Hawken bring us up-to-date about once every twelve to eighteen months. Joseph Treyz has a section on equipment and methods in catalog card reproduction. His paper is a carefully formulated, beautifully organized, and succinct treatment of another all-important problem facing librarians today. Until relatively recently, the average "general" librarian would hardly have deigned to be reading such eminently "practical" professional material. But at the present time, there is no one responsible for library administration and operation on however high and philosophical a level who can conscientiously avoid the responsibility of keeping himself informed on how libraries are being automated. Perhaps because there has been so little in print on it, to me the most interesting paper presented was Martin Van Buren's on furniture selection for the library. It is particularly interesting because he introduces his expert treatment of the subject by giving a historical background which includes not only library furniture but, more basically, library architecture itself. He manages somehow to crowd into a very few pages a really fine historical running start.—William H. Jesse, University of Tennessee.

Books Briefly Noted

Almanac of Naval Facts. U. S. Naval Institute, Annapolis, 1964. 305p. $3.50.


International Union List of Communist Chinese Serials; Scientific, Technical and Medical with Selected Social Science Titles. Comp. by Bernadette P. N. Shih and Richard L. Snyder. Cambridge,


THE SUCCESS of the application of a least cost searching procedure described in the article appearing in the March issue of CRL, “A Least Cost Searching Sequence,” by Gerald Lazorick and Thomas Minder, depends upon the accuracy of the collected data.

The data, as presented therein, assumes independence in the probability of a successful search; therefore, the least cost searching procedure, as described, will result in a least cost searching sequence only if the probabilities of a successful search in one source is dependent on the probability of a successful search in another. Although the nature of bibliographic sources causes this assumption to be violated, the use of this technique can result in a searching sequence of a shorter time duration (27 per cent in this study).

In the sentence on page 127 of the March issue reading, “However, there would be 51 or 120 possible combinations,” the 51 should read 5! —The Authors.

Addendum and Erratum