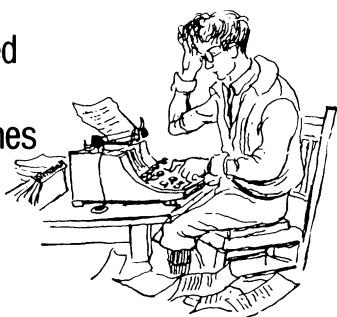# THE SOURCE

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Overhead overkill

Following the success of works dealing with numerous ways of disposing of deceased animals comes Lee Green's *501 ways to use the overhead projector*, which I was personally disappointed to find is not a spoof. In its 157 quarto pages Professor Green introduces the OHP and the materials which can be used with it, and then launches into the 501 ways.

Twenty different subjects are covered, and there are certainly some novel and stimulating suggested uses, but not much more than a bright, involved and lively teacher would think of doing anyway, either using the OHP or not. The text is lightened, if that is the right word, with what seem to be hundreds of badly-drawn illustrations featuring moronic-looking unfortunates doing things with the OHP. An appendix reproduces some potential transparencies outlining the basic steps of using the OHP — actually just looking at these pages provides the imaginative reader with as much nourishment as the rest of this overblown and rather unnecessary book.

Lee Green's *501 ways* etc etc was published last year by Libraries Unlimited and costs US$18.50. (ISBN 0 87287 339 0)

Social services in the Sunshine State

Youth services, alcoholism, crisis counselling, literacy and numeracy programmes — these are but a sprinkling of the hundreds of services listed and briefly described in the 1983 edition of *Social welfare resources in Queensland*.

This 407-page work, which has been published by the Queensland Council of Social Service, is intended to 'provide a comprehensive well classified account of statutory and voluntary services to the community'. For each entry there are very full details of areas served, application procedures, contact addresses and telephone numbers. Standard eligibility criteria — who are the target groups of particular services — are outlined. Services provided are described using an Australian modification of UWASIS (which was developed by the United Way of America). The service index — one of the most effective directory indexes I have seen for years — is based upon the Thesaurus for Indexing Community Services and Resources prepared by Barry McIntyre. The directory is worth looking at just to see how successfully these two patterns have been applied. This is an essential reference work for public libraries and service agencies in Queensland.

Social welfare resources in Queensland, 1983 edition, is available from the Queensland Council of Social Service, PO Box 15, Broadway, Qld 4006. It costs $17.50, plus $2.50 postage. (ISSN 0810-2880).

Unofficial view

Among the many useful activities of the Legislative Reference Service of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Library is the preparation of discussion papers, primarily for members, on topics of current concern. Last year, for example, saw the publication of *Australia's dependence on foreign technology*, by K.G. Gannicott. This is a 38-page summary of 'basic evidence about the extent and nature' of that dependence. Emphasis is given in this paper to manufacturing technology and special attention is drawn to manufacturing research and development expenditure, payments for technical know-how, patent activity and conditions attached to foreign technology. It is stressed that the views expressed in papers such as this are those of the authors, and are not to be attributed to the Department of Parliamentary Library.
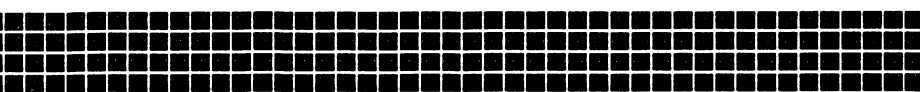
The Legislative Reference Service Discussion Paper *Australia's dependence on foreign technology* by K.G. Gannicott is one of the Occasional Paper Studies of the Department of the Parliamentary Library. Further information on the series is available from the Parliamentary Library, Canberra, ACT 2600. (No ISSN or ISBN)

Walford — need I say more?

There is a certain inevitability about the appearance of yet another edition of a volume of Walford's *Guide to reference material*. Inevitable that a work so essential should be updated; almost inevitable that its quality will be taken for granted by its thousands of thankful users worldwide. Indeed this work has maintained remarkably high standards in successive editions. The fourth edition of volume 2, Social and Historical Sciences, Philosophy and Religion, which was published by the Library Association in 1982, is certainly no exception. This volume has entries for some 5,000 items, plus about 2,000 subsumed entries, which represents an increase of about 10% on the third edition of this volume (published in 1975). More comments from reviewing journals have been quoted, following the pattern of volume 1, to help provide more critical annotations. Walford although excellent, is not faultless. A reasonably astute Australian reference librarian will notice that the Learmonths (not the Learmouths) were responsible for the *Encyclopaedia of Australia*; that Borchardt's 1976 work which is correctly cited as *Australian bibliography* in its own entry, is incorrectly referred to by its subtitle elsewhere; and an entry for Ferguson needlessly refers the reader to volume 3 of Walford, when there is an entry for the work in the present volume (not, unfortunately, listing the facsimile edition to which the aberrant entry refers). Incidentally an editorial slip here has also produced a 'Library of Australia'.

But in a work of this size and complexity problems such as this fade into insignificance beside the massive achievement of netting the key, predominantly English-language, reference works of general utility in a helpfully-arranged and outstandingly well indexed handbook. Ignore it at your peril.

Walford's guide to reference material: volume 2: social and historical sciences, philosophy and religion, fourth edition, was published last year by the Library Association. It costs £32 (£25 to LA members). (ISBN 0 85365 564 2)

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