

Research Notes

From 17 June 1996 to 9 August 1996, the National Library hosted a two-month Library Attachment (Special Collections) for Mr Solomon Andili, a trained librarian at the National Library of Papua New Guinea. The training grant was arranged through NZODA (New Zealand Official Development Assistance). His local knowledge was put to good effect, in updating and enhancing the descriptions of library materials from Papua New Guinea, especially the language books and photographs in the collection.

Ratu Sela Vuinakasa Rayawa, Librarian at the Fiji Museum, was granted a two-week NZODA Library Attachment at the National Library, from 29 July 1996 to 9 August 1996, one week of which was spent in the Alexander Turnbull Library. He was able to provide staff with additional information about resources and sources in Fiji, and Fijian materials in the collections.

July 1996 saw the return of Professor Abigail Van Slyck, the Assistant Professor at the College of Architecture, University of Arizona, Tucson, who was a Fulbright Scholar at the Library in 1993. She was the guest curator of the exhibition *Knowledge is Power: Carnegie Libraries in New Zealand*, mounted in the National Library Gallery from 12 July to 3 November 1996, and described in *Off the Record*, 1996. Staff were delighted to see Professor Van Slyck again, and to hear her illustrated public talk about Carnegie libraries in New Zealand on 12 July 1996. She also gave a public tour of the exhibition on 17 July 1996, and a special tour for Library staff on 19 July 1996.

Almost half the users of the Printed Ephemera Collection are pictorial researchers and half those seeking textual information. There are now several hundred records for pictorial items on the TAPUHI database and an increase in New Zealand Bibliographic Network (NZBN)/Integrated Library System (ILS) records for text items. Researchers have included staff from Wellington Polytechnic collecting images for a course on the history of graphic design, a staff member searching for images for the CD-ROM *New Zealand Encyclopedia*, several researchers looking at the way Māori were depicted on tourist publications, and researchers using early New Zealand Labour Party pamphlets, and Vietnam protest pamphlets.

A display of some of the Ephemera Collection's protest posters called *I protest* attracted some attention from the press and public in February and March 1997.

A unique copy of the 'sixth' edition of John Bunyan's *Pilgrim's Progress*, bound with the spurious *Second Part of the Pilgrim's Progress*, both published in Edinburgh in 1696, has been generously loaned to the Library for microfilming. The original remains in private ownership in New Zealand.

A welcome increase has been made in the use of the Special Printed Collections by both staff and students of Victoria University of Wellington (Library and Information Studies, History, and English Literature), Massey University (English Literature, History) and Wellington