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## IN MEMORIUM

It is with a great sense of loss that I must inform the readers of the Law Cataloger of the tragic death of the editor, Sonya Sasuta, in an automobile accident on January 13.

Sonya belonged to AALL for only a short time but in that time she became a valued member of the Technical Services/SIS, the OCLC/SIS, and the Cataloging and Classification Committee. At the time of her death she was chairperson-elect of the Technical Services/SIS and the editor of this newsletter. She was also serving on the TS/SIS Subcommittee on Subject Headings, working on the AACR 2 project being carried out by the Cataloging and Classification Committee, and active in the OCLC/SIS.

A 1973 graduate of the University of Michigan Library School, Sonya began her career at Princeton University where she served as a descriptive cataloger from 1973-76. In 1976 she became head cataloger at the Columbia University Law Library, a position she held until July 1978 when she became head of the Technical Services Department at the Cornell Law Library.

Sonya's knowledge and perception about cataloging will be greatly missed by her colleagues. But most of all we will miss her willingness to do the work that needs to be done to advance law librarianship in the area of law cataloging.

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AACR 2 TRAINING

Three members of AALL have been invited to attend ALA's preconference on the Anglo-American Cataloging Rules, 2d ed. to be held in Dallas, TX from June 21-23, 1979.

The three, Peter Enyingi, Los Angeles County Law Library, Cecilia Kwan, University of California, Davis Law Library, and Phyllis Marion, University of Minnesota Law Library, will be among three hundred catalogers from all types of libraries to be trained in the new rules. These librarians will then be used to train other catalogers throughout the United States to prepare them for the January, 1981 implementation of AACR 2.

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OFFICERS FOR TS/SIS, 1979-80

Due to Sonya Sasuta's untimely death, the TS/SIS will have to fill all positions on the Executive Board for the coming year. The positions to be filled are: (1) chairperson, (2) vice-chairperson/chairperson-elect, (3) secretary-treasurer, and (4) two members-at-large. Nomination and election of these officers will take place at the business meeting of the section on Monday, July 2.

There is no formal provision for nomination in the by-laws of the section. If you do not plan to attend the convention but wish to make a nomination, please ask the individual involved if they will accept nomination and if they will accept, send the person's name and the name of the desired position to:

Phyllis Marion  
University of Minnesota Law Library  
Minneapolis, MN 55455

If you plan to nominate someone at the convention, please ascertain the willingness of the individual to undertake the responsibility of the position. Nominations will be made from the floor. (It would also be of help to the current Executive Board if you would notify them, through Phyllis, of any nominations you plan to make.)

If you would like to serve in any of the positions above, please feel free to recommend yourself. It is hard for the Executive Board to get a feeling for anyone's willingness to serve as an officer. Notify Phyllis if you have the time and the inclination to be an officer of the SIS and the Board will see that you get nominated.

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RE COMMITTEE AND/OR SPECIAL INTEREST SECTION(S)

At the 1977 annual meeting of AALL in Rochester, an ad hoc body designated as the Merger Advisory Group was formed to consider the problems of overlapping concerns of the Technical Services Special Interest Section, OCLC-Law Special Interest Section, and the Cataloging and Classification Committee. Specifically, the Merger Advisory Group was charged with consideration of merging these interests within a Technical Services Special Interest Section with the discontinuance of these other bodies.

Complicating the task somewhat is the fact that members of RLIN are seeking some formal recognition within the Association.

What follows is a report of the concensus reached by representatives of the Merger Advisory Group in conjunction with consultation with liaison members of the AALL Executive Board and Phyllis Marion, chairman of the Cataloging and Classification Committee and of the Technical Services Special Interest Section. Ellen Sandmeyer and Evelyn Smith represented the Technical Services SIS. Dennis Hyatt, Elizabeth Matthews and Nancy Miller represented the Cataloging and Classification Committee. Gayle Edelman, Diane Hillmann and Cherylyn Briggs represented OCLC-Law SIS. Dennis Stone and William Benemann represented RLIN.

