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COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

I. CEAL Annual Meeting

The Committee on East Asian Libraries will hold its 1978 Annual Meeting in Chicago in the Wabash Parlor of Palmer House Hotel on Thursday, March 30, 1978, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A meeting of the CEAL Executive Group is scheduled for the preceding evening, Wednesday, March 29, from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. in Parlor C of Palmer House Hotel.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting includes the following: (1) East Asian library consortia; (2) ACLS Steering Committee for a Study of the Problems of East Asian Libraries; (3) Library Task Force of the Japan-United States Friendship Commission; (4) programs relating to East Asia at the Center for Research Libraries (CRL); (5) LC's plan to close its card catalog and automation of non-Roman scripts; (6) the Chinese Cooperative Catalog; and (7) NPAC and LC's Chinese-Korean Searching Project. The proposed National Union Catalog of East Asian Monographs and trends in East Asian librarianship will also be discussed.

The annual CEAL dinner will be held in the evening of Thursday, March 30, 1978, at the ManDar Inn Restaurant, 2130 South Wentworth Avenue, Chicago. Reservations are $15.00 per person, including tax and tips. Please make checks payable to ManDar Inn Restaurant and send before March 22 to Mr. James K. M. Cheng at the Far Eastern Library, Joseph Regenstein Library, University of Chicago, 1100 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois, 60637.

There will be a reception for East Asian librarians hosted by the Far Eastern Library of the University of Chicago on Friday, March 31, 1978, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The Far Eastern Library is located on the fifth floor of the Joseph Regenstein Library. The most convenient way to reach the University of Chicago campus from Palmer House Hotel is to take the south-bound Illinois Central train at Randolph Street Terminal about two blocks from the Palmer House, getting off at the 57th Street station and walking to the campus.


As Chairperson of CEAL, I have the honor of submitting my annual report for 1977-1978. The principal activities of CEAL during the year under review include:

1) CEAL's Participation in the Work of the ACLS Steering Committee for a Study of the Problems of East Asian Libraries. In addition to Eugene W. Wu and Warren Tsuneishi, who were members of the ACLS Steering Committee for a Study of the Problems of East Asian Libraries, a number of other CEAL members also contributed to the deliberations of the Committee this past year. Karl Lo continued his study of a partially automated National Union Catalog of East Asian Monographs, including a pilot project. Edwin G. Beal, Jr. refined his proposal for the compilation and publication of a Union List of East Asian Serials. Richard C. Howard coordinated the study of the
various aspects of the general problem of bibliographical control. In September, 1977, the ACLS Steering Committee convened a two-day national conference on East Asian libraries in Chicago. The conference, chaired by Eugene W. Wu, was attended by a representative group of chief librarians of 35 East Asian libraries. A series of recommendations formulated by the ACLS Steering Committee was approved by the conference (CEAL Bulletin, no. 54, pp. 1-3); additional suggestions received at the conference were subsequently incorporated in the ACLS Steering Committee's final report, which was officially released by the ACLS at a meeting at the Ford Foundation in January, 1978. Pending the appointment of an oversight committee to help implement the recommendations in the report, an ad hoc group, chaired by Eugene W. Wu, has been formed at the request of the ACLS Steering Committee to begin preliminary work with a view towards the eventual publication of a National Union Catalog of East Asian Monographs and a Union List of East Asians Serials. This work has now begun.

2) Liaison with the American Library Association. With a travel grant of $3,000 from the ACLS to CEAL, CEAL was able to expand its participation in meetings of the American Library Association in 1977-1978. Ms. Effie Chen (Princeton) and Messrs. John Yung-hsiang Lai (Harvard) and Thomas H. Lee (Wisconsin) attended meetings of the ALA PSTD CCS Ad Hoc Subcommittees on Descriptive Cataloging and Subject Analysis of Asian and African Materials at the 1977 ALA annual meeting in Detroit and the 1978 ALA midwinter meeting in Chicago. Mr. Hideo Kaneko (Yale) also attended these meetings as a member of the ALA Advisory Committee on Liaison with Japanese Libraries and as a member of the ALA ACRL Asian and African Section.

3) Japan-United States Friendship Commission. With the establishment of the Commission some funds became available for support of Japanese collections in American research libraries. CEAL made a representation to the Commission with suggestions formulated by the CEAL Subcommittee on Japanese Materials on national library projects worthy of the Commission's support (CEAL Bulletin, no. 54, pp. 32-34). The Commission has now appointed a Library Task Force chaired by Mr. Warren J. Haas, President, Council on Library Resources. CEAL members serving on the Task Force are Hideo Kaneko (Yale), Marlene Mayo (Maryland), Shizue Matsuda (Indiana), and Warren Tsuneishi (LC).

4) CEAL Bulletin. Under the able editorship of Richard C. Howard and with the splendid support of other members of the CEAL Subcommittee on Publications, the CEAL Bulletin appeared three times this past year as scheduled. The Bulletin has been enthusiastically received both in the United States and abroad. Its popularity is attested by the fact that as of February, 1978, there was a total of 174 paid subscriptions, a gain of 17 over a year ago. However, additional subscriptions are still needed in order to make the Bulletin self-supporting, even assuming a continuation of the enormous amount of volunteer work that now goes into its publication.

