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FROM THE CHAIR

Susan Moore, University of Northern Iowa

I am writing this column just after returning from the Midwinter meeting in Boston. As anticipated, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency's proposal to remove its Flight Information Publications (FLIP), Digital Aeronautical Flight Information Files (DAFIF) and related digital and hardcopy publications from public sale and distribution was a topic of conversation in many meetings. Our colleagues in the Government Documents Round Table drafted a resolution opposing the plan and the MAGERT Executive Board voted to endorse the resolution in principle.

Besides the usual slate of meetings at the conference, we had two tours of libraries in the Boston area. Friday, David Cobb guided a group through the Harvard Map Collection in the Lamont Library. On Sunday, Ronald Grim and Roni Pick showed us where the Boston Public Library's Norman B. Leventhal Map Center will be. They have some very exciting plans for the Center. I thank all our tour leaders for taking the time to show us around.



Now that Midwinter is over, I'd like to call your attention to the Map and Geographic Information Collections in Transition Conference to be held in May at the Library of Congress. This conference will provide an opportunity to focus solely on map and geographic collections and what the future may hold for them. Further information can be found at <http://cuac.wustl.edu>.



This and the photos on the following two pages document the proceedings at the ALCTS-CCS/MAGERT Map Cataloging Discussion Group meeting in Boston.

NEW EDITION OF *CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS*

Nancy A Kandian, New York Public Library

CORRECTION: *A review of this publication appeared on pages 9-11 & 23 of the December 2004 issue of base line. Material was accidentally omitted from the final two paragraphs. These two paragraphs (beginning at the end of p. 11 in the December issue) are reproduced here in their entirety. The editor apologizes for the error.*

Not least among the physical improvements of the new *CM* are the efficiency-promoting tabbed dividers marking chapters and appendices. The promising loose-leaf format suggests that the publisher will issue updated pages incorporating rule changes and additions to be interfiled in the base volume. We heard hints at ALA in Orlando that the first set of these update pages might be available for *CM* in early 2005.

This reviewer is no doubt a prejudiced one. I have looked at maps through the lens of *AACR2* for 22 years, and have been tutored during that time by some of the people responsible for *Cartographic Materials*. While some of the concepts, rules, and applications may provoke debate among map catalogers and between map catalogers and cata-

logers of other formats (I myself would still occasionally like to use the phrase "Scale indeterminable") and while we could lengthen a hefty tome with additional practical examples under some applications and additional definitions in the glossary, this is clearly a well-presented, comprehensive, indispensable resource for map catalogers, both full-time and part-time. If any library administrators out there need some reasons to assign priority to map cataloging, just go to <http://magert.who.edu/pubs/larsg.html>. Then draft a cataloger, get a copy of *Cartographic Materials : A Manual of Interpretation for AACR2, 2002 Revision*, and you'll be all set to get to work.



**“MAP AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION COLLECTIONS
IN TRANSITION” CONFERENCE
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS: 12 AND 13 MAY 2005**


Registration details are complete for the jointly sponsored Library of Congress/ Cartographic Users Advisory Council (LC/CUAC) May conference, “Map and Geographic Information Collections in Transition.” The conference will be held Thursday and Friday, May 12 and 13, 2005 at the Library of Congress.

Registration fee is:

\$100, if registration postmarked by 15 March 2005.

\$125, if registration postmarked 16 March to 2 May 2005.

NOTE: No registrations accepted after 2 May 2005. Conference attendance will be limited to 150 registrants.

The conference registration form (<http://cuac.wustl.edu/registration.doc>) and a preliminary program listing (<http://cuac.wustl.edu/MapsInTransition.htm>) are on the CUAC website (<http://cuac.wustl.edu>). Program details will be updated as speakers confirm their attendance with conference planners. 



