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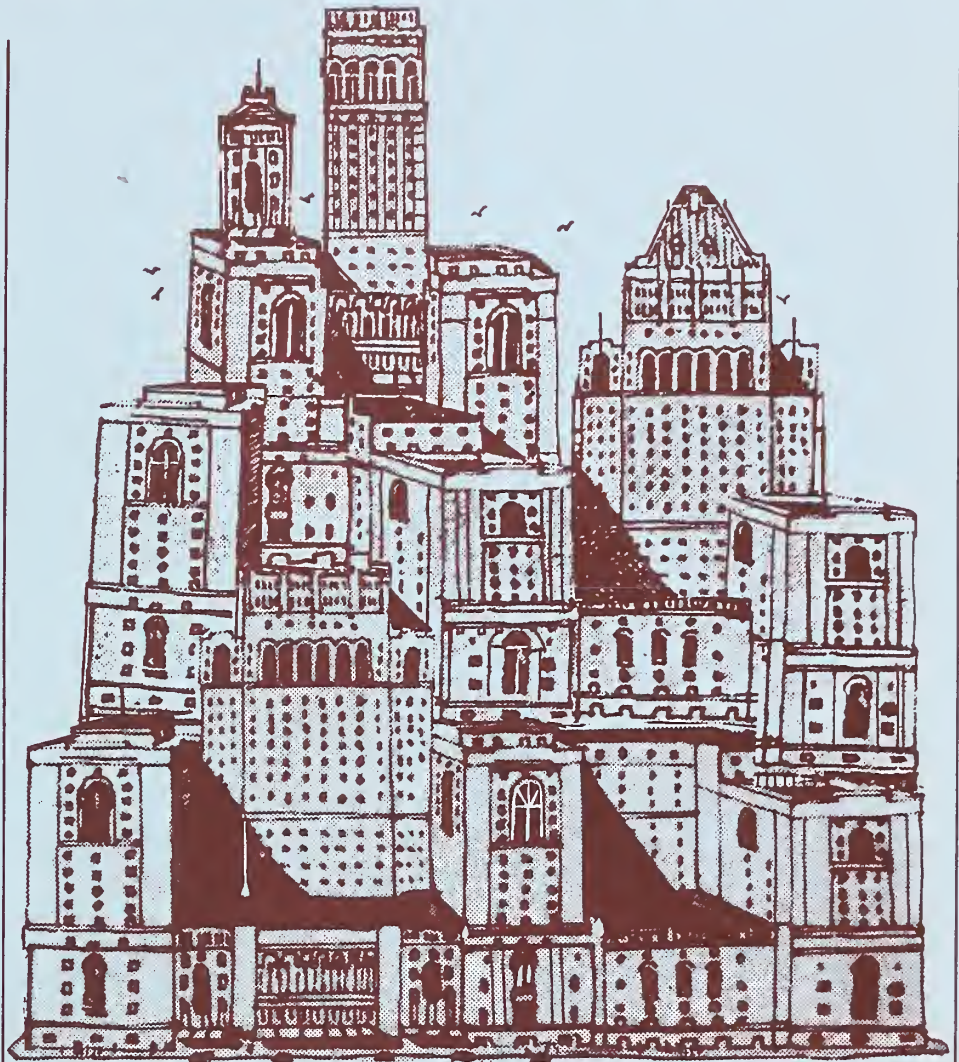
Minnesota Council Meeting Successful

Gathering in St. Paul, Minnesota, on April 27-30, 1980, were members of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer. Attending were documents librarians from all over America, along with Samuel L. Saylor (Acting Public Printer), Carl A. LaBarre (Superintendent of Documents), John D. Livsey (Director, Library and Statutory Distribution Service), and staff members from the Government Printing Office, Joint Committee on Printing, Bureau of the Census, and Federal Library Committee of the Library of Congress.

Mr. Saylor led off the presentations from GPO. Some "highlights" from these remarks are as follows: "I have had the pleasure of meeting each Council member at receptions held in Washington in the past two years when I served as Deputy to John Boyle. He has even spoken to me of the degree of professionalism each of you brings to the Council sessions; and he has always been impressed by the truly constructive criticism offered by the Council and the members of the audience.

