

are feeling the impact of it. Already they are able to obtain considerably more catalog cards than before the program was initiated.

I have mentioned the countries with which we have worked out arrangements to use the cataloging from their national bibliographies as well as to attain additional publications.

We have also negotiations or arrangements pending with several other countries where we should begin to operate especially eastern European countries. They are willing to cooperate, in fact, they are anxious to. They recognize this as not only of the benefit to the research libraries of this country but of international benefit because the publication of information about important foreign books in our National Union Catalog makes it, in effect, an international bibliography.

In short, we can't do nearly as much with the present funding as we ought to be doing in order to achieve the purpose of the act.

Mr. BRADEMAS. One other brief question: Do you make any effort to obtain publications from Communist China through Hong Kong or any other source?

Mr. MUMFORD. Yes; we do. We obtain a considerable number of publications from mainland China through Hong Kong and other sources.

Mrs. GREEN. Congressman Quie.

Mr. QUIE. No questions.

Mrs. GREEN. Congressman Gibbons.

Mr. GIBBONS. You testified a few years ago you had fallen pretty far behind on your cataloging, or there was a problem. Can you tell us now how far you are running behind?

Mr. MUMFORD. This act contemplated getting catalog cards out promptly to the research libraries and this included cards describing material we already had on hand waiting to be cataloged as well as materials to be acquired currently from abroad.

We have made a great deal of progress in clearing up that arrearage, not only through title II-C but through additional cataloging positions given the Library of Congress 2 or 3 years ago under our regular appropriations. This is reflected in the increased number of cards available to the libraries. I can't give you specific figures. Possibly Mr. Applebaum here has some figures.

Mr. GIBBONS. In terms of work time, how many months are you behind?

Mr. APPLEBAUM. The current materials being received under the shared catalog program are cataloged immediately and cards are available to the libraries by the time they obtain the books.

Mr. MUMFORD. We are not getting further behind with the current material.

Mr. GIBBONS. You are taking it off the top?

Mr. MUMFORD. Yes, but as requests come in from libraries for cards for books 2 or 3 years old that have not yet been cataloged, we get them out and catalog them.

Mr. GIBBONS. What about the material that the ordinary college would use?

Mr. MUMFORD. The cataloging of the English language materials which the smaller libraries use is current. We are able to supply cards promptly for that.