

ON THE INDUSTRIAL FRONT

Salaries

Several increases in salary have recently been awarded to large sections of the library workforce. These are:

State Library of Victoria and TAFE College Library staff -7% from 14.5.82 and 4.9% from 14.11.82.

Australian Public Service — approx 6.5% for library officers and librarians from 2.8.82 and 23.9.82 respectively.

Western Australian Colleges, Universities, Hospitals, Departmental and Library Board staff – 6% from 16.7.82.

State Library of South Australia and the SA departmental library staff -6% from 2.8.82.

State Library of Tasmania -2.4% from 1.1.83. An appeal has been lodged against the operative date.

Queensland Municipal Library staff -5% from 1.8.82.

Victorian Municipal Library staff -5.3% from 20.7.82.

Northern Territory Public Service – 7% from 26.8.82.

The salary survey for 1982 will appear as an insert to the first issue of *InCite* for 1983. It will cover more libraries than the 1981 sur-

vey and will include some details on qualification requirements for appointment to grades.

N.T. Public library staff are now covered by the Municipal Officers (NT) Award. Previously these staff were classified and paid according to NT public service grades and rates. There are now ten grades of librarian/library officers with three incremental years in each ranging in salary from \$15,105 to \$26,587 as at 1.7.82.

Preserve a culture

THE International Rescue Committee is looking for Australian contacts who would be interested in printing and distributing Khmer books to Cambodian refugees now resident in Australia. The Committee is one of the leading voluntary agencies serving refugees in the Khmer Holding Centres in Thailand. Practically all Cambodian books were destroyed under Pol Pot's rule and the IRC wishes to rescue and preserve a culture which was almost totally wiped out.

The books have come from people who have managed to get into Cambodia and bring them out as well as from recently arrived refugees. People in the camps have written a number of books and will continue to do so.

The IRC wishes to develop a system of solid contacts in the various countries accepting Khmer refugees who would see to it that the books were made available to as many Cambodians as possible. The Committee would send regularly one or two copies of each new printed book with arrangements for printing additional copies to be the responsibility of the overseas person.

Anyone interested in being an Australian contact can write to Susan Rindler, Education Program Co-ordinator, International Rescue Committee, 14-16 Sukhumvit SOI 1, Bangkok, Thailand. Telephone 25239467.



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Technical Briefings on Audiovisual Copyright Review – the present state of play

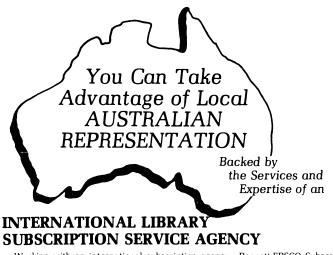
November 1982 Notice

With the publication of the Attorney-General's Department Review of Audiovisual Copyright Law, debate on the revision of existing provisions begins in earnest.

All those with an interest in this aspect of copyright can familiarise themselves with the scope of the debate and the major issues to be considered by attending a series of technical briefings on the subject to be given by members of the Association's Audiovisual Services Committee.

Briefings are planned for: Melbourne: 18 November Canberra: 23 November Sydney: 24 November

For details see Happenings. Watch InCite no21 for details of briefings in other cities, or call Merilyn Bryce, CE Officer (02) 692 9233.



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Launching of Datalibrary

THE Victorian State Arts Minister, Mr Race Mathews, launched a new 'Datalibrary' computer system at the Dandenong Valley Regional Library Service at a function at Springvale during Australian Library Week. 'Datalibrary' will enable staff to rapidly locate any of the 260,000 books and tell whether they are on the shelf at any of the 11 branches or out on loan and to whom. Automated indexing and a wide variety of search techniques make possible a simple or highly detailed searching of files and catalogues.

One of the most notable features of the system will be the improvement of services for the small country branches. It will put them in touch with the main libraries at Springvale and Dandenong and cut costs of rotating stock between branches to give readers a wider selection.

At the official opening of the Datalibrary are, left to right: Mr Colin Watson, Regional Librarian; Mr Race Mathews, Victorian Minister for the Arts; Cr Barry Stewart, Mayor of the City of Springvale.