At its meeting in Rochester the Cataloging and Classification Committee endorsed the idea of recommending its discontinuance in the future, but only on the condition that the specific topics of classification and cataloging be provided for elsewhere in the Association. The meeting of the 1978-1979 members led to the same endorsement, and by phone survey over the past two months the current committee membership has not altered that view.

There is recognition of the problems of overlapping jurisdictions of committees of the Association with the formation of Special Interest Sections. The SIS offers the advantage of wide Association membership participation although its size may lead to some inefficiency. An appointed committee system offers the advantage of greater efficiency but at the expense of participation of all who may be interested.

The Association has simply outgrown the committee structure as its only outlet for membership participation; and, actions of the Association reflect this growth. Committees have been discontinued for the sake of Special Interest Sections, and those committees that remain have a reduced number of appointments to them (having grown to the point of being unwieldy and inefficient in an effort to accommodate all the requests for participation). These observations are not new, but they do indicate the reasons that the Cataloging and Classification Committee is being considered for discontinuance. It is the direction in which the Association as a whole is moving, and this is borne out by contact with the Executive Board liaisons.

#### REPORT OF THE MERGER ADVISORY GROUP

The liaisons are: Roger Jacobs (OCLC-Law SIS), Lorraine Kulpa (Cataloging and Classification Committee), and Connie Bolden (Technical Services SIS).

No person contacted in the phone survey has any reservation about a proposed "merger" of the Committee with the Technical Services SIS so great that it cannot be done, the condition being that the Technical Services SIS provide some formal recognition of cataloging and classification concerns within its structure. Representatives of the Technical Services SIS have indicated this can be done through a subcommittee structure of the SIS with the subcommittee selecting or appointing a representative to be a member of the Technical Services SIS advisory board to advise and aid the chairman of the SIS. This can all be done through the establishment of by-laws of the Technical Services SIS.

Technically, the merger is accomplished by recommending to the AALL Executive Board that the Cataloging and Classification Committee be discontinued. Already liaison members of that board have indicated that approval will not be given for

the discontinuance of the committee without some assurance that the Association membership has a place within the organization where problems relating to cataloging and classification can be brought.

In sum, no one disagrees that the Cataloging and Classification Committee should recommend to the AALL Executive Board that the committee be discontinued. A cataloging and classification subcommittee within the Technical Services SIS is an appropriate and necessary condition for those endorsing the recommendation and for the approval by the Executive Board.

Phyllis Marion, chairman of the Cataloging and Classification Committee and of the Technical Services SIS, and others have recommended that the by-laws of the Technical Services SIS also provide for the formation of other subcommittees of the SIS to accommodate those persons interested in serials and acquisitions. Also, the Cataloging and Classification Committee recommends that the Technical Services SIS continue publication of the Law Cataloger, or a similar publication to cover developments in Technical Services and to provide a means of communication.

All persons surveyed agreed that the question of the discontinuance of the Cataloging and Classification Committee was not related to the question of merger of OCLC-Law SIS and formal recognition of RLIN. But, the current feeling of the representatives is that there is sufficient distinction in the problems of using automated data bases that a separate SIS is preferable to formation through the Technical Services SIS. Only if an accommodation cannot be reached between these two groups would RLIN possibly approach the Technical Services SIS for incorporation as a subcommittee at this time. Representatives of these interests think there will be no difficulty in reaching an accommodation to allow for the formation of a larger SIS for all automated systems involved in technical processes.

A joint meeting of all these groups is scheduled for early in the convention in San Francisco to discuss and resolve these matters. To expedite the proceedings of that meeting or a future meeting, Phyllis Marion will have a draft copy of proposed by-laws for the operation of the Technical Services SIS.

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OCLC-TS/SIS SERIALS PROGRAM

If you have any particular questions or problems that you would like the AALL Convention serials program to cover, please send them prior to the convention to:

Cherylyn Briggs  
Yeshiva University  
Benjamin N. Cardozo  
School of Law Library  
55 Fifth Avenue  
New York, NY 10003

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## TECHNICAL SERVICES/SIS PROGRAM

"LC Update," a program on the reference and administrative effects of AACR 2, will be held at the AALL convention in San Francisco, July 4th, at 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Al Lewis, Assistant Law Librarian for Public Services, from UC Davis Law Library will deal with the reference aspects. Gayle Edelman, Acting Director of DePaul University Law Library and Joe Rosenthal, Acting Librarian of UC Berkeley will discuss the administrative aspects. There will be time at the end for questions from the floor. This promises to be an interesting program and hopefully many law catalogers will come and participate.

