

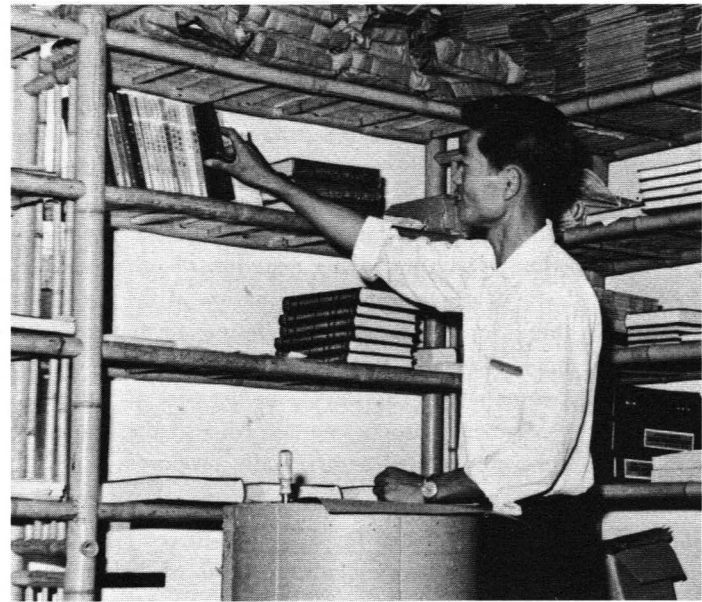
1965: Acquisition of Chinese Research Materials

The boom in Far Eastern Studies after World War II led to greater demand for collections in this field, but many works were expensive, scarce, or out of print. To alleviate the situation, in 1965, CLR granted \$10,000 to the [Association for Asian Studies](#) to help establish the Chinese Materials and Research Aids Service Center in Taipei, Taiwan. The center encouraged republication in Taiwan of out-of-print works, provided information to libraries on what was available on the Taiwanese market, prepared bibliographical and research aids, and served as an agent in securing books and periodicals.

The description below and photos at right are taken from the 9th annual report of the Council on Library Resources, Inc., for the period ending June 30, 1965, pp. 35 and 34, respectively.

Acquisition of Chinese Research Materials. One feature of the boom in Far Eastern studies since World War II is the pressure of research libraries to build collections in this field. This is reflected in a recent survey of fifty North American collections. Some twenty of them, it was found, had been built up in the past half dozen years, and the total resources in Far Eastern languages had increased by a half million volumes since 1950. During the past year alone collections had increased by nearly two hundred thousand volumes at a cost of some half million dollars.

Many of the works needed by the universities are not only expensive to begin with, but out of print and scarce besides. To alleviate this situation a Chinese Materials and Research Aids Service Center has been established in Taipei, Taiwan, under the auspices of the Association for Asian Studies. The Council has made a grant to the Association to assist the Center in getting started. Under the direction of an American scholar, Dr. Robert L. Irick, the Center is encouraging republication in Taiwan of out-of-print works, providing information to libraries on what is available on the Taiwanese market, preparing bibliographical and research aids, and acting as an agent in securing books and periodicals. It did more than \$120,000 worth of business during its first eight months operation and the volume is growing.



CHINESE BOOKS FOR WESTERN SCHOLARS. The Chinese Materials and Research Aids Service Center, in Taiwan, has processed more than 200,000 volumes for libraries and individual students in 21 countries during the past year. Above: Mr. Ts' ai Ch'iu-t'ien selects books to fill an order. Below: Miss Liu prepares a new periodic booklist, while Mr. Lin Chiu-hsiung checks the consolidated index for bibliographic data in response to a library's inquiry. The (author, title, subject, publisher) index includes more than 60,000 cards and took a year to complete.