ON THE CATALOGING/CATALOGUING FRONT

Rebecca Lubas, MIT

MAP CATALOGING DISCUSSION GROUP
January 16, 2005

The Group held a question and answer session this Midwinter. Answers were offered by anyone in the room who could offer insight into the problem. Included here are a selection of the questions and answers.

Question: I have an ancient Chinese map scanned and mounted on a website. How do I catalog it? You can zoom in and out, and there is much accompanying text.

Answer: You can catalog the original item and add fields to indicate the digital nature of the reproduction. Consider using a Persistent URLs (PURLs) for the 856 field.

Try using the record for the 1562 Map of America by Diego Gutiérrez at the Library of Congress as an example.

If you do not have access to the original item, catalog your scanned version as a reproduction.

Question: What's the purpose of having both a 043 (geographic area code) and a 052 (geographic classification code) field?

Answer: The 052 is required, while the 043 is optional. A library sys-

tem may or may not be able to search either of these fields.

Computers tend to handle codes better than text, so if you have both these codes in your records you increase good search options for geographically savvy patrons, and increase your future possibilities.

For example, it may be possible to have clickable maps based on the 052 where a patron can merely click on a state or country and retrieve map records. The 052 would be the mechanism by which this could work, and patron would not even need to know the code.

You can now use a clickable map to look for class numbers in the online version of the G schedule.

Question: What is a plastic-treated map?

Answer: If the treatment is post-printing, it is likely a paper map that has been laminated. The map is plastic-treated if it is printed on treated paper. Examples of plastic-treated maps are the Streetwise series.



HISTORIC USGS TOPOS ONLINE

The following information regarding digitizing historic USGS topographic quadrangles was posted to Maps-L on January 21. Has anyone created a thorough inventory of such projects? — ed.

From Travis Dolence (dolence@email.lib.utk.edu) of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville:

We are starting to digitize our collection of superseded 7.5 minute maps of Tennessee. Is any one else out there doing such a thing? I have seen that the University of Alabama has already done this for their state <http://alabamamaps.ua.edu/historicalmaps/counties.html>. I'm wondering if anyone has heard if this is a project that might be done at a national level.

Also, I'm wondering if anyone has any experience using scanned maps with any programs such as ContentDM. Any comments would be appreciated.

From Kathy Stroud (kpstroud@ucdavis.edu) of the University of California at Davis:

A loose confederation of map librarians in California is working on getting all the California topos (past and current) digitized and available over the Internet. Because California is such a big state, we discovered that we'd been independently scanning portions of our collections and making them available. In order to avoid duplicating efforts we developed a listserv to coordinate efforts. Several libraries had already initiated projects. The following links are to some of their web sites. Feel free to contact me for more information about the overall project.

*Bay Area historical topographic maps: <http://bard.wr.usgs.gov/>
http://cricket.csuchico.edu/portfolio/topo_search.html*

*Los Angeles County Historical Topographic Maps
<http://130.166.124.2/latopoh.htm>*

Navigate LA <http://navigatela.lacity.org/index01.htm> (needs plugin)

Alexandria Digital Library <http://webclient.alexandria.ucsb.edu>

San Francisco Bay Area <http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/histopo/>

Monterey: <http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/CA/monterey/index.html>

California 30- & 60-minute Historic USGS Topographic Maps

http://www.lib.berkeley.edu/EART/CA/CA_125k/

<http://casil.ucdavis.edu/casil/gis.ca.gov/drg/>

Central Coast Joint Data Committee (CCJDC)

<http://www.centralcoastdata.org/drg/>

7.5 minute topos of LA County contained in a road atlas of California and Nevada <http://130.166.124.2/canvatlas/overview.htm>

From Linda P. Newman (lnewman@unr.edu) at the University of Nevada at Reno:

