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First of all - a word of greeting to each of you, and a word of gratitude to so many of you who are offering me words of support as I take over the chair of MAGERT for a brief year.

Next - a word of introduction -- who is Alice Hudson anyway? Well... she is an old geography major (Middle Tennessee State University, B.A., 1969) who worked her way through college and graduate school (Vanderbilt, M.L.S., 1970) behind the circulation desk in assorted libraries, and who thought maps and libraries would be an interesting "mix." A call from NYPL in 1970 meant the beginning of a career in map librarianship, first as map cataloger, then (1978) as assistant chief, and most recently, (1981) as chief of the Map Division, NYPL. Because of committee assignments at NYPL, she has increasing interest in collection development, not just locally, but on a national level -- how can map collections, acting in concert, on regional and national levels, better allocate shrinking acquisitions funds, and yet better serve our users? Another area of concern, strong concern, is the need to enhance the understanding of maps as reference and research tools, on the part of the general public, the book oriented scholar, the library administrator, the trustee, the faculty member, the student, and fellow librarians.

So, there you have it -- an introduction and a revelation of my platform, now that it's too late and I'm already the Chair!

Elsewhere in this issue you will find news of committee appointments. My final word is one of deep thanks to all of you who have agreed to chair and serve on MAGERT committees. Your support and hard work and enthusiasm provide fuel for the rest of us -- thanks!

Alice

... AND FROM THE EDITOR.

I hope you all noticed that yet another masochist has arisen from the MAGERT ranks and hurled herself into the fray - Linda Sharp is our New Maps & Books Editor AND our new Advertising Manager. Be sure to send her all your cites on new maps and books, STARTING WITH THE NEXT ISSUE.

If you are sending in text - I'd appreciate it if you could send it in single-spaced, with Letter Gothic or some other form of pica type as type face. Oh, and with narrow margins, as per this page. 12" paper is fine.

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Offical News

ALA Survey of Librarian Salaries: A report on salaries paid to academic or public librarians in a particular library position by geographic area is now available from ALA Publishing Services; it presents findings of a national mail survey of 1400 libraries conducted in January '82 by ALA's Office for Research and Office for Library Personnel Resources, with assistance from the University of Illinois Library Research Center. 108 p. with 39 tables; $40 from ALA Order Dept., 50 East Huron, Chicago 60611.

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New head cartographer at National Geographic Society: John Garver (hope I've spelled that correctly - have yet to see it in print)

One of our Contributing Editors has moved to a new position - Jim Walsh is now at the University of Wyoming In Laramie (In maps/docs).

Meanwhile, at the University of Michigan - George Kish has been asked by the university to reestablish the undergraduate geography program there.

The Center for Cartographic and Architectural Archives, National Archives and Records Service was to move from the main Archives Building in DC to 845 South Pickett Street in Alexandria VA (I think that is at or near LCG&M's old home in the warehouse district, during the 10 years or so that they were part of LC in exile) on or about May 1, 1982 - to take about a month or so to move.

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Cheryl Sund has left the National Cartographic Information Center in Denver, after 3 1/2 years of working there; she was the initiator and editor of NCIC-Rocky's newsletter - amongst a good many other things!

In re proposed increases in the price of the National Ocean Survey's nautical charts: no, it will NOT be the horrendous $40 or so per chart. Prices will go up $.50 in 1983 (thanks to Kathleen Eisenbeis, Duke U Library, and Dr. Helen Armstrong, U. Florida).

Bibliographic guide to maps and atlases publishers regard GeoArchive as the only database for geological map information (? I'm quoting from Geosystems News, #2, May 1982, p. 41). The file containing the bibliographical details from the first 100,000 maps indexed from the UK Institute of Geological Sciences collection will be sent to Lockheed for addition to the Dialog GeoArchive file shortly.

Apparently some time in July of this year LC conducted the first large-scale mass paper deacidification project; process was developed in 1976. Cost per book (target): $5. (LJ hotline 11(21):2, May 31, 1982)

(JW)Michael Dulka, formerly Map Librarian at Clark University, Worcester Mass., has been appointed Map Librarian of the Dag Hammarskjold Library, United Nations.

Andrew Modelski, head of the Acquisitions Unit, Technical Services Section, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress, received a pin on 11 January 1982, to honor his 25 years of Federal government service.

Landsat D (now Landsat 4) is up and (we hope) running.

CONFERENCES

Speaking of which - there are so many workshops (on management, microforms, etc.), many of them rather expensive, that we need CE ratings.

Association of Canadian Map Libraries, 1982 annual meeting, "Map Producers and Map Collections: Perspectives on Co-operation," Ottawa, Aug. 16-20; turned out a program so large that I accidentally hauled it off to the OCLC terminal to catalog it!

Aug 16: whitewater raft tour
Aug 17: "Perspectives on Co-operation from an International Point of View," Hans van de Waal
"Map Collections and Map Evaluation," George Falconer
"Cataloguing Map Series," Karen Lochhead
"Tellidon and Maps: Report on a Library Experiment," Barbara Farrell
"Videodisc and Maps," Dennis Mole
"Integrating Remote Imagery with Map Data," Larry Carver
"Cartographic Materials and DOBIS/LIBIS Implementation," Bob Batchelder
"The PHOENIX On-Line Retrieval System and Maps," Elizabeth Hamilton
"Map Cataloguing Activity at the University of Waterloo," Richard Pinnell
Exhibition: "Treasures of the National Map Collection" to commemorate Collection's 75th anniversary

Aug 18: "Map Producers vs. Map Curators," forum for discussion & debate
Business meeting

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Aug 19: Reports from federal government map producing agencies
"Census Map Library, Statistics Canada," D.R. Bradley
Boat trip & luncheon on Ottawa River
Report from National Map Collection
"La Cartothèque de l'INRS - Urbanisation," Christiane Desmarais
"Update on cartobibliography in Canada," Joan Winears
"Toward a bibliography of 19th century Canadian guidebooks," Carol Marley
"Using maps in a natural history museum," Patrician Laughlin
"Review of A Preliminary Checklist of Immigration Atlases," Karen Finn

Aug 20: visits to map producing agencies & collections

IFLA, August 22-28, Montreal:

