

tact with political scientists who have been investigating, or who are interested in collaborating on investigations of, the psychological aspect of international conflicts. The Committee's immediate activity is the preparation of a yearbook in which it is hoped to deal with the psychological influences leading to resort to war as a means of solving international difficulties. Persons having unpublished material or new ideas which they would like to discuss with others taking a psychological approach to the problem are asked to communicate with the chairman of the Committee, Dr. Ross Stagner, University of Akron, Akron, Ohio.

Some Recent Developments Affecting Facilities for Research in Government Agencies in Washington. Certain recent developments in Washington, tending to facilitate research in political science and associated disciplines (whether carried on in Washington or elsewhere) are worthy of note.

Under the terms of Public No. 750, 75th Cong., 3d Sess., approved June 25, 1938, designated depositories, which include land-grant colleges and state and territorial libraries, may become recipients of copies "of Journals of the Senate and House of Representatives, of all publications, not confidential in character, printed upon the requisition of any congressional committee, of all Senate and House public bills and resolutions, and of all reports on private bills and resolutions, and of all reports on private bills, concurrent, and simple resolutions." The librarian of a library designated to receive such publications makes his request of the Superintendent of Documents, who communicates the request to the Public Printer in order that the necessary copies may be furnished. Prior to the enactment of this law, public bills, resolutions, and committee hearings and reports on private bills and simple and concurrent resolutions have not been available for depository distribution.

Librarians of libraries which have been designated as depositories are authorized to request that "the allotment of copies furnished for distribution to libraries shall be increased or reduced from time to time." This stipulation enables a librarian, in coöperation with the departments of instruction of a depository institution, to select those government publications which have particular utility for such departments, relieving the library from the necessity of accepting every publication of the federal government.

Readers of this REVIEW are familiar, of course, with the series of executive agreements now being effected between the United States and other nations providing for an exchange of government publications designated in the agreements. It may be pointed out that these agreements mean that the Division of Documents of the Library of Congress will receive as a matter of course the official publications of the following govern-

ments with which our government now has agreements: Chile (Executive Agreement Series 112); Cuba (Executive Agreement Series 123); Peru (Executive Agreement Series 103); Mexico (Executive Agreement Series 108). The official publications which are to be exchanged in consequence of these agreements include not only those issued by the administrative agencies of the national government but also those of the national capital. For instance, the executive agreement between the United States and Peru stipulates that in exchange for the official publications of the departments of the government of the District of Columbia the municipality of Lima will transmit to the Division of Documents of the Library of Congress the annual report of the alcalde, bulletins of the municipal library, regulations of the municipality, and municipal decrees and resolutions.

It should be noted that in addition to the publications which are sent in exchange to the Library of Congress as provided by executive agreements, the Library of Congress is actively engaged in securing documentary data from the civil subdivisions of a large number of European and South American countries.

A word may be added concerning those two invaluable aids, the *Monthly Catalogue of United States Public Documents* and the *Monthly Check-List of State Publications*. The former is compiled by the Superintendent of Documents, Mr. A. P. Tisdell, the latter by the Division of Documents of the Library of Congress under the direction of Mr. James B. Childs. Emphasis should be given to the fact that for several years not only printed but also mimeographed and other processed publications issued by the governmental agencies of both the national and state governments are included. In the light of the fact that official publications appearing in these forms have been coming out in greatly increased volume during the last six years or more, their listing in these two bibliographical aids is of the highest importance to research in political science. It has been suggested in some quarters that a monthly check-list of documents listed for distribution by local and municipal governments in the United States should be issued by the federal government, especially since the contacts between such governments have, in recent years, become more intimate.

The State Law Index of the Library of Congress, under the direction of Miss Margaret Stewart, has recently published the first of a series of pamphlets on state legislation. These are classified into two categories. In the first place, there are special reports, of which No. 1 is entitled *Sources of Information on Legislation, 1937-1938*, comprising a bibliographical list of published material, whether official or not, on state legislative bills and enactments. This pamphlet is not to be confused, of course, with the *Monthly Check-List of State Publications*, referred to above, which is confined to listing official documents. Secondly, mention

should be made of the *State Law Digest*, of which No. 1 is now available. This publication reviews reported bills introduced between January 1 and March 31 in state legislatures meeting in 1938. Both of these series of pamphlets will appear at irregular intervals and will supplant the *State Law Index: An Index and Digest to the Legislation of the States of the United States*. Both series of pamphlets may be purchased of the Superintendent of Documents.—GEDDES W. RUTHERFORD.