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ACRL Legislation Committee member Harold Shill of West Virginia University's Evansdale Library testified for ALA March 13 before the House Science, Research and Technology Subcommittee on the Japanese Technical Literature Act (HR 3831). The bill would direct the Commerce Department's National Technical Information Service to monitor Japanese technical information and translate selected Japanese technical documents, index government translations and undertake related activities.

Shill's testimony provided detailed data on the existing limited sources of access to Japanese technical literature, noted that small to medium-sized businesses rely heavily on academic libraries for access to information and research results, and warned that a recent vendor-based abstracting service for certain Japanese technical journals is priced out of reach of smaller firms and most university libraries. He supported HR 3831, but recommended technical amendments to improve its effectiveness.

The sponsor of a similar Senate-passed bill, S. 1073, Sen. John Rockefeller IV (D-WV), also testified and urged the subcommittee to pay close attention to Dr. Shill's statement. Rockefeller said: "The perspective of libraries is...particularly pertinent to our consideration of how to make Japanese technical information more widely available."

Other witnesses included representatives of the Commerce Department and private sector firms and associations. The hearing is a good example of the fact that when interest is expressed and knowledgeable data is provided, Congress is appreciative of and impressed with the library point of view on information policy issues.

At the same hearing, Francis Buckley of the Detroit Public Library testified for ALA on proposals which have been made to authorize the National Technical Information Service to procure printing services from sources other than the Government Printing Office. Although intended to reduce costs and improve the quality and timeliness of printing, Buckley said such a step would have a serious potential impact on access to government information by the public. He questioned whether NTIS would continue to provide copies of its own catalogs and indexes of government technical research reports to the depository library system, and whether such an exemption might not set a precedent for similar exemptions for other federal agencies.

Buckley was until recently the chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to form a Coalition on Government Information, charged by ALA Council with identifying other organizations concerned about government information access

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ACRL fellowships for 1987

The Association of College and Research Libraries solicits applications for two fellowships made possible by the Institute for Scientific Information in Philadelphia. The first, the Samuel Lazerow Fellowship for Research in Acquisitions or Technical Services in an Academic or Research Library, honors a senior vice-president of ISI who made outstanding contributions to these fields. The fellowship of \$1,000 is to foster advances in acquisitions or technical services by providing a practicing librarian with funds for research, travel, or writing.

The second award, the ACRL Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, provides an award of \$1,000 to a doctoral student working on a dissertation in the area of academic librarianship.

Applications for both awards should be made to Mary Ellen K. Davis, Program Officer, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795, and are due by December 1, 1986. The winners of the awards will be announced at the ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco in 1987.

To be eligible for the Lazerow Fellowship, a librarian must be working acquisitions or technical services in an academic or research library. The Fellowship supports research in acquisitions or technical services, including the technical services and acquisitions aspects of library automation and library management. Research projects in collection development or the compilation of bibliographies will not be supported by this Fellowship.

Application proposals should be brief (five pages or less) and include the following:

1. Description of research, travel, or writing project;
2. Schedule for the project;
3. An estimate of expenses.

An up-to-date curriculum vitae should accompany the proposal. *Seven* copies of the proposal should be submitted.

Proposals for the Lazerow Fellowship will be judged on the following:

1. Potential significance of the project to acquisitions or technical service work;
2. Originality and creativity;
3. Clarity and completeness of the proposal;
4. Evidence of interest in scholarship, such as a previous publication record.

Winners of the Lazerow Fellowship will be asked to submit a brief report of their results.

The winner of the 1983 Fellowship was Denise Bedford, formerly of Stanford University. The 1985 winner was Anna L. Highsmith, head of Copy Cataloging at Texas A&M University, for a comparative study of the cataloging components of several automated library systems.

In order to be eligible for the ACRL Doctoral

Dissertation Award, the applicant must meet the following qualifications:

1. Be an active doctoral student in the academic librarianship area in a degree-granting institution;
2. Have all course work completed;
3. Have had a dissertation proposal accepted by the institutions. The application should be brief (less than ten pages) and include the following:
 1. Description of the research, including significance and methodology;
 2. A schedule for completion;
 3. Budget and budget justification for items for which support is sought (these must be items for which no other support is available.);
 4. The names of the dissertation advisor and committee members;
 5. A cover letter from the dissertation advisor endorsing the proposal.

An up-to-date curriculum vitae should accompany the proposal. *Seven* copies of the proposal should be submitted and will be judged on the following criteria:

1. Potential significance of the research to the field of academic librarianship;
2. Validity of the methodology and proposed method of analysis;
3. Originality and creativity;
4. Clarity and completeness of the proposal;
5. Presentation of a convincing plan for completion in a reasonable amount of time;
6. Evidence of a continuing interest in scholarship, such as a previous publication record.

Previous winners of the Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship were Stanton Biddle (1983), Donald Gould (1984), and co-winners, Vicki L. Gregory (1985), and Joanne R. Euster (1985). This year's winner is Gemma De Vinney, State University of New York at Buffalo, (see announcement on p. 257).

For further information on either of these two awards, contact Mary Ellen Davis, ACRL/ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611-2795; (312) 944-6780. ■ ■

Have you had an experience with censorship?

An author is planning to interview librarians who have experienced incidents (successful and unsuccessful) wherein materials in a library collection were under attack with requests for removal or for special labeling. Interviews will be conducted between September 1 and December 1, 1986. Contact Gerald R. Shields, 546 College Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305, if you are interested in possible participation.

in writing. Ability to work well with faculty, students and staff. Understanding of the mission of higher education and student and faculty information needs. Preferred qualifications include: advanced degree in relevant field. Experience with automated retrieval systems. Ability to work with a variety of languages, both Roman and non-Roman. Salary range: \$22,872-\$40,248. Anyone wishing to be considered for this should write to: Rita A. Scherrei, Director, Administrative Systems and Personnel Services, University Research Library, UCLA, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024. The application letter should include a complete statement of qualifications, a full resume of education and relevant experience, and the names of at least three persons who are knowledgeable about the applicant's qualifications for the position. Candidates applying by June 16, 1986, will be given first consideration. UCLA is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Librarians at UCLA are represented by an exclusive bargaining agent, the American Federation of Teachers.

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issues. ALA President Beverly Lynch appointed ACRL Legislation Committee chair Nancy Kranich of New York University Libraries after Buckley's resignation.

ALA President Beverly Lynch testified March 4 before the House Legislative Appropriations Subcommittee in support of the Library of Congress FY '87 budget, and the effects on libraries of the \$18.3 million (or 8%) cut this year. The subcommittee said Congress needs additional evidence that the LC budget is important "beyond the beltway." (So keep writing!) Others testifying included Association of Research Libraries Executive Director Shirley Echelman, American Historical Association Executive Director Samuel Gammon (representing the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History and the Consortium of Social Science Associations), and historian and author Elizabeth Griffiths for the National Humanities Alliance.