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INDIANA UNIVERSITY LIBRARIANS' ASSOCIATION ENDOWMENT

The National Library Week committee wishes to announce that the Indiana University Librarians' Association Endowment has been established with an original gift of \$3,384.05 through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aids. This gift was made possible with the proceeds of this year's sales which amounted to \$2,584.05 plus a balance of \$800.00 left over from the 1971-1972 National Library Week committee, chaired by Jim Greaves. Jim's committee made and turned over \$1,600.00 to the Scholarships and Financial Aids Office during the Fall of 1972. \$400.00 were awarded in January 1973, and \$400.00 will be awarded early in the Spring semester of 1974. Therefore, scholarships from the endowment fund shall be awarded either during the Spring semester of 1975 or until the fund reaches a principal sufficient to yield a \$400.00 annual interest.

Recipients will be selected from undergraduate students attend-

ing the Bloomington campus of Indiana University with preference given to students who show financial need.

Lilian Riggs, chairperson

SYMPOSIUM ON ETHNIC STUDIES

Under sponsorship of the Society of American Archivists in cooperation with De Paul University and the National Archives and Records Service - an Archival Symposium on Ethnic Studies: Sources for Research, was held on April 27, and 28, 1973 in Chicago, Illinois.

About 60 historians, archivists and librarians from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin attended this very interesting meeting.

The principal purpose of the symposium was to reveal sources of historical information regarding cultural heritage, social, and political activities of different ethnic groups in the United States of America; also to indicate on existing collections and research centers where facts and data on ethnic groups for local and national history may be found.

The ethnic groups were solid foundations upon which our great country developed. Their past contributions are relatively unknown and the history of the United States remains incomplete.

In recent years historical interests have been directed, or re-directed toward America's minority groups. Ethnic history has become a part of this trend. Historians are now engaged in detailed studies of specific immigrant communities and of the immigrants' attitudes and ideas concerning their new surroundings.

We cannot attempt to understand the diversity of our society without a clear knowledge of the peoples who form it.

Two distinguished main speakers: Joseph B. Howerton from the National Archives and Records Service in Washington, D.C., and Bruce C. Harding, from the Federal Archives and Records Center in Chicago, Illinois provided conference participants with information about the National Archives as the final repository for permanent records of

the Federal Government. Here are gathered the permanent records of our Federal Government's operations - of its military and diplomatic activities and of its domestic administration. These and other documents contain fundamental information about the history and Government of the United States. The archives are preserved and made available because of their continuing practical utility for the necessary processes of government; the protection of both public and private rights; and research use by scholars, librarians, students, and the general public.

Concerning the ethnic studies, the most important publication is a Guide to Genealogical Records in National Archives, 1964.

Regional archives branches, established in 1968, preserve and make available for research use those U.S. Government records of permanent value created and maintained by field offices of Federal agencies that are primarily useful for documenting regional and local activities.

One of the greatest hindrances to utilization of the resources of the Regional archives branches is the large scale ignorance of their existence by the academic community. Scholarly use of the Archives has been further hindered by difficulties in using them, such as: inaccessibility of the Records Centers, lack of finding aids, dispersal of records between different agencies and regions, and restrictions on the use of records.

The panel of scholars: Dr. M. J. Madaj (St. Mary of the Lake Seminary--Polish), Dr. R. Shoemaker (North Central College--German), Dr. D. Roth (National Project on Ethnic America, The American Jewish Committee - Jewish), Dr. R. Harano (Independent Researcher - Japanese), Dr. K. Bjerk (St. Olaf College - Norwegian), John Grabowski (Western Reserve Historical Society - Ethnic Archives), and Dr. R. Vecoli (University of Minnesota - Center for Immigration Studies) under the chairmanship of Dr. B. Pietraszek discussed institutional sources and types of existing collections about ethnic groups.

The civil rights movement has incidentally revealed a little-known segment of our nation, Ethnic America, a complex entity of national communities.

Ethnic studies were a neglected field of research. Now it be-

comes time for a change in the model of mentality - from Anglo-Saxon to the multi-ethnic concept. The development of ethnic studies collections, their research in full depth are of great importance for our whole community and its history.

As anywhere there is a problem here too; a need for coordination and cooperation in securing and preservation of important records; a need for better bibliographical control and accessibility to this new field of research.

We from Indiana University (my wife and myself) who attended this symposium - became better informed and equipped about sources of ethnic studies and tools to be used for their retrieval.

Oleg Kudryk

LETTER OF APPRECIATION FROM ALAN TAYLOR

20 June 1973

Ms. Eva L. Kiewitt
President, Indiana University Librarians Association

Dear Eva,

Thank you very much indeed for your very gracious -- not to say overly generous -- letter of June 14, 1973.

As you know I have had only the warmest regards for our colleagues, and the opportunities which InULA provided to become more closely involved with them and to offset the tendency towards isolation inherent in the physical location of the subject specialists, was something which I welcomed and valued greatly. It was with pangs of very real regret which I have difficulty articulating that I departed from Bloomington, but, as I think you know, my close involvement with African Studies was proving to be more of a handicap and a hindrance than a help to my own professional growth.

Please convey to the InULA Executive Board and to all our other colleagues my sincere appreciation of the sentiments which they have

expressed to me, both personally and through you. The presentation which you and others arranged for me touched me more than I can say, and I have been trying to compose a letter of thanks which would convey my sincere appreciation better than I felt able to at the reception.

With my very best wishes and warmest regards to you as you move into your new position, and to everybody on the I.U. Library faculty, for the years ahead.

Sincerely,
 Alan R. Taylor
 Assistant Director of Libraries
 for Reader Services
 University of Maryland

REPORT FROM SCOOP SHEET COMMITTEE

This is the final issue of Scoop Sheet that will be produced by your current committee. We wish to thank all those who participated in the production of any issue of Scoop Sheet whether it be by suggestions of material, written contributions, etc.

As chairperson, I would like to publicly thank all the members of my committee--Rex Medlock; Elizabeth Egan, who covered the branch libraries; Alice Crippen, who provided the information for our OF SPECIAL INTEREST column; Lilian Riggs, who provided many of our special articles and all the National Library Week data; and particularly Larry Fortado, who was responsible for the technical production of every issue, the printing and the mailing of each along with all supplements. Without the help of each and everyone, any success we have had would not have been possible. Thank you.

Barbara Henn

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

July 15-27: 7th annual Library Administrators Development Program planned by the School of Library and Information Services, University of Maryland.

August 6-11: Workshop on "Selecting and Evaluating Non-Print Materials," to be held at the School of Library Service, Dalhousie University. Information: Norman Horrocks, Director, School of Library Service, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Sept. 25-28: Annual meeting of the Society of American Archivists, to be held at Chase Park Plaza Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri.

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