Aug 24: field day of Section of Geography & Map Libraries
Aug 25: Session I - "Cartographic Networks"
"Geographical Canada - Research & the Network of Canada - Collections in the Federal Republic of Germany," Hermann Gunzel
"Network for Sharing Satellite Imagery," Larry Carver
Session II - "Cartographic Networks"
"Exchange of MARC Map tapes on an international level: the possibility of international cartographic networking," Hans van de Waal
"The world of map libraries: an informal network," John Wolter
Session III - Panel discussion: "Cartographic Networks & Networking"

1982 American Congress on Surveying and Mapping - American Society of Photogrammetry
Fall Convention, Sept. 19-23, Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood FL 33022
(1982 ACSM-ASP Fall Convention, c/o Robert S. O'Brien, 1633 Edith Esplanade, Cape Coral FL 33904 (813)542-5693 evenings). A National Symposium on the Profession in Private Practice will be held contemporaneously (Janet Degner, Dept. of Civil Engineering, U. Florida, Gainesville 32611 (904)392-1436)

Western Association of Map Libraries, fall meeting 1982, Sept. 16-17
Sept. 16: business meeting; Sounding Board
"Introduction to the UCSB Map and Imagery Laboratory: its resources and capabilities," Larry Carver
Sept. 17: "Information transfer devices for map and imagery products," Harmon Avera
"Developments in computer cartography data bases," Waldo Tobler
"New USGS cartographic data bases with answers to questions from WAML members," Moyle D. Stewart
"New mapping products being developed from remote sensing," John Estes
"Indexing the Fairchild historical aerial photography collection of California," Stan Stevens
"Development and expected products from the Thematic Mapper of Landsat D," Warren P. Nichols

Collection Management and Development Institute at MIT & Boston PL, Oct 10-13; particular attention paid to arts & humanities, engineering, social science, geography, and geographic areas of Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, USSR, Latin America; for registration info, call RTSO at (312)944-6780x319
-wonder if they'll say anything about maps?

Online '82 Conference & Exposition, Nov. 1-3, Atlanta Hilton (ONLINE '82, Barbara Marshall, 11 Tannery Lane, Weston CT 06883 (203)227-8466)
This looks like a good place to fit in David Cobb's exposition on exchange.

The Exchange Experience -

As I prepared my column as MAGERT's international correspondent I thought that many of you might say: "I sure would like to do that someday." Well folks, today is really your day and I'm going to tell you how to do it - a brief explanation of my situation seems in order.

Approximately 18 months ago David Ferro, Assistant Librarian at Edinburgh University Library, arrived in Urbana-Champaign (no, he wasn't looted!) on an English Traveling Fellowship which allowed him to visit American map libraries during one month. I suggested, and he chagringly agreed, that a six-month-1 year exchange would be more beneficial as it would allow librarians to actually work in a foreign map collection, meet different curators, attend their meetings, etc. I then strongly insinuated that I just might be interested in such an exchange if he could find a suitable partner for me in the U.K. About six months later I heard from the Map Curator at the University of Reading and, after finding Reading in my trusty Times Atlas, we made all of the arrangements privately before seeking official approval from our respective bureaucracies.

Briefly, we exchanged house, cars and cats! We have arranged to continue payment on mortgages, insurances, etc. but have traded utility bills and car insurance. Having these spelled out beforehand is absolutely essential. Although there are numerous "stomach butterflies" it is reassuring knowing that both parties will have a house and car at your disposal upon arrival. I would personally discourage any possible exchange if these two items were not included.

The advantages are quite numerous to both parties. Although we speak the "same" language, this is very much a foreign country and you will not get to know it in a two-week vacation - this is a country, like most others, which must be experienced and that requires you to live there. Culturally, the ability to absorb it at your leisure is something I have already begun to appreciate in only two weeks knowing I still have over five months to visit numerous big and little places! For me, it may be running the London Marathon, for you attending the London Ballet or visiting Winchester Cathedral.

The opportunity to work in a foreign map collection is indeed unique and I would think desirous of many in the states and vice-versa I presume. Actually, during my tenure in the U.K., here it comes, folks - I would like to establish some sort of an exchange program whereby I could put people interested in exchanges together. If this becomes a base line 3(4):93
success, as I hope it will, I believe MAGERT would form an Exchange Committee which could coordinate these efforts for the whole profession. I might add that I think map librarians in the states should also consider domestic exchanges within the country as well - I'm interested but let me get back there first! We should not have to be reminded that this is just the type of activity that librarians would eagerly support - each library/librarian would gain a new perspective and greater experience while creating a more common understanding among the profession. I shall be most interested in answering inquiries from persons interested in such a program and shall be happy to pass names on to acquaintances here in the U.K.

Oh yes, I should add - for you who are thinking in financial terms - that my accountant advises me that the entire trip may be tax-deductible. Yes, I do mean travel by air to here and back but also everyday food, petrol, utilities, etc., and all trips where a visit to a library or map collection is a direct result. Tax deductible vacations, especially those lasting 6 months-1 year, are hard to find, friends - think about it.

(He's back in scenic Chambana now - Map & Geography Library, University Library, U. Illinois, Urbana 61801)

And back to ................. .C O N F E R E N C E S

Society for the History of Discoveries, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Nov. 4-6, 1982; 2 sessions on local/cartographic interest - history of discovery and exploration in Wisconsin, and history of cartography (Prof. Bruce Solnick, c/o Dept. of History, State University of New York, Albany NY 12222)

Surveying, Mapping, and Map Data Application: a Regional Seminar Workshop, Rolla MO, Oct. 13-15; theme is "Utilization of Automated & Conventional Methods in Surveying, Mapping, and Map Data Applications" (Dennis L. White, Facilities Chairman, ACMS/ASP Seminar and Workshop, 1400 Independence Road, Rolla 65401 (314)341-0866)

Mapping the North American Plains, April 28-29, 1983, University of Nebraska; papers solicited on cartographic work of various expeditions, methods of survey employed, evolution of cartographic techniques, promotional and commercial depictions of cartographic work of indigenous inhabitants of plains region, treaty maps, depiction of plains region in French and Spanish maps, & vernacular representations of region (Program Committee, Center for Great Plains Studies, 1213 Oldfather Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 68588-0314)

Geography and Map Division, Special Libraries Association, annual conference, New Orleans, June 4-9, 1983; conference theme is "Removing Information Barriers," papers are encouraged on following topics - removal of info barriers which one faces in providing cartographic, geographic, and geologic info; geographic

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... distributions in the New Orleans area, Lower Mississippi River Valley, and Gulf Coast region, esp. as they relate to anthropological, architectural, historical, economic, geologic, biological, or sociological factors. Full-page abstracts to Division Program Planner by 10/1/82 (Ms. Marsha L. Selmer, University of Illinois at Chicago, Map Section, Library, POBox 8198, Chicago 60680 (312)996-5277) full text of papers to Planner by March 1, 1983.