"Carl A. LaBarre has frequently spoken of the efforts of the Council to bring forth recommendations and resolutions that would improve the Depository Library programs and the services to our customers. I'm certain this session will again result in positive actions. You may be assured that while I'm serving as Acting Public Printer, I will support the Depository Library programs and the goals and objectives of this Council; that, I pledge."

Greetings were read from Minnesota's Governor's Albert H. Quie. He particularly stressed: "Access by citizens to information on the functioning of the Government is essential to the preservation of the democratic process. Access by citizens to information produced by Government agencies advances our nation socially and economically. The Depository Libraries help insure citizen access to Government in-



formation by making widely available significant records and documents."

The Mayor of St. Paul, George Latimer, dropped by to extend his City's welcome, and said: "I don't envy you your job today; but I do admire the objective of your task; and I do respect and much depend on the quality of your work."

Ms. Faye Padgett, Deputy Staff Director, Joint Committee on Printing, gave a progress report on House Resolution 5424, designed to update Title 44 of the *United States Code*. She reported that there had been considerable rewriting of the Resolution in the light of recent extensive hearings, and that a number of Congressional Committees wanted to examine it further.

Later in the meeting, Mr. LaBarre gave a detailed response to each of the

resolutions passed during the Fall Council. These appear in the minutes sent out to depositories. He prefaced this response with some updating remarks on the Sales Program, saying: "The Sales Program has had a phenomenal six months. We have had the largest month ever in February. I'm talking about volume, and, actually, the effort that went into it. Our Bookstore Program is now 20% above last year. I'm talking about sales and customers in the first six month period, and, that was on top of a 30% increase for the past two years. So, this has been a very successful time for the Bookstores.

"I'm going to announce very shortly a return to a standing order policy. Customers wishing to receive any title in our inventory that is issued on a recurring basis, will be able to do so by requesting

that their name be entered on a specific mailing list for each item desired. The customer must first authorize this Office to obtain payment for the publications ordered by charging the order to their Master Charge, VISA, or prepaid GPO deposit account. And, in this regard, we will make sure that the system is in effect sometime after the 1st of May, so that we may take care of the Census publications which will soon be generated as a result of the 1980 Census."

Mr. John D. Livsey (about to join the staff of the Joint Committee on Printing) reported on the forthcoming move of the Library and Statutory Distribution Service to new quarters. This is projected by stages over the next two years. On the topic of depository microforms, he said: "Last week we passed 13,226,000 distribution of microfiche over the last two and a half years. We are making plans to offer you either hard copy or microfiche of all hearings, all committee prints, starting with the 97th Congress, first session, next January."

Speaking on the Depository Library Inspection Program was Mr. Daniel R. MacGilvray, Depository Library Inspector. He noted that the new inspection procedure was being improved. He also observed: "Many libraries are fighting a real battle now to maintain a level of documents service in the face of job freezes, job cuts, and cutbacks of funds. We hope in the new inspection procedure that we can reinforce those libraries in their requests to their own administrations for support. It is emerging very clearly that the 1980's, in many ways, is going to be, perhaps, the most significant decade for depository documents. This is because, increasingly, access to the 4000 plus items is a key for collections building."

Speaking on the Cataloging and Classification work of GPO was Mr. Stuart Greenberg, Chief of the Classification

and Cataloging Branch. He stated: "A few refinements have been made to the *Monthly Catalog*, such as the addition of headers to the author, title, and subject indexes, and the addition of a notice page which will, hopefully, improve its usefulness. We are also exploring the possibility of locating all entry numbers in the indexes against the right margin to facilitate the readability and improve the appearance of the page. The next and probably last major change to the *Monthly Catalog* will be the incorporation of the Title Key Word Index."