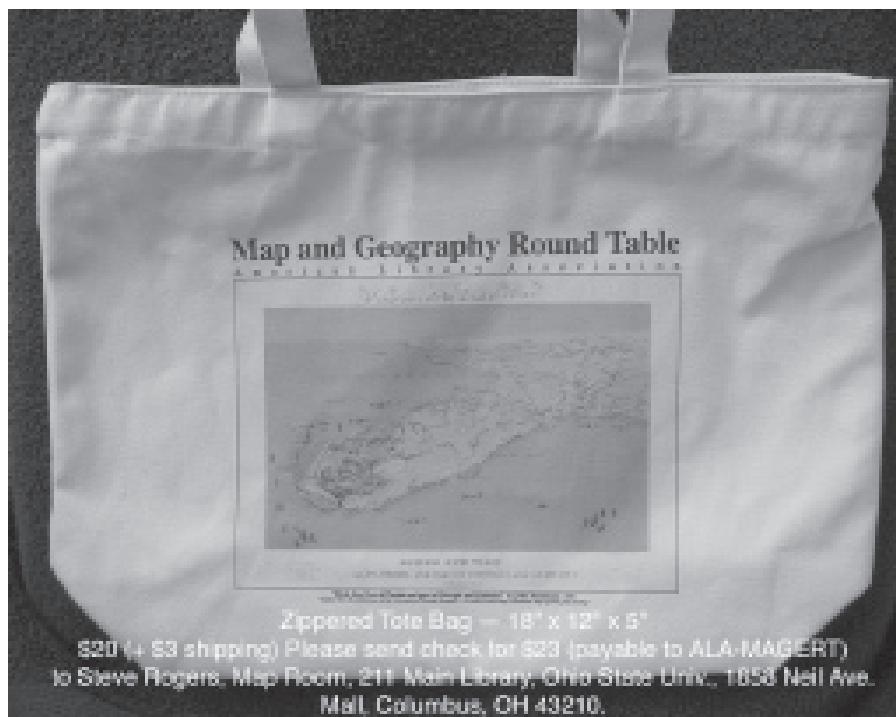
The University of Nevada, Reno, has almost completed the posting of the historic topos (as listed in Moffat's work) and all other 15" topos of NV and any immediately adjacent maps (including CA).

http://keck.library.unr.edu/data/historic_topos/historic_topos-indexpage.html



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Created especially for last year's ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, a limited number of the 2004 MAGERT zippered canvas tote bags are still available for purchase. They are going quickly, however. Just one hundred bags were produced. The bag measures 18" x 12" x 5" and sells for \$20 (plus \$3 shipping). The zippered bag features an 1861 bird's-eye view of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama by panoramic map artist John Bachmann. (See the illustration below.) All proceeds go to the Map and Geography Round Table. If you would like to order one, please contact Steve Rogers at 211 Main Library, Ohio State University, 1858 Neil Avenue Mall, Columbus, OH 43210-1286. (614) 688-8774 or rogers.20@osu.edu.



SOCIETY FOR THE HISTORY OF DISCOVERIES ESSAY CONTEST

The following is from a message posted to Maps-L on January 21 by Brendan Whyte, University of Melbourne, forwarded from a funding e-mail list.

Deadline(s): May 1, 2005

Review Date: November 1, 2005

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Program URL: <http://www.sochistdisc.org/essay-contest.htm>

Tel: 612-788-6570

Fax: 612-626-9353

OBJECTIVES:

The sponsor seeks essays on the topics embraced by the Society's name: the history of discoveries. Essays may deal with voyages, travels, biography, history, cartography, techniques and technology, or other aspects of discovery. The primary purpose is to enlighten the reader on some aspect of mankind's exploration of the world.

ELIGIBILITY

Any post-secondary (college or university) student from any part of the world who will not have received a doctoral degree before May 1, 2005 is eligible to enter the contest.

