New Periodicals of 1943—Part I

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Among the new periodicals which have appeared during the first half of 1943 a continued interest in the field of technical and economic production is apparent, primarily in those which keep their readers informed on all sorts of matters dealing with the many phases of the war activity. The technique of recording processes of production by short, well-written descriptive articles accompanied by very carefully reproduced photographic illustrations, descriptive drawings of cross sections of mechanical parts, maps, graphs, and charts is an impelling development of the new house organs issued by various industries. From the Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corporation comes Plane Talk, a house organ of wide general appeal giving firsthand reports of battle experiences in the air forces, also accounts of new repair methods, new production methods, and new types of planes with striking illustrations. Another house organ of specific interest to students of aviation is Pegasus, published by the Fairchild Engine and Airplane Corporation, which offers excellent photographic reproductions of new types of airplanes as well as the technical construction and equipment. The articles are of general interest. Turning to another great channel of war effort, that of chemical research, which has contributed so vitally to the present war in drugs, synthetics, and substitutes, the Rohm and Haas Reporter contributes well-illustrated descriptive articles on the technical development of processes and research studies on synthetic organic products, and these articles from this important house organ are abstracted in Chemical Abstracts.

A welcome addition to the growing list of periodicals on plastics and of timely interest to engineers, chemists, and other industrial specialists is Plastic and Resin Industry devoted, as the title suggests, to the production and commercial application of plastics and resins. The illustrations, diagrams, charts, and record of latest patents add to its usefulness. Closely related to the requirements of various industrial jobs and their successful functioning is the Quarterly of Applied Mathematics, published under the sponsorship of Brown University; “it prints original papers in applied mathematics which have an intimate connection with application in industry or practical science.” The treatment is of a high scientific standard and there are many illustrative graphs, tables, and charts. Initial in the field of camouflage and, as the preface states, “to meet a demand for an authoritative publication devoted exclusively to camouflage—past, present, and future,” is the Camouflage Digest, prepared primarily by active members of the American Camouflage Corps and former members now connected with the armed forces of the U.S.A. It contains information about the theoretical developments of the art
and current methods of application with illustrations and some diagrams. The text is reproduced from typewritten copy, and each issue consists of about six pages.

With the increasing study in postwar problems and planning, women in war and industry, industrial management, job evaluation, and our cultural and commercial contact with Latin America there is a more pronounced interest in economic, political, and social conditions both here and abroad. A learned publication, giving the results of research on contemporary economics, with the emphasis on postwar planning, is the bulletin of the Institute of World Economics named World Economics. The articles are written by experts in the various fields. The object of the institute is "to study the problems arising out of changes in the economic relations between nations, to examine the place of the United States in the emerging world economy, to bring together organizations and individuals concerned with regional and special problems . . . and to serve as a center of world economic research." Postwar Readjustments Bulletin published by the United States Chamber of Commerce is a series of small pamphlets; each one takes up a particular problem in postwar planning with occasional brief bibliographies of new books on planning. Very simply written, it is similar to the Public Affairs Pamphlets and might perhaps be used in connection with a freshman economics course. In an allied field of interest the American Arbitration Association publishes Arbitration in Action which contains articles on government, postwar planning, inter-American news, labor-management relations, trade, and commerce. It also gives a review of recent court decisions in labor and commercial cases and lists new publications on the subject of arbitration. From London comes an important publication, the Trade Union World, which aims "to present the affiliated organizations and trade unions all over the world with firsthand information regarding international trade activities and all problems interesting world labour." There are articles about general problems stating the viewpoint of the organization, signed articles giving the ideas of individual trade unionists, and news from various countries about internal conditions. It is also a valuable source of information on the international labor movement, labor's plans for the future, and labor problems from labor's point of view. The section called "Press Review" contains excerpts from the press in free and occupied countries and information about the underground press, all of which is particularly interesting because such information is not readily obtainable.

The Peruvian-American Digest is issued by the Peruvian-American Association of New York. Although it consists of only one large page reproduced from typewritten copy with text on both sides of the page, it is of value chiefly for its commercial and financial section which gives brief, up-to-date information, often statistics, on economic conditions in Peru and also miscellaneous and international news.

A current discussion of public welfare problems in Washington with notes about the activities of various public welfare council groups is presented in Public Welfare, successor to Public Welfare News and published by the American Public Welfare Association. The Family-Community Digest, published at Vassar College by the National Council of Parent Education and cooperating organizations,
gives not only digests but also brief original articles. It states that "... it will concern itself with human personality and direct face-to-face human relations, with family and community life. It will deal with the war and with world problems as they relate to these personality and family relationships."

