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LIBRARY PREPARING FOR SOLINET

Most of you will recall that Southeastern Seminary is a charter member of the Southeastern Library Network (SOLINET), formally organized on March 9, 1973. Along with ninety-eight other non-profit institutions (mostly academic) in a ten-state region, we are developing a network of libraries with electronic data processing terminals connected to a centralized computer facility. Pending development of its own computer center (probably in Atlanta), SOLINET will soon become operational through a contract with the Ohio College Library Center (OCLC), whereby SOLINET libraries will be served directly by OCLC.

We have just received word that our library's computer terminal is scheduled to be installed and connected by telephone line to OCLC's computer in Columbus, Ohio, during the second week of next April. We will begin immediately to use the terminal to produce ready-to-file sets of catalog cards, both from bibliographic records in OCLC's data base of more than a million items (including the weekly cataloging output of the Library of Congress in the Roman-alphabet languages) and from original cataloging records which we will put into the data base. For many titles, we can expect to obtain catalog cards much more rapidly than at present. In a short time, our total cataloging productivity is expected to rise significantly due to this computerized cataloging system.

Though the shared-cataloging subsystem is only the first of several SOLINET subsystems which will eventually bring benefits in virtually every dimension of our library service, this one alone will immediately provide us with considerably

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more than a tool for cataloging. Cataloging data displayed on the terminal screen will include national-union-catalog symbols identifying the libraries which have used the data in cataloging the particular work described. Such location-data can be useful in directing interlibrary loan requests and in making purchase decisions in some cases. We shall be able, also, to search the data base by author or title, displaying catalog records for a variety of purposes, both in our technical processes and in our user services. Not until later in the development of SOLINET will we have a subsystem permitting subject-searches of the data base. By then, the information-retrieval capability of the Library will be tremendous.

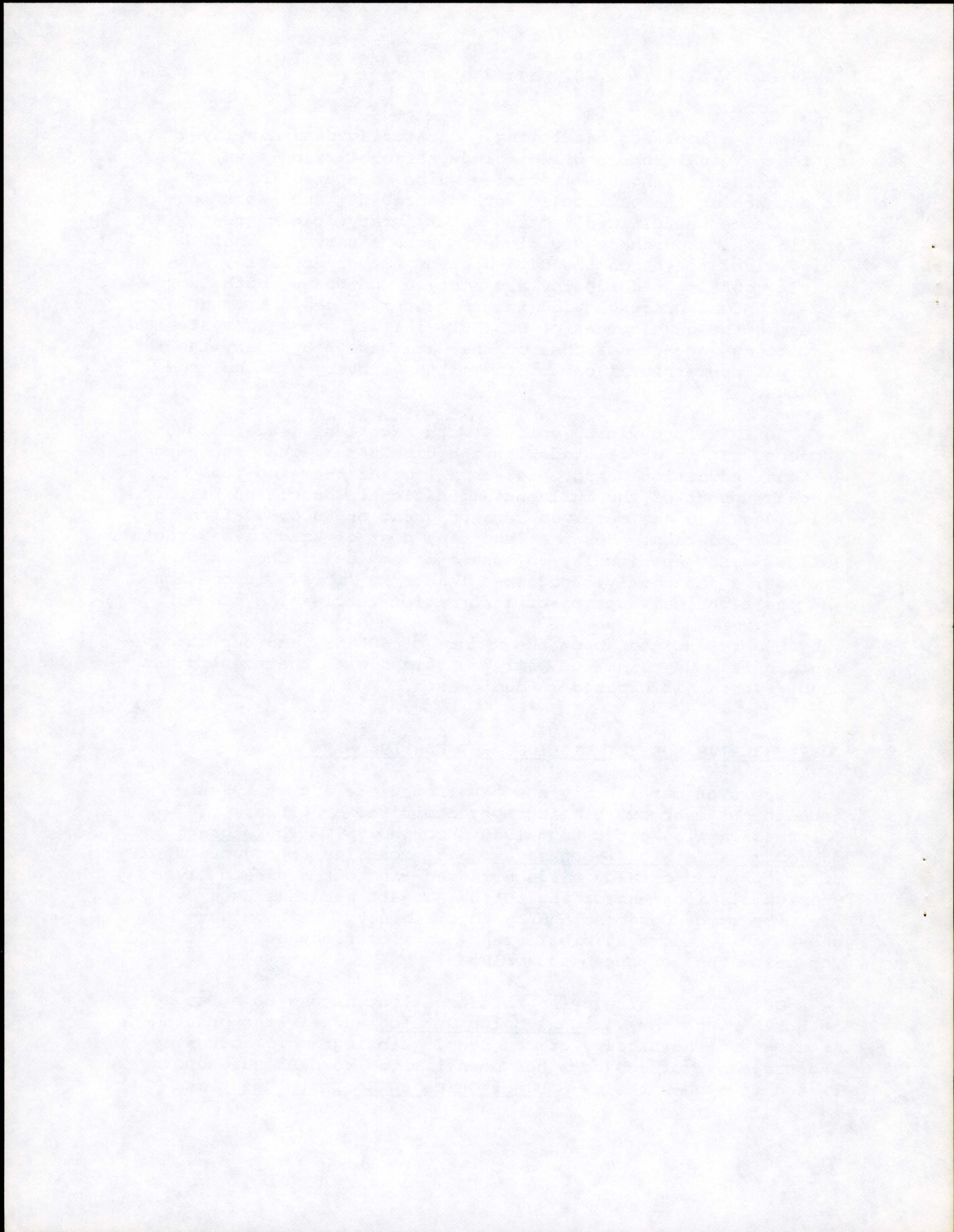
SOLINET is building solidly with excellent leadership and support. It is affiliated with the highly respected Southern Regional Education Board, has a small grant from and the strong support of the influential, national Council on Library Resources, and has received a major grant of \$600,000 from the Mellon Foundation. For the important post of Executive Director, SOLINET has been signally fortunate in employing Charles H. Stevens, a nationally recognized leader in library automation and the technical aspects of information retrieval systems.

