

Northern Libraries Bulletin



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ARRANGEMENTS FOR 3RD NORTHERN LIBRARIES COLLOQUY

The third Northern Libraries Colloquy will be held at the Scott Polar Research Institute, Cambridge, CB2 1ER, England from 25-29 June 1973. The theme this year is "Europe and the North," and, as in the past, we aim to bring about a greater sharing of resources and expertise. An outline program is listed below. Accommodation and meals will be provided at Corpus Christi College at an inclusive charge of £ 16.20 (approximately \$42.00) to include an evening meal on 25 June and breakfast on 29 June. The registration fee for the colloquy will be £8.00 (\$20.00) and this will include the cost of the Colloquy dinner in the evening on 26 June. Both accommodation charges and registration fee are payable during registration which will be at Corpus Christi College from 18.00 hours onwards on 25 June. If you have not already completed a registration form and wish to attend, contact the Colloquy Chairman, Mr. H.G.R. King, at the Scott Polar Research Institute by 2 June. A registration form, detailed program, list of participants, and Hints to Travellers may be had on application.

PROGRAM			
Monday	25 June	18.00— 19.30 20.30	Registration at Corpus Christi College. Dinner. Social evening in College.
Tuesday	26 June	09.15 09.30 11.00 14.15 15.30 16.45 19.30 for 18.00	Welcome at Scott Polar Research Institute. Tour of S.P.R.I. Discussion on northern archives. Dr. Alan Cooke and others. Soviet northern libraries and problems of locating, acquiring and handling Soviet literature. Dr. Terence Armstrong. Progress reports on Antarctic Bibliography and Arctic Bibliography. Dr. Geza Thuronyi and Miss Maret Martna. Reports on bibliographies from Boreal Institute and S.P.R.I. Mrs. Nita Cooke and Mr. H.G.R. King. Colloquy dinner at the University Centre.
Wednesday	27 June	All day out by coach to National Central Library, Boston Spa, Yorkshire.	
Thursday	28 June	09.15 09.30 11.00 14.15 18.00	Assemble S.P.R.I. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Polarforschung, Münster and Centre d'Etudes Arctiques et Finno-Scandinaves, Paris. Talks by Dr. H. Kohnen and Prof. J. Malaurie with discussion. Some Scandinavian northern libraries. Librarians from Finland, Norway and Denmark will talk about their libraries and answer questions. Group discussions (to be arranged). Visits to other Cambridge libraries (to be arranged). Punting on the River Cam (wind and weather permitting).
Friday	29 June	09.15 09.30 10.30	Assemble S.P.R.I. Mr. Guy Gutheridge: The role of the National Science Foundation in the field of Arctic information. Review of colloquy projects including compilation of a Northern Libraries Directory, future publication of <i>Northern Libraries Bulletin</i> , etc. Review of progress by Dr. W.P. Adams. Farewell address.

From the Center for Polar Archives, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C., came announcement that the Center has received a donation of the papers of Dr. Edmund B. Delabarre (1863-1945), noted Professor of Psychology at Brown University, from his daughter, Mrs. Dorcas D. Crary. The papers consist of a manuscript journal, typescript narrative, photographs, maps and other material related to Dr. Delabarre's participation in the Brown-Harvard Expedition to Labrador, 1900.

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The Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, University of Alberta, Edmonton, reports the YUKON BIBLIOGRAPHY; update 1963-1970, emerged in January as the Boreal Institute's O. P. 8-1. It sells for \$10, and has been sent to exchanging libraries. They are keeping a running update, and plan to publish supplements about every three years.

Nita Cooke, Librarian, says their computer programs to produce bibliographies are shaping up well, and hopefully will have something to show in June at the Colloquy. Also, the finishing touches are being put to programs which will give print-outs of the classification schedules (good mixture of Scott Polar and regular UDC) as used by the Institute.

The Institute's KWIC index "Northern Titles" seems to be catching on well. Plans are now to use the same programs to index newspaper clippings, which include mostly Saskatchewan's Institute of Northern Studies NEWS FROM THE CANADIAN NORTH, clippings from the EDMONTON JOURNAL, TORONTO GLOBE & MAIL, WINNIPEG FREE PRESS, and others. Some sample output will be shown at Cambridge.

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A bibliography of articles on the Churchill River Basin Project is being prepared by the Institute for Northern Studies Library, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon. This is a continuing project and anyone wishing to contribute may do so. The Institute itself sponsored the CHURCHILL RIVER BASIN SYMPOSIUM held March 24, 1973. The proceedings of this conference are being prepared.

