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American Library Association

The International Relations Committee of the American Library Association has appointed an ad hoc Advisory Committee on Liaison with Chinese Libraries. Its function and membership (for 1981-82) are:

To encourage and facilitate the development of exchange programs and other cooperative activities among libraries, librarians, and their associations in the United States and China.

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Richard C. Rudolph Oriental Library at UCLA

University of California President David Saxon approved in January a request from the UCLA campus that the Oriental Library be named in Professor Rudolph's honor in grateful recognition of his dedicated efforts in founding and developing the Oriental Library. The proposal for the tribute was put forward by the faculty of the Department of Oriental Languages and warmly supported by former University Librarians Lawrence Clark Powell and Robert Vosper, University Librarian Russell Shank, Dean of the College of Letters and Sciences Eugene Weber, Divisional Dean of Humanities Philip Levine, and Chancellor Charles E. Young.

Richard C. Rudolph was born in San Francisco and received his B.S., M.A., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. He came to UCLA from the University of Toronto in 1947 to found the Department of Oriental Languages, when the University Library had only one Chinese book—the Shanghai City Directory. The development of the Oriental Collection began also at that time under his guidance, and was augmented in 1948 when Mrs. Man-Hing Mok (Chen) joined the library staff to begin the cataloging of Oriental books. She ultimately became UCLA's founding Oriental Librarian. Professor Rudolph was Chairman of the Department from 1947 to 1962 and became Emeritus in 1976.

There was an informal reception in the Oriental Library to honor Professor Emeritus of Oriental Languages Richard C. Rudolph on the occasion of the naming of the library the Richard C. Rudolph Oriental Library on Friday
evening, April 10, 1981. Nearly 70 guests gathered on this happy occasion. In a brief program midway in the evening's festivities, University Librarian Russell Shank spoke on behalf of the University Library, and read some of Robert Vosper's recollections of Professor Rudolph's collection-building efforts in the late 1940's, particularly his Fulbright trip to China in 1949, during which he continued to work his way through Peking book shops buying books as the Chinese Communist troops moved in on the city.

At present, the Richard C. Rudolph Oriental Library is displaying an Exhibition in Honor of Professor Emeritus of Oriental Languages Richard C. Rudolph, such as records of his book acquisitions and research in China, 1948-49, examples of his scholarly publications, and his gifts to the Library.

(Ik-Sam Kim)

New Home for the Asian Studies Library, University of British Columbia (UBC)

After years of delay, the Asian Studies Library of the University of British Columbia was finally moved into the spectacular new Asian Centre early in the summer.

Located adjacent to the Nitobe Memorial Garden, the Asian Centre is surrounded by classical Japanese landscaping. The girders supporting the high pyramidal roof of the building were gifts from Japan, donated after their use for the Sanyo Pavilion at the 1970 World Exposition in Osaka. It was Dr. Shotaro Iida, a professor of the Department of Religious Studies at UBC, who persuaded the Directors of Sanyo Corporation to give them to the University to join the 1971 celebrations marking the centennial of British Columbia's entry into the Canadian Confederation.

The Sanyo gift was accompanied by funds in support of the construction of the Asian Centre from the Kaidanren (Japanese Federation of Economic Organizations) and the Japanese World Exposition Commemorative Association. The Government of Canada and the Provincial Government of British Columbia together made a grant equivalent to the total Japanese donations. A fund raising campaign followed, and construction began in 1974. Escalating costs and more difficult economic times, however, interrupted the work after the first phase was finished in the following year. Finally the provincial government made completion of the construction possible by authorizing additional funding in 1979. Total cost was $5.4 million.

Occupying the building are UBC's Department of Asian Studies, the Institute of Asian Research and the Asian Studies Library. Space is also provided for the Asian interests of the Departments of Music, Fine Arts, and Theatre. For the first time in fifteen years, the whole East Asian collection of 232,000 volumes is shelved together in one place in a single subject sequence, while an Indic language collection of 12,000 volumes is separately accommodated on another floor, with the East Asian periodicals and newspapers, government publications, materials in microforms, and the outstanding P'u pan Collection, which numbers about 45,000 tse, in Chinese. Other sections of
the Library such as reference, circulation, and offices, are as aesthetically pleasing, though not as spacious, as the stacks areas.

Since the acquisition in 1959 of the P'u-pan Collection from Macao, the Asian Studies Division was formally established in the UBC Library in 1960. It soon became one of the depository libraries for Japanese Government publications, the holdings of which now include 2,446 serial titles. It also started to receive material from Peking through gifts and exchange for the National Library of Canada. Its collection of Chinese and Japanese is comprehensive in range of subjects, but especially strong in the humanities and next in social sciences.

Though automation has been in use at the UBC Library for acquisition, circulation, and serials control for over a decade, yet its Asian Studies Library continues with the manual system for circulation for economic reasons. As regards catalogues, Asian Studies is the only branch in the UBC Library System to maintain both a card and a micro-catalogue; the former is dated from 1960 and the latter from 1978. For classification and cataloguing, the following systems are in use: Library of Congress Classification Scheme, Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules 2, and the romanization systems of Wade-Giles, modified Hepburn and McCune-Reischauer for Chinese, Japanese, and Korean respectively.

The Asian Centre, a symbol of UBC's growing role as a major Pacific Rim university, is meant to be a multi-functional building, which is expected to become a focal point and a source of visible pride for British Columbia's Asian communities. As one of the occupants of the Centre, therefore, the Asian Studies Library now serves both community and university groups with Asian academic and cultural interests.

(Tung-King Ng)

PROFESSIONAL VACANCY

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Under the direction of the Catalog Librarian is generally responsible for supervising Far East Asia Cataloging Section which does precatalog searching and cataloging for monographs and serials in Chinese, Japanese, and Korean as well as cataloging of English language materials on East Asia. Responsible for supervision and training of 3 1/4 support staff members; original cataloging of material in East Asian languages and English; advising support staff members in Serials Department who work with East Asian materials; serving as liaison between the Catalog Department, the Curator of the Wason Collection and the East Asia Librarian. Qualifications include MLS degree from an accredited library school; excellent knowledge of Chinese and familiarity with Japanese, including romanization schemes; undergraduate and/or graduate training in a related area; three to five years of cataloging experience which includes use of Library of Congress classification and subject headings; working knowledge of MARC communication format and the RLIN
CETA Group China Exchange Program

The CETA (Chinese-English Translation Assistance) Group has selected the American scholars to be sent to China to complete the first phase of exchanges between the CETA Group and the Fudan University/Shanghai Translation Publishing House English-Chinese Dictionary Group. Thomas Creamer, CETA Group staff, and Ronald Dolan, Library of Congress, were selected from a field of over a dozen applicants to work for six months beginning in early 1982 with the personnel of the English-Chinese Dictionary Group in Shanghai. This is expected to be the first of an expanded exchange of services and information between the CETA Group and the English-Chinese Dictionary Group. (For information on the beginning of this exchange see CEAL Bulletin no. 64, Feb. 1981, pp. 9-10.) The address of CETA is now P. O. Box 400, Kensington, Maryland 20895.

(Jim Mathias, Executive Secretary)