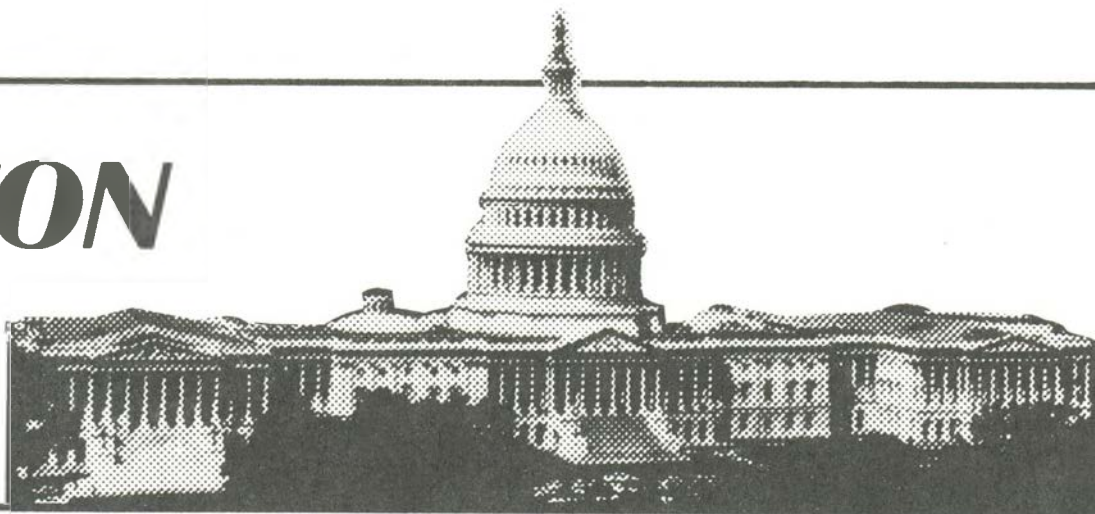


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Gramm-Rudman cuts. Landmark legislation (Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985, PL 99-177) to balance the federal budget was passed late last year, and is often called the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings amendment after its chief Senate sponsors. A series of across-the-board cuts is to eliminate the deficit by 1991. About 73% of the budget has been made exempt from cuts; savings are to come half from the remaining domestic programs, half from defense.

The cut for domestic programs for fiscal year 1986 is 4.3%, to take effect March 1, 1986, and will be on top of any other cuts Congress may already have made. For instance, Higher Education Act title II-B (training and research) and II-C (research library grant programs), and the Library Services and Construction Act title III (interlibrary cooperation program) will be cut 4.3% from FY 1985 levels; the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science, 8.3%.

The Library of Congress will be cut 7.7%, the National Agricultural Library, 6%. The National Library of Medicine's increase will be shaved to 2%; the Medical Library Assistance Act will be cut 4.3%. GPO's Superintendent of Documents operation will be down 14%; the National Endowment for the Humanities, 5%. Also affected will be postal subsidies, down 10.6%. Preferred postal rates went up January 1---24% higher for a 2-lb. 4th class library rate package---and may have to be increased again later.

Federal Information Management. The Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130, Management of Federal Information Resources, was published in final form in the December 25, 1985, Federal Register, pp. 52730-51, with corrections in the January 6, 1986, Fed.Reg., p. 461. OMB did not make the final draft available for further public review before publication despite congressional, ALA, and other requests to do so.

Substantial changes were made, including a requirement that agencies ensure that government publications are made available to depository libraries as required by law, and that agencies allow for notice and public comment before terminating products or services. However, the circular still directs agencies to create or collect only information necessary for proper performance of agency functions, places very restrictive conditions on dissemination, requires maximum feasible reliance on the private sector, and calls for cost recovery through user charges where appropriate.

"Less access to less info..." A second supplement covering July-December 1985 to the 1981-84 "Less Access to Less Information By and About the U.S. Government" has been published by the ALA Washington Office, 110 Maryland Ave., NE, Washington, DC 20002. The supplement is available for a self-addressed mailing label. For the original booklet, add \$1.00 prepaid.

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many as possible of the major collections of Slavic materials in this country and to analyze the results.

• Harvard University's Eda Kuhn Loeb Music Library, supported by a three-year, \$220,000 grant awarded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, has begun work to inventory music manuscripts written in the United States between 1600 and 1800. The inventory is part of the Répertoire International des Sources Musicales (RISM), an international effort centered in Kassel, West Germany, which is compiling and publishing catalogs of music source materials dating from before 1800. To date, 30 volumes have been published by RISM, dealing mostly with printed music.

• Kalamazoo College, Michigan, has received a \$500,000 grant from the Pew Memorial Trust, Philadelphia, to support library automation activities. The grant will enable the college to select, install, and implement an integrated online library automation system during the next three years.

• Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, has been awarded a \$750,000 grant by the Pew Memorial Trust toward the installation of state-of-the-art environmental controls in its University Library complex. Northwestern initiated its Preservation Project in 1982 to raise funds to install environmental controls to retard widespread paper deterioration, relieve damaging overcrowding in the bookstack areas, improve security and fire prevention procedures, and install exhibit cases for the university's most valuable collections.