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### SCHEDULE

The following is a list of meetings at the San Francisco convention that might be of interest to readers of the Law Cataloger. The information is as complete as possible at this time. Not all of these meetings will be listed in your convention program so make sure to note them now. Also check the program for any changes in rooms or times; if nothing is noted, assume the information given below is correct.

#### Sunday, July 1

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| 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. | OCLC/SIS program on BALLOTS (RLIN) and OCLC. Stanford Court Hotel, India Suite.   |
| 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. | Joint OCLC-TS/SIS program on serials. A preliminary abstract of the program shows a segment on the MARC serials format, one dealing with agents in the acquisitions function, and one on AACR 2. Stanford Court Hotel, India Suite. |
| 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.  | Joint meeting of the Cataloging and Classification Committee, the OCLC/SIS, and the TS/SIS to discuss merger. Fairmont, California Room.  |
| 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  | Cataloging and Classification Committee business meeting. Discussion and vote on merger. Reports from sub-committees and special projects will be reviewed. Fairmont, California Room.  |

#### Monday, July 2

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| 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | Technical Services/SIS business meeting. Discussion and vote on merger. Election of officers. Discussion of next year's program. Other committee business, including discussion of special projects. Fairmont, California Room. |
| 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. | OCLC/SIS business meeting. Stanford Court Hotel, India Suite.   |
| 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.   | Discussion group on standardized cataloging.  |

Wednesday, July 4

10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

"LC update" sponsored by TS/SIS. Mainly centers on a discussion of AACR 2 for nontechnical services librarians. There will be one speaker on administrative problems, one on reference problems, and one on cataloging problems.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

General buzz session on AACR 2. This will be quite informal. There will be a few people up front to answer questions, pose problems, etc. Members of AALL will discuss any studies they've done on the implementation of AACR 2. There will be a discussion of educational opportunities concerning AACR 2.

Phyllis Marion

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AACR 2 INSTITUTE, 1980

The Education Committee of AALL will sponsor an institute on AACR 2 in conjunction with the 1980 convention. The institute, hosted by Southern Illinois University, will be under the co-directorship of Phyllis Marion, University of Minnesota Law Library and Peter Enyingi, Los Angeles County Law Library with the assistance of Elizabeth Kelly of Southern Illinois. No plans have been made at this time, but further information should be available shortly after this year's convention.

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CLASSIFICATION UPDATE

(1) The revision of KF139-141 was necessitated by the decision of the LC Serial Record Division to recatalog the American Digest as a serial. The KF schedule was revised to reflect the descriptive cataloging treatment of this title.

(2) Regarding the classification of the U.S. Code, KF62, although LC is unhappy with the present arrangement, the large number of editions and copies involved precludes a change that would result in relabeling thousands of volumes. Therefore, they would rather live with it. If one wishes to modify the schedule for his/her own library, LC recommends that they arrange official editions in strict chronological order followed by unofficial and/or annotated editions arranged alphabetically by title, publisher, etc., as appropriate.

(3) Common law material is classed in KD (KD671) only if it is limited to Great Britain and the United States. All other general common law material is classed in K in accordance with the notes which appear in that subclass.

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## LC SUBJECT HEADINGS

The following is a recent announcement from the Library of Congress. It will also appear in a future issue of the Cataloging Service Bulletin.

"In view of the postponement of the implementation of AACR II and the closing of the LC catalogs until 1981, the Subject Cataloging Division has begun, in a limited way, to make some of the changes in our subject headings structure which were suggested by outside libraries and which we ourselves feel are desirable.