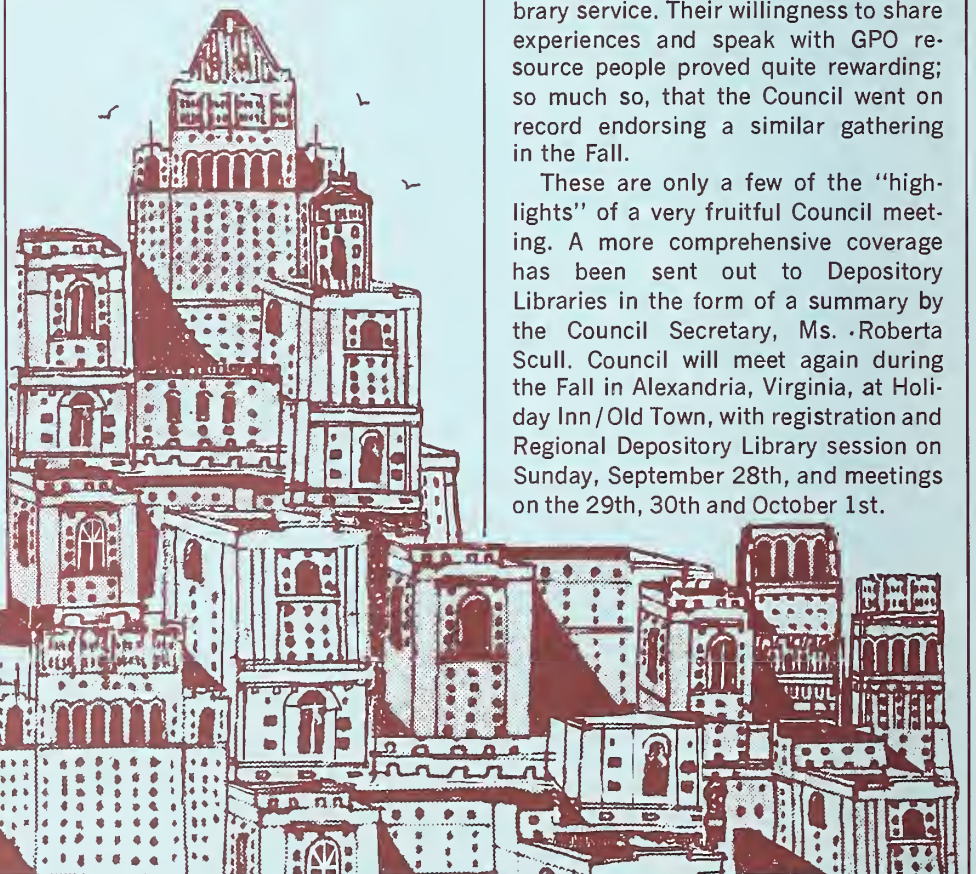
Speaking on the relationship of the Federal Library Committee, GPO, OCLC, and related matters, was Mr. James Riley, Executive Director of the Federal Library Committee of the Library of Congress. He explained: "The Federal Library Committee is made up of forty members that represent entities in the Federal Government, namely, the Executive, Judicial, and Legislative branches, and departments, and agencies. So, it's an institutional membership. Then, within the Federal Library

Committee we have developed an operating arm called FEDLINK, that is, the Federal Library Information Network. The role FEDLINK plays is the same as any network that deals with OCLC. There are twenty such networks across the country; they are either multistate or state networks. Ours is a nation-wide network. We represent Federal Libraries in any part of the country that wish to make use of the OCLC efforts."

Speaking on the 1980 Census was Mr. Mike Garland, Chief of Data Users Services, Bureau of the Census. He presented the projection of anticipated microfiche and hard copy breakdown of the forthcoming 1980 Census. Efforts would be made to provide both versions with GPO giving depositories an opportunity for a choice of formats. Discussions were already underway with GPO on the production and distribution of maps in both formats.

Prior to the formal meetings, was a gathering on Sunday, April 27th, of depository librarians connected with, or interested in, Regional Depository Library service. Their willingness to share experiences and speak with GPO resource people proved quite rewarding; so much so, that the Council went on record endorsing a similar gathering in the Fall.

