This annotated bibliography lists 52 citations for U.S. and foreign newspaper indexes, summaries, guides and directories, and union lists held by San Diego State University Libraries. Entries are arranged alphabetically in the above categories by main entry, followed by imprint, frequency and/or date of publication, volumes held by the library, and abstract. Call numbers and a title index are included. (JPP)
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A. INDEXES - U.S.

A newspaper index records alphabetically and analytically the contents of a newspaper. It is usually arranged in alphabetical order by subject under which can be found related entries which contain a location scheme (e.g., date, page number, section, column) that leads the user to items in the newspaper. An index may analyze not only news stories but other information sources including obituaries, book reviews, letters to the editor, cartoons, and editorials. It is always wise to read the introductory pages of an index to see what exactly is covered and how it can be used most efficiently.


Ref (Table 8) Publishers, frequency and form of publication (1851 to 1858 photocopies handwritten manuscript) have changed over the years. However, the basic format has remained the same with subject index whose subject headings are followed by brief summaries of relevant articles and reference to where they can be found. One can follow in chronological order the developments in a particular news story by reading the summations, especially if he does not choose to read all the articles in full. Since 1965 the Index has carried illustrations. It is considered superior because of its arrangement, news synopsis, comprehensiveness, and because the New York Times is internationally recognized as authoritative.

Newspaper Index. Wooster, Ohio: Bell & Howell Company (annual, 1972- )

Consists of four similar computer sorted newspaper indexes produced by Bell & Howell Company. They are designed specifically as the reference sources for microfilmed editions. Coverage in each is local, regional, state, national and international. The indexes are divided into two sections: subjects and personal names. In the subject index section are general and specific subject headings under which are found entry statements that are brief summaries of the content of the articles referred to. The personal name index section lists alphabetically only the names of significant individuals cited in the particular newspaper. The four annual newspapers indexes with call numbers are:
Are Chicago Tribune Index.

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Los Angeles Times Index.

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Times-Picayune Index.

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Washington Post Index.


1955 through 1957 Bell & Howell published this index with the same format as Newspaper Index. Since 1958 Dow Jones Company has published Wall Street Journal Index. The Dow Jones version which is compiled from the Eastern edition of the paper is divided into corporate and general news. Both parts give news summaries. Special features include the subject heading "personalities" (since 1963) for frequently mentioned individuals, and a section reproducing the monthly closings for Dow Jones averages.


Somewhat different from the other indexes in this section since this is an index to newspaper articles only. The articles pertain to urban and public affairs...
clipped from 190 editorially diverse urban newspapers across the United States on microfiche. There are thirteen major subject area indexes, a name index that includes the introduction and guide to using Newsbank. Annual cumulative indexes in colored binders are kept up-to-date with loose-leaf service. The thirteen subject areas are:

Business and Economic Development 1975-
Consumer Affairs 1975-
Education 1971-
Employment 1971-
Environment 1971-
Government Structure 1971-
Health 1971-
Housing and Urban Renewal 1971-
Law and Order 1971-
Political Development 1971-
Social Relations 1971-
Transportation 1971-
Welfare and Poverty 1971-

Subject headings in indexes for each of the above leads the reader to articles with microfiche location information (e.g., 8:B5 translates to microfiche card number 8, row B, column 5). The Name Index lists persons, institutions, organizations, and other significant proper names mentioned in articles indexed in NewsBank.

This annual index in three parts is in many respects similar in design to those above concerned with urban and public affairs. The three subject areas indexes are:

1. Film and Television 1975-
2. Fine Arts and Architecture 1975-
3. Performing Arts 1975-

There is no separate name index. Names and titles are capitalized and are in dark type that distinguish them from general subject headings. Again, articles from selected newspapers are found under names, titles and general subject headings. Again, articles from selected newspapers are found under names, titles and general subject headings in the three indexes along with microfiche location information.

Index to San Diego Herald (1851 to 1860) and the San Diego Union (1868-1975) are on microfiche in four file drawers in the Microforms and Newspaper Center (1st floor). Microfiche is filed by subject, not year, and consists of over 800,000 photocopies cards used by the San Diego Public Library containing digest of news articles and location information so that from the index one can go to the newspapers on microfilm.

