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The Gordon W. Prange Collection in the McKeldin Library, University of Maryland, was described in considerable detail by Frank J. Shulman, Director of the East Asian Collection of that Library, in CEAL Bulletin no. 55 (March 1978), pp. 43-48, and in no. 61 (February 1980), pp. 21-24. It is now our sad duty to report the death of Professor Prange on May 15, 1980. Articles outlining his career appeared in both the Washington Post and the Washington Star on May 17. Although primarily a historian, he contributed greatly to the field of librarianship; indeed, without his efforts it is far from certain that the East Asian Collection at the University of Maryland would even exist.

Professor Prange, who received both his bachelor's degree and his doctorate from the University of Iowa, joined the faculty of the University of Maryland in 1937. For many years he devoted his primary attention to Central Europe, and especially Germany; he spoke German fluently. In line with this interest he was editor of a 400-page work entitled Two decades of national socialism, 1923-1943: Hitler's words, published by the American Council on Public Affairs in 1944. Even after his service in Japan, he never gave up this earlier interest; he and Alina M. Lindegren were joint authors of Education in the German Federal Republic, published by the U.S. Office of Education in 1954.

Professor Prange enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942, and after a period of study in the Navy's military government school at Columbia University, he taught in the military government program at Princeton University. Subsequently he went to Japan with the Allied Occupation, where he remained until 1951, and where he served as both Chief and Chief Historian of the G-2 Section of the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers (SCAP). During his years in Japan he supervised a staff of more than 80 persons, including both American officers and enlisted men and former Japanese officers, in producing a history of World War II operations in the Pacific. This large work was published in 1966 in two volumes of two parts each (thus producing four separate volumes), under the title Reports of General MacArthur. It has been entered by the Library of Congress under the heading Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, and is available from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office. For his work in the G-2 Historical Section he received the Civilian Award for Outstanding Performance of Duty in the Far East Command. He was especially pleased by, and proud of, this recognition.

Before he returned to the University of Maryland, Professor Prange had shipped to the University some 450 crates of books, newspapers, and periodicals concerning the military occupation of Japan. These materials were accepted by the University of Maryland Library, and on May 6, 1979, were
designated the Gordon W. Prange Collection. They thus provided not only the nucleus of the East Asian Collection of the University, but also the impetus for its establishment. The further expansion and development of this Collection has been aided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, by a grant from the Commemorative Association for the Japan World Exposition, and by the gift of the papers of other figures prominent in the Allied Occupation--especially those of Dr. Justin Williams, Chief of the Legislative Division of the Government Section of SCAP.

Over the years, Professor Prange amassed an immense amount of documentation (filling some 25 file cabinets) on the Pearl Harbor attack, and he completed a four-volume study of this attack, which is still unpublished. His popular account entitled *Tora! Tora! Tora!* was made into a motion picture by 20th Century Fox in 1966; and though it has never been published in English, it appeared in both Chinese and Japanese translations in 1969.

Professor Prange was highly esteemed both by his colleagues on the University of Maryland Faculty and by his students. In 1962 he was cited by the Men's League of the University as Outstanding Faculty Member; and he received the Outstanding Teacher Award from the Student Government Association in both 1979 and 1980. He continued his teaching until the time of his death.

(Edwin G. Beal, Jr.)

**Columbia University Conducts Two Projects for Chinese Materials**

The East Asian Library of Columbia University is currently engaged in two special bibliographic efforts focused on Chinese materials. One is a recataloging project, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities for a three-year period, January, 1979 through December, 1981. Mr. David Chang was appointed Project Cataloger. The object is to recatalog approximately 15,000 titles represented in the "Old Catalog" by pre-1958 cards that presently lack adequate bibliographic description. It is hoped that completion of the project will bring the entire Chinese Catalog to a state that will permit publication.

The second project is a one-year preservation project, funded by HEW Title II-C, running from October, 1979 through September, 1980. Priority is given to filming fragile Chinese monographs but serials, in response to access demands, are also included. The object here is to preserve on microfilm materials that due to their fragile condition cannot otherwise be made available to users of the Library. It is expected that approximately 300,000 pages will be filmed and cataloged in this effort.

(Jack Jacoby)
The Hoover Institution archives report receiving 58 manuscript boxes of T.V. Soong papers for the period 1933-1960. Eighteen boxes are restricted, and cannot be examined by researchers until 1995. The remaining 40 boxes contain information on T.V. Soong's activities as a civil servant as well as in private life. These materials should be valuable for researchers probing the important issues of the Nanking government period.

The archives also received 4 boxes of papers from Lauchlin Currie for the period 1941-1945. During that period Lauchlin Currie was President Roosevelt's key man supervising the economic aid mission to the Republic of China. Currie's private papers include former secret memoranda by Currie to Washington D.C. as well as reports of his assessment of China's military capabilities and economic development problems and prospects. There are no restrictions on these papers.

(Ramon H. Myers)

University of Illinois Asian Library Completes Fifteen Years

The Asian Library of the University of Illinois celebrated its fifteenth anniversary on April 25, 1980. Dr. Warren Tsuneishi of the Library of Congress was the guest speaker for the occasion. The topic of his speech was: "American Library Resources for the Study of Asia: A View From the Library of Congress." An open-house/reception was held in the library's newly remodeled reading room and expanded bookstacks immediately following the speech. An exhibit of University of Illinois faculty publications in the field of Asian Studies was on display in the corridor of the first floor of the University Library from April 14 through May 9.

(William S. Wong)

Library of Congress to Continue Wade-Giles Romanization

The Library of Congress has decided to continue its romanization of cataloging information on Chinese-language materials according to the Wade-Giles system rather than the newer pinyin system. This decision is based on the preference expressed by the American library community in two recent surveys conducted by the Library. (Wade-Giles, adopted as an American library standard in 1957, has traditionally been used in this country.) This vote of preference was cast with the understanding that the Library's position was and continues to be that pinyin is a viable romanization system for libraries and that the change to pinyin should be made in 1981 or deferred indefinitely.

The timing of the change to pinyin became both a fiscal and logistical question for the Library. Switching to pinyin concurrently with the adoption
of AACR 2 on January 2, 1981, would have realized efficiencies in the handling of authority work and costs could have been minimized.

A two-step switch to AACR 2 and then to pinyin would result in complications in the Library's card catalogs and automated files, causing confusion for both staff and readers and to the users of the Library's bibliographic products.


Library of Congress Opens Madison Memorial Building

In a brief ceremony on April 24 the Librarian of Congress received the key to the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building from the Architect of the Capitol, symbolizing the Library's acceptance of the building. Although construction work is continuing in the building, Library staff members already occupy some areas and moves of additional staff will be made in the coming months.

Open to the staff at present are the spacious entrance hall on the main floor, entered from Independence Avenue, the three-story high atrium with the Cronbach fountain, Madison Memorial Hall with the Hancock statue of James Madison, and the Geography and Map Reading Room on the basement level. Installed in the entrance hall is an orientation exhibit illustrating in a series of display cases the functions and services of divisions to be located in the building and in a corridor leading off the hall is the exhibit "Autochromes: Color Photography Comes of Age," shown last February in the Library of Congress Building.

The Library's own celebration of the opening of the Madison Building took place on Wednesday, May 28. With the assistance of the WRA Cooking Club and the Library of Congress Professional Association, the Library's open house was held on that day in the Madison Building from 12 noon to 2 o'clock. The American Folklife Center arranged for musical entertainment on the newly christened Independence Plaza for the two-hour festivities.

(Adapted from a "Special Announcement" from the Office of the Librarian)

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