New Periodicals of 1946—Part I

A few scholarly journals have made their first appearance during the early months of 1946. Especially significant are the new publications in the fields of chemistry, medicine, and law.

Chemistry

In January 1946 there appeared the first issue of the Journal of Polymer Research, which plans to report original research on all phases of the chemistry and physics of large molecules. Although the text is to be in English, contributions from foreign scientists are to be included. The editorial board is composed of representatives from the American Chemical Society, the American Physical Society, and the Society of Rheology. Also in January there appeared the Journal of Colloid Science, having an international staff of editors with an American editor-in-chief. The first issue contains original papers from staff members of such institutions as the University of California, Cambridge University, and the University Medical School in Budapest. Powder Metallurgy Bulletin has for its fields the realm of powder metallurgy and related sections of physical and general metallurgy. Original articles, reviews, and abstracts are to be included.

Medicine

Two new journals concerning geriatrics have been published. Geriatrics, the official journal of the American Geriatrics Society, is to be devoted to research and clinical study of the diseases and processes of the aged and aging. The contributors to the first number are chiefly physicians, many of them medical school professors. Published for the Gerontological Society is the Journal of Gerontology. The first issue consists of original articles dealing with, or bearing on, the problems of the aging, review articles, and selected abstracts from current literature appropriate to the subject. A supplement is issued separately which digests in nontechnical language, articles from the journal. The publisher of the Journal of the History of Medicine and Allied Sciences is planning a periodical which will cover all aspects of the history of medicine, public health, dentistry, nursing, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, and the various sciences that impinge on medicine. A sampling from the contents of the first issue shows an article on medical education in seventeenth-century England, a biographical sketch of an early American physician, and a history of pharmacopoeias. The American Medical Association is publishing a new journal, Occupational Medicine, which is to serve as “a medium for the advancement of knowledge on the diseases of industry and for the publication of scientific investigations in this field.” Bibliographies accompany each article and abstracts from current literature and book reviews are included. The Journal of the American Medical Women’s Association aims to be a representative organ for reporting the best type of work by women in medicine and at the same time to offer an opportunity to members of the medical profession to submit articles for publication.

Law

Not intended to be exclusively of inter-
est to jurists, but also to historians of law, 

*The Journal of Juristic Papyrology*, published by the Polish Institute of Arts and Sciences in America and edited by Raphael Taubenschlag, research professor in ancient civilization, Columbia University, and professor of Roman law, University of Cracow. It plans to publish the studies made from papyri legal instruments and papyri of legal significance. A less scholarly journal, but one of importance because of its field, is *the Food, Drug, Cosmetic Law Quarterly*, published by Commerce Clearing House. *World Trade Law Journal* is to deal with rules and regulations affecting American commerce and general business interests abroad. There are to be included articles on foreign law subjects of current interest.

**International Understanding**

The problems arising from victory and the necessity for world understanding have given rise to the publication of the greater number of the new periodicals. Although some of these are definitely biased, many undoubtedly will be helpful. *The International Journal*, published by the Canadian Institute of International Affairs, presents such subjects as the control of the atom bomb, the Security Council and the United Nations, the Soviet foreign policy, etc., primarily for the information of a Canadian public and secondarily to present the Canadian point of view to other nations. *France Forever*, whose subtitle says it is “devoted to French-American friendship,” hopes to show France’s attitude toward the problems of peace to the American people. *Monde Uni*, published in New York for the French in France or abroad, also hopes to serve the cause of Franco-American friendship. The *China Clipper* aims to do the same for Chinese-American relations. *The British Magazine* hopes to create better understanding between the English and the Americans through articles, fiction, photographs, and cartoons from the press of Great Britain and her colonies. *The United Nations News*, published by the Woodrow Wilson Foundation, will be devoted exclusively to news and reports about the activities of the United Nations, its functional agencies, and other international organizations. To present the scientific facts of atomic energy and their implications for society, the National Committee on Atomic Information has been established by sixty national organizations, such as the American Association for the United Nations, Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, United Steel Workers of America, C.I.O., National League of Women Voters, and others. Their publication, *Atomic Information*, is biweekly.

**Diplomacy**

Of especial interest to persons considering careers in the diplomatic service, is *Corps Diplomatique*, published in Washington. Included in the first issue are discussions of the international conferences to be held during the month, the unique school for diplomats being conducted at the Army war college in Washington, biographical sketches of U.S. and foreign ambassadors, and the foreign office reorganization plan.

**Minorities**

The problem of the Jews in Palestine is being treated in *Palestine Affairs*, *an Information Bulletin on Palestine and the Middle East*, published by the American Zionist Emergency Council. Similarly, the American Federation of Polish Jews is issuing *Federation News-Letter* in the interest of their group. The *New South*, superseding the *Southern Frontier*, has for its aim the study of the over-all problem of the South, that is, its economic, civil, social, and racial conditions. *The Armenian
Quarterly, published in New York by the American-Armenian Cultural Association, under the editorship of Constant Zarin, promises to be a scholarly publication. Its purpose is to make known abroad the results of the research on the culture, history, art, language, and literature of Armenia, by scholars in Armenia, and to assemble the contributions of Armenians residing in Europe and America.