California News Index. Claremont, California: Center for California Public Affairs (quarterly, compiled from 13 leading newspapers and magazines in the state of California. Focuses on matters pertaining to California (out-of-state news is excluded) employing the Los Angeles Times and Sacramento Bee as "master keys." Regional and supplemental news is selected from the other eleven newspapers and magazines. Criteria for including an article in California News Index is based on its potential research value. Entries are arranged chronologically under subject headings. Earlier issues of CNI used different indexing-systems.


Subject index to the three regional editions of the newspaper. Slight difficulty may be encountered when using this index since format, design, copyright and publisher have all changed two or three times since its inception.


Essentially a subject index that includes personal names as main subject headings, this index is based on the microfilm editions of The National Observer. Section in the book entitled "Top News of the Week in Review" highlights several noteworthy events in the nation and the world.
An alphabetical listing of underground newspapers published between 1963 and 1974 on microfilm showing holdings and reel-item location in the first section. A listing of titles by geographical place of origin comprise the last section.

B. INDEXES - FOREIGN


Alphabetically listed subject headings with short summations or titles of articles and the date they appeared in The Times. Palmer's Index coverage starts earlier than other indexes to The Times and includes subject headings that would be of significance to researchers, e.g., parliamentary speeches, deaths, ship news, and civil actions.


Within each bound volume are separate bimonthly or quarterly indexes. Subject headings are specific rather than general and are more numerous and diverse when compared with Palmer's.


Successor to the Palmer's and The Official Index described above and almost identical in design to the latter.

The Times Index. London: Newspaper Archive Developments Ltd. (frequency varies, no cumulations, 1972- ).

Subject index to the largest independent newspaper in France. Under alphabetically listed subject headings are chronologically listed entries indicating date and pagination. Personal names are in boldface capitals. Special features include a chronology section of significant events occurring in each month, references to names cited at the end of the alphabet.

The library has the first three volumes covering 1861-75. Subsequent volumes will index Le Temps to 1942. Broad subject headings and citations found under six geographical divisions.

A news summary is not a newspaper index per se but an organized digest of newsworthy topics and events based on newspaper and wire service reportings. It can be a convenient source of information for current news or contemporary history.

News of the week can be found under various subject headings.

Weekly summaries of world news with annual index and name index. It is the British equivalent of Facts on File. Although it covers most of the same ground as its American counterpart, it touches on some items Facts on File does not, hence both publications can be used to complement each other.

Newspaper guides and directories can aid the user in determining what newspapers are available generally or in a specific subject category.
(also within geographical limits) and may give some information regarding circulation, method of printing, personnel, editorial slant, advertising rates, etc.


Comprehensive list of American newspapers by state and cities with relevant information. Valuable ready reference source for librarians and patrons. Many special features include foreign and special interest publications.

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(Specialist Desk)

Editor and Publisher International Yearbook. New York: The Editor & Publisher Co., Inc. (current year).

Surveys more than 1,300 daily newspapers in the U.S. and Canada providing information on circulation, advertising, personnel, and mechanical specifications. Separate sections for tabloids, weeklies, national, Black, college, foreign language, and special service newspapers. Other major categories include newspapers published in foreign countries, news and syndicate services, mechanical equipment supplies and services, and organizations and industry services.


General, editorial, and advertising information on the print media and pertinent information about electronic media in the San Diego, Calif. - Tijuana, Mexico market area. Indexes and special studies in the back. Kept up to date with replacement pages.


The first part of this guide is primarily a state by state listing of newspaper indexes showing repositories where located. The second part gives addresses of repositories, information about interlibrary loan, search, and photocopying. There are sections on foreign language newspapers and special subject newspapers that have indexes.
275 newspapers libraries surveyed in the U.S. and Canada. Detailed one page profile of each library. An interesting feature is the inclusion of logos for many entries.


Designed with publicists and public relations professionals in mind, this reference source lists managerial and editorial personnel on major daily newspapers in North America. Weekly newspapers, special interest newspapers, and foreign language newspapers published in the U.S. are given similar treatment.


Extensive annotation, location and holding information for 2,120 newspapers published in 29 states and the District of Columbia.