• The Research Libraries Group (RLG), Stanford, California, has been awarded a two-year grant from the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC) to aid in the creation of a nationally accessible database of state archival materials. The purposes of the grant are to create a national database of descriptions of state government records; improve user access to the records of each participating archival institution; provide a tool that will assist state government archivists in managing their holdings; provide a mechanism and a method for improving the appraisal public records; and establish an authoritative list of agency functions (a thesaurus of terms describing the activities of governmental bodies). The grant consists of \$208,014 in outright funds for the first year, and \$85,264 in matching funds for the second year. With the help of this grant, the state archives of California, Minnesota, New York, Pennsylvania, Alabama, and Utah, and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin are joining RLG to enter over 25,000 records into the Research Libraries Information Network (RLIN), RLG's online bibliographic information system.

• Syracuse University Libraries, New York, has received a \$160,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education for preservation of the Margaret Bourke-White collection. The collection includes 18,550 negatives, 24,000 prints and numerous personal papers left to Syracuse by the

renowned *Life* magazine photojournalist at the time of her death in 1971. An interpositive (a print on transparent film) will be made for each negative and will become the archival image. The interpositive can be used to create a negative for production of future prints. The original negatives will be stored in a refrigerator or freezer. Original prints and personal papers will be placed in acid-free folders in acid-free boxes and stored in a low-humidity, low-temperature environment. Each image will be copied onto microfiche and indexed so that researchers can order copies. The preservation project, started in November, will be completed over a 15-month period.

• The University of California Office of the Assistant Vice President, Library Plans and Policies has received an LSCA grant of \$173,700 from the California State Library for the University of California Libraries Retrospective Conversion Project. The project seeks to improve bibliographic access to an important segment of the libraries' collections housed in the Northern Regional Library Facility (NRLF) at Richmond, California, one of the two regional compact shelving facilities constructed by the University to provide housing for less-used research materials. The funds will provide for the total conversion of 50,000 titles, consisting of 30,000 Berkeley campus deposits and 20,000 Davis campus deposits. These materials are, for the most part, older and less common publications which are cooperatively held by the University in a single copy at the Facility. Many of the titles are unique to California, and even to the nation.

• The University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, have received an HEA Title II-C grant of \$126,147 for the first year of a proposed three-year project to catalog the Wilcox Collection of Contemporary Political Movements. The Wilcox Collection is considered an outstanding collection of American extremist political literature. The collection represents the ideological positions of nearly 7,000 left- and right-wing organizations in the United States from the 1950s to the present.

• The University of Maryland Health Sciences Library, Baltimore, has received a resource grant from the National Library of Medicine to mount a subset of the MEDLINE database on a library minicomputer. Under the \$252,795, three-year grant, HSL will develop a user-friendly interface to allow easy access to the database by faculty, staff and students. The subset will include all MEDLINE journals currently held by the library and will cover a timespan of three years. HSL/MEDLINE will be mounted on a library minicomputer with 1.8 gigabytes of storage.

• The University of Pittsburgh Libraries have been awarded two HEA Title II-C grants totalling \$150,485 for one year beginning October 1, 1985. One of the grants will be used to catalog and preserve a Bolivian Pamphlet Collection. This unique collection of pamphlets consist of primary source

materials for research on Bolivia in the areas of political and public policy announcements, debates, party platforms, opinions and political discussions. The collection covers 1850 to the present. Catalog records generated by the project will be entered into the OCLC database; the pamphlets will be preserved by microfilming.

The second grant will begin the cataloging and preservation assessment of a collection of over 15,000 textbooks which comprise the John A. Nietz Textbook Collection. This collection is one of the three largest of such collections in the U.S. covering pre-1900 primary and secondary school texts. Although it is anticipated that the project will require two years to complete, over 6,000 of the textbooks will be cataloged during the first year and their catalog records added to the OCLC database.

News notes

• The Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio, has named its Popular Culture Library's Research Collection after Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Browne. Browne is professor and chair of the popular culture department at Bowling Green, and his wife Pat is editor and business manager of the University's Popular Press. Browne and his wife have been frequent donors of materials to the Popular Culture Library, and he is a founder of the nationally recognized Popular Culture Association. A formal ceremony honoring the Brownes will be held this Spring.

• The Queens College Library, Flushing, New

York is scheduled to be converted into a new \$20 million art school, museum and art library for the college. Renovation will begin this Spring on the old library facility, known as Paul Klapper Hall. The general library facilities will move to a new building on campus. The art center is expected to occupy the new quarters, totalling 95,000 square feet, by spring 1988. The centerpiece of the project will be a new public art museum on the main floor of the three-story building. The former book stacks and reading rooms will be converted into studios, exhibit areas, and offices. A new auditorium and storage space will also be built. The project architect is the Manhattan-based firm Beyer Blinder Belle.

• The University of Missouri system has utilized a one-time state appropriation of \$5,865,893 to link the state's seven regional public libraries with a computerized catalog of library holdings on all University of Missouri campuses. The links enable UM libraries to disseminate acquisitions throughout the state, fill gaps in collections, strengthen holdings in subject fields, and address special needs.

• The Washington University Business School, St. Louis, Missouri, moved to a new building in January. The new facility includes a 14,000 square foot library, ten times larger than the Business Library's previous facility. The library has an online catalog with access to the major vendors of online services and state-of-the-art microform readers and printers. Dedication of the new building is scheduled for April 2. ■■

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