(AH) MAGERT LOS ANGELES PROGRAM CALL FOR PAPERS: The American Library Association will be meeting in Los Angeles, June 26-July 1, 1983. Papers are welcome on the following themes: Mapping the Transmississippi West, pt. II (Pt. I was in San Francisco, remember?); Maps as reference tools; Basics of handling maps; Map library network and the networks. In addition, contributed papers are sought on themes relating to geography, and maps as historical documents, geographic tools or information sources. Spoken presentations should be planned for no more than 20 minutes, although the papers may well be lengthy. Please send a title and brief description or outline by November 1, 1982. Final paper selection will be made by December 1, 1982. Papers accepted for presentation will be considered for publication at a later date. Contact: Alice C. Hudson, Map Division, NYPL, Fifth Avenue & 42d Street, NY 10018 (212)930-0588.

Tenth International Conference on the History of Cartography, 29 August-2 September, 1983, Dublin, Ireland; papers solicited on: cartographer's methods and sources; colonial cartography; agrarian cartography; history of map collecting; abstracts to the Committee by 10/31/82, full papers by 3/1/83 (Tenth International Conference on the History of Cartography, 12 Pembroke Park, Dublin 4, IRELAND)


Sixth International Symposium on Automated Cartography, October 16-21, 1983; theme is: Computer-assisted cartography, International perspectives on achievements and challenges; in Ottawa (approximately); for general Info, Auto-Carto Six Secretariat (613)231-2652/Dept. of Geography, Carleton U., Ottawa KIS 5B6

12th International Cartographic Conference (the 7th General Assembly of International Cartographic Association, spring 1984, Perth, Western Australia - but they mean spring in Australia, so the dates are Aug 4-13; main themes will be: mapping and natural resources and the environment, and the application of satellite imagery; role of cartography in management and planning; coastal zone mapping; computer-assisted cartography; map revision practices including management; history of cartography with special reference to Australia and South East Asia; cartographic education for the future; geography and cartography; tactual mapping (hmm - no address - but think I ran that in last base line).

11th International Conference on the History of Cartography will be held at the Public Archives of Canada in autumn of '85; this is the 1st time that this conference has been held in Canada, and only the 2nd time in North America.

(some very brief) REMEMBRANCES OF CONFERENCES PAST

SLA's Geography and Map Division had its usual jam-packed program, with the extra added attraction (?) of a 5-hour business meeting; the meetings themselves were much involved with remote sensing - most appropriately, since so much is happening in that area. David Carrington received the Division's Honors Award for Outstanding Achievement. The only bad parts were meeting rooms in Cobo Hall chilled to 55°F, base line 3(4):95
and my finally being able to figure out the Renaissance Center (hotel, meeting rooms, shops, etc.), by the day that I left!

As for ALA MAGERT meetings in Philly - due to my having to attend CCDA meetings, I was only able to attend about 2 sessions. Generally matters went as planned, although the Defense Mapping Agency representative and one of the Maps in the Media persons did not show. Speaking generally, the Gale-paid-for buses unfortunately operated on the Madrid theory - you had to go to the Civic Center in order to get to any of the hotels, since the buses all went there, but definitely did NOT go to all of the hotels - or at least no one bus did; I just gave up and walked to the various hotels. And amazingly enough for a city that must have a good many tourists, the restaurants seem surprised - and not particularly pleased - to have large numbers of persons who wanted to EAT; reminded me of Gil Baldwin's comment on how the U.S. Census Bureau always seemed so surprised that every 10 years there was another census.

There was considerable discussion on having the proceedings of the MAGERT meetings published; decision seems to be to publish the papers on the Transmississippi West as the first number in a MAGERT Occasional Paper series, compile some of the others for another number, and to encourage paper givers to have their papers published in the general library literature - since there is little point (if much pleasure) in preaching to the converted. Carly and Stan Stevens gave a dinner (Carly cooked) at JBP's home on (I think) Monday night - one of those a-good-time-was-had-by-all occasions!

By the last day of meetings - and particularly during the final consultations (translation: 4 of us sitting in a superb little bar called Mace's Crossing, laughing immoderately), I felt for the first time in several months that the large, bad-tempered dog that had been snapping at my heels was gone. And by now, even the black-&-blue marks on my knees (which I fell on at the airport upon arrival - one of my ankles every now and again abruptly gives out) have faded...

NEW MAPS

(CW)Pictorial map of the University of Virginia (24" x 32" $8 + 10% shipping, + 4% tax for VA residents); checks payable to UVA Alumni Association, Box 3446 University Station, Charlottesville VA 22903. Ask for item #205.

UC - all of following until next initials in margin)

U.S. Central Intelligence Agency. Page-size base maps; GPO dep. no. PrEx 3.10/4:
C76 - Congo (OCLC 8423047); D64-Djibouti (8219743); Eg9/979-Egypt (8444868);
N15/978-Namibia & Walvis Bay; P96-Puerto Rico (7693252); GPO, DC 20402
-show cities & towns, roads, rivers & other water bodies; some also show
international and internal boundaries, railroads, airports, and physical features.

Page-size, multi-colored base maps; GPO dep. no. PrEx 3.10/4:
L34-Latin America (8530450); M29/4-Malay Archipelago (8406571)
-international boundaries & major cities; LA shows rivers, long. and lat. lines

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A13/2-Algeria (8549418); Au7/2-Austria (8549410); A26-Azores (6789577); B23-
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G31/4-German Democratic Republic (8566930); G93/2-Guatemala (8566873); K12-
Kampuchea (8585416); K84/4-Korean Peninsula (8585545); M42-New Zealand (8444881);
K84/3-North Korea (8566888); P7/3-Pakistan (8566860); R94-Rwanda & Burundi
(6332331); Sp1/2-Spain (8530420); Sw5-Switzerland (8566881); T15/2-Tanzania (8566845)
-besides shaded relief, these maps show roads, national capitals and other cities,
and rivers and lakes; some maps also show provincial boundaries & capitals, & railroads.

