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*Part P*

**PROBLEMS FOR RESEARCH**

## CHAPTER P1

### PRODUCTION AND STORAGE

**S R Ranganathan**

#### 1 Crisis in Storage

There is a continuous increase in the number of learned periodicals, the largest containers of micro documents. This increase will soon be stepped up as a result of the current renaissance of many of the communities in Africa, Asia, and Eastern Europe. Documentation of today has also to handle micro documents appearing outside the conventional periodicals, such as house reports of industrial and commercial concerns, proceedings of conferences, and documents often marked restricted and produced by near-printing process by departments of governments, United Nations and its specialised agencies, universities, national laboratories, and learned bodies. These factors are creating a crisis in the storage of micro documents and their host documents. Two plans have been suggested to prevent this crisis.

#### 2 Donker Duyvis Plan

The Donker Duyvis Plan seeks to bypass the crisis in storage. According to this plan, a service library need not store all the periodicals. This responsibility is vested only in a national or regional central library. This latter library should have a copy of each periodical and of every other publication in transparent paper. This has been demonstrated to be possible by the experience of Holland. Any reader can purchase a dye-line copy of any document from the central library through his service library. Cost can be as small as one rupee for a document of 8 pages of normal size.

#### 3 Bernal Plan

The Bernal plan would bypass even the printing of the documents if they are of a severely specialised nature needed only by a few specialists. The originals of those documents would be kept in the central library concerned. They will be brought to the notice of probable consumers through the abstracting periodicals. Copies



















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