These are only a few of the "highlights" of a very fruitful Council meeting. A more comprehensive coverage has been sent out to Depository Libraries in the form of a summary by the Council Secretary, Ms. Roberta Scull. Council will meet again during the Fall in Alexandria, Virginia, at Holiday Inn/Old Town, with registration and Regional Depository Library session on Sunday, September 28th, and meetings on the 29th, 30th and October 1st.



New Depository Posters Sent to Libraries

The long awaited posters, in two designs, were sent out on June 13th. "Information for Everyone," is intended to identify the exact location of depository services: with a line provided for filling in the name and address of the depository. "Ben Franklin wants you to read your Government Publications," is designed to heighten public awareness of Government publications and their availability in depositories and in GPO Bookstores. Ten copies of each poster are being sent. This will provide many possibilities for posting: in branch libraries, student unions, non-depository libraries, town halls, etc. The Editor of HIGHLIGHTS would enjoy hearing about your creative uses of the posters and the public response.



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Monthly Catalog Corner

A key word index will appear on an experimental basis in forthcoming issues of *Monthly Catalog*. It will be seen in the 1980 Semi-annual Index, and in every monthly issue from July through December. This will be a pilot project to

monitor public response to the index as a possible useful feature of *Monthly Catalog*.

In Response to resolutions from the Depository Library Council and the Government Documents Round Table, the index will be formatted upon a permuted title approach which will use information from the main title, subtitle, and variant forms of the title. All terms in the title will be employed as access

points, except words designated as non-indexing on a stop-word list. In most cases, words on this list will be prepositions, conjunctions, pronouns, and other commonly used expressions which are of little or no value as finding aids. Virtually every word and numerical sequence will be available as a point of entry in the index. The index line will contain a maximum of 50 characters meaning that the full text of the title may not print on every line. Conservation of space and paper were the overriding determining factors in reaching this decision in the hope of keeping the overall size of the *Monthly Catalog* to a workable standard.

The six month pilot project is being pursued to solicit user response to the new index prior to possible formal adoption in *Monthly Catalog*. Your reactions, based upon use of the index, will determine what, if any, modifications are in order, or even whether the index should be included. (A means for formulating responses will be provided either through *Monthly Catalog*, or a separate mailing, and should contain user comments, suggestions, criticisms, etc.) Your participation by writing to us is strongly encouraged to assist in deciding upon the key word index with users very much in mind.



NEW ARRIVALS DISPLAYED! Looking at one of his many outstanding depository displays, is R. Brantley Cagle, Jr., Documents Librarian with the Lether E. Frazar Memorial Library of McNeese State University in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Our Best Effort!

[Anniversaries are always suitable occasions for publicity. A fine example of this was worked out by the very creative librarians with the University of Rochester Library.]

"In March of 1880, Congressman John Van Voorhis established the Depository designation which the University of Rochester Library has been privileged to enjoy for one hundred years. To commemorate those many years of serving Rochester's active academic, business and industrial communities, as well as the general public, our documents staff eagerly set to work planning a gala centennial celebration we called the *Documentennial*.

"Major preparations for the festive reception planned included establishing a guest list, designing invitations, food and beverage planning, and the assembling of documents displays on the history of our Document Department, on the development of the Census and on the Government Printing Office. We exhibited selected landmark documents of historic interest as well, and called attention to our collections of New York State, Canadian, and United Nations publications. Mr. Carl A. LaBarre, Superintendent of Documents, was so kind as to pen us a letter congratulating us on achieving our centennial year.

"The financial and moral support extended to us by our Library Administration was instrumental to the success of our endeavors. They did much in the way of local publicity, and notices of our festivities appeared in the local newspapers, and were broadcast on radio. Invitations were sent to University administrators, faculty, area librarians, University staff, students, and the relatives and descendants of our founding Congressman.

"Research was conducted into the life of our designating Congressman, and it was discovered that among many accomplishments, John Van Voorhis was a delegate to the National Republican Convention at Baltimore, Maryland, which renominated Abraham Lincoln for a second term as President. He later served as co-counsel for the defense at the trial of Susan B. Anthony in 1872.