Librarian Gaile Newby writes that they have been in contact with the Canadian Association in Support of the Native People and have received their publication, the JAMES BAY BULLETIN. The bulletin is free, so that anyone who is interested can receive copies by writing the Association at the National Office, 251 Laurier Avenue W., Suite 901, Ottawa, Ontario K1P 5J6.

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New publications at the University of Alaska, Institute of Social, Economic and Government Research, Fairbanks 99701, include:

POPULATION OF RUSSIAN AMERICA (1799-1867). Research Note.

A summary of population information compiled table narrative form prepared by M. Fischer and translated from the publication of Svetlana G. Fedorova's THE RUSSIAN POPULATION OF ALASKA AND CALIFORNIA (Russkoye Naseleniye Alyaski i Kalifornii), Moscow, Nauka Press, 1971. This book is one of the first attempts at ethno-historical study of Russian America ever made in Soviet literature. It includes extensive review of sources and literature with many items referenced in the volume not having previously been available to readers and non-Soviet scholars.

ALASKA FISHERIES POLICY edited by Arlon R. Tussing, Thomas A. Morehouse, and James D. Babb, Jr. ISEGR Report No. 33.

THE NATIONAL PARK SYSTEM IN ALASKA AN ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY by Pamela E. Rich and Arlon R. Tussing. ISEGR Report No. 35.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND ALASKA LAND USE DECISIONS by Robert B. Weeden.
Occasional Paper No. 8.

EQUALIZATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVENUES IN ALASKA by Richard W.
Garnett, III. Occasional Paper No. 9.

The National Science Foundation has granted \$350,000 to ISEGR to launch "Man in the Arctic" program. This is a major long-range social science research effort to develop basic understanding of the forces of change in Alaska for application to problems arising from social and economic development. The program is expected to continue for five years. The \$350,000 grant covers the first year's research. State and other funds are expected to be made available to help carry the program forward. Principal investigator for the research program is Victor Fischer, director of the university institute. Research coordinator is Thomas A. Morehouse, associate professor of political science at the institute. Researchers initially will undertake base studies to develop economic, demographic, ethnographic and political information needed to analyze economic changes. Then they will turn to problem and policy studies which will focus on particular social and economic problems and policy issues of northern development.

Dorothy Lunsford, Institute librarian, felt the following item should be noted for its interest:

A STUDY OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIOLOGICAL IMPACT OF CONSTRUCTION AND
INITIAL OPERATION OF THE TRANS ALASKA PIPELINE. 3 vol. Mathematical Sciences
Northwest Inc., 4545 15th Avenue N.E., Seattle, Washington 98105 (MSNW Report No.
72-401-4) 1972.

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EDUCATION IN RUSSIAN AMERICA, by J. Lincoln Starr has now been published as Historical
Monograph No. 2. There is a limited supply available for distribution to libraries from the Alaska
Division of State Libraries, Pouch G, Capitol, Juneau 99801.

The Alaska State Housing Authority Planning Library, Anchorage, has been transferred to the
Alaska Division of State Libraries. These files include many consultant studies and planning reports
for Alaska's cities and towns.

ERTS-1 satellite imagery photographs of Alaska are now available in the Alaska Historical Library.
The files include publications explaining the Earth Resources Technology Satellite program and
geographic area index to photos. The photos and duplication information are provided to the
library by the University of Alaska, Geophysical Institute.

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Elizabeth Colyer, librarian for the Aeronautical Library, National Science Library, wrote the editor
expressing interest in information on translated northern material. She further wrote that the
National Science Library of Canada has now issued 15 volumes of PROBLEMS OF THE NORTH, a
cover-to-cover translation of the Russian publication PROBLEMY SEVERA should some libraries
not be aware of it. First issued in 1959 and published irregularly, the volumes are available for
purchase at \$7.00/volume from:

Publications Section
National Science Library
National Research Council of Canada
Ottawa, Ont., Canada K1A 0S2

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The Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, asked for a \$24,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities, for preparation of a Dictionary of Alaskan Biography. Plans are to include short biographies of about 1,000 persons who have been significant in Alaskan history between 1741 and 1959. Pictures will be included when available.

Feeling that the Dutilly bibliography of bibliographies on the Arctic (1945) is no longer adequate for researchers, the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library has begun preparation of a new one. The new work will include bibliographies on Alaska, the Arctic, and the Antarctic, as well as certain general reference works and chronologies; and will show which items the Rasmuson Library has. So far about 350 titles have been processed, according to Charles Parr, Arctic bibliographer.

