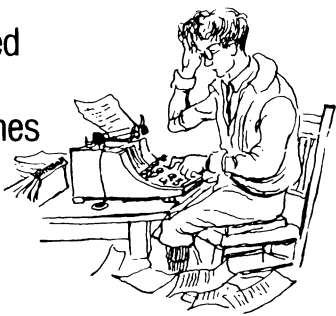


# THE SOURCE

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## Prejudice in print

A conference held at Monash University in November 1981 dealt with the ways in which ethnic minorities are portrayed in publications.

Papers presented discussed the treatment of Aboriginals and other groups in books, included school text books, and in the newspaper press. The conference concluded with a range of recommendations for further action.

The proceedings have recently been published under the title *Prejudice in print: the treatment of ethnic minorities in published works*. Edited by Radha and Henning Rasmussen, *Prejudice in print* is available from J. Wheeler, Faculty of Education, Monash University, Clayton, Vic 3168. It costs \$12.50 post free (\$14.00 overseas). Cheques should be made payable to the Proceedings in Print Conference.

## Australian content

There is not a single Australian item on my waiting to be noted in the Source' shelf at the moment, which will have an appreciable effect on my Australian content program.

Authors and publishers are again exhorted to send in items, particularly those with a reference or bibliographical slant, to the compiler. Don't forget to indicate the price — it saves me time checking with you.

## A burst of bibliography

An embarrassingly large number of bibliographies sit, like a mute conscience, on my 'to

be noted' shelf. These brief notes on each will hardly do some of them justice, but it's better than oblivion.

Wendy Hay's *Library services for handicapped people* is an annotated bibliography of British material published between 1970 and 1980. The items listed, which are mainly journal articles and monographs, cover the provision of services in libraries in general and in hospitals. Toy libraries, bibliography, the housebound and the mentally ill are among the topics covered. There is a select list of (British) organisations and a good index. The 33-page bibliography is prefaced by the poignant graffiti message 'It might be your year for the disabled — for me it's the rest of my life'.

Wendy Hay's *Library services for handicapped people* was published earlier this year by the Library Association and costs £3.95. (ISBN 0 85365 824 2.)

Toy libraries are the subject of the second in a series of occasional publications from the Western Australian Association of Toy Libraries (WAATL). Denise Vass' *Bibliography on toy libraries* is a select listing of English-language materials published between 1960 and 1981 and derived mainly from relevant indexing and abstracting services. The compiler aims to cover toy libraries in general but the material listed also touches upon aspects of toy selection, such as safety. The entries would certainly have benefited from annotation, but the work will prove useful nonetheless.

*Bibliography on toy libraries* by Denise Vass was published earlier this year by WAATL, 1186 Hay Street, West Perth, WA 6005, and costs \$2.75 (\$2.00 to WAATL members). (No ISBN.)

## More of the same

If you had hoped to escape the rest of the year without further references in this column to dictionaries of acronyms and abbreviations, I am sorry to disappoint you. Two such works arrived on my desk within days of each other.

The first was the very reasonably priced second edition of Fran Hegarty's *W.A.T! a list of acronyms, abbreviations and initialisms from Australian library literature, 1977-1981*. Twice as large as the first, April 1981, edition, this work covers Australian and overseas

shortened forms encountered in a range of Australian librarianship publications.

A new feature is the inclusion of annotations for a number of entries. 'Time has not allowed full annotations of all entries' but this will be attempted in the third edition promised for next year. That will be an achievement indeed.

In the meantime all libraries and inquisitive librarians should buy the second edition. They should however beware a number of inaccuracies, derived perhaps from inaccuracies in the source — on a quick riffle through I noticed errors, mostly minor, in the interpretations of ABPR, BSI, CALGIR, ERIC, OCLC, RILM, RSR and either VIC or VICCLA.

Copies of *W.A.T!* (which incidentally stands for 'What acronym's that') compiled by Fran Hegarty, are available from the Administration Unit, Footscray Institute of Technology Library, PO Box 64, Footscray, Vic 3011. It costs \$2.00 or 2 LAA vouchers, post free. (ISBN 0 908533 27 6).

A preponderance of Australian terms inhabits *W.A.T!* The emphasis of Dictionary of educational acronyms, abbreviations and initialisms is decidedly North American. It lists over 3,600 acronyms etc commonly used in the field of education, taking education as broadly as ERIC does, which is not unnatural considering that the compilers both work in the ERIC Clearinghouse for Junior Colleges.

They point out, as compilers of abbreviations dictionaries are wont to do, that their coverage is not exhaustive. But they do seem to have covered their field pretty thoroughly, at least as far as their home territory is concerned. ACER, for example, is not listed.

The dictionary has two parts: acronym to full name, and a reverse section, which although not to be regarded as an 'authority list' will still serve as a useful guide to those who cannot break the abbreviating habit. Useful for large libraries and those with a special educational bent.

James C. Palmer and Anita Y. Colby compiled *Dictionary of educational acronyms, abbreviations and initialisms*, which was published earlier this year by Oryx Press. It costs US\$15.00 and is available locally from James Bennet Group. (ISBN 0 89774 020 3).

And that, barring calamities, is all that you will hear about acronyms in this column until 1983. □



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