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Enough of CIA (all maps available from GPO) - now on to the U.S. Forest Service: 

Winema National Forest, Oregon: forest visitors map. Dep.; OR $11 from Forest Supervisor, Winema National Forest, POBox 1390, Klamath Falls OR 97601.
A13.28:M72


Chequamegon National Forest, Wisconsin. GPO dep. A13.28:CA5/2 OR $1 from Forest Supervisor, Chequamegon National Forest, 157 North 5th Ave., Park Falls WI 54552.

Hoosier National Forest, Indiana. GPO dep. A13.28:h76 (OCLC 8547379) OR $11 from Forest Supervisor, Hoosier National Forest, 1615 J St., Bedford IN 47421


Wayne National Forest, Ohio. GPO dep. A13.28:W36 or $11 (3 sheets) from Forest Supervisor, Wayne National Forest, 1615 J St., Deford IN 47421.

High Uintas Primitive Area, Ashley and Wasatch National Forests, Utah. GPO dep. A13.28:u15/2 (OCLC 8423065) OR $11 from Forest Supervisor, Wasatch National Forest, 8226 Federal Bldng., 125 S. State St., Salt Lake City UT 84138 or Forest Supervisor, Ashley N.F., 437 E. Main St., Vernal UT 84078.

Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area, Siuslaw National Forest, Oregon. GPO dep. A13.28: Or3/2 (8549438) OR $11 from Forest Supervisor, Sius N.F., 545 S.W. 2nd, POBox 1148, Corvallis OR 97339 or Area Ranger, Oregon Dunes N.R.A., Siuslaw N.F., 855 Highway Ave., Reedsport OR 97477.

Oops - somehow I got one sheet's worth of Jim's CIA maps in wrong place:

United States. Central Intelligence Agency.

Madagascar. PrEx 3.10/4:M26. OCLC 5439812
-includes location map, comparative area map, maps of "Population," "Tribal groups," "Economic activity," "Vegetation."


South America. PrEx 3.10/4: So8a/3. OCLC 8491466.

Southeast Asia. PrEx 3.10/4:So8a/4. OCLC 8549397.

Soviet Union. PrEx 3.10/4: So9/981. OCLC 8320107

The fuelwood situation in developing countries. Rome: FAO, 1981. Available from UNIPUR 345 Park Avenue South, NY 10010. OCLC 8389120. 1:25,000,000
-supply to unasyrva (FAO Forestry Dept. pub.); all map librarians in institutions that subscribe to unasyrva should go rescue this map from potential obscurity in serials stacks; apart from "unasyrva - supplement" on cover, no indication this is part of series - serials libn. probably glad to have you take it off his hands
Old Sturbridge Village: map-guide 1982. Free from their tourist promotion group, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, Mass 01566—working historical (colonial?) village

City of Newark, New Jersey. Free from Newark Public Information Office, City Hall, Newark 07102. Nice base map, but no street index, and apparent reduction makes some street names difficult to read.

A Rutgers eye view of the world. $3.95 from Poster, Dept. of Alumni Relations, Rutgers Uniy., New Brunswick NJ 08903. 1981? Col. pictorial map on the order of the New Yorker magazine cover, "A New Yorker's View of the World."

Map of Delaware County, New York. Free from Delaware County Board of Supervisors, Court House, Delhi NY 13753. 1981. Shows state-owned land; col. road map.


St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands. Same as above. I think they publish a similar map of St. Thomas, but it was not available when we got these.

The map of maps: facts about St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. Free from Official Publications, 30 King Cross St., St. Croix, USVI 00820. 1982—larger scale, more detail than above map of St. Croix

1.) Geological maps of China, formerly for sale from Tokyo Geographical Society, are sold out (1:250,000).

The Peters projection map available from Christian Aid costs £2.00. POBox no. 1, London SW9 8BH.

Geological highway map of Nova Scotia is $3.50 Canadian from Atlantic Geoscience Society, POBox 1087, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2X1

Middle Fork of the Salmon, a wild and scenic river: forest visitor map and guide, Idaho. A13.28:M58. 16 p. booklet printed on waterproof, cloth-base paper.

From Foldmeresi Intezet, Budapest P.O.B. 76, H-1367 Hungary: Map A. Map of recent vertical crustal movements in Carpatho-Balkan region. $60. Includes text. Map B. Land use map of Europe. 4 sheets. $120. Map C. Satellite image map of Hungary. $50.00

Geothermal resources of Nebraska. Free (?) from USGS, MS 504, Box 25046, Federal Center, Denver 80225

Silicon Valley, California map. $9.95 (no. 4055KB) from Inmac International Sales, 2465 Augustine Drive, Santa Clara CA 95051 (408)727-1970

In re 1:250,000 Unified Hemispheric Mapping Series: an index to the series has been created by the Instituto Geográfico Nacional "Tommy Guardia" of Panama—these are being sent to the Defense Mapping Agency Distribution Center in Clearfield, Utah, and will be distributed to subscribers at no cost, in a future shipment. About 70 sheets have been distributed, mostly of Mexico.

UC Berkeley has microfilmed a set of maps showing 1970 census enumeration districts in California; entire set for $36 + postage—Map Room, Library, UC Berkeley 94720 for more info.

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New Maps, cont.

Mines and prospects map series, 1:250,000. 20 maps covering state, all $5 except for Challis, Elk City, Hailey, which are $7.50. Idaho Bureau of Mines and Geology, Morrill Hall Room 332, University of Idaho Campus, Moscow ID 83843. Mailing charge is 10% of order, $1.25 minimum.

Geologic map of Sacramento quadrangle. $12.00 from Calif. Division of Mines and Geology, PO Box 2980, Sacramento CA 95814.


Mary Fortney (Northwestern University) asks if anyone else is missing USGS topos from a depository shipment - for example, stuff from West listed in last Monthly Publications listing?

Canada 1:50,000 status map (M.C.R. 104); other status sheets - M.C.R. 106, 112, 114, 116, 117 also available - M.C.R. 115 on 1:250,000 program not published; free from Planning Section, Topographical Survey Division, Room 704, Energy, Mines & Resources, Surveys and Mapping Branch, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa K1A 0E9.