"Our much-anticipated event took place March 28, 1980, only one day shy of our originally designated Depository date of March 29, 1880. In honor of our heritage, Documents staff sewed their own antique costumes; all of us donned our Victorian best the day of the big event. Our Documents Department, suitably festooned in red, white, and blue streamers and balloons, hosted a total of more than 125 people. Strains of Souza might have been heard, at least by the imaginative, as wine and the excitement of the occasion prompted several commemorative orations. The text of Gregory P. Ames' (Documents Librarian) address recognizing John Van Voorhis as our founding Congressman was printed in the *Congressional Record* of April 16th, as 'Extension of Remarks.'

"Attending the celebration was our own modern-day Congressman, the Honorable Frank J. Horton. He presented us with a flag and a certificate in

honor of having attained our centennial year, and spoke of his long-standing commitment to the Library and of his work on the Paperwork Commission. Our political science graduate students seized the opportunity to buttonhole the good Congressman on many issues of our times.

"We are glad to report that a splendid time was had by all. The celebration attracted a sizeable cross-section of most of our prime user groups: including faculty, area business and industrial librarians, along with students. In addition, the festivities promoted no small amount of documents awareness within the Rochester community. Our *Documentennial* offered an appreciative tribute to Documents staff, GPO personnel, and documents users, past and present. More importantly, the event served to reaffirm in all of us a very real sense of dedication to excellence in documents service."

Document Reviews

[HIGHLIGHTS welcomes short reviews by depository librarians of significant recent documents. Just send them typed double spaced to the Editor. Our most recent contributions are by Mrs. Diane Gates, Library Assistant II, Willis Library, North Texas State University, and by Steven D. Zink, Documents Librarian, Andrews Library, The College of Wooster.]

John Paul Jones' Memoir of the American Revolution Presented to King Louis XVI of France. Translated from the French and edited by Gerard W. Gawalt. (Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1979.) Pp. 116. \$6.50. LC 1.2:J 71. (Available through GPO Bookstores, Stock Number 030-000-00094-3.)

John Paul Jones' memoir serves to remind us of the spirit of the generation who fought the American Revolution. This volume was published by the Library of Congress for the Bicentennial Celebration. As well as relating details written by Jones' own hand, it exemplifies the rich holdings found in the collections of the Library of Congress. This translation from the French conveys the flavor and shades of meaning found in the original. Footnotes add bibliographical data, and comment on actual events as opposed to Jones' version of the events. A biographical glossary with years of birth, death, and major accomplishments of people mentioned in the text supplement the work. The documentary letters contained in the original are appended (also in an English translation). An introduction also supplements the work with many added details about the life of John Paul Jones. For instance, he was accused of murdering the ship's carpenter at an early point in his career. He had flogged the carpenter for laziness. The carpenter jumped ship, shipped on another vessel, and later died of a fever in no way connected with the flogging. Later, Jones killed the ringleader of a mutinous crew (perhaps inadvertently) and altered his name to the now familiar John Paul Jones. In America, he began as first lieutenant in the Continental Navy. The memoir takes up his revolutionary career in which he displayed both "blatant egotism" as well as great

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John Paul Jones
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courage during considerable trials. He was beset by many uncooperative associates: such as those who delayed acting on his suggestions about strategy until it was too late to do anything; or the commissioner who acted solely on personal interests and could not keep from telling about secret missions. The commissioner also interfered with Jones' crew, who came to regard themselves as French subjects and Jones as a foreigner who had no power over them. He constantly referred to his crews as a "group of rogues."

