogue Divisions and one additional person, a Japanese cataloguer, has been hired. As in other branches, the staff members remaining in the Asian Studies Divison will be concerned mainly with the selection of materials for the collection and with the provision of circulation and reference services to the public. Processing of orders, cataloguing and the preparation of books and catalogues for public use will now be done by the processing divisions of the Main Library.

Integration of processing will permit us to take advantage of the automated processes already in use elsewhere in the Library system. Over a period of time this will mean improved access to materials in backlogs, on order, or in process through the production of printed lists from machine-readable records.

The staff members transferred from Asian Studies to the Catalogue Division are Marian Chen, Sylvia Ng, Kay Tomiye, and Chanjun Choe.

In addition Mrs. Margaret Fukuyama has joined the staff of the Original Cataloguing Division as Japanese language cataloguer. Prior to attending Library School in 1969/70 Margaret was on the staff for ten years. She previously worked several years as Japanese language cataloguer and had stints in the Librarian's Office and, after Library School, on the Information Desk. Margaret has also worked for our upstairs neighbors. We welcome her back.

NEW BOOKS FROM GERMANY:

Due to the decline in the value of the dollar in relation to the D-Mark and a tight budget, the Library has been obliged to curtail its blanket order arrangement for new books published in Germany. Effective immediately, new books in anthropology, geography, sociology, psychology, education, economics and political science will be excluded from the blanket order. Books in these areas which are required for the Library's collection will be ordered by Library staff. Suggestions for purchase will be welcome and should be sent to Miss Dorothy Shields, Bibliography Division.

CANADIAN SERIALS DIRECTORY:

The following letter has been received from the National Library of Australia and constitutes a well-deserved compliment to its recipient:

To Mr. Steven Johnston, Editor, Canadian Serials Directory, University of British Columbia..... 26 July 1973.

Dear Mr. Johnston,

We have recently received a copy of your Canadian serials directory 1972 which we have studied with much interest and admiration for your fine work. The information given for these titles is quite remarkable in its fullness and depth. It makes quite fresh departures in the variety of information it supplies and sets an admirable example.

The National Library of Australia publishes a selective serial listing of Australian titles, Current Australian serials. This gives information on publication details, date of first issue and in which indexing service titles are indexed. Our last edition was the 7th edition revised which was published earlier this year.

It would be most interesting and useful to us if you could supply us with a copy of your questionnaire to serial publishers. Any further information which you have

available in printed form on your Directory would be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,
(Signed) Marie Sexton
for Principal Librarian, Bibliography.

IBM SELECTRIC TYPEWRITER IN SSD:

On occasion the IBM Selectric typewriter in the Social Sciences Division is used by people from other divisions, and it appears that someone inadvertently took with him an almost-full box of 3121 film ribbons. SSD would appreciate the return or replacement of these ribbons and tender their thanks in anticipation.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

In a recent Cataloguing service bulletin LC made the following announcement:

"For many years the Subject Cataloging Division adhered to the practise of not assigning to a work a subject heading which matches exactly the author heading assigned by the descriptive cataloger. This practise has been dropped. In the future subjects will be assigned as required by the work regardless of whether they duplicate the main entry heading or added entries assigned by the descriptive cataloger. Categories to be included in this new procedure are autobiographies, correspondence, corporate histories, corporate reports, general laws, and artistic reproductions with commentaries."

OC and LC cataloguers are now adding subject entries for authors as subjects as outlined in LC's new procedure.

PSEUDONYMS:

Authors writing under pseudonyms have objected to their real names appearing in the CIP (Cataloguing in publication) on the back of the title page. Because of this, LC has announced that it will now be entering these works under pseudonyms and will revise previous main entries accordingly. In the case of certain prolific authors, however, this would mean too much card revision, and for these LC has decided to retain the real name for entries already printed, all publications received subsequently being entered under the pseudonym. Entries under the real name and under the pseudonym will be connected by explanatory references. We shall adopt this new LC practice, but only where LC has done so. In such cases the original author cutter will be retained throughout.

TRIUL STUDY SESSION NO. 1:

The first meeting of what it is hoped will become a continuing series was held on August 16, 1973 at the U.B.C. Library. The session was devoted to statistics and dealt with the publications of the 1971 census of Canada, the CANSIM data bank project of Statistics Canada, the Data Library of U.B.C., and the publications of the Economics and Statistics Branch of the Department of Industrial Development, Trade and Commerce of the Province of B.C. TRIUL - Tri-University Libraries - comprises the three university libraries of B.C. (those of S.F.U., U.Vic and U.B.C.), and the Study Session, hosted by the U.B.C. Library, was the brain-child of its Government Publications Sub-Committee.

A total of sixty-six people attended, including librarians from community colleges and public libraries, representing areas as divergent as Victoria, Prince George and Nanaimo. In spite of an all-day session a number of questions from the floor remained to be discussed for lack of time, so great was the interest generated by the program. The response was such as to encourage the plan of promoting similar sessions in the future to deal with other topics of general interest to librarians.

LABOUR RELATIONS ACT:

Staff members are reminded that copies of the Labour Relations Act are available for their inspection in all divisions and branches and in the Librarian's Office. Two sections are reprinted here in part, in order to point out that the activities of both employers and unions, or persons acting on behalf of employers or unions, are governed by this Act.

Section 4(1). No employer or employers' organization, and no person acting on behalf of an employer or employers' organization, shall participate in or interfere with the formation or administration of a trade union ...

Section 5(1). Except with the consent of the employer, no trade union and no person acting on behalf of a trade union shall attempt at the employer's place of employment during working-hours to persuade an employee of the employer to join or not to join a trade union.

The Library Administration is abiding by Section 4(1). No trade union has asked for the consent of the Library Administration to persuade employees during working-hours