

## Newspapers on Special Topics and Ethnic Newspapers H 1920

**BACKGROUND:** *A newspaper is a serial publication that contains news on current events of special or general interest, the individual parts of which are listed chronologically and appear usually at least once a week. General newspapers that have no topical focus are not cataloged and classified at the Library of Congress. Individual newspapers that deal with a specific topic or ethnic group are cataloged as part of the U.S. Newspaper Program (USNP). This instruction sheet provides guidelines for the assignment of subject headings to individual newspapers cataloged in the USNP, as well as to works about newspapers of this type.*

*Note: Some borderline publications that resemble newspapers in appearance may be selected for the library's regular classified collections and be routed through normal cataloging channels rather than through the USNP. The provisions of this instruction sheet do not apply to such publications. For both subject heading and classification purposes they are treated as periodicals.*

*LC and USNP practice:*

**1. Topical newspapers.** To an individual newspaper on a specific topic, assign headings of the type **[topic]–[place, if appropriate]** with the free-floating form subdivision **–Newspapers** as the final element of the heading, for example, **Bimetallism–United States–Newspapers**.

**2. Newspapers about a specific place.** To an individual newspaper that contains information about a specific place, assign a heading of the type **[place]–Newspapers**. Assign this heading only if the newspaper contains substantive information about the place and/or activities occurring in it. Do not assign a heading of this type solely to bring out the place of publication of the newspaper.

**3. Newspapers of national and ethnic groups in the U.S.** An ethnic newspaper is primarily intended for a specific ethnic audience. It may deal with a wide range of news topics of interest to the group and not be limited to any specific subject matter. It generally focuses on events and activities occurring within the ethnic community on a local, national, and/or international level. It may provide coverage of events in the home country as well as summaries of major world and national events. Assign subject headings to American ethnic newspapers as follows:

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*LC and USNP practice: (Continued)*

### 3. *Newspapers of national and ethnic groups in the U.S. (Continued)*

**a. General rule.** Assign a heading of the type [...] **Americans**–[*local subdivision*]–**Newspapers**. Use, as the local subdivision, the place where the presence of the group is discussed, i.e. the community served by the newspaper. *Examples:*

Armenian Americans–California–Los Angeles–Newspapers  
Hungarian Americans–Ohio–Cleveland–Newspapers  
Hispanic Americans–Southwestern States–Newspapers  
Korean Americans–Virginia–Arlington–Newspapers

If an ethnic group cannot be established in the form [...] **Americans** because its name is already in composite form (cf. H 1919.5, sec. 2.c), assign the heading in its established form subdividing it by the locality in the United States, for example, **Russian Germans–Texas– Newspapers**.

**b. Newspapers of North American Indians.** The heading **Indians of North America** is used for the native peoples of the United States and Canada collectively, as well as the United States in general. Assign headings to North American Indian newspapers as follows:

(1) **Particular tribes.** For a newspaper of a particular tribe, assign the heading for the tribe with the subdivision –**Newspapers**, for example, **Hopi Indians–Newspapers**.

(2) **Tribes within a region.** For a newspaper of a group of tribes within a region, assign the heading **Indians of North America**–[*name of region*]– **Newspapers**, for example, **Indians of North America–Northeastern States–Newspapers**.

(3) **Tribes throughout the United States.** For a general newspaper of Indian tribes throughout the United States, assign the heading **Indians of North America**– **Newspapers**.

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**4. Works about topical newspapers.** To a general work that discusses various newspapers on a specific topic, assign the appropriate topical heading such as **Journalism, Medical** (*May Subd Geog*) or **Press, Labor** (*May Subd Geog*). For bibliographies, directories, union lists, etc., of such newspapers, further subdivide the heading by the appropriate form subdivision, for example, **Journalism, Mining–Great Britain–Bibliography**.

Do not use the subdivision **–Newspapers** with or without further subdivision when cataloging a work about newspapers. The subdivision may be used only as a form subdivision to designate an individual newspaper.

To a work about an individual topical newspaper, assign the uniform title as a subject heading as well as the appropriate topical heading divided by place.

**5. Works about newspapers of national and ethnic groups in the U.S.** To a general work about various newspapers of a particular American ethnic group, assign the appropriate phrase heading such as **African American newspapers, German American newspapers**, etc. Divide by place if appropriate. Treat these headings as *topical* headings, i.e. do not use the subdivision **–History and criticism**. For historical treatments, however, use the subdivision **–History**. *Example:*

*Title: The German immigrant press in Milwaukee.*

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\$z Milwaukee \$x History.

For bibliographies, directories, union lists, etc., of such newspapers, use the appropriate form subdivision, for example, **German American newspapers–Bibliography–Union lists**.

To a work about an individual newspaper of an American ethnic group, assign the uniform title as a subject heading as well as the appropriate phrase heading divided by place, for example, **Italian American newspapers–Connecticut**.