Alaskan libraries have been sent a first draft list of early Alaskan imprints (to 1913) prepared by the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, and have been asked to verify, correct or add to the list. When the replies are in the Library plans to publish and distribute the revised version. Since the Wickersham bibliography, published in 1927, is neither complete nor in all cases accurate, this special list will contain additions and needed corrections.

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A quarterly ARCTIC BULLETIN is being published for the Interagency Arctic Research Coordinating Committee by the National Science Foundation's Office of Polar Programs with the first issue, Spring 1973, in press. The BULLETIN is intended for scientists, science program managers, and government administrators interested in Alaska and the Arctic. It will publish summary and survey articles and notes on the United States Federal Arctic research program, and report on Arctic research plans and accomplishments of other nations. The BULLETIN will also report on technological and managerial innovations, and provide a contemporaneous and retrospective historical record of United States research in the Arctic. An author's guide is available from the Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation, Washington, D. C. 20550.

Two Soviet volumes are available in translation being volumes 300 and 303 of the Proceedings of the Arctic and Antarctic Scientific Research Institute, Leningrad, translated for the National Science Foundation by the Israel Program for Scientific Translations under the Special Foreign Currency Program. Volume 300, STUDIES IN ICE PHYSICS AND ICE ENGINEERING, was edited by G. N. Yakovlev. The 192-page book contains 21 papers and originally was published in 1971. Its catalog number is TT 72-50005. Volume 303, INVESTIGATION OF THE ICE CONDITIONS IN THE ARCTIC SEAS AND METHODS OF FORECASTING AND COMPUTATION, was edited by N. A. Volkova. It contains 20 papers in 243 pages, and was originally published in 1971. The translation was first published in the United States as numbers 16 (PB214164 T) and 17 (PB214165 T) of the AIDJEX BULLETIN, published at the University of Washington. Both volumes are available from the National Technical Information Service, Springfield, Virginia 22151. TT 72-50005 costs \$3 hardcopy and \$.95 microfiche. PB214164 T and PB214165 T are each \$3 hardcopy and \$.95 microfiche.

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The papers, 1970-1972, of Alaska's late Congressman Nick Begich have been placed in the University of Alaska Archives and Manuscript Collections. The papers will be arranged and indexed and will eventually be available with other notable collections in the Manuscript Collections. These include Alaska's Delegates to Congress, Anthony J. Dimond, 1933-1944, and E. L. Bartlett, 1944-1958, as well as those of Senator E. L. Bartlett 1959-1968, Senator Ernest Gruening, 1959-1966, and the papers of Nick Begich's predecessors to Congress, Ralph Rivers, 1959-1966, and Howard Pollock, 1966-1970. These papers should prove invaluable to researchers of Alaska's political history as to those who wish to gain deeper insight into the personalities of the men who helped to shape Alaska's destiny from 1933 to 1972.

Papers donated by Wilson Fiske Erskine were recently made available to researchers of Alaska history by the University of Alaska Archives and manuscript Collection. The Papers encompass the years 1885-1964 and contain business records of the W. J. Erskine Company of Kodiak, personal and professional correspondence of W. J. Erskine, and well over one thousand photographs of interest from all over Alaska. W. J. Erskine's forefathers had been ship officers in the employ of the Alaska Commercial Company. In that capacity, they took many trips to Alaska in the late 1800's and established business interests along its Pacific coast. W. J. Erskine travelled frequently to Alaska as purser for the Alaska Commercial Company's steamship *Portland*, and later obtained ownership of the company's Kodiak station, building the company into one of the largest and best known mercantile establishments in Southcentral Alaska. Wilson Fiske Erskine grew up in Kodiak and his interest in Alaska is evident as three manuscripts in the collection all concern an aspect of Alaskan life. They are: TRAP PIRATES IN ALASKA, KATMAI, and WHITE WATER. All are novels except the last which is a personal autobiography.

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Esther De Witt, Librarian at the Institute of Marine Science University of Alaska, Fairbanks, enjoys doing free-lance writing. In the near future an article titled "Our Oil in Cold Storage, Why Not Use It Now?" which she co-authored with D. W. Hood will appear in SEA FRONTIERS.

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The Ecole des Hautes Etudes Commerciales, 5255 Avenue Decelles, Montreal 250, Quebec, has the following publication ready for the printer:

ANALYTIC CATALOGUE OF PLANT SPECIES FROM THE ARCTIC, by G. Gardner.

Notes on exploration, plant life, geography, etc., have been assembled for the material collected in 1970 and 1972 by G. Gardener and R. Manton. Further work by R. Manton will be continued this summer in the District of Deception Bay.