5) The Directory of East Asian Collections in American Libraries. CEAL issued the 1977 edition of this Directory in the spring of last year. The 1978 edition will be published under a slightly different title (The Directory of East Asian Collections in North American Libraries); it will be ready for distribution in late March, 1978. Libraries listed in the Directory as well as subscribers to the CEAL Bulletin will receive complimentary copies.
Additional copies will be available at $3.00 each from CEAL, c/o Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University, 2 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138.

6) 1978 AAS Program Committee. Thomas C. Kuo (Pittsburgh) was CEAL's representative to the 1978 AAS Program Committee. Through his efforts a series of highly informative library and materials panels have been organized for the 30th anniversary meeting of the AAS in Chicago.

7) Proposed Library Delegation to the People's Republic of China. As reported earlier (CEAL Bulletin, No. 54, pp. 8-9), CEAL responded to an invitation from the Library of Congress to select three of its members to join a group of American librarians to visit the People's Republic of China. An election was held by the CEAL membership for this purpose and T. H. Tsien, P. K. Yu, and Eugene W. Wu were selected as CEAL's representatives. However, the visit did not materialize. It is not clear at the moment whether the visit will be rescheduled.

8) CEAL Membership Registration. The registration drive continued throughout the year; as of February, 1978, there are 109 individual and 45 institutional members registered as compared to 30 and 11, respectively, a year ago. In order to keep the membership roster current, there will be annual registrations beginning with the 1978 CEAL meeting in Chicago.

The year under review has been another busy year for CEAL. Building on past achievements, we are moving closer to the realization of some of the national projects that have been under discussion for two decades, especially in the area of bibliographical control. The support of the CEAL membership has been crucial in this regard. Also, our efforts would not have carried us this far without the splendid help and cooperation of the Ford Foundation and the American Council of Learned Societies. The Board of Directors, the China and Inner Asia Council, and the Northeast Asia Council of the Association for Asian Studies continued their financial support of the publication of the CEAL Bulletin. To all of them we are very grateful.

(Eugene W. Wu)
III. Reports of CEAL Subcommittees

Subcommittee on Resources and Development

The Subcommittee on Resources and Development has been relatively inactive during the past year, since all of its proposed programs on 1) resources development, 2) bibliographic control, 3) public services, and 4) education and training were under active discussion by the ACLS Steering Committee. With the completion of the discussion by the Committee and the East Asian library community, a national consensus for the future development of the field has been generally agreed upon. During the coming year, it is hoped that the Subcommittee will be more involved in the implementation of some of the projects as recommended by the Steering Committee.

(Tsuen-Hsuein Tsien, Chairperson)

Subcommittee on Technical Processing

The Subcommittee on Technical Processing (CEAL/STP) in 1977-78 worked on two major projects: the review of the draft of the second edition of the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules (AACR II) and the identification of problem areas in East Asian cataloging for the ALA RTSD CCS Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging and Subject Analysis of Asian and African Materials.

As an invited reviewer of the AACR II, CEAL/STP completed the examination of the draft text in May, 1977, and submitted its recommendations for improvement to the ALA RTSD Catalog Code Revision Committee, which was expected to relay them to the Joint Steering Committee for Revision of the AACR for consideration. (Highlights of the CEAL/STP recommendations were published in the CEAL Bulletin, no. 53, July 1977, pp. 28-33.)

The task of identifying East Asian cataloging problems for the two ALA Ad Hoc Subcommittees has been continued throughout the year and is expected to conclude in June, 1978, when final reports of the findings of CEAL/STP will be prepared and submitted to the appropriate authorities at the ALA Annual Conference for action. CEAL/STP has been working vigorously to solicit and collect problems which need immediate attention. Its representatives have attended and made work progress reports to the various meetings of the two ALA Subcommittees held at the Midwinter and Summer Conferences in 1977 and the Midwinter Conference in 1978. (A summary of the problems uncovered so far appeared in the CEAL Bulletin, no. 54, November 1977, pp. 36-49.)

In addition to these two projects, CEAL/STP has carried on its routine duties of reviewing the more detailed, daily recurring technical problems in processing East Asian materials and has maintained close contact with the Library of Congress for working out necessary solutions. It has kept its column "What's New in Technical Processing" in the CEAL Bulletin for reporting results of its work and information on new developments in technical processing.

(Thomas H. Lee, Chairperson)
Subcommittee on National Union Catalog

The Subcommittee continued to cooperate with the ACLS Steering Committee for a Study of the Problems of East Asian Libraries in the latter's deliberations on a union catalog of East Asian monographs. Part of this cooperation was Karl Lo's survey of East Asian shelflists and public catalogs.

