

Book Reviews

Guide to Library Facilities for National Defense. Edited by Carl L. Cannon for the Joint Committee on Library Research Facilities for National Emergency . . . Preliminary edition. American Library Association, 1940. 235 p. \$1.25 (Planographed)

IN A PERIOD of less than six months the Joint Committee on Library Research Facilities has compiled the information contained in this guide to the resources of some 200 general and 400 special American libraries. Each of the cooperating libraries supplied the joint committee with a description of its holdings on defense subjects.

Each entry included in the guide consists of a description of the holdings of an individual library on subjects which concern national defense and war industries. The data is explicit, in some cases, as to the number of titles and periodicals on each subject and as to special collections or services offered by the library. Photostat and microfilm services are mentioned where these are available as are also special indexes, bibliographies, research reports, pamphlets, and trade catalog collections. In no case, however, are specific titles mentioned.

The material contained in the guide is arranged under forty-two broad subject headings such as aeronautics, automotive engineering, chemicals, European War 1939-, explosives, foreign relations, labor and laboring classes, military science, scientific instruments, etc. Under these forty-two headings the material is further divided by a number of subheadings. The entries appearing under these subheadings are arranged alphabetically by library

name and are grouped in geographical areas. A comprehensive subject and library index facilitates the use of the guide and an added aid in its use is a complete list of the cooperating libraries with their addresses and the names of their librarians.

The chief weakness of this survey, as pointed out by the joint committee and the editor, lies in the incomplete and vague descriptions of many important library collections. A more detailed analysis of the holdings of each cooperating library would add immeasurably to the value of this publication. The guide in its present incomplete form is the beginning of an important index to the library resources of this country on national defense subjects. The joint committee expects to prepare a revised and enlarged edition early this year. It is sincerely hoped that all libraries concerned will submit more detailed information for inclusion in the revised edition.—*Charles M. Mohrhardt, Public Library, Detroit.*

World List of Historical Periodicals and Bibliographies. P. Caron and M. Jaryc, editors. International Committee of Historical Sciences, Oxford, England, 1939. 390p. \$6.00.

THE EDITORS of this publication are already well known for their *Répertoire des Périodiques de Langue Française Philosophiques, Historiques, Philologiques, et Juridiques*, which listed 700 historical journals. Also to be remembered in connection with the work under review is the "World List of Historical Reviews" published in 1936 in the *Bulletin of the International Committee of Historical Sciences.*