



IN THE NEWS

Historic maps on display

'TERRA AUSTRALIS', an exhibition of priceless maps, charts and atlases from the renowned Mitchell and Dixon collections, opened at the State Library of NSW on Thursday 2 August, 1984.

The charting of the Pacific and Terra Australis Incognita (The Great Unknown South Land) is traced from Ptolemy's 1511 *Map of the World* through to the famous Bonaparte map of Abel Tasman's 1642-45 discoveries and original charts by James Cook, William Bligh and Matthew Flinders.

Convict Francis Fowke's first map of Sydney, 1788, is displayed along with the earliest oil painting, Thomas Watling's *Sydney Cove*, 1794.

'TERRA AUSTRALIS — charting the Pacific' will be on display in the Galleries, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney from 2 August-9 September 1984 and 13 October 1984-February 1985.

Feminist publishing initiative

Have you heard about Redress Press? It is a feminist publishing co-operative which publishes books by, and they say, mainly for, women.

It was started by women who felt that Australian publishers were not producing the kinds of books they wanted. The basic requirement for books to be considered in Redress Press's publishing programme is that the books must be written by women in a non-existent way.

Since their formation in July 1983, more than 140 manuscripts have been considered, and the first titles have just been published — two books of poetry and two novels, including *Belou, My Brother* by Faith Bandler.

To find out more about Redress and their publishing programme write to them at 16 Marghan St, Glebe 2037.

Changes in Course Structures at Monash in 1985

The Graduate School of Librarianship at Monash has decided to allow for more flexible course structures than have been available so far:

M.A. Course (1st Award). The minimum academic requirement of a good 2nd class honours degree remains and the course is still a two year full-time one, but applications from people wishing to undertake the course part-time will be considered.

Diploma in Librarianship (Graduate Post Professional Award). There are still 6 courses to be undertaken but none will be compulsory. Students will have a chance to specialize in information science or history of books and libraries, or to take a selection of courses on a variety of subjects.

M. Lib. (Post Graduate Degree). The two courses The Literature of Librarianship and Information Science A and B will continue to be offered but will not be compulsory.

Directions for diversity

The Second National Conference on Multiculturalism and Libraries will be held in Melbourne from 15-19 February 1985, at St Mary's College, University of Melbourne, Parkville. The keynote speaker, Sylva Simsova, (courtesy of the British Council) is the principal lecturer in the School of Librarianship of the North London Polytechnic; she will deliver two papers on 'Reading and culture' and on 'The problems of computerised cataloguing of non-Roman scripts'.

Twelve speakers will present papers, including Jan Smark from the Braille and Talking Book Library, speaking on 'Taking the disabled migrant out of the "too hard basket"'; Michael Clyne from the German Department, Monash University on 'Multilingual Australia: implications for libraries' and Pam McIntyre from Melbourne State College on 'The image of migrants in children's literature'. Other topics will cover such areas as TAFE services to Vietnamese students, services to the ethnic aged, multiculturalism and school libraries, academic libraries, evaluation of ethnic minority services, and services to Aborigines.

Sylva Simsova, keynote speaker at the Second National Conference on Multiculturalism and Libraries



The anticipated registration cost is \$100 which includes lunches, morning and afternoon teas, and admission to the opening function. Accommodation, including breakfast and dinner, is available at the College for approximately \$30.00 per day.

For further information contact Vera Boston on (03) 370 5244.

National Book Council

The NSW Branch of the National Book Council is organising a trip to William Collins Book Distribution Centre at Moss Vale on Saturday September 22.

A similar trip took place a year or two ago and its popularity prompted this second visit. After seeing over the warehouse, visitors will have lunch as the guests of William Collins.

The cost is \$15 per head and booking forms can be obtained from Jenny Angus at LAA House (02) 692 9233

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