New Periodicals of 1949—Part I

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Hundreds of periodicals new to the collections of the Library of Congress have been examined since Jan. 1, 1949. In all this quantity of material few titles were found which had begun publication in 1949, and of these, few were found which possessed reference value or promise of longevity. Hence, if this list can claim to represent the output of the press, then the conclusion must be drawn that few scholarly journals have been launched during the first six months of 1949.

Art

A new art magazine from Munich, Glanz, covers art, the theater, films, architecture and literature. It is well illustrated, part in color, and includes portraits. Aldous Huxley was among the contributors to the first issue, with an article entitled “Das Schicksal verschenkt Nichts.”

Current Affairs

The Reporter, a Fortnightly of Facts and Ideas aims to gather, select and interpret international and national facts in such a way that the American people will know what these facts mean and what they can do about them. Each issue will be devoted to a single, timely theme. The first article will state the political or economic problem on which the issue is centered and will define The Reporter’s policy on it. Other articles will follow, each throwing a different light on the major topic. The theme of volume one, number one is “Arithmetic and Higher Mathematics,” or more specifically, the financial policy of the United States.

Government

Two new periodical publications from the Pan American Union, Annals of the Organization of American States and Américas are replacing the former Bulletin of the union. The Annals will publish in Spanish, English, Portuguese and French all the official documents of the organization. These include official results of conferences, texts of treaties, resolutions of the Council, conventions and resolutions of the specialized conferences and the reports on the activities of the Pan American Union, of the Council and of the specialized organizations. The first issue presents the official documents of the conference at Bogotá. Américas, published in English, Spanish and Portuguese, is popular in style with readable articles on subjects of interest to members of the Pan American Union. Included in the first issue were articles on the role of the Council of the Organization of American States in the settlement of the Costa Rican-Nicaraguan problem of December 1948, another on Jaime Torres Bodet and another on Guatemala, traveler’s paradise.

British colonial government is the field of two British official publications. Corona, the Journal of His Majesty’s Colonial Office is a professional journal for all British colonial officers. The contributors are to be officers in the field who it is hoped will write
about their work in a manner to stimulate discussion and criticism from their colleagues. Such subjects as the disorders in Malaya, inflation in Bornu (Nigerian Province), recent Parliamentary action relating to colonial affairs and book reviews were included in the first issue. The Journal of African Administration, primarily designed for the practical administrator in Africa is hoped to be of interest and value to serious students of African affairs. As in the case of Corona, it is expected that the Journal will provide a forum for the working out of new ideas by the exchange of views on the basis of practical experience. “The Future of Native Courts,” “Local Government Reorganization in the Eastern Provinces of Nigeria and Kenya,” and “African Urban Advisory Councils in the Northern Rhodesia Copperbelt” were among the subjects treated in the first issue.

Hobbies

Inventor and Gadgeteer “is a national publication for professionals, beginners and basement workshop inventors and gadgeteers, as well as a guide to inventing, manufacturing, marketing, advertising, financing and developing new improvements, devices and discoveries.” The National Association of Gardeners is issuing a new official organ, The Professional Gardener. Included in an early issue were nontechnical discussions on varieties and care of bougainvilleas and dahlias, treatment of Dutch elm disease, keeping evergreens ever green, and others. Ship Models is intended for beginners as well as the skilled. It is well illustrated, has some rather detailed diagrams and careful instructions.

Home Economics

Western Home Economics, published in San Francisco, will be of especial interest to western home economists since the emphasis is on persons and activities in that area. Among the articles included in the first issue are “Home Economics at Mills Colleges,” “Mile-High Cakes,” and “Corporate Personalities.”

Latin America

From the Biblioteca Municipal “Mariscal Andrés de Santa Cruz” in La Paz, Bolivia, comes a Revista dealing with the literature and literary history of Bolivia. From Mérida, Revista de Estudios Yucatecos comes to interpret Yucatan. Included in the first issue were not only poems, literary criticism and book reviews, but also articles on such subjects as “Panorama de la Cultura Yucateca, Año de 1846” and “Don Us Escalante, Precursor de la Industria Henequenera.” E.S., an English-Spanish review published in San Antonio, is a little magazine, popular in style, with the lofty ideal of being a “symbol of what is best of the two cultures ordained by God to share in the new world.” Some contributions are in Spanish, some in English. Among the articles of the first issue is “A New American Sociology,” a review in English of an article in Revista Mexicana de Sociología, “Oportunistas y Hombres de Lucha,” a review of an article from the San Antonio La Prensa and a few brief reviews of English books.

Law

University of Illinois Law Forum “will be devoted primarily to legal subjects that are of current and pressing interest to the members of the bar.” The aim is “to keep the discussions close to the urgent problems of the profession, and to shape the materials of the periodical so that they will offer the highest attainable measure of help for the members of the bar in the solution of their problems and in the advancement of...
of law improvement." An advisory committee of lawyers is assisting in choosing topics for the Forum and finding individuals qualified to write on them. Each issue of the publication will be devoted to a single topic with various phases of it presented in a symposium. There will be a board of student editors who will assist in publication and who will be responsible for a section dealing with notes and comments. Number one covers "Estate Planning."

