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The international situation is certain to absorb a large measure of production and manpower for defense over a period of years and will inevitably curtail library developments. The role of college libraries in civilian defense and government financed projects will be largely dictated by top college administrators, but all A.C.R.L. members should be considering steps which the Association should take to safeguard library interests. Flexible standards should be prepared to resist ill-considered slashes in book budgets and salaries. A.C.R.L. should study and publicize conditions under which irreplaceable collections should, and should not, be dispersed for protection against enemy action. Other fields for consideration are stockpiling for postwar distribution to devastated libraries, and ensuring that government instructional and research programs provide funds for books.

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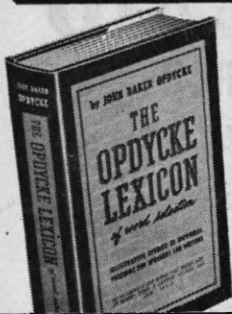
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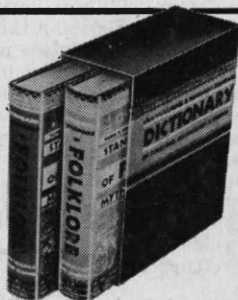
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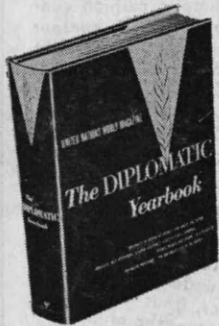
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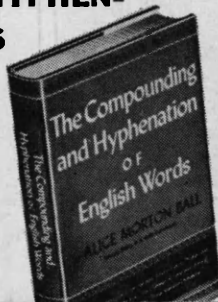
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