

## CENTRAL BUREAU FOR LIBRARY BOOK IMPORTS

At the request of the New Zealand Library Association, representations were made to extend the granting of block licence to libraries serving a population of 20,000 and over. Eight libraries which had hitherto been recommended for special licence on individual orders were granted block licence facilities by the Comptroller of Customs. This change is reflected in the figures for recommendations :—

—				1948-49.	1949-50.
Block licence—				£	£
United Kingdom	..	..	..	5,654	2,914
United States	..	..	..	1,324	1,493
				£6,978	£4,407
Special licence—				£	£
United Kingdom	..	..	..	12,177	21,918
United States	..	..	..	9,975	7,573
Other countries	..	..	..	1,812	2,008
				£23,964	£31,499

## UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICES

The library resources of the country continue to receive valuable accessions of strength by books and periodicals received through the United States Information Services. This material, which is recorded as United States Information Library stock, is available as before from the National Library Service. Thirty-one new periodicals were recently added to the list of those currently received by this channel.

## BOOK RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Two meetings of the Book Resources Committee were held during the year. The Committee, acting in an advisory capacity on the work of the National Centre, made recommendations on the bibliographical and other projects outlined above. Other matters dealt with included the indexing and microfilming of New Zealand newspapers and the inquiry on library specialization in New Zealand which is still in progress.

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