We are excited about the future of SOLINET and our involvement in it. We think you will be pleased with the results and maybe even a bit excited in due season.

COMPREHENSIVE SUBJECT BIBLIOGRAPHY FOR 1950-1969

Users of our library now have immediate access by subject to the enormous bibliography comprised by Library of Congress catalog cards from 1950 through 1969. The Library of Congress Catalog. Books: Subjects contains reproductions of the printed catalog cards arranged--in four separate five-year cumulations--according to the subject headings used by the Library of Congress and by this library. We have purchased this important bibliography on microfiche at a cost far below that of the bound volumes.

Our library already has had excellent access to books by author through the National Union Catalog and earlier printed catalogs of the Library of Congress. Bibliographic access by a broad range of subjects has been limited to published books listed in such works as Subject Guide to Books in Print and



Cumulative Book Index. Now this newly acquired bibliographic tool leads to many additional materials cataloged by the Library of Congress; for example, to foreign-language books.

Library staff members will assist those wishing to search The Library of Congress. Books: Subjects, 1950-1969. This fine resource is expected to enhance significantly the quality of our reference work. Your use is invited.

--Walter Alan Tuttle

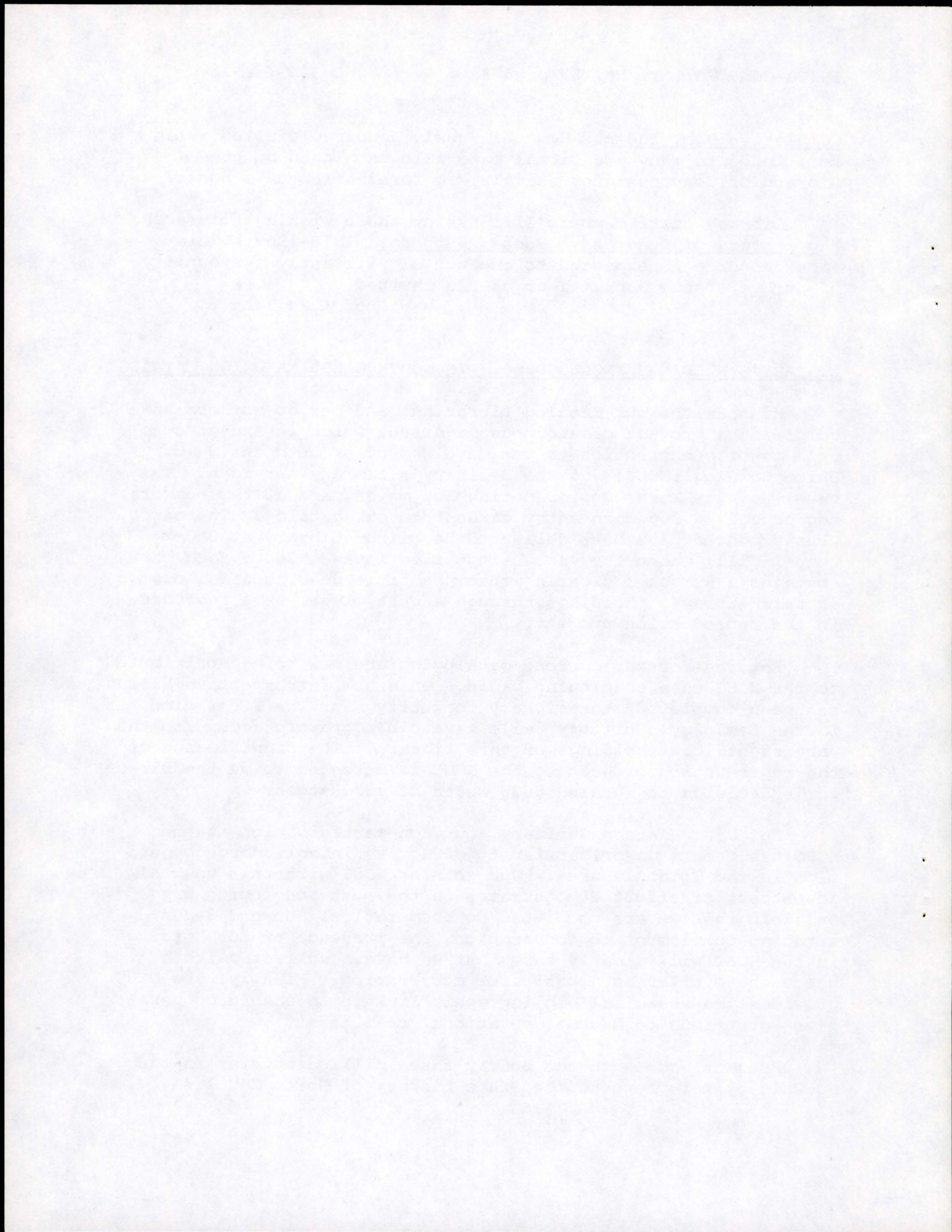
LIBRARY'S HOLDINGS INCLUDED SOON IN NORTH CAROLINA UNION CATALOG

Miss Smith, our Catalog Librarian, and her co-workers have completed a project of enormous magnitude which is expected to be a major contribution to the development of both the N. C. Union Catalog (NCUC) and the Seminary's library services. They have, using a Xerox Copier during the major part of two summers, reproduced 76,366 main-entry cards from our catalog. The cards thus produced have been delivered to Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill, where they are being filed in the NCUC. Each card contains a symbol indicating that the title described is located in this library. Holdings through August, 1974, were included in the reproduction project.