**Literature**

*American Quarterly*, published for the Program in American Studies at the University of Minnesota, "will attempt to find the common area of interest in which specialists of various kinds and the aware reader may meet. It will publish articles of a speculative, critical, and informative nature, which will assist in giving a sense of direction to studies in the culture of America, past and present." The first issue presents various aspects of American world influences. Included are such articles as "American Influences on Contemporary Italian Literature," by Elio Vittorini, "The Projection of America Abroad," by Max Beloff and "The Reputation of America Overseas (1776-1860)" by Merle Curti.

*Comparative Literature* is published by the University of Oregon, with the cooperation of the Comparative Literature Section of the Modern Language Association of America. "Founded at a time when the strengthening of good international relations is of paramount importance, Comparative Literature provides a forum for those scholars and critics who are engaged in the study of literature from an international point of view." Volume one, number one includes articles in English, German and Italian and discusses such subjects as "The Concept of 'Romanticism' in Literary History," "Dante Through the Ages," and "Kafka, Lessing, and Vigny." *MSS* will be "published several times each academic year by a club of Princeton University undergraduates interested in encouraging and rewarding creative writing and presenting the most pleasant circumstances for free discussion of literature and artistic media among undergraduates."

*The Review of Contemporary Poetry*, edited by James O. Jordan, Myron Bates, Clement Cockrel, and others, in Lexington, Ky., "is intended primarily to create an interest in and a desire for the work of promising young writers of poetry."

**Music**

*The Cancer Bulletin* which began publication with the March-April 1949 issue supersedes the *Texas Cancer Bulletin*. Like its predecessor it aims to bring to the physician techniques, ideas and results of research. Each issue will offer practical suggestions for the diagnosis and treatment of many types of cancer. Short, terse abstracts will indicate the whereabouts of pertinent articles. Dr. Morris Fishbein is the editor-in-chief of the *Bulletin of the World Medical Association*. This journal will be devoted to the work of the association, namely the raising of standards of medical education through the world and correlated with this, the delivery of a high quality of medical service. The *Bulletin* will record the results of such surveys as those concerned with the supply of physicians in all the great nations throughout the world, medical education, the laws regulating medical practice, the manufacture of drugs and medical products and the laws regulating such manufacture and distribution, the problems related to social security and similar subjects. Articles in the first issue were in German, Spanish and English.

**Music**

*Music Forum*, which began publication in January 1949 and with the July issue changed title to *Music Forum and Digest*,

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has brief, popularly written articles such as one on "Opera Can Pay" and sketches of Milton Cross and Robert Merrill, a section of book reviews and a "Cantorial Section."

Socialism

Leo Huberman and Paul M. Sweezy, editors and publishers of *Monthly Review*, *an Independent Socialist Magazine*, define socialism as "a system of society with two fundamental characteristics: first, public ownership of the decisive sectors of the economy; and second, comprehensive planning of production for the benefit of the producers themselves." *Monthly Review* is being founded to analyze from a socialist point of view the most significant trends in domestic and foreign affairs. A working agreement with *Cahiers Internationaux*, a new socialist magazine published in Paris, permits exchange of manuscripts from time to time, and the right of translation. By this means American readers will be kept in direct touch with leading socialist writers of Europe and closer relations between American and European socialists will be established.

Soviet Press

*Current Digest of the Soviet Press* is published weekly by the Joint Committee on Slavic Studies appointed by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council. It will present a selection of the contents of the Soviet press, carefully translated into English, objectively condensed by competent editors, arranged by subject matter, and indexed quarterly. The contents of *Pravda* and *Izvestia* will be thoroughly covered, more important items will be given in full, others will be condensed or summarized, and to make coverage complete, even the smallest items will be represented, possibly by no more than a translation of their headlines. The *Current Digest* also will contain selections from approximately forty other Soviet newspapers and magazines.

Technology

*Journal of Petroleum Technology*, which began publication in January 1949, supersedes *Petroleum Technology and Mining and Metallurgy*. It is the official publication of the Petroleum Branch, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and will publish technical papers in addition to the official notices of the branch. *Water Power*, *a Technical Journal Devoted to the Study of All Aspects of Hydro-Electric Developments* began publication in London with the issue for January-February 1949. Well-illustrated articles dealing with hydro-electric establishments in Europe, Egypt, Scotland, Canada and elsewhere appeared in the first issue. *The Journal of Industrial Engineering* is published by the recently organized American Institute of Industrial Engineering. It will include in addition to institute news and announcements, studies on various phases of industrial engineering.

Theology

*Cross and Crown, a Thomistic Review of Spiritual Theology* is edited by the Dominican Fathers of the Province of St. Albert the Great, and edited at the Dominican House of Studies, River Forest, Ill. "Its aim will be the presentation of the principles, conclusions, and applications of spiritual theology according to the traditions of the Thomist school in a manner that will have appeal and interest to all who value the interior life." The first issue included such discussions as "Man's Response to the Trinity," "Psychological Aspects of the Struggle for Perfection" and "The Flowering of Spanish Mysticism." Also included is a section of book reviews.