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NOTES ON THE HARVARD LIBRARIES

MERLE FAINSOD, 1907-1972

THE LIBRARY and the University sustained a great loss on 11 February 1972 in the death of Merle Fainsod, who had been Carl H. Pforzheimer University Professor and Director of the University Library since 1964. His association with Harvard began as a graduate student in 1930, and was interrupted only by wartime leaves for service in the Office of Price Administration and the U.S. Army. From 1959 to 1964 he was Director of the Russian Research Center; his published contributions to scholarship include *How Russia Is Ruled* and *Smolensk Under Soviet Rule*. His administration as the fifth Director of the University Library was noteworthy above all for the planning and fund-raising effort that resulted in the announcement, at Commencement in 1971, that the Pusey Library will be constructed as an addition to the College Library.

It was announced during November 1971 that Professor Fainsod was to resign as Director of the Library on 30 June 1972, but that he would continue, as Pforzheimer Professor, to serve as Chairman of the University Library Committee and of the Library Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences. When the Pforzheimer Professorship was established in 1958, President Pusey described it as "in scope university-wide and on the frontiers of knowledge" and added that its association "with the great library which is the center of our University" betokened "a firm belief in the association of books and scholarship." This was the remarkable position which Merle Fainsod filled with great distinction. His sudden loss is a shock, but Harvard's enduring emotion will be gratitude for all that he accomplished.

APPOINTMENT OF MR. BRYANT AS DIRECTOR

THE APPOINTMENT of Douglas W. Bryant as Director of the University Library and Professor of Bibliography, effective 1 July 1972, had been announced some weeks before Professor Fainsod's untimely death. Mr. Bryant retains the title of University Librarian, but responsibility for administration of the College Library will be delegated to the Librarian of Harvard College, a post now to be re-established.

Mr. Bryant, a native of Visalia, California, was educated at the University of Munich, Stanford (class of 1935), and the University of Michigan, where he earned a graduate degree in librarianship in 1938. His library career began with work for the Hoover Institute and Library at Stanford while he was in college; subsequently he was associated with the W. I. Clements Library of the University of Michigan, the Detroit Public Library, the University of California Library at Berkeley, and the U.S. Information Service in London, where he was Director of Libraries from 1949 to 1952. As a Lieutenant Commander during World War II he headed the Technical Information Branch, Engineering

Division, Bureau of Aeronautics (Navy Department). At Harvard he has been Administrative Assistant Librarian (1952-1956), Associate Director of the University Library and Associate Librarian of Harvard College (1956-1964), and University Librarian since 1964.

Mr. Bryant has been Vice President of both the International Federation of Library Associations and the International Federation for Documentation, as well as President of the Association of Research Libraries. As a committee chairman he has been particularly concerned with Slavic and East European library resources and with the preservation of library materials. As a consultant, he has served the Ford, Mellon, and Rockefeller Foundations, the John F. Kennedy Institute for American Studies of the Free University in Berlin, and the London School of Economics. Since 1969 he has been Chairman of the Committee on Research Libraries of the American Council of Learned Societies. His published writings include contributions to *College & Research Libraries*, *Jahrbuch für Amerikastudien*, the *Library Journal*, the *Library Quarterly*, *Proceedings of the Library Association (London)*, and the *HARVARD LIBRARY BULLETIN*.

POSEY LIBRARY FEASIBILITY STUDY

THE FIRM of Hugh Stubbins and Associates was commissioned by the Corporation in November to make a site analysis and feasibility study for the College Library addition and for longer range plans for library development. It had been announced at Commencement that the addition will be named for President Pusey. Mr. Stubbins is particularly well known to members of the Harvard community as architect of the Countway Library of Medicine, the Loeb Drama Center, and the Medical School's Primate Center.

Robert R. Walsh, Assistant University Librarian for Building Planning, is serving as Secretary of a subcommittee of the Library Committee of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences that has been appointed to work on the development of plans for the addition. Members are Professor Herbert Bloch; Professor William H. Bond, Librarian of the Houghton Library; Douglas W. Bryant, University Librarian; Professor I Bernard Cohen; Dr. Alan E. Erickson, Acting Associate Librarian for Administration in the Harvard College Library; James J. Generoso, Jr., '72; Mrs. Anne T. Lee, a graduate student; Edwin E. Williams, Associate University Librarian; and Professor Robert L. Wolff. Many members of the Library staff — particularly, of course, the curators of collections to be housed in the addition or relocated when it becomes available — will also be active participants in planning. These collections include the Theatre, Manuscript, Theodore Roosevelt, and map collections, the University Archives, and the Documents and Microtext Division.

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