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I. AAS 1978 Annual Meeting: Material Collection and Dissemination Panels

All the "Material Collection and Dissemination Panels" for the 1978 AAS Annual Meeting in Chicago have been scheduled for the first two days (March 31 and April 1). Since the CEAL business meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 30, we hope that most of our colleagues will be able to participate in those panels.

The schedule of the panels is as follows:

**Friday morning, March 31**

9:30 a.m. Session 6 PDR #18 (Club Floor)

THE SCIENCE AND PRESENT STATE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT: THE CASE OF CHINA

Chaired by: Archie R. Crouch, Daily Report People's Republic of China Index

The Scope of Current Information on China and Various Systems of Management
Archie R. Crouch, Daily Report People's Republic of China Index

The Current State of Source Books and Encyclopedias on China
Frederic M. Kaplan, Eurasia Press

The Discipline of Abstracting Articles and Monographs on China
Stephen Andors, Bard College

The Organization and Processing of Chinese Economic Information for the American Business Community
Arne J. de Keijzer, China Consultant for American Business

Computerized Data Bases on China: Development, Extent and Use
James P. Murray, New York Times Information Bank

**Friday afternoon, March 31**

2:00 p.m. Session 14 Parlor A (Sixth Floor)

CURRENT BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SERVICES IN EAST ASIA

Chaired by: Tze-chung Li, Rosary College

China
Ernst Wolff, University of Illinois-Urbana

Japan
Yukihisa Suzuki, University of Hawaii-Honolulu

Korea
Gertrude Koh, Rosary College
Taiwan, Republic of China  
John Yung-hsiang Lai, Harvard University

Hong Kong  
Lai-bing Kan, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Discussant: Warren Tsuneishi, Library of Congress

Saturday morning, April 1

9:30 a.m. Session 26 Wabash Parlor (Third Floor)

TEACHING ABOUT ASIA IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Chaired by: Betty Bullard, The Asia Society

Asia: Effective in the Classroom  
Betty Bullard, The Asian Society

Teaching a New Seventh Grade Unit on Japan  
Burton F. Beers, North Carolina State University

Elementary Grade Activities on Japan  
Michele Shoresman, University of Illinois-Urbana

Teaching about Japan through Media  
Peter M. Grilli, the Japan Society

Teaching about Other Cultures  
Marilyn Turkovich, Associated Colleges of the Mid-West

Saturday afternoon, April 1

1:30 p.m. Session 31 PDR #17 (Club Floor)

SOURCES AN’ METHODOLOGICAL PROBLEMS IN THE STUDY OF POST-1949 CHINA

Chaired by: Parris H. Chang, Pennsylvania State University  
Michael Y. M. Kau, Brown University

1:30-3:00 p.m. Part I

A Review of Recently Published Reference Works for Contemporary China Studies  
Chih-p'ing Ch'en, University of California-Berkeley

A Comparison of Chinese and Japanese Source Materials  
Ramon H. Myers, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University  
Mark W. Tam, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University

Sources and Legal Development in the People's Republic of China  
Since the Cultural Revolution  
Tao-tai Hsia, Library of Congress

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II. American Council of Learned Societies' Study of East Asian Libraries

East Asian Libraries: Problems and Prospects: a Report and Recommendations, prepared by the Steering Committee for a Study of the Problems of East Asian Libraries for the American Council of Learned Societies, was presented to the Ford Foundation on January 6, 1978, at a meeting held in the foundation's offices in New York. Oral presentations were made by Gordon Turner, Vice President of ACLS, and George Beckmann, University of Washington, the chairperson of the steering committee. Assisting the presentation were two members of CEAL, Eugene Wu, Harvard-Yenching Library, and Warren Tsuneishi, Library of Congress, both of whom had also served on the steering committee. Also attending the meeting were representatives of private and government foundations and other organizations.

The report calls for the strengthening of the East Asian library collections of major research universities; the creation of regional consortia and national pools; and the development of a comprehensive bibliographic data base to enable scholars to have access to materials essential to their research.