5-digit zip code areas, Chicago Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area. 1:126,720. $10 + $2.50 for tube and postage (PREPAY) from CAGIS, University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, Rm. 2159 - Behavioral Sciences Bldg., PO Box 4348, Chicago 60680. 1981. (thanks to Marsha Selner for information).

Nebraska land use map. 50¢ from Nebraska Map Information Center, 113 Nebraska Hall, University of Nebraska, Lincoln 68588.

Chart number 11359 - a new 1:50,000-scale nautical chart, for carriers coming into new Louisiana Offshore Oil Port. $4 from National Ocean Survey, Distribution Division C44, Riverdale MD 20840.

Computer-plotted map of land use and land cover, Three Mile Island and vicinity, with Census Tracts. 1:100,000. no address or price; done as a cooperative effort between the State of Pennsylvania and USGS, 1981? From Karl Proehl's acquisitions list (Pennsylvania State University Library, University Park 16802).

NEW BOOKS

A glacier atlas of the world is being worked on. Anyone have further info?

U.S. Congress Bicentennial atlas is being worked on; v. 1 to be published in October of this year by Free Press.

Facsimile atlas - Atlas Vingboorns. $500 from (I think) Rudolf Muller Booksellers in Amsterdam. (PO Box 9016, 1006 aa, Amsterdam). Also from Rudolf Muller: Claudius Ptolemy. Cosmography (from Biblioteca Apostolica Vatican, Cod. Urb., lat. 277, 1472). facsimile; price not given.


2d. rev. for Janet Allin's Map Sources Directory; $4.25 US from Map Library, Rm 115 Scott Library, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Downsview, Ontario M3J 2R2.

base line 3(4):99
Radiometric age data. (1 p.) free from NOAA, EDIX/NGSOC (D62), 325 Broadway, Boulder CO 80303.

Section on maps of Hawaii in Historical dictionary of Oceania (Greenwood, 1981) is authored by Gary Fitzpatrick.


Atlas nacional del medio físico. 3,500 pesos (about $85) from Secretaría de Programación y Presupuesto, Coordinación General de los Servicios Nacionales de Estadística, Geografía e Informática, Dirección General de Integración y Análisis de la Información, Centeno 670, 08400 Mexico, D.F. MEXICO.

New Jersey road maps of the 18th century. $5 from Princeton University Library (?). 1981.

Index to published geologic mapping in Oregon, 1898-1979 / by C.A. Schumacher. Scale 1:1,000,000. 6 maps. GMS-14. Dept. of Geology and Mineral Industries, 1005 State Office Building, Portland OR 97201.

Everything you've always wanted to know about reading road map : but were afraid to ask / by Rosalind Schilder. $2.25 + 37¢ postage to Ms. Schilder, POBox 153, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462-0153.

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-Nice little 1-pager from USGS: "Sources of U.S. Geological Survey Publications." Words from the wise, in this case from the head of Reference at the Colorado School of Mines Library - whenever you are told by USGS at Arlington or Denver that an item is out of print, check with your local public Inquiries office - they have a list of where remaining copies - if any - are.


Thomas Bros. California Road Atlas. $9.95 "wherever books and maps are sold" (ad in Sunset about 2 months ago).

V. 2 of "Maps of Indian reserves and settlements in the National Map Collection" is out of print.

Methuen's Thematic Maps is due out 10/82, at a cost of $14.95.
New Atlases

(MM unless otherwise noted)

1. Atlas of Florida, editor, Edward A. Fernald. Dist. by Heritage Resources, P.O. Box 6581, Tallahassee, Fla. 32301 $27.00, add $2.00 post. Sections on natural environment, population, history and culture, economy, recreation and tourism, transportation and communication and planning, energy and Florida's future.

2. Hydrogeologic atlas of Michigan by Dept. of Geology of Western Michigan University. Available from the Dept. of Geology, Research Center, 843 Steers St., Western Michigan Univ., Kalamazoo, MI 49008 $100.00, add $10.00 for handling. Presents geotechnical data on maps, graphs and tables.

3. Ice atlas, Canadian arctic waterways. W.E. Markham. Available by mail from Canadian Govt. Pub. Centre, Supply and Services, Toronto, Canada. $120.00.


10. Agenais:Condonois, Brulhois, par Jean Burais. Published by Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, 15 quai Anatole France, 75700, Paris. ISBN 2-222-02448-X. This comprehensive historic atlas of Agenais includes a chronology, 304 maps and 149 plans, and bibliographies for the maps. Information is shown by legends on maps and plans. No text to accompany the maps.
A regional historic atlas of the départements of Ain, Savoie and Haute-Savoie and the canton of Genève. Include chronology, 89 plans, 262 maps, and bibliographies for the maps.


- from their Cultural Atlas Series; standing order plan available

Ed.) Hammond handed out a mini world atlas at their displays this summer (SLA or ALA) - it's about 4" x 2 1/2".

base line 3(4):102
The separately issued leather bound atlas is a true facsimile. Separate text in period binding is well footnoted and indexed.


Quality atlas has 113 p. and 4 sections: 1. El Territorio se configura, 2. La producción y la población, 3. El equipamiento territorial, 4. El proceso de urbanización. Includes 2 anexos, 1st is Memoria, 147 leaves, and 2nd is Serie de Estadísticas Historicas, 282 p.

(Ed.) The Vietnam map book. 1981? $50 for non-veterans; $100 for institutions (not community-based). Winter Soldier Archive, Box 1251, Berkeley CA 94704; or Agent Orange Veterans' Advisory Committee, 1027 University Avenue, Berkeley CA 94710 (415)540-6175.

Back to other ............................................ NEW BOOKS

Have you noticed in your GPO/SUDOCs dep. shipments that the USGS geologic map indexes to states are turning up as I 19.41/8? Thank heaven, now I shan't have to write for them all the time.


Slide-tape program on: Storage and care of maps. Write to National Audiovisual Center, Washington, D.C. 20409 if you wish to purchase. There are 5 regional libraries from whom these may be rented; contact your Editor and I'll give you the one for your area.

"Acquisitions at the Newberry: Maps" in Annual report of the Newberry Library for the year ending June 30, 1981. pp. 4-5.


base line 3(4):103
There has been a number of meetings on cataloging at the Special Libraries Association and the American Library Association annual conferences. This column will be devoted to notes taken at some of those meetings.