FUNDING

The winner will receive a prize of \$600. The winner will be invited to make an oral presentation about the paper at the annual meeting of the Society for the History of Discoveries. The 2005 meeting will be held in Williamsburg, Virginia. Additionally, the essay will be considered for publication in the Society's journal, *Terrae Incognitae*

NEW MAPS AND BOOKS

Fred Musto, Yale University

New Maps

Tsunami

Disasters, natural or man-made, always create increased interest in maps of the affected areas. The recent tsunami tragedy that impacted parts of Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand, India, and the Maldives prompted many of us to evaluate our collections in those regions. Large-scale topos for most of Indonesia, including the heavily damaged “special territory” of Aceh on the northern tip of Sumatra, are readily obtainable. All of Sumatra is covered at 1:50K by maps from the civilian Indonesian mapping agency Bakosurtanal. These are available from several vendors including Omni and East View. Omni lists the 50K sheets of Sumatra for \$25, with a set of some 431 sheets for \$3880, although how many of these are in stock and readily available is a different question. East View, of course, is much more expensive at \$57 per sheet for a set of 430 “available immediately,” or a whopping \$149 per individual sheet. (In fairness, East View does offer libraries a substantial discount off their stated prices.)

<http://www.omnimap.com>

<http://www.cartographic.com>

Less detailed, but certainly more affordable, is a 250K series from Bakosurtanal which covers only part of the country but all of Sumatra. Omni lists 100 available sheets out of a possible 237 for a set price of \$1000, or \$25 per individual map. East View's

catalog prices remain \$57 per map for a set of 105, and \$79 per individual sheet. If this is more than you need, or can afford, for your collection, Nelles publishes an excellent series of maps of the various Indonesian islands, including one of Sumatra at 1:1.5M. The 20 x 31" two-sided map, which uses attractive relief shading and is quite detailed, retails for \$8.95. And for a good overview map of the entire island nation, National Geographic issued a good reference map of Indonesia in 1996. Done in the usual NG style, the 20 x 31" sheet features a shaded relief political map on one side, with additional maps and illustrations of the ecology, flora and fauna, and the economy on the reverse. \$10.99 from the National Geographic Store.

<http://www.ngmapstore.com>

Map-wise, Thailand is not quite so well served. While there are many small-scale tourist maps available, topographic mapping is somewhat harder to come by. In theory, there is a 1:50K series that was published by the Royal Thai Survey Department around 1980. However coverage of the country is spotty, and many sheets were apparently not printed or are restricted by the military. Available sheets are listed on Omni's website. Another option would be the 1:250K series from the same agency. Most of the 52 possible sheets are obtainable (48 according to Omni; a probably more accurate 43 from East View), including those for areas affected by the Tsunami. Omni's bargain price is \$14.95 per

sheet, or \$493 for the set of 48. Omni also carries a series of provincial maps from the Thai publisher Prannok Withaya. They vary in scale and content, are usually bilingual, but most are not topographic. The only constant is the price — \$9.95.

Sri Lanka is a different story.

Because of the long-running civil unrest in that country, large-scale topographic mapping is restricted by the government and virtually unobtainable. About the only options are those ubiquitous Russian military maps, available at 1:200K, and the U.S. 1:250K JOGs from NIMA which cover the country in five sheets. A better choice might be the very good 4-sheet, English-language map issued by the Sri Lankan Survey Department. Each sheet of the 1:250K map measures about 25 x 39" and shows topography, roads, populated places, etc. It's listed for \$27.95 at Omni. And as with Thailand, there are a number of good tourist maps of Sri Lanka issued by the major publishers such as Nelles, ITMB, and Rough Guide.

