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The sixteenth annual preconference of the Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association, will be held in San Francisco, at the Hyatt House on Union Square-June 25 - 28, 1975, prior to the Annual Conference of the American Library Association. The theme is <u>Eighteenth Century English Books Considered by Librarians</u> and Booksellers, Bibliographers and Collectors.

The keynote address of the preconference will be delivered by William B. Todd,
Professor of English at the University of Texas at Austin and Editor of the Papers
of the Bibliographical Society of America. John W. Jolliffe, The Keeper of Catalogues
at the Bodleian Library and Director of Project LOC, and William J. Cameron, Dean
of the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Western Ontario
and Director of the HPB Project, will discuss the eighteenth-century short-title catalog.

G. Thomas Tanselle, Professor of English at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and Thomas R. Adams, Librarian of the John Carter Brown Library, will examine the problems of bibliographical description. Patricia Hernlund, Professor of English at Wayne State University, will address the problems of editing manuscript ledgers, and Donald F. Bond, Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Chicago, will address the problems of editing periodical essays.

Eighteenth-century English books will also be considered from the point of view

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of the bookseller--Robert J. Barry, Jr., of C. A. Stonehill's in New Haven,
Connecticut, and President of A.B.A.A.; from the point of view of the collector-William P. Barlow, Jr., collector of the works printed by John Baskerville; and
from the point of view of the librarian--Donald D. Eddy, Associate Professor of
English and Librarian of the Department of Rare Books at Cornell University.
The preconference summary will be provided by Herman W. Liebert, Librarian Emeritus
of the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library at Yale University.

Participants will visit the University of California at Berkeley, to tour the Bancroft Library, to dine at the Faculty Club, and to hear a talk on music bibliography by Vincent H. Duckles, Professor and Music Librarian at Berkeley. The Berkeley Campus Musicians will entertain using instruments from the collection. Participants will also visit local bookshops and special collections in San Francisco.

The registration fee for the preconference is \$90.00 for ALA personal members and \$100.00 for nonmembers. Registrations will be accepted until June 1 and only upon payment of the fee. Additional information and registration materials may be obtained from Beverly P. Lynch, Executive Secretary, ACRL, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago, IL 60611.