

Newspaper Indexes Available in the Newspaper and Current Periodical Room Library of Congress, available free of charge from the division. There has been a further delay in the publication of the *Guide to Non-Federal Archives and Manuscripts Relating to Africa* due to a shortage of money to finish the editing. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Africanist Association (MARAA) was organized at a founding meeting held January 30, 1981 and the first issue of *MARAA Newsletter* was issued in March. For further information contact MARAA, African Studies Center, Howard University, Washington, D.C. 20059.

5. Northwestern

The Northwestern Title IIC project is nearing completion. Microfiche copies of the list of material which is not fully catalogued have been distributed to major libraries. The Conference Paper Index will be published by G.K. Hall. Northwestern has received a small grant to hire an archivist for the coming year to organize some of the collections now held.

6. Yale University Library

Moore Crossey. The Yale-Wesleyan Southern African Research Program is to continue through Summer 1982. The Union Catalog of Southern African Political Documents is nearly comprehensive for South Africa, Namibia and Zimbabwe through 1976. There is a possibility that it may be reproduced on microfilm. The Malian Arabic Manuscript Conservation Project ended in December. The French CNRS will publish the select inventory of Malian MSS in the Fonds Archinard of the bibliotheque Nationale, Paris. This index is on cards in the Yale library. The BN is planning to film the entire collection. Profs. Ron Rassner and Ivan Dihoff, both of Yale's Afro-American Studies, are working on bibliographies of 10 Literary works (excluding oral literature) in African languages, 2) Linguistic works on African languages.

Maidel Cason reported briefly on her acquisitions trip in the fall of 1980. This was followed by a general discussion of the necessity of taking concrete steps toward more cooperation. For the meeting in Bloomington in October, two sessions have been planned in addition to the regular business meetings,—(1) a panel and/or round table about cooperative acquisitions and (2) a separate panel about cooperation with African libraries, hopefully including several librarians from Africa.

The Spring Meeting 1982 is tentatively scheduled for Yale University.

Maidel Cason, Secretary

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR RONALD B. BALLINGER (Condensed from *The Evening Bulletin*, Tuesday, March 24, 1981—Providence, R.I.)

Professor Ronald B. Ballinger, Chair of the History department at Rhode Island College, died March 23, 1981 in Hallworth House, Providence.

During World War II, Mr. Ballinger served as a second lieutenant in the Royal Artillery serving in North Africa, Greece, Crete, Syria and later served in the Trans Jordan Frontier Force.

He was acting head of the history department at the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa between 1955 and 1964. He was a John Hay-Whitney-Fulbright visiting professor in the United States at the University of Rhode Island and Grinnell College, Iowa and also a visiting scholar at Harvard University's Center for International Affairs.

Mr. Ballinger was the overseas member of the Executive Council of the South African Institute of Race relations, an honorary research associate of the South African Institute of International Relations, a Fellow of the Harvard Center for International Affairs, a Fellow of the Yale Southern Africa Research Program, a member of the Royal Institute of International Affairs, the African Studies Association and the Providence branch of the Council on Foreign Relations.

The African Studies Association extends condolences to the family.