India is also problematic. 1:50K and 1:250K topographic mapping by the Survey of India is available, but only for the central part of the country. Border and coastline areas are restricted, and as with Sri Lanka, only the Russian military maps provide complete coverage. And as for the tiny Maldives, two U.S. 1:500K TPCs provide only partial coverage of the islands. The only other maps are similarly small-scaled tourist maps, two from German publishers Ryborsch and Berndtson & Berndtson, and a Globetrotter map from Britain's New

Holland firm. All are available from MapLink. <http://www.maplink.com>

Straying away from the paper map world, mention should also be made of the website of the USGS's National Earthquake Information Center, which tracks the location and size of all destructive earthquakes throughout the world. Their Earthquake Hazards Program website includes online maps of recent earthquake activity, including the magnitude 9.0 quake off Sumatra that caused the tsunami. They also offer a series of "Earthquake Summary Posters" which are attractive sheets measuring about 24 x 36" with multiple panels showing the area around the epicenter, the plate tectonic environment, and earthquake history and seismic hazard of the area. The posters are in PDF format and can be downloaded for viewing or printing on a color plotter. <http://neic.usgs.gov>

New from ITMB

ITMB has been busy the past few months, issuing a number of new maps and revised editions. While they are certainly not adverse to publishing maps of popular tourist areas, they also try to adhere to their original mission statement of "mapping countries and regions worldwide that are traditionally ignored by the commercial mapping industry." As proof, their two new maps of Belarus and Bulgaria.

The Belarus map is a double-sided, 1:600K affair. Very detailed, it shows roads, railways, canals, etc., and, as the publisher states, "every touristic site we could uncover." It also includes

an inset map of the capital Minsk. Although it may be noted mainly for the contamination of a large part of its territory by the Chernobyl disaster in nearby Ukraine, (and if you're old enough to remember, as the home of gymnast Olga Korbut), there are few maps of Belarus available so this is definitely worth acquiring. Canadian-based ITMB is raising their prices, but it's still a deal at \$10.95.

Bulgaria is not heavily mapped either, although this may change as tourism seems to be growing. ITMB claims their map of the country is the most detailed ever published, and they may be right. At 1:375K it includes much more information than its competitors from Cartographia (1:750K) or GeoCenter (1:800K), including all roads, track/paths, railways, border crossings, elevations, points of interest, etc., as well as a large inset map of Sophia. It's double-sided, and printed on waterproof paper, and also priced at \$10.95.

Among other new maps of note from ITMB is the just-released "Thailand South & Phuket" travel map. Ironically, it focuses on the southernmost area of Thailand, including the popular resort area on the island province of Phuket that was affected by the recent tsunami. Also of interest is a revised 2nd edition of their map of Beijing, with the center of the city covered at 1:20K on one side, and the entire extensive urban area at 1:100K on the reverse. There are hardly any really good maps of Chinese cities, and while this one isn't great either, it's better than most.

British Empire

After being stymied by what seemed like a simple request for a map showing the British Empire at its height, "with their possessions colored in red," I found an answer (much too late, of course) at the great web site of the British map dealer Stanford's. They list two reproductions that would have been perfect. A map titled "The British Empire throughout the World, 1905," published by Old House Books in 1993, is a facsimile of one first published by Methuen in 1905 in their *Historical and Modern Atlas of the British Empire*. The colorful and attractive 24 x 23" sheet has a wonderful illustration of the natives of various countries within the empire, with inset maps showing such things of imperial importance as the extent of global trade, shipping routes and coaling stations, telegraph cables, and even camel routes. The map, which comes folded, is accompanied by a 10-page gazetteer.

Another similar and equally interesting reproduction depicts the empire in 1924. "The Howard Vincent Map of the British Empire," from a company called Map Marketing, shows undersea cables, railways, and shipping routes, and, of course, British possessions brightly colored in red. The 25 x 22" map, which seems to be reduced somewhat from the original, includes small insets illustrating the extent of the empire in 1713 and 1815, and a table listing the size, population, and revenue of each possession. Both items would be nice additions to any historical

map collection. The 1924 map retails for £14.95, the 1905 one for £9.99, at Stanford's. <http://www.stanfords.co.uk>

Mexico

Treaty Oak is carrying the new line of maps from Mexican publisher Ediciones Independencia. Of particular interest are a 1:2.5M scale political wall map of Mexico that shows each state outlined in a different pastel color, and a detailed wall map of greater Mexico City at 1:47K that depicts all neighborhoods and streets. Both maps measure 49 x 35", are printed on heavy stock, and sell for \$59.95.

