

Donations	360.21
Insurance	363.00
Repairs and rentals of machines	1,151.77
<i>Review of Books</i>	212.90
Computer	1,998.97
Periodicals	31.23
Grants	20,162.00
Manuscript reading	301.50
Third World Directory	1,506.95
Directory of African Studies	2,900.00
Women in Africa	100.00
Publications	5,564.99
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Total	120,540.67

LETTER/BOOK EXHIBITS—BALTIMORE

Ms. Claudia Bruce, Editor
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November 10, 1978

Dear Ms. Bruce:

I would like to tell the Association about an absolutely disgraceful incident that happened in Baltimore on Saturday, November 4, in the book exhibition area. On Saturday morning there was a large group of conferees waiting to get into the book exhibit area to buy off the exhibit copies at the 50% discount offered by most publishers. As one of those publishers, I am delighted at the interest in our books and at the opportunity to sell off exhibit copies at a 50% discount.

But I wonder how many people can share my disgust at what happened in the California booth. The representative from California was not there at 9:00 in the morning. His books were. By 9:30 there was not a single book left at his exhibit. Every single one had been stolen. In the 15 years in publishing, I don't think I have ever seen anything quite so crass and revolting. What kind of values do we have as a society, or do members of the African Studies Association have, if this kind of plain and simple thievery can go on so blatantly?

I do know that some people—two anyway—wanted to pay for the books and came back later to do so. Frankly, even if all of the people who took them meant to do that, I don't really think that's an excuse. The books were someone else's property and should not have been taken. At the very least, I would hope that everyone who "stole" California's books will send in money to the University of California Press.

Sincerely yours,
 John Gallman
 Director, Indiana University Press

Dear Mr. Gallman,

I share your disgust at what happened in the University of California Press booth and join you in urging those who took books to send payment to the UC Press. Unfortunately, this sort of thing has happened before, although not on such a grand scale. We do secure the exhibit area at night, but during exhibit hours we must rely on the integrity of those who attend the meeting.

Claudia Bruce