In the field of legal subject headings, we have assigned top priority to the standardization of legal subdivisions, and are well underway in changing the variant subdivisions which have been used in the past to either --LEGAL STATUS, LAWS, ETC. (Indirect) (used under headings for groups of people) or --LAW AND LEGISLATION (Indirect) (used under all other topical headings). At the same time, we are converting to (Indirect) local subdivision those few headings which had already used the current legal subdivision forms but which had interposed the local subdivision between the heading and the legal subdivision. At this time, we are not making any changes in headings which have been established in phrase form, nor in those which use parenthetical qualifiers.

This project was begun in the last quarter of 1978; cataloging records are now beginning to appear which were created during that period and which reflect these changes. Of course, cancellations and changes will all be published in supplements to LCSH, but bear in mind that they will first appear in the 1978 annual supplement, which, due to normal time lags in the publication schedule, will not be available until the winter of 1979. As of this writing, the following headings have been converted:

--LAW AND LEGISLATION (Indirect)

AERONAUTICS; DRUGS; FINANCE, PUBLIC; FIREARMS; FOREIGN EXCHANGE; HOSPITALS; HOTELS, TAVERNS, ETC.; INCOME TAX; PHARMACY; PORTRAITS; POSTAL SERVICE; PRISONS; PUBLIC WELFARE; RADIO; TARIFF; TAXATION; TELEPHONE; TRANSPORTATION; TRANSPORTATION, AUTOMOTIVE; WATER

--LEGAL STATUS, LAWS, ETC. (Indirect)

CHILDREN; VETERANS

We are continuing to work on converting the remaining headings having variant subdivisions at the rate of 2-3 per week, and hope to complete the project within the next few months.

One additional change which was made recently, and which will be of interest to law libraries, is the cancellation of the heading JOINT ADVENTURES and its replacement by the new heading JOINT VENTURES."

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ON THE RIGHT TRACK

Do you have questions concerning description and entry for legal materials? Do you need someone to set you on the right track? (Just before AACR II derails you once again!) An inside track has been established with Mr. Ben Tucker of the Descriptive Cataloging Division, Library of Congress. Submit questions to:

Melody Lembke  
Los Angeles County Law Library  
301 West First Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Hopefully the following questions and answers will be useful to you.

1. Law books often list references to cases and code sections at the end of the chapters or the bottom of pages. Would LC consider these to be "bibliographical references" for purposes of description and coding? NO
2. The situation on the title page:

Report to the Federal Trade Commission  
on the structure of the Nation's coal industry.  
Bureau of Competition  
Bureau of Economics

On the verso: "The authors of this report are Richard B. Smith, attorney, Bureau of Competition, and Ernest R. Pantos, economist, Bureau of Economics."

The question: Assuming entry for this item under corporate author, would the personal authors named on the verso be included in the author statement area or in a note? IN A NOTE; SINCE IT IS A NOTE, YOU ARE ALLOWED CONSIDERABLE FREEDOM AS TO WHAT EXACTLY IS INCLUDED.

3. How should 2d, etc. be transcribed when it appears immediately adjacent to the title of a monograph? Should the 2d be placed in the edition field also?

**HANDBOOK**  
**of**  
**CIVIL PROCEDURE 2d**  
**With Forms**

TRANSCRIBE AS IS, PLACING A COMMA BEFORE 2d; ADD NOTHING TO EDITION FIELD.

Handbook of civil procedure, 2d : with forms

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SECTION COMPOSITION AND INTEREST SURVEY

Earlier this year I surveyed the membership of the Technical Services SIS in order to get an idea about the professional make-up of the members and to ascertain what kinds of programs and projects they might like to see the SIS undertake. Although less than half the members responded (45 responses) the results will be helpful in future planning. Below I have listed the questions and summarized the responses.

What is your chief professional responsibility?

Technical Services (as a whole) 16  
Acquisitions 4  
Cataloging 25  
Serials 4  
Other (please specify)  
One-person library 3  
Abstracting and indexing 1

Do you consider your duties mainly administrative?

Yes 12  
No 27  
Both 4

Would you like the officers of the section to ask you to perform tasks that are needed by the section?

Yes 32  
No 10

What kinds of convention programs would you be interested in?

Do you have a specific topic you think might make a good two-hour program at the St. Louis convention? (I have combined the responses to both of these questions and indicated in parentheses when more than one member suggested the topic.)

