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PREFACE

This issue of the Bulletin is devoted largely to the major library problem of preservation. It contains a series of seven papers on this subject. Those of Jack M. Jacoby, John Mendelsohn, Warren Tsuneishi, and Pingfeng Chi were presented in an earlier form at the MAR/AAS meeting at Pittsburgh on October 23, 1982. Those of Eugene Wu, Eizaburo Okuizumi and Frank J. Shulman, and Raymond Tang, together with a second paper by Mr. Jacoby, were presented at Session no. 11 of the AAS Annual Meeting at San Francisco on March 25, 1983. Both of these sessions were organized and chaired by Mr. Shulman. In the preparation of these papers for publication, the two papers by Mr. Jacoby have been combined into a single article. It seems to me that the paper by Dr. Tsuneishi covers well the Library of Congress' activities concerning the preservation of Japanese publications; but I believe that there is more to be said concerning its efforts to preserve Chinese publications. I expect to prepare for a subsequent issue of the Bulletin an account of the Library's work in this field, in which I shall outline not only its successes but also some of the problems which it has encountered.

The present issue contains also the final report of the CEAL Task Force on Library Resources and Access, chaired by Thomas C. Kuo, entitled "Current Status of East Asian Collections in American Libraries." This report was issued in a preliminary form in Bulletin no. 67 (February 1982), pp. 25-30.

Finally, this issue contains the report of the annual Plenary Session of the Committee on East Asian Libraries, held in San Francisco in conjunction with the Thirty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies; it also contains the reports of the subcommittee meetings held during the same Meeting. Because of the volume of this material, your Chairperson and I have decided that this should be a double issue, no. 70-71. Some material which has been received, such as notices of new publications, will appear in no. 72.

(Edwin G. Beal, Jr.)