Also from EI is a nice series of folded travel maps of all 31 Mexican states. Each features a road map on one side, with a full-size city plan of the state's capital on the reverse. Many of the maps also include large insets of additional cities. Scales vary, but the detail includes six levels of roads and highways, travel information, pictographs of places of interest for non-Spanish speakers, and indexes of populated areas and city streets. Priced at \$8.95, the maps would be a nice compliment, or alternative, to a similar and slightly less expensive (\$6.95) set of state maps from Guia Roja, available from Treaty Oak or other vendors. The EI maps were not listed on the Treaty Oak website as of this writing but more information and a free sample are available from TO.

<http://treatyoak.com>

The state of Chiapas in the southern tip of Mexico bordering Guatemala is one of the most interesting and diverse areas of the country, with a large indigenous

population and some major Mayan archaeological sites. "Carta Geográfica de Chiapas," from Mexican publisher HFET, is a recent (2003) and large (55 x 39") map of the state. It features a 1:400K map of Chiapas showing topography, regional and municipal boundaries, parks and natural areas, with a large index of cities, towns, and villages. Three 9 x 12" inset maps show the seven distinct geographical areas of Chiapas, the distribution of the 11 distinct ethnic groups, and a regional map showing Chiapas in relation to the rest of the Yucatan Peninsula. Also included is a population table, a listing of the municipal areas, and a profile of the state. \$29.95 from Mexico Maps.

<http://www.mexicomaps.com>

Briefly Noted

An interesting and very attractive item with an unusual title is "The Intricacy of These Turns and Windings: A Voyageur's Map." This huge 25 x 76" color poster traces the 1793 journey of John Macdonell, fur trader and partner in the North West Company, into the interior of Canada, depicting his canoe route from Lachine, just south of Montreal, to Grand Portage at the western end of Lake Superior in what is now the northern tip of Minnesota. The extent of each day's journey is mapped in a different color, representing "the physical and emotional landscapes" recorded by Macdonell, and is accompanied by brief extracts from his journal. Produced by a small (one-item) company called Journey Cake, it's perhaps more of a decorative piece than an historical reference, but would

certainly look good on a an office wall. Priced at \$20 plus shipping, it can be seen and ordered from their web site <http://www.journeycake.com>.

There aren't many maps of Myanmar (Burma) available, so two recent maps of that secretive nation are interest. (Coastal Myanmar was also affected by the tsunami of December 26.) Nelles Verlag has a very good 2004, 1:1.5M map of the country for \$9.95. The double-side 31 x 20" sheet includes city plans of Yangon (Rangoon), Bagan, and Mandalay. Another German company, Reise Know How, whose excellent maps are similar to those from Rough Guide, offers a 2005, 1:1.2M map of Myanmar. The large 24 x 36" sheet is printed on the durable synthetic paper Polyart and sells for \$12.95. Yet another option is the slightly older (1999) 1:2M two-sided map from Periplus for \$8.95. All are available from MapLink.

<http://www.maplink.com>

If your collection doesn't get to keep the maps that come as supplements to *National Geographic*, you may want to acquire the separate to the September 2004 issue. "Indian Country" is a colorful 23 x 36" sheet that shows Indian reservations, tribal entities, trust lands, and locations of major festivals. It's enhanced with photos and short bios of notable Native Americans, as well as a series of four inset maps depicting the transfer of lands over time from Native Americans to non-Indians. The reverse, titled "North American Indian Cultures," maps and describes major language groups throughout the continent. \$12.99 from the National Geographic Store.