AACR 2 and its implementation (including closing the card catalog) (22)  
Technical services administration (including such topics as personnel, work flow, statistics, use of paraprofessionals, accounting, and relationship with other departments) (15)  
Innovations in technical services, new techniques, trends, and programs (5)  
Computer applications in law libraries (including COM catalogs, software selection, hardware selection) (5)  
Acquisitions problems (including dealing with book sales people, acquisition of fugitive and non-law materials, working with jobbers) (3)  
Serials (including acquisitions, subscription agents, serials record management, cataloging) (6)  
BALLOTS (RLIN/OCLC) (4)  
Handling of special materials (including microforms, government documents) (2)  
Networking (2)  
Library of Congress subject headings (2)  
Legal research  
Bibliographic control  
Indexing and abstracting of briefs, forms and memoranda  
Reclassification  
MARC formats  
Authority control  
What it means to be a technical services librarian, what it is all about

Information about study no. 8 in Improving the Federal Court Library System which discusses "a computerized inventory which would indicate cost, location, and supp. of each book owned by the Federal courts and would serve the management information needs of the administrative office."

Collection development

Coordinating bibliographic data from cataloging with that needed for automated circulation systems

General comment: There were many comments indicating that members would like to see practical programs, in-depth, with less emphasis on technical services in academic libraries. There were indications that they were interested in how other libraries solved problems and they desired expert help from LC. Many comments were directed toward the dominance of programs in the area of cataloging and a desire to see other areas of technical services covered more extensively.

What other tasks would you like the section to undertake?

Survey of law libraries using LC classification (or planning to) and whether or not they are reclassing

Survey on the use and management of subject headings in law libraries

Survey on record keeping methods in law libraries

Update Piper and Kwan manual

Compilation of technical services manuals

New edition of Finley's Manual of Procedures for Private Law Libraries, modeled on Moys' Manual of Law Librarianship

Directory of jobbers used by law librarians

Expand Law Cataloger to handle other technical services areas

Distribution of helpful publications such as the Memoranda of Law syllabus from Rochester meeting

Reprint of Doris Small's update of the index to LC subclass KF

Hints and suggestions on cataloging foreign law

Do you think that the section should have standing committees in such areas as serials, cataloging, etc. or do you think such committees should be created by the Executive Committee as a demonstrated need arises, such as a special project?

Standing committees 13

Special need 22

Both 5

As you can see, the interests are diverse and the needs many. The answers provided to the questions above should be of great assistance in planning the future programs and projects of the TS/SIS.

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#### ADDED ENTRIES

- I. RLIN recently announced a plan to join cooperatively with Washington Library Network (WLN). The two networks plan to develop an interface between the two networks to enable them to share MARC, non-MARC, and other information data bases. The two networks also plan to work together on development projects.

- II. Two publications are now available from Brigham Young University Law Library: Library of Congress Subject Heading List/KF Cross Reference and Library of Congress Entries for State and Local Bar Associations. Write to:

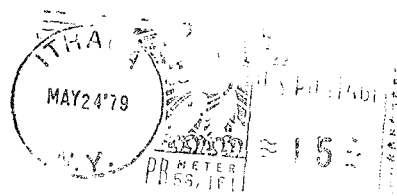
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Catalog Librarian  
BYU Law Library  
Provo, UT 84602

- III. Freezing Card Catalogs (\$3.00) is now available from Association of Research Libraries, 1527 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036
- IV. On March 9 LAWBUG (Law Libraries' Ballots User Group) met at McGeorge School of Law. Eleven law libraries were represented as well as CLASS. Items discussed included card production, terminal upgrade, AACR 2 affect on law library policy, Special Interest Section prospective merge, local cataloging practices, and standards. No new meeting is scheduled at this time. With the name change from Ballots to RLIN, does that mean that we now have LAWRUG instead of LAWBUG?
- V. On-line developments: OCLC serials control subsystem now open to all OCLC participants.

RLIN plans to have "non-books" system available by late spring. This includes searching capacity only for a data base of Library of Congress authority records.

OCLC intends to have access only capability to the authority records by December 1979.

OCLC's Acquisitions Subsystem is scheduled to become operational in late 1980.



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