About 15 people showed up on Sunday afternoon, June 5, in Detroit to hear Mary Larsgaard, SLA representative to the ALA Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access report on the CC:DA. She had recommended SLA establish a committee on cataloging to support and to advise the representative. The SLA Board of Directors had voted to establish the committee, and the scope of the committee's work needs to be defined.

Following Mary's meeting, the SLA Geography and Map Division Cataloging Committee held an open meeting with John Schroeder, Head of Cataloging at the Library of Congress Geography and Map Division reporting on some current events at LC. Among his comments: next fall the LC catalogers will search only for online records for establishing names. LC is working on cooperative cataloging with GPO for map cataloging. Map catalogers should report any problems with GPO cataloging to JS. LC is not cataloging many series maps at present. One example of the problems found is the DMA series, which has geographic codes rather than the equivalent of monographic series numerical codes. A decision must be made whether to treat them together or separately. Military bases are being treated as geographic rather than corporate names. JS would like to have the subdivision "Suburbs and environs" reintroduced for cartographic materials. LC is considering minimum level cataloging for some maps. This would consist of basic description, and the classification number. The main entry would not be established if new to the system, but the form of name already in the system would be used for names previously established. There was some concern over whether a minimum level LC record might replace a full-cataloging non-LC record on OCLC. LC G&M might have a cataloging workshop next year. They have been applying the final version of the AACCCCM manual for some months. Some things in the manual need clarification and interpretations may be disseminated through the Cataloging Service Bulletin. Improved guidelines have been prepared on what is an atlas and what is a book, and it may be possible to put these into the CSB.

A general discussion of how many of the people present catalog maps and the number of maps cataloged resulted in a suggestion of a map cataloging directory for a project. Library symbols on maps records on OCLC and RLIN could be checked, and then the library contacted to get information on who catalogs maps and whether the cataloger catalogs maps only or other formats also.
On the Cataloging/Cataloguing Front, Dorothy McGarry
p. 2

The Map Online Users Group met at the Detroit Public Library June 7. Convenient times for an LC G&M cataloging workshop were discussed, with some people preferring spring and some fall. One suggestion was that there would be value in having an extra day on maps for people who know cataloging but not maps. Such information as natural scale indicator and how to determine latitude and longitude would be covered. A map interpretation text could be used as background reading. John Hill of the University of Nebraska, Omaha presented a paper on map projections for catalogers. John Schroeder spoke about geographic subject headings, commenting that at LC distinctions are made in headings that are jurisdictions and established by descriptive catalogers and those that are geographic and established by subject catalogers (e.g. national parks). He said he saw value in separation of some elements of a subject heading such as topic, time, geographic, and format. For example, Geology - Moon - Maps could replace Lunar geology - Maps; Zoning - Area - Maps, Zoning maps; and World - Maps, World maps. It would be useful to have - "Relief models," - "Index maps," and "Photomaps" floating, but that won't happen right away. New headings for concepts such as Landsat imagery and satellite imagery are not available. Development and use of scope notes for cartographic material subjects would be useful. JS said that the name for every geographic authority record goes to BGN from LC G&M. Mary Larsgaard commented that BGN no longer establishes regional names. JS discussed minimal level cataloging at LC G&M, indicating that things like city and town plans could be done this way.

Ben Tucker, Chief of the Office for Descriptive Cataloging Policy, reported on some recent events from LC at the July 12 meeting of the ALA Cataloging and Classification Section Heads of Cataloging Departments Discussion Group. A series of name and subject authority institutes will be held beginning this fall. Directions subject catalogers at LC are using will be compiled and published.

Harvard University and the University of Chicago will be participating in a cooperative program with LC. Chicago will work on cataloging retrospective publications from the John Crear collection while Harvard will be working with current imprints. They will be able to do online searching in LC's database and online input of bibliographic records.

LC will start conversion to searching almost exclusively in the automated system perhaps this fall with the sections of catalogers being phased in one section at a time. The May 28 LC Information bulletin announced that compatible headings will no longer be established, beginning September 1. Two exceptions: If the parent body is already established as "compatible," a subdivision must be compatible because existing compatible headings will not be changed and for uniform titles, if the parent heading is already compatible, the authority record must be coded compatible also.
The MARC authority format for series can't be implemented for a year or two so LC will begin to put the series authorities into the name authority file. They will be able to move them later if necessary. Distribution might begin early next year for machine-readable records, although the records will not be added to the COH products initially because of programming needs. A special project may be necessary to add all the manual records to the machine-readable file (45,000 series authority records have been created since January 1, 1981).

Distribution of music records will begin early in 1983.

The National Union Catalog is being changed to a microfiche register/index format. Enough data may appear in the indexes that the register will not have to be used in a large percentage of cases. Sections of the NUC that will be available include: NUC Books (consolidating records which presently appear in the NUC, the Subject Catalog, Chinese Cooperative Catalog, and Monographic Series); NUC U.S. Books; NUC Audiovisual Materials; and NUC Cartographic Materials. The National Register of Microform Masters; Music, Books on Music and Sound Recordings; Newspapers in Microform; New Serial Titles; and National Union Catalog of Manuscript Collections will continue to be published in paper until they are converted to microfiche. Indexes to the four microfiche NUCs will be by name, title, subject, and series; indexes to the NUC Cartographic Materials will also be by geographic classification.

The Shared Cataloging Program (started in 1966) has been abandoned. With the switch to AACR2 and LC's rule interpretations, guidelines for handling different national libraries' bibliographic practices were difficult to develop.

With plans to develop an online system for the Library of Congress Subject Headings, it will be possible to produce more than one type of print product, that is, more than one format for the printed or microfiche lists. If anyone has suggestions for useful rearrangements of format, wording, etc., write to Mary K. Pletris, Chief, Subject Cataloging Division, Library of Congress, and tell her your ideas.

If anyone has cataloging information or questions you want to share through this column, please write to me at: Physical Sciences and Technology Libraries, 8251 Boelter Hall, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Back to the Editor. As always, Dorothy has picked up the majority of the cataloging information I had accumulated, but I still have a good bit more. I'll hit the high points and leave the rest for 3(5) (where have you heard that before?).

Gil Baldwin at GPO says that the agreement with LC for cooperative cataloging has finally been hammered out (his telephone call to me was 5/18/82).