<http://www.ngmapstore.com>

If you're looking for some nice wall maps, Hammond is a good source. An example is their revised political map of "Russia & Neighboring Countries." It features new cartography, distinctive color-banded borders, and relief shading. The 50 x 38" sheet is laminated and can be used with dry-erase markers. It comes rolled in a tube, or as a hanging model with grommets, for \$25.95. The whole Hammond product line can be seen at <http://www.hammondmap.com>.

New Books

America Discovered: A Historical Atlas of North American

Exploration. Derek Hayes.

Vancouver: Douglas & McIntyre, 2004. 224 p., \$40 (ISBN: 1553650492)

Derek Hayes has yet another addition to his acclaimed series of atlases that utilize only reproductions of antique maps (*Historical Atlas of the Arctic*, 2003; *Historical Atlas of Canada*, 2002). The text is divided into some 50 brief thematic sections, most three to four pages with a few running longer, interspersed with striking illustrations of historical maps. The topics are arranged in roughly chronological order, ranging from the earliest explorations of the New World up to the 19th century. While the text is interesting, it's the maps that stand out. For American exploration, one would think it difficult to find examples of maps that haven't been reproduced many times before. But Hayes has a

knack for this sort of thing, and has done a lot of digging in archives to come up with many unusual examples. Another nice feature is the "Map Catalog" appendix which gives full citations and locations for all the 280 maps pictured. This is an attractive, well-produced, and reasonably priced volume that would be enrich a map-lover's personal collection as well as the library's.

Mapping the Silk Road and Beyond.

Kenneth Nebenzahl. Phaidon Press, 2004. 176 p., \$49.95 (ISBN: 0714844098)

Well-known map dealer and scholar Nebenzahl has produced a good-looking book with a slightly misleading title. Its original working title seems to have been *Mapping Asia*, which might be a more accurate description of its contents. While it covers the European discovery of eastern lands and the trade linking east and west, it doesn't really focus on the areas of Central Asia crossed by the famous silk road trade routes. But the 80 maps featured are well-reproduced, most covering a full 10 x 11" page with explanatory matter opposite. Many of the maps are well-known, but there some unusual ones as well. Not as substantial in terms of textual material or illustrations as Tom Suarez's books (*The Mapping of the Pacific*, 2004; *Early Mapping of Southeast Asia*, 1999), which are valuable references as well as beautiful books, but still a nice addition to most collections.

Atlas of the Civil War. Steven Woodworth & Kenneth J. Winkle.

Oxford University Press, 2004. 400 p. \$75 (ISBN: 0195221311)

Of the making of Civil War atlases there is no end. Many unfortunately are not worth the effort, but occasionally one stands out in the crowd. Such is this latest production from OUP, a sumptuous (and hefty) large-format (13.5 x 10") volume with clear and colorful maps, many other attractive illustrations, and authoritative text by two noted academics. Each of the five major sections, one for each year of the war, is subdivided into about 25-30 brief thematic parts. Most deal with battles and campaigns, although a number of broader topics are covered (e.g., Free Blacks before the Civil War, King Cotton, 1830-1860, The Cost of War). Hundreds of maps of varying sizes, including some 40 three-dimensional maps of terrain and troop movements, are interspersed throughout, and there's enough textual material to make a good stand-alone history of the war. This is a first-rate production, and an almost required purchase even if your collection is already overrun with Civil War atlases.

Atlas of the Civil War, Month by Month: Major Battles and Troop Movements.

Mark Swanson. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2004. 141 p., \$39.95 (ISBN: 0820326585)

In contrast to the impressive volume from Oxford UP described above, this work seems almost sober in comparison. It takes a minimalist approach, utilizing simple, straightforward maps without any extraneous photos or other illustrations. The heart of the book consists of fifty versions of the same base map of the

entire eastern U.S., one for each month of the war, showing the front lines of the conflict and the extent of territory controlled by each side. Some major battles, cavalry raids, sieges, etc. are indicated, but there are no larger-scale maps devoted to specific actions. Each full-page map has a facing page of text summarizing the events of the month. While this is a refreshing change from the many map-starved picture books marketed with “atlas” in their titles, one wonders what audience the publishers had in mind. It’s a nice compliment to the Oxford work, and a good addition if you’re aiming for reasonable completeness in your Civil War material. But if you had to choose between the two, it would definitely be the bridesmaid.