Social Science

Few new journals in the field of the social sciences have appeared. *Numen; Revista Cultural*, published in Mexico, discusses the social, political, and cultural problems of Mexico. *The Vanguard; a Layman's Journal of Social Welfare Devoted to the Prevention of Delinquency and the Reduction of Crime*, presents articles on thought-out and worked-out plans of communities of the United States of outstanding civic attractions and accomplishments which are solving social problems.

Education

Only one new title in the field of education has been noted. *Film Forum Review*, published by the Institute of Adult Education and the National Committee on Film Forums, aims to describe and analyze films from the point of view of their fitness in adult education programs and in defining issues of current interest.

Literature

A few new literary magazines have appeared which claim to be either "an avenue of expression for new writers," like *The Contemporary* published in Detroit and *Arts et Lettres* from Paris, or which expect to publish "the best writing that is being produced" like the *Northern Review* from Montreal, *The Chicago Review*, "a campus publication" from the University of Chicago, and *Variegation, a Free Verse Quarterly*, from Los Angeles. The *Chicago Tribune's* literary pages grew into a full section in the *Chicago Sunday Tribune Magazine of Books*, similar in make-up to the book reviewing magazines of other newspapers. The *Story Digest* condenses stories from contemporary fiction appearing in the magazines. The former editors and writers of *Yank* and *Stars and Strikes* are continuing to write for *Salute*. Some fiction, signed articles of current events and problems, letters, illustrations, and cartoons make up the publication. The National Council of Industrial Editors has begun the publication of *Dead Line; the Publication for Industrial Editors*, which it hopes will serve as a guide for the entire house publication profession.

Bibliography

In the field of bibliography the *U.S.A. Book News*, an inter-American edition of the *Publishers' Weekly*, is undoubtedly the most important new publication. It is being published at the suggestion of the U.S. International Book Association for the purpose of improving the distribution of U.S. books around the world. Each issue will contain news and special articles, best-seller notes, translation notes, announcement of prize awards, stories of bookselling methods and bookstore planning, reports of visitors to and from the American republics, and many other features. It will carry a condensed list of one month's output of all our publishers and space for the announcements of any U.S. publishers of accepted standing. The *Universal Guide to Free Publications* is a classified list, consisting chiefly of U.S. and state government publications, giving title, series, and address from which the publications may be secured. Business, craftsmanship, education, geography, homemaking, are some of the subjects covered.
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Palestine and Zionism; a Bimonthly Bibliography of Books, Pamphlets and Periodicals, prepared by the Zionist Archives and Libraries, New York City, indexes by author, title, and subject, books, periodicals, and pamphlets written in Hebrew, English, Yiddish, and other languages and published in Palestine and elsewhere, as well as the official publications of all Zionist groups.

Music

The Institute of Renaissance and Baroque Music has started the publication of the Journal of Renaissance and Baroque Music. The aim is to publish the results of studies made from original sources from these two epochs in the history of music which have been relatively little investigated. There will be a section of announcements of the literary acquisitions by libraries, of exhibits, concerts, seminars, lectures, and conferences.

Local History

A few local historical societies have begun publishing a new journal. The most impressive one is Delaware History, from the Historical Society of Delaware, which hopes to stimulate the study and writing of that state's history. Letters, diaries, and manuscripts, heretofore unpublished, are to be included. The Northampton County, Pa., Historical and Genealogical Society has begun an Historical Bulletin, the first issue of which was a monograph on "Early Northampton County." The Upper Ohio Valley Pioneer, a Historical Quarterly will feature the publication of historical manuscript material. The editor states that "in selecting material for publication a very liberal interpretation will be given to both the phrase 'Upper Ohio valley' as embracing a precise geographical area and the word 'pioneer' as covering a definite period of time."

Engineering

Engineering was still another field in which few new journals were launched. Coal Technology, a bimonthly, will publish some of the technical publications of the Coal Division of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers in advance of their appearance in the institute's annual Transactions. Navigation, with emphasis on aerial navigation, was started by the Institute of Navigation.

Patents

Public Domain; a Digest of Expiring Patents, in addition to showing the date of expiration, gives the name of the inventor, assignor, if there was one, date of filing, a diagram, and brief description of the patent. An alphabetical index serves as a key to a numerical arrangement.

Commerce and Finance

"Facts—and fast!" is the slogan of the Far East Trader. Cables from correspondents in the East report trade and economic
conditions and opportunities for trade of interest to U.S. traders. The Modern Investor; a Magazine for the Buyers of Securities, presents economic and business conditions to show where investments may be good.

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