The report specifically recommends the development of union lists of monographs, serials, and microforms; the establishment by the Library of Congress of a National Program for Acquisitions and Cataloging Center for Chinese- and Korean-language publications; the creation of special bibliographies, indices and other research tools; the national sharing of resources; the establishment of national documentation centers; and the active participation of East Asian librarians in the development of technical processing standards and national preservation programs. Finally, it notes the need for training.
programs for specialized personnel.

The recommendations are to be followed up by a committee yet to be appointed. In the meantime, an ad hoc group under the chairmanship of Eugene Wu met in New York on January 25-26 to further study and refine the two proposals relating to the union catalog of East Asian monographs and the union list of East Asian serials. Included in the group were Karl Lo (University of Washington), who had developed the union catalog proposal; Edwin G. Beal (Library of Congress, retired), who had proposed a method of compiling a union list of serials; Richard C. Howard (Library of Congress), who had analyzed various bibliographical projects for the steering committee; Warren Tsuneishi; and Weiying Wan (University of Michigan).

Copies of East Asian Libraries are available in limited numbers from the American Council of Learned Societies, 345 East 46th Street, New York, New York 10017.

(Warren Tsuneishi)

III. American Library Association. 1978 Midwinter Meeting

A. Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging

At the recent ALA Midwinter meeting in Chicago, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Descriptive Cataloging of African and Asian Materials met on January 23. Present as members from the East Asian libraries were Effie Y. H. Chen of Princeton University and Thomas H. Lee of the University of Wisconsin. During our presentation, a copy of the November, 1977, issue of the CEAL Bulletin, containing a summary of our interim report, was circulated among those present to make known our intention to seek further input from the East Asian librarians. (It may perhaps be noted that those attending were much impressed with the format and the contents of the Bulletin.)

Of the various problems identified, the major ones which were of common concern to all geographical areas represented could be grouped into the following categories: 1) Names Entries, 2) Romanization.

A final report of the Subcommittee will be due at the next annual meeting in June, 1978. It was suggested, and also supported by the majority, that the extension of this committee including official representation from LC, would be desirable.

(Effie Y. H. Chen)

B. Subcommittee on Subject Analysis

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Subject Analysis of African and Asian Materials of the ALA RTSD CCS Subject Analysis Committee met on January 23 and 24 during the 1978 Midwinter Conference in Chicago. Attending the meetings were Chairperson Arline Zuckerman of UCLA, John Yung-hsiang Lai of Harvard,
After hearing reports from members on recent work progress, the Subcommittee decided that it would conclude its mission of identifying problem areas in subject analysis of African and Asian materials in June at the ALA Annual Conference and that a final report on the Subcommittee's findings with recommendations would be prepared by then and submitted to the Subject Analysis Committee for transmittal to the appropriate organizations for action. This final report will consist of a general statement by the Subcommittee chairperson and individual reports by the area representatives. Knowing that it would no longer exist after the conclusion of its work in June, the Subcommittee decided to recommend the setting up of a standing committee directly under the ALA RTSD Cataloging and Classification Section to carry on the important function of identifying problem areas in both descriptive cataloging and subject analysis of African and Asian materials.

One related news item about the change of LC subject headings was brought to the January 23 meeting by Mary K. Dewees Pietris, Assistant Chief of the LC Subject Cataloging Division. She reported that although the LC had earlier announced that it would not make subject heading changes before the closing of its catalogs in 1980, it has now decided to accept suggestions for such changes. During the period from June, 1978, to the end of 1979, each librarian may send in ten headings needing to be changed. The headings should be priority ranked and typed, one each, on three-by-five cards. LC would consider the suggestions during the period before 1980 and start to publish the changes in January, 1980.

(C. Advisory Committee on Liaison with Japanese Libraries)

The Advisory Committee met from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on February 3, 1978. Those present were David Heron, Hideo Kaneko, Allan Veaner (Chair), and Jane Wilson (ALA staff liaison). Edward G. Holley, Edward Moffat, and Robert Stevens (immediate past Chair) attended as guests.