Maps of Cyprus from the Collections of the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation. Ed.

by Leonora Navari. Nicosia: Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, 2003. 373 p., c. \$70 (ISBN: 9963428193)

Sweet Land of Cyprus: The European cartography of Cyprus (15th – 19th century) from the Sylvia Iannou Collection. / (Glykeia chora Kypros:....) Artemis Scutari. Athens: AdVenture A.E., 2003. 240 p. (ISBN: 9608779200 cloth; 9608779219 pbk.).

Maps and Plans of Dutch Ceylon: A Representative Collection from the Dutch Period. K. D. Paranavitana and R. K. de Silver. Colombo: Central Cultural Fund, Sri Lanka Netherlands Association, 2002. 187 p. (ISBN: 955613137X).

These three titles have been out for a while, but lend themselves to

a combined review. They are all beautifully-produced books with wonderful illustrations of seldom-seen maps from little-studied areas. The first two were published in conjunction with major exhibits. The Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation, which has formed a great collection of maps and issued several fine works on them, organized a large exhibit at the International Map Collectors Society Symposium held in Nicosia in 2003. Over 300 maps from that collection are illustrated, providing almost a complete cartographic history of this important island. *Maps of Cyprus* can be purchased at Agora, the Bank of Cyprus Cultural Foundation’s web store, which also lists a number of other books on Cypriot cartography. <http://www.cyprusculture.com>

Sweet Land of Cyprus is another exhibition catalog, well-printed on glossy paper and entirely in color, featuring the maps of a noted collector. Organized into broad sections — Franco-Venetian Domination and the War of Cyprus; Cyprus in Renaissance Cosmography; Cyprus in the Atlas Period; Cyprus on Nautical Pathways; Cyprus in the Age of Enlightenment and the 19th Century — it displays 90 significant maps along with a paragraph or two of explanatory text in Greek and English. Together with *Maps of Cyprus*, these two works would provide more information than most map collections would need on the mapping of that country. One source for *Sweet Land...* is the Moufflon Bookshop in Nicosia, where it’s priced at £42 hc, £29 pbk. <http://www.moufflon.com.cy>

Maps and Plans of Dutch Ceylon covers the period of Dutch influence in Sri Lanka from 1607 to the demise of the Dutch East India Company (VOC) around 1800. After an introduction that nicely summarizes the early mapping of Sri Lanka, the book is arranged geographically according to the Dutch administrative districts: the Dissavany of Colombo; the Commandement of Galle; the Commandement of Jaffna; followed by sections on "Forts of the Interior" and the city of Kandy. The hundreds of illustrations, almost all in color, are clearly reproduced. The sources of the maps are mainly Dutch institutions, and many of them are manuscripts, rarely seen before in print. The book provides lots of good historical background on a little known subject, and would be a useful acquisition for any map collection. It may be ordered online from Viator Publications in Sri Lanka for 63 euros. <http://www.viator-publications.com>.

Budapest: Ortofotok – Orthophotos. Pecs: Szekely es Tarsa Kiado, 2004. 171 p. \$99.95.

If you're lucky enough to be able to attend the upcoming International Conference on the History of cartography (ICHC 2005) in Budapest this July, you may want a different view of the beautiful Hungarian capital than that provided by traditional maps. A new atlas of aerial photos, *Budapest: Ortofotok*, contains striking color photography, taken in 2003, for the entire metropolitan area. The photos cover the central part of the city at a 1:5K scale, with the rest of Budapest at 1:10K. The atlas, which seems to be an updated edition of a similar title issued by the same publisher in 2001, sells for a hefty \$99.95 at Omni Resources. <http://www.omnimap.com>

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