Geology librarians are composing a conspectus for RLIN. They may well by default determine RLIN's map policy in this analysis. Geoscience Information Society folk are talking up the idea of geology & geography & earth sciences folk incorporating maps into their RLIN plans and discussions. This could be bad for the map library world as a whole if one particular group determines national/international policy re RLIN and its grandchildren - and if policy formulations are more book than map oriented. Let's get into this.

base line 3(4):106
The following comments are from Janet Hill, presently head of the Catalog Dept. at Northwestern, and not so long ago head of cataloging at LC Geography & Map Division. Her remarks are in response to Joann Sokol's questions in the last BASELINE line. A very special thanks to Janet for taking the time to type out her extremely educated thoughts. (Old map librarians never die—they just move on to richly deserved positions of influence, and, we hope, affluence!)

In the off-the-cuff spirit of BASELINE, I offer answers to some of the "Questions posed by Joann Sokol" in Vol. 3, no. 3. Give whatever weight seems appropriate to answers coming from a former head map cataloger at LC who has been supervising book cataloging for five years.

1. The instructions cited (in CSB no. 11) refer to Subject Cataloging practice. AACR2 rules govern Descriptive Cataloging. If you think of the qualifier (Germany) as denoting a geographic area rather than a jurisdiction, you will perhaps be more comfortable.

2. Beware of assuming that maps issued in series are serials. Very few are. A serial must be "intended to be published indefinitely". Although it may seem that many map series will be published forever, there is a theoretical point at which publication is intended to cease (as when the entire country is finally mapped in a particular format). The piece numbered 84th is only the 84th piece in the series to be numbered consecutively. It is not the 84th issue of a serial. My advice is to avoid using rules for serials until you are absolutely compelled to. In my nearly seven years at GAM, we only encountered one "true" map serial. The state road maps were treated as serials for convenience's sake, but were not considered to be "true serials" even so.

3. AACR2 rules for photocopies may be difficult to follow, but don't forget that AACR1 rules were also hard to use. For instance, it is often difficult or impossible to tell from a photocopy the size, coloration, or scale of the original. It may even be impossible to tell if the original were ever actually published.

4. A great many insets are enlargements of the main map. It is simply a matter of degree. For example, insets of Dallas and Austin on a map of Texas are enlargements. Once you begin to make a distinction between enlargements and other insets, you set yourself up for trouble. Are all enlargements to be so called? -- If so, you will have to calculate the scale for insets where the relationship is not obvious. Are only some insets at enlarged scale going to be termed enlargements? -- If so, what ratio between the scales of the main map and the insets will qualify an inset as an "enlargement"? Will enlarged insets be called "enlargements" if there are fewer than a certain number, or if the "includes" note is otherwise uncomplicated? -- If so, you must decide on standards, and begin to follow and enforce them. Will enlarged insets be called "enlargements at the cataloger's whim? If so, you must be willing to accept inconsistency in application.

As you can see, my preference is not to make the distinction. It bears saying that just because something is possible in cataloging, it is not automatically either mandatory or desirable. I suspect that the user will not much benefit from the cataloger's extra work in this instance, especially if it results in a more complex "includes" note.
8. I believe that AACR2 has some guidelines on this topic, but generally, the choice is made upon relatively logical grounds. Assuming that the maps appear to be of equal importance: Choose the one given prominence in a joint title. Choose a colored map over a black and white map. Choose a large scale map over a small scale one. Choose one named "north" over one named "south" (and similarly for east and west). Choose the one which is more detailed. Depending upon your collection's needs, choose the general over the specific or vice-versa. Choose the subject that is more important to your collection. If there is absolutely nothing to go by, choose alphabetically. If all else fails, you can always catalog them as separates, using "with" notes, or you can catalog them together and make author/title analytics. Whatever you do, look for copy under both choices.

9. Use brackets. Generally speaking, the name of the city placed in the middle of a map is a place name, and as such is a part of the map content. It is not presented as a statement of the title. It is instead the information on which you base a supplied title. If the place name is enclosed in a cartouche or similar device, of course, it is intended to be presented as the title and is used as such.

10. I question whether it is necessary or desirable in the majority of cases to give photo credits in the bibliographic description of a non-rare map. It is not the cataloger’s function to transcribe all information relating to the production of a piece, but only those items of information which are necessary to identify the work, to record major contributions, or to assist a user in determining the suitability of a particular work to her/his needs. There are very few instances where recording a photo credit would help in any of these aims. It helps to remember that catalog users tend not to read complicated descriptions. If too much information is included, it will probably not be used, and may obscure some of the really important data.

11. The person who did the tracing is the principle author. The situation is analogous to adaptations (see 21.16A, 21.18C), rather than to reproductions. Very few tracings contain all the information of the original, or present it in exactly the same way as the original. The author of the original work gets credit, and usually an added entry, as the person responsible for the work on which the piece in hand is based. A point that merits thought is that the tracing is probably done by hand, and was probably never published. Thus the tracing is perhaps a manuscript, and as such, the place of publication, etc. is not included. Remember that AACR2 instructs that the description be for the item in hand. The original is not irrelevant, but it is not the item being cataloged.

12. Mount Saint Helens is established as it is not because some LC cataloger decided it was a mountain than a volcano, but because the word "mount" is a part of the name. The generic term is inverted to follow "Saint Helens" for filing purposes according to LC practice for physical features. If the feature had been named Saint Helens Volcano, it would have been established as Saint Helens Volcano (Wash.). The inconsistency among headings for mountains which are also volcanoes has little to do with the vagaries of LC catalogers, and a great deal to do with the consistent way these features are named worldwide.

I am puzzled by the comment about Vesuvius, since a direct inquiry to the LC database shows me that the heading is simply "Vesuvius". This is in accordance with LC policy also. A physical feature which does not contain a generic term in its name is only qualified with a generic term if it is necessary to clear up a conflict. This is also in CSB no. 11, page 89.
NEW BOOKS

(CW) July 1982 publication concerning the Defense Mapping Agency, titled (approximately) "MC&A: A brief history of U.S. military mapmaking - and the first decade of the Defense Mapping Agency." It will be sent to depositories on microfiche, and it is NOT a GPO sales item. It MAY be available from DMA itself; it is a good publication, 42 p. long, with many ill.


If you would like the tapes from the MOUG (Map Online Users Group) OCLC workshop, held at OCLC in mid-April (?), send $30 + postage to Dan Seldin, Geography and Map Library., Kirkwood Hall, Indiana University, Bloomington 47401.

