## New Periodicals of 1959—Part I

The number of important periodicals launched during the first six months of 1959 and available for examination at the Library of Congress is small. In the list of titles which follows it will be seen that various phases of science have new scholarly journals; that automation, management, astronautics, and atomic energy are of continuing interest; and finally, that the greater number of these journals originate with professional societies, research institutions, and universities.

BIBLIOGRAPHY. Drawn from the announcement issues of the Library Journal, Bowker's Advance Reference-Source Reporting Service will provide early information about some 6,000 books a year, with publication date, price, and brief description, all arranged by subject.

CHURCH HISTORY. Archief voor de Geschiedenis van de Katholieke Kerk in Nederland will be published three times a year in Utrecht. The first number consists of an article "Over de beoefening van de geschiedenis der katholieke kerk in Nederland sedert omstreeks 1870."

statistics. Technometrics is a journal of statistics for the physical, chemical, and engineering sciences published quarterly by the American Society for Quality Control and the American Statistical Association. "Mathematical Probability in the Natural Sciences," and "The Analysis of Life Test Data," are two of the articles in the first issue.

POLITICAL AFFAIRS. There is being published in Washington a bimonthly jour-

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nal on foreign affairs entitled Free World Forum. The editors are persons who have found refuge in the West; the contributors are area specialists. Articles by Dr. Elemer Bako, Hungarian specialist, Slavic and Central European Division, the Library of Congress, on "Communist Maneuvering in Hungary Since the Revolution," and by Dr. Raymond Moyer, director, Far East regional affairs, International Cooperation Administration, on "Mutual Security, Korea and Defense Support" are illustrative of the first issue. The School of Inter-American Studies, University of Florida, launched Journal of Inter-American Studies as a channel for scholarly communication between the different parts of the Western Hemisphere. It will cover humanities and social sciences. Cahiers Pologne-Allemagne published in Paris and edited by Georges Zdziechowzki has as its theme the peaceful coexistence of Poland and Germany. The contributors to number one are all Polish scholars living in Poland.

conservation. Land & Water Conservation "serves the interests of conservation contractors, Soil Conservation Service technicians, Soil Conservation and Watershed District chairmen and supervisors, and the materials and equipment suppliers in the land and water conservation industry."

ECONOMICS. The National Institute Economic Review is published in London by the National Institute of Economic and Social Research as a service to businessmen and others who need to be informed of the general economic situation and prospects in Great Britain.

LAW. Atomic Energy Law Journal reports on legislation, court decisions, and

government regulations dealing with the production and use of atomic energy. Rivista di Diritto Fiscale e Amministrativo will interpret Swiss federation and canton fiscal and administrative law.

EDUCATION. To improve teaching methods is the aim of *Educadores*, the journal of the Federación Española de Religiosos de Enseñanza. The contributors are professors in pedagogical institutions in Spain. Book reviews and reviews of periodical articles are included. *Technical Education* comes from London. Its purpose is to stimulate research and thought on technical education in schools and colleges and on-the-job training in industry.

science. Developmental Biology will publish articles bearing on problems of development of both plants and animals, serving in this way as a meeting ground for botanical and zoological approaches. Experimental Neurology is to be an international journal publishing results of original research by experimental methods. *Illinois Research* reports briefly on some of the experiments being conducted in agriculture and home economics at the Illinois Agricultural Experiment Station. International Journal of Radition Biology and Related Studies in Physics, Chemistry and Medicine will bring together all interests concerned with the biological effects of ionizing radiations. Journal of Applied Polymer Science continues in part the Journal of Polymer Science and as its title indicates contains papers reporting results of studies and experiments which can be practically applied. Journal of Molecular Biology "will publish papers on the nature, production, and replication of biological structure at the molecular level, and its relation to function." Neue Physik from Vienna is a bimonthly "Zeitschrift für die Gebiete der Atom-und Strahlungsphysik." Science Information News from the National Science Foundation will report "national and international developments in scientific and technical information dissemination." Tropical Science is the journal of the Tropical Products Institute in London. It will report the research done at the institute on the agricultural, plant, and animal products of the tropical countries of the British Commonwealth.

MEDICINE. Journal of Occupational Medicine is published by the Industrial Medical Association. It consists of articles, book reviews, and abstracts.

ENGINEERING. Air Engineering is a new monthly treating of the science of air pollution control, air moving, and air conditioning, sciences which in the opinion of the editors will prolong man's life by protecting him from hostile environmental forces-from microbes and smog to debilitating temperatures. Astronautical Sciences Review is published by the American Astronautical Society. News coverage of space flights, research and development in space systems, human factors research, etc., will be treated in this quarterly. The Civil Engineer in Southern Africa is also called the transactions of the South African Institution of Civil Engineers. It consists of papers and speeches from society meetings. Environmental Engineering is the journal of the Institute of Environmental Engineers. The table of contents of the first number of this very technical journal lists such articles as "Response of Structures Under Random Vibration," "Sonic Failure" and others. Imported Auto Trade although intended for people connected with the imported automobile industry would be of interest to owners or prospective owners of foreign cars because of its news on models, distribution, servicing, etc. Industrial Research reports on research projects underway, anticipated, and needed in industry. Articles entitled "1959 Forecast: \$12 Billion for Research," "Why Isn't the Post Office Automated," and "Semiconductors: a Dynamic New Industry" are illustrative of volume one, number one. Power Transmission Design will be devoted to news and ideas about machine drives. SIAM Review is a publication of the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. Here will be published papers referring to industrial or scientific problems. They will describe new mathematical techniques and new applications, survey mathematical methods in advanced fields, and describe areas where there is need for mathematical development.

MANAGEMENT. Data Processing in Business and Industry is being published in London. Data processing, a phrase familiar to librarians, is herein described as "the technique whereby information is acquired, transmitted, stored, retrieved, and operated upon for effective industrial and commerical use." The International Executive consists of summaries of books and periodical articles on management of international operations.

FINE ARTS. Dance Perspectives will contain interesting, stimulating, and entertaining articles of considerable length by writers with specialized knowledge on the art of dance. The first issue consists of Lincoln Kirstein's "What Ballet Is About: an American Glossary." Journal of Church Music is a magazine for choir directors, organists, leaders of children's choirs, pastors, and members of music committees. Articles and scores are in-

cluded. In Records & Music Arthur Fiedler advises readers how to choose all kinds of music for listening pleasure in "Labels That Libel Good Music." The first issue includes articles explaining the difference between stereo and conventional recording, relating the behind-scenes story of a recording session, and others.

LITERATURE. The Critical Quarterly comes from The University, Hull, England, and is largely concerned with twentieth-century British, American, and European literature. The editors write: "If we can help to keep alive the belief that literature is for every man . . . and that it is still one of the major pleasures of life, we shall feel we have achieved at least one of our aims." Criticism, a Quarterly for Literature and the Arts is published by Wayne State University Press. "It will examine the arts and literatures of all periods and nations, either individually or in their interrelationship, and critical theory regarding them." Humanidades is the review of the faculty of humanities of the University of the Andes, Mérida, Venezuela. It will publish the works of the faculty as well as of outsiders and will not be limited to Venezuelan matters entirely. Palinurus is published semiannually by Charl Van Horn in Orange, New Jersey. The first issue opens with Mark Van Doren's "Undersong." Oeuvres et Opinions from Moscow consists of French translations of Russian literary works.

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