Many magazines and broadsides from devastated countries have been published in England, South America, and this country, keeping the public well-informed of their political and intellectual ideals and the social and economic conditions abroad. The Norseman, an independent literary and political review, is published in London by an editorial board "composed of Norwegians temporarily residing in Great Britain." Contributors are chosen from renowned writers or statesmen, and the articles are of literary interest with discussions of various aspects of postwar planning and Norway's rôle in past, present, and future world politics. Review-43, a quarterly review of literature, art, and science, also published in London, "aims to show the Czech contributions of European culture," while the Lithuanian Bulletin, text primarily in English with some articles in Polish, contains information on current events in Lithuania and neighboring countries from both the neutral and German-controlled press. It is published in New York. The Jewish Review, a semiannual devoted to the study and interpretation of Jewish life and thought, published by the Jewish Teachers' Seminary and People's University, states "it will foster the Jewish social research and contribute to a scientifically valid approach to the history and contemporary problems of Jewish life such as reconstruction of European Jewry, upbuilding of Palestine, guiding the postwar migration..." The text is in English and Yiddish, and signed book reviews are included.

Renaissance, published by L'Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes at the New School of Social Sciences and edited by the combined efforts of the exiled professors, is a new literary and political quarterly review. L'Ecole Libre des Hautes Etudes has been formed by a group of scholars from France, Belgium, and other French-speaking countries now resident in America and resolute in their allegiance to freedom, independence of research, respect for human personality, and the guarantee of spiritual liberty. This publication and Medievalia et Humanistica, an American journal for the Middle Ages and Renaissance which contains learned articles, the results of research on medieval and Renaissance literature including detailed manuscript studies, history, and political science, are desirable additions to scholarly studies. Many of the contributors to the latter are well-known scholars and the editorial board consists of professors from Yale, Cincinnati, Cornell, Duke, Johns Hopkins, Chicago, and Colorado.

Research students as well as collectors of coins, medals, and paper money will receive with interest the new Numismatic Review. "Two classes of articles in particular will be presented. First, purely scientific discussions... Second, articles of a popular nature... and in some sense it is hoped to revive some of the virtues of the old American Journal of Numismatics." The format is pleasing, paper good, and full-page photographic illustrations follow each article. Although published by the firm of Stack, dealers in coins, it is stated in the foreword that the publication is not a house organ and
that it has no commercial interest in its contents.

The Colby Library Quarterly, published by Colby College Library, gives articles of literary interest as well as extensive notes on the library’s exhibitions and collections. Small and attractive, outstanding among college library publications, it compares favorably with the Princeton University Library Chronicle and Yale University Library Gazette. It is an excellent example for other library publications to follow.

In the field of medical science there are three periodicals to observe. The official journal of the American Gastroenterological Association, Gastroenterology, comprises "... clinical and investigative contributions of interest to general practitioners as well as to specialists, which deal with the diseases of digestion and nutrition, including physiological, biochemical, pathological, parasitological, radiological, and surgical aspects." It offers good book reviews and illustrations and a section on abstracts of current literature. Experimental Medicine and Surgery, devoted to experimental investigations of clinical problems, considers original papers. The charts, bibliographies, book reviews, and illustrations give added significance to its issues. The Journal of Oral Surgery, published by the American Dental Association, includes articles by specialists and contains information of new developments in the field of oral surgery. It gives book notices and reviews. All three journals are indexed in the Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus.

From the inter-American standpoint there is noticeable increase in periodical literature with the introduction of emphasis on economic and cultural relationship. Estadistica, the official publication of the Inter-American Statistical Institute, published in Mexico, is a journal of especial note, for not only is it of great value in the social and economic aspects of continental interest but it is the first of its kind on the Americas to be published. It will be of importance to large industries, banking and commercial institutions. The articles are very specialized and scholarly in nature. The text of the articles is given in English, French, Spanish, or Portuguese, with summaries usually in some one of these not used for the article itself. Increasing the value of the publication are excellent statistical tables in each issue. Also from Mexico are Estudios historicas, a scholarly publication concerned almost entirely with Mexican history; Revista de ciencias sociales, organo de la facultad de derecho y ciencias sociales, Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, which is devoted to legal problems and social science; and S.E.J.; Revista de estudios juridico-penales. The last of these has for its purpose the study of criminal law and of the possibilities of improving existing penal codes and investigating the causes of crime.

Interesting as evidence of the growing cultural cooperation between this country and the various nations of South America is Revista do Instituto Brasil Estados Unidos. This journal offers a wide inclusion by authorities in the fields of economics, political science, education, history, literature, and art. Revista de la Universidad del Canca, from Colombia, contains learned articles in the fields of the humanities, legal science, economics, and natural science. In general the articles refer to Colombia and there is a section which reproduces pages from rare or interesting books in the university's
library. There are also illustrative maps, diagrams, illustrations, and plates.

Revista de la Sociedad Malacológica "Carlos de la Torre," published by the University of Havana, consists of scholarly articles devoted to the study of mollusks. Descriptive charts, diagrams, tables, plates, and illustrations are a useful feature. Found in Feria del libro, also from Cuba, are notes about new periodicals, forthcoming books, events of interest to publishers, librarians, and authors, articles of literary criticism, and numerous book reviews. The publishers' advertisements form a good source of information regarding new books being published in Cuba. In format and in many respects in contents Feria del libro is similar to the former French publication Toute l'édition.

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