A sufficient number of men for a crew was hard to find, so prisoners were often added to reach the minimum number necessary. His ship (the *Bonhomme Richard*) had the "bad luck" to run afoul with the *Alliance* at night due to the negligence of the officers on watch, who were cashiered and discharged, although only minor damage was suffered by the ships. Jones wrote that: "With all these mishaps, it is easy to see that I was thwarted in all my projects and that my situation was perhaps the most precarious and the most disagreeable in which a commander ever found himself." He could not persuade some of the other captains to support his daring

ventures and suffered damage from situations such as that which arose when the *Alliance* fired on both the *Serapis* (the English vessel) and the *Bonhomme Richard* (commanded by Jones), and would not cease firing. The *Bonhomme Richard* sank, with the *Serapis* surrendering to her. Both vessels had been on fire, but the men had been transferred to the *Serapis*. John Paul Jones and his crew lost all personal belongings, and some members were never compensated for service or belongings. But, Jones did receive the first Captain's commission granted in the new United States Navy, and was awarded a gold medal by Congress.

He had wanted a commission in France's Royal Navy and made at least four copies in French of his autobiography: one for the King, one for the Foreign Minister, one for the Minister of Marine, and one for himself. Only two copies survived: Jones' personal copy, and the copy presented to Louis XVI. Even the original English version disappeared. The French copy is kept in the Archives Nationales; Archives de la Marine copy and Jones' own are kept with the John Paul Jones Papers in the Library of Congress.

Through the many obstacles and circumstances faced by Jones, one may conclude, as he did, that "although in the realization of my projects I have been sometimes countered by various circumstances, I dare flatter myself that his Majesty is convinced that my zeal was never dimmed by all the obstacles I had to surmount."



Exhausted GPO Sales Publications Reference File. (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1980.) 136 microfiche, 48X \$25.00. GP 3.22/3-3:980. (Available through GPO Bookstores, sold as a set, Stock Number 021-000-00099-0.)

Over the past few years, many documents librarians and users have come to recognize the *GPO Sales Publications Reference File (PRF)* as a nearly indispensable ready-reference tool. The recent appearance of the *Exhausted GPO Sales Publications Reference File (EPRF)* promises to expand further the utility of the basic *File*.

Originally designed for use as a documents-in-print, the *PRF* was never intended to serve as a permanent record for all items ever sold by the Superintendent of Documents. As a result each item, after being retained in the *File* with "stock exhausted" status for one year, was removed. The *Exhausted GPO Sales Publications Reference File* is designed to serve as an historic supplement to the *PRF* by cumulating all of those "stock exhausted" items removed from the original *File*.

The first edition of the *EPRF* consists of 136 microfiche containing almost 25,000 entries for out-of-print items. In every physical respect, the *EPRF* is identical to the current *PRF*; and like the basic *File* contains a GPO stock number sequence, a Superintendent of Documents classification shelflist arrangement of the entries, as well as a combined alphabetical listing of titles, personal author names, agency series, report numbers, and subject key words.

Currently, the Government Printing Office plans to publish the *EPRF* on an annual cumulative basis. Unfortunately, due to computer formatting problems, cumulations are projected to begin with the 1981 edition. One can only hope that the problems will be resolved and that the 1980 *EPRF* will somehow be merged with future editions.

Although the *Exhausted GPO Sales Publications Reference File* identifies only those U.S. Government publications which have been available for purchase from the Superintendent of Doc-

uments, it is nevertheless another valuable access-enhancing tool to the wealth of information available in Government publications. The Government Printing Office is to be commended for vigilantly improving the quality of the *PRF* over the years, and, in particular, for responding to librarians' requests for this supplement to the *Publications Reference File*.

Golden Gate Not State!

Among the new depositories welcomed in the February HIGHLIGHTS, one got miscalled. We hereby acknowledge one of the Bay area's best: Golden Gate University, School of Law Library, San Francisco, California, D62C. Apologies for the slip.



VOLCANOES ANYONE? Spokane Public Library, within easy fall-out distance of Mount St. Helens Volcano, this Spring had the foresight to display the Geological Survey's 20 color plates of the *Atlas of Volcanic Phenomena* along with lots of local photos and clippings. One panel is shown here. The *Atlas* is for sale through GPO Bookstores or main GPO. It was published in 1973 and sent out to depositories selecting Item 621. Price is \$7.35. SuDoc Number is I 19.2:V 88/4. Stock Number is 024-001-01202-2.

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