

Notes and News

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University College, Dar es Salaam: Bureau of Resource Assessment and Land Use Planning

THE Bureau of Resource Assessment and Land Use Planning has been newly organized at University College, related to the Geography Department and complementing the work of the Economic Research Bureau. The Bureau combines a research programme in the field of resource analysis, including population resources, land use, and regional planning, with a set of institutional programmes and service activities designed to strengthen the research capability in both college and government on problems of Tanzanian development.

Over the next triennium the Bureau proposes to work on problems of rural settlement and water-resource development. It hopes to initiate a co-operative graduate research programme as an extension of the present Research Associate programme. It would seek to make graduate research relevant to the needs of Tanzania by participating in the formulation of research proposals, and by providing for a period of up to three months at University College for researchers to prepare their original field data, surveys, maps, etc. in a format suitable for use and storage prior to their return to their country of origin. In addition to encouraging new studies through its own programme and that of Research Associates, the Bureau intends to establish facilities to prepare and store data in the fields of population, resources, land use, and product and population flows.

The present staff of the Bureau includes Dr. R. W. Kates, Director, Mr. J. McKay, Research Fellow, and Mr. Jorgen Rald. A further increase in staffing is planned.

Research Activities in Equatorial Guinea

ROMAN Catholic missionaries of the Immaculate Heart of Mary are carrying out researches in African cultures and civilizations in Equatorial Guinea, particularly ethnological and archaeological surveys and education. The results of their work are assembled in the Museo Etnológico Misional CMF and published in the monthly missionary review *La Guinea Española* (founded in 1903). Correspondence may be addressed to: Ramón Perramón, CMF, Misioneros del Inmaculado Corazón de María, Apartado 10, Santa Isabel, Fernando Póo (Región Autónoma de la Guinea Ecuatorial).

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Africa in Spanish Ethnological Museums

THE ethnological museums of Spain and the recently established Spanish Institute of Pre-history are giving increasing attention to African ethnology and archaeology. Foremost among these is the Museo Etnológico de Barcelona (Instituto Municipal de Ciencias Naturales, Parque de Montjuich, Barcelona, 4) under the directorship of Dr. Augusto Panyella. Founded in 1948 in connection with the Instituto Municipal de Ciencias Naturales, a section on Fernando Póo and Rio Muni was opened in 1949, being enlarged later with sections devoted to Morocco and African art. The museum has carried out expeditions,

some under the auspices of the Instituto de Estudios Africanos, Madrid, in Rio Muni and Fernando Póo, and among the Fang (Rio Muni, Gabon, Cameroons) in 1948, 1957, 1958, 1959, and 1960. The results of these investigations have been published in *Archivos* and *Africa* (Madrid).

The Museo Etnológico de Madrid (Alfonso XII 68, Madrid, 7), Director, Sr. Claudio Esteva-Fabregat, was established in 1885 and officially recognized in 1910; it houses various African collections from the beginning of the century (notably from Equatorial Guinea, Portuguese Guinea, Cameroons, Senegal, Ethiopia, Congo) and is now engaged in the study and classification of these.

The Instituto Español de Prehistoria (Palacio del Museo Arqueológico Nacional, Serrano 13, Madrid, 1), Director, Dr. Martin Almagro-Bosch, was created in 1957 and is attached to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas, Madrid. It collaborates directly with the Arts Faculty of Madrid University's Seminar on Primitive History and publishes *Trabajos de Prehistoria*. In December 1966 excavations were undertaken in Fernando Póo and Spanish Sahara and further works are envisaged in the future. The Institute's Tenth Congress was held in Mahon (Majorca) in April 1967.

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*Programmed Learning Research in Central Africa*¹

ALTHOUGH much of the work of the Programmed Learning Centre at the University College of Rhodesia in Salisbury has terminated on account of recent political activity and the associated withdrawal to Zambia of the U.N. Special Fund Project, a summary of the result of three years' research has been published in Faculty of Education Occasional Paper No. 7, *Programmed Learning in Central African Contexts*, available from the College Librarian, Private Bag 167H, Salisbury, Rhodesia. The results of two particular trials of programmed materials in the Medical School of the University College are reported in the *Journal of Medical Education* (U.S.A.), 42, 2, February 1967, and *British Journal of Medical Education* (in press). A course in programmed learning is now being provided at the University of Malawi, in Limbe, for education students taking both diploma and degree courses. Further papers reporting specific trials are in preparation on secondary school map-reading and history programmes.

'African Historical Studies'

THE African Studies Center of Boston University announces the inauguration of a new journal, *African Historical Studies*, devoted to the analysis of all aspects of man's past in Africa. It will appear bi-annually, beginning in early 1968, and will be edited by Norman R. Bennett of Boston University, with the assistance of an editorial advisory board. The journal will include reviews of books dealing with the African past and will be happy to consider any recently published and forthcoming books. Correspondence should be addressed to the editor: Dr. Norman R. Bennett, Editor, *African Historical Studies*, Boston University, African Studies Center, 10 Lenox Street, Brookline, Massachusetts 02146.

The Haile Selassie I Prize Trust

His Imperial Majesty has appointed Dr. Berhanu Abbebe as Director of the Haile Selassie I Prize Trust as of 25 May 1967. Dr. Berhanu was assistant to Professor Joseph Tubiana for seven years in the Department of Oriental Studies, University of Paris; since his return to Ethiopia up to his appointment as Director of the Prize Trust, he has been engaged in research at the Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Addis Ababa.

¹ See *Africa*, xxxv. 4, 1965, pp. 435-6.