An oldie I just found out about: Bibliographical services throughout the world 1965-69 / Paul Avicenne. 1972. Paris : Unesco. Includes info on what national bibliographies have maps listed; see: Beaudiquez, Marcelle 1979 for continuation.


By a MAGERT member (congratulations!): Modern Ireland: a bibliography on politics, planning, research and development. Westport, Conn. : Greenwood Press, 1981. 733 p. $55. Includes sections on geography, mapping, natural resources, etc.; has geographic index. Oops - Michael Owen Shannon, the author, is an SLA&M member.


1982 community cross-reference guide to... Phonefiche / compiled and published by the Newspaper Indexing Center, Micro Photo Division, Bell & Howell Company, Old Mansfield Road, Wooster OH 44691. 1982.

Available to base line readers for $70 ($5 under its now-standard price of $75): Ryder's Standard Geographic Reference (atlas of Landsat b&w imagery of the US). Send orders to: M. Larsgaard, Library, Colorado School of Mines, Golden 80401; if you are prepaying, checks made out to Ryder Geosystems.


GPO has just sent a microfiche version of LC's new Fire Insurance Maps in the Library of Congress. Call number is LC 5.2: F51. Not available for purchase from GPO.

Australi's Division of National Mapping has issued their "Master Names File" on microfiche. This includes all names on the 1:250,000-scale national maps, and is updated periodically to include names shown on the 1:100,000-scale map series. Lat., long., map # and state are included for each name. $5 in 1980; Division of National Mapping, POBox 31, Belconnen, A.C.T. 2616, Australia.
USGS has now issued 29 state microfiche sets in the Geographic Names Information System (GNIS). At last checking, cost was $43.50 each. There is an hiatus of some time before any more are released. Available are AR, CO, CT, DE, DC, FL, GA, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, MD, MA, NE, NH, NJ, NY, ND, OK, RI, SD, UT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY, all from NCIC, 507 National Center, Reston VA 22092.


Lighter Side

Robert Bates' "The Geologic Column" in the July 1982 Geotimes is particularly (and enjoyably) silly, including oddly derived geological terms, illegitimate word definitions, and lulus which have appeared in the professional literature.

Neiman-Marcus in Atlanta is selling old-fashioned glasses with maps of metro systems from all over the world on them.

Those of you who have been in Denver for conventions may recall a place of ill repute called the Prairie Schooner, in Larimer Square - it was the sort of place where the waitresses were high on illegal substances. It's now respectable and handsome, and called Finn's. P.S. There are USGS 7.5 minute (?) topos inlaid in dining tables.

What's Wrong With Him?
WELL, HE JUST RETURNED FROM A LIBRARY CONVENTION, AND HE JUST SITS AT HIS DESK, STARING OFF INTO SPACE, Mumbling things like "PROVISIONAL MAPS," "CHAIRCREATURE," AND "TOPO-T-SHIRTS."
(On the Lighter Side, cont., in spite of your wishes to the contrary)

(CW) There is a Library Restaurant in Charlottesville, VA, near the University of Virginia campus. And, Charley Seavey informs the Editor, in Dallas.

(CW) P.M. Magazine had on 6/15/82 on TV had a presentation on how lasers and computers are used to make maps. (Rats - I missed it, Ed.)

From Jean Trumbore from University of Delaware - something to read and consider when you have just been subjected to a particularly illogical thought sequence.

(From The Running Press Book of Turtles): After delivering a lecture on the solar system, philosopher/psychologist William James was approached by an elderly lady who claimed she had superior theory to the one described by him. "We don't live on a ball rotating around the sun," she said. "We live on a crust of earth on the back of a giant turtle." Not wishing to demolish this absurd argument with the massive scientific evidence at his command, James decided to dissuade his opponent gently. "If your theory is correct, madam, what does the turtle stand on?" "You're a very clever man, Mr. James, and that's a good question, but I can answer that. The first turtle stands on the back of a second, far larger, turtle." "But what does the second turtle stand on?" James asked patiently. The old lady crowed triumphantly, "It's no use, Mr. James--it's turtles all the way down."

Thought for the day: does geography follow from cartography, rather than vice versa? And what is the difference between geographic data base systems and cartographic data base systems?

Two more Library restaurants, from Carol Collier (U.Wyoming); The Library Lounge at the Sheraton Westgate Motel, quite respectable; and Jim's Library Lounge, both in Toledo OH. The latter was kitty corner from the main library, and probably very sleazy - Carol never went in to find out!

Truer words: "There's one great thing about trying out for a lot of different careers," Julie said. "You really get to know the New York Public Library." from Dorothy Salisbury Davis' 1981 Scarlet Night (p.11; NY: Avon paperback).

From Kathy Zar, who found the following in Punch, July 14, 1982, p. 59:

*Let's Parler Francais! Lesson Deux-cent-un.* Dans le Map Shop.

**Monsieur:** je cherche un map du Rock District. Je vais faire un walking tour avec deux amis.

**Assistant:** Walking tour, eh? Nous sommes tres Edwardiens aujourd'hui, n'est-ce pas? Vous voulez aussi des volumes assortis de Rupert Brooke?

**Monsieur:** Look . . .

**Assistant:** OK, OK. Seulement ma petite joke. Maintenant, pour le Rock District nous avons une grande selection. Il y a le Survey d'Ordnance, old series, il y a la meme chose, new series; il y a le Walker's Special qui n'est pas une blere mais un map; il y a l'édition touristique avec une introduction par Egon Ronay . . .

**Monsieur:** C'est tres confuse. Quelle est la difference entre le Survey d'Ordnance, old style, et le Survey, nouveau style?

**Assistant:** L'un etait 60p. Maintenant l'autre est £4.75.

**Monsieur:** C'est la seule difference?

**Assistant:** Oui. Otherwise, c'est le meme map Identique... An, non! Le nouveau map est metrique. Nasty vieux pieds sont out! Lovely nouvelle metres sont in!

**Monsieur:** Mais il est crazy de changer le prix si vous ne changez pas le map.

**Assistant:** Absolument pas. Il vous serait impossible d'être plus wrong.

**Look,** vous aimez le Rock District, n'est-ce pas?

**Monsieur:** Oh, oui. Avec sa solitude, ses ravines plongeantes et la melancolie des sunsets, c'est un asylum de tranquillite. (Ed. Just like a library in that respect. . . )

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