The Chair announced that the English-language proceedings of the Third Japan-United States Conference on Libraries and Information Science in Higher Education, Kyoto, 1975, had been distributed and that copies of the Japanese-language proceedings were soon to be distributed in the United States. The Chair also announced that David Heron, University Librarian, University of California, Santa Cruz, and Hisao Matsumoto, Head, Japanese Section, Orientalia Division, Library of Congress, had been added to the committee membership. Raynard Swank, Professor of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley, had not been able to attend and had expressed his wish to resign from the committee. His resignation was accepted, and nominations for a replacement were solicited by the Chair.
Of the three Japan-United States Conferences held thus far, two have been hosted by Japan and one by the United States. It was agreed that the fourth conference should be hosted by, and held in, the United States. The Chair reported on a meeting with Ryohei Hayashi, Librarian of Kyoto University and Chairman of the Japanese University Libraries International Liaison Committee, on October 7, 1977, in San Francisco. Professor Hayashi had agreed with the committee's suggestion that the next conference be held in small sections dealing with specialized topics and attended by specialists, and had suggested the following as topics: networking of libraries; library buildings; and preservation of library materials. Although networking was believed by all to be very important, some at the meeting proposed as possible specialized topics automation, Japanese studies libraries in the U. S., and American studies libraries in Japan. The latter subject was seen as increasingly important in Japan, inasmuch as the recently established Japan-U. S. Friendship Trust Fund had indicated its interest in this area, whereas the importance of Japanese studies libraries in the U. S. has long been recognized. These subjects were considered to be of particular relevance to the proposed conference, and of mutual interest and benefit to both parties of a U. S.-Japan relationship.

It was agreed that before the next ALA annual meeting next June the Chair would travel to consult with various members on both the West and East coasts for the purpose of drafting a proposal for the conference. The proposal would be presented before the ALA Executive Board, while informal exploration of sources of funding would also be made. In view of the delay in planning for the conference it became apparent to the committee that it would now be unrealistic to plan the next conference for 1979, as previously set, and the proposed date for the conference was moved ahead to 1980 or later.

While on a three-week trip to Japan last summer, Hideo Kaneko met with various people in the library and library science community to assess their interest in and wishes for a fourth Japan-U. S. library conference. His findings were that a fourth conference would be a welcome event to Japanese colleagues; they seemed to agree with the idea of having several intensive specialized group meetings, as well as with that of having the conference immediately before or after an ALA annual meeting. A number of people pointed out that, due to special internal circumstances in Japan, a Japanese university libraries committee had ended up as the ALA committee counterpart for planning the first and subsequent conferences, but that it would now seem desirable to broaden the support for the conference by also calling upon the Japan Library Association, the Japan Special Libraries Association, the National Diet Library, and other organizations.

Edward G. Holley, Dean of the Library School, University of North Carolina, announced that in February he would be leaving for Japan on a short trip at the invitation of the Ministry of Education to consult with Japanese academic librarians and to give two public lectures, one at Tokyo University, and the other at Kyoto University. His lecture will discuss what lies ahead for academic libraries in the U. S. Dean Holley was asked to make a special point of seeing Professor Hayashi at Kyoto University.

It was decided that the committee would meet next on Monday, June 26, 1978,
from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. in Chicago at the time of the ALA meeting. The committee also planned to hold a working dinner meeting on the night before at 6:30 p.m. For the 1979 ALA annual meeting in Dallas, the committee will meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on June 24 and for business on June 26, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m.

(Hideo Kaneko)

IV. Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, Air Force Academy, Colorado.

The Western Conference of the Association for Asian Studies held its annual meeting at the U. S. Air Force Academy, Colorado, on October 7-8, 1977. Included in the program was a library panel entitled "Computer Applications for Asian Studies Research," at which the following papers were presented:

- Computer Processing of Chinese Characters
  Larry K. Browning, Translation Science Institute, Brigham Young University

- Dialog and Orbit: Computerized Bibliographic Searching in Asian Studies
  Anthony W. Ferguson, Brigham Young University Library

- The Ohio College Library Center: the Computer Data Base and the Asian Studies Researcher
  Gene Ch'ing-sung Hsiao, University of Arizona Library

(Gene C-S. Hsiao)