



Publications Office

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The publications staff had a very busy time during the 1984-85 year processing new books and promoting their sales as well as carrying out the production of forthcoming volumes. The four new books published were SAOC 36, *The Hilly Flanks and Beyond: Essays on the Prehistory of Southwestern Asia Presented to Robert J. Braidwood, November 15, 1982*, edited by T. Cuyler Young, Jr., Philip E. L. Smith and Peder Mortensen; SAOC 41, *Ecology and Empire: The Structure of the Urartian State*, by Paul E. Zimansky; SAOC 42, *The Road to Kadesh: A Historical Interpretation of the Battle Reliefs of King Sety I at Karnak*, by William J. Murnane; and the latest *Chicago Assyrian Dictionary*, Vol. 15 (letter S), edited by Erica Reiner et al. The two books sent to press during this period, but not printed before the submission of the present report were: OIP 107, *Reliefs and Inscriptions at Karnak IV: The Battle Reliefs of King Sety I*, by The Epigraphic Survey and AS 23, *Kaniššuwār - A Tribute to Hans G. Güterbock on His Seventy-fifth Birthday, May 27, 1983*, edited by H. A. Hoffner, Jr., and G. M. Beckman.

The sales office issued a new book catalogue, with a comprehensive list of publications in stock, which updated the last such list of March, 1983. The catalogue was reprinted twice and other forms of advertising appeared during the year. This resulted in a dramatic increase in book sales. One thousand seven hundred forty-eight books were sold during this period. The numbers of volumes sold from each of the Oriental Institute series and miscellaneous publications is as follows:

AS	(<i>Assyriological Studies</i>)	29
CAD	(<i>Chicago Assyrian Dictionary</i>)	723
CHD	(<i>Chicago Hittite Dictionary</i>)	116
MSKH	(<i>Materials and Studies for Kassite History</i>)	19
OIC	(<i>Oriental Institute Communications</i>)	12
OINE	(<i>Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition</i>)....	74
OIP	(<i>Oriental Institute Publications</i>).....	151
SAOC	(<i>Studies in Ancient Oriental Civilizations</i>)	477
MISC.	(<i>Miscellaneous volumes</i>).....	147

We are much indebted to Mr. William Craig, an Institute Member, who has given much valuable advice and physical help concerning the promotion and sales of all of the Oriental Institute publications. Also, we appreciate the hard work performed by Mrs. Kerry Bedford who was in charge of

Publications Sales during the first half of the year. Upon Mrs. Bedford's return to Australia in June for an extended vacation, Mr. John Palmer took over her duties and continued the smooth running of the sales office.

The publications editorial office supervised the editing and production of a number of books which will appear in various Oriental Institute series. Dr. Rudolph H. Dornemann, a former Institute graduate and presently Curator of History at the Milwaukee Public Museum, submitted his manuscript entitled *A Neolithic Village at Tell El Kowm in the Syrian Desert* (SAOC 43). The publication of this book will represent part of the results of the work of the Oriental Institute's Euphrates Valley Expedition of 1967 (Professor Maurits N. van Loon is also preparing the final manuscript of excavations at Selenkahiye, Syria). Dr. Robert M. Whiting, also an Institute graduate, completed his work on *Old Babylonian Letters from Tell Asmar* which will be volume 22 in the series *Assyriological Studies* (AS). Other manuscripts edited during the year, but not yet published, are: 1) Bruce Williams, *Oriental Institute Nubian Expedition*, vols. III and IV; 2) Ignace J. Gelb, et al., *The Earliest Land Tenure Systems in the Middle East: Ancient Kudurrus* (OIP 104); 3) Lawrence Stager, et al., *American Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus, vol. II* (OIC 24); and 4) Elizabeth C. Stone's doctoral dissertation entitled *Nippur Neighborhoods* (SAOC 44).

The editorial office had visits from a number of authors who are at present engaged in research to complete manuscripts concerned with past Oriental Institute excavations. Dr. Winfried Orthmann (Professor of Near Eastern Archaeology, University of Saarlandes, Saarbrücken, West Germany) and Dr. Alfred J. Hoerth (Wheaton College, Illinois) concluded their work at the OI on the small objects found in the later assemblages of the Amuq sites (Syrian-Hittite Expedition, 1932–1938). Professor Thorkild Jacobson gave a private lecture on Old Babylonian public buildings in the Diyala Region and conferred with our office on his final publication of this important material (part of the Oriental Institute's Iraq Expedition in the Diyala Region, 1930–1938). In 1984, Mr. Hans H. Curvers, a graduate student from the University of Amsterdam, worked on the unpublished finds from Iran (The Holmes Expeditions to Luristan, 1934–35, 1937–38).

We also gave advice to internal authors on their forthcoming Oriental Institute publications. They include Dr. Leon Marfoe who is completing two volumes on the recent Oriental Institute excavations at Kurban Höyük in Turkey; Professor Helene J. Kantor who will be submitting her final report on excavations at Chogha Mish, Iran in the near future; and Professors McGuire Gibson and Robert Biggs who

are joint editors of a volume publishing the results of an OI symposium during 1983 on the aspects of administration in the ancient and Medieval Middle East.

One of the highlights of the year for the Publications staff was the Annual dinner in May, sponsored by the Visiting Committee to the Oriental Institute, which was held in part to encourage support of the overall publications program. A special exhibition of all Institute publications still in print that are sold by us was set up in the Palestinian Gallery of the Museum for Members to examine.

We appreciate the support we received from the Oriental Institute Members who generously purchased tickets for the book raffle which was held to raise some additional funds for publications. The three book prizes in the drawing were awarded to the following: 1) Mary Shea (*The Temple of Khonsu I: Scenes of King Herihor in the Court* by the Epigraphic Survey); 2) Paula Harbage (Paul Zimansky's *Ecology and Empire: The Structure of the Urartian State*); and 3) Mr. and Mrs. James W. Alsdorf (William J. Murnane's *United with Eternity: A Concise Guide to the Monuments of Medinet Habu*).

We wish to especially thank Mr. Raymond Tindel for the construction of the beautifully made book stand used to display Institute publications during the evening and which we hope will display many other volumes in future years. The Publications Coordinator and staff are indebted also to the other members of the Museum staff who helped us in displaying our publications on this occasion. We appreciated very much the entertaining lecture given by Professor McGuire Gibson concerning the field work of earlier Oriental Institute authors.

In summing-up this general yearly report of the activities of the Publications Office, it seems fitting to give here my personal appreciation and thanks to those working 'behind-the-scenes' on our publications who are not always acknowledged elsewhere in print. Because of the numerous 'back-log' of outstanding volumes, external assistance is still required of people with various skills connected with the business of finally 'seeing a book into print.' In this respect, I wish to thank five computer typists, Katherine Rosich, Theresa Bicanic, Helen Dates, Alan Jeude, and Eric Penny; three manuscript editors, Pamela Bruton, Sally Zimmerman and Frank J. Yurco; four book production specialists, Jane Alderfer, Paul Hoffman, Pamela Pokorney, and Julie Wines; and W. Raymond Johnson for various art illustrations.