Experiments are also being conducted on the germination of the seeds of Arctic plants about 50 miles east of Montreal according to G. Gardner.

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The following inquiry comes from H. Morgan Smith, chief, Environmental Information Division, Dept. of the Air Force, OL/OA00, 3636, CCTWg, Bldg. 815, Maxwell AFB, Alabama 36112. Past studies on human physiological adaptation to various survival diets have indicated that a man in good condition may survive for considerable periods of time in cold weather environments on a ration of 500 gms of sucrose (supplemented with sodium salts and adequate water) per day. (Rogers, T. A. et al, 1966, "Ameliorative Value of Carbohydrate and Electrolytes in Arctic Survival," JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY, Vol. 21, No. 2; Rogers, T. A. & E. G. Aksnes, 1969, "Studies on Arctic Survival," AVIATION AND SPACE MEDICINE, Universitetsforlaget, Oslo; Rogers, T. A. et al, 1968, "Minimal Rations for Arctic Survival," AEROSPACE MEDICINE, Vol. 39, No. 6) Are there any current research projects by organizations or individuals within the scope of the NORTHERN LIBRARIES BULLETIN dealing with the subject, or related subjects? We are particularly interested in comments by researchers who have perhaps worked on this subject in the past, and in any new suggestions concerning Arctic survival diets.

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Proceedings of the 2nd Colloquy on Northern Library Resources, Hanover, N. H., 21 May - 2 June 1972, have been distributed. Some copies are still available from Eunice Salisbury, Librarian, U. S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, Hanover, 03755.

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John Spletstoesser, Associate Director, Institute of Polar Studies, Ohio State University, 125 South Oval Drive, Columbus 43210, felt the Third Northern Libraries Colloquy might give consideration to updating a polar classification system. In "Some Thoughts on Classification of Polar Literature," Mr. Spletstoesser reviews the UDC system for use in polar libraries as constructed by Brian Roberts at Scott Polar Research Institute. Since Antarctica now has extensive geographic place names resulting from expeditions in the 1960's, Mr. Spletstoesser is interested in knowing if work has been done on bringing the polar place names section of UDC up to date with present polar regions geography. He has some views for an updated Antarctic place names system and would like to work with others sharing this interest should the Colloquy members decide to work on such a cooperative project.

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Correction: The National Gallery of Art exhibition "The Far North: 2,000 Years of American Eskimo and Indian Art" had incorrect dates of the showing listed in the last BULLETIN. The exhibit opened at the Gallery in March and has scheduled showings around the United States. A large color poster has been received showing the exhibit will be in Anchorage, Alaska, June 10 - September 9, 1973.

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The Georgetown University Library, Special Collections Division, Wash., D. C. 20007, is investigating the possibility of producing a microfilm edition of the papers of Rev. Francis Barnum, S. J. The Barnum papers include his manuscripts concerning Alaska subjects, materials relating to his Inuit grammar, scarce printed items as early Alaska newspapers correspondence files, etc. John Reynolds, Archivist, felt the papers could probably be filmed on two reels of film. He would like to hear from libraries interested in purchasing a copy.

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Ted Ryberg, Director of Libraries, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, reports that Bandi's ESKIMO PREHISTORY will go to press for another printing. A new edition of Brooks' BLAZING ALASKA'S TRAILS is being planned for publication this summer.

At the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library, Joe Drazen has compiled and edited an index to pictures of Alaska contained in some of the books from the Skinner collection.

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GAY LIBERATION IS COMING TO YUKON states a recent news release from the Yukon Department of Tourism and Information. They tell it this way.

When you answer about 30,000 inquiries a year from people interested in Yukon, some of them are bound to be a little startling. The Akron Gay Alliance Activists Front informed "government officials of the Yukon Territory" that "gay activists from Canada's gay capital of Montreal will be moving into the major cities of the Yukon this late part of March and early April to set up Gay Liberation Proud To Be a Homosexual Headquarters." The notice says "Soon Yukoners will be proud to say on the streets of Whitehorse and elsewhere in the Yukon, 'I'm proud to be gay!'" The gay notice was sent to the department on a Christmas card with the handwritten inscription, "God bless the Yukon in 1973." No doubt many Yukoners will agree with the latter sentiment, says Athol Retallack, Travel Counsellor, but the department is wondering how many Yukoners will be welcoming this particular group of tourists with open arms.

That's it for this BULLETIN, except to wish all attending a fun and informative Colloquy in Cambridge.

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