The problems and possible solutions relating to a national union catalog were discussed in New York at the 1977 annual meeting of CEAL, and again at a meeting of East Asian librarians convened in Chicago in September, 1977, by the ACLS Steering Committee. As a result, there emerged a consensus on designating a national union catalog of monographs as one of the East Asian libraries' top priority needs. The recommendation that a national union catalog be compiled on microfiche with a romanized title index on computer-output-microform (COM) was adopted by the ACLS Steering Committee and incorporated in its report to the Ford Foundation.

Pending the appointment of an oversight committee to help implement this and other recommendations by the ACLS Steering Committee, some preliminary work has begun to identify institutions which will be willing to undertake the union catalog project. It is expected that financial support will be sought from private foundations and Federal agencies. In view of this, the role of this Subcommittee may now have to undergo certain changes in order to become an advisory rather than an advocacy group.

(Karl Lo, Chairperson)

Subcommittee on Liaison with Chinese Libraries

In the spring of 1977 the Library of Congress renewed its proposal to authorities of the People's Republic of China for a visit to the PRC by a Professional Library Study Group in either late October, 1977, or late March, 1978. In a letter dated July 23, 1977, the Chinese International Travel Service informed the Library that such a visit would be "rather difficult for us to arrange." The proposal for the visit may be renewed again in 1978 now that many signs indicate that the political climate in Peking is more favorable for travel.

The members of the PRC Professional Library Study Group were selected by the Library of Congress after consultation with various organizations. The group included representatives of the Library of Congress, the American Library Association, the Association of Research Libraries, and the Association for Asian Studies. The members of the group were:

William J. Welsh (Head of the Group)  John G. Lorenz, Executive Director
Deputy Librarian of Congress  Association of Research Libraries
Library of Congress  Washington, D. C.
Washington, D. C.
Subcommittee on Chinese Materials

The Subcommittee on Chinese Materials has been re-activated. Its present membership consists of Chi-ping Chen (Berkeley), Anthony Marr (Yale), Chester Wang (Wisconsin), Weiying Wan (Michigan), and the CEAL Chairperson, who serves as an ex officio member.

At this reporting, the Subcommittee has been primarily concerned with identifying those aspects of Chinese materials which urgently need more information, coordination, and development. These include: the gathering of information on Chinese Collections which have already been made available in various formats; the monitoring of the publishing and supply of Chinese materials; the study on the prospects and problems pertaining to a plan for some division of labor, which will lead to a higher level of collection development as well as a reduction of duplicated efforts; the identification of subject fields and/or types of materials where bibliographic control and presentation are considered essential to research and to sharing; the dissemination of information on the projects of preservation, both at home and abroad; and the design of some mechanism by which the duplicates of various libraries may be exchanged, shared, or otherwise disposed of for the benefit of the field as a whole.

(Weiying Wan, Chairperson)
Subcommittee on Japanese Materials

The issue of library support by the Japan-U. S. Friendship Commission for Japanese collections in the United States has been the major concern of the Subcommittee for the past year. Following up on discussions at its last annual meeting (CEAL Bulletin, no. 53, pp. 13-15), the Subcommittee drafted a series of recommendations to the Commission and submitted it to the CEAL Chairperson. The CEAL recommendations on the use of funds for library support were duly submitted to the Commission on September 7, 1977, and they received the careful attention of the Commission as it deliberated on library support policy at its meeting of October 3, 1977. (CEAL Bulletin, no. 54, pp. 32-34).

The Commission has since formed an eight member committee to advise the Commission informally on the development of library support programs in the Japanese Studies field. The committee, which includes two CEAL Subcommittee members, Shizue Matsuda and Hideo Kaneko, held its first meeting in the Commission's office in Washington, D. C., on February 13, 1978 and hopes to have its recommendations drawn up no later than the end of the summer of 1978, at which time the committee would be disbanded.

As a part of a continuing effort to establish closer liaison with other professional organizations concerned with Japanese collections, the Subcommittee Chairperson attended the ALA annual meeting in Detroit in June, 1977, and its midwinter meeting in Chicago in January, 1978. Particularly relevant ALA committees are the Advisory Committee on Liaison with Japanese Libraries and the Asian and African Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL).

(Hideo Kaneko, Chairperson)

Subcommittee on Korean Materials

More concerted efforts are needed in order to strengthen the Subcommittee's future activities. It is hoped that additional resources for Korean studies will be made available by the Subcommittee during the coming year.

(Key P. Yang, Chairperson)

Subcommittee on Publications

Since the Subcommittee was formed two years ago, its efforts have been directed primarily to the compilation, editing, printing, and distribution of the CEAL Bulletin. During its first year under this new title, three issues of the Bulletin have been published: no. 53 in July, 1977; no. 54 in November (actually issued in December), 1977; and no. 55 in March, 1978. In addition to its regular features--reports on committee activities, professional meetings, libraries, librarians, publications, and developments in technical processing--these issues have also included separate articles on libraries in Taiwan and Japan and a series of essays on specialized
resources on Asia in American libraries, as well as a collection of tributes to the late Dr. Kaiming Chiu. As part of its effort to maintain and improve the quality of the Bulletin, the Subcommittee continues to encourage the participation of all CEAL members through written contributions of this kind.

(Richard C. Howard, Chairperson)