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Publishing is expecting copy of two books from the printer next week. One is the Lawrence S. Thompson translation of A History of Libraries in Great Britain and North America by Predeek, who is living in the Russian Zone of Germany. He has been suggested as a possibility for receiving one of the CARE packages. The results of the Princeton Conference are being published under the title Conference on International Cultural, Educational, and Scientific Exchanges.

Miss Duggan and the Booklist Office are trying an experiment with vacations next year. They are all planning to be away from the office the month of July with the exception of one professional and a secretary.

Mrs. Laura Davis, who served as secretary for the Library Development Fund, will be working one day a week on the membership files of the Div. of Lbs. for Children and Y.P. in Miss Batchelder's office.

An excellent Playback Machine is now available at HQ for demonstration purposes. Anyone wishing to avail himself of the opportunity to "preview" Christmas purchases of records can make arrangements to do so after 4:30 with either Miss Batchelder or Mrs. Blair.

Mr. Richard Logsdon of Columbia U. Lbs., and Miss Hostetter will visit the Lib. Sci. Dept., Western Michigan College of Ed. at Kalamazoo next week. Mr. Francis St. John, Chm. of Bd. of Ed. for Librarianship and Miss Harriet MacPherson have just completed a visit to the Library School, Catholic U. of America, Washington, D.C.

The following magazines carried articles on Library Recruiting in their November issue: Mademoiselle, Glamour, and Seventeen. Miss Tuomey also reports that an article by Luther Evans, "Friends of the Library" appeared in the Nov.-Dec. issue of Agenda.

Miss Sarah Reed of GLS, U. of Chicago and Miss Geer have begun a program of indexing approximately 50 current library periodicals. This index will be available in the HQ Library and at GLS. The project is an effort to take care of current needs before the appearance of Library Literature.

Mr. E. J. Carter, Head, Library Section, UNESCO, will be a visitor at HQ next Monday and Tuesday. This is his first visit so no doubt there will be much he will want to know about us and our work. Reception Monday Night!

Food Packages to the Staff of the British Library Association

With the fund from the Staff Association and from individual members of the staff, which amounted to \$169.00, 33 packages have been prepared.

One package, sent via air express, contained candy bars, cookies, sugar and condensed milk for an office Christmas party. 32 identical packages, sent via parcel post, which will probably reach England after Jan. 1, each contained sugar, oatmeal, dried beef, raisins, dried apricots, 3 bars of hard water soap, condensed milk, sweetened mix for hot chocolate, shortening, canned apricots, prepared pudding. The air mail Christmas letter, signed by all members of the ALA staff, went off on Dec. 2.

We owe this committee a real vote of thanks for all the work that went in to this project and the speed with which it was carried out. A note should be added that Mrs. Hornback's husband took care of the packing.

Now, lets not forget the children of Chicago and give our donations at once - let the Christmas Spirit be your guide.

The Care package Committee is asking that you report to them before Dec. 10 the names of any European Librarians you would like to see receive a CARE package. Those beautiful Christmas Boxes will be on the reception desk for a few more days - don't forget to add your bit to the \$30 voted to this project by the Staff Association. Members of the committee are: Miss Geer, chairman, Mr. Rush, Mrs. LeSueur.