Entries for our current cataloging are now being contributed to the NCUC on a continuing basis. Once the retrospective filing has been completed, the library community, for the first time in the Seminary's history, will have bibliographic access to the very significant holdings of this library. The significance of the reproduction project to the NCUC is attested to by the Director's decision to furnish \$600 worth of card-stock.

For Southeastern Seminary, our non-participation in the NCUC has been a major barrier to effective interlibrary cooperation in the Triangle area. Our joining NCUC with this unusual investment of effort demonstrates in the most convincing way possible that we are committed to cooperation. Beyond demonstrating commitment to cooperation, the presence of our holdings in the NCUC will clearly show that we have a collection that has much to offer as a basis for cooperation. Finally, the NCUC provides the essential bibliographic linkage to enable cooperative intentions to become operational realities.

Present access to the nearly three million entries in the NCUC is by telephone to the State Library of North Carolina,



which can immediately search a major portion of the catalog on microfilm in a rapid-retrieval system. If necessary, the State Library will search the more recent portion of the NCUC by telecommunication with UNC-Chapel Hill. Eventually, we expect to have the NCUC on microfilm--possibly after it has been filmed in one cumulation and closed out in favor of SOLINET.

BARTH EXHIBIT ENJOYED BY MANY

Students, faculty, staff, visitors--they came in gratifying numbers to view the touring exhibit on the life and work of Karl Barth. All seemed to appreciate the impressive array of large, well-identified photographs and of Barth's books in nine languages. Many looked unhurriedly and apparently were not unmoved by what they saw. Some lingered to listen to a cassette recording of Barth speaking.