Covers Black, Chicano, American Indian, and white ethnic press in America. Appendix provides statistical analysis of the ethnic press.


State by state listing of newspapers serving the Black community in America. Addresses, circulation statistics, publishers, advertising rates, and mode of publication are included for 208 newspapers. The guide is divided into three parts: 1) "Black Newspapers Published in the United States - 1973," 2) "Black Newspapers Which Publish On Bi-Weekly or Monthly Schedule," and 3) "Black Newspapers No Longer Publishing."

Chronological listing of 18th century American newspapers in the Library of Congress with complete information on holdings.


Contains annotated list of newspapers published in America spanning the colonial, revolutionary, and early national periods in U.S. history. Malcolm A. Love Library has in microform newspapers representing 17 states and the District of Columbia found in this collection.


Numerous notations throughout this eight page guide pointing out what Malcolm A. Love Library has collected, i.e., dates of newspapers on microfilm and reel numbers. The guide contains a selected list of Negro newspapers microfilmed by the Library of Congress. Short introduction.


A union bibliography of 3,500 Ohio Newspapers available in 200 libraries in Ohio.

SELECTED GUIDES AND DIRECTORIES - FOREIGN


Primary emphasis on United Kingdom newspapers, periodicals and annuals but includes some from Europe and United States (approx. 12,000 total). Alphabetical list of publications, classified index of publications of the world in subject groups, regional list of Newspapers in the U.K. and Republic of Ireland, publishers
and their periodicals, reporting news and press cutting agencies, and cinema news reels.


Short essay and statistical information generally precede list of serials (mainly specialized) for the particular country. Aimed at the business community interested in advertising and public relations. Classified index in front.


Same basic format as above. Concerns 140 countries outside of Europe.


Divided into two parts. The first part gives comprehensive coverage of newspapers and other periodicals published in the United Kingdom. The second part lists foreign newspapers with addresses and phone numbers.


Descriptive and detailed information regarding 202 English language newspapers in 56 foreign countries where English is the minority language.


Headnote containing relevant information than facts about newspapers in 50 African nations and territories.
An Annotated Guide to Taiwan Periodical Literature

Under the section "Newspapers" an annotated list in Chinese and English of 37 Taiwanese (Republic of China) newspapers.

F. UNION LISTS - U.S.

These represent complete holdings of newspapers (sometimes of a particular type) for a group of libraries. In addition to the bibliographical data they contain, the main purpose of union lists of newspapers is to locate files of titles in libraries.

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Newspapers are arranged alphabetically under state, province, and city. One can find newspapers located in more than 5,000 depositories across the U.S. and Canada.

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With 34,289 titles, 2,308 cross references, this union list was compiled in order to bring under bibliographic control United States newspapers that have been reduced to microform and are housed permanently in the United States, Canadian, and foreign libraries as well as the vaults of domestic and foreign commercial producers of microforms." This volume supersedes Newspapers on Microfilm (6th ed. 1967).

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Union List of Newspapers on Microforms in the California State University and Colleges Libraries. Fullerton Calif.: California State University, Fullerton, 1975.

2,243 titles in the libraries of 19 institutions of higher learning that comprise the CSUC system. Two preliminary sections give information on interlibrary loan and major publisher sets of newspapers on microforms. Computer printed title list.
Union List of Newspapers in the Libraries of San Diego and Imperial Counties. San Diego, California: San Diego State University Library. 1976.

Made possible through the cooperation of 191 public and private libraries. The arrangement is geographical including both domestic and foreign newspapers. Appendices for newspapers on microfilm and participating libraries. Title index.


In excess of 3,000 titles listed 1) in alphabetical order with relevant information and, 2) by place of publication.


A useful source for newspapers at that point in American history. Thousands of newspapers in thousands of cities. Population, voting and other data is included that can be of particular value to the researcher.


Geographical listing. Catch title index. 93 libraries publishing establishment assisted in making this union list.


Reports on foreign newspapers in microform held in libraries and diverse institutions around the world. 8,620 titles in 1,935 localities.

5,500 Latin American (including Puerto Rico) newspapers found in libraries in this country.
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