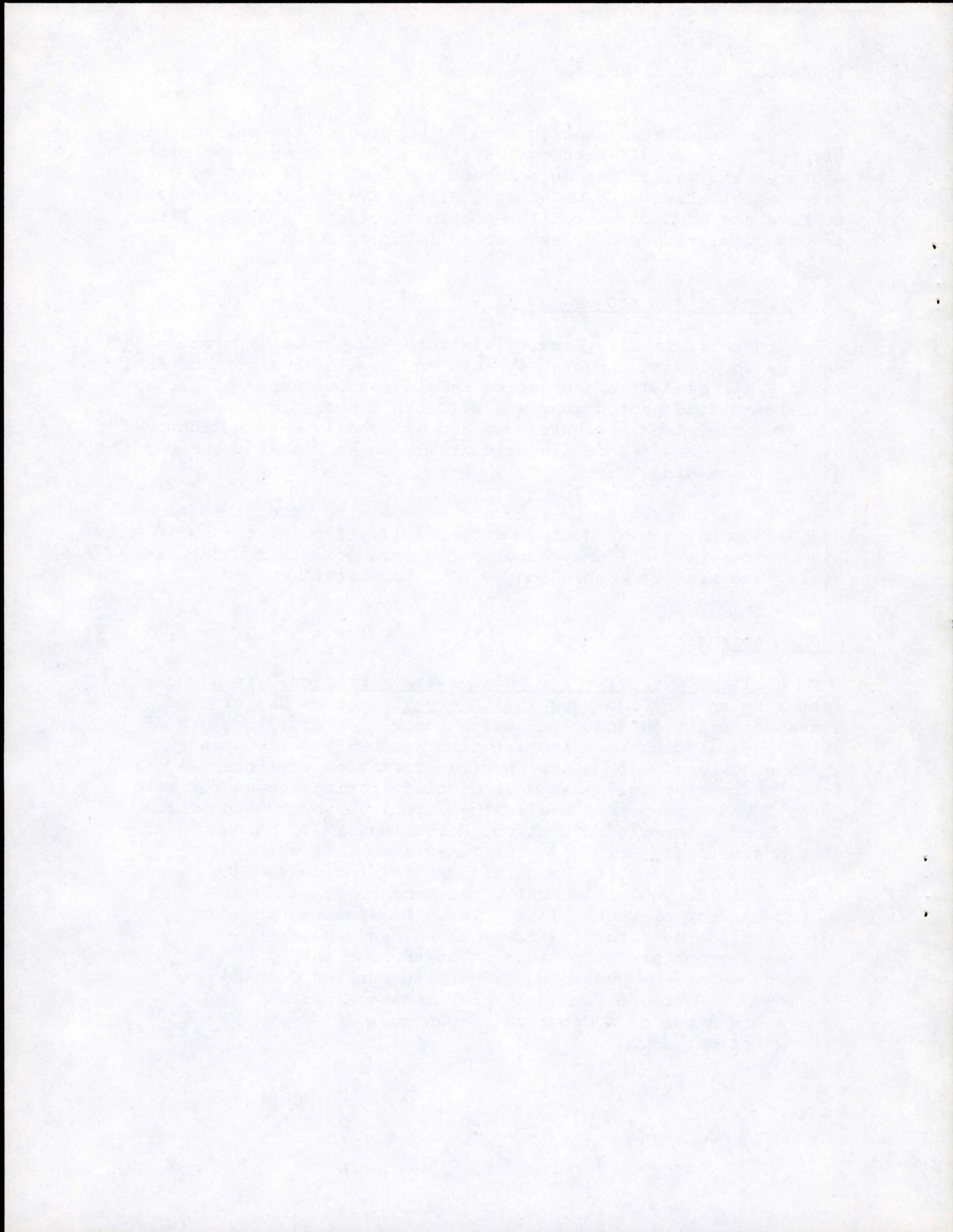
We are happy that the Library was able to bring this fine exhibit to the campus during October 7-11. Special thanks to Alan Tuttle, who not only handled the arrangements for the exhibit, but went to Washington, D. C., to pick it up.

ODDS AND ENDS

Biblical authority for multi-media libraries? In a recent letter to the Raleigh News and Observer, Inez P. Ray of N. C. State University's School of Education did an excellent job of calmly demolishing an editorial from another area newspaper which had viewed with alarm the transformation of libraries into "media-centers." She made a brief, rational case for both "print" and "non-print" media, then concluded by quoting former U. S. Commissioner of Education, Harold Howe, II, on the "antiquity and efficacy" of "non-print" media as follows:

In one of the most famous and fateful incidents in the Bible, you will recall, the Lord summoned Moses to the top of Mount Sinai. There he appeared to Moses in the form of a fiery cloud, and there--to the appropriate accompaniment of thunder and lightening--he presented Moses with the Ten Commandments. That, so far as I know, is the earliest recorded use of audiovisual techniques for mass education.

Amen!



New Outlook is a Middle East monthly published as a joint effort of Arabs and Jews dedicated to "the news of reconciliation." The Library has been receiving New Outlook for several years. It's a refreshing voice amidst the partisan rhetoric from that part of the world.

Serious book-collector. Juan Vicente, a librarian of Barcelona, Spain, murdered nine people between 1830 and 1835--each time to gain possession of a single book! This story is unverified and its source uncertain, but there are many well-documented cases which show clearly that virtually every walk of life has included book-thieves among its ranks.

Remarkable fellowship-recipient and author. The National Endowment for the Humanities awarded a special fellowship in 1972 to Dr. Margarete Bieber to enable completion of a book on Graeco-Roman sculpture. Dr. Bieber was 91 years of age at the time and said to be "one of the most distinguished living scholars in the history of classical art." (Learning Today, Fall 1972, p. 66). New York University Press has recently published Dr. Bieber's book, Graeco-Roman Copies.

